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Front cover: "Le Papillon," the French canal boat owned and operated by Mary Roth Benioff '56 and Ann Robertson Cohen '56, makes its way down the Canal du Midi. Photo courtesy of owners.
Imagine a week with friends at a restfully elegant country inn, with a Cordon Bleu-trained chef-in-residence and three others to cater to your every whim. Fresh flowers, rare wines, heated towel racks and hand-embroidered bath linens make your stay a luxurious one, and it becomes easy to relax as your everyday cares melt away.

Now imagine, if you can, that inn afloat in France, quietly sailing through the Canal du Midi, away from the hub of busy streets, winding through the rural countryside and tiny ports.

You have imagined a trip aboard “Le Papillon,” a French canal boat company owned and operated by Mary Roth Benioff ’56 and Ann Robertson Cohen ’56, two Connecticut College women who have run several businesses together since leaving the campus over twenty years ago.

Their fantastic canal boat project began in 1980, when the women were vacationing in France on a canal boat with their husbands, who are both named Richard. Much of that trip was spent discussing how they would change and redesign the barge if it were their own.

“We see so much through the same eyes,” Benioff said. “On that trip we said ‘This would be great, if only they had thought of this, or that.’”

One year later the two couples became the proud owners of a 90-year-old antique barge they had bought in Amsterdam. Benioff and Cohen, who have many years of experience as interior designers in New York City, set to work refurbishing it.

First, they brought the boat to France from Amsterdam. Next, the 120’ barge was cut in half, and the middle taken

“Le Papillon” sails for five to eight hours each day, but always docks for the night. Here, at Montchanin.
out. This allowed the shortened barge to navigate the section of canals the women intended to make part of their itinerary. Although the rebuilding took place in France, Cohen, who lives in Connecticut, and Benioff worked much of the time from Benioff's New Jersey farm, where a large old barn with a cement floor served as a 96' blueprint.

"We drew the floor plan of the barge on the cement floor and were able to make plans from there," Cohen said. "We lay down on the cement floor in imaginary beds and walked the actual spaces to the bathrooms, hallways and dining room."

"We had lots of help with the rebuilding of the structure," said Benioff, "but we decided what we wanted structurally; and we did the interior ourselves, including the design of the heating, air conditioning and water systems." "Le Papillon" has special elements other barges don't include, such as heated towel racks and real toilets and bathtubs, Benioff said.

Praise for "Le Papillon" comes in many forms; from happy customers' telephone calls and letters, to the official stamp of approval from "The Hideaway Report," the trade publication of luxury places to go to all over the world. The October, 1984 issue gave "Le Papillon" their highest rating of four stars. No other European canal boat received that rating. "The Hideaway Report's" newest review on canal barging, in the December, 1988 issue, featured "Le Papillon" and only four other barges.

The barge sports a brass plaque proudly proclaiming it as the winner in a 1909 race between two German industrial cities. The barge was loaded with supplies during the race. "We decided that if it won loaded down with equipment, it could certainly hold six passengers, four crew members and all of our china, wine and the rest," Benioff said.

Those crew members are all bilingual, and hail from as far away as New Zealand and South Africa. The captain and chef for the last two years have been French, the first mate from England, and the jack-of-all trades housekeeper/assistant from Holland. All have been splendidly trained, according to Benioff, who said "Each year we say 'This crew is the best' and then we get an even better group the next year."

The owners do all of the hiring, and work hard at getting the best staff. For two consecutive years, "Le Papillon" had the same wonderful French chef. The owners were determined to have her stay on, so as an incentive they offered to send her to a special school to learn advanced culinary arts, and she remained loyal to "Le Papillon" for another year.

Naturally, a trip aboard "Le Papillon," complete with gourmet food and lots of pampering for the guests, is not inexpensive. The boat holds just six guests, and is chartered by the week for $10,560. "We charter it out to just one person or one group, and never match people up," said Benioff.

How did this terrific team of Cohen and Benioff begin? Their close relationship started as a business relationship in the early 60s. Both are originally from Cincinnati (their fathers even grew up on the same street), and both entered Connecticut College in the same year. The two became friends and business partners, however, only after leaving college. Back in Cincinnati, they both worked—at different times—for Greenwich House, a design firm founded by Benioff's stepmother. When Cohen went to New York to start her own interior decorating business, Benioff joined her.

At the beginning of their interior design partnership in New York City, the two women made a point of keeping prospective clients away from their office.
"Oh, we'll come see you," they would insist. Their Fifth Avenue address may have sounded impressive, but their first office was "a windowless shoebox" with fluorescent tubing that hummed constantly above their desks.

Over time, they moved to impressive offices they were proud to have clients visit, and, in 1981, switched from the business of interior design of buildings to managing, marketing, overseeing, and interior designing their deluxe French canal boat.

"We have our successes dealing with people's surroundings," says Cohen.

Benioff agrees: "The barge is a magnificent example of our working together, and we are tremendously proud of it."

Along with the glamour, excitement, and the yearly spring trips to France, however, goes much work. "We had to do an enormous amount of study on the laws of another country—navigational, taxes, etc.," said Cohen, who handles the booking end of the business. Benioff handles the financial end, and works with the lawyers and accountants.

After seven years of the running "Le Papillon," Cohen and Benioff are ready to move on to another business venture together. The French Canal Boat Company has just been sold to its first captain, the man who also rebuilt the boat eight years ago. He will keep the name and style of the barge intact. The partners will wait until the paperwork of the sale is completed before deciding what's next in store for them.

"We did it for the fun of it: the trips to Paris, the challenge of doing something different," Benioff said, "That's part of the success of it—that we'd be able to pass it on."

"We have so much fun together," Cohen said, "that it doesn't make much difference what we do."

Holly Ann Dworken '77, a free-lance writer of fiction and nonfiction, contributed to this story.

All photos courtesy of Benioff and Cohen.

A stateroom (upper left) and dining room (right) show the attention to detail that has made "Le Papillon" a highly acclaimed luxury canal barge.
Congratulations, Rabbis!

BY CARIN M. GORDON '75

In its almost eighty years, Connecticut College has produced accomplished alumni who have chosen to become teachers, doctors, lawyers, actors, musicians, administrators and bankers. The college can now add rabbis to its list of successful alumni: Nina Cardin Reisner '75, and Joel S. Mishkin '80, were ordained Conservative rabbis by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS) in May, 1988. They are the first graduates of Connecticut College to be so ordained, and Cardin-Reisner is one of the first female Conservative rabbis in the world.

A brief background on the branches of Judaism is helpful to fully understand the alumni's accomplishments. Judaism is divided into three movements: Reform, Conservative and Orthodox, which all differ in their degree of observance of Jewish law. Orthodox requires the most strict observance, Reform the least.

The Jewish Theological Seminary, founded in 1887, began the Conservative movement which flourished in the United States. The Reform and Conservative movements have ordained women rabbis, but the Orthodox movement has not, and is unlikely to do so in this century. Women's participation in Orthodox services is limited in ways such as the inability to read Jewish Scrolls and in the ineligibility to count toward a quorum needed for a service.

JTS is the institution which ordains Conservative rabbis, although there is an affiliated school in Israel and another in Argentina. Rabbi Mishkin and Rabbi Cardin (as she is professionally known) are two of the twelve hundred Conservative rabbis worldwide, and Cardin is one of only eight women.

There is no undergraduate program to become a rabbi, but rabbinical school requires an undergraduate degree and demands a rigorous four to six years of study. Students study Jewish text and literature, Jewish history, pastoral psychiatry, professional skills, and education courses. After completion of study, a student becomes an ordained rabbi, at which point he or she decides in what way they would like to serve the Jewish community. Speaking from the pulpit is just one way, as the two rabbis here will show. There are 13 million Jews worldwide.

Neither Cardin nor Mishkin entered Connecticut College with the thought of entering the clergy upon graduation. For Rabbi Cardin, an anthropology and religion major, the dream of going on to rabbinical school upon graduation was just that. Women could not be ordained rabbis in the Conservative branch of Judaism until 1985. For Rabbi Mishkin, a history major, the thought of becoming a rabbi did not form until two years after graduation, while he was working for a major insurance company.

Both alumni took part in the Jewish traditions while in college, including Shabbat dinner and the building of a sukkah (the traditional hut symbolizing the Jews' home in the desert). And both cite Professor Ivan Strenski's role in shaping their academic response to religion. "Professor Strenski taught me how to ask the proper questions in pursuing religious academia," Cardin said.

Rabbi Cardin currently has an administrative position as assistant to the vice chancellor at JTS, and, in addition, she does "free-lance rabbi work" such as weddings, baby-naming ceremonies, and counseling. She lives in Teaneck, New Jersey, with her husband, Rabbi Avram Reisner, and their four children: three boys, Etan, 7; Elnatan, 5; Noam, 3; and a girl, Ateret, 10 months. She spends her days as many working mothers do—juggling the needs of her children with her full-time position.

"People ask 'How can you manage it all with the kids?' And I wonder how I could do it without them," Cardin said. "My children are my touchstone.
Rabbi Cardin has served as an editor and writer for several Jewish publications, and has founded the Jewish Women’s Research Center. However, she is most proud of another accomplishment. In 1983, after suffering her second miscarriage, she helped found the Pregnancy Loss Peer Counseling Group, a non-sectarian group sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women.

The group’s purpose is to assist women and couples who have suffered a pregnancy loss, and to help train those sufferers to be counselors. It is just that type of compassionate approach which she pursues in her work as a rabbi.

“I believe women rabbis still lack equal value, though we’ve gained equal access. ‘Equal access’ is being admitted to the seminary and having the opportunity to lead a congregation. ‘Equal value’ is being able to develop professionally outside the male image of ‘Rabbi,’” she said.

Rabbi Cardin believes that the rabbinic role needs to be redefined: “Roles such as children’s educator, chaplain and organizational leader need to be seen as as valuable a choice as scholar or congregation rabbi.”

Whether I’ve had a good day or a bad day, I come home to hugs and kisses, and beautiful faces rush to tell me what happened that day, and I say to myself, “This is what it’s all about.”” Because her rabbi husband has a congregation in New Milford, New Jersey, and she feels two congregations in one family would not be compatible, Cardin is not actively pursuing her own congregation to lead.
Two years after graduation from Connecticut College, Mishkin "thought seriously about doing something else," other than calculations for a major life insurance company. During this time he had been working as a youth advisor to Kadimah, a Jewish co-ed youth organization for children twelve to fourteen years old, and he was regularly attending services.

Mishkin realized that he was getting all his enjoyment from his Saturday and Sunday activities. So, he sat down with his wife, Beverly, and made a decision to move to upper Manhattan where he entered JTS in 1983. He is currently Assistant Rabbi at Beth El Congregation in Pikesville, Maryland, a congregation of over 1,500 families.

Mishkin was pleased when women were admitted to JTS in 1984, and was enormously impressed with the women applicants. "I was able to become close with some of the women at JTS, and found them to be a great help and an inspiration. Most of them had waited for some time to become rabbis, and came to the school very well prepared and enthusiastic," he said.

To Rabbi Mishkin, a rabbi is a teacher, a leader, someone who makes Judaism important and relevant today. One of his duties as a rabbi is to teach confirmation and post-confirmation classes to high school students. As a rabbi in a congregation, he also has the opportunity to do a great deal of counseling, helping his congregants through good times and bad. He handles premarital counseling, has performed many weddings and funerals, and has conducted bris and baby-naming ceremonies.

"I handle a lot of life cycle events," he said. "Dealing with death and illness gives you an opportunity to help people at certain times of need. I handle it all by being able to discuss these circumstances with my wife, who is my very best friend." In addition, he finds that he prays more deeply and seeks strength in his religion at these times.

Rabbi Mishkin’s days begin at the 8 a.m. morning service at which he gives a very brief sermon. By 9 a.m. he is handling certain administrative tasks, preparing for sermons, teaching, visiting congregants who are hospitalized, and counseling.

Rabbi Mishkin is so happy about being a rabbi that he likens it to what a professional ball player must feel: "I get to do what I enjoy and receive compensation, too!" he said.

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Joel Mishkin is a stirring speaker, as he demonstrated to a large number of alumni and friends of the college on inauguration weekend in October, 1988. Mishkin gave the Sunday morning Invocation at Harkness Chapel.
The Connecticut College Ad Hoc Committee on Accessibility celebrated its first birthday last September by dedicating an access ramp at Hale Laboratory, participating in Disability Awareness Week activities, and planning for future accomplishments. The committee has passed its adolescent stage and earned its rite of passage. Issues of accessibility, which just a few years ago occurred to almost no one, now seem to be a priority on campus. Much credit must be given to the members of the campus community who have worked diligently to heighten awareness and, in essence, have begun to induce physical, programmatic and attitudinal accessibility.

