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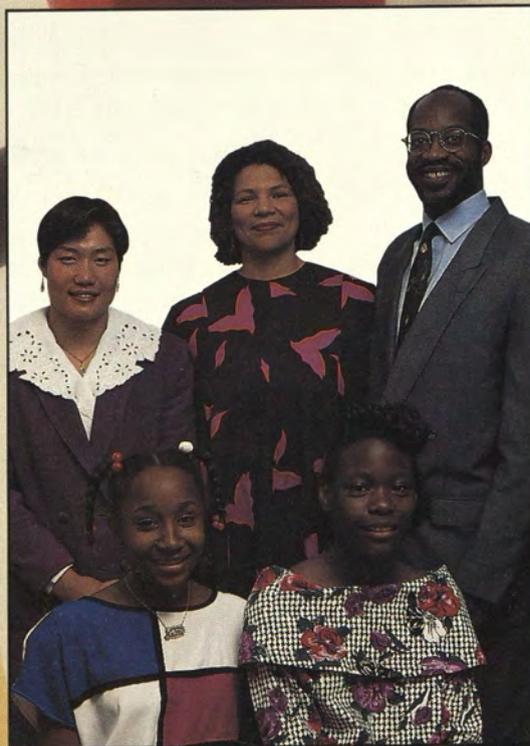
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# Connecticut College Magazine



*IOC Member Anita DeFrantz  
EPA Chief William K. Reilly  
N. Y. Times writer Anthony DePalma  
and ...  
Exceptional sailors.  
Resume mailers.  
Alumni regalers.*

## Into the Woods...*Into the world*

*Baccalaureate Address to the Connecticut College graduating Class of 1992, Harkness Chapel steps, May 22, 1992*

**Y**ou and I came to Connecticut College with the great American composer, Stephen Sondheim. Your first year's musical was an all-Sondheim review. Like that review, all of you brought different songs to the college. You brought them from different places — each unique, each memorable.

Our sophomore year together the musical was *Godspell*. Our junior year it was *Working*, and we knew we were! This year, it was Sondheim again — *Into the Woods*.

These four years have been “into the woods” for us all, so with thanks to Jeff Finn '92, who produced that musical, and Chris Cory, who heard its relevance for today's ceremony...

*Into the woods, it's time to go. / I hate to leave, I have to, though. / Into the woods, it's time...* said Sondheim's Little Red Riding Hood.

While we've been here together these last four years you strengthened the curriculum, advanced the college's traditional values, extended connections to alumni and press, and built new facilities and technologies. You worked hard together. You took risks.

*Into the woods where nothing's clear, / Where witches and ghosts and wolves appear. / Into the woods and through the fear.*

You prodded and made suggestions as we built Judaic studies and Latin American studies, and yesterday the faculty voted unanimously to initiate a major in Africana studies. You and I and the faculty took the money the Mellon Foundation gave us and did something that hasn't been done anywhere. We didn't just make opportunities for the faculty to develop new courses addressing diverse and under-represented groups in the curriculum. Instead, students had the opportunity to sit as research assistants two and three strong with each faculty member developing new courses.

Students in the sciences helped build all-new introductory courses. And we built the Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts, which Ted Fiske, in his book on American colleges and universities, calls “perhaps the best of its kind in the country.” Your class did that, together with your faculty, and while you did that you watched the faculty in the languages develop teaching and testing approaches based on oral proficiency, and you watched the language lab grow three times as strong as it was when you came.

You saw another group of faculty and students build the Center for Arts and Technology, which now includes a whole set of corporate connections that are making a difference in the New London area and making a difference in the education and in the future job prospects of students.

So you have been part of amazing things to strengthen the curriculum while you've been here.

But you've made sacrifices to make that happen. You've made sacrifices in the way you've spent your time and energy studying. You've made sacrifices during the transition to a 3/2 teaching load while we began the process of hiring the new faculty members who now are in our midst. You've raised key questions and worked closely with us as we've struggled with issues of class size and built a plan to improve that area for next year. You made those sacrifices, and students in the future will benefit from them. You leave a legacy of that generosity.

You were pioneers in advancing the college's values, including its traditional values like volunteerism. More students in your class have been involved with volunteer work while students at Connecticut College than in any other class in the college's history. While you were here the college won three major national awards for its volunteer service to the community. You built more connections to the people in the New London area than any class has ever built.

You strengthened diversity, too, not just in the classroom, but also in the way we lived our lives. While you were here we moved Unity House. Other classes had worked on it for years, but we did that, together. You built and strengthened the diversity awareness panel at orientation.

You strengthened other traditional values. You understood that you inherited the 80-year-old Honor Code. I was on another campus just a week ago, and they said, “Yes, yes, we used to have an honor code... uhhh, it was

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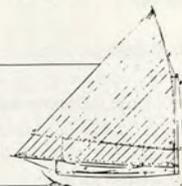
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**On the cover:** Who is this woman and why does she know so many famous athletes? President of the Amateur Athletic Foundation Anita DeFrantz '74 (center), poses with Lin Li, a swimmer who won gold medals for the 200-meter and 400-meter individual medleys at the '91 World Championships, and Edwin Moses, two-time Olympic 400-meter hurdles gold medalist. Malika Edmonson (left) and Roshanna Payne are aspiring athletes in an AAF-chartered sports club. At age 12, Edmonson runs 100 meters in 11.8 seconds. Payne also is a competitive runner. Photo by Paul Prosis; flag photo by Paul Horton. Story on page 22.

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### More talk on "Who Will Teach"

A letter in the January/February issue of CC Magazine that made some valid points about the plight of higher education in the U.S. also made the generalization that, to many of today's students, "college" is another word for "party," and then went on to condemn Connecticut College as a school whose parties were "indeed legendary." As a university instructor and an alum, I am forced to come to Connecticut's defense, as well as to the defense of many of my students, who are struggling to get an education during tough economic times and in the midst of academic tides which are in constant shift.

Gross generalizations first: Yes, I do have some students who are at school only by the grace of God, Mom and Dad, and whatever fraternity or sorority attracted their attention, and who do equate the word "college" with "party." While I try to reach them throughout the semester with the message that they are at school for reasons far more important than learning to funnel beer, I don't consider my teaching career a lost cause if they choose not to listen. Rather, I focus on the numerous students who reward me daily with a healthy passion for learning. Granted, occasionally that passion has been dulled somewhat by years of television, or by the 40-hour-a-week job the student has in order to stay in college, but believe me, there is nothing like the feeling that comes from reawakening the ardor for education in such a student.

The social atmosphere at Conn, second: Connecticut College's party status is hardly legendary. As one who teaches at a large university replete with fraternities, and who counts among my friends graduates of Syracuse, Cornell, the University of Virginia and Penn State, venerable

academic institutions with notorious social reputations, I can happily say that the "party" situation at Connecticut pales in comparison. Indeed, as I remember it, Conn manages to offer both high academic integrity and an amiable social scene.

I came away from Connecticut College not only grateful for the outstanding education given me by the faculty and administration, but also grateful for the friendships I developed there, friendships which continue to enrich my life. Each of these lifetime dividends is inextricable from the other. Furthermore, it is the knowledge of the profound effect both aspects of a Conn education have had on my life that compels me to write immediately in its defense.

Finally, the letter defined "fun education" as an oxymoron. Undeniably, education is, and should be, hard work. As an English instructor, then, I might use "easy education" to illustrate an oxymoron. As one who intends to dedicate her life to learning, writing and teaching, however, I would define "fun education" simply as a good idea.

Stephanie Muller '89  
Fairfax, Va.

### River remembrance

You don't know what the cover of the January/February issue did to me. Those dawn rows are long ago and far away, but Paul Horton's photograph brought it all back: The hush of the air, and the smoothness of the river. My weariness. The tints of the early morning sky. And how ravenous I was after such a workout!

Alison R. Simko '82  
New York, NY

*That photo is an award winner. See sidebar, page 4. — Eds.*

### Burton, Elliott; the readers' perspectives

I am fed up with the fatuous tripe that passes for intelligent commentary in your publication. The two most egregious examples in the last issue were John Burton's comments about foreign aid ["Perspective," March/April] and the excerpts from Jane Elliott's "performance" about racism.

Surely Professor Burton knows better than to believe that the responsibility for African economic misery lies at the door of the West. To cite just two examples, I would point out that Tanzania, which went from a net exporter to a net importer of food over the last decades, has done so because of the government's decision to collectivize agriculture. In Ethiopia, tons of foodstuffs that were shipped to the country to alleviate famine during the "We Are the World" campaign ended up being sent on to the Soviet Union in exchange for weapons rather than being transported to starving inhabitants of the country. Clearly, many "economic" decisions in Africa are made mainly to increase the power of the ruling regime rather than to benefit citizens of the nation in question. I puzzle over academics like Professor Burton who claim to "respect" the Third World while invariably assuming that the people who govern these countries cannot be held personally responsible for what happens there because, like small children, they are powerless in the face of ubiquitous and evil manipulation by the developed world.

As for Ms. Elliott, her assertion that racism exists always and everywhere, and that we all must admit we are guilty of it, is the kind of "progressive" thinking that is generating extraordinary tension on college campuses today. As a graduate student at a large Midwestern university, I see three pernicious results from this type of "consciousness raising": the Balkanization of the student body into mutually hostile groups, a growing resentment among white students at being labeled racist simply on the basis of their skin color, and a small but growing number of black students who have lost the initiative to work at improving their writing and analytical

skills because they are convinced that their low grades are a result of racism. Ms. Elliott, thanks for your support.

I am truly disheartened and disgusted by what I see on the pages of the *Connecticut College Magazine*. As a graduate of Connecticut, I would have thought your standards would be higher.

Judith Miner '83  
Bloomington, Ind.

After reading the article about Jane Elliott's presentation on the value of differences ["Verbatim," March/April], I was disturbed by the message she appeared to be sending about white perception of blacks and racism.

One of her main points was that the statement "When I see you I don't see you as black" (or similarly applied to age, sex or people of other colors) encourages people to ignore the differences between one another. My understanding of that statement has always been "I am not pre-judging you based on you skin color."

Elliott maintains that the above statement is saying "I know all the

names and stereotypes about you people, and I'm going to pretend that none of them apply to you and the only way I can do that is to pretend that you don't have this disability."

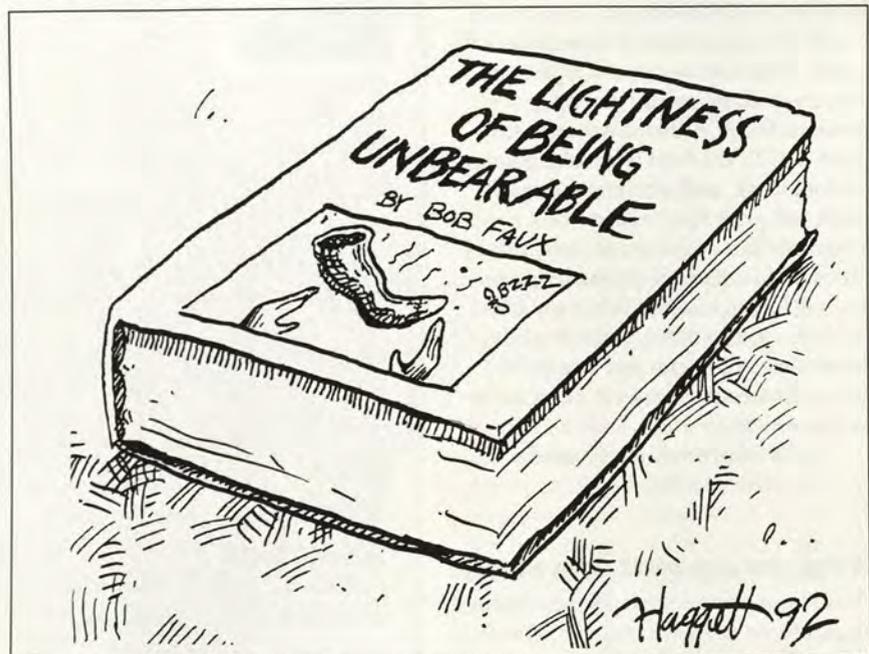
This assertion is absurd. Yes, of course there are differences, and no one claims to literally not notice someone else's age, sex or skin color. Depending on one's upbringing and experiences, another person's sex, age and skin color could carry a wide variety of both positive and negative implications.

In the business world, those who are not white males desire this kind of attitude, if not the statement itself. Women and people of color wish to be seen as doctors, bankers, stockbrokers and entrepreneurs first. As professionals they have no desire to be seen first as a sex or skin color.

What is important is that people be able to look at one another for the first time and not make any pre-judgments based on sex, skin color or anything else.

Cameron Jones '89  
New York, NY

### Press On Regardless



My freshman year roommate finally got around to writing his autobiography.

## In the Mail (con't)

As I read John W. Burton's well intentioned article about government assistance in my son's March/April issue of *Connecticut College Magazine*, I will again be forced to spend another sleepless night recounting the uncaring and thoughtless acts of our forefathers.

I don't profess to be a historian or an anthropologist. In fact, similar articles I've read regarding the past sins of the Western world are no doubt true. I'm just a little tired of people telling me that I should feel guilty about it.

I believe that prior to first, second, and third world status, everyone started out about equal. Some countries have even changed status. The West could have easily been third and the East second and so on. Our own great nation may be on the verge of slipping into second if we are not careful.

Of course the richest nations should assist the poorest, but not at the expense of its own inhabitants. With more pressure internally to fund our dwindling manufacturing base, our crumbling infrastructure, our health care crisis and our deplorable educational system, it makes sense that less money should be available for other countries.

Richard Munson Sr.  
So. Dartmouth, Mass.

## Compliments to the chef

The March/April issue of *Connecticut College Magazine* was superb. I particularly enjoyed the article "Food, Glorious Food." When I was a student (1948-1952), the food was really good, as I look back, and who could forget Stella, the great head waitress of Freeman? We sometimes complained, but overall it was well-planned, sometimes delicious cuisine. While my four children were in college, two lived in dorms and apartments and two in fraternity houses. I know they never ate as well as we did.

Catherine Kirch Dietrich '52  
Bellevue, Wash.

## CC Mag, what goes around comes around

How about using recycled paper for the magazine, or at least recyclable paper? Let's truly be in the forefront.

Jane Mara '64  
Red Rock, Ore.

*This magazine is printed on paper that is composed of 50 percent recycled fibers and 10 percent post-consumer waste (mostly computer printouts). The paper is non-de-inked, which means no chemicals are used in the recycling process to make it whiter. (Some paper makers use chlorine to bleach recycled paper.)*

*Our paper may look like it has a shiny coating, but in fact, its slightly glossy appearance is due to a buffing process. It can be recycled again.*

*We print with soy-based inks rather than the more common petroleum-based kind.*

*Vegetable inks are lower in volatile organic compounds (they create less air pollution) and are water soluble, which means our printer does not need to use as many chemicals to clean up his printing press.*

*Such commitment does not come without cost. Our uncoated paper soaks up a lot of ink, so Paul Horton's photos don't always reproduce as well as we'd like. Also, recycled paper is still more expensive than virgin paper, but as demand increases the price will come down. Meanwhile, we think it is important to be a model of Earth-friendly publishing techniques. — Eds.*

## CC Mag wins national awards

*Connecticut College Magazine* celebrated its first anniversary this month by winning several national and regional awards.

In the annual recognition program of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), CC Mag took a silver medal in the college general interest magazines category for overall excellence and a silver medal in



the individual photographs category for Paul Horton's January/February cover shot. This was the best finish ever for Connecticut

College periodicals. The alumni magazine won bronze medals for its 75th Anniversary issue in 1987 and for overall quality in 1985.

The Connecticut Art Directors' Club selected two CC Magazine covers to hang at their annual show. This distinction means the magazine won a prize, but it will not be announced until after the club's annual meeting in late June, too late for publication here. The magazine also won a gold medal at the CASE District I Annual Meeting in February.

## Farewell, Claudia

With this issue CC Mag editors say a sad so long to graduating student writer Claudia Krugovoy. The intrepid Krugovoy, whose assign-



*Connecticut College Magazine* editors (from left) Farrar, Luce and Brownell

ments have ranged from interviews with award-winning professors to close encounters with greenhouse insects, interned in Hamburg last year at the German woman's magazine *Petra*. She is currently hot on the trail of a job with a German-owned music publishing company.

## Hello, Matt

Also with this issue we welcome contributing cartoonist Matt Hagggett '91. Hagggett's cartoons first earned notice (perhaps notoriety is a better word) when he drew for the irreverent campus satire magazine *Blats*. Hagggett will be filing his somewhat off-the-beam commentaries from his home in Bar Harbor, Maine.

## Following L.A. riots, CC students rediscover the activism of their parents' generation

Reporter Anthony DePalma spent a long, nearly sleepless night talking with students three days after they marched on New London City Hall to express their outrage over the Rodney King decision. These observations, the result of that meeting, first appeared in *The New York Times* on May 6, 1992. (Related story, page 12.)

**T**hey heard it, even here. They heard the streets of Los Angeles howl, heard the sirens blast and the windows break, and they stopped to ask what had gone wrong.

The children of privilege at Connecticut College are as far away from the riots in South-Central Los Angeles as are almost any young people in the country. On their hilltop New England campus overlooking the Thames River, 2,907 miles from Los Angeles, they can pursue their liberal arts degrees in splendid seclusion.

But last week, with the riot that followed the acquittal of four white policemen accused of beating Rodney G. King, the hilltop was awakened, literally. About 200 students, black and white, marched through the dorms at dawn Friday [May 1], banging pots and shouting a call to wake up to social injustice.

They have hardly slept since. They've held vigils, speakouts, more marches. Exams begin next week, but for many of the 1,650 students here what is most important now is using the feelings that have been stirred, turning them to a constructive purpose. About 100 are now organizing a national coalition [called CASE-J, Campus Action for Social Equality and Justice] to change, peacefully, the system that they believe has failed.

**N**ot that the whole campus has answered the call. One student organizer said some students had been upset about being awakened. Another said that during a simulated beating in the dining hall, where a dummy was hit with a stick 56 times in 81 seconds, some students jeered.



The opening line of Spike Lee's 1989 film "Do the Right Thing" had just two words, "Wake up!" CC students took that advice to heart in the aftermath of the Rodney King decision. See page 12 for more.

But for some who admit having been part of an apathetic generation, the last few days have forged a spiritual bond with the student protesters of another generation, one they know only from films on the 1960s.

"For the first time, college is starting to feel like college," said Matthew G. Smith, a 20-year-old white sophomore from Scarsdale, N.Y., who is majoring in philosophy.

Until 1969, this was Connecticut College for Women, a genteel school for well-heeled young ladies, mostly from New England. Genteelness remains. Twelve percent of its nearly 2,000 students are minorities, but most of them come from comfortable middle-class suburban homes.

Though they may not know exactly how they feel about race — one young woman described herself as "severely white," and a young man said he was racist but didn't know why — they are talking, endlessly. Twenty-five who had never said much to each other before met Monday night to plan a teach-in for this Saturday [See page 12].

Many had never attended a demonstration. Some had never voted. But all 25 believed that what had happened in Los Angeles was so blatantly wrong, they had to do something.

"It was like somebody punching you in the face," said Danyaal Khan, a mathematics and philosophy major

whose family came to the United States from Pakistan in 1988.

**B**ut what can anyone do? Mr. Khan is sending notices about the formation of the coalition to national computer bulletin boards. Carl H. Bernard, a 23-year old art major, is organizing an intercollegiate conference for next fall that will seek the help of influential trustees at many campuses. Anadri Chisolm, a senior from New Haven, is looking at ways to lobby for tightened change-of-venue laws. Tia R. Anthony, of Sandy Spring, Md., is helping pull together voter-registration drives. All three students are black.

Summer is almost here, and the students know passion will fade. But their youth keeps them from becoming discouraged, and their new passion, born of this past sleepless week, tells them nothing will ever be the same.

"People in this country have been asleep," said Nthato Mokonane, a human relations major who is black and whose family came from South Africa in 1984. "But they will start noticing what's wrong when we, in this little corner of the country where nobody is expected to give a damn about what happens, start to give a damn."

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## Two seniors win Watson Fellowships for post-graduate study abroad



What possible connection could there be between women in the clergy and dyed Mohawk haircuts?

On the surface, none. But each of these subjects has won its creator, seniors Laura Stone Burden and Julienne Taraska, a Watson Fellowship, a year of funded study in Europe.

Long interested in the Unitarian/Universalist Church, Burden interviewed clergy in Maine about experiences of women in the ministry. "This research involved compiling information not previously available, including numbers, locations, career paths and experiences leading a congregation," explained Burden.

One surprise for Burden



As part of her self-designed major, Laura Burden designed and built a pulpit better suited for women. It was used at this year's Baccalaureate Service.

arose again and again in her interviews: Male ministers seemed satisfied with the interior layout of their churches, but women were not. Once back on campus, Burden designed her own major, sculpture and proxemics, which investigates the creation and definition of space and human perception of spatial needs. As part of her major, she sent a questionnaire to 200 men and women ministers in southern New England. The responses were similar to those in her Maine interviews. For her Watson Fellowship, Burden will examine aspects of leadership among women clergy in Denmark, Germany and England.

Julienne Taraska's fascination with the punk lifestyle began at an unlikely place, Miss Porter's School, in Farmington, Conn., where she was a day student on scholar-

ship. "I have experienced stratification. ... Although I would not be so presumptuous as to claim my situation was equivalent to that of punks, I became sorely aware of the humiliation and impotence that financial inequalities cause."

In her Watson proposal, Taraska, a European intellectual history major, stated that, unlike the majority of Americans who dismiss punk as a silly and meaningless fad, academics view the punk movement as more consequential, arguing that "punks reject the cultural

hegemony which subordinates, restrains, ignores them."

For her Watson year, Taraska will spend a year in England, interviewing punks on London's King's Road and punks in art school in Manchester, perusing popular British music magazines, interviewing punk music clubs' staff and punk musicians and scrutinizing lyrics, album liner notes and album covers.

"The Watson Fellowship will also be a strong leap toward my aspiration, which is to become a music and popular culture journalist," explained Taraska.

Administered in cooperation with 50 outstanding private colleges and universities throughout the United States, the Thomas J. Watson Foundation initiated a fellowship program in 1968 to enable college graduates of unusual promise to engage in an initial postgraduate year of independent study and travel abroad.

— LW

### EAR TO THE GROUND

#### *The value of commitment...*

"It's hard to give anyone else advice, or build a game plan for another. Everyone's circumstances are different, and how they use what comes to them will vary by what concerns they have ... I'm always dismayed when people don't feel as strongly as I do about an issue, but at least I march, I move and give money to try to effect change. No matter what your choice of professions, it makes your life richer and more satisfying ..."

— Agnes Gund '60  
president, Museum of Modern Art, art educator, activist, collector and philanthropist, in an address on campus April 29, 1992.



Watson winners  
Taraska (left)  
and Burden

## Sleight of hand, big of heart



Mark Sicher '92 is here to tell you he doesn't just fool around. "Performing magic is a craft," muses Sicher, Connecticut College's unofficial magician-in-residence until his graduation. "It's an art form like any other art form. You're not born a great dancer or musician; you work at what you do."

What Sicher works at is "close-up" magic, using props such as cards or coins, and he's done more than 400 magic performances and lectures worldwide. How did he get so far so fast?

Imagine an eight-year-old kid from New York on a shopping trip with his grandmother at FAO Schwartz, the *crème de la crème* of toy stores. It's the holiday season so the mood is extra festive.

A magician performing card tricks asks Sicher to pick any card in his deck. Over and over Sicher selects the four of diamonds. Determined to master the trick, he buys himself a magic deck of cards.

Then, for Christmas, Sicher gets a magic set with plastic props from his grandmother. In subsequent years, he receives more sets, and his career as a magician is on his way.

When Sicher was 12, his father took him to a magic convention in upstate New York. About 800 magicians spent all day and night performing tricks, lecturing and selling their books. "It was the best weekend of my life," Mark told his dad.

At 14, Sicher attended

Tannen's Magic Camp on Long Island for a week in August. He returned for two more summers. In 1987, when he was 16, Sicher won first place in the advanced close-up competition.

Hiawatha, a counselor from Virginia who became Sicher's mentor, helped him enter the Ohio Magi-Fest in Columbus when he was a senior in high school. The youngest magician there, Sicher won first place in the close-up competition for his very unusual act based on dentistry.

This turn of events inspired him to enter the International Brotherhood of Magicians competition in Boston that June. Again he won first place, this time for close-up magic in the junior division. "Important people were watching in Boston, and some of them took an interest in me," Sicher explains.

After competing and garnering first-place awards in two more competitions, Sicher flew off to London for his junior year semester abroad. He worked as an intern for Paul Daniels who hosts a very popular television magic show ("like Carson in England").

"It was an amazing experience. I learned about producing magic for television, something that I'd like someday to pursue," says Sicher.



Philosophy major Mark Sicher has his eye on a career as a professional magician.

While overseas, he traveled throughout England, Ireland and Germany lecturing at magic clubs. He also competed at the International Closeup Magic Championships in London and won \$2,000 for first place.

Last year he returned to Europe for the National Convention of Sweden and in the summer he performed in Lausanne, Switzerland, at the "magic Olympics," a.k.a. the World Congress of Magicians.

He contributes his tricks to and is often featured in magic magazines. His booklet, "Try it...You'll Like it," covers some of the material in the lecture that has won him praise from fellow magicians in the United States and Europe.

Since graduation, Sicher has been focusing on what he calls his "layman" clientele. He plans to travel extensively, building up his reputation among magicians. Eventually he wants to do corporate work at large-scale functions, trade shows or hospitality suites.

Has his philosophy major brought metaphysics into

his show? "No, but I try to bring magic into my papers. It works for everybody but Professor Woody. He once told me, 'Based on this paper, you don't have the faintest idea what existentialism is,'" admits Sicher.

When discussing the meaning of his work, Sicher takes on a philosophical tone, however. "I just love performing — it's a rush. There's no replacement for having an audience laughing with you."

Several months ago Sicher visited his friend Neil Pergament '91 who is living in Prague. While there, Sicher did a magic show around the dinner table for Pergament's friends.

"The family was going through some really hard times," Sicher continues. "Neil told me that this was the first time he'd seen them happy in a while. They told him that they had been able to forget their problems for an hour." It's this kind of contact with other people that makes the work so meaningful to Sicher. — Claudia Krugovoy '92

## EAR TO THE GROUND

**Words to write by...**

The college's Roth Writing Center helps student writers to become the best they can be. But Director Theresa Ammirati and her staff know writing is hard work. Over the years, they have collected advice from many authors. Here is some of their wisdom:

- Writing is like driving at night. You can see only as far as the headlights, but you can make the whole trip that way.

E.L. Doctorow

- English usage is sometimes more than mere taste, judgment, and education — sometimes it's sheer luck, like getting across a street.

E.B. White

- I have rewritten — often several times — every word I have ever published. My pencils outlast their erasers.

Vladimir Nabokov

- Writing is very easy. All you do is sit in front of a typewriter until little drops of blood appear on your forehead.

Red Smith

- The ideal view for daily writing, hour on hour, is the blank, brick wall of a cold-storage warehouse. Failing this, a stretch of sky will do, cloudless if possible.

Edna Ferber

- Read over your compositions and, when you meet a passage which you think is particularly fine, strike it out.

Samuel Johnson

- I love being a writer. What I can't stand is the paperwork.

Peter De Vries

## The pest police



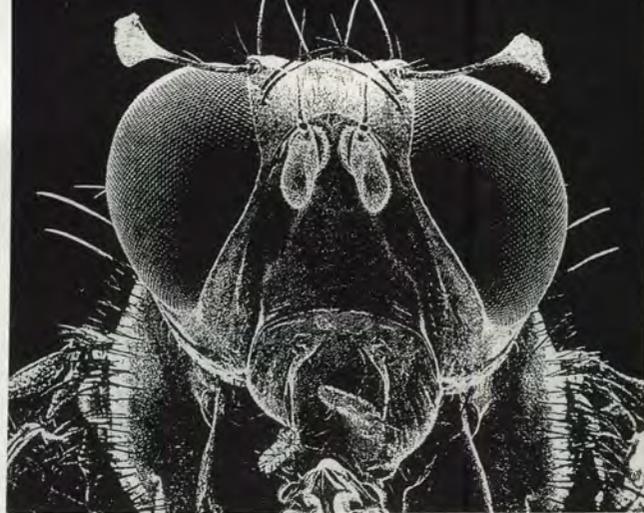
Sophomore Alison Flynn has gone buggy over the environment. Her concern about the effects of pesticides led her to investigate a system known as Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as an alternative way to control insect damage to plants in the campus greenhouse. Working 20 to 25 hours a week at an independent study in greenhouse management, Flynn, a botany and human ecology double major, introduced IPM to the greenhouse this past spring.

The college greenhouse is used for many unrelated purposes, and things can get crowded in there. Conditions are ideal for pests of all persuasions: aphids, white flies and spider mites.

In the past, Glenn Dreyer, director of the Arboretum and greenhouse, dealt with pests the old fashioned way — by spraying pesticides. “It’s a tough call because the many kinds of plants we have serve as food for different bugs. Ultimately, though, we decided using poison was not a good idea,” explains Dreyer.

One alternative he has used is agricultural soap, a non-toxic highly refined fatty acid. The soap smothers insects by entering the breathing holes in their bodies. But this approach does not work well on mobile insects, and some plants are sensitive to the soap.

That’s where Flynn’s involvement with IPM came in. She began by researching individual plant cycles to determine the best time to intervene. Then she identi-



To you, this is just a bug. To an aphid, this is Godzilla.

fied specific types of pests to discover how their life cycles are affected by controllable factors such as temperature and humidity.

She also studied the damage bugs cause and how much of this damage can be tolerated by plants and the people who use them. Rather than eradicate the whole pest population, the ultimate goal of IPM is to keep damage below an acceptable threshold. To this end, commercial breeders sell carnivorous insects that prey on bugs that cause damage, and Flynn ordered the appropriate insects in several developmental stages.

“The ideal would be to have a continuous cycle. The parasites and predators prey on the nuisance insects in the egg or larva stage. Then, as adults living on pollen, honey and nectar, they lay eggs themselves. The population of good and bad insects will keep each other in check,” maintains Flynn.

Experts say IPM is very cost-efficient. Flynn recommended releasing the predator bugs before they were really needed. “The golden rule in IPM is start early. The longer you wait, the more expensive it is, because you end up buying more insects.”

IPM is fine for large greenhouses where many

species live in close proximity, but can its principles be applied to isolated houseplants? Absolutely, says Flynn. Integrated Pest Management involves more than parasitic or predator insects.

Applying rubbing alcohol to plants, using hard sprays of water to knock off pests and placing indoor plants outside during the summer are helpful measures.

Manipulating plant populations is another simple way to control pests. If a particular plant attracts excessive bug attention, it may be advisable to eliminate the magnet plant. “We got rid of squash, which white flies love, in our student plots. It’s a nice non-toxic approach,” says Dreyer.

Flynn suggests Craig Jordan’s book *Windowsill Ecology* (first published as *What’s Eating my Houseplants?*) for the amateur gardener. The book is no longer in print, but local libraries may have it.

In addition to maintaining the greenhouse, Flynn was busy this spring in other ways. She created flower displays for New London Hall and an area restaurant. She also wrote a pamphlet that identifies both the beneficial and harmful insects found in the greenhouse.

— Claudia Krugovoy '92

## Cutting Luce *The only director of athletics Connecticut has ever had moves on to find new dreams*



Charles Luce Sr. retired from his position as director of athletics at Connecticut College July 1.

From the time he arrived on campus in 1974 as the college's first athletic director, Luce had a dream for the college community: to build a competitive coeducational athletic program, blend it with established academic and social traditions and expand it as Connecticut grew.

The funny thing is, Luce's dreams always seem to come true.

"Ever since I was in junior high," Luce said. "I wanted to be a basketball coach." He made that dream a reality in New York and western Connecticut-area high schools where he coached for 14 years and compiled a 250-139 record. Later at Division I Boston University, along with the duties of assistant athletic director, he coached the Terriers' men's squad for five years.

"It was very intriguing to come to Connecticut. I found I had to get my ideas infused into a partially reluctant community. I had to convince the college and residential community that there was a need for what we do.

"I was handed three letters my first day on the job," Luce said. "The first one was for a meeting discussing whether we needed a physical education department. The second questioned athletic travel due to the gasoline crisis."

He does not remember what the third letter was about, but he jokingly not-

ed that "it was clear that the community was not too anxious for what I was bringing to Connecticut."

Luce came to New London as the college's first coed class was graduating. Aware of loyalties to the school's past, Luce had to precariously walk the line between the existing women's program and the fledgling men's. He was told straight out that "women ran the women's athletic program."

"It was ironic," he says, "because for the first year, I stayed away from the women's program, and they came to me feeling that I didn't care about them."

Fortunately, the tension quickly subsided and there never was a female/male competition for resources. In fact, a harmonious relationship developed and evolved into a mutual desire for those resources. This heightened interest in athletics began to push the athletic department toward healthy and productive growth.

"The interest in the program drove the need for expansion, and there has been a lot of interest," Luce said. That interest blossomed into an 85 percent student participation in intercollegiate, club, intramural or recreational athletics. There are now 23 varsity teams competing in Camel blue, and the Athletic Center is perpetually filled with intramural and extracurricular activities.

Along with broadened athletic interests, Luce is extremely proud of the school's physical expansion; a series of projects culminat-

ing with current construction behind the AC. Two new hardwood basketball/volleyball courts, rowing tanks, an eight-lane, Olympic-size pool and a fitness/wellness center will be housed in the newest buildings.

"We're proud of that," Luce said. "But again, it was the interest of the students that made it necessary."

Perhaps one of Luce's most heralded moves was the affiliation of Connecticut College with the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC), a group of academically challenging, small, liberal arts schools, a move that dared to place Connecticut in the same league as Williams, Amherst and Bowdoin.

"I had established a relationship with each of the NESCAC athletic departments once I visited the schools during my sabbati-

cal in 1980. We had been comparing our school to the NESCAC schools in admissions for years. The students here made me realize the importance of league competition and from there it just became a bigger relationship with those schools."

Relationships were the trademark of Luce's tenure. He forged them with the faculty, the administration, the coaches and, most significantly to him, with the students.

Moving up to bigger challenges was never part of the Luce dream.

"At one time I was considering a job at MIT. But it was definitely a good thing for me to stay here. There were enough challenges. The growth at Connecticut is incredible, and I was lucky. Not everyone gets a chance to work at a place like this."

— Sean Hanlon '95



"You can check out, but you can never leave," says Luce, who will continue working at the college on alumni and development projects for a while.

## Bell bottoms, Ginsberg — and alcohol — not part of '90s coffee house scene



The smell of gourmet coffee beckons passers-by into a small café. Inside, groups of students sit around wooden tables playing board games, doodling with crayons on paper tablecloths or just chatting. Others line the counter for a delectable baked treat or a quick fix of caffeine on the run. A young woman sits on a stool strumming a guitar.

Sound like a scene out of the '60s? Not at all. This is the regular routine at the Coffee Ground Café, a very '90s student-initiated, student-operated alternative to the campus bar.

Four years ago, a group of Connecticut College students met with the dean of student life to address the need for non-alcohol-related social options. After several brainstorming meetings and a very successful fund-raiser, the students received a donation from the president's discretionary fund and the group forged ahead.

During the last spring semester, ten managers worked together running the non-profit business in an egalitarian manner. Senior managers serve as mentors to junior managers. Each person has a particular responsibility. One student is in charge of finances while others see to food, entertainment or publicity tasks. One of the managers oversees each shift, working with volunteers. "The power has always been equally dispersed. This has its good and bad points," explained senior manager Cristy Stoddard '92. "At times everyone doesn't pull his or her own weight. The relationships have been pretty good, though. You really learn to work with people."

The café moved from its original Crozier-Williams space to a temporary home in the Blaustein Humanities Center faculty lounge dur-

ing the past spring semester. When the student center renovations are completed in 1993, the café, with the addition of a stage, will return to the college center. The new location, a bigger and airier space, has elicited a very positive response from students.

Stoddard and senior manager Megan Wagner '92 have nothing but praise for their home away from home. "The Hood dining room staff has been really accommodating," said Stoddard, while Wagner was thrilled with the cleanliness of Hood. "I now realize how dingy the old place was," continued Wagner '92.

Student performers are encouraged to showcase their talents at the café. Connecticut College a cappella groups as well as touring singers from other universities have been featured. Students have

presented plays, read poetry and gotten together for jam sessions.

Discussing the student commitment to the Coffee Ground Café, Wagner's eyes brighten. "We don't do it for money, we do it because we love it. We put a lot of work into running the café. You sit there and find that there's so much energy there, people really getting together and talking."

Profits from food sales go into a special account for the café. Last year the staff bought a sound system, and next year an off-campus band fund to pay people to perform at the café may be established. The managers also have discussed the possibility of paying workers.

There's something besides the aroma of coffee in the air around the Coffee Ground. There's a laid-back ambience where coffee, conversation and the strains of an acoustic guitar give pause from the worries of that due-tomorrow honors thesis, next week's final and the inevitable job hunt.

— Claudia Krugovoy '92



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## Theater for the classes *Drama group shows school children the importance of creativity*



One afternoon a week, a five-student drama troupe calling itself Lunchbox Theater packs up a "set" (two poles and a curtain) and travels to local elementary schools and day care centers where the actors get serious about being creative.

"We're not doing theater to preach to the kids, we're

doing it to show how much fun acting is," says director and stage manager Sarah Schneider '94.

Now in its third season, Lunchbox stages two short plays each semester, a comedy and a piece with a more serious message. The actors select stories from children's books and, through improvisation, mix action with intelligence to tailor them

for specific audiences, which range from kindergartners to fifth graders. Last semester the Lunchbox players performed "The Swineherd," based on a Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, and "The Fall of Freddie the Leaf," by Leo Buscaglia. David Jaffe '77, assistant professor of theater, is the group's adviser. "He touches up and refines what

we're doing, to make it clearer for the kids," explains Schneider.

Says Elise Allen '93, another troupe member, "We've received great notices. The response has been terrific. When I call teachers and principals they are so excited by what we're doing — especially when they find out that it's free!"

— Claudia Krugovoy '92

## Summer reading selection criticized, stirs censorship debate

NEWS

Responding to charges that Camille Paglia's

*Sexual Personae: Art and Decadence from Nefertiti to Emily Dickinson* is abstruse, offensive, poorly written and just plain too long, the college's Summer Reading Committee decided late in April it would not schedule discussion seminars for the book during freshmen orientation and Parents Weekend.

Instead, the 700-page *Sexual Personae* will be paired with another book, Susan Faludi's *Backlash*, for consideration later in the year. "This decision was made after consultation with the Women's Studies Committee and other concerned faculty members," the committee, chaired by History Professor Fred

Paxton, told faculty in a memo.

Paglia's reactionary stance on humanism, multiculturalism and feminism has inspired vocal and broad-based criticism in the national media. Reviewing *Sexual Personae* in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Susan R. Suleiman, a professor of comparative literature at Harvard, said Paglia engages in "totalitarian discourse" and feminists would be happy to listen to her ideas "if she had any." Paglia teaches humanities at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

On the Connecticut College campus, those who object to the book fear placing it on the summer reading list might imply an endorsement by the college, and that students, especially freshmen,

lack sufficient background to formulate reasoned opinions about its content.

By adding Faludi's best-seller to the list, the committee hoped to "balance Paglia with a more 'fashionable' feminist viewpoint," according to Lauren Klatzkin '93, the committee member who first proposed the book. But the compromise touched off cries of "censorship" and a flurry of angry letters in *The College Voice*, the weekly student newspaper.

Wrote English professor John Gordon, "[Paglia's] is the first voice heard in these parts for some time that does not fall within the left-of-center to far-left-of-center ambit of permissible opinion. For those of you who have been hearing lately about something called

political correctness and wondering what it means and how it works: this is it."

"When I read Paglia I feel provoked, but not to discussion," wrote Janet Gezari, another professor of English who is acting director of women's studies. "...censorship isn't really at issue.... No one has suggested that students shouldn't read the book.... All that anyone has suggested is that the book, on too many grounds, is an astonishingly poor choice for the summer reading list."

Others, including Klatzkin, were insulted by the insinuation that students did not know enough to evaluate *Sexual Personae* fairly. Healthy discussion is what the liberal arts are all about, they contended.

"I would like to propose that we mount an unofficial, anti-establishment, unauthorized Connecticut College Guerrilla Summer Reading Program — and hold our own public discussions of *Sexual Personae* during Parents Weekend," wrote Garrett Green, a religious studies professor, in *The Voice*. "That way, parents will see that there are still some professors and students at Connecticut College who believe in liberal education."

At present, the college is proceeding with plans to conduct seminars during orientation on the other selections, *Chaos*, by James Gleick, and *The Street*, by Anne Petry. Faculty are being recruited to lead an examination of *Sexual Personae* and *Backlash* at midyear. All four books can be ordered through the college bookshop (see back cover). — CBL



RETURNING TO HER ALMOST ALMA MATER, actress Susan St. James spoke to students on March 5 about community service and volunteerism. St. James is active in many good causes in Connecticut. She entered the college as a freshman in 1963 but stayed only a few weeks, choosing instead to pursue an acting career full-time.

## Trustees elect six new members, chair changes hands

*Gaudiani granted four-month study leave, Niering appointed acting president*

**NEWS**

The Connecticut College Board of Trustees at their May meeting adopted a \$50,971,000 operating budget for 1992-93, a 5.5 percent increase in spending over the current fiscal year.

In addition, the board elected John C. Evans P'83, '86, chair for a four-year term, replacing Jean Handley '48, who is leaving the board after serving two terms. Richard Schneller continues as vice chair. The trustees elected six new members for five-year terms effective July 1, 1992.

The board also approved a four-month study leave from August 15 to December 15 for Claire Gaudiani '66, president of the college and professor of French, a leave promised Gaudiani in her letter of agreement when she assumed the presidency in 1988. The board appointed William Niering acting president in her absence. Niering is Katharine Blunt Professor of Botany, chair of the botany department and research director of the Connecticut College Arboretum.

### Budget

In adopting the budget, the board reaffirmed its commitment to achieving the college's strategic plan. The budget continues funding for significant long-range objectives: need-blind admission, faculty salary gap-closing, library acquisitions and

enhancement of course diversity.

In addition, following recommendations from the Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee, the group of students, faculty and administrators responsible for budget oversight, the budget funds a small number of new requests that were deemed to be of major strategic importance. Among these are increased funding for the admissions office, improvements to the acoustics of Dana Hall, an autoclave for New London Hall, seed funding for the women's center, and funds for renovating and tuning the concert piano used by the dance department.

The new budget includes \$8.1 million for student financial aid, scholarships and grants, a 10.7 percent increase over current levels. At its winter meeting in February, the board voted to support a recommendation by the Financial Aid Policy Study Committee to "continue to include, as first priority, the commitment to need-blind admissions" in the college's strategic plan. Under the need-blind policy, qualified students are admitted regardless of their ability to pay, and their financial aid needs are fully funded.

