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Above right: Four of the twelve remaining members of the Class of 1919 were able to come to reunion in June: L to R, Roberta Morgan Troland, Virginia C. Rose, Sadie Coti Benjamin, Seated, Marenda E. Prentis. The class entered its freshman year in 1914 with nearly 100 students and 20 faculty members, and graduated four years later with 60 students. Right: Sheet music from the Connecticut College Songbook was written by the college’s first president, Dr. Frederick Sykes, for the first graduating class. The Class of 1919 sang it again with gusto at reunion. Warren T. Erickson ’74 honored the Class of 1919 in a special way at reunion with a poem he had written.
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As part of a Fulbright-Hays Studies Seminar in 1988, Florida Atlantic University Professor Heather Turner Frazer '62 traveled to 12 cities and several villages throughout India, and met more than 100 women in a wide variety of occupations. In this story she tells of her research into the changing status of India's women.
E. M. Forster expressed a profound appreciation of the changelessness of India during his first visit to the subcontinent in 1912–13. He described in his diary the startling vistas of rural India and the beauty, grace and individuality of the Indian people. At the same time, he decried the isolation of the British from the people they ruled and the resulting “disharmony” in human affairs. Forster incorporated these observations gained during his first visit to India in his classic novel, A Passage to India.

As I returned to India in the summer of 1988 after an absence of 13 years, I empathized with Forster’s perceptions of India. Indeed, although there were more vehicles of all sorts, more cows, and more people in the streets of Delhi, Bombay and Madras than in 1975, rural India continued to reflect the qualities of timelessness and beauty.

Rural India may not have experienced much change, but my second “passage” to India was markedly different from my first. In 1975 I spent three months engaged in independent research on the administration of the British Raj in India, and I traveled alone throughout the country. In contrast, in 1988 I was part of a Fulbright-Hays International Women’s Studies Seminar on “The Changing Status of Women in India,” and I traveled with 13 female colleagues, all affiliated with Florida universities or colleges.

Our formal academic program consisted of individual research projects as well as lectures and seminars given by Indian academicians and professional women on subjects ranging from “Women in Indian Mythology” to “Women in Engineering and Urban Planning.” Our six-week program took us to 12 cities and several villages throughout India.

We met more than a hundred women in all fields of endeavor, ranging from editors of feminist and women’s magazines to construction workers, from illiterate marketplace women selling glass bangles, fruits and vegetables, to women politicians including Shrimati Sheila Kaul, Member of the Lok Sabha (Lower House of Parliament), General Secretary of the Congress Party, and Rajiv Gandhi’s great-aunt.

Visits to social welfare organizations founded and directed by women showed us educational and training programs for women and young girls who have no visible means of support. Our informal program included lots of sightseeing, home hospitality, and an all-too-brief exposure to Indian dance, literature, film, theater and religion.

What did I learn about the current status of women, and how does it compare to the position of women in 1975? My preliminary observations suggest that the current status of women in India reflects the contradictions of the country itself.

India was the first country outside the industrialized world to design and construct a general purpose satellite, the INTELSAT-2, which will have operational launch capabilities by the early 1990s. India’s nuclear power program has contributed to a tenfold increase in per capita electric power consumption since independence in 1947, and India feeds itself and is a net agricultural exporter. India ranks tenth among the industrialized nations of the world, third in the world in her total number of scientists and engineers, and first in film production, with more than 800 films per year. India’s armed forces rank fourth in the world, and India’s middle class is larger than the populations of England and France combined.

The bullock cart, however, remains the country’s principal means of transportation, and animal dung and wood are the primary fuel sources. Leprosy, dysentery, and malnutrition continue to exact a heavy toll. The population of 818 million is increasing by 50,400 per day and is expected to exceed one billion by the year 2000. Per capita income is $290 a year, over half of all primary schools lack a permanent building, and only 36 percent of the population is literate.

Life is difficult for the majority of
Indians, but women suffer additional hardships. Life expectancy for women averages 55 years while it is 56.6 for men. The age-specific death rate for Indian females during the first four years of life is 70.2 per thousand, as contrasted with 58.3 for Indian men and 16.8 for white females in the United States. There are 933 women per thousand males, and only 25 percent of Indian women are literate as compared with 47 percent of the men. In striking contrast to these statistics is the fact that 10 percent of India's Parliament today is composed of women, while women make up only five percent of the members of the U.S. Congress.