Disability Awareness Week, from September 26-30, 1988, was an effort to reach out to the campus community. Theresa Ammirati, Director of the Writing Center and Chair of the Campus Committee on Accessibility, arranged for many of the week’s programs. Among the highlights were a library exhibit of literature and examples of apparatus for the handicapped dating from the early 1900s, a panel discussion, and fireside forums.

Participation and enthusiasm during the week were high. Perhaps most noticeable were the housefells who spent part of their days in wheelchairs. This was an eye opening experience for many. It became apparent how much of the campus is inaccessible due to physical barriers. Negotiating the speed bumps on campus or carrying a wheelchair up the steps to Burdick dining room was no easy feat!

One of the participants, Tracy Smith, is a senior and a housefellow at Plant. Smith was very involved with the disabled community in high school, so she arrived at college with greater knowledge and experience than most of her peers. Smith contends that there is a general lack of knowledge in regard to disabilities among the campus community, but that the situation is improving.

“This is a time in the college’s history that concerns are being heard,” she said. “The school is ready to address these issues. During the past four years organizations like SOAR (Society Organized Against Racism) and programs such as...
Social Awareness Week have begun to thrive.”

Paul Kosta, also a senior, was one of the panelists during Disability Awareness Week. The program titled: “Living with a Disability at Connecticut: Past and Present” featured students and alumni who told their stories. Committee members Andi Shechter ’74, Susan Quinby ’72, and John Sharon ’86 all participated.

For Kosta, who has a vision impairment, involvement has been a true catharsis: “This opportunity to get involved with the committee’s activities has been extremely important to me. At one point, I began to question whether the campus was the right place for me. My housefellow detected this and sent me to speak to Professor Ammirati. This gave me the support I needed. I want to get more involved and to continue as an alumnus.”

Like Kosta, John Sharon was very active in advocating for the disabled at Conn when he was a student. Sharon continues his crusade today. He organized the first Disability Awareness Day in 1984 and was a panel member in 1988. He has also served as a consultant and advisor. Sharon agrees that the campus situation is much better today than it was when he arrived six years ago.

Change comes slowly. As one committee member contends, “You can legislate a ramp, but you can’t legislate an attitude.” A ramp, handicapped parking spaces, an accessible dormitory and a library of disability related publications all represent physical changes happening on campus.

One excellent way to ensure powerful change is first to learn how others perceive an issue. This enables one to formulate a base for a beginning. Such was the rationale for the alumni survey (Winter 1987 Alumni Magazine), written by John Sharon ’86 and Danielle Strickman ’66, which proved to be an excellent way for the committee to understand how former students dealt with their disabilities at Connecticut.

In response to this survey, one alumna wrote: “I was not acquainted with anyone who had a disability (at Connecticut) so it was not something I remember thinking about.”

People who are unaffected by disabilities have a hard time imagining what life would be like at Connecticut College. “I can only guess what the campus would be like for a student with a disability,” wrote another alumna. “I think it would be very tough. Maybe the fact that so few people with disabilities attend the school says something in itself.”

In all, fifty-two alumni returned the survey. Twenty-five percent of these indicated that they lived with a disability at college. These disabilities ranged from mobility impairments, blindness and deafness, to dyslexia and bulimia.
When asked about physical or programmatic adaptations due to their disabilities, most respondents indicated that living accommodations could have been better. Although some reported that on a case-by-case basis the college responded appropriately, one alumna recalled that "the college was not nearly as flexible as it could have been." Another former student remembered that "both students and administrators seemed to pay only lip service to helping the disabled." One alumna contends that "the solution seems... to be in the character of the people around the disabled student, more than the services. The young, healthy students of Connecticut College often have little or no exposure to or education about disabilities..." The committee and the college will continue to work toward remedying the situation, and the impact is already being felt on campus.

The committee, and many others, think that the key to change, to making the campus accessible, lies in education. The comments and concerns by the alumni provided valuable insight to their experiences. This information has helped the Alumni Committee serve as a catalyst and consultant to the college community. Together with the increased awareness and activism of the administration, faculty, staff and students, they have truly made a difference.

As chairwoman Danielle Strickman says: "We have made a great deal of progress, but we must be careful not to rest on our laurels. The committee's goals include a long-range programmatic and financial plan, continued education, and increased involvement by all of us interested in disability issues. Ultimately, we envision a campus accessible to all. We look forward to the day when a wheelchair won't have to be carried up the steps of Burdick, when a blind student will be able to participate in all classes, and when the majority of people share an open and accepting attitude toward those with disabilities."

Eric Kaplan is president of the Class of '85, and is enrolled in a master's program in education at Harvard University. He is a member of the Accessibility Committee.

Danielle Dana Strickman '66, and John Sharon '86, contributed to this article. Strickman is Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Accessibility, and is Project Director of Disabilities Access Network of Family Services Agency of Dekalb County, a multiservice project which serves both disabled and nondisabled people. Sharon lives in Oakland, California, and is currently seeking employment in the television news field.
PARTIAL ACCOUNTS:
New and Selected Poems
by William Meredith
Alfred A. Knopf Publishers, 1987

William Meredith is Henry B. Plant Professor Emeritus at Connecticut College, and was an English professor at the college from 1955 until 1983. In April, 1988, he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for for his book of poems entitled "Partial Accounts: New and Selected Poems."

The following is a review by Edward Hirsch. It is reprinted, with permission, from the July 31, 1988 New York Times Book Review section.

In one of the recent poems in "Partial Accounts," William Meredith remembers older writers telling him to "look hard at the world." They also advised him to avoid "elevated generics like misery / wretchedness" and to find "a like spectrum of exact / terms for joy, some of them archaic, but all useful." Mr. Meredith took the advice, and for the past 45 years he has looked generously and hard at our common human world. He doesn't slight the disastrous, the "umpteen kinds of trouble" he has seen—accountability weighs heavily in his poems—but his work reverberates with old-fashioned terms such as fairness, morale, cheerfulness, joy and happiness. He is a master of the shivery anecdote, our "accidental and malicious violences," but more characteristically remembers "our sweet deliberate lives." Mr. Meredith is a poet of such good sense and sanity that someone ought to appoint him— as he once wryly appointed his character Hazard, the painter—to be "in charge of morale in a morbid time."

"Partial Accounts," his new and selected poems—which brought Mr. Meredith the 1988 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry—is a rigorous accounting of a life's work. In addition to 11 new poems, it contains 93 from seven books written over more than 40 years. Like Richard Wilbur, the poet he most closely resembles, early in his writing life Mr. Meredith wrote a number of war poems that revealed his strong inclination toward and gift for formalism. His first two books—"Love Letter from an Impossible Land" (1944) and "Ships and Other Figures" (1948)—are sparcely represented in this collection (five poems from each), though wartime experiences inform much of his work. Thereafter he emphasized the need for a civilizing intelligence and humane values. In one sense, all of his work constitutes a desire to recognize and then move beyond catastrophe and despair—whether personal, social or historical. Book by book, he has evolved into a poet by sly wit and quiet skill, working out a thoughtful esthetic of orderliness.

Mr. Meredith's mature work is represented by three books: "The Open Sea" (1958), "The Wreck of the Thresher" (1964), and "Earth Walk" (1970). In these books he developed his own version of the elegant plain style, seeking a language of calm exactitude and modest formal transparency. He also developed a wry, somewhat Frostein way of attacking a subject at an angle. He relies on this process—not pointing directly but trying to catch something out of the corner of the eye—whether he is considering a view of the Brooklyn Bridge or Chartres Cathedral, a disaster like the wreck of the submarine Thresher or the image of a Korean woman seated by a wall, a botanical trope or a plaster cast of his own head. In considering his chosen subjects he seeks to penetrate appearances, to find the hidden necessity and the true consequence, the underlying (continued next page)
What I Remember
The Writers Telling Me
When I Was Young

by William Meredith

(for Muriel Rukeyser)

Look hard at the world, they said—generously, if you can manage that, but hard. To see the extraordinary data, you have to distance yourself a little, utterly. Learn the right words for the umpteen kinds of trouble that you’ll see, avoiding elevated generics like misery, wretchedness. And find yourself a like spectrum of exact terms of joy, some of them archaic, but useful.

Sometimes when they spoke to me I could feel their own purposes gathering. Language, the dark-haired woman said once, is like water-color, it blots easily, you’ve got to know what you’re after, and get it on quickly. Everything gets watered sooner or later with tears, she said, your own or other people’s. The contrasts want to run together and must not be allowed to. They’re what you see with. Keep your word-hoard dry.

DAYS ON EARTH
The Dance of Doris Humphrey
By Marcia B. Siegel ’54
Yale University Press, 1988

Review by Lisa Putala Siegel ’82.

Marcia Bernstein Siegel ’54, is dance critic of the Hudson Review and a frequent writer and lecturer on dance. She teaches in the Department of Performance Studies, Tisch School of the Arts, New York University.

It seems fitting that Marcia Siegel should write a biography about Doris Humphrey. Humphrey was, after all, a powerful early inspiration who influenced Siegel to make the world of dance her life’s work.

“Doris Humphrey’s choreography appealed to me from my first season of looking at dance,” Siegel said. “It was the summer of 1962, when the Jose Limon company was doing Humphrey’s “Night Spell” and the posthumous work “Brandenburg Concerto No. 4.” Though I knew nothing about dance, Humphrey’s humanism struck me.”

“Days on Earth” examines how Humphrey’s sociological and psychological background affected her choreography, and how she strove to create movement that spoke the feelings she wanted to convey. She didn’t want her dancers to act out the images and feelings in her dances, she wanted them to live them.

“Those who worked with her, from the earliest days to the last,” wrote Siegel, “spoke of the powerful, almost cosmic energies they experienced in doing her dances...Small wonder, then, that her dances look diminished when they’re learned as shapes and patterns that can be imitated externally.”

Siegel’s book contains detailed descriptions of Humphrey’s dances, their literary sources and her choreographic process. It also illustrates how Humphrey’s personal and creative life influenced her partner Charles Wiedman; her protege, Jose Limon; and the dance world as a whole.

Humphrey refused to give in to the constant pressure of public appeal, and she...
Ms. Siegel feels Doris Humphrey "is worse than forgotten, she is frequently misunderstood and misrepresented. She left notated scores of many of her dances, but those don’t describe the luminous spirit of the works or tell how to capture it." Ms. Siegel’s book will help us remember.

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Doris Humphrey continued to create serious emotive pieces despite economic hardship.

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The Nominating Committee presents the 1989 slate of candidates for Alumni Association officers. The slate was chosen carefully from suggestions made by alumni across the nation. A ballot will be mailed to all alumni in April. Nominations by petition are explained below.

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Helen Reynolds '68

Helen resides in Dallas, TX, where she is a labor economist for the consulting firm of Sartain & Co. Helen graduated with a major in economics. She received an MA in 1970 and a Ph.D. in 1976 from Southern Methodist University; both degrees were in economics.

Helen has been an Economics Instructor and Visiting Assistant Professor in Economics at SMU, a Lecturer in Economics and Assistant Professor of Economics and Political Economy at the University of Texas at Dallas, and a Visiting Scholar at Cambridge University.

A dedicated volunteer for the college, Helen has served as an Admissions Aide, was class president from 1983-88, and has served on an ad-hoc committee to study the Executive Board structure (1987-88). She also served as the Nominating Chair for the Alumni Association from 1984-87.

She is a member of the American Economic Association, the Western Economic Association, the Royal Economic Society, and the American Society of Criminology.

**Alumni Trustee**

Warren Erickson '74

A religion major at Connecticut, Warren received his Ed.M from Harvard University. He is an assistant vice president in the customer service division at Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. He was secretary (1980-83) and president (1983-86) of the Alumni Association, member of the Campaign Steering Committee, and co-chair of the Hartford-area Campaign Committee. He was class president (1979-84) and is currently an Admissions representative. He is a member of the AAGP Committee as chairman of the Thames Society. Warren lives in Ashford, CT.

**Secretary**

Sonia Caus '85

A resident of Brighton, MA, Sonia was an International Relations/Italian major. She is currently the Director of Public Information and Coordinator of Education Policy Projects at the Hispanic Office of Planning and Education. Prior to this, Sonia worked on bilingual curriculum for gifted children in the South Bronx, NY, and did research in Boston for a citywide education coalition on bilingual education and special ed.

Sonia has served as a Young Alumni Trustee (1985-88), and is currently a member of the Association's ad-hoc committee on accessibility. As a graduating senior, she received the Italian Book Prize for excellence in Italian studies, and the Mrs. Elizabeth Fielding Memorial Award for college and community leadership.