The rising cost of health benefits continues to be a major concern, with an anticipated 27 percent increase for next year.

### New chair, new trustees

Evans, the new chair, is advisory director of Morgan Stanley & Company Inc.,

where he spent many years as a partner in international operations. He has been a member of the Connecticut College Board of Trustees since 1987, and has served as its vice chair since 1990. He also has been chair of the Academic Affairs Committee. He is the parent of Nancy Evans Lloyd '83 and John Evans '86.

The new trustees, with significant experience in education, philanthropy, advertising, manufacturing, dance, and urban development, will join the board July 1. They are: Frances Freedman Jacobson '56, P'82; Sue Bernstein Mercy '63, P'91; Lyn Gordon Silfen '67; Frederick Prescott Stratton Jr. P'91, '96; Dhuanne Schmitz Tansill '64; and Virginia Eason Weinmann '51. Nicholas Clifford P'80, '88, a member of the board since 1987, was re-elected to a five-year term.

**Frances Freedman Jacobson** '56, P'82, is school psychologist and outreach coordinator at Worcester Arts Magnet School for elementary students in Worcester, Mass. A licensed family therapist, she is a former director of the Massachusetts Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.

She and her daughter, Susan Golden Jacobson '82, are co-chairs of the College Center Connection Committee, which is leading efforts to raise funds for "The Connection," the three-story gallery in the College Center at Crozier-Williams dedicated to

families from which more than one member has attended the college. The committee has raised more than \$1 million for the project. Participants in the February wallbreaking ceremony may remember her comments, in which she said the skills she learned from raising funds for the college had empowered her to seek funds to improve the lives of inner city children in Worcester.

She majored in education at Connecticut College and earned a master's degree from Clark University.

**Sue Bernstein Mercy** '63, P'91, is past chair of the New York Philharmonic Volunteer Council and a member of the Association of Major Symphony Orchestra Volunteers. She also is a director of the Jennifer Muller/The Works Dance Company.

She is a vice chair of the Connecticut College Century Council, a group of alumni, parents and friends who encourage major philanthropic support for the college. Mercy was the class agent chair and major gifts chair for the 15th reunion of her class. She was a member of the Parents Fund Committee when her son, Tod Mercy '91 was a student at the college.

She majored in English as an undergraduate.

**Lyn Gordon Silfen** '67, a former advertising executive with Compton Advertising and Benton & Bowles Advertising, has been a member of the

Century Council since 1989 and is now its vice chair. She is also a member of the College Center Fund Committee and serves on her 25th Reunion Gift Committee.

An ardent conservationist, she was instrumental in initiating the recent fund-raising drive to restore the pond in the college Arboretum. In 1989, Silfen and her husband David funded a term chair in botany, currently held by Professor Peter Siver.

She majored in studio art at Connecticut College.

**Frederick Prescott Stratton Jr.** P'91, '96, since 1977 has been president and chief executive officer of Briggs and Stratton, the world's largest producer of automotive locks and single cylinder, air-cooled gasoline engines.

He serves as director of Banc One Corp., Weyco Group Inc., Wisconsin Energy Corporation, Midwest Express Airlines, the Greater Milwaukee Committee and the Milwaukee World Festival, and is the President of the Milwaukee Redevelopment Corporation and Chairman of the Advisory Board of Inroads/Wisconsin, a group that recruits minority candidates for positions in business. Stratton earned his bachelors degree from Yale University and his M.B.A. from Stanford. His daughter Diane graduated from Connecticut College in 1991 and his son, Fred, will matriculate with the Class of 1996.

**Dhuanne Schmitz Tansill** '64, former owner of a successful fabric flower business and a catering service in New York City, is a board member of Ballet Hispanico.

She graduated from Connecticut College as a French major and went on to study dance with Jose Limon, Martha Graham and Alvin Ailey. Tansill is chair of the Century Council and an active member of the College Center Fund Committee. The new Dance Movement Laboratory to be built in the renovated College Center at Crozier-Williams is a gift from Tansill and her husband, Douglas.

**Virginia Weinmann** '51, is chair and secretary of Waverly Enterprises, an investment firm in New Orleans. She is a director of the Hibernia National Bank/NA and has been a director and board member of the Hibernia Corporation, International Trade Mart. She is chair of the President's Council of Tulane University and a member of New Orleans Metropolitan Area Committee, which is playing a major role in maintaining the city's Central Business District.

Weinmann also has been a director of Beau Coup Oil and of Eason Oil. She majored in English at Connecticut College.

The trustees also expressed their gratitude and appreciation to five trustees who rotated off the board as their terms expired. They are Donald Blodgett, Elizabeth Babbott Conant '51, Lawrence Michael Friedman '89, a young alumni trustee, Barbara Blaustein Hirschhorn '50 and Julia W. Linsley '50.

#### **Gaudiani's study leave**

During her leave, Gaudiani will complete final preparation of two

books on French literature for publication and develop the leadership gifts phase of a potential comprehensive development drive for achieving the Connecticut College strategic plan. In addition to fulfilling duties related to development she will return to the campus for trustee meetings and Alumni and Parents Weekends.

"It is essential for college presidents to step away from work to deepen their knowledge and refresh themselves, just as it is for faculty members, and a leave is especially important for someone as hard-charging as Claire," said Jean Handley '48, chair of the board of trustees. "We expect her to come back refreshed and ready, equipped to lead the college to significant new heights."

Gaudiani said: "We have a demanding set of years ahead of us in continuing to strengthen both education and the financial base of the college. It will be good for me to step back, think, read and prepare for the work ahead."

Speaking of Niering's role, Gaudiani said: "Bill is a highly trusted, beloved, universally admired and selflessly dedicated member of the college community. He will command respect and confidence by all constituencies. He has administered a fine department as chair and directed the Arboretum, and has traveled and spoken to alumni groups across the country. The faculty has consistently voted him onto the Advisory Committee."

Gaudiani added: "The selection of a senior faculty member also will enable

each senior administrator to stay in place, continue to perform regular duties and therefore leave a seasoned, smoothly operating administration. The teamwork practiced by the senior administrative group will continue, and will be of great help to Bill. Naming a senior faculty member as acting president is a strong vote of confidence in the faculty and in their leadership and centrality in the process of strengthening the college."

Niering, 68, a faculty member since 1952 and an expert on wetlands and vegetation dynamics, created one of the first undergraduate courses in human ecology and is considered one of the founders of conservation biology, an important scientific underpinning of the ecology movement.

He is the author of six major books, including the *Audubon Society Field Guides to Wetlands* and *North American Wildflowers in the Eastern Region*, and most recently, *Wetlands of North America* and is currently editor of a new journal.

#### **Social Responsibility Committee**

The new Connecticut College Committee on Social Responsibility will be under the chairmanship of Duncan Dayton '81. It will explore how the college should discharge its obligations as a socially responsible institution. The committee will carry on and expand the work of the college Liaison Committee on Shareholder Responsibility, which focused on the college's responsibilities as an institutional investor. — JPS

## CC students form national consortium to fight hatred and racism

Following King verdict, CASE-J pledges to use upcoming presidential elections as a forum for change

**NEWS** On April 29, 1992, a jury of 12 people unanimously

agreed on the innocence of four white Los Angeles police officers whom the world saw, via videotape, bludgeon Rodney King, an unarmed black man.

While the acquittal may not have surprised everyone — the venue of the trial was changed from Los Angeles to Ventura County, which is overwhelmingly white and a favorite destination for police officers to spend their retirement years — it still left Connecticut College reeling. What it didn't do was render the campus speechless.

Within 24 hours of the decision, the Social Responsibility Committee, the trustees, the president and the students mobilized.

The board of trustees, on campus for its annual spring meeting, adopted a statement recommended by the Social Responsibility Committee, comprising trustees, faculty, students and staff, expressing "outrage at the miscarriage of justice...deep concern at the breakdown of civil order and the widespread violence and loss of life, and sorrow and sympathy for the innocent victims of the violence."

Simultaneously, a group of students formed a national project for change called Campus Action for Social Equality and Justice (CASE-J). "Campuses should take responsibility for systemic change to combat hatred and racism, with initial focuses on this fall's presidential election and reforms



Karin Kunstler Goldman '65, who was active in the civil rights movement as a student, spoke at CASE-J's teach-in on May 9.

of bias in the criminal justice system," said a statement from the task force which is organizing the project.

Trustee Robert Atwell, president of the American Council on Education, and President Claire Gaudiani presented the project to ACE at its meetings in Washington the following week. The council, made up of the presidents of 1,500 accredited colleges, junior colleges and universities, agreed to work further with CASE-J.

Other individuals, national organizations and colleges encouraging CASE-J are the United States Student Association, which coordinates over 350 student governments, U.S. Senators Christopher Dodd and Joseph Lieberman (both Democrats from Connecticut) and, among others, concerned students at Dartmouth, Princeton, Amherst, Wesleyan, Clark and the universities of Illinois and Michigan. The college also received encouragement from Harold Smith, president of the council of

Society Organized Against Racism, an organization of students, faculty and administrators at 28 New England colleges and universities.

Along with involvement in this fall's national election process, members of CASE-J have targeted trial venues as a primary issue. While such changes, they note, are made necessary by pretrial publicity, they will encourage other campuses to call on the attorney general of the United States, state attorneys general, bar associations and legislators to guarantee that the ethnic demography of changed venue mirrors that where the crime took place.

Elizabeth Stuart Kruidenier '48, a member of the board of trustees and a principal in the law firm of Parrish and Kruidenier in Des Moines, Iowa, will be legal adviser to the group in its investigation of venue changes.

President Claire Gaudiani stated that the Rodney King verdict "galvanized two generations: the generation of the '60s, whose members worked on the civil rights

movement, and their children, who now are college students." To underscore the college's commitment to the causes of CASE-J, Gaudiani raised initial money for on-campus task force members to continue working on CASE-J through the summer. In addition, Gaudiani encouraged CASE-J members to look to their own and other colleges' boards of trustees. "Trustees are an untapped resource for major social change in this country," explained Gaudiani. Once mobilized, she says, "the CEOs of almost every major corporation and foundation [who] are represented on these boards...can join the campuses to promote peaceful and persistent efforts to reduce institutionalized racism in our society."

Overall, in the space of one week, CASE-J's members contacted nearly 700 colleges and universities via telephone, FAX and electronic mail, drafted a platform and arranged a teach-in at which Karin Kunstler Goldman '65, a lawyer and daughter of noted activist attorney William Kunstler, spoke. In the fall, Connecticut College will host a National Black Student Leaders Conference.

CASE-J's nearly nonstop work also merited national attention. *The New York Times*, *The [New London, Conn.] Day*, *The Hartford Courant* and Connecticut affiliates of network television all noted CASE-J in their coverage of the aftermath of the Rodney King verdict. — LW

**Life magazine executive**

Cleary Smith Simpson '75 has been named Associate Publisher/Advertising for *Life* magazine. The appointment followed 15 years at *Time* magazine where she held a number of key marketing and sales positions, most recently ad sales director.

A native of Rye, N.Y., Simpson graduated Phi Beta Kappa, spent a year in Japan as a Fulbright fellow, then worked at the Bank of Tokyo. She now lives in New York City with her husband, George Simpson, and their son, Will.

**College teaching award**

Dr. James C. Saunders M.A. '65, associate director of the Institute of Neurological Sciences of the University of Pennsylvania, received a Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine this year. Saunders, who came to Connecticut with a B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University, earned his Ph.D. from Princeton. He was a postdoctoral fellow at Princeton, Monash University in Australia, the Central Institute for the

Deaf and Washington University in St. Louis, Mo before joining the faculty of Penn in 1973. His special area of interest is the electrophysiology of hearing.

**New role in hit TV series**

Recently, actress Bibi Besch '63 joined the cast of CBS-TV's hit series "Northern



Exposure" in the role of bush pilot Maggie's visiting mother.

Versatility is the hallmark of this alumna who can segue from playing a socialite mother of the groom in Alan Alda's comedy hit "Betsy's Wedding," to a Kansas housewife coping with nuclear disaster in "The Day After," to FDR's mistress in "Backstairs at the White House." She also has been swallowed by subterranean creatures in "Tremors" and appeared in many of the original Star Trek episodes and the recent movie "Star Trek II."

As the stressed-out wife and mother in Fox Television's Movie-of-the-Week, "Doing Time on Maple Drive," which aired March 16, Besch delivered a classic performance. Her daughter, Samantha Mathis, 21, is starring in the movie "This Is My Life," and enjoying a successful acting career.

Gloria McLean '71 (left) performed in Erick Hawkins' "New Moon" at the Joyce Theater in New York last February. Dancing with McLean in another Hawkins piece, "Intensities," was Catherine Tharin '78.



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**EAR TO THE AIR****Cerebral serenades...**

Marc Zimmer, assistant professor of chemistry, has given other faculty members the opportunity to play their favorite tunes on his WCNI radio program, "Rockdassie Rockshow." Professors make guest appearances Tuesday nights from nine to midnight.

Here's what they've been playing:

**Eugene Gallagher, professor of religious studies:**

Richard Thompson: "Feel's Good"  
Dave Alvin: "Halley's Comet"  
Warren Zevon: "Roland the Headless Thompson Gunner"  
(Gallagher has been a guest several times with his Sex and Death Series)

**Maria Cruz-Saco, assistant professor of economics:**

Peruvian music (accompanied by commentary)

**Timo Ovaska, assistant professor of chemistry:**

Pepe Ahlquist: "Hard Time"  
Joe Cocker: "When the Night Comes"  
Guns and Roses: "Paradise City"  
Little Feat: "Rocket in My Pocket"

**Jeff Lesser, assistant professor of history:**

Richard Hell & Voidoids: "Love Comes in Spurts"  
Modern Lovers: "Pablo Picasso"  
Sex Pistols: "God Save the Queen"  
Joao Gilberto: "Brazilian Bossa Nova"

**Louise Brown, dean of freshmen:**

U2: "Helter Skelter"  
Pointer Sisters  
Wilson Pickett

**David Jaffe, assistant professor of theater:**

Otis Redding: "Try a Little Tenderness"  
Ella Fitzgerald & Louis Armstrong: "I Won't Dance"  
Louis Jordan: "Five Guys Named Mo"  
(and commentary on the dismal performance of the New York Giants as well as an anecdote on his past work with Kathleen Turner)

**Robert Gay, assistant professor of sociology:**

Only Ones  
Ian Dury & the Blockheads: "Clever Trevor"  
Legião Urbana

**Charles Hartman, professor of English:**

Gertrude Stein: "Early Portrait of Henry Matisse"  
Keith Jarrett: "All the Things You Are"  
(and 20 minutes of reading from his own poetry)

**Marc Zimmer, assistant professor of chemistry:**

Elvis Costello: "Otherside of Summer"  
Reducers: "Bums I Used to Know"  
J.P. Jones: "Down in Voluntown"  
Matthew Sweet: "Girlfriend"



David Ehrer

**Charles Shain, president emeritus of the college, and Samuella Shain, editors** *The Maine Reader*, 1991, Houghton Mifflin Co., 513 pages, anthology.

Some 10 years ago, at the end of an unforgettable week sailing along the Maine coast aboard the windjammer *Roseway*, I reluctantly stepped off the ship, sensing that there was something uniquely compelling about this land, its people and its history. Subsequent wanderings throughout the state have reinforced this view, and *The Maine Reader*, edited by Charles and Samuella Shain, has convinced me that such is the case.

The Shains have drawn together a distinctive and disparate collection of literary documents — poetry, fiction, memoirs, speeches and essays — into a smooth and graceful anthology. The “common ground” of these pieces, according to the editors, “is the state of Maine and the recorded human experience of being here for the past four hundred years.” Divided into 11 topical and roughly chronological sections, the collection begins with

“Exploration and Discovery,” addresses a range of diverse topics including “Maritime Maine,” “Vacationland” and “Maine Artists,” and ends with “Contemporary Writers.” My particular favorite was “Small-town Life,” featuring Sarah Orne Jewett on “The Town Poor” and Mary Ellen Chase on “The Lord’s Day in the Nineties.” There are other familiar names — Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Sinclair Lewis, E.B. White — along with many writers who are new to us. Taken as a whole and read in the order in which they are presented, their contributions carry us through the course of Maine history and provide us with a keen sense of the development of the Maine character. Throughout the collection, the editors have provided informative introductory material and have interjected explanatory notes as needed.

Charles Shain served as president of Connecticut College from 1962 through 1974. The Shains now live on Georgetown Island, Maine.

— Marian Shilstone '80 MA

**Margaret Moorman '70** *My Sister's Keeper*, 1992, W.W. Norton and Co., 320 pages, biography.

A powerful and compelling book, *My Sister's Keeper*, is important reading for anyone with a mentally ill family member. Moorman honestly describes the pain and devastation caused by her older sister Sally's schizophrenia and manic depression.

One in 100 people is afflicted with schizophrenia, but the suffering caused by this disease affects all who come in contact with the ill person: children, spouses, siblings, friends. Like so many families faced with mental illness, the Moormans kept their painful secret hidden, refusing to admit and deal with the problem. The healing process of this dysfunctional family came only after the death of Moorman's mother — when the author became her sister's mainstay, she was forced to confront her sibling's illness.

Focusing on the years after her mother's death, with glimpses into the past,

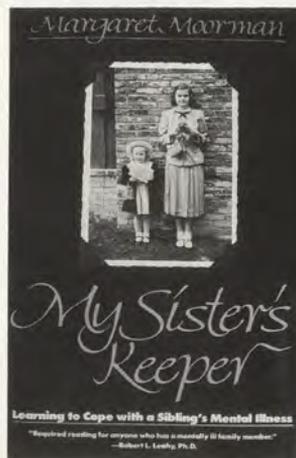
*My Sister's Keeper* details the depths and complexities of her sister's mental illness and finally the coming-to-terms and healing process. Through trial and error, Moorman and her sister learn to negotiate their relationship and accept each other. “It was true that Sally and I had grown up amid family conflict, secrecy and sadness, but here we were to tell the tale — both of us strong, both of us going forward in our lives, both of us more whole than we had ever been.”

Moorman lives in New York City with her daughter and husband. She writes for *ARTnews*, *Long Island Newsday* and other publications. A portion of this book first appeared in *The New York Times Sunday Magazine* and was awarded the National Media Award from the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of New York State.

**Polly Leonard Keener '68** *Cartooning*, 1992, Prentice-Hall, 284 pages, nonfiction.

*Cartooning* teaches basic drawing then moves on to humor development and cartoon writing highlighted by advice from top professionals. Keener includes a chapter on the history of cartooning from ancient Greek and Roman engravings to 19th century political cartoons.

An instructor of cartooning at the University of Akron, Keener also teaches cartooning to medical students at Northeastern Ohio University. She is a member of the Society of Illustrators and the National Cartoonist Society, and



recently illustrated a book authored by Erica Barkemeyer, *80 Plus Great Ideas for Making Money at Home: A Guide for the First-Time Entrepreneur*.



Detail from cover, *At Home*

**Elisabeth Donaghy  
Garrett '68**

*At Home: The American Family 1750-1870*, 1990, Harry N. Abrams, Inc., 304 pages, nonfiction.

Many people are fascinated by old houses, but few understand what it was like to live in them in an era without electricity, the automobile and modern medicine. With nearly 200 paintings, drawings and prints, Garrett fashions a picture of what life was like within the middle-class, American home from the mid-18th century to the mid-19th century. Details about daily life are answered with excerpts from diaries, letters and household manuals.

Vice-president of Sotheby's in New York and associate director of their American Arts Course, Garrett is a well-known lecturer on 18th- and 19th-century fine and decorative arts and American social

history. A staff member of *Antiques* from 1976 to 1986, Garrett continues to contribute regularly to the magazine. She is the author of *The Antiques Book of Colonial and Federal Interiors* (1980), *The Antiques Book of Victorian Interiors* (1981) and *The Arts of Independence* (1984). Garrett received two awards for *At Home*: the Charles

F. Montgomery Prize of the Decorative Arts Society, for the most distinguished contribution to the study of American decorative arts published in the English language by a North American scholar, and the Henry Russell Hitchcock Award.

**Kimberley Knutson '85**

*Muddigush*, 1992, Macmillan, 32 pages, ages 3-6.

A young child dresses in rain gear and runs outside to play in the mud. Knutson's delightful rhythmic text and colorful collages describe the act of "slooshing and gooshing" in the "muddigush."

While working with preschoolers, Knutson became aware of rhyming and chanting as a child's natural response to playing in mud. She lives in West Roxbury, Mass. *Muddigush* is her first book.

— MHF



**Window on the Black Sea:  
Bulgarian Poetry in Translation**

Edited by Richard Harteis in collaboration with William Meredith, professor emeritus of English. 1992, Carnegie-Mellon University Press, 180 pages, poetry.

There are no prerequisites for reading *Window on the Black Sea* except a love of language. Nevermind that the names of the translators, all contemporary American poets, are better known, and more pronounceable, than those of their Bulgarian counterparts — it is a collection of crystal clear imagery into which the reader can dive without fear of the unknown.

This accessibility, particularly of poems forged by political chaos, is the hard-won effort of the poet-translators, among them Stanley Kunitz, William Stafford, Maxime Kumin, Lucille Clifton, Allen Ginsberg, Robert Creeley, Josephine Jacobsen, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Wendell Berry, Richard Eberhart, Michael Collier '76 and William Meredith, whose *Partial Accounts* won the 1988 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry.

The work of collaborators who do not speak each other's language, the poems are not word-for-word translations, but more accurately described by Harteis as "adaptations." A quote from Meredith in the introduction reminds the reader that, in the process of creating poetry, "the adaptation is almost as perilous as that of a chameleon moving from fire to water." In this anthology, the rewards for the reader are plentiful. — LHB

*William Meredith's translations of poems by Nikolai Hristozov reflect the wide spectrum of political and personal imagery in this body of work.*

**ON OPENING THE NEWSPAPER**

Beside a wooden bridge, dead partizans.  
A horizontal column of marching men.  
A head hanging like an icon  
from a flag-pole, the flag torn off.

And the Argentinean in a Cuban tunic  
dark on the Bolivian rocks,  
streaks of his hair crawling like dark lightning  
toward the depths of the soil.

Over them all  
plays the mournful light of the heroic deed,  
mingling with a rusty wind.

Poetry? Art? Glory? The newspaper  
must disintegrate from my look!

What is this dark passion, tell me?  
Why do you kill man, I ask,  
when after so many millennia  
nature has created nothing to replace him with?

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## The new environmentalism

*William K. Reilly, administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, played a pivotal role in crafting the 1990 Clean Air Bill. He has consistently championed the integration of the nation's environmental and economic agendas and has sought to strengthen the role of science at the EPA. Before coming to the EPA, Reilly was president of the World Wildlife Fund and president of the Conservation Foundation. These remarks were made at Commencement, May 23, 1992.*

I had an idea for a fine talk on values and the media but the vice president's already mined that lode. I once was invited to appear on "The Murphy Brown Show." She was planning a show on recycling, but I turned her down. She is rumored to be planning another environmental show, this time on the Competitiveness Council. If I am asked to appear, I will be sorely tempted. What role do you think I'll get?

I'm angling for the role of zealous regulatory reformer. In fact, I do consider myself a regulatory reformer, and I am going to talk about values today, values that underlie my philosophy of how in the age of the new world order we should construct an economy and a civilization that doesn't end up wrecking nature and the environment.

The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development [in Rio de Janeiro] may be the most important environmental gathering in history. UNCED, as it is referred to, will mark 20 years since the last such assembly of nations.

But while perhaps a dozen environmental delegations were represented at the 1972 Stockholm Conference, over 100 heads of state, including President Bush, not to mention thousands of reporters and non-governmental organizations, will be in Rio.

And unlike 20 years ago, these leaders will be considering environmental issues not parallel to but integrated with forefront issues like trade, agriculture and commerce, seeking to reconcile economic and environmental goals.

We dare not overlook this profound shift in our thinking — environment and development — linked, inseparable. Neglect environment in order to promote development and a country ends up looking like Eastern Europe — contaminated, unhealthful, even dangerous.

And ignore the problems of poverty and underdevelopment and prepare for the advance of the deserts as forests go up in fuelwood flames.

A reporter said to me recently, it is not politically correct to acknowledge that we have made environmental progress in this country. But consider what we have achieved during the last 20 years since the environmental revolution began. We've reduced carbon monoxide and sulfur dioxide in cities about a third. We've reduced particulates in cities by 64 percent. And we've eliminated 97 percent of lead emissions.

In the last three years alone we have achieved a law requiring a permanent cap on acid rain emissions at

half the current level. We have set new records in all categories of environmental law enforcement, including more guilty verdicts and pleas, more jail time and more criminal penalties and civil fines that were achieved in the previous 18-year history of the EPA.

We negotiated an end to drift-net fishing and the subsequent dolphin kills and depletion it causes.

We signed a new treaty to protect the ecology of the Antarctic.

We have a joint plan with Mexico to clean up our shared border, backed up by a first-year commitment of \$240 million from the U.S., with more to come.

So it is with quiet pride in this record of U.S. environmental leadership that we in the Bush Administration have approached negotiations leading up to UNCED. We've worked hard to craft a climate change treaty that will be signed in Rio — a treaty that is environmentally sound and economically prudent.

The importance of this treaty in reversing global warming trends should not be underestimated.

While much has been made of the absence of specific targets and timetables for stabilizing greenhouse gas emissions, of more lasting significance is the framework this treaty establishes by which countries will inventory their greenhouse gas emissions, and then prepare detailed, practical, workable programs for reducing them.

Significant here is the process this treaty puts in place by which commit-

ments can be reassessed as the science, economics and technology improve.

Significant as well is the explicit recognition of this problem and its potential threat by well over 100 countries — the community of nations. This is no small achievement.

In assessing this climate change treaty, we should consider the context.

In 1985, participating nations at the Vienna Convention signed a framework agreement to phase out ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons, or "CFCs," which, similar to the forthcoming climate change treaty, avoided specific targets and timetables.

In actuality, the Vienna agreement didn't go nearly as far as this climate change treaty does in recognizing the problem at hand, requiring action and setting us on a new course.

As new and more reliable science detailed the extent of ozone depletion and its related health effects, the nations of the world responded.

The Montreal Protocol was followed in 1987 with a call for 50 percent phase-out of ozone-depleting chemicals.

As of 1990, furthermore, 75 countries have agreed to eliminate production of CFCs: by the year 2000 for developed countries, and by 2010 for developing countries.

And President Bush, with the benefit of up-to-date NASA data, has now gone on to accelerate unilaterally our U.S. phase-out to the end of 1995.

(Incidentally, U.S. manufacture of CFCs is 42



percent below that required in the phase-out schedule of our treaty obligations, we are well ahead of schedule.)

Beyond the climate change treaty, we're working toward UNCED agreements in several other areas as well — one on forest conservation and management, for example.

The forests are one of nature's primary harbors for biological diversity, as well as moderators of the effects of pollution and climate change.

Yet, our forests continue to be decimated — some 42 million acres of tropical forests, for example, are destroyed each year.

President Bush proposed an international convention on forestry at the 1990 G-7 Summit of industrial leaders in Houston.

This proposal is now a primary objective of U.S. foreign policy, and the U.S. took the initiative to put forestry on the Rio agenda.

No less compelling is the plight of our oceans. We have proposed that a conference be held soon after Rio to pursue specific commitments for reducing land-based sources of marine pollution.

Yet another priority relates to the right of people to know who is doing what to the environment.

Yesterday I took the new environment minister of Russia to an exhibit of U.S. pollution control technology in Houston. When I was in Russia last spring, I was asked again and again, as I am asked every time I travel overseas, what can a nation with mas-

sive environmental needs and hardly any money or growth do to make a difference? My answer: Begin with the mandatory disclosure of toxic pollution emissions from your plants and factories. Require that the data be reported in local newspapers.

Support a healthy private environmental movement.

At that point, a fascinating dynamic begins to occur: the public starts to set the priorities, striking the balance between health concerns and plant shutdowns and job losses.

Such is the power of information.

Remember The episode on the "Simpsons" when Bart caught the fish with three eyes downriver from the power plant? He then served it up on a platter at a dinner for the plant operator. Information. Nothing more. It can make a big difference. Bart's got it figured out. Nobody likes eating three-eyed fish!

Our government has put forward several proposals to help other countries establish similar "community-right-to-know" laws, and "community-right-to-know" will have an important place in the action plan we are to conclude in Rio next month. The power of information. The toxics release law is one of the most potent I administer, and it requires nothing more than honest, detailed, public information.

We are learning from our successful environmental

experience, about the limits of regulation, about the power of useful information, and about how to design incentives that reward economically good environmental performance.

Our experience leads us to bottom our policies on science, not media crises, and to recognize that, even though the public doesn't yet agree, ozone depletion and climate change are greater threats to our health and ecology than hazardous waste and oil spills.

We are learning that when companies are given a choice between voluntarily eliminating 90 or 95 percent of toxic emissions, and receiving a six-year vacation from new legal requirements, many jump at the chance to do it.

We are learning that the next great task of conservation will be to imbue trade treaties with protections for environmental laws and commitments. I dare say I am the first EPA Administrator to testify in Congress five times on behalf of a treaty on trade with Mexico. I did so because there is no surer, better way to improve the quality of life, including the environment, for 80 million Mexicans, than to open up their markets to the greater investment and trade a free trade agreement will bring. Similarly, we will need to give equal attention to ensuring that trade treaties do not create forums of appeal against hard-won national environmental laws, on clean air and water and pesticides and endangered species and hazardous waste and the rest.

This new environmentalism is not no-growth, it is pro-growth, for growth that is clean and sustainable and doesn't produce air that you

can see and water that makes you sick.

This new environmentalism is international just as our economic and environmental prosperity now depends on a stable, cooperative community of nations, in trade, in management of the ozone layer, and climate and forests.

This new environmentalism is oriented to reconciliations and convergencies, and it is hopeful and inclusive.

Lord Eric Ashby summed up the three great challenges facing our time as a task of effecting reconciliations.

First, he said, we must reconcile man with man, and reduce the likelihood of a major nuclear war. Now, more than at any time in 50 years, we can take pride in our progress in this task of reconciliation, as my travels with the Russian environment minister this week reminded me.

Second, Ashby said, we must reconcile man with sufficient resources of this earth to ensure a dignified human existence. We must, he said, conquer massive, grinding poverty and hunger.

Third, Ashby said, we confront the need to reconcile our human civilization to the earth's natural resources and environment that sustain all life. Can we build a civilization that will endure, that will maintain this planet habitable?

Man with man, man with resources, man with nature. As we have progressed so far in the first of these three great tasks of reconciliation, may we now redouble our efforts to achieve the next two. And let us recognize just how interconnected they are when we confront these issues in Rio.

# 1992 Commencement Exercises

## Two alumni receive College Medal

At commencement, two distinguished alumni, Mary Lake Polan '65 and Samuel Harvey Moseley Jr. '72, were awarded Connecticut College Medals, the highest honor the college can bestow on its graduates or those associated with the college.

Polan, chair of the department of gynecology and obstetrics at Stanford University School of Medicine, is an expert on endocrinology and infertility. Polan graduated from Connecticut College as a chemistry major and went to Yale where she received a doctorate in molecular biophysics. She did two years of post-doctoral work and then entered Yale Medical School, where she received a degree, completed her obstetrics and gynecology residency in three years and became a full-time faculty member at Yale. She stayed at Yale for nine years before becoming the first woman to chair a clinical department at Stanford University. She has written a mystery novel called *Second Seed*, published by Scribner's.

Moseley has been recognized as the world authority on the realization of the microcalorimetry concept. At Connecticut College he double majored in physics and mathematics and went on to receive master's and doctoral degrees in astronomy and astrophysics from the University of Chicago. He is presently an astrophysicist in the Infrared Astrophysics Branch of the Laboratory for Astronomy and Solar Physics at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. Moseley won the John C. Lindsay Memorial Award for Science for an outstanding contribution to science or technology for his conception and development of advanced detectors for infrared and X-ray astronomy, and for his contributions to the understanding of the physics of Supernova 1987A. He worked on instruments for the Cosmic Background Explorer satellite launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base in 1989, which is searching for remnants of radiation from the theoretical "Big Bang" and contains the most sensitive detectors used on a space mission to date. He is married to Sarah Nash '73.



Among distinguished guests at commencement were (from left): David Hays P'83, Mary Lake Polan '65, outgoing board chair Jean Handley '48, graduation speaker William K. Reilly, college president Claire Gaudiani '66, incoming board chair John Evans P'83 '86, Rosalyn Yalow and S. Harvey Moseley '72.

## Honorary degrees presented to Nobel Prize winning scientist, NTD founder, EPA chief

The college conferred honorary degrees on David Arthur Hays P'83, Rosalyn Sussman Yalow, Ph.D., and William K. Reilly during its May 23rd commencement exercises.

Hays, founder of the National Theatre of the Deaf in Chester, Conn., 25 years ago, has been its driving force ever since. As artistic director of the Tony Award-winning theater, Hays and the ensemble have performed in every state and more than 27 countries. His vision has inspired the creation of theaters of the deaf all over the world, including France, England, Sweden and Japan. He has designed over 50 Broadway sets, 30 ballets for the New York City Ballet under George Balanchine and was Sarah Caldwell's designer when she began the Boston Opera. He has won a Fulbright Scholarship, a Ford Foundation Grant to create the ideal theater, an Obie Award, and has written two books. He and his son

Daniel '83 were the first Americans to round Cape Horn in a 25' sailboat.

Yalow is director of the Nuclear Medicine Service and senior medical investigator at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in the Bronx, New York. Since 1986 she has been the Solomon A. Berson Distinguished Professor at Large at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, a professorship named after her late partner with whom she developed the revolutionary technique of radioimmunoassay. Yalow won the 1977 Nobel Prize for RIA, the use of radioactive substances to find and measure the concentration of minute substances to a billionth of a gram. One member of the Nobel committee described the sensitivity of the test as being similar to "finding a lump of sugar in a lake about 62 miles wide and long and 30 feet deep."

See page 18 for biographical information on Reilly.



## Poet wins Ames Prize for outstanding undergraduate honors work

Graduate Kristin Lee of South Windsor, Conn., was awarded the 1992 Oakes and Louise Ames Prize, given to the senior who has completed the most outstanding honors thesis.

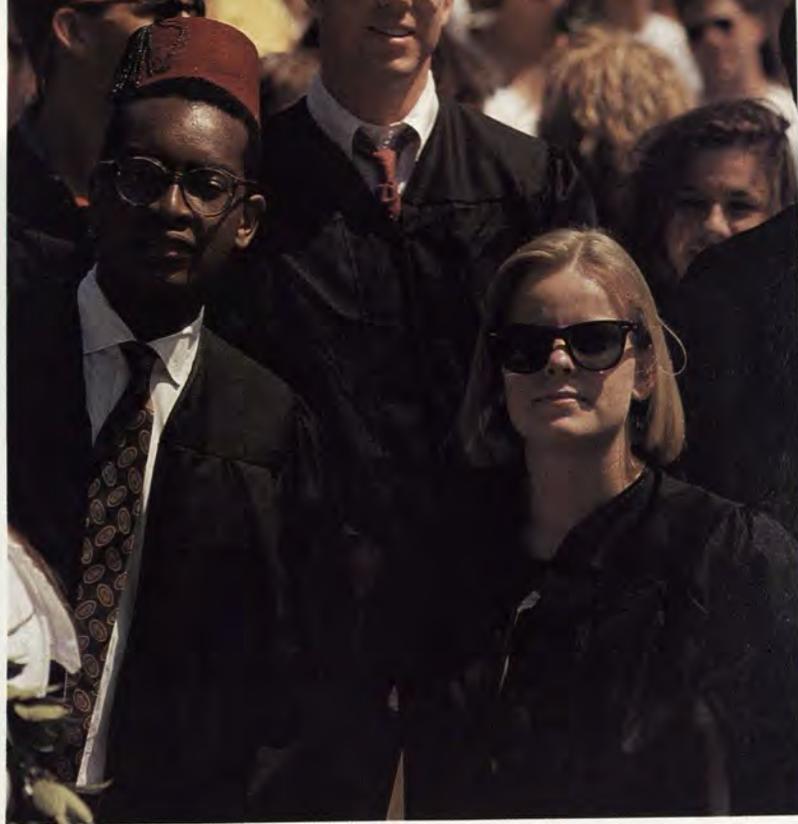
Lee's honors project was a collection of 25 poems titled "Something Impossible," written as a capstone project for her work under the direction of Charles Hartman, professor of English.

A double major in art and English, Lee is the first student poet at Connecticut College to elect the concentration in creative writing, a program in which the student must fulfill the requirements for both the major and the concentration.

"The language of Lee's poems is subtle and sophisticated, her content bold; the effect is one of surprising range and maturity," stated Writer-in-Residence Blanche McCrary Boyd, one of the official English department readers of the project. "She demonstrates enormous promise as a writer both in terms of music and meaning."

In her reader's report, Janet Gezari, professor of English, said Lee's work deserves the highest praise. "Her imagination is no less strenuous than delicate, and her verbal and rhythmic adroitness makes each of these 25 poems compelling."

The Ames prize is offered by the college board of trustees in recognition of the quality of academic achievement Oakes and Louise Ames fostered during the 14 years Oakes Ames was president of the college.



## Student coordinator of OVCS programs awarded Strauss Medal

**A**nnik Tamara Hirshen of Berkeley, Calif., was awarded the Anna Lord Strauss Medal, given annually to a student who has rendered outstanding service to the New London community and the college.

A dedicated, unselfish leader, Hirshen volunteered continuously throughout her four years at the college. As a freshman, she accepted a placement working with high-risk adolescents and continued with the Tripartite Tutorial Program in the New London public school system.

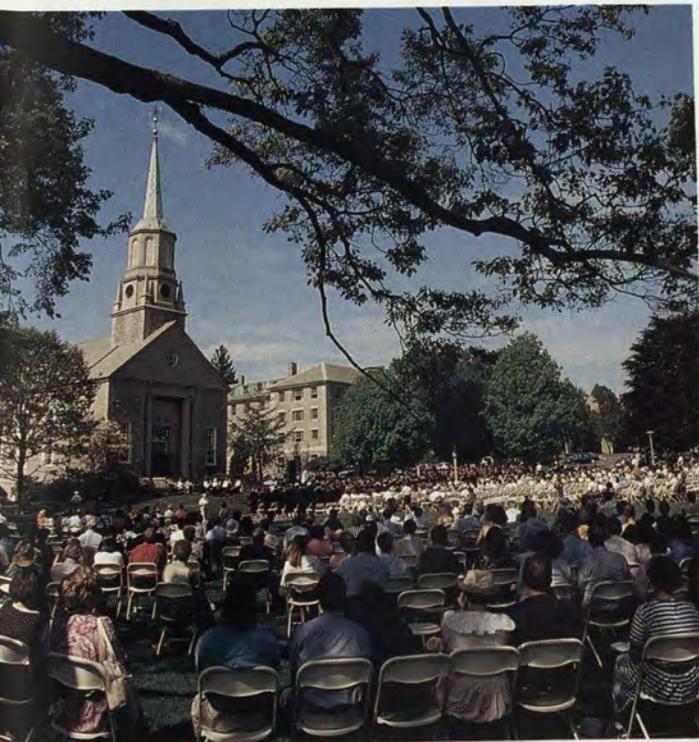
Hirshen was named head coordinator of the tutorial program in her junior year, and was selected as one of 17 young people nationwide to be a member of the Youth Service America Pilot Council. This council was established in Washington to provide young people with a platform from

which to speak on matters regarding national youth policy concerning the youth service field.

Hirshen also is a volunteer crisis counselor for the Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut. As a senior, she was named head student coordinator at the college's Office of Volunteers for Community Service, which oversees the college's community service programs and the 600 students who actively participate in community service activities.

Also active on the campus, she served as a dormitory housefellow, on the residential housing committee, the class council and the ad hoc need-blind admissions committee.

The award is named for Anna Lord Strauss, who served on the college board of trustees for 32 years and was national president of the League of Women Voters.





*In 1980, Olympic rower Anita DeFrantz made headlines when she filed a lawsuit aimed at forcing the U.S. Olympic Committee to abandon its boycott of the Moscow Games. She's been a vocal advocate of athletes' rights ever since.*

*By Susan B. Lane*

# Carrying the Torch

*International Olympic Committee member Anita DeFrantz '74 has never lacked for a point of view. With the Summer Games just weeks away, this dynamic force in world athletics comments provocatively on a veritable decathlon of issues: the folly of boycotts for political reasons, the banning of coaches whose athletes use performance-enhancing drugs, the "infantilization" of women competitors, and more.*

**T**he summer games at Barcelona *should* be perfect," declares Anita DeFrantz from her office at Los Angeles' Amateur Athletic Foundation. "Every Olympic Games should be perfect." When the Connecticut College trustee says "perfect," she isn't talking about a medals sweep for U.S. teams or even a pile of new world records. For DeFrantz, a perfect Olympic games is one where the attention is firmly, and almost solely, fixed on the athletes and their performance — not on politics.

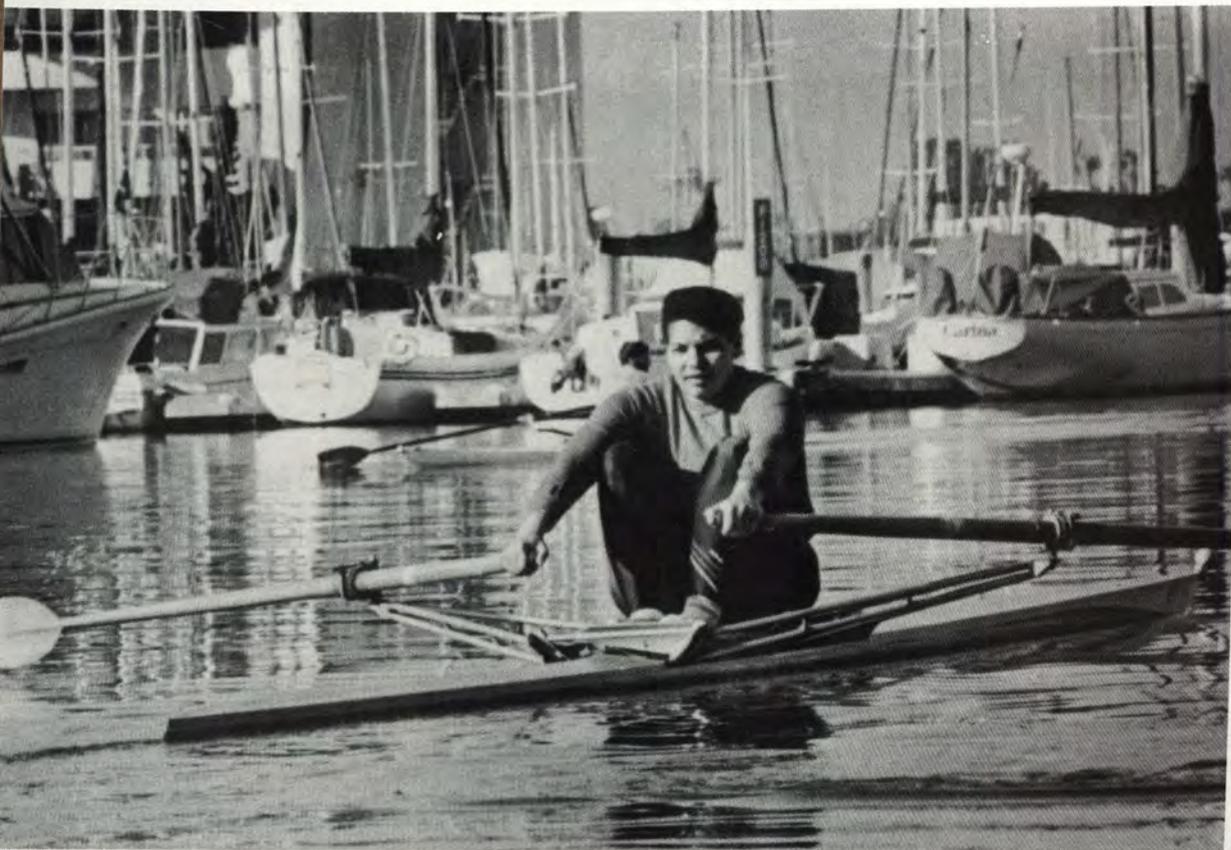
DeFrantz, the only U.S. citizen on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and a member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), has been called the most powerful woman in U.S. amateur sport by *Women's Sports and Fitness*. The editors of *Ladies Home Journal* list her among the 100 most important women in America. *The Nonprofit Times* says that, in her role as president of the AAF, she's fast becoming one of this country's most visionary philanthropic executives. And DeFrantz is no stranger to Cold War politics as it has been played out in the Olympic arena.