**Director AAGP**

Susan Cohn Doran '67

Susan lives in West Hartford, CT, where she works as a part-time teacher at the Lollipop Nursery School. An art history major in college, Susan received an MS in urban elementary education from Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, CT, in 1968.

She has served as a class officer and is a past president of the Hartford Club, and is currently a Decade Coordinator on the AAGP committee.

She is a member of the League of Women Voters and the West Hartford Interfaith Coalition for Affordable Housing.

**Director-Programs**

David Gleason '83

David resides in Boston, MA, where he is President of Gleason Micro-Consultants Inc. His firm, which specializes in computer consulting, has been helpful to the Alumni Office during the past year.

While a student at Connecticut, David majored in physics and philosophy, and was designated as one of three Helen Lehman Buttenweiser scholars for 1982-83. This award is given in recognition of outstanding scholarship and leadership.

David has served as a Young Alumni Trustee, in addition to being a member of the Boston Area Young Alumni Campaign Committee. He is currently president of his class.

The following paragraphs from Article III of the Connecticut College Alumni Association bylaws explain the procedure for nomination by petition.

A. Nominations

i. By Nominating Committee

For all offices to which candidates are to be elected by vote of the Association a single slate shall be prepared by the Nominating Committee.

ii. By Petition

Nomination for any elective office may be made by petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) active members of the Association, such petition to be received by the Nominating Committee by April 15 in any given year.
Dorothy McGhee Luckenbill ’37 tees off.

Correspondent: Virginia Rose. 20 Avery Lane, Waterford, CT 06385

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Correspondent: Mrs. David Hall (Kathryn Herbert), 865 Central Ave., No. Hill, Apt. 1-307, Needham, MA 02192

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Mildred Duncan had a hot summer along with many others living in St. Louis. Otherwise, she is hale and hearty.

Helen Merritt and her brother, Irving, were busy with various brief travels during the summer.

Elizabeth Merrill Blake is well and moving back to Amesbury, MA, from Merrimac.

Blanche Finley finds she is slowing down and is forgetful.

Marjorie Smith joins her in that. She has also joined the vast number who have had the last cataract removed.

Alice Hagar Schoffstall is now living in a retirement home in Rutland, VT, as is Augusta O’Sullivan in New London, CT.

Correspondent: Marjorie Smith, 40 Irving Ave., Apt. 1002, East Providence, RI 02914

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In Memoriam

Frances Fletcher Kruger ’27 8/04/88
Henrietta Kanel Kohms ’27 8/20/88
Elizabeth Cade Simons ’27 6/27/88
Louise Towne Mitchell ’28 2/07/88
Gertrude Abramson Borstein ’28 10/29/86
Josephine Arnold ’29 9/01/88
Jennie Gada Genearelli ’30 4/04/88
Ruth Barry Hildebrandt ’30 7/26/88
Ruth Cooper Carroll ’30 8/10/88
Barbara Pollard ’31 5/04/88
Betty Patterson Travis ’32 5/07/88
Mary Crider Stevens ’32 6/03/88
Hilma McKinstry Talcott ’32 9/11/88
Jane Mackenzie ’32 12/08/88
Jean Duhy Schwartz ’34 1/01/88
Elise Williams Beckwith ’34 6/27/88
Josephine McKerihan Triebel ’36 6/11/88
Eleanor Elms ’36 10/15/88
Audrey Mellen Minor ’42 12/06/88
Lois Linehan Blitzer ’42 9/22/88
Virginia Eells Halasz ’44 9/04/87
Miriam Imber Fredman ’46 6/29/88
Frances Stimpson Wilke ’47 10/10/88
Marilyn Cobbledick Johnson ’51 10/30/88
Joanne Portsch-Snow ’54 8/24/88
Linda J. Lowell ’62 12/13/87
Karin Grace Wimberger ’81 11/17/88

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Correspondent: Mrs. Sidney P. Tuthill (Adelaide Satterly), 76 Hunt Ave., Apt. 1-A, Pearl River, NY 10965

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Marion Sanford attended the inauguration for our new president on 10/1/88 and enjoyed it all—the academic procession, preceded by a colorful Scottish band wearing kilts, greetings by various participants and keynote speaker; and the response by the new president—interesting and stimulating. "Wish you could have been there.

Margaret (Helen New) Darrow Varrell moved to ME in late Aug., to live with her daughter and husband. Her daughter has her own studio where she paints and teaches watercolor. "It was a tough move for me but I am happy to be near family." She went to a grandson’s wedding in VT and flew to a granddaughter’s wedding in PA in October. Then they prepared for a big Thanksgiving party.

Eugenia Walsh Bent writes, "I’m still busy living in a little, wooded village with a population of about 300. Active in a local hospital’s women’s board. Shall we try for reunion?"

Ava Mulholland Hilton writes, "I’m treating myself to a 14-day trip. I’ll fly to Los Angeles, take the ship, Crown Odyssey, to Puerto Vallarta, Zihuatanejo, Acapulco, Costa Rica, Panama Canal, Cartagena, Aruba, and back to Miami from San Juan. The cruise advertised for singles—I’ll bet there are 10 women to one man. Hope to go to reunion."

Margaret (George) Cornwell planned Thanksgiving at the Cape as always—with a big turkey, eight or 10 people, and three or four dogs. Her little grandson is in kindergarten—a "fascinating age."

Hazel Converse Gallaher still does volunteer work. She is physically fine. She took two trips: one to Martha’s Vineyard to visit a friend, and then to Washington DC, to visit a nephew. She saw the Smithsonian, National Art Gallery, Kennedy Center, Vietnam Memorial and Commerce Building, where her nephew is assistant director. "Was tired but happy."

Katherine Hamblet closed her shore-front cottage for the winter. It is in sight of the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. She is delighted with CC’s new replacement. "It’s a big place—well-run, but a bit sterile. I hope to get to like it more."

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Catherine (Dill) Page McNutt wrote in a sad note that her husband, with whom she shared many exciting adventures in obscure and faraway places, died peacefully on 7/30/88.

Ann Delano Schols and husband have moved permanently from London to Vacaville, CA. Her son and family live near there, and she has cousins in Sacramento and friends in the Bay Area. Welcome back!

Grace Bigelow Churchill is adjusting to living alone.

Her son and his wife recently returned from six and a half years in Australia, live in Pittsburg. Her daughter has become a CO westerner. Grace has achieved the great-grandmother status with a great-granddaughter named Stephanie. She has enjoyed visits with Truth Wilks Crooks and husband and a CC club luncheon in Hartford with Margretta Briggs Noble. She is delighted with CC’s new president. Grace’s great regret was being unable to attend her Hartford reception.

Dorothy (Dot) Davenport Voorhees is concentrating on a U. of W correspondence course: Writing One’s Memoirs. She has many rich memories and finds this project stimulating and fun. She is glad to visit with many grandchildren, who are scattered here and there.

Molly Scribben Pope’s daughter, Wendy Pope ’61, reports her mother is wheelchair bound and in an Akron, OH nursing home. She would enjoy making contacts.

Sarah Emily (SaySay) Brown Schoenhut and George spent a coming-apart-at-the-seams summer. "We are still here, enjoying our young, new neighbors, whom we think of as family. Our Thanksgiving, celebrated on the day after ‘turkey day’,” culminated in an earthquake. I was focusing on a Christmas cactus in full bloom when I suddenly realized it was having violent quivers, then shakes—and so did I! My immediate reaction was, ‘What did they put in my drink?’ The grandfather clock swayed, and bonged out of key. The dogs whimpered from under the table. Someone with his wits called the police. Yes, it was an earthquake! I was confused. I’m still convinced the epicenter was under my chair. The next day, my memory had been jarred into remembering that I had completely forgotten the class note!"

With sadness the class of 1928 extends its love and sympathy to Catherine Page McNutt for the loss of her husband, Homer, on 7/5/88. We also extend sympathy to the friends of Louise Towne Mitchell, who died 2/7/88, and to the husband of Katherine Hamblet, George W. Scioenlw (Sarah Brown), who passed away 10/29/88 in Israel.

Elizabeth Van Horn Rickenbaugh was at Dartmouth last June—a special time for her—for the graduation of another grand and the 60th reunion of Rick’s class. In his place, Hilda was at the class gathering place to welcome and renew with his classmates and their wives.

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Edith Allen MacDermid went on a combination barge and walking tour of Holland. One week they sailed on the canals and walked in the towns sailed to, then spent a week in a small town close to the German border. Most days they walked six-to-ten miles.

Helen Benson Mann attended an Elderhostel in Verona with a group of 40. They stayed in two hotels in a car-free area near to everything, particularly an old Roman arena where operas are still performed in the summers. They visited other towns: Murano to see the 308-room ducal palace of the Gonzaga rulers (Berny thinks they were the Mafia of the 14th century); and Bolla for a tour of the winery, including lectures on Italian food and wines, wine sampling, and a complimentary bottlle.

Elizabeth (Betty) Capron writes that she has recovered from a second bout of pneumonia and is beginning to "spread her wings" a little.

Mary Claus Gescheidter’s daughter visited the Holy Land with her church group—a thrilling, spiritual experience. Recently she spent some time with her sister-in-law, Marie Gescheidter Stark.

Allison Durkee Tyler and Ov have returned from Hendersonville, NC, where they stayed in their mountain cabin for several months each summer. They relax there by golfing, driving around the mountains and having cocktails on the terrace during bird-feeding time. They also visit their granddaughter in AL, and enjoyed an eight-day stay in DC.

There they visited with Eleanor Thayer Toney, who keeps up her keen interest in historical restoration and the DC Symphony Orchestra.

Helen Finner Smith is moving to a retirement complex in Pacifica, CA. Her daughter has a daughter, a granddaughter in Seattle, U. jr and her youngest is a Cornell College freshman.

Betty Gillin and her sister, Adelyn Gillin Wilson, ’37, will be in AK last summer for three or four weeks. They traveled the Inland Passage by means of six ferry trips, beginning at Port Hardy, B. C., and ending in Sitagay. Among several other places they visited were Fairbanks, Anchorage and Nome.

Elizabeth Hartshorn wrote about her good summer on Hilton Head Island, which included a wonderful sailing birthday celebration with nieces, nephews, and "greats."

It is with great sadness that we report three deaths: Jennie Gada Gencarelli died 4/4/88; Ruth Barry Hildebrandt died 7/26/88; Ruth Cooper Carroll died 8/10/88. To their relatives and friends we extend our warm sympathy.

Correspondent: Louise Kent, Midland Park Apts., Apt W-5, Norwich, NY 13815

Correspondents: Mrs. Edward DeWill Cook (Gertrude Smith), 109 Village Park Dr., Williamsville, NY 14221, and Mrs. Ernest A. Seifried (Wilhelmina Brown), 37 South Main St., Newburn, NH 03864

Correspondent: Mrs. Helen R. Brown (Sarah Brown), Rt. 1, Box 211, Fairlawn, VT 05045

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Correspondent: Minnie Watchinsky Pfeck, 1251 Saratoga Ave., Apt. 1, San Jose, CA 95129

We are seeking a class correspondent for your school. If you are interested, please contact the Alumni Office.

Correspondent: Emily Warner, Covenant Village, Apt. 3112, Missionary Rd., Cromwell, CT 06416

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March, 1989

Dear Fellow Alumni:

You are holding an important document. It is the survey of your interests in being a part of one of the alumni societies I wrote to you about last June in my first letter to you.

Many, many alums from all classes responded to that letter. You said societies were a strong idea. You suggested we establish a society for community volunteers. You said you would like to have an exchange of ideas and help from alumni with similar interests. You said CC alumni need well-organized ways to create networks.

This survey takes four minutes to fill out and will permit us to create a set of professional societies, a set of interest groups that will help all of us. Please complete the survey and mail it back to us by April 15.

Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Claire Gaudiani '66
President

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CONNPACT is a set of national networks open to all Connecticut College alumni. It is designed to connect Connecticut College alumni who have similar interests or careers.

- CONNPACT will provide the means to establish professional societies and regional subgroups and to publish professional directories.
- The CONNPACT database in the Office of Career Services will enable graduates to help each other with geographic or career change, professional advancement, and re-entry into the job market.
- CONNPACT will enable alumni to interact on areas of shared academic or thematic interest.

CONNPACT members will also be able to help undergraduates if they choose to.

- Current students could benefit from career advice and connections to January or summer internships.
- Juniors and seniors could obtain advice on job placement and graduate study.

Connecticut College alumni all over the U.S. and the world can help each other through CONNPACT.

Please print or type responses and return this form to Box 2000. The survey is designed as a self-mailer for your convenience. This information is for the College's exclusive use and will not be released for political or commercial use. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE WRITE I.D. NUMBER FROM UPPER RIGHT CORNER OF ADDRESS LABEL .

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II. GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Institutions Attended Location Field of Study Degree Date(s)


III. OTHER UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

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IV. CONNPACT (CONNECTICUT PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC CAREER THEMATIC TEAMS)

A. Professional Societies

A national career network will form the basis of the professional societies. Alumni in the same careers will benefit from knowing each other, networking, and creating opportunities for each other. Please indicate, in order of preference, area(s) of occupational interest/expertise or voluntary activity. List no more than three.

- Corporate Sector/ Business
- Government
- Science & Environment
- Media/Communications/ Advertising
- Medicine & Health
- Social & Human Services
- Education
- Law
- Other
- Banking/Finance
- The Arts (music, art, theater)

B. Academic Affiliation

Most of us continue academic pursuits even after graduation. Please indicate area(s) of your continuing academic interest, perhaps related but not limited to your undergraduate major. This will assist the College in planning programs, Alumni College, and other events. List up to three in order of preference.

- Anthropology & Sociology
- History
- Art (Applied/ History)
- European Languages & Culture
- Asian Studies & Languages
- International Studies
- Biological Sciences
- Mathematics & Computer Studies
- Child Development & Education
- Philosophy & Religious Studies
- Classics & Ancient History
- Physical Education & Athletics
- Dance, Theater & Music
- Physical Sciences
- Economics & Business
- Psychology
- English & Literature
- Women’s Studies
- Government
- Other
C. Thematic Issues

Broad interests provide meaning to our lives. Are you interested in being part of a group which explores any of these thematic issues? Forums for exploration might include panels, workshops, or presentations on or off campus or at Homecoming and Reunion. They might be offered by faculty, alumni themselves, or other experts. Please indicate in order of preference which issue(s) are important to you. List no more than three.

- Global Issues
- The Environment
- Diversity/Minority Issues
- Volunteerism/Philanthropy
- Health/Wellness
- Other

Creativity
- Literary Analysis
- Human Development
- Issues for Men & Women in the 90's
- Spiritual Issues

V. VOLUNTEERING FOR CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

You can help the College as it enters this new phase of excellence by contributing in one or more of the ways below. Please indicate your preference(s).

I (my organization) could sponsor a January internship.

I (my organization) could sponsor a summer internship/job.

I could provide housing for a January intern.

I would be willing to advise students/alumni about my career/volunteer field.

I would be willing to assist alumni relocating in my area.

My organization would be interested in recruiting on campus.

My organization would be interested in off-campus recruiting at consortia in Boston, New York, Washington, DC, etc.

I would be willing to do international recruiting/admissions work.

Please send me further information about ____________________________

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daughter’s third son graduated from George Washington with a BA in political communications.” Sylvia usually visits New London in June.

Drusilla Fielding Stemper writes, “We had a very good season in ME this year. Unexpectedly, on 11/1/88, I had to have an operation and spent two weeks in the hospital. Things are better, but we postponed our return to FL until early January. All the news from CC is very exciting these days. Hem and I were on campus for alumni reunion activities following commencement. We had a wonderful time.”

Mabel Hansen Smith writes, “Not much new from CA, a hot dry summer which I enjoyed. I can’t believe we had no rain for almost six months! May because my brother died. Did not get around much for lack of transportation. Heard from Sylvia (Sally) (Francis Sawyer) who some of that you had visited. We are going to try to keep in touch again.” Her family had planned a trip to Lake Tahoe for Christmas.

Mabel Barnes Knauff enjoyed joining Marion Nichols Arnold, Virginia Stephenson, Kathryn Cooksey Simon, Ruth Carwell Clapp and Edward in the inauguration of President Claudian Adjani on 10/18— an unforgettable day, as Ruth so beautifully described it in her AAGP letter.

Julia Salter Ferris writes “Recent years have been much the same routine, but this year brought changes. My husband, an invalid for many years, died in July. In Sept. I went back east after 25 years and visited my brother in Cape Cod. Must admit I feel in love with New England all over again. My brother the ‘old homestead’ sister and I are now in the first time in 41 years. Tongues wagged and memories were stretched. I have finally decided to stop work, so I will be a lady of leisure after 12/31/88. I’ll find some mischief to get into, though. Beside all 32s.

The class extends sincere sympathy to Julia (Peggy) Salter Ferris, whose husband died in 7/88; and to the families of Betty Patterson Travis, who died 5/7/86; Marjorie Steven Stevens, whose husband PC Helma McKinsey Talcott, who died 9/11/88; and Jake Mackenzie, who died 12/8/88.

Correspondent: Mrs. Robert Knaff (Mabel Barnes), 39 Laurel Hill Dr., Niantic, CT 06357

Correspondent: Jessie Wackenheim Barrack, Box 418,220 Lake Shore Dr., Putnam Valley, NY 10579

Helen Andrews Kough and Nicholas spent an Oct. week in Death Valley. Australian had extensive surgery due to “the aging process.” She quips, “My bifocals work just dandy, my dentures fit just fine, my hearing aid is comfortable in a retirement home,” and Bruce is a naval architect and sr. She is tutoring a 2nd grader from “the aging process.” She quips, “My bifocals work just dandy, my dentures fit just fine, my hearing aid is comfortable in a retirement home.”

Florence Baylis Skelton reports that four of her ten grandchildren are in college. Her daughter, Susan, a freelance photographer in Berlin, visited this summer.

Jean Berger Whitehall visited her sister in NJ in Aug, so we had a chance to chat on the phone. Her son Bill is professor of medicine and head of the Dept. of Respiratory Medicine in Calgary, Alberta. John is a regional pathologist in Nanaimo, B.C.; and Bruce is a naval architect and sr. instructor at U. of Maritime Tech., St. Johns, Newfoundland.

Marjorie Bishop recently traveled to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. She hopes to attend Elderhostel in Nepal in March.

Marion Black enjoys the gentle life in NH.

Serena Bitzow Mowry enjoyed a “somewhat gaelic trip” to China in Sept. The high point was a hydrofoil trip to the Island of Macau “bumping along through the tail of a typhoon!” She enjoys visiting the George Neys (former CC professor), reportedly doing through the tail of a typhoon!” She enjoys visiting the George Neys (former CC professor), reportedly doing through the tail of a typhoon!”

Emily Duggy Vogel spent Sept. and Oct. in WA and OR—“refreshing to find so much beautiful, unpolluted nature.”

Mariel Dibble Vosilus is considering moving to DC to be near her sons; but she dreads leaving her hemlock trees and birches in CT.

Louisa Coriess, for the fourth year, is tutoring a 2nd grader from “the project.” She is looking forward to a visit from Olga Wester Russell who will attend a foreign language conference in New Orleans.

Eleanor Hine Krant is “up to her eyeballs in an environmental battle.” Martha’s Vineyard from huge commercial development.” She planned a winter trip to Costa Rica.

Emma Hose Waddell and Laster took an autumn trip to the Canadian Rockies and went to the Brandywine country for the Christmas tree display.

Alison Jacobs McBride keeps busy when able with church and art activities.

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Our sympathy goes to the families of Josephine McKer-than Triebel, who died of a severe stroke on 6/1/88, and Eleanor Elms, who passed away on 10/15/88. Our sympathy also goes to Caroline Stewart Eaton, whose husband, Robert, died from a heart attack on 7/31/88.

*Correspondent: Mrs. Frank Eufemia (Ruth Chitten), 7 Noah’s Lane, Norwalk, CT 06851*

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RECENT BEQUESTS TO CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Throughout our history, bequests to Connecticut College have played an important part in creating professorships, library and departmental endowments, scholarships and funding other special projects. Below are listed those bequests from which gifts were received between November 15, 1987 and September 20, 1988.

**Helen C. Chidsey ’31**

Miss Chidsey’s bequest representing the residuary of her estate endowed the Helen C. Chidsey ’31 Scholarship which has no restrictions as to its use.

**Jane Pforzheimer Long (Parent ’56)**

This bequest provided the funding for the Jane P. Long Development Fund. Mrs. Long was the mother of Jill Long Leinbach ’56.

**Corr E. Lutz ’27**

With her bequest Miss Lutz has endowed the Cora E. Lutz ’27 Scholarship Fund and provided a portion for a current scholarship as well.

**Eleanor Lee Harriman Kohl '25**

This represents the proceeds from an annuity which is the first portion of Mrs. Kohl’s much larger total bequest. It is unrestricted.

**Muriel Whitehead Jarvis ’29**

Her bequest has enabled Connecticut College to participate in the library consortium with Wesleyan and Trinity. The linking of the three libraries by computer greatly increases the availability of books and other material to our students.

**Ethel W. Goodman (Friend)**

Mrs. Goodman’s bequest was unrestricted.

**Priscilla Dennett Willard ’32**

Mrs. Willard, a Planned Giving Aide for her class from 1967 until her death in April of 1988, left a bequest for unrestricted purposes.

**Elizabeth Raynor Jeno ’32 and Basil Jeno**

Mr. and Mrs. Jeno each left Connecticut College 15% of the remainder of their estates to be used “for its general corporate purposes.” This represents the first of several installments.

**Jessie Watters (Friend)**

Miss Watters stipulated in her trust that the principal and income from her gift was to be used to support the art and music programs at Connecticut College.
hospital work. She has two sons and one grandson.

Helen Maxwell Schuster is still active in the Assistance League of Colorado Springs, her church, golf and bridge. Last year the Assistance League clothed 1,570 needy school children.

Dorothy Chapman Cole's husband, Robert, retired after 1969. Dorothy recently met by videos provided by their two children who took her to a nostalgic drive through the campus.

Gertrude (Buffie) Langmaid Turner from Swampscott, MA; Frances Walker Chase from Brookline, MA; Marjorie Mintz Deitz from Worcester, MA; Katherine (Kay) Brook of Woburn, MA; and Margaret (Peggy) Cox Brooks from Wellesley, MA. Kay's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of those attending the 50th reunion. As treasurer, she thanks those who have sent class dues.

Winifred Frank Havell took her daughter, Nancy, on a trip to Paris and toured the French countryside.

Letitia (Dolly) Jones Sherman and Dave moved to La Jolla, CA. over three years ago "after the dream to live here in retirement." They have 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. "We walk two-four miles daily and that keeps me going," she said.

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Bolonia in the spring and were thrilled to see
the cleaned Sistine Chapel and the partially restored Leonardo
Da Vinci's "Last Supper". Nancy is still on the educa-
tion staff at Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota, FL, and is now
developing adult community programs. She's also on the
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In our special inaugural issue, published last December in conjunction with the College Relations office, we incorrectly identified the female close-harmony singing group pictured on page 9 as the Shwiffs. Those pictured are members of the Conn Chords. All three singing groups on campus—Shwiffs, Conn Chords, and Co Co Beaux—sang on inauguration day.

CORRECTION
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE FACULTY PUBLICATIONS AND EXHIBITS

Havens, Fire Across the Sea: The Vietnam War and Japan, 1965-1975. (Princeton University Press, 1987). Professor Havens’ fifth book on Japan examines the tension between the Japanese anti-war movement and Japan’s treaty obligations to the United States. A reviewer states that “No one has written anything like this in terms of its comprehensiveness and historical perspective.”


Swanson, Christ Child Goes to Court (Temple University Press, for late summer 1989 publication). An analysis of the federal court’s consideration of taxpayer-supported displays of the nativity scene with attention to questions of separation of church and state.

Burton, A Nilotic World: The Aitou-Speaking People of the Southern Sudan (Greenwood Press, 1987). An important study which argues for the ethnic distinctiveness of the Aitou within the pluralistic context of the Sudan.


Maureen McCabe was included as one of four Connecticut artists whose work was shown at six New England museums under the catalogue rubric, New England Now: Contemporary Art from Six States, 1987.


Kirmmse, Kierkegaard’s Politics (proposed title for work accepted by Indiana University Press for publication). Highly praised by the Press’s outside readers as the most distinguished study in any language of Kierkegaard and his place in nineteenth century Denmark.

Proctor, Education’s Great Amnesia: Reconsidering the Humanities from Petrarch to Freud, with a Curriculum for Today’s Students (Indiana University Press, 1988). Professor Proctor’s book has been praised by one reviewer as giving “incisive and convincing answers” to questions about the identity of the humanities and their role in the rise of Western civilization. Another reviewer foresees the book as making “a major contribution to the debate about both the process and the content of American education.”