A Bronze Medalist in rowing in the 1976 games, she continued to train only to see her hopes of picking up more Olympic hardware dashed when President Jimmy Carter strong-armed the USOC into boycotting the Moscow Games in 1980.

Four years later, DeFrantz was working for the Los Angeles Olympic Committee when the Soviets and several Eastern Bloc countries decided to sit out in retaliation for '80. And she was a member of the IOC when Nicaragua and Cuba, in apparent sympathy with the North Koreans, stayed away from Seoul.

Little wonder, then, that DeFrantz has been a tireless and outspoken advocate for athletes' rights. Often her stands and achievements have earned her headlines, first as the woman who sued the USOC over the 1980 boycott, and in 1986 as the first black American and first American woman to be named to the IOC. As president of the AAF, she applies her formidable energy to managing a \$100 million foundation devoted to enhancing youth sports in Southern California.





Despite a demanding schedule, DeFrantz still finds time to pull an oar at the California Yacht Club at Marina del Rey.

### No more rooting against the Evil Empire

Interviewed a week after the closing ceremonies at Albertville, France, DeFrantz saw in the Winter Games reason to believe that the Olympics may be returning to its original ideal — a contest of athletes, not countries. With the tearing down of the Berlin Wall and the breakup of the Soviet Union, many in the media thought what had kept Americans riveted to their TV sets — the contest between East and West — would be history, too. Yet even without a separate East German team and with the Soviets assembled loosely as the Unified Team, the Winter Games pulled high ratings in the United States.

“Ultimately, it means you don’t have to have what Reagan called the ‘Evil Empire’ to have successful games,” she says. “It really is a celebration of human excellence.” For DeFrantz, the games have always been just that. “When I had the privilege of competing, my job was to get across the line first — and to make sure every other athlete in every other boat was second. So it never mattered to me what the national origin of the other competitors were.”

Cold War politics aside, some fear the upheaval in the Communist bloc could dilute the competition, as athletes who once relied on support from the state now have to pay their own way. They’ll get little sympathy from DeFrantz, who recalls tough times as a member of a national team. “In order for us to raise funds so we could represent the United States at the World Championships the year before the

Olympic Games, we stood on a street corner in Philadelphia with a tin can begging for money.” Athletes from poorer countries in Africa and South America, she notes, have always had financial difficulty, yet many have done well. “I imagine things have changed dramatically in the various Soviet republics. Perhaps they can learn from those of us who have been through it.”

### Tough stance on drugs: Ban coaches and doctors, too.

While the threat of a major boycott this year may be remote, that doesn’t mean the summer games have not already been without controversy, and much of it has involved issues — or people — close to DeFrantz. Shortly after he was named to the Olympic basketball team, Earvin “Magic” Johnson, a trustee of the AAF, announced that he had tested positive for HIV. That news was followed with threats by a few Australian basketball players that they would boycott any game in which Johnson played.

“We need to fight the disease, not the individuals who are afflicted with it,” says DeFrantz. “Mr. Johnson is a man who I am certain would not intentionally harm anyone. What we don’t know is how many other people who are at the games might likewise be infected with HIV. Nor is it likely that we will ever know, unless we go through a branding-type system, which I would find offensive.” But she would not go so far as to impose sanctions against teams that would refuse to play against Johnson. “You cannot

force an athlete to compete, just as I believe you should not force an athlete not to compete.”

Although loathe to lock anyone out of the Olympic Games (she heartily welcomes professional sports figures, for example), DeFrantz draws the line at steroid users. In recent months, there have been several reports that many Soviet and East German Olympic Medal winners had been using steroids. DeFrantz says that some 80 athletes at the Seoul Games were suspected steroid users, but that the IOC technicians could not determine which substance they had used and therefore could not bar them from competing. That, she says, is not likely to be the case in Barcelona, in part because the IOC has developed more sophisticated testing techniques.

DeFrantz has called for a ban not just on athletes who test positive for steroids, but also on coaches, administrators and medical officials. “The athlete takes the penalty and the coach goes out and finds somebody else who they hope can slip through the net,” she says. By sanctioning coaches and administrators, “the likelihood of encouraging athletes to do that would be greatly lessened.”

DeFrantz is annoyed that Ben Johnson, whose 1988 Gold Medal was taken away for steroid use, is eligible for the Canadian Olympic team after appealing his lifetime ban. “I think, at a minimum, someone caught using steroids should not be allowed to come to the following games. The sad thing for Ben is that without the juice, he has lost the speed. He is an extraordinary example for kids, unfortunately, that, yes, the juice works.”

In the case of allowing South African teams to participate in the Olympic Games, DeFrantz is more ambivalent. As a member of the USOC, she has been a vocal advocate for divesting the group’s assets from companies that do business in South Africa, contradicting then-USOC President and former U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon, who maintained that divestiture would be a financial hardship.

“Apartheid has held the entire world hostage,” she says. “It is a horrible institution, and it is completely unacceptable in this world. Therefore, anything that can be done to abolish apartheid and make it understood that an individual — every individual — has exactly the same worth as any other, is important.”

DeFrantz publicly supports the IOC position that once the South African government and various sports authorities meet certain demands, South African athletes will be allowed to compete in Barcelona. “Throughout the last several years, the leadership on this issue has come from IOC members in Africa, who understand the issues far better than IOC members in the rest of the world,” says DeFrantz. She points to progress. In rowing, for example, the South African national federation has begun a junior program in three Soweto high schools; and many federations have integrated their administrative ranks, “something we don’t even have in this country,” she notes.

Still, DeFrantz doesn’t believe apartheid will disappear overnight. “The Jim Crow laws were abolished long ago [in

the U.S.]. Yet, as one who was born in this half of the 20th century, I can say that I still have experienced discrimination in this country. Abolishing the laws is not the same as making opportunity available to everyone.”

### Late bloomer

As a black teenager in the 1960s, DeFrantz learned firsthand about opportunity and sport. She had grown up in Indianapolis where her father ran an anti-poverty organization and her mother, later a professor of education at the University of San Francisco, was a teacher. She was a member of the swim team at the Frederick Douglass Park pool. It was open just two months a year, from June to August, but the team competed against the predominantly white swimmers from the Riviera Country Club, who practiced year-round in a heated indoor pool. Despite her training — or perhaps because of the lack of it — DeFrantz never considered herself an athlete, instead going on to excel in academics and to master the clarinet and bassoon.

It was only after entering Connecticut College that DeFrantz became immersed in sport. In an oft-told tale, DeFrantz was introduced to rowing when she spotted an odd contraption while walking across campus and asked the man carrying it, crew coach Bart Gulong, what it was. He took one look at the 5’11” sophomore, told her it was a rowing shell and remarked that she would be perfect for rowing. Later, after he’d gotten her into rowing, Gulong said she was talented enough to try for the Olympic team.

At the time Gulong put the idea in DeFrantz’s head, women’s rowing was not an Olympic sport. Women’s crew made its first appearance at the 1976 Montreal Games. By then DeFrantz was a student at the University of Pennsylvania Law School (she earned her J.D. in 1977) and was training with the Vesper Rowing Club in Philadelphia. For that first Olympic battle, she earned a seat rowing 7 in



“The media has ‘infantalized’ women in sports,” says DeFrantz. “[In Albertville] they were referring to Bonnie Blair as a little girl. Bonnie Blair is 27 years old.”  
Right: DeFrantz awarded Blair the Gold Medal for 500-meter speed skating at the Winter Games.

the U.S. women's 8 shell. In the finals, the East Germans and Soviets held DeFrantz's crew to a bronze. She hoped to improve on that performance four years later in Moscow.

Just getting to Montreal put DeFrantz in a special class. At that time women's rowing was not only new to the Olympics, it was a relatively novel concept for America. "Pretty much everybody [on the women's national team] at that time had barriers to participation," says Jan Palchikoff, a friend and former teammate. "Everybody was used to having doors slammed in their faces." Traditional rowing powers such as Yale, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Washington only reluctantly made room for women in their boathouses. Those who stuck with it tended to be the most determined.

"Women rowers today are mainly into the sport for athletic reasons," says Ric Ricci, men's crew coach at Connecticut College. He was the assistant coach of the women's team during DeFrantz's senior year. "Back then it was more political. I think it had something to do with Title IX (the 1972 Equal Education Amendment Act, which mandated equal opportunity for women in all scholastic pursuits, including sports) and the women's movement. Enabling women to row was like breaking down one of the last bastions of maleness." The fact that DeFrantz, who failed to make the varsity boat at Connecticut, went on to the Olympics doesn't surprise Ricci. "In college, Anita was involved in a lot of different things," he says. "One of them was rowing. But I think she must have seen in that first Olympics an opening that was ripe for the picking."

Palchikoff also feels that for that early class of national-level women rowers, going to the Olympic Games was an especially treasured goal. "After what we went through to make the team, not going to the Olympics seemed an awfully high price to pay." The women's crew, she says, was among the fiercest opponents of the 1980 boycott.

### Law suits and hate mail

The boycott may have denied DeFrantz a chance to avenge her loss to the Soviets and East Germans, but it did provide the opportunity to demonstrate her leadership abilities to a wider audience. Rather than just accept the president's

decree, DeFrantz and a group of athletes from a number of sports set out to convince the USOC to act against Carter's directives. She became the face and voice of the opposition, which meant media coverage as well as hate mail. When the USOC voted to boycott the games, DeFrantz became a plaintiff in an unsuccessful lawsuit aimed at forcing the USOC to send a team to Moscow.

While her opposition to the boycott did not make her popular with the USOC at the time, it did earn her an IOC Medal of Honor and a job offer from Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee Director Peter Ueberroth. For six months before the 1984 Games, DeFrantz was in charge of heading off a threatened boycott by African nations that sympathized with the Soviet Union or were angry over the participation of South African runner Zola Budd.

In a job that took nearly as much diplomatic skill, DeFrantz then served as chief administrator of the Olympic Village, which was split between the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Southern California. "Not only were some of the IOC officials unhappy with the arrangement, she had to work with two schools that had two very different styles and philosophies," says Los Angeles attorney John Argue, a member of the LAOOC board of directors and a trustee of the AAF.

Later, when the IOC was looking to fill a vacancy among the U.S. representatives, DeFrantz's name was one of several submitted. She was selected over Ueberroth, whose battles with the IOC were detailed in his autobiography, and Gold Medal-winning swimmer Donna de Varona, whose work as a TV broadcaster may have made her unacceptable.

DeFrantz is one of 92 members of the IOC — many of them royalty, captains of industry and top government officials, who are appointed for life. (DeFrantz's term as a voting member runs out in 2027, when she will be 75.) In the IOC, which until 1983 was an all-male body, DeFrantz runs into many of the entrenched attitudes that frustrated her as a rower. The members meet regularly to discuss and decide policy, but as DeFrantz once told a *Sports Illustrated* reporter, "The IOC moves very slowly, by design."

DeFrantz also remains an influential member of the USOC, where she has urged the national governing bodies of various sports to do more long-term planning. She was even considered for the presidency of the USOC this fall, when then-president Robert Helmick resigned over a conflict-of-interest scandal. "I would love to be president of the USOC," she says frankly. "But I don't need to, because I have a far more significant part to play."

Since 1987, part of that role has been as president of the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles. The foundation was created with a portion of the profits from the L.A. Games, and under DeFrantz's leadership its emphasis has been on funding non-traditional community-based athletic programs using existing facilities in schools and parks, and volunteer officials and coaches. But the point of the programs is not to turn out future Olympians. "Our goal is to provide the best that sport has to offer for kids," DeFrantz explains.

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In 1989, DeFrantz was one of the first three CC graduates named to the college's Athletic Hall of Fame. To mark the occasion, the rowing team named a shell in her honor.

## Help for schools that must drop sports

That several financially strapped school districts have sacrificed sports programs in recent months prompted DeFrantz and the AAF to sponsor in April a national conference on what she says is a crisis in high school sports. For DeFrantz, the former non-athlete, sports is as much a part of public education as reading or math. "It is a part of our national fabric," she says. "President Bush went to prep schools where they had sports. He went to a college where he had sports, and he speaks of sports having had a significant impact on his life. I am not willing to allow that opportunity only to be available for the wealthy. Sports belong to us all."

Another main thrust of the foundation is developing top-quality coaches, something DeFrantz has had little luck convincing the country's various sports federations to do. "In our country to be a coach all you need is a clipboard and a whistle," she says. "At the collegiate level, many of the programs that taught coaches have dried up, in part because the emphasis is more on serving adults in fitness centers." The relationship between an athlete and his or her coach, she feels, is often stronger than that of a teacher and student. "It is such a powerful relationship, which is why it can be such a horrible experience if the coach doesn't understand what he or she is doing."

DeFrantz has also left her stamp on other aspects of the foundation. Housed in a new wing at the AAF headquarters is the 33,000-volume Paul Ziffren Sports Resource Center, probably the largest sports library and research center in the

world. In the last two years, the library has funded two original research projects, one exposing the lack of media coverage of women's sports and the other detailing gender stereotyping in televised sports.

That reporters covering the Winter Games repeatedly marveled at how the American women were out-medaling their male counterparts didn't surprise DeFrantz. "The media has 'infantilized' women in sports," she says. "They were referring to people like Bonnie Blair as a little girl. Bonnie Blair is 27 years old." DeFrantz feels Title IX has done as much to hurt women's sports as help it. "[Title IX] meant that women got a coach who was paid a salary — but that doesn't mean that the athletic director who selects the coaches did not pick his pal from high school who was most likely male. Overnight, women's positions in coaching and administration were just gone."

Could the day come when athletes will be recognized by name, not country, when no national anthems will be played? "I could go either way on that," she says. "I am not competing anymore, so it's really not my call. The athletes who compete should be able to say whether it is more important to have a tune they're familiar with."

But whatever anthem trumpets their achievements, athletes at all levels, not just Olympians, can take solace in knowing at least one influential figure will be singing their praises — and working diligently to make the benefits of sport accessible to everyone. ●

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## Olympic Camels

*Two students, two coaches and a 1991 graduate of Connecticut College are among the hundreds of the nation's hopefuls who seek a berth at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain.*

*Connecticut's superb sailing team produced four of those candidates — coach Bill Park, undergraduates Karl Ziegler and Carolyn Ulander, and recent grad Jen Coolidge.*

*Park and Ziegler, both Darien, Conn., natives, are candidates in the Flying Dutchman Class and are currently ranked fourth in the country. Ziegler, the skipper, and Park, his crew, have been sailing together since they were 12 years old. "This has been a dream for us ever since we were little kids," said*

*Park. "The timing is absolutely perfect — we are both young and the job market is a little shaky, so we decided to go for it." Both Park and Ziegler will be embarking on an international sailing regimen leading up to the Olympic trials in June, training for three weeks in France and Italy and competing in the World Championships in Cadiz, Spain, in May.*

*Ulander and Coolidge, who were candidates in the Europe Dinghy Class, trained all year long. Both were edged out at the Olympic trials in mid-April.*

*On the international side, men's track and field coach William Wuyke, a native Venezuelan, is attempting to qualify for his fourth Olympics in the*

*800 meters. Wuyke, who could be running for his homeland, is no stranger to the Games — he competed in the 1980 Moscow Olympiad, and the 1984 Games in Los Angeles, finishing ninth and 10th, respectively. He also qualified for the 1988 Games in Seoul, only to have the Venezuelan track team withdraw as a result of international politics. Wuyke has been hampered by injuries in the past few years, but has been training steadily and looks to be ready for the trials later this spring.*

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# Against the Wind

*Despite modest means, Connecticut College's sailing team is ranked nationally and has spawned five 1992 Olympic hopefuls.*



By Lois Fecteau

“I

t snowed. It rained. The weather was terrible. It was freezing. I stepped into the boat and my toes got cold immediately. But we came in third so it was great.”

That’s how Connecticut College sailing team member Meg Gaillard describes an intersectional regatta this past March in Boston that drew crews from all over the country.

Gaillard, a freshman, is one of the hottest prospects on Connecticut’s remarkable sailing team, a group that regularly blows past rivals with older and better endowed programs.

Led by senior Carolyn Ulander, who took a leave during the spring semester to mount an Olympic campaign in the Europe Dinghy Class, the women’s team was ranked first in the country at the beginning of 1992, based on its fall-season performance. The coed varsity team was ranked ninth nationally, also not too shabby considering Connecticut College never has had a full-time sailing coach, has no sailing facility and has had to borrow boats from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, its across-the-street neighbor.

The Connecticut team burst onto the collegiate sailing scene and into national prominence after a campus sailing club led by Wisner Murray ’79 flourished and was promoted to a varsity sport in 1981. Pioneering members included Peter Shope ’84, who won the 1982 single-handed championship, and Adam Werblow ’88, who organized a campaign while he was an undergraduate to help the sailing team buy its first boats.

Werblow now coaches at St. Mary’s College in Maryland and is one of a number of past and present Connecticut College sailors mounting Olympic campaigns this year. He is trying for the Olympics in the Flying Dutchman Class as is senior Karl Ziegler, an All-America sailor, who has taken the year off to campaign with Connecticut’s part-time coach Bill Park as his crew.

“My freshman year was the first year of varsity sailing status, and we sailed out of the Coast Guard Academy full time,” recalls Tom Olsen ’85, who is campaigning for the Olympics in the Star Class. “We had great

opportunities. At the time we were self-coached. My sophomore year was the first time we were ranked — 16th — which was pretty incredible.”

One of Olsen’s favorite memories of his days at Connecticut is when the team surprised the rest of the collegiate sailing world by finishing third at the prestigious Kennedy Cup at Navy during his junior year. Tapped to replace skipper John Harvey ’83, who had graduated, Olsen and his crew managed to beat a number of the top-ranked teams in the country including Tulane, Yale, Michigan and Stanford. “It

Like other notable sailors who have gone to Connecticut College, Olsen credits his experience on the sailing team with helping him achieve his goals. “The college program was really good for me,” Olsen says. “I would have had a much harder time at a bigger school like Tufts because there wouldn’t have been as many opportunities, even though I’m as good as any of those guys. I know that now.”

Jennifer Coolidge ’91, another Olympic hopeful in the Europe Dinghy Class, says she learned the fundamentals of what she knows about



was a blast,” Olsen says. “We hadn’t done that much big-boat sailing at Connecticut, but we managed to beat a bunch of the big guys and ended up third. It was a real coup.”

Since his days at Connecticut, Olsen has gone on to become one of the superstar crews in the sport of sailing. Last year he and skipper Ed Adams were ranked number one in the world in the Star Class by the International Yacht Racing Union in London. And earlier this year, when Adams received the 1991 Rolex Yachtsman of the Year award, one of the highest honors in sailing, he presented Olsen with a Rolex, too. “Tom Olsen is the best crew in the world,” Adams says.

sailing at Connecticut College. Unlike many of the sailors who compete for Connecticut, Coolidge was relatively inexperienced when she arrived at the school. “I started sailing in 1986, the year before I went to Connecticut, so college was where I learned the most,” Coolidge says. “I definitely wouldn’t be where I am today if I hadn’t gone there and if I hadn’t started sailing really seriously there.”

Coolidge and Ulander, who became good friends while sailing together at Connecticut College, continued to train together even though they both competed for a single slot on the U.S. Olympic sailing team. They were unsuccessful in their attempts to

make the team. At the Olympic trials in April, 26 sailors competed; Coolidge finished 4th and Ulander 13th.

Following the national championships last June, the pair was among the top 10 Outstanding Women Sailors in 1991 as named by the Intercollegiate Yacht Racing Association of North America (ICYRA).

Coolidge admits it was sometimes hard to compete against a good friend. "But we did it all through practice in college, and it really wasn't a big problem because we were both happy when the other was doing well, especially since we've helped each other so much."

Outside observers say it is remarkable the Connecticut College team has accomplished so much with so little. "It is an essentially unstructured and haphazard effort which occasionally excels because of the student-athletes themselves, despite the college's meager support," concluded a visiting committee for sailing, which evaluated Connecticut's program in the fall of 1990 at the request of the college. "The team succeeds despite, not because of, the system."

The visiting committee consisted of Rocco J. Carzo, the athletic director at Tufts University, Harold C. Brown, the sailing master at MIT, and Lawrence A. White, who retired last year as sailing coach at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

"We felt they needed a full-time coach not just to help them improve their performance but also to be an advocate for sailing on campus and off," says White, who also writes a column on sailing for *The Day*, New London's daily newspaper. "The team has done quite well based on talent."

The report notes that virtually all the other top teams nationally have a full-time coach or adviser. "Most have good facilities and can not only hold effective practices but also host major events and, as a corollary, can develop athletes, offer classes (some for credit), offer student recreation and summer youth programs."

The report found the Connecticut College team has survived with a bare bones budget that basically just covers gas money. The athletes provide their own transportation to events and do most of the maintenance and tuning of the boats themselves. They are proud of their ability to overcome better

financed opponents, though. "You have the cash, we have the sailors," says Elizabeth Murtha, another freshman.

Connecticut's Director of Athletics Charles Luce agrees the college has not exactly thrown money at the sailing program, but that has been by design not neglect. "When we decided to upgrade sailing from a club to a varsity sport, we did it under three assumptions: that the coach would be part time, that the budget would support participation in New England-area regattas and that we could share the Coast Guard facilities. That was okay for 1981," says Luce. "Then Peter Shope and Adam Werblow showed up. People started to notice us. Other good sailors followed, and suddenly we had a big-time program with not-so-big resources."

Although it is comparable to other varsity sports budgets at the

college, Connecticut's sailing team budget of \$7,200, plus \$4,900 for a part-time coach, was thought to be woefully low considering it covers team travel and upkeep of boats and equipment. "Present travel practices allow only a mileage allowance for the use of private vehicles," the report says. [Participation in national championships is funded by the college through a special budget for post-season competition. — Eds.]

According to the Coast Guard's White, the report made no specific recommendations for a proposed budget, "but to run a first-rate college team you're probably talking \$50,000 a year."

An allocation like that is unlikely, though. Says Luce: "The hard part is we need to keep sailing balanced with the other sports here." In order to avoid a Division I mentality, NESCAC, the league in which Connecticut participates, limits post-season tournament play in sports like soccer or basketball and therefore restricts national recognition. It also confines scheduling to New England. But regattas are held all over the U.S., and the sailing team obviously receives major national notice. "We must find a way to make sailing fit in more with our athletic philosophy. It can be done; it's just going to take a little work and cooperation," Luce concludes.

Sophomore Josh Rosen, the new team captain, says the winds of change indeed are blowing, and the college seems to be taking the recommen-

## PARENTS PITCH IN

When Athletic Director Charles Luce started hearing rumblings of parental discontent about the college's commitment to the sailing program, he organized a meeting with parents this past December to explain the team's history, the recommendations of a 1990 Visiting Committee on Sailing and the factors that affect intercollegiate athletics.

After listening to Luce, the parents offered their help and organized a committee of their own. "We are essentially trying to upgrade the team as much as possible along the lines of additional equipment, buildings and things of that sort," says Jerry Levine P'95, who heads up the committee. "We are very new at this and at this point we are in the process of organizing and doing some fund raising." The team raised \$9,500 this year by raffling a vacation in Mexico donated by Ann Gaillard P'95.

Levine says the parents' committee is encouraged by the college's receptiveness to upgrading the sailing team. "Some of the recommendations are going to take a little longer to implement than others, but we are working in that direction, and the support from the school has been very good."

dations of the visiting committee report to heart. "There are a lot of things going on with the sailing team right now and a lot of changes," Rosen says.

For starters, the college bought a new chase boat, a hard-bottomed inflatable that will make coaching easier and more effective. The team also mounted a \$15,000 fund-raising campaign this spring to buy six new Flying Juniors (FJs), which will double the size of the fleet owned by the college. In recent years the team has made do with the six FJs it owns and another six borrowed from the Coast Guard Academy. All of the boats are kept at the academy, which also provides the Connecticut team with float space. In exchange, Connecticut gives the Coast Guard's hockey team ice time in Dayton Arena. The academy does not have a rink.

In addition to the six new FJs bought this spring, a recently formed parents' committee hopes to help the team buy six boats next fall. Expanding the fleet will enable the team to host a regatta.





Looking like a high-tech version of Winslow Homer's 1876 painting "Breezing Up," CC sailors practice on the Thames River.

"Being able to run a regatta would be a real plus," says Rosen. "If you miss a regatta you get something called black points, and the way you get rid of those points is by running a regatta. But since we've never been able to run a regatta we've always been affected by black points, and that has hurt our national rankings."

Among the alumni working with the parents' committee are Andy Halsey '77, president of Halsey Sails Inc. in Mystic, Conn. which designed and made sails for Bill Koch's Cup-winning *America*<sup>3</sup>, and Peter Johnstone '88, president of Sunfish-Laser Inc. of Portsmouth, R.I. Johnstone's cousin, Jeff Johnstone, president of J Boats Inc., of Newport, R.I., is a Connecticut College alumnus, too, Class of 1982.

Working with team members, the parents' committee also has begun a search for a new coach to replace Park, who is not coming back in the fall because his Olympic training will be over, and he will be taking a full-time job.

The backbone of the sailing team will always be its sailors. With about 35 members, the team is tightly bound. "We're all very close, and it definitely gives us a presence on campus," says Murtha.

Women make up about one-half of the team, and almost half of the team are freshmen, which bodes well for the future. "Next year we should have even more depth," says Gaillard.

With superstars Ziegler and Ulander away on their Olympic campaigns, the team's performance slipped a little recently. "Connecticut's not going to be ranked first this spring. However, they're not going to drop very much," says Ken Legler, the sailing coach at Tufts who compiles the national rankings for *Sailing World* magazine with Navy Coach Gary Bodie and Stanford Coach Blake Middleton.

Legler says with Gaillard starting in Division A as skipper and sophomore Ann Renzy starting in Division B, the women's team is still solid, as is the varsity team. "They don't quite have the

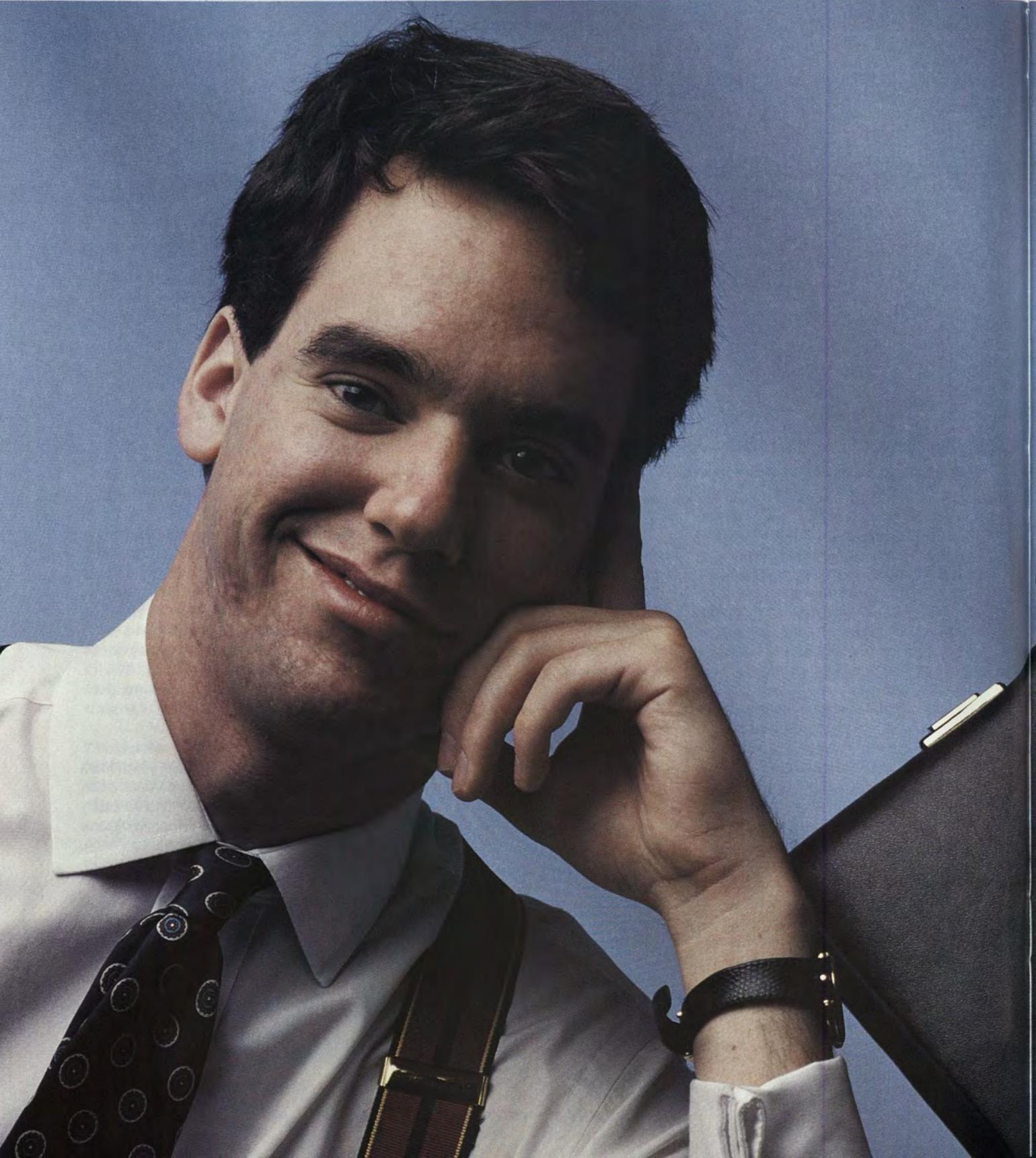
depth of Tufts or Navy, so when there's an Olympic year and their top sailors go away to the trials it really has an impact on their overall performance," Legler says. "It doesn't mean they do poorly; it just means they're not as likely to qualify for the nationals. But they do have some talent there."

Look for the team to be downright dangerous when Ziegler and Ulander return in the fall.

Sailboat racing is often compared to an on-water chess game, which team members say is an accurate description of their sport. "I like it because it's such a brain game," says Gaillard, who plans to compete in the 420 Worlds this summer in Israel. "There are so many things that you have to think about, but when you're playing smart, it's the best feeling in the world." ●

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# Hire *Education*



**The Class of 1992 will go out into the world facing the toughest economy in years, but Director of Career Services Jack Tinker says there are ways to improve the chances of landing that first job.**

by Clare Collins

In this unpredictable economy, 1992 graduate Nicole Champagne wasn't leaving anything to chance when it came to job hunting. A psychology major certified to teach elementary school, Champagne spent her January break sending out 507 resumes and personalized cover letters to public school administrators throughout the Northeast. "So far," she says, "I've received almost 200 responses, but I haven't had any offers yet. The market is very tight."

When Kevin Dodge '92 arrived at Connecticut College four years ago, jobs were plentiful, and the economy was booming. "Every indication was that I'd have a broad range of job choices when I graduated," recalls Dodge, an economics major who speaks German and has numerous career internships and on-campus activities listed on his resume. Dodge had set his sights on finding a job on Wall Street. "All of a sudden, because of things beyond my control, the market was far more restrictive," he reflects. Through his participation in the college's New York Recruiting Consortium, and his own efforts, he has received job offers from the New York offices of two multinational banks.

Not every graduate will be as lucky. The Class of '92 is entering the job market on the heels of the worst recession the country has seen in more than a decade, one that has eliminated an unprecedented number of white-collar jobs. As of April, the nation's unemployment rate stood at 7.2 percent. For college graduates ages 20-24, the unemployment rate was 6.9 percent in 1991, up from 5.1 percent the previous year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Employers, meanwhile, say they will be hiring 10 percent fewer graduates this year, according to an annual survey of job prospects conducted by Michigan State University. That decrease follows two previous years of decreases, with hiring down 9.8 percent in

**The college's participation in the New York Recruiting Consortium helped Kevin Dodge find a job on Wall Street.**



1990-91 and 13.3 percent in 1989-90. At the same time, according to a report by Right Associates, a human-resources consulting firm, this year's graduates themselves say they expect to be earning significantly less than those surveyed a year ago. As if the statistics aren't sobering enough, there is no shortage of news and magazine articles chronicling the woes of unemployed college grads who are fighting their way out of the recessionary snare.

That's not to say the prospect is all doom and gloom, notes Jack Tinker, director of the college's Office of Career Services. "A lot of what people are hearing can be discouraging," Tinker admits. "In fact, though, there still is hiring going on, and there still are opportunities out there, but getting a job is going to take a strong effort on the student's part."

Tinker has reason for optimism. Last spring, career services surveyed members of the 1990 graduating class about their employment. Half of the class, 213 students, responded, and of that number, 95 percent said they were either employed or in graduate school. "Eighty percent of those people had jobs they considered as having career-related potential," Tinker adds. According to that survey, the majority of 1990 grads in the work force are employed in communications, business and education.

Still, since Connecticut's graduates tend to concentrate job searches in the Northeast, where the recession has hit especially hard, they may find the job search takes a lot longer than expected. According to Economics Professor Donald M. Peppard Jr., "In the Northeast, because of defense cutbacks, the economy is the worst it's been since the recession in the mid-1970s. I've joked around and said this is the worst time in 17 years to be looking for a job, but I think it's true."

Tinker, who came to Connecticut College just over a year ago, has worked to make career services a more vital resource for students. The office has been reorganizing and updating its career resources library and is creating new publications on job search topics. Actively courting student involvement, the office even leaves messages about programs on students' voice mail.

The office recently established a resume referral service, asking students what fields they are interested in, then collecting their resumes, which will be passed on to employers who request them. Other resources, for both students and alumni, include everything from one-on-one career counseling and programs on writing resumes and cover letters to help in polishing interviewing skills.

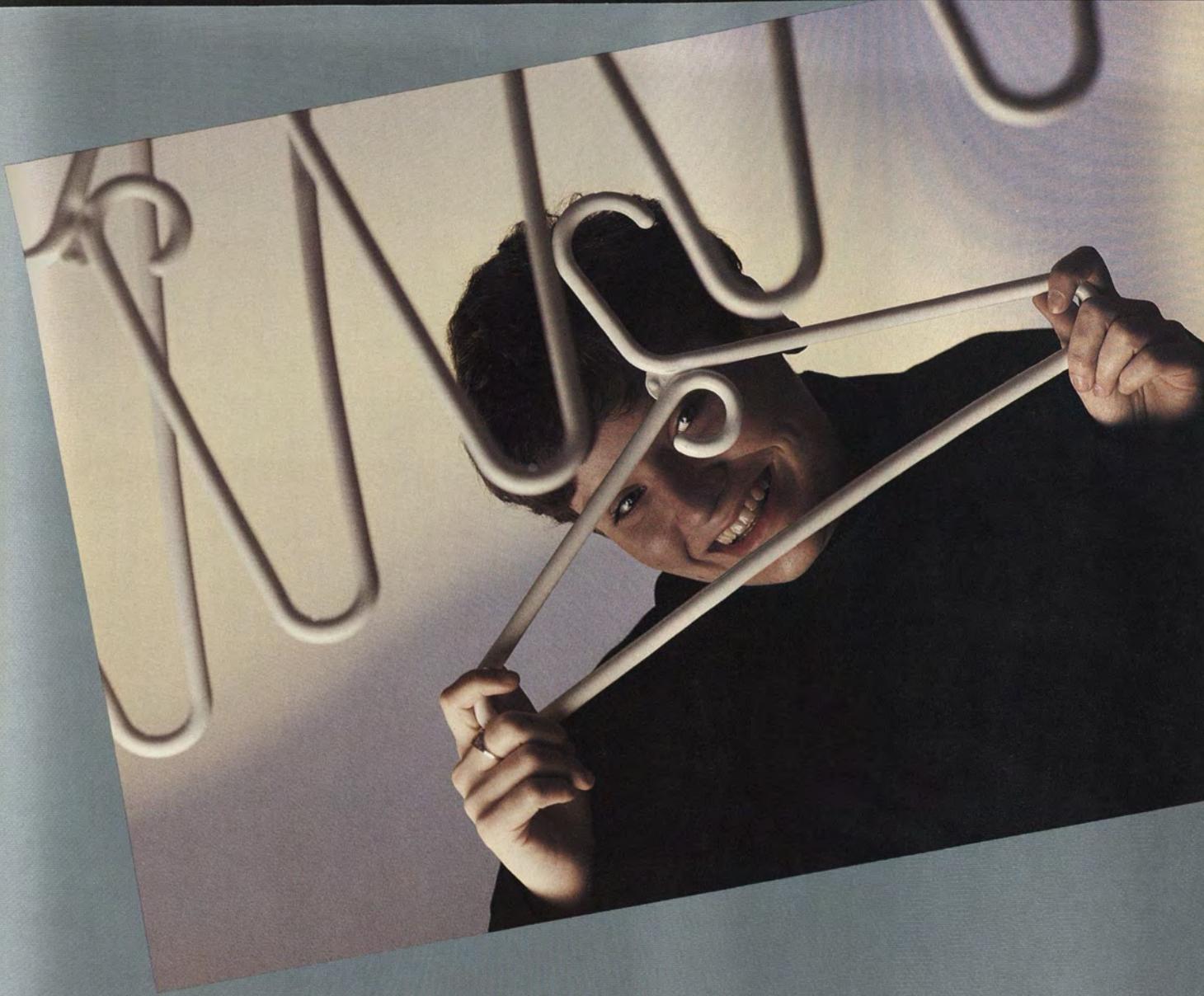
The office provides opportunities for on and off-campus job interviews with major companies in New York, Boston and Washington. There is also an alumni referral network, which provides contacts for seniors and fellow alumni seeking information about a specific career. Connecticut College is also a member of Venture II, a program based at Brown University that provides job leads for students from seven member schools in short-term, career-level jobs in the non-profit sector. Most recently, career services joined KiNexus, which makes resumes available to a wide range of employers who subscribe to its data base.

Despite the grim economic statistics, there are ways students can maximize their hiring potential, according to Tinker. And the earlier they begin to do so, the better.

**S**tudents who lay a lot of groundwork stand the best chance of getting a job, particularly since their competition will likely include experienced workers who have been laid off, Tinker notes. "Extracurricular and summer jobs are very important in a competitive market. Employers are looking at well-rounded people with a strong academic background, solid work experience and also campus involvement. Community service also impresses employers."

Tinker advises students to "talk to one of our career counselors and make use of our career tests to pinpoint your goals. Attend the many programs and workshops we conduct. Participate in the job and graduate school fairs and the career panels and make use of our career resources library."

Of course, this can be a lot of work — on top of an already demanding course load. "At times, it gets to feel like a fifth class," says senior Hispanic studies major Meg Sheehan of her search for a job in retailing. Along with on-the-job retail experience gained during



*Meg Sheehan says her successful search for a job in retailing took up so much time it "felt like a fifth class."*



*During January break, Nicole Champagne sent her resume to 507 school districts in the Northeast.*

vacations in a store in Disney World, Sheehan's quest to get hired has included numerous on- and off-campus interviews arranged through career services. "It's very difficult to have to put 21 years of your life together in a resume and sell yourself," she admits. (Two weeks before graduation day, Sheehan learned that she had been accepted for the executive training program at Bloomingdale's later this summer. — Eds.)

The recession is forcing many students to rethink long-held goals and expectations and to map out a wider variety of career options, notes Deborah Brunetti, an assistant director of career services. An increasing number of students are considering government jobs, applying to graduate schools or looking at teaching abroad, she says. "We're also seeing more alumni coming in." A growing number of students are also expressing interest in non-profit sector jobs. Those applying for such jobs through the Venture II program "has tripled from what it's been in the past. I think students are looking in more places for a job, but it's also an indication that students are becoming much more community-oriented."

**D**espite the help career services offers, actually getting hired is the student's job. "We try to teach them how to do this so that in the years ahead they have the skills," Tinker says. "We are not an employment agency."

"Career services has been a constant resource for everything from resume writing to issues like taking inventory of where you are, where you want to be, goal-setting and helping you pick yourself up after something doesn't go well," notes Dodge. "But they don't take you by the hand and find you a job."

All three seniors interviewed expressed surprise at the number of classmates who were postponing serious thoughts about employment, but they predicted tensions will mount as the reality of life-after-college sets in. "I'm not sure they realize how tough things are," Champagne says. "A lot of people are going to end up living at home and working at menial jobs for a while."

In fact, attendance at career services' workshops is down slightly from last year, a fact that, given the economy, Tinker finds surprising. "They should be making use of our services now more than ever," he says.

Agrees Brunetti, "We can't figure it out. We used to get 20 people at a program on interviewing skills, now we get eight. You'd think it would be the opposite."

Certainly, a large number of students do think ahead. Career services typically has approximately 2,000 visits from students and alumni each year. For some, laying the career groundwork started well before senior year. "I've been thinking about this since freshman year," says Dodge. He first visited career services two weeks after hitting campus, then talked his way into the first of several internships the following summer. "To me, college wasn't just going to classes. It meant getting involved in the life of the school and keeping your mind on broader issues. We're here to prepare for the future."

The same holds true for Champagne. Along with student teaching, her resume includes volunteer jobs working as a teacher's aide in schools in New London and Mystic and a long list of extracurricular activities.

Still, even those students who mapped out a career path early on are being forced to compromise, most notably by looking for jobs outside the Northeast. Notes Peppard of the economics department, "If they broaden their search, I think their chances are much better." For instance, he says, job prospects are brighter in the South and Southwest. "Get the data on state unemployment rates and see where the economies are healthiest," he suggests.

Should her job hunt prove unsuccessful, Champagne will probably be living at home in New Hampshire next year, work outside of her field and take graduate courses at the University of New Hampshire.