Green, Scriptural Authority and Narrative Interpretation (Fortress Press, 1987). Professor Green edited the collection of essays in honor of a distinguished American theologian, the late Professor Hans Frei of Yale University. Mr. Green also wrote the introduction to the collection and one of the ten essays, “The Bible as...: Fictional Narrative and Scriptural Truth.”

Gordon, Finnigan’s Wake: A Plot Summary (Gill & Macmillan and Syracuse University Press, 1986). The work sustains Gordon’s reputation as one of the leading Joyce scholars in the world.

Meyer, Lives on the Line: The Testimony of Contemporary Latin American Authors (University of California Press, 1988). The work, edited and introduced by Professor Meyer, includes the writing of many of Latin America’s finest authors and has been called “indispensable to a full appreciation of the achievement of twentieth-century Latin-American literature.”

deceased classmates are always welcomed by the college and will, of course, be acknowledged to the families.

After the meeting the class marched—wearing our red and white scarves—in the alumni procession to Cummings Arts Center. Barbara Bearce Tuneski, departing class agent chair, presented the class gift to President Oakes Ames. The architectural highlight for me of our afternoon campus explorations was the Blaustein Humanities Center (stained glass Library), an astonishingly beautiful transformation. Breathe and I discovered a wonderful portrait there of former President Park, painted by William McCloy. We also attended the champagne reception for professor emeritus Charlie Chu in the library, where his and other Chinese works of art were exhibited at the opening of the Chu-Griffis Art Collection.

A fine dinner at the new Radisson Hotel in New London has been planned by reunion co-chairs Marilyn Leach Cassidy and Sydney Wrightson Tibbetts, who also ensured that our hospitality suite at the dorm lived up to its billing. About 45 of us, including about 10 spouses, sat down together. Over coffee, the new slate of officers was read and unanimously accepted: Jane Maurey Sargent, president; Jean Lawson Carlson, vice president and nominating chair; Betsy Wolfe Hiddle, reunion chair; Jean Tierney Taub, treasurer; Judith Ankstram Carson, correspondent; and Judith Epstein Grossman and Cassandra Sturman Harris, co-class agent chairs. Outgoing president: Barbara (Bobbie) Cohn Mindell, read a letter from her successor, Jane Maurey Sargent, anticipating her and Bob’s return from Tunisia via many stops in the Orient and across the U.S. on route to ME, where they will live after 30 years around the world with the State Dept.

We shared more post-dinner talk at the dorm as we passed around Gill Sumner’s fascinating photo album of her recent visit with Jane Maurey Sargent in Tunis. Finally, we said good night; but I stayed awake reading our book of profiles for a long while... The rising sun woke me earlier than usual (much earlier). Schlepping bleary-eyed down the hall, I came upon a wondrous scene: Bobbie Cohn Mindell, bright as a button, dressed for golf with feet propped on the bed and knitting in the streaming sunlight. I was up and back at Conn College for Women, at least for one more breakfast.

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Elizabeth (Betty) Froment Brown still lives in NJ. Her husband, Jim, is an investment banker and vice president for Howard Savings Bank. “I have been a reading specialist in the local school for ten years. Our children are grown: Karen (Hood ’87) is a graphic artist in NYC; Matt is a Rutgers U. sr; and Adrienne is a Lynchburg College freshman. All is fine and well with us. We had a very happy holiday season.”

Dela (Dede) Plimmer Medrick, living in NH, has changed her college English major to the humanities and is persevering in her last official year. Her youngest son finished college last year in IA.

Mary Winne Sherwood acquired a new husband, Paul Van de Mortel, in July ’87; and a new job in Jan. ’88 as the coordinator of the Substance Abuse Program at Chapal Hill Mental Health Center, NC. In the spring of ’87 she was on a study tour about alcoholism in the Soviet Union. Her daughter, Helen, graduated from UMass and now works there. Her son, Sherwood, is a Pornon sr, studying to be a vet.

Laura Pritchard Kezer, a new director of the Mystic, CT Mammalife Aquarium, manages 6,000 fish plus whales, dolphins, and seals. At home she cares for some land animals. Son, Jeremy, will have graduated from Northeastern U. in an electrical engineering/computer engineering co-op program; daughter, Jennifer, attends URI.

Susanne Strayer MacKay-Edell lives in Port William, Nova Scotia, Canada, with husband, Frederick, who is head of drama at Acadia U. She has two children, one stepchild and a grandchild. She teaches painting and is working on a
master’s in art education. She welcomes any visitors.

Ann Milner Willner, living in CT, sees Sandra Wickstrom Lazorick, Ann Conner Polley and Marjorie Inkster Station. She teaches 2nd grade. Her hobbies are sewing, and caring for and riding five horses. Her husband, Chuck, is an engineer at Electric Boat. Her son, Richard, having graduated as a veterinarian from MI State, practices in Stonington, CT, and is married. Other son Doug graduated from UCon in economics, works for M&M Mars in Albany, and is married. Her daughter, Beth, did not like school but is working and engaged.

Anne Silson Alford from Glastonbury, CT, is an enthusiastic admissions aide for Conn; a dedicated trustee for the Hartford College for Women; a challenged and inspired lay leader for the Congregational Church; mother of teenagers Sarah and Seth; and wife to Joel, original mate. She finally made it as she is on the information desk at Wadsworth Atheneum. Her husband, Art, is an economist and history major makes it!

Carolyn Sharp Brodsky works for her husband, David, and has continued with her interior design business. Her daughter works in NYC for CitiBank; her daughter Jane graduated from Brown, and son, James, is at Brown.

Judith Morejohn Seegar got an M.Ed. from Lesley College in 1980 and has been teaching 3-4 year olds at the Beacon Hill Nursery in Boston. Both son, David, and daughter, Sarah, are at Yale. Her husband, Ching-Ming, is busy with his own architecture firm in Boston.

Gail Turner Slover is a concertmaster and has her own consulting business, Body Time Technology. All the kids have “flown the coop.” Cheryl, Yale ’86, works for a NYC public relations firm. Son Greg graduated from Duke with a BSPA at St. Joseph’s Hospital in ME. She also has her son. Hank, goes to the central School of Speech and Drama in London. She is looking forward to the 50th reunion.

Betty Thompson Bartholet has seen Linda Strassenmeyer Stein, who is fine. Betsy’s offspring enjoy Boston: daughter Anne (Tuffy) ’86 works there. Betsy has earned her pilot’s license and an instrument rating and is treasurer of the Westchester Aviation Assoc. in NY. She looks forward to the 50th reunion.

Eugenia (Genie) Tracy Hill from Newport Beach, CA, is enjoying working as an educational forum coordinator and director of volunteers in a community health care program. Her son, Stephen, graduated from U. C. Davis; he has an MBA from the U. of Chicago; is married and works for Clorox in Oakland, CA. Her daughter, Tracy, graduated from San Diego State; is in elementary ed. at U. C. Irvine; and is teaching. Andrew, graduated from the h. s. Genie enjoyed a bicycle trip in France last summer.

Joan Murray Webster of CA has son Jay (Cornell ’87) who works in the marketing div. of National Semiconductor in Sunnyvale, CA; and daughter Lee, having completed a year at the U. of Sewille, on a year abroad program from Sweet Briar College. Lee is an accomplished rider, having won the bronze medal in the summer of ’87 for the North American Young Rider Three-Day Event. Her youngest daughter, Julie, also an accomplished rider, will start college in CA this fall. Her husband, John, is a marketing manager for a division of Combustion Engineering. Joan stays at home with her day job working serving the Justin Smith and the American Connemara Pony (small Irish horse) Society; she also manages their Connemara breeding farm.

Adele Merrill Welch from MA has oldest daughter, Ashley, attending the U. of MI and hopes to spend this year in England. Her daughter Sandy will attend college this fall; her husband, Wilford, is with Intermatrix, a consulting firm. Del is back nursing, working in a local hospital in a drug and alcohol detox unit.

Marilyn Skorupski Allen still reads for the blind in the Boston area and enjoys a summer home on the ocean in Plymouth, MA. Both son, John Cory Jr. (Trinity ’83); and daughter, Mary (Dartmouth ’83); are married and live in NYC.

Jane Silverstein Root still lives in TX and is a vice president and trust officer at MBank Houston. Her husband, Eli, practices oncology. Son Theodore (Ted) Root ’85 works in San Francisco; Dan (Williams) is in medical school at Baylor; Irene attends Amherst; and Suzy attends Conn, class of 1991.

Christine Steinholder Wagner supervises the Coral Care Unit at Community General Hospital. She also has her MA in 17th-century French drama (CCNY ’87) and is working on her BSPA at St. Joseph’s Hospital in ME. She also manages a small farm in Delhi, NY (dogs, horses, steel, pigs, chickens, etc.). Her daughter, Tove, received her BS in hotel management at the U. of Surrey in England; her son, Hank, goes to the central School of Speech and Drama in London. She corresponds often with Barbara Livingstone Aguirre and Pamela Van Nostrand Newton. Life is full and joyful.

Joan Wertheim Carr has her own public relations firm in NYC. Carris and Assoc., which specializes in the food fields. They represent Germany, Switzerland and France in cookies and “Saratte” chocolates. Her daughter Cynthia, a UMass grad, is a photo editor of US magazine. Her son, Robert, attends the U. of MI and has studied in Spain. Youngest daughter, Joanne, graduated from h. s. and attends college.

Mary Lee Robb Seifert moved into a townhouse in MD, and is an economist with the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Her oldest son, Doug, is married and a father living in IN; and son Mike is a field engineer for a major commercial construction company. Her daughter, Sharon, is at home recovering from a serious auto accident; she’s doing very well and attends the U. of MD at night.

Nancy Waddell says that Nancy Bailey Ripley visited her tiny trailer on Whitehead Island, WA, where she works with a spiritual/educational/education center called Chinook Learning Center, which sponsors such programs as Omega and Interface on the East Coast. She is also a nanny to a family with a 4-year-old.

Correspondents: Elizabeth FromenrBmwn, 412 Ocean House Rd, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107

Elizabeth McGuire Enders is busy helping with major gifts for Conn. She is also secretary of the Arts & Space Board. She received her MA from NYU in 1987 in painting.

Elizabeth (Betty) Lange Leon has a quiet house this year with Chip, a spyrich major, and Christine, a freshman, both at Miami U. in Oxford, OH. A trip to England to celebrate their 25th anniversary and Chip’s graduation is planned for May.

Barbara Nichols Bennett and John have been in Monterey, Mexico, for about a year. John is Consul General. Sons Jan, 16; and Seth, 11; are in the American school. Everyone is getting lots of practice using Spanish!

Seyrlig Siegel has a new job in NY—Chief, Division I for L. A. of South America plus Sp/French Caribbean—14 countries in all. Seyrlig traveled last summer to Martha’s Vineyard, Copenhagen, Geneva, OH, L. A. (visited Susan Rosenberg), Vancouver and Seattle. She saw Gwendolyn (Wendy) Rendall Cross in Newark Airport.

Sally Raymond Locke took a three-week trip to Italy last Oct. for their 25th wedding anniversary. They met up with George and Wendy Rendall Cross and spent an evening with them. Sally began a new job as the personnel manager at the Boston U. School of Management. Son, Stephen, is at Boston College Law School. Daughter, Dana, is living in Sommerville and working at a day care center. Rebecca is in the nursing program at the U. of VT. Husband, Ray, works at Digital as personnel technology systems manager.
Even if you're not in a reunion class, come back for a weekend of fun and remembrance, of tradition and innovation, at this year's Reunion, June 2-4. The weekend will mark the finale to the inaugural year, and will include panels on President Gaudenti's five-year strategic plan, a faculty open house, a gala picnic, a tribute to our first-ever 70th reunion class of 1919, and more. For more information contact the Alumni Office (203-447-7525).
and in Shadow, Personal Portraits of ALS (Lou Gherig’s Disease),” in 1986. The book contains accounts from patients and families from all over the world that describe how they cope with this neurological disease that has no known cause, treatment or cure. Judy’s husband has had ALS for eight years. Last Nov. Judy spoke at the International ALS Conference in Kyoto, Japan. Her 23-year-old daughter, Adrienne, completed her teaching degree and is teaching conversational English while living in Japan for five months. Her other daughter, Padget, is a h.s. jr. Judy’s husband has had ALS for eight years. Last Nov. Judy spoke at the International ALS Conference in Kyoto, Japan. Her 23-year-old daughter, Adrienne, completed her teaching degree and is teaching conversational English while living in Japan for five months. Her other daughter, Padget, is a h.s. jr.

Barbara Johnson Shea writes from Cheshire, CT, that she is busy being “super mom,” touring colleges with daughter Meredith, who will graduate in June. Her oldest, Jonathan, is a George Washington U. jr and is currently studying in Vienna. Brian is in his last year of college. Barbara’s part-time job of handling student activities at the local h.s. keeps her busy.