Although he admits he had moments of frustration, Dodge is now mostly philosophical about his search: "It may be a scary time, but it's also a fascinating time," he says. "You're going to end up somewhere. There's a whole world out there you can have, and if it isn't Wall Street, well, then, maybe it wasn't meant to be." ●

*Clare Collins is a free-lance writer who lives in Pawcatuck, Conn. Her articles have appeared in The New York Times, Redbook, Parenting and Northeast magazines. She wishes she could say job hunting gets easier with age.*



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**W**ith 20 years of experience as a successful free-lance photographer, art director and graphic designer, Marjory Dressler '67 now divides her time between traditional commercial photography and the expanding frontiers of computer illustration.

"I started out taking photos for the campus newspaper and *Koine* (the yearbook)," Dressler recalls. After receiving a B.A. in sociology and art, she earned a master's in photography and graphic arts from Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Communications (1970) and studied at the School of Visual Arts, Pratt Institute and Parsons School of Design. While at Syracuse, Dressler wrote her thesis on abstract color photography. Many of the special effects that she labored for long hours to achieve in the darkroom can now be created at her computer in her New York City studio. "Now I can express myself visually in unlimited ways," she says.

**J**udging a book by its cover can be risky, but judging Marjory Dressler by her book covers is one measure of her talent. The photographer has designed more than 300 book jackets and covers, several of which, including *Mommy Dearest*, have been on the best-seller list. Her clients include Random House, William Morrow, Simon & Schuster, St. Martin's Press, McGraw Hill, Knopf, Scribners and many others. Apart from the publishing world, she also has clients from the corporate, film, recording and advertising industries.

The abstract images shown here were created on Dressler's Macintosh IIfx computer using software such as Color Studio, PhotoShop and Pixel Paint Professional.

Recently, her work was included in an exhibit, "Women Photographers: New York/Tokyo," that was featured at Nikon House in New York City and Japan. She hopes to expand her work with photographing for children's books in the future. — LHB





## REUNION '92: *A Weekend To Remember*

**A**s Mark Twain once said, "One of the brightest gems in the New England weather is the dazzling uncertainty of it." But then again, sometimes it's just plain dazzling. On reunion weekend, cloudless skies of college blue made the perfect backdrop for masses of balloons as hundreds of alumni stepped off to the tune of "When the Saints Go Marching In" for the Saturday morning parade across campus May 30.

Alumni traveled from as far away as Sweden (Ingegerd Anderson Yngstrom '42), Spain (Dorothy Dederick DeJimenez '57), Hawaii (Patricia King Helfrich '42) and Venezuela (Seyril Siegel '62) to celebrate landmark reunion years with their classmates. Sadie Coit Benjamin '19, who made the short trip from Norwich, Conn., had the distinction of being the oldest reunion attendee.

After the Saturday morning parade, the presentation of reunion class gifts and alumni awards and President Claire Gaudiani's State of the College Address took place in Palmer Auditorium.

Susan Cohn Doran '67, alumni annual giving chair, thanked all of the alumni for their generosity and announced that, with the addition of 475 new donors, the goal of 45 percent participation in the 1991-92 Annual Fund had been met. "We should all be proud of this achievement," said Doran.

Cheers and applause greeted each gift accepted by the college president. When all the checks were presented, the grand total of reunion gifts and pledges for annual and capital purposes stood at \$2,640,630, with 30 days remaining before the end of the fiscal year. Doran and Ann Rumage Luce '77 were thanked for their three-year terms as alumni annual giving chair and reunion giving chair respectively.

New records for overall reunion gifts (combined annual and capital gifts) were set by the fifth (1987); 10th (1982);

25th (1967); 30th (1962); 40th (1952); 65th (1927); and 70th (1922) reunion classes. The 50th reunion class (1942) also set a record for its annual fund gift as did the 15th reunion class (1977). The youngest alumni, the Class of 1992, had a participation rate of 51 percent, and their \$16,345 gift is being matched by an anonymous trustee.

Jane Muddle Funkhouser '53, chair of the College Center Projects, made the first public announcement that the college had met the Kresge Challenge grant ahead of schedule and would exceed its goal for the College Center Projects. Said the beaming project chair, "I kept telling myself, 'I think we can, I think we can.' Now I am saying, 'I *knew* we could! I *knew* we could!'"

The College Medal, the highest award presented by Connecticut College, was received by two women who had, in many ways, "changed the destiny of the college" — Alice Johnson, dean emeritus of the college and professor emeritus of English, and Jeannette B. Hersey, dean emeritus of admissions.

President Gaudiani quoted from an inscription on a certificate of honorary membership to the alumni association that was presented to Johnson upon her retirement: "The indomitable, funny, down-to-earth, plain-talking...and affectionate Alice Johnson has managed to be, in her 25 years as dean, distinctly and miraculously, *undeanish*." Dean Johnson, who retired in 1983, continues to teach summer and evening courses at the college.

President Gaudiani also praised Hersey for her many accomplishments during her years at the college (1963-1986), among them her assistance in the transition to coeducation and the recruitment of minority students. "You have brought honor to Connecticut College in your role as a dean among deans," said Gaudiani.

The Alumni Association gave its highest honor, the



Agnes Berkeley Leahy Alumni Award, to Laura Wheelwright Farnsworth '52. "In her quiet and caring way, Laura Wheelwright Farnsworth has given her time and energy to Connecticut College and the Alumni Association for many years," said Helen Reynolds '68, president of the Alumni Association. Farnsworth served as treasurer of her class and is completing her second five-year term as class agent chairman. At the same time, she acted as decade coordinator and reunion giving chair for the Alumni Annual Giving Program Committee (AAGP). Later, she chaired the AAGP Committee and served on the executive board of the Alumni Association

Alumni Tribute Awards were presented to three previous recipients of the Agnes Berkeley Leahy award, all of whom have continued to make outstanding contributions to the life of the college: Jane Muddle Funkhouser '53, for her years as trustee and her leadership on the College Center Projects; Britta Schein McNemar '67, for her years as trustee, chair of the trustees and her leadership with the Becker House project; and Helene Zimmer-Loew '52, for her years as trustee and continued leadership in her class.

Before delivering the State of the College Address, President Gaudiani expressed her gratitude to Helen Reynolds '68 for her three years of service as president of the Alumni Association.

On Friday, 48 members of the Sykes Society, those alumnae who have celebrated their 50th reunion, gathered for luncheon. Later that afternoon, they were honored at a tea with President Gaudiani in the Becker House living room. Friday evening, following the traditional clambake, 150 alumni and their guests heard a presentation by Jack F. Matlock Jr., former U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union.

Thirty alumni artists participated in a show and sale of their work in Cummings Arts Center. The exhibit was curated by Damon Reed '62. Reunion weekend activities also included tours of the new Charles B. Luce Field House, a tennis tournament, seminars by faculty and alumni, an exhibition of paintings and reception with Charles Chu, professor emeritus of Chinese, and an "early bird" walk in the Arboretum. — LHB



Opposite: Carrie Stevens '93, a student worker at the reunion celebration. Far left: The Class of '42 celebrates its 50th reunion. Below: Members of the Class of '37 sing the song they wrote about the fond memories of their days at Connecticut College. The works are below. Left, folks preparing to have a picnic on the green.



SUNG BY THE CLASS OF '37 AT THEIR 55TH REUNION TO THE TUNE OF "CHEEK TO CHEEK"

Heaven — thirty-seven,  
We're so glad to be together on our hill.  
After 55 long years we love it still.  
Who can blame us, for it's really quite a thrill.

Heaven — thirty-seven,  
We remember lots of things that you don't know:  
How we trudged up from Mohegan in the snow,  
When off-campus houses were the way to go.

Those were the days we were locked out at ten,  
Especially when  
We'd been out with men.

Heaven — thirty seven—  
Please forgive us if we shed a little tear  
For the fun we had in days of yesteryear,  
And the friendships that we cherish and hold dear!

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In Dec., 69 relatives and friends helped celebrate **Ruth Trail McClellan's** 99th birthday at the nursing home where she has been since fracturing a hip two years ago. Despite confinement to a wheelchair she visited her daughter at Christmas.

Another remarkable "pioneer" is **Edith Harris Ward**. Even though blind and handicapped, Edie writes her own Christmas messages.

**Sadie Coit Benjamin** is indeed indomitable — drives her own car and keeps busy with all sorts of projects.

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According to the '22 Koine, **Helen Merritt** "never comes to a halt except when on duty at the library!" Apparently she has not changed in 70 years! Her latest note reports all manner of activities — church work, a writing class (not penmanship), and traveling extensively with her brother, Irving.

**Olive Tuthill Reid** is leading a very quiet life. Married for 69 years, she lost her husband in Oct. — but "I have lots of happy times to remember."

Celebrating a 70th reunion in June — this class may have a record to report! In February, it was almost at the 100 percent mark for Annual Giving!

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**Margaret Heyer** says her retirement home in ME is a "very caring, cordial and friendly spot, but in the frigid zone!" She reports that Martha Webb Dumdey '28 is also a resident.

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Correspondent:  
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**Elizabeth Merry Miller** celebrated Christmas with her "litle elderly landlord and his nieces in Falmouth Foreside (ME) — highways clear, but snow abounded."

Daughter, Merili, writes that **Ava Mulholland Hilton** is "still her cheerful self even though confined to bed. Happily living at home with her family, she celebrated her 89th birthday in '91 — she keeps us all on our toes!"

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Correspondents: Dorothy  
Kilbourn, 84 Forest St.,  
Hartford, CT 06105 and Emily  
Warner, Covenant  
Village, C-10 Pilgram Manor,  
Cromwell, CT 06416

**Helen Ferguson** writes, "Just being alive is news." She takes her dog for a walk everyday, a mile or two, and she still takes painting lessons.

**Olive Brooke Robotham** lives in her home in West Hartford with a housekeeper. She still goes to the symphony series as she has done for 60 years.

**Janet Goodrich Dresser** feels okay, but stays indoors during the "crazy winter weather." She has eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Adele Knecht Sullivan** has lived in Springfield, MA, long enough to get a 50-year membership plaque from Old First Church (355 years old), where she has been an officer in the Women's Guild for many years. Her oldest grandson is a computer engineer. Her youngest is a policeman and recently received a commendation for outstanding performance in a fire.

**Emily Warner** and **Dorothy Kilbourn** have had two mini-reunions, lunch with **Dorothy Kent** and another with **Dorothy Wigmore**. Dot Kent was boasting of living alone in the family homestead where she had recently washed 40 windows.

**Gertrude Noyes** was preparing to attend a Hartford club meeting with **Dorothy Kilbourn** but couldn't since she fell and broke her elbow, which is mending.

**Grace Bennet Nuveen** reports proudly that she has a girl baby, her fifth great-grandchild to add to her four great-grandsons.

**Peg Ewing Hoag** and Garrett boast

nine great-grandchildren. She sends greetings to class members.

**Connie Parker** has no special news but asked in our telephone communication that her fond hello be included to class members.

**Emily Warner** visited her family in TN at Thanksgiving. During her three weeks there, she visited one farm family, another from Atlanta and another whom she helped buy a pony for her great-grandniece. All families gathered for turkey, which she described as a "zoo — ages 2 to 88 years!"

**Florence Levy Cooper** sends greetings to class members.

**Margaret Ewing Hoag** keeps busy in spite of failing eyesight.

**Dorothy Kilbourn** says she lived in the same house with the late **Betsy Allen** freshman year — "just the two of us." She is hoping that '25 will reach 100% in Annual Giving in honor of Betsy's many years as a dedicated class agent chairman.

**Parks McCombs** says she's "sure glad I moved to this retirement home in Sarasota — a one-room apartment with a beautiful view of the bay. The food is very good — and there are no dishes to wash!" Parkie admits she's "doing pretty well for her age" as she approaches her ninetieth birthday. The only other alumna she sees is Ann Stinnett '56, her lawyer, who is president of the local Connecticut College club.

From Naples, FL, **Margaret Meredith Littlefield** writes, "I have managed to survive the hot summer and am now enjoying 60- to 70-degree weather."

The class of '25 sends sympathy to the daughter of **Helen Nichols Foster**, who died in July '91.

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**Marguerite Cerlian** writes from the Virgin Islands, "We have beautiful weather, lovely views and a serene (keep your fingers crossed) octogenarian existence."

**Elizabeth Damerel Gongaware** sent a note but no news. Betty Dam has a standing invitation to visit Sylvan Nursery in Westport, MA, because of her mutual interest with Ann Crocker Wheeler '34 in the Arboretum.

Despite coping with the recovery of "broken hip on one side and broken knee on the other," **Edna Smith Thistle** maintains a happy philosophy — "next to my church, CC is dear to my heart."

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**Katharine Bartlett Nichols** and husband again enjoyed being in Sarasota last winter for golf, bird watching and some bridge.

**Alberta Boardman Truex** enjoys her son's Dec. visits and keeps up social contacts with many of her late husband's Dartmouth classmates.

**Margaret Burroughs Kohr** has sold her home in Madison, NJ, and is moving to a retirement community in South Jersey in March. She plans to spend some time in ME this summer.

**Verne Hall**, your class correspondent, is finding that with plenty of time and patience, quite a bit can be accomplished with one hand. A fall mid-Jan. resulted in a broken left arm.

**Virginie Karfiol Van Bark** called on **Bibbo Riley Whitman** while in ME this last summer. Later she reported falling in the Los Angeles airport and damaging her shoulder. She is now back at work in her CA school.

**Eunice Mason Blaser** and husband spent much of the summer and fall traveling by car in the U.S. Their environmental, architectural and historical interests took them to CT, DE, OH, the Everglades and Marco Bay, FL.

**Bibbo Riley Whitman** is at home recovering from hip surgery and navigating with a walker. She is looking forward to the time when she can walk outdoors.

**Helen Stephenson White**, one of the most faithful contributors to our class notes, survived the powerful beating the Cape suffered during Hurricane Bob. She spent Christmas with her daughter and grandchildren in West Falmouth, MA.

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**Edith Allen MacDiarmid** flew to Easter

Island in Oct. where she joined a cruise to Chile. This winter, she and her daughter are spending some time at Lake Tahoe where she will attempt to ski cross-country.

**Allison Durkee Tyler** and husband joined a week's trip to New England during which they were at the delightful old Red Lion Inn, Stockbridge, MA, then later stayed at the Litchfield Inn in CT and the Norwich Inn and Spa. All of which brought back memories of Connecticut College days. She said the Norwich Inn is now a very posh spa — used by many NY people.

**Betty Edwards Spencer** writes "although our life is quieter than it was, we are fortunate to be able to spend six months in CT and six months in FL. Each location has its attractions — CT because we are near our grandchildren, Elizabeth, 13, and Molly, 9; FL obviously for the warm sunshine. I swim and do a daily one-mile walk."

**Helen Flinger Smith** is enjoying life at the McAuley Retirement Home. Her youngest granddaughter graduates from CC this year.

**Helen Benson Mann** reports "the good news is that my health is still holding up and I enjoy my book group, friends, music, theater and community activities. The not-so-good news is that I am considering a continued care retirement facility that isn't even built yet."

**Betty Gitlin** and her sister, Adelyn G. Wilson '37 live together and have traveled extensively in Europe and Israel as well as in the U.S. They expect to visit NYC soon for theater and sightseeing.

**Meg Jackman Gesen** is involved in numerous activities in Concord, NH, including: Daughters of Patriots and Founders of America, Barons of Runymede, Knights of the Garter. She is the assistant treasurer and guide of Pierce Brigade, Inc., a house once owned by President Pierce.

**Ruth Jackson Webb's** two sons have visited her this past year. One son, Jackson, is in the Shetland Islands in Scotland; son, Rod, will shortly retire from the law department at the U. of Leeds in England.

**Victoria Seligman Robins** writes, "I am a survivor of the vicissitudes of life — a grandmother for other people's children. My daughter, Patricia, is in the computer area and lives in CA. I enjoyed seeing Stanford and Berkeley.

**Eleanor (Elly) Tyler** commented that she is contented and in fairly good shape but "newsless." She wrote that **Dorothy Feltner Davis** and Harry have sold their home in Lake Placid and expect to sell their San Antonio house and move back to DC where they lived 24 years ago.

**Evelyn Utley Keeler** writes, "I lived in a retirement residence for six years. Am still ambulatory but had to give up driving two

years ago. Now I ride the mini-bus."

**Elizabeth Weed Johnson's** husband, Tom, died in Dec. '90 after 55 years of sharing. One granddaughter is a Phi Beta Kappa and is employed by a major firm editing children's books. Her elder granddaughter is a music major.

Your correspondent, **Louisa Kent**, missed a few deadlines after a fall in my kitchen landed me in the very busy orthopedic service at the Cape Cod Hospital. Not quite the ideal spot for a summer holiday, but there were positive aspects. The professional staff was all that one could desire. The nurses, especially, were an outstanding group. Most of them were young and married with children. More than one was the family breadwinner. They had a great *esprit de corps* that reminded me of my early nursing career in the 30's and later in England and France during WWII.

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**Kathryn Bowman Thompson** wrote that she and husband, Jay, have been trying to sell their condo in Aurora, OH, but are finding a soft, slow real estate market. They will move to a retirement community in Hudson, OH. Of their seven grandchildren, five are college graduates and two are still in college.

**Dorcas (Ducky) Freeman Wesson** went to her 60th reunion at Scripps College last spring, so had to miss out on our 60th. She was member of the first class at Scripps which consisted of 50 students with close ties. A new college president was an added inducement to attend. She and husband, Wes, took a two-week cruise to Costa Rica with an Audubon and conservation group. They have five children and 18 grandchildren; the youngest is under one year of age. They spend part of their summers with family in Stonington, CT.

**Thursa Barnum** enjoyed attending our class reunion in '91. Later in the summer, she visited AK with her brother, traveling by train, bus and ship.

**Mary Kay Geier Brigham** wrote a letter too late for our last class news publications. She has had several years of poor vision; her second successful lens implant was last June making it possible for Mary Kay to pass a driver's test. Prior to cataract surgery, she had laser surgery for glaucoma at which time, she was under heavy sedation in the hospital for three days and had subsequent damage to her memory. This continues to be a problem at the time of this writing. A first

grandchild was born in '91.

**Josephine Lincoln Morris** has four children and nine grandchildren, all well and busy. Jo's special interest is the church. She also enjoys walking and swimming, often on a daily basis.

**Jane Williams Howell** continues to enjoy the cool and sunshine of New London, NH, following many years of FL living. She looks forward to reading the class news in the *Connecticut College Magazine*.

**Dorothy Rose Griswold's** daughter, husband and two small children have moved into the large Woodbury, CT, home with her. Dot has three children and six grandchildren, the latter varying in age from 1-1/2 to 22. The oldest is a student at Lewis and Clark, OR.

**Jane Moore Warner** wrote about the subfreezing temperatures and snow of the Rochester, NY, winter and about several drives to CT, RI and MA for visits and special occasions. Jane and Karl's grandson, Karl H., a freshman at CC, was one of four and the only freshman to be chosen for the CoCo Beaux, the male a cappella singing group. Jane's CA sister, EM, class agent chairman of '37, visited at the time of the fall Alumni Weekend. They also recently visited Karl's sister, Harriet Warner '26 in Woodbury, CT, and her brother, Jim, in VA. Jane keeps busy with her nine-room home, volunteer and other community activities.

**Elinor Wells Smith** reports a bad viral infection followed by severe arthritis and a strep throat, lasting from April '91 to the time of this writing. She hopes to resume club, bridge and other activities during this winter and spring. She lives with her son and daughter-in-law in Louisville, KY. Her youngest grandson is a sr. at North Texas U. in Denton. The other two grandchildren live in Dallas.

**Betty P. Wheeler** writes that "after several years of planning, raising funds and watching construction, the Planning Committee of the Mystic-Noank Library is seeing its efforts rewarded with the building nearly completed and a big celebration planned for May." Betty is also active with the Women's Club, the Mystic Historical Society and a local church. She made a trip to Leesburg, FL, in March.

**Evelyn Schwartz Puklin**, of Elgin, IL, says many of her activities, including two upcoming weddings, revolve around her two sons, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Travel is confined to visits with her sons and their families, CT in the fall and AZ in the winter.

**Catherine Steele Batchelder** still enjoys living in Lancaster, PA, where she is a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and for a church-sponsored breakfast for the needy. She gardens in summer, does needlepoint winters and enjoys a bridge foursome year-round. Daughter, Molly, and family have moved back to Lancaster, and son, Bob, still lives in Atlanta. Cathie has five

grandchildren, including two in high school, one in college, one in the Navy and a granddaughter who graduated from college and is working out on her own.

Joan Marshall Hackett has written as follows, "My mother, **Betty Snowden Marshall**, has been living in a nursing home in Portsmouth, NH, for almost eight years. She was very fond of this area, but, sadly, is now unaware of her environment and is no longer able to enjoy it or the class news. Many thanks for keeping in touch."

A portion of a recent note from **Elizabeth Schaibly Grimes** reads, "I am most fortunate to have my daughter living with me. She is chauffeur, shopper, nurse, supplier of books from the library, companion and bridge partner and the reason that young people drop in on us daily. Four grandchildren are another source of boundless pleasure. I learned recently from my children that the doctors (at the time of my cancer surgery) gave me six months to live. That was seven and a half years ago! I have so much to be thankful for." Betsy sends her best wishes with affection to her classmates.

**Grace (Caz) Wood Brengener** was living alone in the same Cleveland house until she found a young Korean woman who wanted a home while she went to graduate school. Now she is surrounded by young people of all ages and nationalities. Caz has two daughters, each with two children. One daughter lives in Boston and the other in Los Angeles. Her granddaughter attends Brown U. Her three grandsons are younger. As always, Caz is involved with many and varied activities. She sends her love to her classmates.

After a career as a supervisor of home teachers and consultant for the visually impaired for the CT State Board of Education, **Dorothea Simpson** is living in the home her parents built in Colchester, CT. She broke her left hip and later her right hip, but is now able to care for herself and her cats. She enjoys reading and gets out often with friends with the use of her cane.

**Vivien Noble Wakeman** has described their large country home on 200-plus acres as a "wild life refuge" for animals including many deer and a "bird sanctuary." This winter, Viv and Dave celebrated their 60th anniversary. Their family has increased recently by a great-grandchild, their eighth. "In addition to enjoyment of family and home, is the delving into our treasure chest of happy memories of which college days is an essential part."

**Gertrude (Jerry) Smith Cook** will visit family and friends in the South including FL this spring. She sends "love to all."

**Marjorie Platz Murphy's** husband, Gene, died almost five years ago. She spends most of her time in La Crosse, WI, although she still maintains her apartment in Palm Beach, FL.

**Achsh (Axa) Roberts Fennell** has a

pleasant apartment in Seattle from which she can watch the merchant and pleasure ships — the activity of Puget Sound. She has one daughter and her grandchildren living nearby whom she sees frequently. A few months ago, I received a lovely snapshot of Axa taken on her 80th birthday. I think she was the youngest member of our class.

**Elizabeth Pyper Bauer** and husband, Hal, are settled in a comfortable cottage in a Roswell, GA, retirement community. Their son and grandchildren are in Gaithersburg, MD. Their one great-grandson is 1-1/2.

**Carol Swisher Williams** wrote of her approaching 61st anniversary of her marriage to Dwight. "After a long courtship, we were married five days after my graduation. (I must have been out of my mind)." After 41 years in DC, the couple retired to Ledyard, CT. They have five "brilliant" grandchildren who have all graduated or are attending college. "So we are in our golden years — mixed with a little basic metal."

**Elizabeth Hendrickson Matlack** phoned regarding the death of **Melicent (Billie) Wilcox Buckingham** on 12/26/91 at Pomperaug Woods Nursing Facility, Southbury, CT. Our sympathy goes to her family, including two sons, Richard and John; a daughter, Susan McGarvey of Needham, MA; and seven grandchildren.

Chuck Reitzell sent the return card with information that his sister, **Virginia Reitzell**, passed away in Beloit, WI, in June of '86. Her name will be removed from our active roster with sorrow.

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**Anna May Derge Gillmer** and husband, Tom, are in great shape. The Saturday before Thanksgiving, my daughter and son-in-law took me to a Navy football game in Annapolis. After the game, we visited Anna May and Tom in their charming home on Chesapeake Bay. We all enjoyed seeing Tom's special room that is a miniature naval museum. We all went out for dinner and hope to repeat the visit another time when I am on a visit to VA.

**Joanna Eakin Depres** is still very busy with her painting and doing monotypes. She still gets to Paris as usual and last winter spent time house-sitting a friends apartment. Jo says, "Life is good."

**Judith (Trudy) Epstein Routman** writes from Concord, CA, that she's still there and loves living near San Francisco.

## Legacy List, Class of 1995

### Student

### Relative

Jessica Archibald	Carroll Ham Archibald '66 (mother)
Nicholas Bogarty	Betty Johnson Ham '42 (grandmother)
Duncan Busser	Heather Morrison Bogarty '69 (mother)
Melissa Carleton	Jo Ellen Lindseth Busser '63 (mother)
Jonina Daum	Donna Richmond Carleton '64 (mother)
Robert Erda	Elizabeth Wright Daum '60 (mother)
Caroline Gundersdorf	Anna Decker Erda '61 (mother)
Richard Harding	Anne Gilbert Gundersdorf '45 (grandmother)
Alison Mitchell	Elizabeth Donovan Harding '60 (mother)
Heather Montgomery	Barbara Elliott Tevepaugh '33 (grandmother)
Judith Musicant	Jan Macdonald Smith '69 (mother)
Shane Nichols	Carolyn Rubin Musicant '65 (mother)
Nichole Podell	Leah Savitsky Rubin '32 (grandmother)
Todd Ryan	Trudy Glidden Nichols '68 (mother)
Jessica Schoonmaker	Mayda Pasternack Podell '68 (mother)
Caroline Tower	Catherine Fujiwara Ryan '65 (mother)
Karl Warner	Judith DeGroff Schoonmaker '69 (mother)
Rachel Waxman	Elizabeth Mulford DeGroff '39 (grandmother)
Katherine Welch	Caroline Townley von Mayrhause '44 (grandmother)
	Jame Moore Warner '31 (grandmother)
	Laura DeKoven Waxman '67 (mother)
	Elizabeth Leach Welch '66 (mother)



From left: Leah Savitsky Rubin '32, Carolyn Rubin Musicant '65 and Judith Musicant '95 at Alumni Weekend '91

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She's found a neighbor who likes to travel so last year they cruised the Greek Islands and this winter will be cruising the South Pacific including Australia and New Zealand. She'll celebrate her 80th birthday "down under." Trudy's middle daughter lives nearby.

**Ruth Ferree Wessels** and I had a telephone chat before she sent you her Jan. letter. Ruth hears from **Ginny Schanher Porter** that she is gathering material about her home in Winnetka, IL, prior to putting it on the National Registry of Historic Places. Are Ruthie and I the only two octogenarians in our class who still love to play tennis?

**Marjorie Fleming Christensen** flew from her home in KS to Hartford in June '91 to join her daughter, Kathie, and son-in-law, Joe. They rented a car and visited Joe's mom in Lyme. From there they toured CT, a trip down memory lane. They spent a day in New London taking pictures of the college and Coast Guard Academy and Vinal Cottage, where Marge lived for two years. They went to Groton and visited the *Nautilus* and spent a day at Mystic Seaport. They ferried to Martha's Vineyard spending time with Dorothea Southworth '32 and her sister, Mary Stoddard '28. From there, they went to Darien, CT, where Marjorie was born and raised and where she later returned for 12 years when her two children were in school. Her cousin Beulah West '37 was also visiting from AZ.

**Margaret Frazier Clum** answered her news request postcard with a verse, "I have no news to tell. I'm just still here and well. The future looks the same. A life, no thrills, just time."

**Eleanor Husted Hendry** and I had a telephone chat early in Feb. She reported that her eye problem has not grown worse. Fortunately she plays piano by ear, which allows her to continue her playing for patients at the Fortuna, CA, convalescent home. The patients love to sing along and choose mostly golden oldies and patriotic songs. The Hendry's five children and 14 grandchildren all live on the West Coast.

**Eleanor (Beano) Jones Heilman** visited her son and family in VT last Aug. Beano has had some interesting opportunities to get to know our very fine college president. On one occasion she hosted a dinner party for Pres. Gaudiani in Philadelphia.

**Dorothy Krall Newman** directs the City of Sanibel, FL, Housing Foundation and has good reason to be proud of the progress they've made in providing affordable housing to citizens of Sanibel, a resort area. In spite of local opposition 15 units are now occupied, and 12 more will be ready in March and 14 more by the end of the year.

**Helen Peasley Comber** and Bill moved in mid-Jan. to Thomasville, NC. Please call or write the Alumni Office for Helen and Bill's new address. They planned and built their new home, all on one floor

with a workshop room for Bill and a hobby room for Helen where she can continue to enjoy painting. The center has a central building with available nursing care and a dining room for those times when residents don't feel like cooking. Thomasville has a new "Y" with an extra-wide swimming pool and a brand-new public library.

**Margaret (Sunny) Ray Stewart** sent me her card saying, "Sorry, I don't have any news." But at least that tells me she is still there in Kenilworth, IL.

**Alice (Bill) Record Hooper's** note to the college last year missed my deadline date for the July magazine. At that time she reported the nearest she'd been to CC in years was on a cruise from Montreal to Newport, Boston and NYC in '90. This time she wrote from her home in Victoria, British Columbia. Her sad news was the death of her onetime CC roommate **Ruth (Stimpie) Stimson Greig** in Jan. '91 in Ottawa, Ontario. The last time she saw the Greigs (Ed died in '89) was five years ago when they visited in Victoria. When the Hoopers lived in Montreal they saw each other frequently. One son lives in South Africa and the other in England. Most of the Hoopers' travels are cruises. Bill and her husband keep fit, both swim regularly and Bill's husband plays tennis year-round. Victoria has a mild climate. In '89, they went to England to visit their elder son and family.

**Dorothy Tomkinson Fairbank** says she is still hanging in there and can't believe she's 80. She still travels a bit by ship. Spends two months in spring and two in the fall at their home in Hilton Head, SC. Otherwise home is still in Pepper Pike, OH.

**Virginia (Ginny) Vail Lavino** and George have been in their retirement place in Lansdale, PA, three and a half years now. George is in the health unit getting good care, and Ginny is in their own unit. There are many nice people and lots of activities, more than Ginny has time for. She went to NYC a few months ago and lunched with **Jerry Wertheimer Morgenthau** and **Tempi Cairney Gilbert** and reported they'd hardly changed a bit.

**Dorothy (Dottie) Wheeler Spaulding** and Earle moved to a retirement community in July '91, not too far from **Beano Jones Heilman**. Earle had a tough year in '91 but is holding his own now, and Dottie is in good health. They no longer travel, but their children and grandchildren visit frequently. Please call or write the Alumni Office for Dottie's new address.

**Jane (Jerry) Wertheimer Morgenthau** and Charles are still hanging in there. Says Jerry, "At our age no news is downright good news." They had a busy summer: a family wedding in WI in June, digging for Morgenthau roots in CO in July, and on to Kennebunkport, a music festival in VT in Aug., back to WI for Jerry's 80th bash and then to another family wedding in WA. Jerry enjoys a volunteer job two

mornings a week in a public school with kindergarteners and first graders.

**Esther (Red) White Cornish** is still swimming daily. She teaches English as a second language and tutors illiterate adults. Good jobs for sedentary octogenarians according to Red.

**Jessie (Wachie) Wachenheim Burack** still keeps fit with tennis year-round, walking during the winter, swimming and gardening during the summer. Travel limited to visiting the family in VA a couple times a year. In between they visit me. I enjoy my quiet lakeside house with my two cats. My big news is that I now have a new great-granddaughter born in early Feb. And since she is only 20 inches tall, I am no longer the smallest member of my family. Thanks to those who returned their cards or wrote newsy letters. For those who did not reply, don't throw those cards a way. Send them later on in '92 for another magazine.

I regret to report the death of classmate, **Sylvia Goldstein Breman**, on 1/10/'92. The class extends its sympathy to surviving members of her family.

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"Traveling the slow lane" is printed across the top of **Helen Andrews Keough's** news note. Back surgery for Nick in Dec. curtailed some winter travel, but a trial run to Elderhostel in Borrego Springs, CA, was a test of recovery. They plan a trip east to celebrate Nick's 96-year-old brother's 50th wedding anniversary and to watch daughter-in-law get her degree in physical therapy from the U. of Vermont.

**Elizabeth Archer Patterson** sent a hasty postcard just as she was leaving to visit son, James, in Singapore. Betty is now on the board of the Colonial Dames of Illinois — "a fun job." All grandchildren are thriving — one, now a freshman at Brown, was named to the All American Lacrosse team while still a sr. in high school.

**Lucile Austin Cutler** has many new friends in the retirement home. Her husband is in a nursing home nearby so she can be with him every day. In Feb., she babysat two great-grandchildren while their parents went to HI.

A welcome telephone chat revealed a lively lifestyle for **Catharine Baker Sandberg!** She sounds more like a teenager than a grandma of four. Kay still tutors in math; is taking organ lessons; goes to a Bible study class; and is learning ballroom dancing (with an equally lively partner). Accustomed to balmy FL, she had a shivery but delightful Christmas visit with son and family in MA.

Last summer, **Florence Baylis Skelton** visited national parks from El Paso to Denver with son, Rick. She hopes to see more of the northwest this summer when

grandson will be married in OR. Daughter Susan visited in Dec. — she is a free-lance photographer in Berlin — films, television and magazines. Daughter Anne's two sons will graduate from the U. of Virginia: one with a BA and one with an MA. Daughter Lynn's three girls are all at Virginia Commonwealth U., so Babe will be busy attending graduations. "I do love my kids," writes Babe fondly.

**Jean Berger Whitelaw** says she and Mac are in the process of training a young Sheltie pup. Christmas was a bit hectic with a leaping pup and a toddling granddaughter! Son, Bill, and family are in France for a year. He is working and teaching in Paris with a good friend, a French doctor, he met in Montreal. Mac keeps busy making furniture and bowls — using many varieties of wood. Jean's garden club group gathered, sorted and packed 9,800 packets of seeds to sell. Her garden suffered from a poor summer, but gentians were blooming in Dec.

From France, **Elizabeth Casset Chayet** writes, "I am already looking forward to our '94 reunion." She is hoping one of her granddaughters will be interested in attending CC. Betty and husband are still planting trees on their estate — "90,000 to date, and some are already visible above the ever present rambunctious gorse and other prickly weeds."

**Bernice Griswold Ellis** is confined to wheelchair in her nursing home because of complications following a hip fracture. Her sister, Phyllis, keeps me in touch — says that Bernice is relatively pain-free, fairly alert and well cared for. She is unable to write — but would love to hear from classmates.

**Betty Hershey Lutz** spent two weeks in Bermuda with a group of dog show participants and loved it. A Christmas holiday in Toronto with son and family was very special.

Update on **Emma Howe Waddington's** "fabulous four" granddaughters: the "army gal" is now stationed in Turkey; one graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in May; the "career lady" is working in DC; the high school sr. is looking at colleges. Emma and Les are considering retirement homes, but wonder how they could ever clean out their present home. They bumped into **Ruth Wheeler Cobb** at a recent retirement seminar.

It's been the "Year of the Cataract" for **Allison Jacobs McBride** — three treatments in the fall. Allie and Vince are "well and enjoying limited activities."

It was quite a gala 90th birthday celebration for **Ruth Jones Wentworth's** husband, Norris, — a party at home, another in CO and a third with son Sam's family.

**Helen Lavietes Krosnick** and Gerry attended a medical meeting in Montreal. Gerry is still practising gynecology at 80, and Helen takes courses. Daughter, Ellen, is the busy one — "when she's not working she's traveling." At Christmas, Ellen and Joel

The Connecticut College club system continues to grow and prosper. Last June, the Alumni Association Executive Board challenged us to create three new clubs this year. I am happy to report that we have reached this goal. The Connecticut College Club of the Bay Area (California) mailed out a survey in March and received an outstanding response. Their first event should be coming in early fall. North of the Bay Area, a group of alums is putting their heads together to start a Connecticut College Club of Washington. And a little bit north of New London, an alumna has taken the bull by the horns and is helping to start a club in the SE Massachusetts/Providence, RI, area. If all goes as planned, these three clubs will be going full steam ahead by fall.



Andy Sharp '89

In addition to these new clubs, our existing clubs are sponsoring exciting activities and breaking ground in some new areas such as community service. The next issue of club news will feature an article on the New York Club's participation in AIDS Walk NY in May.

If there are clubs in your area and you would like to help, or if you would like to start one in your area, please call me, Director of Clubs and Educational Programs Andy Sharp '89, at 203-439-2310.

**Rabinnic Murders and Professor Roger Brooks in New York.** Elie Wiesel Professor of Judaic Studies Roger Brooks spoke to 25 alums in New York about three tales of knowledge and murder from the Talmud. Steve Culbertson, vice president for Development, and Andy Sharp '89, director of clubs and educational programs, also joined Professor Brooks and the New York Club.

**Hartford and Maine Hold Annual Meetings.** The Hartford Club gathered in full force at the home of Elaine Lowengard '50. Fifty alums in the Hartford area (and one alumna from the Fairfield Club) came to hear Dirk Held, professor of classics and chair of the Priorities, Planning and Budget Committee, speak about the current financial status of the college.

The Connecticut College Club of Maine Annual Meeting featured President Emeritus Charles Shain and his wife who discussed their books *The Maine Reader* and *Growing Up in Maine*. About 50 alums joined the Shains for cocktails, dinner, and conversation. Lisa Boudreau, assistant director of the Annual Fund, also attended.

**Fairfield, New York, and Minneapolis hold Yield Receptions for the Class of '96.** April is the month when high school seniors are deciding which college they will attend in the fall. To help these seniors make the right choice, our Connecticut College clubs host Yield Receptions where accepted students can meet our alums and ask questions about Connecticut College. Fran Kercher '72, coordinator of the alumni admissions representative program, Todd Whitten '93 and Carrie Stevens '93 attended the Fairfield reception. These events are a great way to meet the future of Connecticut College and help the college get the best students possible. Great job, Minneapolis, New York, and Fairfield!

**Community Service Weekend in D.C.** The weekend of May 16-17 saw the Connecticut College Club of D.C. hit the streets to help clean up their community. On Saturday, about 10 alums braved cloudy weather and muddy conditions to help pick up Children's Island on the Anacostia River. Twenty-five alums met on Sunday to assist the Jubilee Housing Project, which helps restore the beauty and life to the city's streets, parks, and housing. All participants received a "Connecticut College Alum" T-shirt.

**Leaders of San Diego Club to Step Down.** In May, Betty Sager Burlem '54, President; Betsy Gregory Campbell '55, Secretary; and Emily Haugen Talbert '62, Treasurer, stepped down from their duties with the Club of San Diego after three years of distinguished service. The club, under the leadership of these alumnae, helped coordinate President Gaudiani's reception in the San Diego area and sponsored a luncheon at the Cafe del Rey Mora Restaurant, among other activities. We are sad to see Betty, Betsy, and Emily step down and thank them for their years of service. The club is very fortunate to have two energetic alumnae step forward to fill the shoes of the past leaders: Judith Harteis Brennan '81 and Tracy Masters '77 are already planning next year. — A.C.S.

went to Tahiti in the *Windsong*. It's a cruise on the French Riviera this summer.

**Cait Lewis Witt** and Fred celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary in Oct. (Records reveal that '34ers can claim adherence to the marriage vows!)

**Ruth Lister Davis'** daughter recently moved to Vero Beach. "It's so good to have a child nearby," says Ruth.

In Jan., **Alice Miller Tooker** wrote "I have been in my (retirement community) cottage for four months and enjoy every minute. here's more than enough room for my furniture, and there's lots to do." Her German shepherd is good companion on daily walks. Alice take time to visit with the older residents in the main building — the oldest is 99 and "she is great!"

She also keeps in touch with **Violet Stewart Ross**, who is feeling better and can drive her car — though she prefers to stay close to home. Grandson, Morris, who works in Chicago, has a "Vietnamese potbellied pig named Harriet." Grandson, John, graduates from Bates in May — may decide to be a pediatrician. After eight years of taking French lessons, he went to France last year "to learn to speak French."

It's been three years since **Grace Nichols Rhodes** braved the agony of bilateral knee renovation — today she is once again happily walking the birding trails. Her Christmas letter covered a year's doings: trip to Sanibel for birds; visits hither and yon with relatives and friends. She and Arnold are not doing as much "car camping" now — flying across country is a bit easier. Daughter, Natalie, is getting her MS in forestry at Amherst (Arnold's old bailiwick). She already has her MS in geology.

A bad fall in Aug. messed up a trip to UT for **Lydia Riley Davis**, but she managed to hobble about with daughter's help. Took until Jan. to recover. Lyd's 80th birthday was "terrific" — daughter, Peggy, traveled from France to help celebrate.

**Ethel Russ Gans** sent a photo from HI of two of her grandchildren. Gigi definitely enjoys living in the same spot with her lively grandchildren. She also is busy "picking pineapples, grapefruit, avocados, papayas, bananas; spending time with her beloved Baha'i friends; relaxing in the beach; writing letters." Does this sound like Paradise? Gigi's notes are always decorated with an exotic blossom which seems to last for ages.

**Gladys Russell Munroe** and Lamar had just finished tootling about visiting friends and relatives when she sent her news card. Daughter, Jean, passed RN exams last summer — she and husband took a schooner cruise to celebrate.

**Dorothy Sisson Tuten** responded "with vigor to my plea for news — a two-page, single-spaced, "teeny type" letter. Currently she is "devoted to all I can read about prevention of illness." She gave a resume of interesting facts gleaned from lectures and articles. She aims to be a

"golden 80." Her description of Orange City should be comforting news for the economy — "it is jumping with an expanding commercial growth of new stores and services." As for gardening, Dot says that even liberal doses of Miracle Gro do not help her "sandpile of mineral depleted soil." Her favorite plant is parsley — "guaranteed to boost the IQ."

Arthritic back and knee does not deter **Elizabeth Turner Gilfillan** from her many responsibilities as first VP of the Women's Club — and enjoying music and the theater — and of course her family. Bob recovered nicely from a second lens transplant in Jan. Betsy enjoys visits to an aunt who is 106 and quite alert. The sister is 100! Last fall, Betsy made it home from a visit to ME just before Hurricane Bob whammed New England.

Slim and trim, young as spring — that's what **Mary Turnock Jaeger** appears to be in photo she sent from Sanibel. Her children are widespread but visit regularly "to check on John and me to see if we're really off their backs."

**Elizabeth Waterman Hunter** spent Thanksgiving with son and family in Atlanta — had fun helping with the Christmas Tree Farm business which is proving to be a great success and good use of extensive property. In Jan., Betty visited daughter in Vail — 4-year-old grandson skis very well. At home, Betty is busy with bridge, golf, church, Women's Club and senior center volunteer.

**Olga Wester Russell** picked up a flu bug in San Francisco at Christmas — returned home in time for New Year's festivities — then collapsed for 10 days to recover from the flu.