Judith Campbell admits to a mid-life crisis: out of this came the start of her own consulting business in marketing research. Free time is spent hiking, skiing and enjoying the neighborhood children.

Marcia Silcox Crockett writes from WA that she and husband, Dick, are enjoying their empty nest and doing a lot of cross-country skiing and hiking. Their son graduated from Pacific Lutheran U. and works in Chicago. Daughter, Debbie, is a Princeton sr and Todd, their youngest, is a Princeton freshman (good for visiting!) Her last visit East, Marcia met Platt Townend Arnold for lunch in New Haven. She reports that Platt is doing just great.

Ellen Saltz Kolansky and husband, Cal, live in Alexandria, VA. Ellen works for the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office as a labor relations specialist. Currently she is a part-time employee. Ellen is negotiating with three labor unions about the Leave Sharing Pact. Cal has a private psychiatry and psychoanalysis practice and teaches at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital and the Baltimore-DC Institute for Psychoanalysis. Their daughter, Jennifer, is a freshman program in London sponsored by Ithaca College; their son is assistant manager of a video store in DC.

Margaret (Peggy) Connelley Rawlins has been elected to the Healdsburg, CA Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and is in charge of marketing and promotion. From the tone of her letter, extolling the virtues of Sonoma County, Peggy was a superb choice for the job. She and her husband run a bed and breakfast establishment called Lytton Springs Inn.

Leilani Vasil Brown has obviously kept her sense of humor intact as she writes: “Life begins on a new track at age 45. My divorce from husband number two was final in August. I am moving to a three-bedroom, two-bath ranch on a half acre with my son, Alexander, 7, and Betsy, our black lab who is 3. I plan to return to school to complete my MBA and work in a new career (accounting?) after seven years as a homemaker.”

Zoe Tricebock Moore’s daughter, Kori, is a CC jr majoring in Asian studies. Zoe is a docent at the Cincinnati Art Museum and does volunteer work for a crisis line. Her husband, John, and her son, Kyle, are fine.

Susan Epstein Messitte reports that CC “shows well—an nice sense of community comes across.” Susan’s daughter, Abby, a h.s. jr, is seriously considering Conn. Susan has been appointed as a commissioner on the Juvenile Justice Commission in Cheyney Chase, MD. Her husband, Peter, is a federal judge and her son, Zack, is a Bowdoin jr. Donna Richmond Carleton’s daughter Liz is at CC—class of ’91. Donna reports that Liz just loves the place. She, husband, Bill, and daughter Melissa, 15, enjoy hearing about Conn through Liz’s perspective. Donna completed her Certificate of Advanced Educational Specialization Degree in moderate special needs at Boston College. It certainly sounds impressive, and Donna has put it to good use in her teaching.

Caroline Bartholomew Medina and husband, Mitch, are involved in world evangelism and spend a great deal of their time traveling and teaching. In 1985 they visited Taiwan, Hong Kong and Mexico. They are both working on their Ph.D.s in evangelism.

Joanne Vleides Schroeder has taken the “big plunge” and formed her own consulting firm, after 20 years of service in federal, municipal and regional government. Schroeder & Klieg, Inc. specializes in public policy and urban planning. Joanne finds the work fulfilling and exciting.

Jane Tisher Powell’s consulting firm, Information Management Solutions, is doing work at the Kennedy Space...
Center. One system spans the globe through satellite communications. Though her work is challenging, Jane finds paying the bills for two sons in college (a Swannee sr and a Williams sophomore) extremely challenging too.

Phyllis Window is a holistic health practitioner in NYC, working freelance at American Health Magazine and doing some writing on the side. Phyllis reports that she finds her career and life “very satisfactory” and “is looking forward to meeting a new man after breaking up with someone (she’s) been with for almost fifteen years.”

Wendy Lehman Lash lives in NYC. Her husband, Stephen, is the executive vice president at Christie’s; daughter, Abigail, is a Williams freshman; and son, William, is a Caltech sophomore. Wendy is now working for the Arthur Ross Foundation after completing her assignments as executive director for the Friends of Courtauld Institute of Art in the USA.

Ellen Corroton Peterson and husband, Eric, have two sons: Richard, a 4th gr; and Max, who will enter Tulane U. in Sept. Ellen is in her 13th year of teaching nursery school at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in NYC and in her second year as class agent for ’86. She’d like to hear from everyone in this our 25th reunion year!

Barbara Brachman Fried received her MBA from the U. of IJ at Chicago in June. She is now a registered representative for Metropolitan Insurance Co. in the Executive Training Program. Oxford Press has accepted her book, Rick’s book, “America’s Second Red Scare,” and it will soon be in the stores. The Frieds’ son, Rockey, is a U 4th gr and is spending the semester in Rome. Gail, 18, is a Wellesley freshman.

Anne Burger Washburn received her master’s from Brandeis’ Heller School in Human Services Management. She’s now the director of personnel at a large human services agency in Concord, MA.

Bridget Cauley Murchison is living the good life in Houston. Her oldest son, Spencer, is a TCU jr. Bridget’s on the college-visiting circuit this year with daughter, Hila, a h.s. jr. Her youngest son is in the 5th grade.

Carolyn Thomas Christy works as director of development at Columbus (OH) School for Girls. Dr. Philip Jordan (ex-history professor at CC) is a new trustee at the brother school. Carolyn works closely with him in a new cooperative venture between the two schools. (Phil was instrumental in helping CC become coed). Carolyn’s daughter, Laura, is a h.s. senior; her son, Harris, is a Grinnell College sophomore.

Irene Wachtler Budnick is a financial counselor at Sperber-Adams in Westport, CT. She is active in the United Jewish Appeal and enjoys horseback riding in her spare time. Irene’s daughter, Naomi, graduated from George Washington U. and is working as an equine instructor and trainer. Her daughter, Leslie, is a Syracuse U. sophomore majoring in sculpture.

Alice Gostomich Golden reports from Lake Forest, IL, that she is well and happy. Her two young children, 9 and 10, keep her busy, along with all the community work she’s involved with—school board, conservation of open landscape and riparian board.

Shirley Rozen Fried and husband, Jerry, have moved to suburban DC. Jerry is now in administration at the National Institute of Health, and Shirley is an itinerant teacher for the Fairfax, VA, County Board of Ed.. The Frieds’ older son, Dan, is studying Shakespeare at the Folger’s; younger son is at the Montgomery School and loves the soccer program.

Elizabeth Gorra Hatem reports getting enormous satisfaction from part-time teaching of foreign professionals in Rutgers’ Corporate ESL Program. Bethie has begun taking piano lessons and sings with the local group of Sweet Adelines (recalling her days as a Conn Chord lady). Daughter Lisa is a Gettysburg U. sophomore; son, Mark, is a freshman at Brandeis U. Their older daughter, Carol; and son Mark, 10, is in the 5th grade. She keeps in touch with Marilynn Cornett Brown, who is a professor of French at Eastern CT State U.

Lea Weitring Von Karem’s son, Frans, 21, is a Brown U. sr; her daughter, Nicole, 17, is in h.s. Lea is an interior architect, and with her architect husband, Hugh Katz, has a 25-person firm in St. Louis. They also have a 2-year-old daughter, Rachel. They often visit Lea’s parents’ home on Cape Cod, and are thinking of relocating in the East.

Elizabeth Cook Morgan received her BS from Columbia, and is a nurse at her local hospital in Pittsford, VT. In June, 1988, she received her MED in Health Education from the University of VT, which required a lot of commuting to Burlington for classes. She is seeking a position involving teaching kids about substance abuse. Otherwise, she is involved with her children: a 17-year-old son and a 13-year-old daughter.

Susan Mathes Frasier still gets back to Niantic to her parents’ summer home once a year. Son Matt, 22, is at Gettysburg jr, and son Joel, 17, is at a local community college in Charlottesville, VA. She has a 15-year-old stepdaughter, Carol; and son Mark, 10, is in the 5th grade.

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Grant, who now owns her own consulting firm in London. Jane’s trying to round up all ’64 classmates living abroad for our 25th reunion. Ellen Greenspan Cardwell of Washington, DC, is trying to round up everyone else for this momentous occasion and would welcome suggestions for a good speaker for our Saturday program. “Truly this is an exciting time in the life of our college! The themes of tradition and innovation are coming to life with our new president. Dr. Claire Lynn Gaudiani ’66. I (Sandy) met Claire at a luncheon in NYC a few weeks ago and all sorts of adjectives leap to mind: brilliant, stunning, delightful, dynamic... etc. If you missed the meeting in your area, Reunion ’89 will be a great time to meet her. I look forward to seeing you all!”

Correspondent: Sandra Bannister Dolan, 301 Cliff Ave., Pelham, NY 10803

WANT TO START A CLUB?

If you live in an area in which there is no club and in which you think there might be interest in one, you can write or call Susan Kolb, Assistant Director for Clubs/Connections, in the Alumni Office, (203)447-7525, or Miriam (Mimi) Steinberg Edlin ‘46, Chairperson of Clubs and Connections, 1 Glocca Mora Lane, St. Louis, MO 63124, (314)993-0520. They will be glad to discuss with you ways in which a club or an informal group can be formed.

INTERESTED IN A CLUB LEADERSHIP POSITION?

Many club officers will be stepping down in June, so there will be positions that will need to be filled. If you are interested in becoming a club officer, please notify the club president in your area, or call Susan Kolb, Assistant Director for Clubs/Connections in the Alumni Office, (203)447-7525.

We need your help to keep our clubs going strong! Please support your local alumni clubs. Then are an important part of Connecticut College.

by Susan Kolb
Assistant Director for Clubs/Connections
days.” Dori said it was great to see so many at the reunion. Lynda Mauriello Franklin’s daughter, Jennifer, is up
plying degrees. Son Mark and Chris are both attending Pittsy, but in different locations, keeping Lynda on the
move.
Silvia Powell Cooper teaches biology at Willingboro H.
S. She co-sponsors Band Fronts. Her son Daryl is a fourth
class (freshman) at the U. S. Air Force Academy. Son Emilio is a h. s. jr; daughter, Natasha, is in 2nd grade. Her
husband, Emerson, is a partner in Gregory and Cooper Real
Estate Co.
Jane Radcliffe left the ME State Museum after more
than 17 years to pursue other professional interests. She and
a colleague have established an independent research, Mu-
seum Research Associates, and provide consulting services
on museum collections management to small museums
throughout the country. The work is challenging and
exciting, and she enjoys the travel.
Rhema Bevel Sayers has been in private practice as a
family physician for the past eight years in Douglas, AZ.
Her husband, George, has just been elected mayor of
Douglas. Being a doctor and a lawyer’s wife keeps her going
at a frenetic pace. She writes that life is very exciting for her
now.
Jade Schappals Walsh was elected to the town school
committee last spring. She still has two youngsters in the
school system. Her son, Jeff, is a h. s. freshman; daughter
Kate is a h. s. jr; and daughter Emily is a Middle增多
College sophomore. She enjoyed a family cycling trip to the
Loire Valley this summer. She reports that her 40 plus-
year-old big old cycle rode 30 miles a day for nine days with
no real preparation. David is still executive vice president of
Putnam Management Co. in Boston. She really enjoyed the
reunion in June and hopes everyone will return for our 25th.
Judith Severini Casara is a clinical coordinator of
Child and Family Services at Mayflower Counseling Center
in Plymouth, MA, and maintains a private practice in psy-
chotherapy. Her son, Chris, is a Boston College freshman.
Her daughter, Jessica is a h. s. sophomore. Her husband,
Charles (MAT Conn ’75), recently had a textbook pub-
lished by Glenn Press, Charles teaches at Berkeley College
in Boston. Both she and Charles have taken up board
sailing, despite having had to be rescued twice this summer.
Susan Sharkey Hoffman hated to miss the reunion, but
she feels the loss is minimal. With 19 years of parenting experience, she knows she’ll only get to reunions when business and kids permit.
Meanwhile, she enjoys alumni news and occasional visits
with friends from Conn. She had a surprise reunion with
Claire Eldebridge-Kerr ’69.
Katherine Susman Howe reports that two nice things
have happened since reunion in June. She has bought a cozy
new home—still in Houston, but not quite in the madding
crowd. She was awarded a National Endowment for the
Arts travel fellowship for museum professionals that will
enable her to study a 19th-century American furniture
maker.
Ellen Townes-Anderson is currently assistant professor
of physiology and biophysics at Cornell U. Medical School.
She has a terrific four-hour commute, an unfortunate pre-
requisite of many two-career families. She enjoys her work
and her family: Craig and Nathan, 8.
Susan Van Winkle Pollock has been a tutor in Litch-
field, CT, for four and a half years, primarily dealing with
residential properties. Her present activities include being
the clerk and assistant treasurer of St. Michael’s Parish and
a new member of the choir—first singing group since
Russian Chorus at Conn. Her daughter, Jennifer, 15, is a
George Washington U. freshman in DC—loved city life
there during an election year. Her son, Chris, 13, recently
received the 8th grade superintendent award at Litchfield
Middle School and enjoys skiing, piano, computers and just “messing around.”
Mary Elizabeth Walker Jackson still lives in Colum-
bia, SC. She works at the Health and Human Services
Financial Commission. She reports that her teenage sons
need driving lessons, money and a mom to challenge.
Volunteer activities are dwindling to “the precious few;” at
the top of her list still is singing.
Joyce Todd Wilson is still living in Pittsburgh and work-
ing for Federated Investors, Inc. “I had 12 speaking
engagements for Federated this year, which took me all over
the country and British Columbia. In Nov. I co-chairs a fundraiser for the Foundation for Abaras. I’l1 be home for
the holidays until the traveling starts up again in the spring.
My husband is still a partner in the law firm of Vuono,
Lavelle and Gray.”
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MARRIED: Rhonda Harwitz to Stephen Allen
Cummings, 3/13/88; Mary Lynn Kehler to Michael Corridor; Katherine Kruschwitz to
Mark Weissman, 1/08.
BRID: to Beth Albert Nakhai and Farzad, Mandiana
Lily 8/16/88; to Virginia (Ginger) Brockwell and Dennis
Henson, twins Devon, and Zachary 5/12/87; to Kath-
leen Cooper Vadala, Juliana Christine 7/11/88; to Cynthia
Hartman Stone, Allison Elizabeth 1/07/87.
Orquidia Acosta Hathaway wrote that she is working
on her MA in early childhood ed. at CA State Lang. Beach.
She and husband, Mike, a Coast Guard commander, are
expecting to move again this year. They love CA and hope
to return there someday. Daughters Becky, 10, Jules, 8, and
Angela, 5, are now all in school.
Hedda Ashkenus Maleh returned to school to become
a certified elementary school teacher and works as a substi-
tute while finishing her master’s. Her sons, 18 and 5, are
enthusiastic about her return to school and to the work force.
Hedda and husband, Ed, are busy updating and decorating
their new home in Millburn, NJ.
Adelyn Bernheim Freund moved to Ranch Santa Fe, CA,
in July. Her oldest son is a SMU freshman.
Doreen Chen Allen is back at work after four and a half years of working with husband, Charley, renovating their
home; and raising daughters, Laura, 4. She is the Western
Region business development manager for Metalcl & Eddy,
Inc., an engineering consulting firm in the hazardous waste
cleanup field. Her husband is an Image Bank photographer
and also has a commercial advertising photography studio.
Home (for the last nine years) is Pasadena, CA.
Barbara Cooper Neeb and her family are enjoying their
new home back in the Conn College area. Daughters
Jennifer, 5; and Heather, 3; love school, church activities
and a weekly trip to the local Chinese restaurant.
Husband, Doug, helps manage the Cross Sound Ferry and is executive
officer of his Coast Guard reserve unit. Barbara keeps busy
as “mom, landscaper, wallpaper hanger and painter—all in
one, minus the salary.”
Betty Cohn Simpson and husband, Mark, recently moved
to a new house, but are still in the San Francisco Bay area.
Mark is now a vice president in the real estate division of
Rechel, but Betty works halftime in her own psychother-
apy practice. Natalie and Erica are 7 and 3. They miss the
Eagles, but CA is now definitely home for them.
Kathleen Cooper Vadala’s daughter Nicole, 4, is a fond
big sister (most of the time) to new arrival, Juliana. Kath-
leen keeps busy teaching piano and writing scripts for
original music for multi-inspirational productions and pro-
visional videotapes. She has a solo piano recital scheduled
for March—her first since getting “bogged down” with finish-
ing her dissertation. Ruth Ritter Ladd and part of her
family made their annual visit on their drive back from FL.
Beverly DeNoia Goldfield is finishing her postdoctoral
work at Harvard, while Gene is teaching at Conn. They live
in North Stonington with daughter, Anna, 21 months. She’d
love to hear from any Conn/Hall classmates.
Norma Drab Walrath Goldstein is teaching at MS
State U. in Meridian while supervising the East MS Center
for Educational Development, a staff development consor-
tium of 21 school districts. She’s working on her disserta-
tion on Thomas Hardy’s “Jude the Obscure,” which she
decided to travel to New Orleans and Chicago interfere. She says that MS has
some of the loveliest rivers for camping and canoeing but she
still misses CT.
Robbie Fleming Anderson received her MHA degree
through a computer-based program at the U. of CO requir-
ing two two-week-in-residence sessions in Denver; the rest
of the work was done at home.
Sara Gagun is studying typography and design at Har-
ford Art School (U. of Hartford) and working as a free-
lance technical writer and graphic designer. She’s contin-
ually astonished and delighted by daughters Kyla, 8; and
Sharon, 5.
Darrah Garber King teaches 3rd grade in her former
elementary school in Braintree, MA. She and husband,
Phill, moved to a 150-year-old farmhouse in Pembroke and
have added a dog to their menagerie of cats, angora rabbits
and hamsters.
Dorothy Hatch Seiter recently met a woman whose
daughter is a Conn freshman this year, which brought back
many memories of classes and life in Burdick! Her fulfill-
ment in having her family (husband and their children) at the
center of her life has “thrive—s— unsettled.” She has
increased. Dotty remains a leader in La Leche League and
now is involved in accrediting new leaders. She’s also
brought together a love of both writing and children by
developing the Kids’ Writing Workshop. She is a week class for
6-8 year olds to write together and publish books at
home.
Celia Halstead has been working for Artificial Intelli-
gence Corp, for the past two years, and was manager of


Come Meet
President Gaudianit

President Claire Gaudianit ’66 will be at the following places:

March 11
Sarasota, Florida

March 12
Naples, Florida

March 13
Palm Beach, Florida

April 3
Chicago, Illinois

April 4
Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota

May 9
New Haven, Connecticut

Additional information on President Gaudini’t visits is available from the Alumni Office. Schedule subject to change.
Alumna Film Producer in the Spotlight

BY ROSEMARY BATTES '85

Maybe you don’t know it, but there’s an award-winning producer among Connecticut College’s alumni. You may not know her, but the film she produced reached thousands of young people in Illinois the night it aired on Chicago public television. And for her contribution to the project—two years of work and more than 3800 hours—Sophia Maass ’74 won an Emmy Award from the Chicago chapter of the National Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The 26-minute film, “Make a Splash, Volunteer!” was made to inspire a new generation of volunteers by showcasing seven genuine volunteers on the job in the community. The film shows how, through volunteering, individuals can share and develop skills, pursue a wide range of interests, meet people and have a good time, all while making a difference in the community.

The volunteers are: a woman who assumes the persona of architect Frank Lloyd Wright while conducting tours of his work, a high school student who works at a hands-on children’s museum, a woman who works nightly at a free medical clinic for the underprivileged, a Northwestern University coach who conducts fitness classes at a shelter for the homeless, several divers who feed large fish at an aquarium, a group of precision tumblers from the inner-city, and volunteers who bring opera into the classroom.

“Early on we decided that we wanted activities that were visual,” said Maass. “A high activity level keeps the viewer’s attention. Other priorities were to show both males and females, to showcase a variety of ethnic backgrounds and ages, and to show that anyone can volunteer. Volunteering is not just for little ladies with blue hair and white gloves.”

The film came about through Maass’s involvement with the Chicago chapter of the Junior League. The initial concept was to fund partially a film on volunteerism for a Northwestern University career awareness series. The Chicago and Evanston Junior Leagues offered $5,000 in seed money toward production, with corporate sponsors and members of the film production community making up the difference for the total estimated cost of $82,000–$85,000. In addition to being a part of the Northwestern series, “Make a Splash” is sold to other college and high school programs and other interested groups.

“I was really the producer by default because of my professional experience,” said Maass, who is the senior marketing communications manager for the Baxter Health Care Corporation’s Parenterals Division. Since her position there involves advertising, marketing, coordinating special events, and producing audio-visual materials, Maass was well qualified to produce the film. She was aided by 100 Junior League volunteers. “Producing is the merging of technical and aesthetic values,” she said.

Her experience with aesthetic values was honed at Connecticut, where Maass was an English major. “I know it sounds trite,” said the Evanston resident, “but what makes me different from my co-workers is that Conn. taught me how to think and how to problem-solve. George Willauer would not remember me as a sparkling student, but I can write better than most people. Because of my undergraduate career, I can communicate and defend myself very well.”

The film’s production had moments that were comic and lighthearted, and some that were poignant because they underscored some of the problems that require volunteerism in the first place. One day the crew was filming at an urban housing project; “a concrete jungle,” as Maass described it. They were there to film the Jessie White Tumblers, the precision tumbling team made up of the children who live in the project. “These kids had never seen a Polaroid camera before,” recalled Maass, who used six rolls of film taking portraits for the children’s souvenirs. “We had scads of food to feed the crew, which is normal for a shoot, and one little boy asked me if he could take some home to his family. It was heartbreaking. You wonder how these children survive.”

Because the treatment of the subject is so moving in the film, it really gets its point across—that with all the hardship in the world, dedicated volunteering can make a difference.
Client Education—it’s “fascinating to be on the leading edge of technology.” She still lives in a Cambridge, MA condo unit that was converted from a three-family house three years ago. Renovations prompt her to ask if anyone knows any good contractors in the Boston area.

Barbara Hoffman Keiser is teaching 1st grade in Barkhamsted, CT. Son Jeffrey is in the 7th grade and Brian is in the 2nd in Avon, CT—home for the past six years.

Rhona Harwitz Cummings and husband Stephen, after their honeymoon trip to Taiwan, returned to Houston, where he is a systems analyst. Rhona completed her doctoral dissertation and received her Ed.D. in Dec. ’88. She teaches at the U. of Houston and does research in math education.

Joanne Kahn Malmon keeps busy with Brian, 11; Alison, 7; aerobics; PTA presidency; volunteer work with Make-A-Wish; and many other activities. She visited with Betsy Fluent Carlson last winter for the first time in 15 years, and would love to hear from more classmates.

Patricia Kreger is the assistant news director at WBZ-TV. Husband, Larry; and children: Sandra, 10; and Sam, 5; accompanied her to India last year where she taught TV writing and production to members of the Indian media. For now, she loves living in Milton, MA, and has maintained friendships with several Connecticut alumni.

Katherine (Kate) Kruutschwitz, with her marriage to Mark Weiseman, became “official” stepmother to Eli, a high school junior and Jennifer, a Trinity College senior. Working as a writer and PR consultant in the horse industry, she sometimes has more work than she can handle. Having clients near Philadelphia allows her to visit regularly with Linda Lee Howe. She’s also leading a campaign as president of the Dance Umbrella in Boston, and reports that the group is finally ready for its own theatre space.

Nancy Kyle Fraser is now head of the Strategy Committee of International Equities at J.P. Morgan Investment. Husband, Jack, is managing director in Mergers & Acquisitions at Citibank. Along with sons: Cameron, 6; and Briggs, 2; they are enjoying a recently purchased weekend home near Chatham, NY.

Marianne Drost was selected to the board of directors of Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. Her involvement in adult literacy began through the LVA-Stamford program, where she serves as a basic reading tutor. Other community work includes serving as director of the Stamford Center for the Arts. She’s corporate secretary for GTE in Stamford, vice president of the Fairfield-Westchester chapter of the American Society of Corporate Secretaries, and is a member of the American Bar Association. She holds a J.D. degree from the UConn School of Law.

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By Kevin Copeland ’76, Minority Affairs Committee Chairman

As minority students, the years we spent at Connecticut College were a coming of age for us in an educational environment. We met people of diverse backgrounds and formed friendships. We grew in those four years more than any time in our lives. Our experience in classes and with faculty, as well as in residence with fellow students, has carried throughout our lives.

Time, post-college careers, and growing families have separated us from our peers, but we are united again through the Minority Alumni Committee (MAC), its newsletter, the minority reunions, and the mentor program which pairs minority alumni with minority students.

MAC began informally in 1983, when a group of alumni lead by Rita Walker ’73, and Brenda Lindsey ’74, began to organize the first minority reunion, appropriately called “Celebration.” It was held in June of 1984 as a reunion of minority alumni from all graduating classes. “Celebration” proved to be an enormous success, with over 90 participants returning to campus. We immediately committed to reunite every three years to celebrate the minority experience we had had in college and to share our current experiences. The second minority reunion was attended by over 100 alumni, and interest has been growing ever since.