Take note, '94 is only two years away! Whether striding with vigor, limping with a cane, clutching a walker or riding in a wheelchair — plan for a "hobble-de-hoy" 60th reunion.

The class extends warm sympathy to the families of **Carolyn Huston Hudson**, who died 12/11/91, **Ruth Brooks Von Arx**, who died on 12/16/91.

The class also extends sympathy to **Harriet Isherwood Power**, who lost her beloved husband, Burt, on 12/30/91.

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*A message from*  
**Leslie Margolin '77**  
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As I begin my tenure as President of the Connecticut College Alumni Association, I feel great pride and enthusiasm for the job that lies ahead of me. I feel a debt of gratitude to the College, and I hope that, in some small measure, I can begin to repay that debt during the course of my presidency.

The gratitude I feel toward Connecticut College has much to do with the opportunities those four years in New London afforded me. Need blind admissions gave me the opportunity to attend a school that otherwise would have been beyond my wildest dreams or expectations. The dedicated faculty and administrators of Connecticut College challenged me, nurtured me, encouraged me, and cared for me in a way that has guided my life for 15 years since graduation. The community that was forged on Connecticut's campus — the trust, cooperation, and friendships — will always remain a cherished part of my memory.

I hope that I can encourage each of you to come back to Connecticut, call a classmate or professor, take a stroll in the arboretum or row on the Thames. Renew an acquaintance with the college. Give us a call just to chat — or to ask whatever has become of something you remember fondly from your days here — or just to tell us what you've been up to since graduation. Let us know if there is any way we can be helpful to you and if we can help reconnect you to the college — by putting you in touch with old classmates, by arranging for you to sponsor a career internship, or to speak with a student or an alum who may recently have moved to your area.

You might want to get involved with a local club activity or track down an old chum from one of the singing groups or teams that occupied your time and attention here in your undergraduate days.

Take a step to get in touch with classmates, clubmates, teammates, dormmates — people who shared your academic, religious, community or extracurricular interests. We've all shared experiences here on the beautiful campus of Connecticut College. We're interested in reconnecting our family. We want you back!

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**Dot Bartlett** would love to hear from classmates as life gets boring when one is confined to a wheelchair or recliner. She maintains her own house with help almost around the clock. She does some reading and embroidery as long as her eyesight allows.

**Helen Swan Stanley's** is almost recovered from spinal surgery. She does a lot of walking. She and Stanley spent Christmas on the West Coast and February in FL.

**Peg Grierson Gifford** is still living in the house she built at Lookout Mountain, TN. Her oldest grandchild is 21 and goes to Emory in Atlanta, so they visit frequently. Peg sees **Marj Mulock Bastian** at Sanibel, FL, and together they motor to Palm Beach to visit **Flo McConnell Knudson** and **Joan Roberts Robertson**.

**Anne Oppenheim Freed** has an osteoporotic condition in her spine which forced them to cancel their trip to Sao

Paolo, Brazil, and postpone a six-week visit to Bulgaria. Anne was well enough to return in Jan. to teaching at Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. At present, Anne is submitting to publishers her 300-page book on how older Japanese women coped with changes in their lives. Their children and grandchildren are thriving in their pursuits of artistic, creative and legislative endeavors.

**Win Nies Northcott** is now living in a new condo in Edina, a suburb of Minneapolis.

**Liz Fielding** has slowed down and rarely goes into DC anymore due to traffic and parking problems. She does go to ME during the summer.

**Jeddie Dawless Kinney** is active with the Presbyterian Home Committee of her church that does flower arranging for services and serves refreshments. She attends aerobic classes and her afternoon walking group. Merrill swims daily at the Y pool, continues his church commitments and has cut down on his consulting work. Traveling during the summer to visit family members took them north to VT, south to various parts of FL and west to OH. Their children and grandchildren are involved in too many activities to enumerate here. Their daughter, Deborah, accompanied her husband, Gene Tucker, on a pilgrimage with the Virginia

Roman Church Choir to Rome and Florence to sing at masses and have an audience with the Pope.

**Emily Agnes Lewis** wrote from Canton, OH, that she had a bout with pneumonia that put her in a nursing home temporarily. She's okay now.

**Jean Pierce Field** and Bob bypassed FL this year for a trip on the *Delta Queen* en route to AZ.

**Jane Hutchinson Cauffield** and Ed underwent surgery — Ed on his leg and Jane on her shoulder. No travels in '91. Jane is a trustee of the Great Lakes Historical Society. Their steamboat museum, the Wm. G. Mather, opened last May in Cleveland after extensive renovations. Jane's hobby of making jams and jellies brought her "Best in Show" at the county fair. She has also been busy training two colts.

**Bill and Billie Foster Reynolds** are always busy — Billie with her children's social service work, and Bill with his law practice, which he has moved into his home office to save on commuting time and taxes.

**Marj Mintz Deitz** spends winters in West Palm Beach, FL. Unfortunately, her husband, Ted, lost his vision in one eye and has only partial vision in the other; he is legally blind, but manages quite well. They have four great-grandchildren and one granddaughter who is an '82 graduate of CC.

It saddens me to report the death of **Evelyn Falter Sisk's** two-month-old granddaughter, who died in her sleep on 11/30/91.

Sympathy of the class is extended to the family of **Selma Kingsdale Lewenberg**, who died in Nov. '91 after a long illness.

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**Dorothy Kitchell Brandt** and her husband live in Freeport, IL. They have two children and four grandchildren. Dory is a volunteer at her church and the local hospital. They have

a vacation home in FL, where she enjoys doing needlework and "beaching." Last year they went to France.

**Sue Sprague Morse's** enthusiasm for figure skating has continued since college days at least. She, her daughter, Sally; and her granddaughter, Lisa, went to FL in Jan. to attend the national figure skating competition. Her husband, CL, stayed home to indulge in his favorite hobby, painting. He has had several one-man shows around New England, and last year he supervised a show of 20 local artists in Nonquitt, MA, where they live. Sue made a killing in the MA lottery, which went toward the purchase of a mini-van to transport CL's paintings. He and Sue celebrated their 50th anniversary on 8/16/91 with a big family cookout at the beach. Three days later, Hurricane Bob wiped out the beach area, including a boat of theirs as well as all the other Nonquitt boats, piers, raft and a boathouse. Sue and CL have two sons, John and Weld, and two daughters, Sally and Tenley, and five grandchildren, all of whom live in New England. The Morse Christmas card always carries a print of one of CL's watercolors.

It sounds as though **Boots Hingsburg Young** and Dick spend most of their time on the golf course. That isn't difficult as their home at Magnolia Point, Green Cove Springs, FL, overlooks the 12th fairway. Somehow they find time for volunteer activities: the Orange Park Garden Club, the Retired Officers Wives Club, and the Green Cove Springs Women's Club for Boots, and the Board of Governors of their club for Dick. Boots' latest activity is the Christmas House for Children's Haven. Their daughters live in NJ. Sky teaches 7th grade, runs a household with two offspring involved in all of the usual activities of high schoolers and still has found time to get into flower arranging. Boots and Dick went to OR last Sept. to help Dick's brother celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary.

**Peggy Ramsay Starr** has retired from her job as secretary in a Methodist church in Jacksonville. She sees her twin, Mary, in Tampa quite often.

**Marjorie Mitchell Rose** and **Adele Rosebrock Burr** see each other in FL each winter and at Lake George, NY, where the Burrs spend a few weeks each summer, not far from Rutland where the Roses live. Adele and Jack are home-based in Bronxville, NY.

**Mary Rita Powers** took a five-day cruise last Nov. with a group of Norwich, CT, friends from Miami to Nassau. When Sis isn't traveling or Elderhosteling, she works with the Cancer Society, Literacy Volunteers and various activities at her church. Her big event for '92 will be our Reunion. "It looks as though we are going to have a good crowd. I wonder what the weather will do to us this time," she says. Surely our class deserves only clear skies and warm weather on this, or 50th reunion.

Your correspondent, **Jane Worley Peak**, and Paul spent 10 days in Feb. on a 39-foot sailboat in the British Virgin Islands with daughter, Marty '75, and her husband, Frank Helman. It was our first trip to the Caribbean, and the 80-degree weather was most welcome. We did have one stormy day. Coward that I am, I went below out of the rain and wind, curled up with a good book, and spent five hours serenely reading while the others struggled with the sails, the wind and the high seas.

A note from Nicholas S. Riviere informs us that his wife, **Marjorie Meyer Riviere**, is in a nursing home in Pittsburg, suffering from the advanced stages of Alzheimers. **Mary Blackmon Smith's** husband, Jim, died last summer. The class extends its sympathy to the families of both Marjorie and Blackie.

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**Edith Miller Kerrigan's** family reunion at Christmas brought daughter, Meredith and crew (ages 6, 4 and 2) from suburban Paris; Tom from South America and Jack from Thailand. "It's the first such gathering since Gerry and I married six years ago." No other news except for an adventurous Elderhostel canoe trip on the Allagash River in ME.

**Betty Mercer Barney** writes from Santa Barbara that she would enjoy seeing any classmates who come through there. She and her husband appreciate being well. They walk, bike, take adult education programs, travel in their motor home, do photography (he) and watercolors (she) and visit children and grandchildren in CA and OR.

**Ruth L. Hine** does naturalist volunteer work with the Stockbridge Munsee Indian Community in northeast WI. She also does water aerobics, walks, attends symphony and opera and, occasionally, plays in Chicago.

**Alice Adams Hilmer** thoroughly enjoys hearing about out-of-town children and grandchildren and seeing her in-town daughter and twin grandsons. Still working part time in a bookstore. "Never ceases to marvel at what some people choose to read."

Frank and Tom, sons of **Jeanne Estes Sweeney** and Frank, were each married last year.

**Lois Webster Ricklin's** youngest son married in Sept. in PA. In Oct., she and Saul traveled to Australia — Cains and Sydney. Visited **Lois Hanlon Ward** in Nov. **Marjorie Alexander Harrison** visits frequently.

Lots of summer visitors including **Helen Crawford Tracy** and Bill and one of their sons and grandsons who were fascinated by the Ricklin's boat and off-shore island. Helen and Bill had dinner with Howard and **Sally Church Payntar**, who recently moved to a lovely retirement home in Lakewood, NJ. Helen writes, "We are hanging in there tho' bits and pieces of us tend to crumble."

**Dorothy Chapman Cole**, retired from teaching first grade, and her husband retired after 27 years on the superior court bench. They are both enjoying their new freedom. Her enthusiasms include her five grandchildren, horses, German short-haired pointers (which she shows), volunteering with the Yakima Kennel Club, caring for 60 tea rose bushes and fighting for environmental causes. A totally enjoyable small town life. One son is an attorney, another a dentist. A daughter is a lease analyst with Metropolitan Life.

**Ann Holland Riege** has taken several "courses sponsored by Pfizer and taught by CC professors — superb!" Travel includes cruising twice a year and trips to Seattle and San Francisco to visit daughter, Susan Tracy, and son, David. A planned trip to Italy will not include husband, David, who no longer finds such trips comfortable. "With golf, bridge, water aerobics in FL, there are not enough days."

**Jane Bridgwater Hewes** and Bill added a grandchild, Hannah Hewes Clark, in March '91. They had a dude ranch vacation with **Virginia (Pass) Passavart Henderson** and Sid and **Marylouise (Oakie) Oak Cowan**. They also relived WWII at a reunion of Bill's shipmates in San Diego.

**Virginia Johnson Coniff** enjoyed daughter, Peg, and husband's visit at Christmas. Peg is a counselor at a college in Batavia, NY. Ginnie and Keating had a wonderful time at dog field trials in south FL plus a good summer in NH. Art lessons for Ginnie keep her painting with pleasure.

**Elizabeth Swisher Childs** loves the winters in Tucson but hates the summer, so she visits Minneapolis to see grandchildren or La Jolla/San Diego to see the ocean. Daughter recently moved to Greenwich, CT. **Sally Stewart Parker** and Libby expect to attend our CC 50th reunion. Sally spent Christmas in Paris visiting with daughter Laurie.

**Elizabeth Hassell Styles** and family are fine. She is busy with gardening, church work, travel, golf, bridge etc. Had a wonderful reunion **Barbara (Tweez) Wisner Scharlotte** and her husband in FL in March '91. Son, Craig, and wife, Cathy, want to leave Oakland after the earthquake and fire but houses are not selling well now in CA.

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**Nannie Bailey Neeley** called with news of her appearance in the spring '92 issue of the Land's End catalogue. Communicating directly with the president, she wondered why they never played to the ladies of our age? After about two years, a crew arrived to cover the omission! She had her daughter and granddaughter from VT join her and spent a week on her knees scrubbing like mad, and then they chose the barn for the background! She has the most fascinating and unique farmhouse full of collections of Americana and original artistry, but no one would have looked at the merchandise, with all that to study.

**Mabel Cunningham** took a great cruise in the Caribbean with friends which ended with a wild period of storms that incapacitated some completely. Well, that makes for dramatic tales. Mabel is on her way to her condo in St. Croix, which is a pretty attractive place to spend a dreary month.

**Penny Gilpin Griffith** had to have a hysterectomy, but fortunately, not until after they spent Christmas with family. Daughter, Betsy, and family live in Turkey, and the two kids have Turkish middle names in honor of the country where their father works.

We regret hearing that **Margot Hay Harrison's** husband, Art, is in a health care facility on Hilton Head, SC. But the good news is that Tufts has named its Press Corps box in Art's honor, and Margot and the family were up there for its dedication.

Don and **Jane-o Oberg Rodgers** spent a very Merry Christmas in UT skiing with the entire family, including the newlyweds and even our older daughter's family from England — Holly and Tom Wescott (both '74) and little Alec. The latter at last agreed to learn, and Tom later said he'd never skied all the way down a big mountain backwards before! To be honest, Grandma saw it all from the gondola and mountain top lodge.

Warne and **Ethel Schall Gooch** spend many separate weeks at their Stratton Mountain, VT, chalet each winter — always filling it with their eager skiing friends.

**Corinne Myers Stransky** took her family to Africa last Christmas, and in the fall of '91, visited England and Scotland where she played golf at St. Andrews. Teed has one daughter with family near her in the Chicago area and one in San Antonio. She sees **Elizabeth Ruwitch Straus** and **Shirley Mellor Petry** regularly and had a good visit with **Louise Schwarz Allis** in the summer.

**Ruth Eliasberg Van Raalte** and Tom toured the "Northern Capitals" last Sept. to celebrate their 45th anniversary, arriving in Leningrad the day after it became St. Petersburg again. Ruthie enjoys their six

grandchildren, tennis, volunteer activities and making exhibiting paper collages.

**Eleanore Strohm Leavitt** and Bill's busy year included a week in England, where Strohmie managed to break her wrist on their one day in London; an Erie Canal cruise to the Saguenay ("super!"); four days in the Sierra Nevada; and a tour of the U.S. canyonlands. The Leavetts dined with **Elizabeth Harlow Bangs** and John before a Panama Canal cruise in the fall and would up the year with Thanksgiving with their girls in DC and Christmas with Ted in MN.

Don and **Lois Fenton Tuttle** spent Oct. visiting New Zealand, Australia and New Guinea, finding the contrasts in the latter fascinating.

Around the same time, Warne and **Ethel Schall Gooch** took a seven-week Australian trip planned by their good friends in Brisbane, who they met 10 years ago in China. The Gooches toured the East Coast, ending in Tasmania. The previous spring, Ethel and Warne went to AK and the Windward Islands.

**Suzanne Porter Wilkins** and Wilk hope to learn a lot on a Jan. '92 trip to Italy with a Williams College art history program. Suki and Wilk visited **Patricia Wells Caulkings** and Jack in their new Rio Verde, AZ, adobe hacienda. Pat wrote that the Wilkins also rented there. She hopes they will be regular winter visitors. Greatly improved after heart surgery, Jack is back on the golf course. Pat has read two of the three books that Pres. Gaudiani recommended for summer reading and was starting the third. Did anyone else, she wonders?

**Florence Murphy Gorman** welcomed **Eleanor Koenig Carleton** and Fred back to Richmond in Nov. after their 10 year residence in MD. The Carletons are happily settled in a house built for them within reach of three of their four children. Murph went to CA in Dec. and planned to visit relatives and an Elderhostel in FL in March.

**Natalie Bigelow Barlow** is pleased they sold their former home. She and Norm seem to live on I-95, the road that leads to the homes of their three children who live in the RI area. Nat worked there, too, twice a week for son, Steve, in the pre-Christmas rush. His "Barlow" scrimshaw is appearing all over.

**Anne McCarthy Garrison** and Earle sold their home in three weeks and are now nearby in a three-bedroom "Life and Care" apartment. They had a wonderful Feb. '91 in AZ and NM and cruised on the *Mississippi Queen* and stayed at an Elderhostel in LA this Feb.

**Nance Funston Wing** lost her husband, Pete, last April. "Fortunately," she writes, "Naples, FL, is a beautiful, cheerful place to live ..." She volunteers and gardens. One son and his family live in Boca Raton, FL, and the other in Lyme, CT. Her oldest grandchild is college bound next year.

**Antoinette Corson Rothfuss** boasts

eight grandchildren. She and Bill are busy. Bill is "kind of" running the Greenville, SC, Symphony, and Toni is busy with the local soup kitchen.

**Mary Ann Riegel Lockhart** had an operation called Clayton Forfoot which entailed four weeks with feet up. The Lockharts also made reciprocal visits with their offspring living in DC, NM and MN.

**Mary Ellen Curme Cooper** has seven grandchildren. Her daughter, Amy, is in MO; son Biff is in Manitoba; youngest son is at the Thames Science Center near CC; son Duncan is at a Boston bank. Curmie does gardening, weaving, tennis and reading.

When at her Nantucket, MA, cottage, **Marjorie Schultz** works with the historical society, Musical Arts, Action Theatre of Nantucket and her garden. At her NYC apartment, she plays the piano at the 92nd Street Y, works with the Citizens Union, Friends of the Library and the AIDS Network (for babies). She is in touch **Lucile Lebowich Darcy** and **Jane Taylor Huffinan** and states, "Will get to our 50th."

**Charlotte Service Church** and **Hollis** divide their time between Avon, CT, and their beach house. Charlotte works with the historical society, the garden club and is a museum docent. The Churches spent a month in FL with their daughter and vacationed in TX.

**Nancy Bailey Neely** saw **Mabel Cunningham**, **Ethel Schall Gooch** and **Betty Jane Gilpin Griffin** at **Jane Oberg Rodgers** and Don's daughter's wedding in DC. "Lovely! The bride and groom left the reception on their bikes, with balloons blowing in the breeze." Nancy has created four rental units in her barn to generate more income.

The highlight of the fall for **Mary Elizabeth Power-Lubitsh** was her 50th high school reunion, along with continuing service to Meals on Wheels and programs for the homeless. Mep welcomed new family members in San Francisco and had a first look at TX. "Work continues on dispersing a sculpture collection executed by my late husband."

**Margery Rogers Safford** writes that "one of the many adventures of living in a college town is the opportunity to audit courses. Since moving here 12 years ago, I have run the gamut of the educational smorgasbord from astronomy/physics through English literature, French and English history, linguistics to numerous art history courses. When not 'at school,' I am a docent at the Clark Art Institute ... and serve on the board of the Williamstown Community Chest."

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**Frances Farnsworth Armstrong** writes, "This past year, Henry and I have been living like gypsies, due to his multiple health problems. We rented a house in AZ for four months and then bought one. Thirteen of those weeks my husband was hospitalized and he did not appreciate the state at all for good reason. He never got to see it. Since then it has been three months. We are now in CA near my stepson and his family, and Henry is again hospitalized before and since critical surgery at UCSF. It has not been easy, but I do like this area of CA (Marin County) — much like CT.

**Carol Conant Podesta** lost her husband, Al, suddenly in Jan. as a result of an adverse reaction to medication. Al was a retired fund-raising executive and former member of the Rye, NY, Board of Education. The class extends sympathy to Carol and her family.

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Dear Classmates, hello again and a very belated Happy New Year from your correspondent. Nineteen ninety-one was a banner year for the Griffins as we acquired a new granddaughter, our 14th grandchild. I went to Germany to help with the birthing and am happy to report that my daughter, Andrea, and Mary Hannah are both thriving.

**Nancy Allen Roberts** writes that she and Ross are still enjoying their jobs. Ross teaches mathematics at Milton Academy and Lonny is Chairman of the Concord Housing Authority, which manages and builds housing for low-income people in their part of MA.

**Joan Thompson Baker** and **Hank** have been in Middlebury, VT, for several years. Hank is relearning bridge in his retirement, and they both do work for their

church. Daughter, Cathy, has moved to East Granby, CT, where she works at Travelers. Son, Stu, is deciding where to get a master's degree. Tommy is the unofficial reunion chairman for the fourth floor Katherine Blunt group. We hope to be at CC in force in '95.

**Annis Boone** wrote in Sept. that she spent six days in Paris in May. She saw **Marlis Bluman Powell** as she came through the Dallas airport on the way to Santa Fe. Annis wishes that other classmates would call her. She's the second Boone in the Dallas phone book.

**Marion Durgin Hanscom** reports that she retired on 9/1/91 after 26 years as a librarian at SUNY/Binghamton. She says that they let her 'leave gently' — she will be working part time, only 25 hours a month. For more excitement she will be assisting her daughter with a children's theater company, The Applesed Players, after a three-week trip to Spain. Sis also reports that her mother, Marion Durgin, who chaperoned a great many of our classmates between comps and graduation, died on 5/9/91 at the age of 89.

**Gerry Foote Dolliver** informed us that **Sally Condon Miller** passed away in Sept. She leaves her husband, Fred, six children and her mother. **Diane Roberts Gibson** and Gerry were able to attend the memorial service in Rye Beach, NH. Our deepest sympathy to her family.

**Marjorie Neumann Gosling** sent a great letter from her home in Australia. She says that looking over her responsibilities this year, she suddenly realized that they had doubled! She is an Elder and Parish Councillor in the Presbyterian Church. She and her family had an eventful trip to Sydney with many stops along the way. Family visitors came her way and she tours the continent with them. "Fourth of July was celebrated with a special buffet at the local Swedish restaurant at Pioneer Village. They tried valiantly to reproduce American hot dogs, which turned out more like German sausages with sauerkraut on top. The potato salad resembled German hot potato salad gone cold. However, the brownies, turkey and cranberry sauce were real if not atypical of the holiday, and the apple pie was recognizable."

**Beth Steane Curl** is very active in the Museum of Art in Toledo, OH. Joe is retired from Corning Glass. The Curls spend some time each summer in the family cottage near New London, which they share with Beth's sisters.

**Julie Jackson Young** wrote at Christmas to catch us up on her news. She and Ross have been busy raising five daughters all these years. They now have six grandchildren and five sons-in-law. The Youngs live in Chevy Chase and go to the eastern shore of MD where they have a vacation place. Julie does volunteer work for the Nature Conservancy. She had recently

seen **Betty Burrough Perry** and **Cathy Baldwin Hebert**.

Julie also reported the sad news of the death of **Claire Pennock Hilgartner**, who died in Aug. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Andy and their children.

I welcome any news of your doings. You are remembered by this correspondent as 21-year-old beauties — just the way you look in my copy of *Koine*, and that ain't bad! As ever, Russ.

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From **Mary Martha Suckling Sherts**, a letter describing a full, productive life. She and Bill enjoy "three adorable grandchildren" ages 5, 3, and 1, all in West Hartford, CT. Their mother is Kathy, Mary and Bill's oldest. Miles, Charlie and Amy live in VT, CT and CA, respectively. A family reunion was held at Squam Lake, NH, over Fourth of July weekend. Travels in '91 took them to Cancun and Eastern Europe. What an exciting time to have been in that part of the world! In between, Mary Martha finds time for volunteer work, including working on a local Christmas tree festival and organizing bus trips to NYC for Junior League Sustainers. She enjoys tennis, bridge, an investment club, English handbell ringing and many friends.

**Lois Sessions Spratley** writes with equal enthusiasm of a Sept. Indian summer get-together she, Tred and **Roldah Northrup Cameron** enjoyed at **Joey Dings Haeckel** and Jerry's lovely home in the shadow of Monticello. She adds "51ers' children continue to amaze! Our daughter works for Jacques Cousteau while maintaining a happy home for her husband and children, 8 and 2!"

**Barbara Wiegand Pillote** was elected president of the Board of Trustees of The National Lutheran Home for the Aged where her mother resides. "Not a conflict, but both time consuming." Four grandchildren, the oldest now 8, compete for Bobbie's time.

It was great to hear from **Fiori Wedekind** who writes that life in NYC keeps her busy: a challenging two-day a week job in a nursery school for autistic children and a four-semester program at NYU in German/English translation.

**Emily Perrins Chaffee** and Bill celebrated their 40th anniversary last Sept. by taking a wonderful trip to AK. They greatly enjoy their four grandchildren.

Nineteen ninety-one was truly a year of travel for **Marilyn Whittum Gehrig**. Last Feb., she participated in an Elderhostel program in Thailand with an extension to Malaysia and Singapore, stopping in Tokyo to visit her daughter and son-in-law. In Sept., she returned to Tokyo for a week prior to a

two-week whirlwind tour of China. She was left with a respiratory infection which persisted for a month. It took two weeks of AZ sunshine to cure the problem. We're glad it did the trick, Marilyn!

**Nancy Libby Peterson** writes of the "healthy and happy life" she and Pete are enjoying. Grandchild number one arrived May 31st and luckily lives nearby. The timing of her arrival limited Nancy's attendance at reunion to the class dinner dance which she thoroughly enjoyed. Nancy and Pete are also proud of daughter, Patricia, a Ph.D. candidate at MIT. Nancy shed some of her leadership roles such as chair of Child and Family Services in Newport, RI, so she and Pete could travel: a month in Naples, FL, last winter; a month in Portugal; ME last summer; the Canadian Maritimes in early fall; and a mini-reunion for Pete's Coast Guard class in Ixtapa, Mexico, in Nov. "One thrill was Pete's catching a nine-foot swordfish!" The year ended with a trip to the Far East. On a less happy note, Nancy speaks of her struggle with her mother's gradual but constant deterioration from Alzheimer's disease. This is her eighth year in a nursing home. Many of us can relate, Libby, I'm sure.

**Jeanne Tucker Zenker** tells us hubby, Dave, is still busy with his practice and Jeannie with community activities and family. Christmas was spent in Germany visiting daughter, Barbara; her husband and children, 4-1/2, 2-1/2 and 16 mos. Jeannie and Dave have already made three trips to Germany since Barbara and family were transferred from Boston a year ago! Anne and Dan are still in Manhattan, fortunately! Infant, Chloe, joined Elizabeth, 4. David Jr. and wife now are in Los Angeles.

Double congratulations to **Amity Pierce Buxton**, who was married to Bob Strand last summer and whose book *The Other Side of the Closet: The Coming Out Crisis for Straight Spouses*, was published last spring after five years of research. Soon after publication, Amity was asked to appear on national television shows with Joan Rivers, Phil Donahue, Geraldo Rivera, and others. "Come fall," writes Amity, "the poor bridegroom was abandoned as I took off for a coast-to-coast book tour." Amity did take time to visit family and friends while on tour.

Following the cleanup after Hurricane Bob, **Judy Adaskin Barry** and her husband enjoyed a visit from daughter, Beth '77; her husband, Dan; and two grandsons, Matt and Jake. They are the happy owners of a condo in Eastpointe, a resort community in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, where they plan to spend much of the winter.

**Susan Bergstrom Campbell** especially enjoyed our May reunion, which was the first she has been able to attend and looks forward to the 45th in '96. Her oldest son, Rick, was married in Aug. in NJ when she saw **Jane Keltie** and **Mary Pennywitt Lester**, who were guests at the wedding.

**Marianne Edwards Lewis** is in her

new home in Princeton, NJ, close to where she used to lived. The whole family was able to get together for a family visit, a rare occasion.

**Anne Groner Spilsbury** helped care for her grandchildren last summer while her daughter-in-law recovered from surgery. Anne then accompanied the children back to their home in Poland, where she had many wonderful experiences while the children settled back into their lifestyle there. Another "first" was officiating a marriage ceremony as part of her mayoral duties.

**Barbara Seelbach Van Curen** now lives in Middleburg, VA, where she and husband, Dick, enjoy country living. Bobby also plans to make our 45th which will be her first in years.

Keep the news coming, friends. We love to hear from you!

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**Enid Sivigny Gorvine**, our class president, and Bill live the busy life in Punta Gorda, FL. "Retirement means unpaid work rather than no work at all." She's running the Ship's Store at the local yacht club, is on the board of directors of the women's part of the club and is active in the local For the Love of Kids organization. Bill still has his hand in his legal practice, edits a newsletter for the local civic association and is "hamming it up" with a local community theater. Their son, Bill, who graduated *magna cum laude* from CC in '91, returned unexpectedly just before Christmas after some months studying in Nepal using a prize he'd won for Asian studies. He expects to go to graduate school, but, in the meantime, is enjoying his parents' company and developing a rather extensive marine aquarium in two 55-gallon tanks. Daughter Betsy Stark '83 who works with the Nashua Children's Association, gave birth to Jane Elizabeth in April '91. Daughter Sue '80 and Tom Nelson moved from CT to Saratoga Springs, NY, with their 5-year-old Kate. Jim is business manager for an Electric Boat project in West Milton, OH. Sue continues with her law practice.

**Betsy Friedman Abrams** and Bob traveled the South by car in Aug. to visit son, Joel, in Atlanta and stopped in Charlottesville, VA; Asheville and New

Bern, NC; Savannah, GA, and Charleston, SC. They witnessed David's swearing in to the Federal Bar in NYC. The Abrams have bought a vacant lot next door in Brookline, MA, and have been building a patio and rock garden.

**Nancy Maddi Avallone** and Gene's son Gene was married in April '91 in Rochester, NY, to "a delightful young woman named Ilene." Their other son, John, and his wife, Laura, who live in San Diego, had their first child, Rachel, in Feb. '91. "To us, she is beautiful, brilliant and beloved, and we are completely unbiased." (Sound familiar?) Their '91 travels included China in June, Nantucket (first time) in July, and Rochester for Thanksgiving. At home, they are avid gardeners — even going to NYC to get ideas from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden!

**Pat McCabe O'Connell** and Rocky are up to the same busy life in NJ. Pat's still enjoying her job in the lab at the local hospital. Rocky is less retired, working two days a week at Roure on expansion and renovation with the merger with a sister company. Son, Kevin, and his wife, Ann, are doing extensive renovations to their home in Norwalk, CT. Chloe is in kindergarten, and Bob, 3, is happy at day care. Their daughter, Kathy, who lives in San Francisco, now works as product manager for an English company, SSI, a division of Fisons. Her frequent travels allow her to see her parents more often. Friends' weddings (six) have taken them from MI to NH. Last spring all five adult O'Connells had a glorious cruise in the Virgin Islands.

Next time they should look up **Carol Connor Ferris** and Tom, who have a "spot on the water at St. Croix." So nice in the middle of MI winters. The Ferrises are happy to have MacD home safe from the Gulf War, and grandson, Connor, born Oct. '90, recovered from meningitis. Claudia is now in her first year of the U. of Michigan Medical School, having switched from veterinary school. Dick is a third-year medical resident, and Deidre is with Northwest Airlines.

**Norma Hamady Richards** continues her work at St. Alban's School in DC. Ed is now chief of staff at Holy Cross Hospital and looking forward to his second year "challenge." Son, Mark, and his wife, Rita, had a daughter, Kira, in Sept. '91 (grandchild number two). Over the holidays daughter, Andrea; her husband, Rich, and son, Zachary, born in March '91, visited DC from San Francisco to introduce the cousins.

Other travelers include: **Ann Dygert Brady** to CA to visit **Mary Lee Matheson Shanahan** and Tom. Her tour of the Pacific Coast was "awesome." **Dorie Knup Harper** and Rollie went to HI and "other spots between work on their Pocono Canal house."

**Lydia Simpson Matthews'** daughter, Amy, married Jonathon Edwards Feins, son of Michelle Sinsheimer Feins '56, at Herrick

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Point, New London, NH, last July. Attending the wedding were Florence Dubin Sinsheimer '53, aunt of the groom; Joanne Karnow Manheimer '56 and Judy Missel Sandler '56.

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**Louise Dieckmann Lawson** and husband, Blair, report that their granddaughter, born last Jan. at the start of Desert Storm, can be somewhat of a storm herself; nonetheless, they both have enjoyed visiting the baby in CA. They also have news of the "big" variety in the purchase of a 35-foot sailboat. The craft has sleeping accommodations for four (maybe some of us could wangle an invitation) and a real kitchen, so they may be writing next year's letter from some faraway port. Luckily, their business has continued to prosper even in the midst of a sagging economy. Louise is still moderator of their church and is deep in the

preparations for the church's 250th anniversary, including fund raising, renovating, and other projects. Blair, meanwhile, is in his sixth term as town treasurer, having been endorsed in the last election by both parties — "some-what akin to being endorsed by the Hatfields and the McCoys," he notes.

**Judith Pennypacker Goodwin**, or Judy or even Penny, and husband, Wes, now have two grandsons.

**Beverly Stevens Prakelt** received her five-year pin from the Shelburne Museum in VT when it closed for the season in Oct. She has learned a great deal in those five years, but says that she has much more to learn. Beverly invites us to visit the museum when it reopens. She visited friends in DE just before Christmas and thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas presentation at Winterthur, Longwood Gardens and the Brandywine Museum. She notes that is a wonderful part of the country, with so much to do and so much to learn.

Happy Spring! Here's the latest news and keep those cards and letters coming.

Dean and **Ann Lindsley Bowles** are spending the year in St. Lucia where Dean is a Rhodes scholar. Their son, Jeff; his wife, Kathy, and their daughter, Sarah, visited in Dec. Ann wrote, "Our year is passing quickly as we've settled into a routine. I work at the college library in the morning as we live next to the college where Dean is teaching education administration. Our big problem has been security — we've had two break-ins and four minor thefts since we've been here. We have to lock and padlock doors and gates. Our Christmas was different — we went to the beach."

This is the year for graduations for **Flo Cohen Gerber** and family. Flo received her MBA from Eastern Michigan U. in Jan. and her daughter, Carmel, graduated from UPenn this past spring with a dual bachelor's degree in economics and history.

**Linda Cooper Roemer** is continuing to take courses from Trinity Episcopal Seminary which is down the road from her town house in Sewickley, PA. Linda wrote, "I will be teaching Sunday School this year to retarded adults. We still have a child at home although she will be attending college this year — at 56 we hang out with a teenager! We visited **Martha Kohr Lewis** and Ed this fall."

**Suzanne Gerber Offit** wrote, "Last year was the first reunion I missed — I had two good reasons: Adam and David Offit born to son, Andy, and his wife, Suzie, on 5/17/91. After eight and a half years at the Maryland Science Center, I've moved on to Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, an agency of the Associated Jewish Charities. We work mostly with Soviet Jewish immigrants. I feel very close to the momentous political changes occurring in Eastern Europe. It's stimulating and rewarding. I love it."

**Joan Harris Whitney** practices landscape design. She visits her children who are in Los Angeles, DC, NY and Paris. Jean says if they can't live near her it's great that they live in such wonderful places to visit.

**Mary Ann Hirsch Meanwell** wrote, "I'm back at the U. of Cincinnati again. This time, I'm trying to learn French since I have a son and his family living in Paris. We try to visit there each fall and then travel throughout the countryside. We pick one small region and concentrate on an area for two weeks! We also took a quick trip to NM, which was a visionary delight for my artist husband — a very different culture."

**Gloria MacArthur Van Duyn** has seven granddaughters and one grandson. Her son, Alex, is getting his MBA from the U. of Michigan at night. Her daughters are: Bethany, who received her MBA from the

U. of Chicago and is working at Hewlett Packard in OR; Cynthia, who is in DC at the Brock Group and is pursuing an MBA at Johns Hopkins in international trade; Jennifer and her husband have two daughters and live in England; Abigail is applying to medical school; and their oldest daughter has four children and lives in Flint, MI, as does their son who has two children. Gloria still has her business and has four people over 65 working for her who have been with the business for over 15 years. Gloria has done fund raising for the Whaly Children's Home and received the YMCA Nina Mills Award for leadership. Both she and her husband are very involved in community activities.

**Nan Stewart Roberts** is teaching Spanish at St. Bernard's High School and also at Mohegan Community College. Nan reported the following, "Last summer, I taught a very intensive (a year's work in six weeks) Spanish course at Connecticut. I had a delightful class of RTC students, and I hope to have as interesting a group there next summer. My oldest daughter, Jenifer and her husband, recently moved from Windsor, CT, to Reading, PA. They have two sons, Tyler and Spencer who are 6 and 3. Nan and Brad's son Stew is an FBI agent in San Diego; daughter, Julie, lives in Mystic and is an RTC sr. at Connecticut; and son Mark graduated from UPenn and spent last summer working in AL, the fall in Portugal and is now home again. Brad is still at EB in Groton, CT.

**Suzi Rosenhirsch Oppenheimer** wrote, "We spent Oct. trekking in Nepal and visiting India. The Nepal trek was with my oldest child, my husband and six friends from Albany, NY, where I am a state senator in my fourth term, and six friends from NYC. We all agreed it was the best trip we ever took"

**Katrina Seipp Pountney** wrote, "Earle and I spent a three-week holiday in Canada, his country. I continue to practice psychotherapy and have moved my office to Satellite Beach, FL, where I also live. We took over a dirty, disheveled and decrepit place, and my husband's eye and skill made it beautiful. Would love to hear from anyone visiting Brevard County."

**Judy Rosoff Shore** wrote, "We're still in Denver and I do a bit of real estate in between skiing, tennis and sailing. We keep our beautiful 38-foot cutter in ME (Southwest Harbor). When it's not chartered we love to sail the beautiful coast now that we're empty nesters with only our four-year-old Samoyed in residence. Our oldest daughter is married and living in Somers, NY, and has blessed us with two darling grandchildren. The middle son just married a lovely orthodontist and they live in Cambridge — he's a business consultant. The youngest, Class of '86, is an attorney in my husband's office — married to an attorney — and they have an adorable 1-year-old child. If anyone comes our way or

goes to Vail to ski, do give us a call."

**Sutie Sutermeister Heubach** wrote, "Just took a class on 'File and Find Again' and guess what I found! Only news is that Meg, our younger daughter, was part of the U. of California Study Abroad Program in Sydney in '91. Connie, Hank and I visited her last Oct. We also went on a bicycle tour in AZ last May — riding up the hill to Jerome was an effort."

**Vicki Tydlacka Bakker** wrote, "I loved seeing everyone at reunion. Too many were missing, however. Hope we get a gigantic turnout for our 40th. I, for one, can't wait. Daughter Alice '81 had our second granddaughter in July. She and her husband still work at Pfizer. Daughter Vickie married her Dartmouth College beau last Nov. in Anchorage. (No, Heidi, she probably hasn't looked you up yet!) Now all four are happily married. We still enjoy winters in Naples, FL. We're in the phone book — come on down and look us up."

*Editor's Note:* **Maria Atriaskinneuman Von Moltke** was erroneously listed in the March issue as a retired English teacher and grandmother of five. It is, in fact, **Edith Maria Fay Mroz** who is the teacher and grandmother. **Maria Atriaskinneuman Von Moltke** resides in Germany and London.

Al and **Judy Hartt Acker** are winterizing their Niantic, CT, home in preparation for Al's approaching retirement. Their son, Bruce, and his wife have moved to Seattle, WA, where they are employed at Northwest School. Jim and Rachel Adams Lloyd's daughter, Erica, and her husband, Herbert Bergamini, teach middle school math and science in the same school. Small world.

Justin and **Sally Luchars McCarthy** love to escape Bethesda, MD's summer humidity and head for their Lewes Beach, DE, condo, located alongside the Cape May, NJ, ferry slip. Rehoboth Beach, where Ned and **Nancy Keith LeFevre** spend the summer, is only nine miles away, and a grand reunion was had by all when Philip and **Kate Crehan Bowman** split a long weekend last summer between both domiciles.

Jim and **Lorraine Haefner Gormley** live in Northeast, MD — a short commute to Newark, DE, where Lorrie has worked in the Chemistry Department of the U. of Delaware on and off for 17 years. Jim is happiest when they take off on lengthy sailing expeditions.

**Sue Krim Greene** continues to be intellectually challenged, stretched too thin and having an exceptionally rewarding and exciting time with her IBM job that has included more than 40,000 miles of travel

between this past Dec. and Feb. Sue also had a skiing vacation in CO in Feb. Daughter, Leslie, is an attorney and manager with Tommy Boy Records in NY. Son, Mark, is in a master's program in environmental science and waste management at Stony Brook.

**Sue Fitch Price** is pursuing a master's degree in counseling psychology at Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene, NH. She is a sr. advocate for the Council on Aging in Brattleboro, VT. She also is VP and a volunteer counselor for Hotline, Inc.; a member of the Board of Hospice, Inc.; the Southeastern VT Board of Realtors, and the Brattleboro Area Housing and Human Services Committee.

**Ann Whittaker Ferraro** and Dick took a winter birding trip to the Everglades this winter. They also had a lovely trip through the English countryside in Oct. They've both been enjoying surveying the homes of Concord, MA, as part of a project in historical research on the town.

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**Charlotte Bancheri Milligan** wrote from Snowbird, UT, where she was skiing with Molly Fluty Roraback, who is a grandmother of five. Charlotte is not a grandmother but is almost a Ph.D. in women's studies. She's also looking forward to our 35th next year.

**Clara Carr Stickney** and husband are enjoying their completed home in AL where they pursue golf, fishing, and arts and crafts, as well as a projected landscape endeavor.

To prepare for a spring visit to her son in Seville, **Jean Cattanaich Sziklas** is studying Spanish with freshmen and sophomores at Miss Porter's School, where she continues as part-time library assistant. She finds mobilizing the braincells a challenge after 35 years.

Another '58 legacy to CC is Sarah Smith, daughter of **Gretchen Diefendorf Smith** and Ward, who will be a member of the class of '96. Dief's other two daughters and son are post college and either traveling or in graduate school.

**Nancy Dorian** sends enthusiastic works from ME about her current two books in progress and other smaller writing assignments. She listens to recorded books while exercising and values increased time for reading. On a recent visit to Dean Oakes in Bath, where she shares a home with Miss Voorhees, Nancy was happily astonished that at 98, almost 99, Miss Oakes "still has all her marbles and some of ours as well!"

After 27 years in the Albany area, **Evelyn Evatt Salinger** has moved to Fairfax, VA, due to her husband's retirement from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and subsequent move to the National Science

Foundation. Although she had to close her music studio, Evie looks forward to new opportunities to be found in new surroundings.

**Ann Feeley Kieffer**, a sculptor living in NH, is a member of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, dedicated to opposing violence of any nature. She especially values her work with children at Dartmouth Medical Center.

**Patricia McAvoy Harrington** and Don are enjoying the empty nest with both son and daughter graduated from college. Pat is currently in her 11th year as a fourth grade teacher. They visited friends in their old neighborhoods in ME last summer.

**Jane Houseman Beckwith** is assistant director of development for Hockaday School in Dallas. Her children live in Dallas, GA and RI.

In East Lyme, CT, **Marie Iselin Doebler** works as assistant director of a small nursing home. With children grown and gone, she and Joe are "left with the elderly car and dog for company." Cross country skiing, bicycling, choral singing, church and committee work keep boredom away.

And from FL, **Barbara Kalik Gelfond** reports that she and Charles stay busy in their sales representative business despite the recession. They find time to visit daughters and granddaughter.

**Susan Miller** was married to Richard Deutsch in March '91, and they live in Greenwich, CT.

**Ann McCoy Morrison** and Bill invite classmates traveling in NH to stop in and visit them in Wolfeboro. They'll have a wedding this year (Jamie's), and Ann plans to see **Betty Lou Dunn Sanderson** in PA after she chauffeurs Alex to Gettysburg College.

**Margaret Moore Oberthal** is an administrative assistant at a local Orangeburg, NY, college, while her husband works at NYU. They have two grandsons. Our 30th reunion was so enjoyable that they hope to attend the 35th.

**Judy-Arin Peck Krupp** and Alan ran the NY and Boston marathons in '91 and found the energy the same year to bike from CT to Rockport and Bath, ME. Judy has speaking engagements in and out of the country. They announce the birth of their first grandchild; master's degree for two of their children, a law degree and marriage for another.

**Suzanne Puschel Meskill** travels with Dave on his consulting forays to CA, NE, Egypt and Taiwan. They plan to build a home in GA and will attend the Coast Guard Academy homecoming in Oct. '92, after a summer trip to AK.

**Carol (Riv) Reeves Parke** works at the Syracuse U. library, has two "marvelous" grandchildren, and still sleeps in "her own bed" when visiting her mother, for which she is very grateful. Riv is pleased to see the position of strength that CC is maintaining in some difficult years for colleges.

**Sandy Sturman Harris**, happily

enconced in exurban Chappaqua, is active with the League of Women Voters. Her husband is retired and they spend Jan. in FL.

**Jean Tierney Taub** and Don are expecting a second grandchild in March '92. One daughter is a deputy district attorney; another is applying to medical schools; and their son, who has taught in Casablanca, is now working on an M.Ed.

The class extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Carolyn Goldschmidt Morgan**, who died on 6/18/91.

Your correspondent is currently engaged in recruiting Needham CC alums to compete as a team in an educational fund raising spelling bee. After trying me out on a Gaspé Peninsula river canoe trip last year (just us and the blackflies), David and I plan to explore the Boundary Waters in MN this Aug.

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**Joyce Heal Payer**, after the loss of her wonderful husband, Ray, last Oct., writes that she is back working on our 30th reunion with **Susan Eckert Lynch**. It should be an outstanding event, so everyone please try to come! Joyce's elder son, Briggs, is working as a stockbroker with Advest in New London. Christopher continues in his master's program at Cornell in landscape architecture.

**Helen Osborn Braun** works part time in a research lab in one of Harvard's affiliated hospitals. Her younger daughter graduated in '91 from Connecticut and left to seek her fortune as well as half her roots in Prague.

**Cami Boitel Burgess** is now selling real estate in the Chicago suburbs. Her daughter was married in June '89 and lives in OR. Her son is a sr. at Indiana U. and is on a full swimming scholarship.

**Margie Flocks Masinter** completed another year in her pursuit of a master's in the history of decorative arts at the Cooper Hewitt Museum. Daughter, Cathy '88, traveled to Florence last July for a week of



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## Lillian Morales Fletcher '65

*AIDS Educator, New London County*

For the past three years, Lillian Morales Fletcher '65 has brought a message of life-and-death into the classrooms of southeastern Connecticut — the facts about the AIDS virus and AIDS prevention. Funded by a grant from the State of Connecticut to the New London County Health Department, her part-time job requires full-time commitment.

Last November, a national media event became a turning point in the attitude toward AIDS education. "Magic Johnson's announcement that he was HIV-positive had a dramatic effect on both the interest and awareness level of the problem," says Fletcher. Now the health department has no less than a six-week backlog in requests for educational presentations.

Born in Puerto Rico, Fletcher moved to New London at the age of three. Her Hispanic background, bilingualism and familiarity with the New London community were all assets in her new position. Talking frankly about AIDS also calls for openness and objectivity with young audiences. Even so, she now smiles recalling her feeling of "being thrown to the wolves" during her very first presentations after a brief training and observation period. Experience has put her at ease, and, most important, she finds "The kids will ask me questions they'd never ask a teacher or parent."

New London has one of the best cooperative model for AIDS education in the state, (the health department collaborates with other agencies including the Southeastern Connecticut AIDS Project (SECAP), Planned Parenthood and Lawrence Memorial Hospital), and state funding has been strong.

But frustrations abound in Fletcher's program, and she finds that parents are the hardest group to reach. The greatest resistance to the education program comes from parents and many of the school administrators themselves, she notes. As part of her presentation, Fletcher sometimes brings an HIV-positive person referred by SECAP into the classroom to answer questions. On more than one occasion, however, she has been barred from introducing such a person. Another impediment to her job is the weak or nonexistent sex education in most schools, especially where it is relegated to part of a science or biology curriculum.

"The real frustration is that we have no way of measuring the effectiveness of our program in the immediate future," she says. The average nine-year incubation period for the AIDS virus means that those who acquire the HIV virus in their teens will not develop AIDS until their mid-to-late 20's.

An English major at Connecticut, who also loved to sing, Fletcher is thankful for her communications skills. She finds that the poise imparted by her study of voice now serves her well in front of diverse audiences. Following years of teaching and social work in New York City and Middletown, CT, Fletcher was appointed executive director of Nuestra Casa, where she had been head teacher, in 1976. Later, when that agency merged with the Spanish American Cultural Organization, she served as director of Centro de la Comunidad for two years.

The mother of a 21-year-old daughter and 18-year-old son, Fletcher juggles her position with yet another job — coordinating extension programs for Mohegan Community College. Recently, she also helped organize a workshop on AIDS for regional educators, which was held on the Connecticut College campus, and spoke on Hispanic culture to student volunteers in the college's literacy in the jails program. —LHB

Giuliana Bugialli's cooking school.

**Louisa Brickley Phippen** writes that son, Oliver, has a job in the engineering department of the New York Telephone Company. Winthrop is going to Cornell graduate school to study plant genetics. Last summer, Louise and Corky rafted and hiked in NM.

**Barbara Platz Williams** hopes to get a master's from URI this spring in library and information studies. She works part-time as a librarian for a local law firm. Last summer, husband, Dave, and sons, Ben, 13, and Dan, 10, went to Key West, FL.

**Judy (BoBo) Piper Zinn** has two children graduating this year — one from Edina (MN) High School and the other from Cornell.

**Sally Scott Molwits** remarried in June '91 to Harry Molwits, "a wonderful, talented man, VP of Paine Webber."

**Heather Turner Frazer** had a delightful visit with **Joan Adess Grossman** and husband, Gibby. Heather is looking forward to being a scholar in residence at U. of the South, Sewanee, TN, in May and researching women missionaries in India.

**Carla Peterson Eylers** recently started working as a computer consultant for an agency in NYC. Carla spoke to **Kathy Eftthimion Waite** who is working at the Children's Museum in West Hartford, CT.

**Judith Karr Morse** spent Columbus Day weekend with **Ellen Freedman Dingman** and her husband, Tony. Judy has joined a holistic health center, Radiant Health Medical Center, in the Boston suburbs one day a week. It is "nice to be in a community doing massage after 11 years on my own."

**Mary Aswell Doll**, associate professor of English at Our Lady of the Holy Cross College in New Orleans, is happy in LA where she and Bill have teaching careers. Son, Will, a freshman at Cornell, is in German studies.

**Barbara Stone Ascheim** is still working at the Massachusetts Department of Education. "Peter and I have gotten serious about golf and bridge." Children are far flung — Deborah is an artist in Albuquerque, Susan teaches in VA and David is a sr. at the U. of Rochester.

**Sandi Smith DiNanni** "thanks Connecticut every day for a good base background in a little of everything!" She and Tom own a small PR firm in Minneapolis that specializes in consulting with nonprofit agencies and the faith communities. Sandra also produces and directs a series of six program a week for the Twin Cities Metro Cable Network and another five programs for broadcast channel 23.

**Susan Rosenberg Rose's** primary interest is "women in politics." She is president of a women's political action committee whose purpose is to elect feminist candidates; she is also working in Barbara Boxer's campaign for U.S. Senate.

## ALUMNI CALENDAR



### ALUMNI SEMINAR TOUR

August 2-21, Indonesia

### ALUMNI WEEKEND

September 18-20

### BIKE VERMONT

October 2-4

### ALUMNI SONS AND DAUGHTERS

Nov. 12-14

For more information call the Alumni Office, 203-439-2300. Schedule subject to change.

Professionally, Susan is a partner in a consulting organization that specializes in workplace and affirmative action issues. With two children, three stepchildren and four grandchildren, Susan and lawyer husband are "on the road a lot."

**Margery (Midge) Genat Burling** keeps busy with the activities of four children, gardening and traveling. She is a system analyst for a financial services company. Husband, Herb, is also in the computer business. Elizabeth graduated from Amherst and is at Stamford getting a Ph.D. in chemistry. Keith is jr. at Johns Hopkins.

**Carolyn (Toodie) Mandell Master** enjoyed reminiscing with **Ann Davidson Howard** at Chatauqua, NY. Ann is living in Indonesia. Toodie has had a busy year traveling to England and AK, and then Kristin was married in Oct. '91!

**Suzanne Rich Beatty** continues to run the district office of NY State Senator Mary Goodhue as well as a flower business, That Special Touch. Daughters, Heather and Holly, are living and working in NYC.

**Kathryn (Kay) Stewart** was divorced in Jan. '91 and started graduate school in a Ph.D. program in clinical psychology in Sept. '91. Kay's oldest son, Gordon, was married last Dec.

**Ruth (Debbie) Swift Zike** spent three days in Palm Springs at a mini-reunion with **Ann Pope Stone** and **Nancy Nevitt**.

**Damon (Pokey) Reed** writes it's "hard to believe I've been in my wonderful 200-plus-year-old Georgian home for seven years and with the Nature Company for three. As their assistant director of art and manager of their Wrubel Gallery in Concord, I've had

the pleasure of creating a new career." Daughter Rebecca, 28, is an A student in geology and math at the U. of Utah and Liz, 26, is a partner at Gardner Associates. Liz and husband, Jim, live in Northampton, MA.

**Anne MacMichael Ilson** is working as a cytotechnologist at Windham Hospital and singing with the Eastern Connecticut Symphony chorus. "Travel, work and singing have helped me cope with the loss of my husband a year and a half ago."

**Ellie Powers Santons** continues to enjoy a second career as a management consultant in London. She relocated in Feb. and is living in St. Margaret's Twickenham.

**Sue Feldman Copeland** reports "it is fun not to work." She has traveled to Hong Kong and FL this year.

**Ellen Goldberg Siegel** is semi-retired but still dabbling in law, politics and volunteer work. Two older sons are in their second year of law school, and the youngest is in Boulder, Aspen, etc. skiing in the winter and mountain climbing in the summer.

**Ellen Freedman Dingman** is a teacher/coordinator of at-risk student program, Communities in Schools/Burger King Academy, within the public schools in Raleigh, NC. Children, Scott and Lisa, are launched on their careers.

**Irene Alexander Lutz** writes that **Kutch Alexander Lutz** teaches high school history. Daughter Andrea graduated from Bryn Mawr in '90 and is part of Teach for America. Daughter Alexandra graduated from Yale in '91 and lives in Moscow on a grant.

**Bobbie Edwin Weinstein's** son, David, is graduating from UPenn Dental School and becoming a periodontist. Daughter, Jill, graduated from UPenn and received her master's degree in psychology from Boston U. Lynne, 12, is still involved with Barbie dolls!

**Judy Bassewitz Theran** teaches with Linda Reckler Frank '66 in the Ridgewood (NJ) Public Schools. Daughter, Elizabeth is at Harvard, and David is at Ridgewood High School. Judy entered the Coors Lite Biathlon in Waltham, MA, and "loves her finish line photo!"

**Barbara Burris** spent three weeks last Sept. visiting China with her husband, Bruce Van Voorst.

**Margo Conderman Arnold** writes that she "is on an incredible adventure" having been married two years, living in DC and starting several businesses — Career Counseling and Too Busy? Let Me Do It! Husband, Douglas, an historian, writer and editor, is with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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**Brenda Keenan Tremoulet**, an RN specialist in geriatric care, wrote a booklet entitled Living Wills that provides information on the need for a living will and how to go about writing one.

**Elaine DeSantis Benvenuto** reports that her daughter, Kecia, graduated from Stanford in Dec. with degrees in Far Eastern studies and communications. She and Kecia spent a week driving down the California coast in June and three weeks in London during the Christmas holidays. They also got together with Kathie Hudson McKenna '64 and **Sarah Ryan Ignon's** son, Luke, a Stanford sophomore, in Oct. in Palo Alto.

**Carolyn Rubin Musicant**, of Concord, MA, is coordinator of development at Concord Family Service, alumni admissions representative in Massachusetts for CC and president of a parents' association. Her daughter, Judy, is the Connecticut College Class of '95 — the third generation of women in her family to attend the college (her mother was class of '32). Carolyn says, "Judy loves Conn. It's neat to go back again." David, 16, is a sophomore; Susan, 14, is a freshman; and Joshua, 12, is in sixth grade.

**Patricia Olson** has moved to Boulder, CO, to enjoy the sun and the mountains. She's been doing some serious hiking and loves it. Her son, Glenn, and daughter, Tiffany, traveled through Europe by Eurail pass last summer and met up with Patti in Switzerland to hike the Alps for two weeks. Patti hopes to get her book on empty nesters published soon. Meanwhile, she "finally had to get a job."

**Leslie Setterholm Fox** is vicariously enjoying her daughter Ashley's spring semester in London (she's in the Yale-in-London program). Leslie wishes that she had been more inclined to adventure of that sort when she was a jr. at CC and is planning to make up for lost opportunity after Ashley graduates in '93.

Keep your cards and letters coming in ladies. We are trying to keep the '65 column active in every issue of this magazine, but can't do it without news ...

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I really appreciated your overwhelming response to the postcard mailing last fall. There were so many postcards that I had to complete the class news in this issue.

**Betty Sidor Hanley** writes that she has been living near The Hague, Netherlands for the past three years where her husband, Gerry, is operations manager for Exxon's International Tanker Fleet. They lived in England 10 years ago and were absolutely delighted to return to Europe once again. They have been traveling extensively and learning a new language (although English is widely spoken in Holland). Betty feels that is a very exciting time to be in the Netherlands as Eastern Europe prepares for economic and political integration. And besides, Paris is only five hours away!

**Cheryl Shepley Manniello** reports that her older daughter, Elisa, is a freshman at the U. of Wisconsin. Bryn, 5, is in kindergarten, and Scott, 3-1/2, is in nursery school. Cheryl has been busy directing and choreographing the local high school's spring musical, *Oliver*. She is just beginning rehearsals. At the time she wrote, her high school show choir was rehearsing *The Show Stoppers* and planning to perform at Disney World. Cheryl also reports that she was in a community theater production of *42nd Street* in Sept.

In Portland, ME, **Jane Radcliffe** continues to enjoy her work as co-proprietor of Museum Research Associates, a two-person consulting firm dealing primarily in setting up computerized collections and management systems for museums. Over the last few years, her work has taken her around the U.S. and to Australia twice.

**Sharon Mairson Parker** has just moved to Hartford, CT, from Nashville, TN. She spent the past year "gainfully unemployed" following the acquisition of EQUICOR by CIGNA. She has spent a lot of time traveling, including Virgin Gorda, Mexico, San Francisco, Europe and the Bahamas, and she has been busy rebuilding her life as a single person. Sharon looks forward to a visit from **Karen Young Hodge** in Feb.

**Margaret Hardenbergh** reports that in '90-'91, she enjoyed being a visiting associate professor at the U. of Maine. She had fun teaching in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. Now, she is managing director of the Media Arts Center in New Haven, a facility for

individuals and non-profit organizations interested in video and audio productions. She also teaches at various neighboring universities.

**Carla Meyer** writes that she has just seen **Helen Reynolds** when she was in Dallas working on the film, *JFK*, and she also saw **Mia Braden** while they were both visiting their respective parents on Long Island. She has spent a busy year working on *JFK* and *Cool World*, Robert Redford's new film.

**Elise Bradley Duryea** sends a brief message, but a happy one: she was married on 11/17/90 to Patrick MacKay.

From Glencoe, IL, **Charity Young Vitale** writes that most of her recent efforts have not been directed toward her family, but toward her new book, *Healthy Homes, Healthy Kids: Protecting Your Children From Everyday Environmental Hazards*, co-authored with Joyce Schoemaker (see Books section in March/April edition of *Connecticut College Magazine*). Charity has been able to juggle teaching Sunday school and leading a Cub Scout's den. She had fun meeting with Susie Localio, who spent her freshman year at Connecticut and then transferred to Smith. Keeping busy as always, she directed Camp Treetops in New York last summer, which her son and daughter attended.

**Polly Leonard-Keener** writes that her husband, Bob, gave up his financial business and is in a doctoral program in history. He would like to teach at the collegiate level. Polly still teaches cartooning at Akron U., and her book, *Cartooning*, was published in March by Prentice-Hall. She has also illustrated other books recently. On the home front, she had been busy with her son, Ted, who was home from Massachusetts Maritime Academy. He left for Portugal and Spain in Jan. Her 10-year-old daughter, Whitney, has her own hair bow making business.

Your very own class correspondent, **Joyce Todd O'Connor**, has devoted a lot of time to several fund-raising events in the Pittsburgh community. I started a new job in Jan. as the executive director of Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania, an organization composed of 65 foundations, corporations and charitable trusts whose primary purpose is to promote effective philanthropy. I am enjoying it very much so far. Don and I took a wonderful trip to France this fall. We also spent some time in Key West, and this summer, are headed once again to San Francisco, Seattle and Vancouver.

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**Married:** Alice Wellington to Robert Bushkoff, 4/26/92.

**Born:** to Barbara Pite and Rick Schofield, Ross 12/23/91.

**Elizabeth Blackford Refshauge** and husband, Roger, live in Spartanburg, SC, and have three children. Son, Drew, is 17, plays soccer and lifts weights; daughter, Alix, is 13 and plays tennis all over the south. Charles is almost 5. Elizabeth is a teacher; Roger is in real estate.

**Claire Eldridge Karr** has completed her doctoral degree in higher education leadership at the U. of Tennessee/Knoxville. She is director of development for the College of Liberal Arts at the university, which is about to gear up for a major endowment campaign. Daughter, Lyndsey, is 12 and in her second year as a member of the Tennessee Children's Dance Ensemble, a professional national and international touring modern dance company of children ages 9 to 16 years.

**Marjorie Holland** lives in Takoma Park, MD. She and two colleagues edited a book *Ecotones: The Role of Landscape Boundaries in the Management and Restoration of Changing Environments* which has just been published by Chapman and Hall. A number of chapters discuss possible implications of global change.

**Lynn Jacobson Morgenstern** is now assistant counsel with New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston. Husband, Art, is in the legal department of Ciba-Corning. Daughter, Amy, graduated from Duke and is working for Price-Waterhouse in NYC. Wendy is a sophomore marine affairs major at the U. of Miami.

**Heather Morrison Bogaty**, of Scarsdale, NY, writes that her son, Nick, is a freshman at CC, and she has enjoyed getting reacquainted with the school. Her older son, Peter, is a jr. at Goucher College. Heather continues to like her work as VP of strategic management and marketing for United Way of Westchester and Putnam, NY.

**Barbara Pite** has a new baby boy, born on 12/28/91, and a girl, Allison, 2. "Life is hectic with two very young ones and a full-time job, but we couldn't be happier." Husband, Rick Schofield, is very supportive.

**Ellen Robinson Epstein** writes from her home in Chevy Chase, MD. Her oldest son, Jeremy, started Johns Hopkins this fall. Asher graduated from high school in Jan. '92 and plans to go to Israel for five months for a work/study program. Barak is now 15, a basketball star, and counts the days till he can drive. Dina will be 13 soon, and her bat mitzvah was celebrated in Israel in June '91. Kira, 10, is in the fourth grade "and relishes being the youngest, although she would also like a younger sibling." Ellen continues to work in her oral history business and had her bar and bat mitzvah planbook reprinted with a new cover. It is now in its third printing. Husband, David, continues to work as a trial lawyer. He taught legal ethics at Georgetown U. this past fall.

**Catherine Schwalm Litwin** is very busy with her jewelry business. She designs and sells all kinds of jewelry. She took her

10-year-old daughter, Marissa, to visit CC last summer, and Marissa fell in love with the school.

**Ann Tousley Anderson** writes from her home in Miami that she made a career change from elementary to high school. She is the media specialist of a New Dade County public school called Design and Architecture Senior High. The school offers a regular high school curriculum as well as four other tracts: architecture, landscape, interior and fashion design. The students at the school receive college credit through dual enrollment with two local colleges.

Recently **Lynne Cooper Sitton** and family moved to South FL and stayed with Ann and her family while house hunting.

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**Julie Boczar Story** and Dave took the "trip of a lifetime" in Oct. '91 to Poland, where they adopted a little girl, born 4/27/90. They named her Juliana Caroline, and needless to say, Christmas '91 was their best and busiest ever!

**Deborah Foster Ebeling**, our class president, keeps busy with her three children, 13, 10 and 7; a traveling husband, and reconstruction of her house. She does volunteer work in the schools and in her community of Winchester, MA.

**Madeline Hunter** and husband, Frank Levatino, have adopted William Hunter Levatino, born 12/2/91. Maddie took a three-month leave of absence from her job as an ombudsman with Unix Systems Labs, a subsidiary of AT&T. She really loves being a mom.

**Lucy Thomson** sent me her Christmas letter — what a great idea, and easy, too! Her daughters are Elizabeth, 5, and Tory, 3. Lucy is active on the Preschool Parent Advisory Committee and Fund-raising Committee. She continues to work part-time at the Justice Department and is very active in the Women's Bar Association. She enjoys working on her "Old Town Alexandria," VA, home, complete with formal garden. She was visiting relatives on Cape Cod when Hurricane Bob hit in Aug. '91 and spent four days with no electricity or hot water.

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*Correspondents:* Charlotte Parker Vincent, 9635 Boyett Ct., Fairfax, VA 22032 and Francie van der Hoeven Camp, 827 Woodleigh Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810

**Married:** **Feay Shellman** to Joseph Coleman, 12/27/86; **Jane Altshuley Cassell** to Anthony Stavola, 5/91; **Lucy Van Voorhees** to Mark Kauffman, 10/19/91.

**Born:** to **Feay Shellman Coleman**

## Jack Batchelder '79

*Acting Curator  
Genoa Aquarium, Genoa, Italy*

**A**fter raising billions of baby oysters and selling fish in the Pacific Northwest, Jack Batchelder has found a new niche working with life from the sea. Now Acting Curator of a new aquarium in Genoa, Italy, Jack leads a diverse team of aquarists, mammalogists, aviculturists and water quality specialists who are establishing the largest public aquarium in Europe.

"The concept of the Genoa Aquarium goes beyond creating a place that displays live animals for the entertainment of the public. It is a museum, an information center, and a contributor to environmental research in Italy and the whole of Europe," says Batchelder.

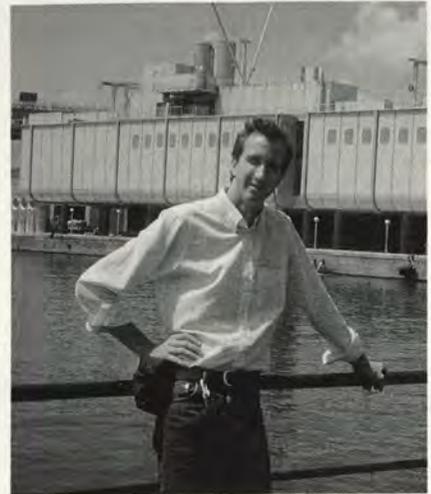
The opening of the Acquario di Genoa this year in the historic port of Genoa, the birthplace of Columbus, will coincide with numerous celebrations of the 500th anniversary of Columbus' journey to the New World. It will be home to an international collection of more than 6,000 animals of 500 species. Among these will be dolphins, sharks, seals, penguins, bats and hundreds of tropical and temperate fish and invertebrate species.

The 350,000-square foot facility is the fifth aquarium designed and constructed by Batchelder's employer, Cambridge Seven Associates of Cambridge, MA. Others include Boston's New England Aquarium, the National Aquarium in Baltimore and a large aquarium in Osaka, Japan.

With a B.A. in botany from Connecticut, Batchelder immediately went to work as a research assistant at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Mass. His interest in farming food from the sea led him to the West Coast several years later where he helped to develop one of the world's largest oyster breeding facilities on Washington's Olympic Peninsula (Connecticut College Alumni Magazine, Spring, 1987). On a whale-watching expedition, a chance meeting with the principal of Cambridge Seven Associates led to yet another abrupt "sea change" in Batchelder's life. Within months he was working on the island of Sardinia in Italy to develop a collection of Mediterranean fish and invertebrates. He relocated to Genoa early this year.

"From marine research to aquaculture to aquariology, I have always followed my heart and ambition to learn more about the seas. The fine education I received at Connecticut College helped me to develop the perception, tools and commitment to learn, understand, and act upon the contemporary issues," he notes.

The problems of development, exploitation and pollution of the world's aquatic environments are global, and Batchelder believes that his work with aquarium projects around the world can help educate the public about these issues. And he extends a special invitation to all of his fellow Connecticut College alumni — come to Italy to visit and see for themselves!



and Joseph, daughter Weslie 2/29/88; to **Jane Davis Turchiano** and Bernard, Joseph Evan 3/2/89; to **Linda Herskowitz** and Kenneth Solway, Daniel Harry Solway 7/2/91; to **Ellen Sargent Tierney** and David, Kristin Jane 1/25/92.

Lots of news from PA and FL this time! **Pattison Fischer Hemmerly**, living in Villanova, PA, reports that she is working in marketing and PR, doing press releases and writing brochures. She has two children, Nicholas, 9, and Amanda, 5, as well as two grown stepsons, Dave, 24, and Chris, 21.

From Philadelphia, **Linda Herskowitz** advises that our class's "imminent delivery" at Reunion '91 arrived early July. Linda left behind 15 years as a newspaper reporter and three in theater production, reporting instead that "late motherhood is great!"

**Susan Bear**, near Philadelphia in Willow Grove, combines work and motherhood. She and husband, Philip Tschlis, MD, both do research at the Fox Chase Cancer Center. With their sons, Nick, 6, and Jason, almost 5, they live a "simple life: fishing in the summer, sledding in the winter."

**Ellen Sargent Tierney** must have sent daughter Kristin Jane's birth announcement from the Pittsburgh hospital — we don't often see such "hot news!" Ellen reports that the family, including Danny, 4, are all doing fine ... although dinner at 8 p.m. is not unknown!

From Tampa, FL, **Feay Shellman Coleman** catches up on her marriage, daughter and work. She has been working as an independent curator for the past four years, writing and lecturing.

**Elizabeth (Betsy) Collier Little** is being "a homemaker and volunteer for the first time ever." Husband, Jim, was transferred to Jacksonville, FL, by Equifax in June '90. Betsy reports that Laura, 5, began kindergarten in the fall, but says "she's ready to drive and go to college." If you're looking for a spot two blocks from the beach with a backyard pool, please come visit!

**Linda Simsarian Dolan**, of Boca Raton, FL, loves her second term as PTA president at 9-year-old son Thomas's elementary school. She also enjoys being "party mom" for 4-1/2-year-old son Alexander's preschool. Linda saw **Carol Nordbeck Blazar** and her family in Boston last Dec., **Susie Wehle Cole** and her husband, Mike, in Palm Beach recently, and keeps in touch with **Sandra Drew Warner**.

**Sandra Drew Warner**, a certified financial planner, has been working since Nov. '90 as a retirement plan consultant with the Robinson-Humphrey Company in Atlanta. Focusing on the needs of small and medium size business, she writes that "financial consultants from all over the southeast who work for Shearson Lehman Brothers and Robinson-Humphrey utilize our department's expertise to help their

clients design and implement retirement plans. Very exciting work — never dull."

In Dec. '90, **Susan Schmidt** finished a Ph.D. in American literature, focusing on nature writing and environmental ethics. She now teaches at North Carolina School of Science and Math, is waiting for a NY agent to sell her novel, remodeling a house and garden in Durham and training a new Boykin spaniel. Other interests are fly fishing, sea kayaking and contra dancing.

**Sara Bard** writes of the horrifying decade she has survived with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, a devastating immune deregulation which kept her bedridden for 10 years. Afflicted in '79, she saw more than 60 doctors in the next seven years. "I am now doing a Ph.D. in French (at the U. of Minnesota) — due to the genius of my doctor, H. Hugh Fudenberg, MD," who was an immunologist with the Medical U. of South Carolina when she met him in '88. His treatment turned her illness around. By Jan. '89, she was able to teach French again. She continued treatment into '91 and is now back as a student. "I will never be the same person," she told a reporter. "On a positive note, it has developed my compassion for those who suffer. I can identify with them. But to lose 10 years of your life is a terrible thing to go through."

**Christine Howells Reed** has recently been appointed to the Nebraska Governor's Development Disability Counsel.

**Fay Bomberg** writes that her family is in DeKalb, IL, where husband, Dan Kaplan, is a professor of physics at Northern Illinois U. They have three sons: Samuel, 4; Tobias, 2, and Joshua, 6 mos. Fay has an M.S. in marriage and family therapy and works 10 hours a week at the local Family Service Agency.

**Nancy King** reports the successful end of a two-year job hunt. She is now a major gifts officer for the New England Conservatory in Boston, working as a fundraiser on a \$25 million capital campaign.

**Lucy Van Voorhees** is still working as a cardiologist in charge of the Coronary Care Unit at Washington, DC, Hospital Center. **Marlene Kline** and Betsy Frawley '72 attended her recent DC wedding.

From the West Coast, we've heard from **Judith Dern** and **Jane Terry Giardino**. Judith, from San Francisco, says she has "left the frenzied world of PR and am now a sales representative for Orrefors Crystal in Northern CA. I still write on the side and have two travel articles out for newspaper consideration." Jane, a summer '91 transplant to WA, from San Antonio, reports that their three boys: Michael, 7; William, 5, and Thomas, 3, like the snow and have made a good transition. "I'm singing with a community chorale, which brings back memories of Conn. Greetings to all!"

Well, classmates, since you responded so well to President Susan's mailing, you will be spared the lengthy, though fascinating,

sagas of the Camp/Vincent families. But, our next chance (whoops, deadline) is June 15th. Write, call, fax, send a press release — just be in touch.

**Andrew Ketterer** writes from rural ME, where he continues to practice law. He was elected to the House of Representatives in Nov. '90. He is a member of the Judiciary Committee and in the fall he voted for confirmation of classmate **Nancy Diesel Mills** for judge of the Maine District Court.

NJ Governor Jim Florio appointed **Linda Rosenzweig** a judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey in Oct. '91. As a trial court judge, Linda hears civil and family cases.

**Ann-Louise Gittleman** completed her second book, *Supernutrition for Women*, and signed to do a menopause book for Simon & Schuster, due out in '93. She will be pursuing a talk show circuit this year and has been invited to speak on behalf of the U.S. at a conference in Jerusalem regarding international nutrition. She is happy to be back in the Southwest, NM.

The first woman and first Vermonter to be elected in the '91 year history of the Society of American Foresters in **Jane Difley**, VP and president-elect. Jane adds she spent New Year's at Point Reyes National Seashore hiking and taking photos and described it "an incredible place." She has two new family cats: Thelma and Louise.

**Glenna Mathes Moalli** excitedly shares that she is a grandmother as of 1/2/92. Nicholas Moalli was born to her oldest stepson and daughter-in-law. She's planning a wedding for another "child" this summer who's working on her MD/Ph.D. She hopes to find time to relax in-between.

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**Brenda Lindsey-Joseph** and husband, Art, have opened an artist management firm called ArtWorks, Ltd., in New Haven. Brenda is extremely busy marketing the art work of her husband and other artists. She is also working on her first novel in her "spare" time.

Well, it took a full year to get around to all your postcards, but this is it: the LAST installment! There is a method to my madness: by now you probably all have lots of news for me all ready for the next round of postcards.

**Lauren Parker Plage** writes that she and her husband, Bill, are living in Essex, CT. Lauren manages two art galleries and provides art and installation to hotels and cruise line companies. She and Bill do a lot of traveling, skiing, biking and gardening.

**Diane Hitchcock** has been working at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London since graduating. She is an ultrasonographer. She is married to Mac McMahon and they have two kids, a boy, Kelton, and a girl, Taegan. Diane sees a lot of **Jacque Buza**, who recently completed a residency in pneumatology, and **Will Jacob**, who lives in DC with his wife, Pamela, and daughter, Anna.

**Jamie Priest** and Kathy Herbert Priest '73 have two sons, Steve, 11, and Mark, 9. Jamie sells CD-ROM information and equipment. Kathy teaches third grade. They hold interviews for prospective Connecticut students in their hometown of Dayton, OH.

**Alison Mishkit** and her husband are living in Huntington, NY. Alison is a general surgeon in private practice. She hears from **Judy Boland**.

**Robbie Meiklejohn Burt** has a floral design business out of her home. She and her husband, Michael, have been married 10 years and have three children: Jamie, 9; Nicole, 7; and Ryan, 3.

**David Kenney** just relinquished his position as sr. assistant welding engineer for the Electric Boat (EB) division of General Dynamics, in order to establish a business in blacksmithing. (No horses, ornamental iron!)

**Elizabeth Goldstein Newell** is now working at the Stowe-Day Foundation in Hartford, CT, as education and special events coordinator.

**Robin Beaulieu Strauss** writes, "The kids are in school, Steve has tenure, and now it is my turn! I'm about to embark on a dual degree program at Oregon State U. for a master's in environmental engineering/civil training. Wish me luck."

**Carrie-Beth Santore** is a sr. training specialist with QSI Inc., a firm providing management support to U.S. defense and intelligence communities. Previously she worked 10 years as an analyst, writer and editor for the CIA. Carrie-Beth lives in Alexandria, VA, and she keeps in touch with **Darcy Gazza Jones**.

**Susan Rotenberg** has a Ph.D. in chemistry from Brown U. She did post-doctoral research which included cancer research at Columbia U. She is now an assistant professor at Queen's College in the

department of chemistry and biochemistry.

**John Thomas** was with our class for two years but graduated from Colorado College. He then earned a master's in counseling from Syracuse U. and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from CSPP Alameda. John works with high-risk street youth. He urges visitors to the San Francisco Bay Area to give him a call. Please call or write the Alumni Office for John's address and phone number.

**Mark Wilson** and his wife, Kathy, have two sons, Iain and Jonathan. They are living in Eldersburg, MD. Mark is a sr. instructional systems engineer at Online Computer Systems in Germantown, MD.

**Pamela Devenney Peppers** lives in Weston, CT, and busy raising her two daughters, Tess, 4, and Margot, 4 mos. She's contemplating landscape design as her next career.

**Margie Rosenbaum Kasimer** is in her 15th year as a member of the viola section of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. She also gives violin and viola lessons privately and works part-time narrating percussion and woodwind shows that travel around the DC area teaching children about music. Her husband, Joe, is an attorney. They have two kids, Lauren, 10, and Susan, 8.

**Michael Franchot** and his wife, Marty, live in Atlanta, GA, and have four (!) children: Will, 4; Elizabeth, 3; Peter, 20 mos., and Katie, born at the time of Mike's note. Mike works for Summit Ind. in advertising.

**Lucille Mayfield Showalter** left Connecticut and went on to Mystic Seaport's Munson Institute to study American maritime history. She taught American history at Mohegan Community College and introduced the study of Connecticut local history at Connecticut College in '80. In '83, she founded the New London Maritime Society in order to save the 1833 Robert Mills U.S. Custom House. Lucille is now involved in a restoration of this oldest operated custom house in the U.S.

A mystery writer sent me some news but neglected to sign her card with her name. After checking the address lists, I am guessing that this news is from **Susan Ferris Totten**. Please correct me if I guessed wrong. She writes from Needham, MA, where she lives with her husband, Tom. They are both teachers. She saw **Debbie Wright** in Boston and keeps in touch with **Stephanie Claros**, who is an AVP of Andrews Office Products in Capitol Heights, MD. She reports that **Debbie Wright** is acting dean of admissions at Simmons College in Boston.

**Elissa Fidellman Higgins** has been in Tucson, AZ, for the last four years. She has an 11-year-old daughter, Naomi. Elissa is the station manager/director of a closed radio program for the blind and print handicapped. She has been involved with broadcast services for the blind for the past eight years and is pursuing a master's in

public administration at the U. of Arizona.

**Chris Goddard** is director of PR at First Winthrop Corporation, a real estate firm in Boston. Chris is also director of PR for Winthrop Hotels and Resorts, a company with hotel properties in Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard as well as FL, Richmond, VA, and Winston-Salem, NC. Chris lives on the ocean in Marblehead, MA.

**Robert Gould** and wife, Lesley, live in NYC but spend lots of time in more exotic settings as they are both avid scuba divers. They manage to combine work with pleasure by doing underwater photography work.

**Catherine Young James** lives in North Bergen, NJ, and works for the Port Authority of NY and NJ. When she wrote, Catherine was just starting a M.S. program in counseling and human resource development at the U. of Bridgeport. By the time I manage to publish all the news, she'll probably be done!

**Scott Nelson** and his wife, Martha, are living in Bend, OR, where he "is seeking gainful employment while continuing his artistic endeavors."

**Susan Sawtelle** is a partner in the DC office of Piper and Marbory, where she practices environmental law. She tries to keep in touch with **Wendy Blake-Coleman**, who is also in DC.

**Gary Goldsmith** is the president of the National Depressive and Manic Depressive Association, which he helped found in '86. He travels widely on behalf of NDMDA and lives in Fort Lee, NJ, where he also has his own computer supply company.

**Barbara Post** has taught sixth grade for the past seven years at Buckingham Browne and Nichols in Cambridge, MA. She took a year's leave of absence to draw and paint.

**Kathy Studwell Sabino** is teaching global studies to high school kids in Chittenango, NY. She is also working on her master's degree at State U. at Cortland and enjoys taking history courses again. Her husband, Michael, is a self-employed contractor and they have two children, Meg, 13 and Nick, 10. They recently saw **Sarah Newman** and **Patty Moak Marks** as well as former English professor, Lynda Bogel.

**Douglas Renfield-Miller** is first VP at Union Bank of Switzerland where he heads up their Assit Securitization Group for North America. He travels to Switzerland frequently and can often bring his family, Carrington, 8, and Charlotte, 4. Doug's wife, **Jean Renfield-Miller** is a reading specialist in private practice.

**David Beebe** recently opened a new business in Ridgefield, CT, called Intercreate. Dave's company handles newsletters, business pre-

sentations, graphics and CAD architectural drawings. We wish him much success.

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**Born:** to **Meg Propst Bernard** and Joel, Alexandra Ray Bernard 9/9/91; to **Greg Silber** and Trish Cutler Silber '79, Kyle Andrew Silber 11/17/91.

**Georgette Dionne Jebb** is living in Hamburg, NY, with her husband, Tod, and three children: Margot, 5; Andre, 3; and Timothy, 6 mos. She volunteers in the community as a member of the School Board at Andre's nursery school as room parent for Margot's kindergarten class and by singing and playing in a church folk/bluegrass group. In Oct. '90, she traveled with her husband to Yugoslavia. Recently they attended Georgette's sister's wedding in Portland, ME, and stayed with Nico and Ellen Walsh (both Class of '80), and of course their new son, Willy. Georgette writes that "we are all happy, busy, and life is good!"

**Greg Silber** proudly announced the arrival of his firstborn, Kyle Andrew Silber, on 11/17/91. In Feb., they moved back to the DC area after 10 years in Santa Cruz, CA. Greg completed his Ph.D. in biology at the U. of California and accepted a position as the assistant scientific program director at the Marine Mammal Commission. His wife, Trish Cutler Silber '79, will spend as much time as possible with Kyle while pursuing her career as a management consultant.

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**Married:** **Richard Belshaw** to Julia Slater Gittes, 12/14/91.

I am pleased to report a baby boomlet in the class of '79.

**Born:** to **Caroline Baldwin Kahl** and Jim, Catherine Durant 12/28/90; to **Anthony Bowe** and Nancy, Augustine John 3/91; to **Carolyn Reaph Ounan** and Francis, Tara Elizabeth 5/91; to **Emily Stimson Sugg** and Paul, Hilary Stimson 5/23/91; to **David Rosenberg**, Max Joseph 5/27/91; to **Paul Greeley** and Nancy, Shelby Lauren 7/19/91; to **Trish Cutler** and Greg Silber '78, Kyle Andrew Thomas 11/17/91; to **Alison Holland Thompson** and Harlan, William James

## Jon and Nicole Novick Goldman '80

*Environmental Artists*

Inflation. For most business owners, it's a problem — for the Goldmans of GoldmanArts in Boston, it's their livelihood. This alumni couple have made a name for themselves in inflatables by elevating the medium to an art form. Since 1985, their art and technology firm has been creating large-scale inflatable sculptures, environmental graphics, inflatable costumes, computer-based design work and more. And, the designers have learned, what goes up always comes down to making a spectacle and a sense of drama.

"We have succeeded in keeping our work with inflatable media on an artistic level," says Nicole, who has a master's degree in arts administration. "Now we are re-positioning ourselves as more of a design firm."

Jon took his B.A. in theater from Connecticut, combined it with a master's degree from the MIT Center for Advanced Visual Studies and took off to explore new territories on the interface of art and technology. The resulting environmental sculptures, blending art with performance, have been installed for commercial and fine arts clients at sites from Boston to Bangkok — museums, performing arts centers, shopping malls and festivals. Among them were the 40-foot bow and 300-foot ribbon that wrapped the Trump Taj Mahal Hotel and Casino at its grand opening, a 53-foot piano keyboard on Boston's Lenox Hotel, a Totally Tubular™ balloon display at the Chevy Chase Pavilion, walking food costumes at the Rouse Company's Gallery at Market East and a 40-foot stethoscope for a Harvard Community Health Plan health center.

"I want to transform architecture. Given a nice breeze, these pieces begin to come alive. I like creating humor by juxtaposing fluid movement of inflatables with the stiff angular regularity of existing architecture," says Jon. Cold air from fans or helium is used to inflate structures that range from a modest 25-foot hot dog for a restaurant roof to a monumental dinosaur at the World Trade Center Dynamation Exhibit. The artist often employs special lighting and sound effects to create a mood for the installations.