To formalize our commitment, and to ensure growth, the reunion committee founded MAC—an ad hoc committee of the Alumni Association. The goals of MAC stress the recruitment and retention of minority students, as well as the networking among minority alumni as a personal and career resource. The goals of MAC and the Alumni Association are to promote the participation of minority alumni within the Alumni Association and the college. In June, 1987, the second reunion was celebrated with even broader participation.

Not long after the first minority reunion, MAC was called into action! A request came from the students on campus for MAC to support their efforts to prompt the college to be more responsive to the needs of minority students.

MAC and the Alumni Association Executive Board mobilized quickly to lend support of the minority alumni.

As a result, the college has heightened its awareness. Unity House is the minority and cultural center located across from the college on Mohegan Avenue. With the deteriorating condition of Unity, and with the increased programming required of it, MAC has focused its support behind the students’ desire to move Unity from its current site to a new site on the main campus.

The response has united the students and MAC. The efforts of MAC continue with fund-raising among minority alumni and friends to assist the financing of Unity’s move. The anticipated date of that move is September, 1989.

MAC is also involved on campus. A successful mentor program matches alumni with students based on geography, academic and career interests. In addition, MAC plays an active role within the Alumni Association by serving as a standing committee on its executive board.

The key to increased participation by minority alumni is the development of the network of regional representatives to spread news of the college and to keep alumni in contact with each other. MAC assists the college’s efforts to improve the social and educational experiences of minority students, and is hoping you will want to join them in their efforts. If you would like to help in any way, or if you are interested in more information regarding MAC, please contact Grissel Hodge, Director of Unity House, Connecticut College, New London, CT 06320, (203) 447-7929.
Correspondents: Bonnie Kimmel Dazenski, 361 Old Creamery Rd., Box 84, Andover, NJ 07821, and Darcy Gatza Jones, 771/4 Way, PO Box 84, Wellington, NY 10023-5105

Pamela Alfaiatouf Lazares operates her law firm in the Financial Mall Marketplace in Boston, and was recently appointed to the American Arbitration Association’s Panel of Arbitrators. She keeps in touch with Maria Muzio Duncan, Elizabeth Hopkins Blackstone and Leonard Lupriore. Carol Bowman Grammar stays busy as she and husband, Adrian, farm 250 acres and operate a new manufacturing business, Grammar Industries. Carol sees Victoria Price, now an attorney in Boston, several times each year.

Michael Cassatly is a diplomat of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and a fellow of the American Dental Society of Anesthesia. He maintains his practice in New York.

Carl Dawson is the manager of bids and proposals at Wang Laboratories, where he occasionally sees co-worker Katherine Ann Brown.

David Pender is an associate professor in forest ecology at Harvard. Recent research has taken him to Sweden, Norway, Egypt and Puerto Rico.

Nina George continues as an author and editor of educational books. She has become involved in organizing events, such as visiting the sick and other aspects of lay ministry. In her spare time, Nina collects tea bag tags. She recently shared jury duty with Juliet Buchwalter.

Wendy Gehler Wachter enjoys the view from her home on the Thames River in New London. Eleanor (Lea) Seeley Tramble and Barbara Anderson Mongold were recent visitors.

Kenneth Kabel continues as a management associate with LaSalle Partners in Cincinnati, where he also serves as president of the Cono Club College.

Jonathan Kromer recently joined the administrative staff of AID Atlanta, Inc., one of the country’s largest organizations responding to the AIDS epidemic. AID Atlanta sponsors educational programs throughout the southeast and provides social services to over 600 people with AIDS in the Atlanta area.

Robert Kurtz is the sales manager for Kidder-Peabody and Darien. He occasionally sees co-worker Bruce Morbit is the manager of training and education for Supermarkets General Corp., where he also manages the in-house video dept., an interest he developed at Cono’s campus cable TV station. He and his wife, Joanne, recently moved into a new home in NJ, where, in his leisure time, Bruce studies classical piano and plays the blues.

Jefferson Peterson has entered his fifth year as pastor of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in PA.

Peggy Powell is employed in U. of VT library. She recently completed a fencing class.

Susan Jacobs Reidy divides her time between family and her career as a clinical social worker. As she and her family reside in Newport, RI, they enjoy frequent trips to the beach.

Debra Wittenberg Lee has moved nine times in the past twelve years, and she says, “I didn’t even marry a Coast Guard guy!” Husband, Bob, and three children keep her busy, as well as being “room mother” to a kindergarten class.

Kevon Copeland, chairman of the Minority Affiffs Committee, wrote an article describing the origin, function, and goals of MAC in this issue of the Alumni Magazine.

John Bates Childress is back in his home town of St. Louis, where he is an insurance broker for the Daniel and Henry Company. He writes that he is “generally loving life.”

Lisa Schumacher is living in DC. She’s a part-time reorderwriting coordinator at an insurance agency and a part-time bookkeeper at a small, independent private middle school. She stays busy making and selling some of her pottery, but most exciting, she ran in the Marine Corps Marathon in DC on 11/8/88 and finished in four hours and 47 minutes. She wore a Cono College jersey and heard many cheers for Cono along the way.

James Barron graduated from Pace U. with a Juris Doctorate and an MBA in computer science. In Feb. ’85, he was appointed assistant special master in the MA Superior Court to assist in court developing and implementing means to control its inventory of pending cases. In ’87 he became special master for the same court—the youngest such appointee in MA history. In this capacity, he conducts pretrial conferences and conciliating cases.

Dawn Tatapsaugh Herdman and husband, Bob, live in Windor, CT. Bob is a project engineer at Combustion Engineering, Inc., and Dawn works three days a week at the State Office of Protection and Advocacy as an advocate for persons with disabilities. She got together with Karen Geree! Hodge and her daughter, Jennifer, as well as Michelle (Sheller) Buehler Menzel ’79 and her daughter, Emily, last spring. Dawn’s dentist is Dr. Amy Him-telin, who works in Windor and in West Hartford. Dawn keeps in touch with Holly Burnet, who lives in Brookline, MA. Works at the Federal Reserve Bank; and is attending B. U. for an MBA.

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Stuart Aldebberg lives in Stamford, CT, working full time for a major manufacturing company. In his spare time he continues an acting career, most recent accomplishment is the star role of Fagan in Oliver Twist.

Julia Van Roden lives in Washington, DC, and serves on the editorial board of the Alumni Magazine.

Joanne Balz went to the Bahamas to get some relaxation away from her job as deputy state attorney in Windsor County, VT.

John Evans works for Motorola Semiconductor in Boca Raton, FL, as a sales engineer.

Gail Georgeon passed the MA bar exam and was admitted to practice in December. She is an associate with the law firm of Schreiber and McKeilty in Boston. Gail specializes in employment discrimination.

Jan Henkelman Bennett teaches 1st grade at an independent school in DC and is working on a master’s in education.

Marjorie Morse Bell lives in Stamford, CT, with husband, Gavin, and baby daughter, Megan. Marjorie is a case management officer with CT Nat’T Bank in Stamford.


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Margaret Mundy Cowe is pursuing a master's of education degree in special ed. at Framingham State College. Between school and her 18-month-old son, Bill, she is very busy!

Betsy Singer Abrams lives in Cranston, RI, with husband, Ken, who teaches social studies in jr. and sr. hs. Betsy is a social worker at the Providence Center for Counseling and Psychiatric Services. In addition, she does consulting with the Providence School System. Stacey Baron was Betsy's maid of honor in her August wedding, attended by many classmates.

Kathryn Smith continues to enjoy working as Conn's sports information director. This summer she and Susan Landau '84 biked over 1,000 miles from NH to MN.

Bachar Youssef is working toward his master's degree in social work at the Hunter School of Social Work. For the last year, Rachel has volunteered as an ESL teacher to Latin American students living in West Village (NY).

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Dana Scott Belcher is working for Virgin Atlantic Airways.

James Barkin is an information systems director with hierarchical systems.

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Susan Brager: live and was recently promoted at the Back Bay Hilton.

Sarah Britt is a producer and a projectionist in MA. According to C. while Adam Mintz

Clement Butts is in NY in the Multinational Trade Finance Group.

Claudia Francesca Caffuzi lives in Santa Fe, NM, and is the manager of Eastside Gallery. She recently applied to law schools for admission next fall.

Linda Callahan is working for the D.E.P., State of CT, running the greenhouse at Harkness State Park in Waterford. She also runs a private gardening business, Callahan Farms.

Julie Canestrari is a substitute teacher in the East Lyme and Waterford school systems. She also teaches basic skills in an adult education program.

Robin Cantor works for the Dept. of HUD in Boston.

Edwardo Castell is a college recruiter for the Federal Reserve Bank of NY. Recently partook in an informal house fellow reunion in DC with Julia Morton, Richard Greenwald, Stephen Barriere, Cecilia (Ces) Fernandez-Carol, Jennifer Croke and Hugh Fraser.

Michelle Caplin is a paralegal in a NYC firm and will be heading to law school next fall. She continues to sing (having completed a show last summer) and is a member of her law firm's band.

Linda Christensen is teaching 2nd grade in Farmington, CT, and lives in W. Hartford.

Lisa Cliggett returned from an eight-month stint in Haiti, having survived the coup, hurricane and heat! She's looking for a job in San Francisco and is taking French to prepare for grad school and her return to Haiti.

Ana Coronel works in Caracas, Venezuela, for Technoconsalt, a large Venezuelan technical design firm.

Alison Corrny is an associate director at Del Mano Gallery in L. A. following a stint as an assistant to the production designers on two Cannon Films: "Hero and the Terror" and "Salsa."

Jennifer Croke works a lot of hours at American Management Systems and shares an apartment with Julie Morton just outside of DC. They often see David (Woody) Wittenberg, Richard Greenwald, Anne Courtnay Markline and Caroline Johnson.

Beth is breaking into the healthcare industry. They claim that being yuppies isn't all it's cracked up to be!

Margaret (Peggy) Harlow is a naturalist at the Greenhill Outdoor Environmental Education Center in Huguenot, NY.

Margot Hartley is an assistant account manager at Higgins, Inc., ad and public relations agency on Newbury St. in Boston.

Nancy Harvey completed her master's degree in health promotion at Indiana U. in Dec. and was looking for a job in the New England/NY area.

Sara Holder is tutoring and translating Japanese in St. Louis, MO.

Jennifer Hume is attending the Swedish Institute in Massage in NYC.

Brooke Kennington is teaching A. P. physics and coaching field hockey and dance at the Harvey School in Katonah, NY.

Tod Oliva is a real estate analyst for the Bank of New England in Boston.

Anna (Kasia) Wandycz lives in Paris where she works for Paris Match Magazine, and models on the side.

Diana Zimmerman lives in Boston and attends fashion design school.

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Dear Fellow Alumni,

The campus is beginning to show signs of the springtime we all remember here. Its beauty is a real tribute to our dedicated grounds crew and the careful attention of the botany department.

Reunion is approaching, and, under the energetic guidance of Reunion Chairman Peter O'Connor '81, the celebration this year will have a new look. Peter and his committee are launching a first-ever All Alumni Reunion Gala. The regular reunion program will be expanded to echo the format and themes of the inauguration panels on the Global Decade (Alumni Magazine Dec., 1988). Those lively discussion-debates on important topics had real appeal, as evidenced by the standing room only audiences, and by the hundreds of letters received after inauguration weekend.

I hope alumni from all classes will return to swell the ranks of the class of 1939, which will celebrate its 50th reunion. Child care and various sports activities and events should make this the liveliest reunion ever. We have so much to be proud of together as alumni of Connecticut College.

In my last letter I promised to describe our new Center of International Studies and the Liberal Arts. The Center will create a structure for all majors to prepare themselves for the Global Society of the future. The Center marks a national first for an undergraduate college:

(1) Students will apply to the Center program in the first semester of sophomore year. Accepted students will meet various special entry requirements including grade point average and oral proficiency skill level in one foreign language.

(2) Students will have at least one opportunity to study or work abroad. Internships overseas will be planned to complement the major.

(3) Students will do a senior integrative project, putting their major field, their world area study, and their language skill to work.

Under the guidance of the Faculty Advisory Committee, students will take up three kinds of course work: (1) They will examine major forces from an international perspective in courses like international politics or international economics, (2) They will select one world region for special concentration: Europe, Latin America, East Asia, South Asia, Africa, or the Soviet Union, (3) They will develop high levels of oral proficiency in a language (besides English) spoken in the region they select.

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