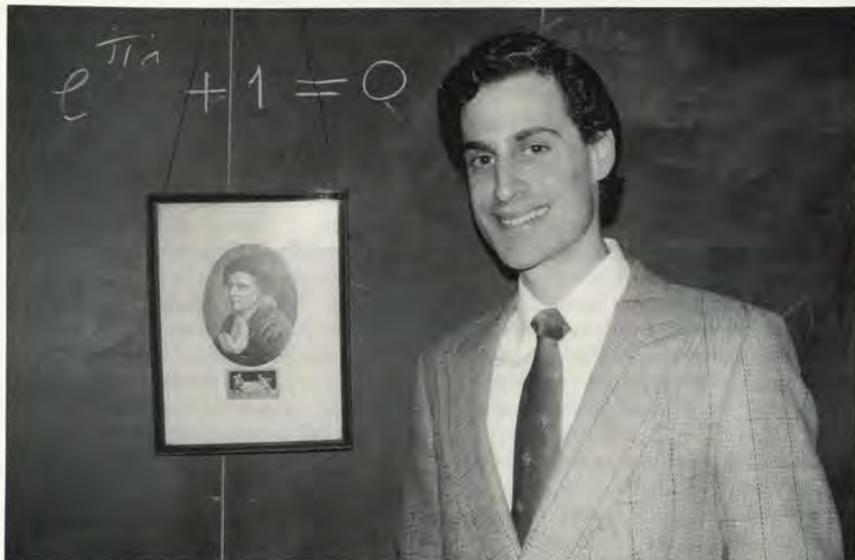
GoldmanArts also markets a line of spiky, inflatable lamps and furniture (such as the "Sea Urchin Lamp" and "Venus Fly Trap Chair") that have caught the fancy of reviewers from the *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal*. Recently, the Cooper Hewitt National Museum of Design, a division of the Smithsonian Institution, acquired one of the firm's "Urchin Lamps" for its permanent collection. GoldmanArts also garnered three achievement awards from the Industrial Fabrics Association International this year.

"Right now we're doing a job for the costume department of Disney World, helping to design cooler, lighter-weight costumes," says Nicole. Another work-in-progress is a plan to create a non-profit travelling museum (Blow-Up: The Inflatable Museum) to chronicle the history of balloon and inflatables.

This alumni duo is demonstrating to their four-year-old daughter Sasha and to the world, that "almost anything is possible" when you breathe new life into an idea. — LHB



GoldmanArts



L. Brownell

**TWO OF A KIND.** Mathematician Edward B. Burger '85 poses with portrait of 18th-century mathematician Leonhard Euler before delivering a lecture on campus last spring. Burger, assistant professor of mathematics at Williams College, gave two lectures including one called "The Texas Cake-Cutting Massacre" and attended a "birthday party" for Euler in the math department on April 15.

Trenholm 2/3/92. (Please note: when you write in about births, please include the name of your spouse and the child's full name and birthdate.)

First of all, I suffer from a perpetual inferiority complex in my role as class correspondent because we are flanked in the magazine by the classes of '77 and '83, both of which have terrific representation. So please, keep the news coming.

I'll take a minute to let you know what I've been up to. Two kids, Rebecca, 5 going on 18 ("Mom, I don't care that you had to wait till you were 16 to have your ears pierced, I want real earrings now!"), John, 2-1/2, and husband, Jeff, VP of something not-for-profit at Citibank), keep the home fires burning, and my job as VP, director and founder of the Trumpet Club, the school book club subsidiary of Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group, keeps me busy. I had a lovely time at **Margaret Phinney Campbell-Harris's** Boxing Day bash. Margaret's parents and brother were there too.

**Dick Belshaw** was married to Julia Slater Gittes in Dec. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Greenwich Village, NYC. Among the wedding guests were Dick's sister, Lisa '82, and two old Abbeyites, Bill Kavanagh '80 and Andrew Dreyfus '80. Julia is a '78 graduate of Radcliffe and a designer, and Dick is still "zealously making art" and doing a lot of writing, archival work and carpentry on the side. He is also writing and researching a genealogy which he hopes to publish in a year or two. Dick proposed that he retake the old '79 housefellow photo. Sounds okay to me; let's pose at our 20th reunion!

(Aside: my housefellows continue to haunt me. I recently learned that an associate art director at the Trumpet Club is close friends with one of my charges in

Smith, Mark Tajima '81, who is alive, well and recently a father!)

**Carolyn Reaph Ounan** lives in South Orange, NJ, with husband, Frank, and daughter, Tara Elizabeth. Carolyn received her MBA in finance from Columbia in May '84. She and Frank (an attorney in private practice, specializing in real estate and tax law) were married in May '87. After staying home for a few months with Tara, Carolyn returned to Wall Street as a VP in the corporate planning and consulting group of Prudential Securities. She still keeps up with **Caroline Baldwin Kahl, Grace Halsey** and Mark Conrad '78, a colleague at Prudential.

Greg Silber '78 wrote to his correspondent last Jan. (sorry, Greg, I just got it) to say that he and **Trish Cutler** moved back to the East Coast after 10 years in Santa Cruz, CA. Greg completed his Ph.D. in biology at the U. of California. He has accepted a position as the assistant scientific program director at the Marine Mammal Commission in DC. Trish is spending as much time as she can with son, Kyle, while pursuing her career as a management consultant.

**David Rosenberg** gave the following update: David and wife, Laurel, along with the aforementioned Max Joseph and Sarah, 4-1/2, are still living in the house they bought right after they were married in '84. At this writing, they had recently completed an addition on the house. David laments that the project seemed to go on forever, and Max Joseph, born in May '91, came home in the middle of the construction. David went on to say that his contractor, who looks like Eldon on *Murphy Brown*, spent more time with his family than he did! David is a trial attorney and shareholder in

the firm of Riley & DeFalice. He joined the firm in '89, a year after it was formed. It is now a 54-attorney firm with offices in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Greensburg, PA. David is on the management committee of the firm and for the time being, serves as the managing attorney of the Pittsburgh office. The bulk of his practice is insurance defense litigation and business litigation. David welcomes calls from classmates, so if you're near Pittsburgh and need legal advice or the name of a good-but-slow contractor, give David a call. (Write or phone the Alumni Office, 203-439-2300, for David's address and telephone number.)

Nancy and **Paul Greeley's** daughter, Shelby, continues the family tradition of July 19 birthdays. Paul and Shelby's grandfather and great-grandmother were all born on July 19. Paul is a senior partner in the law firm of Ailes, Ohlandt and Greeley in Stamford, CT, and Nancy is a national account manager with Citicorp.

**Barbara Goodman Wilson** completed her master's program in landscape architecture in May '91. She is now a landscape designer working in CT.

**Dennis Dale**, father of Christopher Stoddard ("class of 2013 hopeful" his mom, Sally, writes) is doing well in Boston working for Benjamin Thompson Associates, designers of Faneuil Marketplace; Baltimore Harbor Place; South Street Seaport, NYC; and other "urban festival marketplaces." Dennis finds working for a world-class architecture firm challenging and exciting. Dennis's work includes landscape designing for the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Ft. Lauderdale, landscape design for a proposed multi-use project in Westwood Village, adjacent to UCLA, work on the New York Grand Central Partnership — an urban improvement project, as well as work as the project landscape architect for a multi-use development in London.

**Linda Rosenberg** has been appointed VP of Seelye Stevenson Value & Knecht (SSV&K), engineers and planners and division of STV Group. Linda will continue in her role as director of SSV&K's Marketing Department and will also be responsible for the corporate marketing coordination and support for STV Group. Linda joined SSV&K's Marketing Department in '80, became head of the department in '88, and was named an associate of SSV&K one year later. She is pursuing an MBA at Fordham U. and is a member of the Society for Marketing Professional Services and the Women's Transportation Seminar.

**Alison Holland Thompson** and husband, Harlan, are now the parents of three: Kelly, 5-1/2; Jane, 3, and baby William James Trenholm.

The following people checked in with birth announcements written on their alumni giving envelopes but gave no more news: **Caroline Baldwin Kahl, Jill**

**Bleemer, Emily Stimson Sugg** (although we do know the baby Hilary Stimson has a sister, Katherine Amanda, almost 4), and **Tony Bowe**. Please send details.

Now I have to switch gears. I just learned that **Edward (Ted) Pendergast Jones** was killed in a motorcycle accident in Sept. This is shocking and tragic news. Ted was a wonderful guy and I plan to write a tribute to Ted for the next edition of the magazine. Please call or write me if you have anything you'd like to contribute to a class eulogy for Ted.

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*Correspondents:* Ellen Harris Knoblock, 11 Sherman St., Belmont, MA 02178 and Paul A. (Tony) Littlefield, 122 Emery St., Portland, ME 04103

**Married:** **Beth Hardie** to Joseph Nelson, 5/18/91.

**Born:** to **Debra Low Mykrantz** and **Peter Mykrantz**, Jenni Anne 12/7/91.

**Beth Hardie Nelson** and Joe are planning to build a house on 80 acres of land in VT.

**Barbara Priest Rugo** is doing a pediatrics residence outside of San Francisco. She graduated from the Medical College of Pennsylvania in May of '91. Son, Joey, is now 3. Husband, Joe, works as a consultant in Vacaville, CA.

**Jane Banash Sagerman** and husband had a baby girl, Leah Banash, in April '91. They still live in NYC. Jane went back to work full time in July at Commercial Union Capitol Corporation.

# 81

*Correspondents:* Kenneth M. Goldstein, 94 Dudley St. #1., Brookline, MA 02146 and Christine Saxe Easton, 5-A Troy Dr., Springfield, NJ 07081

**Born:** to **Linda Courtiss Rheingold** and Larry, Curtis Gary 8/7/91; to **Chris Moody Petrou** and Stephen, Nick 11/10/90.

**Michael Wagner**, MD, recently relocated to Newton, MA, just outside of Boston where he is practicing medicine at New England Medical Center. Michael lives in the exclusive Newtonville section of town.

**Heidi Haas** reports that life is good in Northhampton, MA, with her mate, Fred Hooven, and their two daughters Molly, 4, and Abigail, 1.

**Russell Gregg** lives in Boston and is finishing up at New England School of Law. In his spare time, Russell enjoys bungee jumping and making enormous macrame wall hangings.

**Todd (Hot Toddy) Lilienfield** has also moved to the Boston area, specifically Natick, MA. Todd labors relentlessly, stopping only to take nourishment and for brief catnaps, in the vital battle to keep America adequately supplied with blank videotapes.

The following persons are urged to contact their nearest class correspondent at

their earliest convenience: **Stephen Clarendon**, **James Kellog**, **Dena Rosenthal**, **Glen Steinman** and **Michael Sittenfeld**.

**Linda Courtiss Rheingold** reported that she and her husband finished a 4-month-long kitchen renovation project just two days before the birth of their son, which was quickly followed by Hurricane Bob and five days with no electricity! They've survived quite well and are now settling into their new life as a family of three.

**Linda Rosenthal Maness** wrote that the Pawlet Town Report, which she helped organize, was one of 11 town reports in VT to receive the Award of Outstanding Achievement in a state-wide judging.

I received two impressive brochures from **Nancy Smith Klos**, fiber artist/designer. Nancy creates exquisite, custom-designed, hand-knit sweaters from yarns she dyes herself, using her skills as a painter colorist. She also makes beautiful tapestries reminiscent of Impressionist paintings in the French Gobelin style. After college, Nancy attended the Parsons School of Design in Paris and studied with noted sweater designer, Kaffe Fassett. She is currently earning her certificate in fiber arts from the Oregon School of Arts and Crafts. She is a member of the Tapestry Center in NY, the Textile Art Centre in Chicago, the International Tapestry Network, and the Portland Hand Weavers Guild, which awarded her its '90 artist's grant. Nancy also teaches classes in color, design and marketing.

# 82

*Correspondents:* Elizabeth Pictor Betti, 11 Heritage Ct., Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458 and Louise Tharrett, 46 Park St., Norfolk, MA 02056

**Married:** **Sue Rotatori** to Rob McAuliffe, 5/11/91; **Cara Esparo** to **Charles Schirrmeister**, 7/28/90; **Louise Tharrett** to Richard Griffiths, 7/6/91; **Stuart Adelberg** to Marilyn, 6/91.

**Born:** to **Alice Bakker Francoeur** and Mike, Alex Andrea 7/30/91; to **Sue Cei Ingraham** and James, Emily Veronica 12/5/90; to **Alice Elsbree Eckerson** and Bruce, Eleanor 10/5/89; to **Judy Duker Rosenberg** and Ken, Adam Duker 4/25/91; to **Paul Weiss** and Linnea '81, Allison Sara 5/28/91.

**Lee Mazzamurro Joseph** and Steve have a daughter, Rebecca Lee, 3.

**Jodi Harris** and Andy Magioncalda '83 have a son, William, 3-1/2.

**Alice Bakker Francoeur's** son, Alex, joins sister, Johanna Max, 2.

**Noreen Daly Cavanaugh** and Jocelyn Taylor Dezell '83 were attendants at the wedding of **Sue Rotatori** and Rob McAuliffe. Rob and Sue are living in DC, where they both work for law firms.

**Patrice Milley** writes, "In Sept. of '90, I most happily sold my portion of the flower

shop to my business partner. Since then, I have done business as a designer, working out of my studio in my home. I provide flowers for weddings, parties and special occasions for commercial and private clients. My biggest honor was being selected to exhibit at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts spring show, Art in Bloom."

**Cara Esparo** and **Charles Schirrmeister** had many CC alums at their July '90 wedding, including: **David Wallack**, **Frank Laufer**, **Carol Robbin Laufer**, **Ted Hansen**, **Tracy Fitch Meader**, **Kathryn Bonn**, **Nancy Schubert** and **Jim Blakeslee '81**. Charles and Cara live in Manhattan. Cara is a radio anchor on the Financial News Network. Charles is VP of Greystone Management.

**Paul Weiss** reports a very busy '91. He and wife, Linnea '81, have two daughters, baby Allison and Jessica Susan, 4. Paul has a new house in San Anselmo, CA, and a new job with Financial Holdings, where he is a senior VP.

**Louise Tharrett** and Richard Griffiths had the following alumni at their July '91 wedding: **Gail Georgeson**, **Joanne Baltz**, **Maryellen Potts** and Lisa Best '81.

**Ken Abrahams** was active in the planning of our 10th reunion.

**Joanne Baltz** went into private law practice in Chester, VT.

# 83

*Correspondents:* Karen Neilson Rae, 88 Sunshine Dr., Marlboro, MA 01752 and Erica Van Brimer Goldfarb, 4334 Garfield Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55409

**Married:** **Nicholas Nesgos** to Margaret Erskine, 9/91; **Blair Nichols** to Peter Chandler, 10/5/91; **Guy DeFrances** to Gabriele Skoumal, 8/24/90; **Tanah Kalb** to Hilmar Meyer-Bosse, 6/1/91; **Margaret Carroll** to David Hibbett, 8/31/91.

**Born:** to **Carey Mack Weber** and Douglas Weber '81, Emily Fair 10/15/91; to **Michael Mombello** and Julie, Edward McNeil 1/8/92.

**Barbara Anderson** resides in Groton, CT, and is still running a piano studio in Pawcatuck. She plans on finishing her master's degree in music in the fall of '92. Her husband, Miles Millbach, teaches calculus and physics at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

**Karen Bachelder** is serves as the Mohave County (AZ) sales representative for BCS Cable Advertising for commercial sales on CNN and ESPN. She had her first major art show last Nov. and Dec. and is planning a one-woman art show this month.

**Faith Benton** is slowly getting closer to completing her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at UConn.

**Christopher Bradbury** will drive for the factory Mercedes-Benz team in the '92 World Sportscar Championship. He will be part of a 12-race schedule, including a

special four-car effort at Le Mans. He will be moving to Germany with his wife, Janet, and baby, Ellen. Janet gets a new 500SL which should make up for all the packing and moving.

**Wendy Buck Brown** and her husband are still living in Charlottesville and would love to see people coming through.

**Nancy Carlton** is living in Boston and operates her own company, Timeless Toys, which sells handcrafted, wooden toys to a number of stores and galleries. Since graduation, Nancy has been involved in the jewelry business, guitar lessons, remodeling her artists' loft and many other projects.

**Alan Cohen** began a new job in Jan. as VP at Serino Coyne Advertising and Public Relations, an agency specializing in Broadway theater, corporate cultural accounts and non-profit arts campaigns. He has recently seen classmate, **Matt Martin**, and keeps in touch with **Sara Barrett** and **Kathy Hurley**.

**Dominic Colonna** has finished his coursework requirements and comprehensive exam as preparation for a Ph.D. in theology at Fordham, where he is a teaching fellow and preparing a dissertation proposal. Daughter, Lily, celebrated her first birthday in Jan.

**Joann Elizabeth Coppola** is the assistant to the director of a gender research group at UC/Berkeley. She is plowing through the MFA in creative writing at San Francisco State U. and is publishing, performing and public speaking, to sum it all up. She says she is now living in a new place overlooking the India Basin and is wondering how all her old friends from Abbey are doing.

**Monica Crothers** is a credit research officer at the Societe Generale in NYC and is taking translation/conversation classes at the Alliance Francaise. She spent two weeks last Oct. at Club Med in Sonora Bay, Mexico, which offered an intensive tennis program.

**Katie Crow Pfeffer** lives in Brooklyn, NY, and works in Tribeca in a catering/retail food business, designing and marketing food gifts. She has two children, Henry, 3, and Charlotte, 2.

**Bert Czuchra** lives in South Windsor, CT, and works for Bob's Stores in Meriden as a merchandise buyer. He and his wife are busy enjoying their 1-year-old son, Andrew.

**Guy DeFrances** spent his honeymoon traveling through Germany and Austria in Aug. and Sept. '90. He is currently practicing law in Meriden, CT.

**Mont Fennel** and wife Katherine Canfield '84 have moved back from Los Angeles to Belmont, MA, as Mont was offered a job as a business reporter with a new TV station in the area: New England Cable News, a regional CNN, round-the-clock news and information station for the Northeast (it began broadcasting March 2). Katherine will be looking for work as a magazine editor/writer after taking care of

their 6-month-old, Sarah, a little longer.

**Leslie Finesmith** is staying home with her two children, Katie, 1-1/2, and Elizabeth, 2-1/2. Her husband, Ross, is now doing his residency in pediatrics in Morristown, NJ.

**Mark Foushee** is employed by Mass Mutual Life Insurance as director of real estate investment. His hobby is designing and marketing saltwater fishing lures.

**Kambrah Garland Dasuta** and husband, Steve, live in NM. Steve flies the F15 Eagle for the US Air Force. They will be moving to VA in May as Steve will have another F15 tour there. Kambrah will continue with her own marketing business in VA. Last Oct., they had a baby, Danielle Elyse. Kambrah states that NM is beautiful, and they spend their time hiking, camping and hanging out with their Rottweiler, Ace. "Those alums out there, stay in touch!"

**Mark Gershman** works to protect wetlands and wildlife habitat in CO and **Nancy Gruskay Gershman** is teaching at the Waldorf School.

**Julie Grossman** is finishing her Ph.D. in English at the U. of Virginia.

**Glenn Harris** just started a new job as a trial attorney for the U.S. Small Business Administration.

**Celeste Hatfield Earls** is living in Ketchum, ID, where she is editor of the *Valley Magazine*. Her husband, Michael, is publisher.

**Laurie Hoffma** has been director of the Red Oak After School Program, an ESL and daycare program in Boston's Chinatown, for five years. Her local band is called Vision Thing, and they can be heard on the airways around Boston and on college stations all over the Northeast, including WCNI. She is happily married to Ted, and they've welcomed a pet rat, Mina, into the household.

**Mary Keating Martin** and husband, Gene, are enjoying their new house in Starksboro, VT. They love VT and have been skiing quite a bit. Mary and Gene hope to see **Allison Ogg Martin** when she returns to the U.S. from Tokyo.

**Marita Kennedy Wein** married Byron in Nov. '86, and they have two children, Matthew David, born 6/2/88, and Laura Alison, born 12/2/90. Marita is an associate VP with the Common Fund, an investment management firm for educational institutions, located in Fairfield, CT.

**Judith Krigman Lou** has been very busy this year. Since leaving the Air Force, she and husband, Larry, opened their own business in the Pacific Northwest. They have a son, Martin Ross, 19 mos.

**Ken Lankin, M.D.**, is serving a surgical internship at Bethesda Naval Hospital. He spent Christmas and New Year's Eve holidays singing carols and treating casualties at the Medstar Trauma Center in DC. He is awaiting orders as the medical officer for the *USS Gunston Hall*

and a Mediterranean cruise next Nov.

**Beth Luebberts Foley** was married in Oct. '89 to Peter. Beth is a paralegal for the Boston firm of Foley, Hoay and Eliot. Peter is a senior development manager for Reebok's advanced concepts group (he makes sneaker gizmos). They have a house in Needham, MA, and spend their spare time trying to locate **Rocky Ackroyd**, who is sighted less often than Elvis.

**Fran McGurk** is a market development manager — Asia for UST, Inc. in Greenwich, CT.

**Abby Mintz** recently started a computer renting and leasing firm in White Plains, NY.

**Stephen Mitrione** and his wife, Shana Kaplow '84, still live in Minnesota. He is a family practitioner in a small town near the Twin Cities.

**Michael Mombello** and his wife, Julie, are thrilled about the arrival of their baby boy, Edward, who had a rocky start and had to spend a week in the hospital. He is home now and doing beautifully. The Mombellos live in Westport, CT, and Michael works for J. Crew in NYC.

**Martha Moulton** finishes her residency in family practice in July and hopes to join a family practice in CT. She attended **Margaret Carroll's** wedding.

**Margaret Carroll** married David Hibbett on 8/31/91. The happy couple are spending a year in Japan after finishing their Ph.D.s in botany at Duke last summer.

**Elizabeth Branca** is alive and well in Minneapolis.

**Blair Nichols Chandler** and her husband live in Somerville, MA. Blair teaches aerobics in the Boston area. She and her husband started a small business custom designing refrigerator magnets. She writes that they are struggling a bit, learning a lot and love working out of their apartment.

**Nicole Nolan** started a job with Alliance Capital Management in NYC as vice president in charge of sales and marketing mutual funds.

**Donna Orbach** and her husband, Albert Mitrani, are expecting their first child in March. They have recently returned to the U.S. and are busy building a business that imports decorative items from Turkey. They live in Harrisburg, PA.

**Terri Paradis LeDuc** lives in Canton, CT with husband, Jeff, and two sons, Daniel, 18 mos., and Michael, 5 mos. She works as a visiting nurse in the Farmington Valley area and enjoys "mommying."

**Jenny Pohl** is working as a library assistant in Long Island and is pursuing a master's in library science at St. John's U.

**Carmen Ponce** is a full-time student at Seton Hall U. in NJ, finishing up her coursework towards a Ph.D. in child clinical psychology. She works part-time as a school psychologist for the Washington Township and Newton School districts and is also completing her practicum at the U. of

Medicine and Dentistry at Newark where she works with abused children in a therapeutic kindergarten. Carmen is looking forward to doing her share in the Hamptons again this summer with friends.

**Laurie Reynolds Rardin** has been working for the CT Dept. of Environmental Protection for two years as a public participation coordinator for the Office of Long Island Sound Programs. She is responsible for public outreach for all of the DEP's Long Island Sound programs, which keeps her busy! Her husband, Jed, is halfway through his master's of divinity program. They love life in Woodstock, CT, and are fast on their way to becoming country bumpkins!

**Nancy Reynolds** was discouraged by the sappy winter they had in Richmond, VT, but she found time to contra dance, knit and enjoy the Green Mountains. She is a team coordinator at the Arbors, a progressive residential facility for Alzheimer's patients, and continues to live with her cats and a few brazen flying squirrels.

**Andy Robinson** and his wife, Suzanne, have finally moved into their new home in Chestnut Hill, MA, five months after a fire which occurred the day after they closed! Andy would be happy to "tee it up" with fellow classmates as his home is just a 50-yard wedge shot to the neighboring golf course.

**Kristin Rosseland Foughi** has completed her master's in psychology/counseling and is now working in Worcester, MA, as a counselor at a rehabilitation center for alcoholics and drug users. She has been doing drug/sex educational workshops with teens at the Girls Club and is teaching an introduction to psychology course at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester.

**Adele (Deedee) Sands-Berking** is living in Brooklyn with her husband, Carter, whom she married in '90. They are presently looking for a house in NJ so she can continue teaching at the Lexington School for the Deaf, and so he can keep writing music in NYC.

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*Correspondents:*  
Elizabeth A. Kolber, 790  
Boylston St., Apt. 5G, Boston,  
MA 02199 and Bart Hoskins,  
22 Larchmont Rd., Salem, MA  
01970

**Born:** to **Cynthia Kossmann Wilkinson** and Alan, Lily Geralyn 2/4/92; to **Renee Mercado Allen** and Arthur, Morgan Danielle 11/5/91; to **Janet Catlin Wagner** and Bruce, Brett Clifford 5/26/91.

**Eric Berkeley** moved from NYC to Brentwood, CA, and is working at Neutrogena in the International Marketing Department.

**Brock Wylan** is living in NYC and working as a photographer.

**Billy Forrest** is living in NYC and working at MacDonnell Douglas.

**Cici Kossmann Wilkinson** and **Kris**

**Kossmann Davison** have a new business together, Kossmann and Kossmann, an art and antique appraisal company with offices in NJ and RI.

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*Correspondents:*  
Kathleen A. Goodwin-Boyd, 33  
Maple St., Florence, MA 01060  
and Anne-Marie Parsons, 185  
Hubbard St., Apt. 1,  
Glastonbury, CT 06033

**Married:** **Rosemary Battles** to Gregory Foy, 5/25/91; **Jody Bates** to Daniel Bliss, 6/15/91; **Lisa Beaudet** to James Beyer, 9/91; **Cindy Bendroth** to Doug Reynolds, 5/91; **Elizabeth Brownlee** to Michael Kolmstetter, 7/27/91; **Kathryn Carlin** to Samuel Lovejoy, 11/23/90; **Karen Cloney** to Timothy Walker M '84, 9/86; **Patty Cone** to Daniel Henshaw, '89, **John Eley** to Susie Eisner, 6/6/90; **Shannon Goheen** to Thomas Huettner, 4/27/91; **Philip Huvos** to Judy Bellwoar, 7/9/91; **Elisabeth Lyons** to Douglas Mangel, 8/10/91.

**Born:** to **Margie Bennett McManus** and Ed, Kathryn Maeve 10/21/91; to **Kathryn Carlin Lovejoy** and Samuel, Pamela Carlin 10/31/91; to **Leila Cleaves Safford** and Tom, Brian Hofheins 6/91; to **Karen Cloney Walker** and Timothy, Adam Timothy 11/5/91; to **Patty Gillett Elliot** and Jay, Sarah Suzanne 6/18/91; to **Anne Kiely Richards** and Tim, Maxwell Kiely 2/9/92.

**Kama Almasi** is at UC/Davis working on a Ph.D. in ecology.

**Esperanza (Hope) Anderson** is living in Philadelphia working as a judicial clerk for a federal district court judge. Hope just passed the Pennsylvania Bar and reports that all is well.

**Jennifer Atkinson** is in her second year at Cornell Law. Before going to law school, Jennifer worked in the environmental conservation field in St. John's, Newfoundland. She hopes to return there after graduation. Jennifer keeps in touch with **Carole Tomko** who works for the Discovery Channel and will soon leave DC for Barcelona to work on the summer Olympics.

**Heidi Armster** lives in Greenwich, CT, with her husband and is working on a graduate degree in photography from Pratt.

**Sarah Babbitt** writes from Laramie, WY, where she is now working on her MFA. Her thesis show is scheduled for next Nov. Sarah writes that she recently saw **Mark Frattarolli** (who is married to her cousin Lucy) at her sister's wedding in CT. Other alums at the wedding include Martha Monroe Babbitt '58 (mom) and Nory Babbitt '81 (cousin). Sarah enjoyed skiing last winter in WY.

**Elizabeth Barrack** is the vice president supervisor on the British American Tobacco and Aer Lingus accounts at Campbell-Mithun-Esty advertising agency (subsidiary of Saatchi and Saatchi) and consequently

spends most of her time traveling around the world. When at home in NYC, she continues her studies in Japanese and international business. She writes that it is fun realizing that the world is the size of a marble.

**Rosemary Battles Foy** married Greg last May on Cape Cod. Wedding attendants included Julia May '86, Maggie Hug '87 and Tracy Thompson '87. After a trip to HI, Rosemary and Greg moved to Brookline, MA.

**Jody Bates** teaches fourth grade at the Fessenden School in West Newton, MA, where she and her husband are also dorm parents for 21 seventh and eighth grade boys. Dan teaches fifth grade at the Pike School in Andover.

**Larry Bazer** has been back in NYC for the last two years and plans to be ordained as a rabbi next year. Larry keeps busy with part-time teaching and tutoring, and he also has a part-time congregation in Huntsville, AL, that flies him down every five to six weeks. This is not only lots of fun and very rewarding, it provides many frequent flyer miles. Larry plans to be in DC this summer where he will serve as a Jewish chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve.

**Lisa Beaudet Beyer** writes that she had a busy year. She got engaged in March, bought a house in Milford, MA, in July and got married in Sept. She continues to work with mentally retarded adults in Newton. Lisa spends her evenings with her husband, James, and their two cats, Kittenkaboodle and Madison.

**Cindy Bendroth** works at the Rhode Island Historical Society as the manuscript curator. She is also a part-time archivist for the New England Yearly Meeting (Quakers).

**Todd Berman** is living in Brooklyn, CT, with his wife, Julie. He is a sales manager for a sailmaker in Old Mystic, and Julie is a veterinarian in New London. So far the family has two dogs, Bud and Brook.

**Jane Rowan Blough** writes that the Coast Guard keeps her family moving. In July '91, they moved to the Detroit area and are living on Lake St. Clair. Jane would like to report that 20 percent of the class contributed to AAGP for '90-'91. Many thanks! All classmates are encouraged to make a small gift this year as well.

While we're on the topic of contribution, I move on to a quick message from our president, **Eric Kaplan**. He writes to remind us that there is never a bad time to (please, please, please) send our \$10 class dues to him or to Treasurer **Sharon Ephraim**. Write or call the Alumni Office (203-439-2300) for Eric or Sharon's address.

Now for some more news, **Sue Brandes** left Macy's just over a year ago to work for Freudenberg/Pellon in NYC as an international marketing representative. Her accounts include major apparel companies that manufacture in the Far



At left: Karen McLaurin, director of the Third World Alumni of Brown University, addressed members of Connecticut College's Minority Alumni Committee (MAC) and members of the alumni board last spring on the subject of Third World alumni programs and networks. Above: Alumni and students attended a reception at Becker House during Eclipse Weekend in April. Les Williams '88 (far left) talks with Mabel Chang '93, chair of the Minority Student Steering Committee. At right are Frank Tuitt '87 and Leo Bellamy '89.

East. This requires a yearly trip to Hong Kong that Sue loves.

**Gregg Breen** recently left his job at the Hartford Insurance Group, where he had been working since graduation, to return to school. He is in the Graduate Economics Program at Georgetown U. and says that school is tough but enjoyable.

**Scott Brenner** continues to work for AT&T as a UNIX system software application developer. He and his wife, Marianne, live with their Yorkshire terrier in Bedminster, NJ, where Scott is a trustee of their neighborhood association. They recently returned from London where they met Derek Jacobi, the renowned Shakespearean actor.

**Elizabeth Brownlee Kolmstetter** received her Ph.D. in industrial and organizational psychology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State U. in May '91. The following July, she was married at the Washington Cathedral. Elizabeth now works for Westat, Inc., a research corporation. Her husband, Michael, is a solo classical guitarist.

**Edward Burger** is an assistant professor of mathematics at Williams College. To date, he has had three papers accepted for publication. He has been put in charge of PR for math.

**Kathryn Carlin Lovejoy** is a very busy full-time mother in Guilford, CT.

After graduation, **Leila Cleaves Safford** worked and lived in NYC for two years where she was a media planner in an advertising agency. In '87, she married her high school sweetheart, Tom. She then spent the next three years at an advertising agency in Philadelphia. In June '91, son,

Brian, was born, and Leila writes that Brian is the toughest and most challenging boss she has ever had and motherhood is the most fulfilling job.

**Karen Cloney Walker** is living in Niantic, CT, with her husband, Timothy, and son, Adam.

**Patty Cone Henshaw** married Dan in '89 and then moved to HI where she taught high school English and where Dan did his internship. They are now living in Cambridge, MA, where they're freshman proctors at Harvard. Patty teaches sixth grade at Shady Hill School, and Dan is doing his residency in radiology at Beth Israel.

**Betsy Cullen** is living in New Haven and working as a nurse practitioner with undergrads at Yale. She spent her last vacation touring the highlands and Amazon river basin of Ecuador.

**Ole-Petter Ditlevsen** is working and living in London as a shipbroker for an International Chemical Shipping Company.

**Nancy Dodge Jacobs** completed her certification in elementary education and is accepting substitute teaching positions. In the meantime, Nancy has started making jewelry, which is in five Pittsburgh stores. She hopes to go national, so if anyone knows of any stores or galleries that sell handmade pieces, please let her know.

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**Married: Robin Rivard** to Kenneth Bussiere, 4/26/86; **Nina Calace-Mottola** to

Kurt Kiess, 8/4/90; **Jennifer Mrosek** to John Harrington, 10/20/90; **Geraldine (Dina) Johnson** to Timothy Murch, 1/19/91; **Sally Blodgett** to Jim Olson, 4/13/91; **Robin Merrill** to Luke Lorenzo, 6/8/91; **Donna Spencer** to Christopher Pudlinski, 7/20/91; **Polly Altrocchi** to Kevin Clark, 8/24/91; **Kirsten DeConti** to **Angelo Ziotas**, 8/31/91; **Sara Savin** to Wayne Wilhelm, 10/6/91; **Patricia Knight** to Dennis Bourassa, 12/7/91.

**Born:** to **Robin Rivard-Bussiere** and Kenneth, Joshua David 5/12/88 and Ashley Morgan 6/27/89; to **Elizabeth Rogers Olsen** and Tom Olsen '85, Nathaniel Thomas 1/11/91; to **Mark Wilson Baer** and Elizabeth, Wilson Emory 4/14/91.

WOW! Your response to my New Year's resolution "challenge" has been tremendous and, yes, there's still time for the rest of you. I'll make my opening remarks brief so I can get to the business of revealing your news! First, I had to take some editing liberties to try to fit this all in — please bear with me. Next, rules are rules. I can't report events that "lie in the future" — I'll try to keep track but keep me posted for future deadlines, okay? Final request — please sign all correspondence and use maiden names when appropriate. Thanks for your understanding and now, on with the news!!

A long distance "hello" from **John Evans** who called from Los Angeles to let me know he's been working for Walt Disney for five years. He is now a producer working on several new projects and regrets that he was in Europe on business for our reunion.

"Aloha" from **Gerda Gomez Pasquarello** and **Don Pasquarello** who are living in Honolulu while Don finished

his surgical internship. They have two children — Michael, 4, and Amy, 16 mos., and are having a good time but miss everyone at home. They hope to be back stateside soon!

Special thanks go to the moms who responded on behalf of our classmates: **Steve Crawford** is in Japan for three and a half years working in the International Marketing Department of Alpine Electronics, Inc., and **John Peterson** is working on a master's degree at the U. of Kiel in Germany, following his Fulbright Scholarship after graduation.

**Polly Altrocchi** would like to thank the Connecticut College Easterners who came to CA for her wedding: **Dave Benjack, Doug Bigham, John Derderian, Meg Felton, Laurence (Nemo) Hannafin, Amanda Kuklin '88, Jeff Nicholson, Margi Schwartz '88, Mary-Ann Somers, Caroline Tobias, Dave (Woody) Wittenberg '87** and Bay Area locals, **Kristin Matthews '87, Mary Hope McQuiston '87** and **Lauren (Spy) Meltzer '88**. Celebrations were reminiscent of college days and included a party on a San Francisco cable car.

**Gina-maria Bellafante** (who graduated from Barnard College) has been "temporarily" employed as a reporter/researcher at *Time* magazine in NYC.

**Sally Blodgett Olson** reports that **Lestra Litchfield** and **Angie Thompson** both attended her marriage to Jim, who is a resident in pediatrics. Sally works as a therapist with children at a counseling agency in Seattle.

**Constantine Brocoum, MD**, is doing a radiology residency at the U. of Pittsburgh.

**Nina Calace-Mottola Kiess** writes that **Marie DiMattina, Holly Heline, Catherine Irons Olsen, Leyman Skinner** and **Michelle Goldsmith '88** were all present at her wedding. Nina is living in Port Washington, NY, and still works for Elizabeth Arden Cosmetics in the sales department.

**Kirsten DeConti Ziotas** and **Angelo Ziotas** tied the knot! Angelo graduated from UConn Law School and is working at a law firm in Hartford, CT, while Kirsten received her master's from UConn and is writing her dissertation and teaching psychology at Central Connecticut State U.

**Deborah Duffy Gabinelle** is enjoying her job as a loan review analyst at Fleet Bank in Hartford. She and hubby, Gregg, dine out occasionally with **Jim Greenberg** and his wife, Lisa, and Peter and Jenny Bakkala '87.

**Pamela Eliasoph** is studying for her MSW at Simmons College and also works with autistic children and their families. Pam sees Connecticut alumni, **Debbie Flashman '85** and **Marcel Dardati '87** and is curious about her classmates.

**Wayne Elowe** is finishing his last semester of law school at Case Western Reserve U. in Cleveland, where he has focused on corporate and international law.

Wayne spent the past year as an editor on the *Law Review*, and his wife, Gina '87, has been teaching preschool special education over the past four years. The Elowes are planning a move to the Chicago area this summer.

**Christopher Fray** reports some "historical" news — he spent four months on an American crab processor in the Sea of Okhotsk off the far eastern coast of the former Soviet Union. (Chris was there for the coup!) He worked as a translator for a Soviet-American joint venture fishing company. An essay on his experiences was published in *N.Y.O.* magazine, a NY-based lesbian and gay weekly. Chris continues his worldly travels in Lima, Peru, on a three-month "vacation" all over the South American continent with a friend. Plans to begin a Ph.D. program in Russian/Soviet history are on the agenda for Sept.

"We're alive and happy," writes **Hilary Gans**. Hilary is working in industrial recycling for a company called BFI. **Hayley Altman Gans** is an M.D. in her first year of residency for pediatrics and despite her lack of sleep "looks pretty good." Together they'll save the planet! When not saving the planet, Hilary and Hayley are also interviewing prospective Connecticut students ... I also happen to know that the Ganses visited **Robin Merrill Lorenzo** in Rochester last Oct. Robin spent some time with **Margo Rossi** and **Tim Evans** after her wedding to Luke last June and then saw them again in Aug. in Seattle. (**Jackie Gordon** couldn't make their wedding — BIG exam day!) She also hears from **Ann Dennehy** on occasion. One final "scary" thought from Robin: she's now in her fifth year of being an advertising copywriter.

**Anne Holland** has been busy in DC completing her third successful year as manager of direct marketing for Jane's. She's also the editor-in-chief of the Women's Direct Response Group newsletter, outreach leader of the DC area Co-housing Group and co-host of the DC monthly "Up on the Roof" parties for bored DCers looking for a bunch of new friends and good conversations — they've had over 150 attendees so far, including some Connecticut alums! Anne recently saw **Emilie Woodward** who is looking forward to getting her M.Ed. from UMass this spring.

**Christina Horzepa** is still living in Westchester, NY, but escapes to the Big Apple and elsewhere as often as possible. She sees a lot of **Lynne Pogmore LaBelle, Jodi Kelber, Victoria Pace** and **Susan Spencer**. Christina made a big trip to visit **Joyce O'Connor** in Los Angeles. ("What a strange place.") I would like to thank Chris for wishing me luck in compiling all of these notes!

**Jeff Idleson** began his fourth year as director of media and publicity with the New York Yankees and still gets together with **Tom Pado** who is living in Somerville, MA, and teaching high school

in Nashua, NH.

Attending **Geraldine (Dina) Johnson Church's** marriage to Timothy last Jan. were **Robin Ahern '87, Tom Savastano '88, Steve Plaisted RTC '87** and **Barbara Cooper Stiles '84**. Dina and her husband live in Fairfax, VA, where she is working in public relations for a local community hospital. In her spare time, Dina also directs a group of teenage actors and takes ballet classes.

**Tim Joseph**, who is definitely NOT suffering from writer's block, sent me an entire letter. Here is the condensed version of his news: Tim received his M.S. degree from Duke U. (home of the NCAA Basketball Champion Blue Devils). I'm still trying to pronounce the title of his thesis! While at Duke, Tim met "the greatest thing that has ever happened" to him — her name is **Melissa Jarrell** (stay tuned for later developments!) In the meantime, Tim is working for Ciba-Geigy Agricultural Division in Greensboro, NC. He keeps in touch mostly with **Brian Kennedy** who is a prosecuting attorney in Bridgeport, CT. Tim was able to catch up with **Kathryn Price Pietila** over Christmas but not long enough to meet her husband, Jim. (Note to Kate: Tim is sorry he still has not met him!) Tim also writes that he has spoken with **Pam Dibona** — both she and **Adam Gerberick** are living in Boston and seem to be enjoying life with their usual zest!

**Richard Kassel** is finishing his last semester at City U. of New York Law School and hopes to pursue a career in immigration law. Richard is in regular contact with **Omer** and **Kathy Kelly-Sinangil, Leonard Ellentuck, Bradley Wade** and **Robin Rivard-Bussiere**.

Speaking of **Bradley Wade**, he lives and works in Atlanta, GA, where he and his dog, Susie, enjoy frequent walks to the nearby duck pond. Brad spent his Christmas Eve with the poet, James Merrill, and his mother and Steven Tunnell '87.

And speaking of **Robin Rivard-Bussiere**, she and her husband, Kenneth, have two children (**Joshua David** and **Ashley Morgan**). Robin works at the **Hancock Elementary School**, a four-room schoolhouse, where she is a special education teacher's assistant.

**Alex Kasten**, after spending a few years working in film and video in DC, is now a writer/editor for a DC-based publication that focuses on multimedia and interactive video. When he's not busy making sense of all this, he's freelance writing, dabbling in cartooning and occasionally keeping in touch with classmates **Erik Haslun, Bill White** and **Darius Wadia**.

**Tom Liptack** is also "hanging out" with Darius, as well as Connecticut grads **Rick Unruh, Ned Hurley** and **Bill Nightingale**.

**Jeffrey Kazin** writes that he is still a typesetter while continuing to pursue his dance career. Jeff performed at Connecticut

with Mary Barnett '78 and Peter DiMuro. He has a performance in NY at the Morningside Dance Festival with others at DTW and DIA to follow.

**Patricia Knight Bourassa** is living in Norwich, CT, with her new husband, Dennis. Dan Hajjar '84 and Andrew Chait '82 both attended her wedding. Patricia works at Pfizer as an assistant scientist in metabolic diseases and earned her master's from Connecticut in May '91.

**Brenda Kramer** is new to the Worcester, MA, area and is finally in medical school at UMass. Yeah! She's "never been poorer" but spent New Year's Eve with her Connecticut College gang and misses them!

Since leaving Connecticut, **Mark Leapman** reports that he got his MBA from the U. of Pittsburgh, is now an independent real estate investor and has a special someone in his life (Lee Ann Mazzocco).

**Sandra MacVicar** married Glenn Mills Buggy last Oct. Included in the wedding party were Brenda Benson '84, **Donna Peterson, Karen Underwood, Christina Priest Beebe** and Jill Henken '83. **Jocelyn Moore** was the soloist.

**Laura Maguire Hoke's** BIG news will have to wait for a later issue, but in the interim, she sends her regards to **Conni Jangraw Morris!**

**Jennifer Mrosek** says that she never got around to reporting her marriage to John in Oct. '90. **Pam Varley** was a bridesmaid. It was a wonderful wedding (they thought so, anyway!), but Jennifer still hasn't gotten used to people being able to spell her last name!

**Amy Muskin Shelton** now lives in Guilford, CT. She got married last spring to Stephen and is working as a quality research consultant for Aetna Health Plans.

**Carol Newman** started a business called Live Wire Mobile Rigging. She's setting up a van to do yacht rigging and repair work, hoping this will keep her busy in the summer, while writing (freelance journalism) will continue to entertain her in the winter. Carol still lives on Cape Cod, sailing a lot year round.

**Jeff Nicholson** is having a great first year of marriage living in Stowe, VT, where he is building his own marketing and desktop publishing business. Jeff spent New Year's Eve on top of a mountain with **Ed Mills, Nancy Northrop '87, and Ak Garland '85, his wife, Kathy and daughter, Nicole. Doug Bigham** stopped in for a few days before getting back to the books at Boston U. Jeff sends all his best to everyone!

**A.J. Normand** still works at the Connecticut College library — she doesn't love Connecticut that much, but she does love Timothy Groome, who also works at the college in the computer department. She jokes that she sees him more at work than at home, but along with Tim's 7-year-old son, they are one big, happy family. AJ tells us that life at CC sure has changed —

the food is almost edible.

**Sarah Pitt, Heather Turnbull, Joan Robbins** and Sue Lehnert '87 got together for dinner in the West Village and caught up on all of the old gossip.

Here's the latest from **Kim Pouliot**: after putting her degree in studio art to use in the fields of graphic design and visual merchandising, she is currently living in southeastern CT and working on forming a decorative painting company. Kim plans to provide custom services for the CT, RI, MA and NY areas and to work creating faux and custom finishes and effects for interiors, furniture and accessories.

**Jeff Previdi** is looking forward to seeing his name "in lights" — well, here it is, Jeff! Jeff is working at ABC News on the overnight shift, paying his dues and not getting a lot of sleep. He sees **Jon Dorf** regularly in NYC and spent New Year's Eve with Jon and **Adam Rader**.

**Christina Priest Beebe** is still happily married to Marler and loves teaching English and reading to seventh graders in Plainville, CT. Chris has started work on her master's degree in reading and language arts.

**Cynthia Rangoon** is working for the Connecticut Department on Aging as a field representative and lives in the Hartford area. She sees **Deborah Link**, who is busy at Tufts Veterinary School. Cindy is also in touch with Krista Rosseland Foughi '83, who has completed her master's degree in counseling.

**Ashley Ridgway** writes that she is living in Alexandria, VA, and traveling every week. At the time I received her postcard, Ashley was working in Rochester, NY.

**Donna Roberts Dione** continues to be a teacher at the Mystic Marinelife Aquarium. She and her husband moved to Waterford, CT, the week before our reunion.

**Donna Spencer Pudlinski** reports that '91 was a big year for her — she got married to Christopher! **Renee Rougeot** and **Donna Roberts Dione** were part of the wedding on the hottest day of the year!

**Joan Robins** (when not having dinner with Sarah, Heather and Susan) lives in NYC and works at Channel 13. Joan also sees **Sharis Arnold Pozen, Thorn Pozen '88, Tom Wilinsky,** and occasional chance meetings bring her in contact with other Connecticut grads. As a matter of fact, she recently ran across **Nicky Nolin**, who also works at Channel 13!

**Philippe Roederer** has been enjoying international business success in Brazil and Argentina with his rollerblade rental company called Roller-wheels Rental Inc. South America.

**Elizabeth Rogers Olsen** and Tom Olsen '85 celebrated their son Nate's first birthday in Jan. "He's the greatest thing in the world." "Aunt" **Leyman Skinner** keeps close tabs on him down on the Cape. Liz is still busy doing graphic design out of her home while Tom is vying for a spot at

the '92 Olympics in Barcelona. He was ranked number one in the world in Star Class (sailing) as of Feb. — Good luck, Tom!

**Tom Saiddy** is working as a special assistant to the Secretary of the Interior. He's doing a fair amount of traveling and is also trying to train for upcoming triathlons. Tom says DC is crazy.

**Sara Savin** is now Sara Wilhelm after marrying Wayne last Oct. Her wedding was attended by Ruth Savin Greenberg '67 and Micki Savin '32. Sara lives in Southeastern CT.

**Amalia (Em) Seggos** is finishing her third year at UPenn School of Veterinary Medicine (one year to go!) and is really looking forward to getting out in the working world.

**John Sharon** tells us that his life is quite busy and most rewarding. He is in his first year as Middle School Head of the Maret School in DC and is humbled to have been chosen for the honor. Being an administrator is hectic and good, but he still gets to teach (history and English) and coach (girls varsity soccer). John also plays in a bluegrass/blues band with Bill Hoffman — it's called Get Rhythm. John says he is trying desperately not to grow up, but God keeps pushing him in the other direction!

**Deborah Vileno Esborn** and husband, John, are relocating to the Boston area. She enjoys motherhood so much that she plans on not working when they are settled, so she can spend more time with daughter, Elizabeth, and on her artwork. (Deb, thanks for the tip on our 10 year high school reunion. — Suzanne)

**Jeffrey Waller** has recently earned his Doctor of Chiropractic degree and is planning to open his own practice soon in either VT or NM. Last year, he married Laura Kelley '87 and they now have a daughter, Jessica.

The latest (and greatest) news from **Marc Wilson Baer** is that he and his wife, Elizabeth, had a son, Wilson Emory. They are all happy and healthy.

**Kristin Wooten** is in her second year of a three-year nurse/midwife program at Yale. Krissy plans to spend the summer out West doing an internship with the U.S. Public Health Service. (K, what I wouldn't do for another round of those days on Nantucket with you and Kate! Sigh! — S)

**Susan Zuckerman** reports that she switched jobs and is now working for Goldman, Sachs & Company, an investment bank, in its corporate communications department where she is involved in the firm's annual report, advertising and product brochures. Susan still finds time to be involved with the CC Club of New York and her outings on Saturdays with children from an American Red Cross Homeless Shelter. She still keeps in touch with **Shari Passerman Turner, Paula Reddy, Cynthia Fazzari '88, and Paul Cyr**. Susan continues to live in Manhattan.

Well, folks, that's all for now. My eyes are bleary, my fingers are cramped and my back is killing me! But the effort has been well worth getting to hear from all of you who beat this deadline! Keep your notes rolling in ... maybe I'll finally have to break down and take a typing course! To the Class of '86: say hello to you see us on the streets and beep your horns if you see us on the highways! — Suzanne

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**Married:** Stephen Blackwell to Aleka Alexandra Akoyunoglou, 10/20/91; Eduardo Castell to Jennifer Croke, 5/91; Lisey Good to Brinton Brosius '88.

**Born:** to Chris Burrell and Mary, Harvey Anatole 5/29/91.

Our fifth-year reunion was held 9/20-22/91 and was a great success! The weekend began with a welcome reception in Blaustein on Friday evening. Saturday was busy with an alumni rugby game, as well as men's and women's soccer games. Later that afternoon, the class gift was presented by Class Agent Karen Quint to Pres. Gaudiani at a reception in Blaustein. That evening, scorpion bowls, Chinese food and a marvelous slide show (thanks to Priscilla Geigis and friends!) were followed by dancing in Conn Cave. It appeared that a great time was had by all! We missed those of you who were unable to attend, but look forward to seeing you at your 10th. It will be here before you know it!

Planning an event such as a class reunion is an extremely time-consuming endeavor. Thanks to Deb Tullo and Maureen Tiernan-Meech, reunion chairs, for all of their hard work and a job well done.

Also, a special thanks to our Class Agent Karen Quint and her committee, and of course, all of you who contributed to the Annual Fund in honor of our fifth reunion. According to classmate Matthew Charde, the new assistant director of the annual fund, as of Jan., our class had raised \$15,792 in cash and pledges! This reflects 46-percent participation from the class. Matt described this outcome as "tremendous."

The Fifth-Year Reunion Giving Committee included: Class Agent Chair Karen Quint, Michele Austin, Eddie Castell, Linda Christensen, Martha Denial, Gregg Eaton, Charles Enders, Beth Honan, Amy Wurlitzer Hopkins, Caroline Johnson, Brooke Kennington, Stephen Lane, Leslie Lauf, Marc Martin, Mary Hope McQuiston, Maureen Moore, Helen Murdock, Sam Nevin, Nancy Northrop, Julie Turner Oliva, Jill Perlman, Nan Robertson, Brian Rosenberg, Caroline Samsen,

Michael Schadick, Mark Sutton, Jody Trapasso, Lisa Preziosa Ultan, Stephanie Weissman and Luke Wimer. Hope I didn't forget anybody!

Recently, a number of classmates have taken the time to write and share joyous news about their wedding engagements. It's wonderful hearing about the exciting changes that you are experiencing! It is the policy of the magazine, however, not to publish wedding engagements. Once you do "tie the knot" and everything is official, please write so that we can include the news in our column. And send pictures!

Elizabeth Foot Murphy and her husband, John, have a little boy, Johnny.

Judy Houde-Hardy and her husband, Greg, are living in London with their two little girls.

Rumors were flying during reunion that David (Woody) Wittenburg made a guest appearance in *Sports Illustrated*. Was it in the swimsuit issue?

Michael Bennett is living in MA and is busy writing short stories that he plans to have published. At reunion, a few classmates reminisced about sophomore year in Hamilton dorm, where Mike lived with his lava lamp!

Chris Philipi is working as a sales representative for a chemical company.

Mark Stepper is keeping busy in Boston by doing volunteer work with handicapped people. He is also doing some acting.

Jennifer Kolber is teaching third grade at a private school in NY.

Nancy Northrop is working in Boston at Coopers and Lybrand, a public accounting firm, doing tax consulting. She is currently living in the North End.

Paula McGarry moved from UT and is now living in CA. She said that she really misses skiing and wants more Connecticut visitors. That is what you said? Right, Paula?

Stephen Blackwell and Aleka Alexandra Akoyunoglou were recently married in Nashville, IN. Both are doctoral candidates at Indiana U.

Chris Burrell and his wife, Mary, had a jolly baby boy, Harvey Anatole, last May. The family recently moved to Martha's Vineyard, where Chris writes for a weekly newspaper and does special literacy projects in a public elementary school. He writes that he is happy to be near salt water again!

Michelle Chalpin is living in NY where she is finishing law school. She said that she keeps in touch with Brooke Kennington.

In gathering information about the Annual Fund and our class's contribution, I had the pleasure of discovering that our classmate, Matthew Charde is now assistant director of the Annual Fund. Matt recently moved to East Lyme, CT, from Boston, where he had been working in the hotel business. Congratulations, Matt!

Pamela DeGaetano graduated from George Washington Law School and

recently passed the bar exam. She works for a firm in NYC. Congratulations, Pam!

Sara Garlick recently graduated from the physician associate program at Yale. She works in the Department of Surgery at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Hartford, CT.

Leslie Lauf lives in Mill Valley, CA, and works privately with high school students in programs that build motivation and self-esteem and teach study skills. She writes, "I bet I have some former classmates who find that hard to believe — motivation!" Leslie also works part-time for Esalen Institute, a personal growth community. She adds, "Tell Peggy Harlow that I 'see' her three cars and six jobs since graduation, and raise her one job and five homes!" What do you say to that, Peggy?!

Jyllene Locher is living in AZ where she works as a regional sales manager for Team Air Express. She said that her work requires lots of traveling, something she really enjoys! Occasionally, she even gets to travel to CT!

John McCormick is progressing in his third year with the Farley Company based in Hartford, CT, as a commercial real estate broker. John lives in Canton, CT.

I spoke with Susan Rochelt in the fall. At the time, she was living in Torrington, CT, and working for CIGNA as an underwriter. Susan, write back and let us know if things have changed.

A reliable source has it that Class President Brian Rosenberg and Pamela Weiner were spotted at some local establishments near campus pretending to be college students! They were first discovered at Mr. G's enjoying pizza and a few pitchers. Later, they were seen dining at Norm's.

Heidi Sweeney is back in school working on a degree in nursing. As part of her training, she works at Yale Emery Room and is study coordinator for two research projects affiliated with Yale Medical School.

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**Married:** Janet Schoenfeld to Ed Johnson, 11/10/90; Stefanie Doak to W. Scott Frank, 4/27/91; Timothy Evans to Madge Rossi '86, 6/22/91; Christopher Fallows to Leonord Costales, 6/29/91; Tiana Celesia to Christopher Quigley, 9/7/91.

Tiana Celesia enjoyed the attendance of classmates Christine Durkin, Wenley Ferguson, Lissa Loucks, and Julie Robison at her wedding on 9/7/91. She lives in Boston and is a registered dietician at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Lee Davis works at the NYC headquarters of CARE, the international relief and development organization.

At the time of her marriage to Scott last April, Stefanie Doak Frank was a media

planner at the D'Arcy, Masius, Benton, & Bowles advertising agency in NY.

**Tim Evans** and Madge Rossi '86 were wed in June '91 in Celo, NC and now live in Seattle.

**Christopher Fallows** was married on 6/29/91, and is pursuing an M.A. in creative writing at Columbia College in Chicago.

**Dan Gitterman** started a Ph.D. program in social policy at UPenn last fall.

**Andrea Golaine** is working as a scientific writer and editor in NYC since receiving a master's in environmental science from Harvard in June.

**Elizabeth (Liz) Kates** recently moved to NY, where she works for UNICEF.

**Tim Killenberg** is pursuing an MBA at UNC/Chapel Hill, despite being a devout Duke fan.

**Peter Kris** has reappeared from his world travels and resides in Oakland.

**Lauren Meltzer** is back in San Francisco after getting an MA in education at Harvard and works for a company that designs educational software for children.

**Stephanie Nothem** is a head kindergarten teacher at the Hewitt School in NYC and is studying for an MA at Bank Street College of Education.

**Derek Shoffner** is employed by the Boston Company and lives in Boston with **John Bogaty**, who works for **Rob Hale**, our aspiring telecommunications tycoon, at Network Plus.

**Janet Schoenfeld Johnson** and her husband, Ed, lived in Dallas before she started law school at the U. of Oregon this past Fall. She is proud to now be both a Camel and a Duck.

**Kevin Wolfe** received an MA in education at Boston U., and recently started a job with Play Soccer as director of youth camps and clinics. You could also catch him in goal for a semi-pro soccer team in the Boston area, or find him coaching at Boston U. in his spare time.

Apologies are in order for the delay in submitting some of this information. We anticipate more frequent entries in the future. Keep in mind, however, that our deadline for submission is nearly three months before the magazine arrives.

**David Stepper** is working in Boston as an economic consultant.

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**Married:** **Caroline Ledeboer** to Kurt Huffman, 1/4/92.

**Holly Barkley** has been working in DC since graduation. She first worked as a legal assistant, but is now working as a legislative and trade policy assistant at Fontheim & O'Rourke. She lives with

Andy Skeen '88. Holly and Andy hosted a Christmas party which **Ed Kania** and Maria Frey '87 attended. She still plays in tennis tournaments for recreation and has done some traveling in the Orient.

**Mike Hartman** moved from Boston to Atlanta where he works for the Yarmouth Group as a real estate investment advisor. He deals exclusively with Japanese institutional investors.

**Ken Heard** continues to work with severely disturbed teenagers but after 16 months in direct care is moving into a full-time research assistant position. The program directors are experts in adolescent self-mutilation. Ken is looking forward to graduate school in the near future.

**Jessica Horrigan** is living in Columbus, OH, and is in her second year of medical school at Ohio State.

**Mark Howes** ("Mack" in yearbook fame) is working as an accountant for a large international engineering firm in the Prudential building in Boston. He is also taking business courses at Boston U. in the evenings, and has his eyes set on an MBA in the near future. Mark is left wondering, "What does this have to do with history and religious studies?"

**Noelle Ifshin** attends the Culinary Institute of America in NYC. When last heard from, she was home for the holidays cooking up a turkey dinner.

**Caroline Ledeboer** is living in Iowa City and studying linguistics. She was married to Kurt Huffman on 1/4/92 in Austin, TX. **Tim Ziegler** and Brian Field '90 attended along with a host of alums from other classes.

**Briggs Payer** left Aetna after two and a half years to join Advest in New London where he works as an investment executive. He is involved in investment advice for individuals, school endowment funds and foundations. Otherwise things are pretty much the same for Briggs — he is still single and living in Stonington, CT.

**Ed Suter** is studying for an MA in Chinese translation and interpretation at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, CA.

**Gabrielle Antoniadis** quit her stultifying job as a paralegal and spent a joyous summer on Block Island waitressing and enjoying life away from the city. In Sept., she began a new job as an associate teacher in a preschool in NYC.

**Douglas Buck** wins the Most Disgusting Postcard Award for his picture of a 605-pound pig performing a perfectly natural bodily function. When he manages to tear himself away from the postcard rack, Doug attends law school at the U. of Wisconsin. We congratulate him on making Law Review. He wrote a substantial list of people he misses from CC, and in the interest of saving space — you know who you are.

**Paul Clauss** is in the first year of Law

School in Sacramento, CA, where it is deathly hot. He returned to school because he was tired of working. On the bright side, once school is done, there are only about 35 more years of work ahead. He and **Joelle Patten** left their jobs in July and spent 6 weeks camping and relaxing in MT and Alberta, Canada. Joelle is also beginning graduate work towards a master's degree in international relations at UC/San Diego.

**Carroll Kaneta** is living in Leverett, MA. She started graduate work at UMass this fall. She is working towards a master's and a teaching certificate in ESL and continues to study Japanese.

**Jonathon Morancy** is living in Somerville, MA, and is working with autistic adults in Quincy.

**Robert Rodday** reports that he has not fallen off the planet, but is instead pursuing the career of a professional student. In Aug., he completed an MS in industrial/organizational psychology. He is now pursuing an MBA at Appalachian State U. in NC. After that, he will probably relinquish his student status and enter the "real world," but he retains his right to change his mind at any time.

**Jon Shambroom** reports that life is awesome in foggy San Francisco. He is working for a non-profit education organization and making more money than at his advertising jobs in Boston. He has been rock climbing, camping and bungee jumping.

**Constantine (Costas) Zepos** is enrolled at both the law and business schools at Duke U. and hopes to graduate in May '93. He can't wait until basketball season when the Blue Devils will prove once again that they are the national champions.

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**Sandy Albrecht** is still working at the Ritz-Carlton in Cleveland as the travel industry sales manager. **Hedi Dur** and **Lucy McDonough** were out visiting for Sandy's birthday and she'd love to see anybody else who is out that way.

**Jane Aronson** works with abused children in Boston. She is getting her master's at Harvard and has been involved in the creation of a disabilities awareness video and curriculum.

The news from **Rachel Arp** is that she is living in Providence and working as a graphic designer doing computer generated electronic graphics for an ABC affiliated TV station. She has been there over a year and loves the work and the atmosphere, but can do without the "garbage politics of the TV industry."

"Hey to the Class of '90" from **Michael Borkat** who is living in Augusta, GA. He

celebrated his six-month wedding anniversary and is about to finish his second year of medical school. Congratulations, Michael.

**Elizabeth Brown** is working for a mortgage company in Boston. She recently visited Carina Capps Evens '89 and **Brad Evens** in New Orleans and sees Peter Schotch '89, Jen Qazilbash '91 and Stacy Helmbrecht '91 regularly. She is an author of a paper on education for divorced fathers which was recently accepted for publication.

**David Brundage** is working in the family business and plans to attend business school within the next few years.

**Chip Callahan** is currently in KY working on his master's in folklore. This summer he will head to New England to work on his thesis, "Phantom Ship Legends." He has a special request to all CC alums: if anyone has information or references regarding phantom or ghost ships, please contact him. Call or write the Alumni Office for Chip's address.

**Tracy Cambron** began working for Anderson Consulting in Cincinnati since early this year. Last Oct., she received her master's degree in archaeology from Cambridge U. Well done and congratulations!

Life has been very busy for **Rob Carneiro** over the past six months. He got married in July to his high school sweetheart, Dawn Johnson. He also began graduate school at Washington State U. Life is good. He keeps in touch with **Ned King** and **Chris Cook**. Rob also says that he could use some mail. Please call or write the Alumni Office for Rob's address.

**Karen Church** is working at a casting office in NYC. She says it is very wonderful and exciting! She's in touch with many alums including **Stefanie Zdravec** and **Jodi Simon**. "Life is good!"

**Jennifer Connelly Enders** wishes all a Happy New Year! She is a preschool teacher in Stamford, CT. She says the kids are great and teach her a lot, too! She is married to Charles Enders '87 and keeps in touch with **Lisa Broujos** and Gordon McGhie '89.

**Jen Cook** is managing a start-up gourmet food business outside of Philadelphia and is loving it!

**Ken Culver** is living in New London on Williams Street! He plays in the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra and is preparing for a Feb. violin recital. Meanwhile he is waiting tables at a Waterford restaurant. He recently went to DC and was briefly reunited with **Dave Kearns**, **Liam Russell**, **Betsy Long Rhodes** and **Daryl Grisgraber**.

Wedding bells for **Pavica Despalatovic**. On 6/1/91, she became Mrs. David Kneeder. They were married in Harkness Chapel! The couple now lives in Salem, MA, where Pavica works in a sheltered workshop for mentally retarded adults.

**Greg Dyer** is living in Middletown,

CT, and working in the Commercial Catastrophic Liability Department at Chubb & Son as an underwriter.

**Tanya Feliciano** is in her first year of law school at UConn. She sees **Kathleen Trainor** and **Claudia Stokes** and hears from **Heather Shaw**, **Mike Elster** and **David Dearnis**.

**Karen Fortuin's** mom sent in some news on Karen who is living on the northern coast of the Dominican Republic, where she serves in the Peace Corps. Her family visited her in Dec. and were moved by the important, positive impact the Peace Corps achieves. Karen is teaching hygiene and nutrition and feels she is learning a lot.

**Peter Freeman** works as a corporate yacht charter broker in Newport, RI.

**Heather Gardner** is living in Georgetown and is working as a PR coordinator for the National Cable Television Association. She is having a great time and plans to visit Aspen and Steamboat Springs, CO, this summer.

Mrs. Gelinis sent some news in on her daughter, **Anna Gelinis**. Anna received her MA in Hispanic studies from NYU while attending the Madrid campus. She is teaching ESL at the European College of Higher Studies in Madrid. She and **Alicia Dieni** share an apartment. Anna spent June and July of '91 traveling through Europe. She welcomes any mail — please call or write the Alumni Office for Anna's address.

**Cait Goodwin** lives in East Greenwich, RI, with her boyfriend and dog! She is a veterinary technician. She just moved from a large emergency animal hospital to the private practice of a veterinary ophthalmologist. She is applying to graduate school for fall '92.

**JanNysse Gray** is enrolled in the Master's in Public Health program at Emory U. in Atlanta. The latest news from **Francie Griffin** is that she has been working for National Public Radio in Albany, NY, since July '91. She enjoys it but escapes upstate NY as frequently as possible with cheap fares to Europe. (She went to Paris in Feb. for \$330 round trip!) She is keeping in touch with **Cindi Lehman** and **Andrew (Crisis) Donaldson**. Beyond all that, she's "just trying to figure out what I want to be when I grow up."

**Dawn Gundlach** is living in Quaker Hill, CT, and working at the Waterford Country School (a residential treatment center for adolescents). She has been keeping in touch with **Cathy Elliot** '91, **Derron Wood** '88, **Sue Howson** and **Wil Nelson**. She is applying to graduate programs for psychology. She extends an open invitation to all alums visiting CC — "feel free to get in touch with me — I love visitors."

I received some extensive news from **Judith Guy**. She was recently back in Spain for a week during the Christmas Holidays. She spent La Noche Vieja eating grapes! (A very special New Year's Eve tradition).

Judith spent a couple of days in Madrid visiting friends from junior year abroad and the rest of the time up north in La Coruna and Galicia. She is now teaching Spanish at her old, all-girls high school. She says it's weird, but interesting and likes it a lot! She had a big Christmas party at her place this year and saw many CC alums.

**Mandy Hartshorne** wrote from sleety and rainy Greenwich, CT. She has been commuting to NYC where she works at Citibank. She is the loan administrator in the National Corporate Division and says it's going very well. She has been keeping in touch quite frequently with **Christy Hosdale**, **Moiria Crouch**, **Marisa Juhasz** and **Deb Landon**. Mandy was very enthusiastic to report that she is still running and keeps in touch with Ned once a week.

**Sue Howson** is living with her boyfriend, Dave, in Columbus, OH. She is the clinic director of Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio. She has kept in touch with **Arin Stone**, **Wil Nelson** and **Jen Ammirati** '91. She also spent some time with **Riye Aoki** last summer.

**Ann Imura** and her partner, Priscilla Bates, after a summer of Boston unemployment decided to move to OR. They welcome letters. Please call or write the Alumni Office for Ann's address. Before they left, they had a commitment ceremony. **Case Willoughby** was an official witness. They have taken the common last name of Makarias. Ann had written to me last Sept. and unfortunately her notes were omitted from my column. She was happy to announce then that she had celebrated her two-month anniversary with Priscilla. Also, she was, at that time, midway through an MA from the Episcopal Divinity School!

I received some very exciting news from **Jon Kateman** and **Jason Stewart**. Jon is currently a legislative assistant for Congressman Howard Berman (Democrat from the 26th District of CA). He is in charge of advising the congressman on banking, financing and campaign issues and is also systems manager. He said he would like to give me more information, but, most of what he does is highly classified, top priority government matters that he cannot disclose to the average plebeian. Jason is the legislative assistant for Congressman Robert Torricelli (Democrat from the 9th District of NJ). His job is to advise the congressman on domestic issues. He is also the intern coordinator. He says they both are having a great time in DC. They saw **Rachel Sachs** and **Hilary Schacher** the other weekend. As for the future: Jono will stay on in DC until he is elected into public office, and Jason is going to head up the congressman's campaign in NJ.

**David Kearns** has moved to DC from Philadelphia and hopes to start working as an actuary with the Pension Benefit Corporation soon. In the meantime, he is working for Marrocco's Italian Restaurant as a waiter.



## Mary Gertrude McKeon Retires

*Retired Margaret W. Kelly  
Professor of Chemistry*

Mary Gertrude McKeon retired as Margaret W. Kelly Professor of Chemistry in June. McKeon joined the faculty in 1952 as an instructor in chemistry and advanced to the rank of associate professor in 1963. That same year she became dean of sophomores and served in that capacity until 1969. She was promoted to full professor in 1971.



McKeon served on practically every standing faculty committee on campus and a myriad of special committees. She was an academic dean for two terms and, more recently, served two years as associate dean and pre-health advisor, guiding students through the long process of preparing for medical school, dental school and veterinary school.

For many years, McKeon taught organic chemistry, and quantitative analysis. Her field of specialization concerns electroanalytic chemistry in which she did research at Harvard in 1959-60 on a faculty science fellowship of the National Science Foundation. Her research interests also include organic chemistry synthesis and organic electrochemistry.

McKeon was born and educated in New Haven. She received her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Albertus Magnus College (she has been the recipient of Alumna of the Year award from that college and is serving on its board of trustees) and received a master's degree and then a Ph.D. in chemistry from Yale University.

She has been with the college for almost half of its history and has seen many changes within the college and the chemistry department. The community will miss her.

aspiring to go to grad school in the fall of '92.

Since Jan. '91, **Thad Ring** has been living in DC and working for HOK International Architects.

**Jill Reasa** is enrolled in her second semester at DePaul U. College of Law in Chicago.

**Amy Rogers** is the assistant editor of a business magazine in NYC. She sees **Rachel Reiser**, **Jennifer Ball** and **Betsy Henley** frequently.

**Heather Shaw** has been busy working as a business systems analyst for American Management Systems in Arlington, VA. She and **Michael Elster** are still dating and keeping in touch with **Tanya Feliciano**, **Claudia Stokes**, **Kathleen Trainor**, **Liz Michalski**, **David Kearns**, **Lize Polly** and **Bill Willard** '88.

**Jodi Simon** lives in NYC and is the assistant to the artistic director at the Manhattan Theatre Club. She has seen **Jason Stewart**, **Rachel Sachs**, **Hilary Schacter**, **Mike Dietrich**, **Beth Salamone** and **Dave White** '89 recently in DC.

**Michael Sorell** was working at the Latin American Economic Development Association in Camden, NJ, but now works

in Bergdorf Goodman's finance department as an expense analyst. He wishes everyone his best.

**Yvonne Smith** studied music at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria, for one year and then came home and found a job as a portfolio assistant for an international securities corporation.

**Arin Stone** is an associate teacher for Head Start in Chicago in a bilingual and multicultural program. She also volunteers at Neon Street, an adolescent homeless shelter and plans to attend graduate school in the fall for a master's in child/human growth development.

**Rachel Terte** is pursuing a master's in clinical social work at NYU and works three days a week at a psychiatric hospital in Westchester as part of her training. She sees **Greer Kessel** and **Robin Corkran** who just moved to NYC and is working at 20th Century Fox.

**Tracey Vallarta** is working at the White & Case law firm in Prague, Czechoslovakia, until June as a legal assistant. Friends traveling through Eastern Europe can contact her through White & Case.

**Kaida Verravas** is working for The

Travelers in the Managed Care and Employee Benefits department in Glastonbury, CT.

**Todd Weyman** is pursuing a master's degree in art history at Williams College. During Jan. '92, he was in Italy studying, visiting friends in Florence and Rome and traveling around with **Jennifer Gershon**.

**Anna Wolfe** is in a graduate program at UPenn in the Oriental Studies department with China as her concentration. This summer, she plans to be in Taiwan.

**Stefanie Zdravec** is working as an actress in NYC and making her living doing print commercials, film and soap work. She recently did a play with **Gina Breuer** '91 and **Chris Coburn** '91.

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# RTC

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**Married:** **Marion Rasmussen** to Bruce Viau, 12/17/91.

Bruce and **Marion Rasmussen Viau** honeymooned in Mexico City. Bruce is a graduate of Eastern Connecticut State U. Marion's address remains the same. RTCs, I am awaiting your news! Please send your latest happenings to Marilyn. Thanks!

## Obituaries

**Ruth Wexler '24**, of Philadelphia, died on Dec. 13, 1989.\*

**Helen Nichols Foster '25**, of Tarrytown, N.Y., died on July 29, 1991.\*

**Pauline Warner Root '26**, of Cromwell, Conn., died on Feb. 20, 1992. She was an executive secretary for Dental Health Services, Inc. in New York City. In 1961, she married Walter Root, a marine biologist, who died shortly thereafter.

**Dorothy Harris Clark '27**, of Elk Grove, Calif., died on Oct. 23, 1991.\*

**Grace Carlson '28**, of Waterford, Conn., died on Feb. 1, 1992. Miss Hampton was an English teacher at the former Northampton School for Girls in Northampton, Mass., now known as the Williston Northampton School. She retired in 1971.

**Flory Early Edwards '29**, of Irvine, Calif., died on Jan. 31, 1992.\*

**Norma George Murray '30**, of New Berlin, Wis., died on Feb. 13, 1992. A former administrative president of Milwaukee County Girl Scouts, Mrs. Murray was also secretary-treasurer of



## BIKE VERMONT WEEKEND BIKE TOUR OCTOBER 2-4, 1992

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Murray Metal Plating Works, a business she co-owned with her husband. She is survived by her husband, O.H. Murray, and a daughter.

**Margaret Leland Weir '32**, of Cleveland, Ohio, died on Feb. 6, 1992. She was predeceased by her husband, James C. Weir, and is survived by a sister, Elizabeth Morenon.

**Sylvia Goldstein Breman '33**, of Atlanta, Ga., died on Jan. 10, 1992. Survivors include her husband, James Breman, a son, a daughter and seven grandchildren.

**Carolyn Huston Hudson '34**, of Hagerstown, Md., died on Dec. 11, 1991. Mrs. Hudson was employed with Fairchild Aircraft during WWII and was a licensed pilot. A well-known piano and organ teacher, she was preceded in death by her husband, Roy G. Hudson, in 1987. She is survived by two sisters and a brother.

**Selma (Sally) Kingsdale Lewenberg '38**, of Marco Island, Fla., died on Jan. 27, 1992. She is survived by her husband, Stanley Lewenberg, four sons and eight grandchildren.

**Elizabeth Barron Dingman '40**, of Peterborough, N.H., died on March 12, 1992 following heart surgery. She served as president of the Class of '40 from 1975 to 1985. Mrs. Dingman is survived by her husband, J. Gage Dingman, and two sons.

**Ruth Knott Booth '41**, of Waterford, Conn., died on Jan. 1, 1992. She worked at the college as a secretary in the botany and psychology departments and was named

secretary of the trustees in 1966, a position she held until she retired in 1988. She is survived by two daughters, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was predeceased by a son.

**Winifred Wasser Fein '45**, of Hartsdale, N.Y., died on Oct. 25, 1991.\*

**Paige Cornwall McHugh '46**, of Cambridge, Mass., died on March 11, 1992.\*

**Joyce Willard '48**, of Southport and Boothbay Harbor, Me., died on 9/16/91. A retired physical therapist, she graduated from D.T. Watson School of Physical Therapy. Miss Willard is survived by her sister, Jean Willard Dellenbaugh '45, and three nephews.

**Nancy Ellsworth Peterson '58**, of Bellevue, Wash., died on April, 7, 1992. She attended Pine Manor Junior College and obtained a master's degree in drug/alcohol counseling from Seattle University. She became a dual disorders counselor at Fairfax Hospital in Kirkland, Wash. She is survived by two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren.

**Barbara Goldman Cohen '52**, of Ontario, Canada, died on Jan. 14, 1992. She was the wife of the late John L. Cohen. She is survived by two sons and a daughter.

**Janet Clissold Cooper '55**, of Harrison, N.Y., died on Feb. 7, 1992.\*

**Kay Rankin Kluis '57**, of New London, Conn., died on March 15, 1992. She is survived by her husband, Harold N. Kluis.

**Leland K. Tom '76**, of Honolulu, Hawaii, died on Jan. 31, 1990.\*

**Sophie Parr '82**, of Cambridge, Mass., died in Aug. of 1991 after a three-and-a-half-year battle with leukemia. An artist, Ms. Parr served as the first gallery coordinator at the Baltimore Clayworks in Mount Washington, Md. She was active in the art enrichment program at the Mount Washington Elementary School, working with children to develop their appreciation of all types of art. She is survived by her parents, Thomas D.R. and Jenepher Parr, two brothers, a sister, and her companion, Amy Lapidow '83.

**Joy Neumann Coviello '86**, of Canterbury, Conn., died on Nov. 25, 1991. A fourth-grade teacher at the Thompson Memorial Elementary School in North Grosvenordale, Mrs. Coviello was working towards a master's degree at the University of New Hampshire. She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas Coviello, in 1975. She is survived by two daughters.

**Julia McConnell '88**, of Somerville, Mass., died on March 18, 1992. She is survived by her parents, Isham Railey and Judith McConnell, and a sister.

**Elizabeth (Scout) Matsch '90**, Longmont, Calif., died on Feb. 4, 1992. Miss Matsch died in an accident while exploring the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park where she worked as a volunteer. She is survived by her parents, U.S. District Court Judge Richard Matsch and Elizabeth M. Matsch, one brother and three sisters.

\*Full obituary unavailable at time of publication.

President's Page (continued from inside front cover)

about... it was 15 or 20 years ago. It was great. ...Yes, we *used* to have an honor code."

You understood that you inherited a treasure, and you strengthened it. While you were here you changed the matriculation process: You changed the way we educate freshmen about the code. You changed the sanctions on students who break the academic Honor Code. You almost didn't, because some people didn't think it was a good idea. Some of those people were faculty members, but you didn't take "no" for an answer. You asked: "Can we go and speak to the whole faculty?" and your representatives spoke, and when you spoke to the whole faculty they voted with you five to one — and you strengthened the Honor Code.

*This is the world I meant. / Couldn't you listen? Couldn't you stay content / Safe behind walls?*

You helped to raise more money in the last four years than this college has ever raised, even during fund-raising campaign periods, and to raise the percentage of alumni givers from 32 percent to 45 percent this year. Why? Because you staffed the phone-a-thons. You engaged the alums. You told them how it was here. You answered the questions that are hard for the rest of us to answer. Together, we have moved the \$32 million endowment we inherited when we got to the school to \$54 million at the end of this fiscal year in July. Twenty million dollars growth in four years.

You spoke to and through the press. Your activities produced articles in *The New York Times* and *The Boston Globe* and the *L.A. Times* and *The Christian Science Monitor*. One of you appeared on NBC's "Today" show. Soon, if we keep this up, no one will come up to you and say, "Hey! How about those Huskies."

Together we built new facilities and technologies at our college. You pressed the Crozier-Williams renovation agenda. You were the ones who said, "Fourteen years is enough time to plan." That's a pretty hard statement to refute, and so we finished planning in your freshman year, and we made commitments during your sophomore year, and we began to raise the nucleus fund during your junior year, and during your senior year you've been very inconvenienced — very inconvenienced — because we began to build. But consider the results. Next fall students will return to an expanded Athletic Center with an Olympic-style pool, rowing tanks, new gyms and a health and fitness center. A year later, renovations to Crozier-Williams, the new College Center, will be complete. With them will come new meeting areas, additional offices for student organizations, upgraded facilities for WCNI, the dance department, the bookshop and the post office.

On the technological front, when you started there were only 40 computers on this campus. Forty. And they were for administrators and faculty. Now there are hundreds and hundreds, each with the ability to be linked not only to one another, but to the library catalog and to computers at other campuses across the world. You started with an old PBX telephone system. You leave with a state-of-the-art fiber optic telecommunications system. But to get it, you lived through the trench-digging and the noise — and Jane Aspen.

You have been visionaries and risk-takers. You also have kept our feet on the ground: You have been our reality check. You have worked hard, dreamed hard and sacrificed hard, along with the faculty and the staff and your parents. You will be alums far longer than you have been students at Connecticut College. Those who follow the Class of '92 will be in your debt. You have pioneered a new course for your school. Those who follow the Class of '92 taking, your energy, your sacrifices, your good humor, your toughness. You leave it a stronger place for your risk-building your college will make you successful in all you seek to do.

You and I have learned together. I have learned a lot from you.

Now, as Sondheim tells us, ...*Sometimes people leave you / Halfway through the wood. / Do not let it grieve you / No one leaves for good. / You are not alone. / No one is alone.*

I thank each of you for all you have done. God bless you all.

Claire L. Gaudiani '66

P.S. As you may know, I will be taking a four-month study leave this fall to finish two books [See page 15 — Eds.]. College senior administrators will be writing the President's Page in the interim. I look forward to resuming it when I return.

## The Harriet B. Lawrence '34 Prize for Outstanding Contributions to a Changing Society

### I. Prize Description

A. The Harriet B. Lawrence '34 Prize has been established for the purpose of recognizing outstanding contributions to society by any graduate of the college. It is created in honor of an alumna who in the last years of her life became increasingly involved with charitable activities and the support of higher education.

B. The Lawrence Prize recognizes life achievements. Any member of the Connecticut College family making contributions in any field may be nominated.

C. The following criteria will be used in evaluating nominations for the Lawrence Prize. The candidate's life achievements will have:

1. created notable changes for the good of society;
2. inspired others for good, through direct service or through changing the climate of human life materially, socially, ethically or spiritually;
3. equaled or surpassed those by other leaders in the field of endeavor; and
4. reflected the values and education instilled in the graduates of Connecticut College.



### II. Award Process

A. Nominations: Nominations for the award shall be in writing and may come from any source. They will be solicited by an annual notification from the chair of the selection committee to alumni and other members of the college community, including students and faculty.

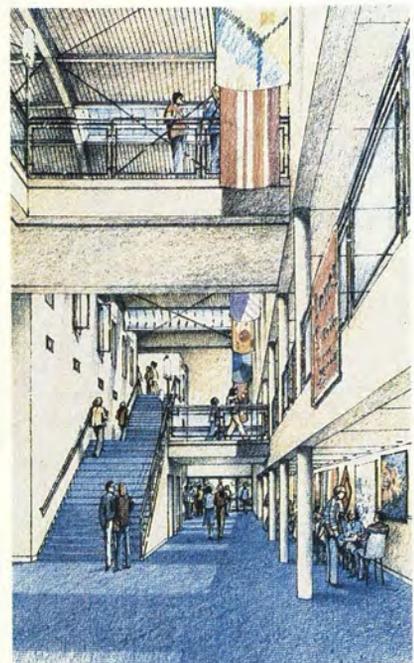
B. Prize: The Harriet B. Lawrence '34 Prize shall consist of a silver seal of the college and a citation. Plaques with recipients' names shall be kept on permanent display at Becker House.

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# THE BOOKS OF SUMMER

The Connecticut College Summer Reading Program is an opportunity for alumni and parents to join faculty and students in an intellectual experience outside the classroom.

In this, the third year of the program, four books will be examined: Two — *Chaos: The Making of a New Science* and *The Street* — during freshmen orientation and Parents Weekend; and two — *Sexual Personae: Art and Decadence from Nefertiti to Emily Dickinson* and *Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women* — later in the year.

Called “beautifully lucid” by the *San Francisco Chronicle-Examiner*, “astounding” by Lewis Thomas, and “a feast” by the *Washington Post Book World*, *Chaos* by James Gleick did for the realm of science previously dismissed as error or aberration what *The Double*

*Helix* did for DNA. Can a non-scientist find happiness between the pages of *Chaos*? Perhaps Douglas Adams, author of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, answered that question when he called *Chaos*, “an awe-inspiring book... Reading *Chaos* gave me the sensation that someone had just found the light switch.”

*The Street* was originally published in 1946 and was rereleased as a Houghton Mifflin paperback in 1992. The timeliness of the rerelease, and the timelessness of its subject, is best phrased by its 84-year-old author, Old Saybrook, Conn.-native Ann Petry: “The sad and terrible truth about *The Street* is that now, 45 years later, I could write that same book about Harlem or any other ghetto. Because life hasn't changed all that much for black people.”

Paglia's *Sexual Personae* has managed to offend nearly everyone in general, and feminists in particular. But this tome about psychology and art is filled with enough literary allusions to send people scurrying for their source books. Said *The New York Times Book Review*, it “is every bit as intellectually stimulating as it is exasperating.”

Faludi, a reporter for the *Wall Street Journal* has written [*Backlash*] what Eleanor Smeal, past president of NOW, labels “...the clarion call for women in the '90s” while Barbara Ehrenreich, author of *The Worst Years of Our Lives*, says “Susan Faludi uses her dazzling investigative powers to zap the smug detractors of feminism, the hypocrites, blacksliders, and antifeminists of all sexes and persuasions.”

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