My individual research projects in India—dowry (the money, goods, or land that a bride's family gives to the groom’s family at the time of marriage) and women’s representation in Parliament—were designed to focus upon some of these striking contradictions. The population increase, the patriarchal joint family, religion, caste and village traditions help explain some of these contradictions and are all factors in the continued inequities experienced by women.

Dowry and its excesses—particularly bride burnings—were popular topics in the media during my visit. One newspaper described a 17-year-old bride who was set ablaze by her husband, mother-in-law and brother-in-law because she had been unable to produce a son and her dowry was considered inadequate; she survived and continues to live with her in-laws because her own family would not accept her back into their household. Another article told of a woman whose husband poured kerosene over her and struck a match to her while their three children slept; her husband claimed her death was a suicide. Although the total number of dowry deaths is small proportionate to the population, the media coverage is focusing more attention on the odious practice of dowry itself which, although illegal, is escalating in contemporary India.

The Dowry Prohibition Act of 1961 and subsequent amendments outlawed the practice of dowry. However, in spite of the prohibition, the dowry system is becoming more prevalent in this country that expects all women to marry and which sees their social value in their ability to bear sons. Typical dowry might include jewelry, large sums of money, land, costly clothing, VCRs, a video tape of the wedding, automobiles, and motor scooters. There are even well-defined grades of dowry for men in different professions or trades, with officers in the Indian Administrative Service ranking above business executives, engineers and doctors. The elite serves as the role model for the rest of the populace: even rural farmers are prepared to go into debt and sell their land in order to provide adequate dowries for the marriage of their daughters. The dowry system, therefore, is a factor in the escalation of rural indebtedness.

Dowry is just one reason for parents to weep when a daughter is born. Historically, Indians have preferred sons because they are producers for the family, will perform the necessary funeral rites for fathers, look after parents in their old age, and bring brides to the home as workers. Daughters, in contrast, are not necessary for parental death ceremonies, and their marriage deprives the family of workers and caregivers for elderly parents. Dowry compounds the problem, and families begin to worry about dowry as soon as a daughter is born.
Evidence points to Indian families using amniocentesis as a tool for sex determination and then aborting female fetuses. A Times of India survey conducted in Bombay in 1985 found that of 8,000 abortions carried out following prenatal sex determination, 7,999 were of female fetuses. The sex determination test and subsequent abortion is significantly cheaper than having to provide dowry.

Some scholars (such as the eminent sociologist M.N. Srinivas) suggest that the increased practice of dowry has been stimulated by the middle class’s desire to emulate the more materialistic West, and the organized sector of the economy. Traditional value systems tend to erode as middle class families see dowry as an easy way for the groom’s family to augment their wealth without having to give anything in return.

Madhu Kishwar, editor of the feminist magazine Manushi, does not see the escalation in the practice of dowry as a response to increased materialism in Indian society since independence. She argues that if the West’s materialistic culture was truly responsible for dowry’s excesses, one would expect to find dowry demands rampant in the West. Dowry is simply one aspect of a humiliating strategy designed to make a woman accept a subordinate position within the patriarchal family. Dowry giving, according to Kishwar, provides a public affirmation of the bride’s inferior status.

Women’s representation in the Indian Parliament initially appears to present a more positive view of the status of women. However, most of these women are from politically influential families having a long history of involvement in government. The majority is well educated, affluent and far removed from rural India. Interviews that I did with political observers and women members of Parliament suggest that few women representatives are willing to take independent political stands apart from family dictates or party policy. Feminist issues do not command a great deal of their attention.

Members of Parliament can point with pride to the Indian Constitution which prohibits any discrimination on the basis of sex (an Equal Rights Amendment of sorts) and grants suffrage to all men and women 20 years or older. Subsequent legislation grants women the rights of divorce, equal inheritance and adoption. Feminists, however, bemoan the great gulf that exists between the laws on the books designed to provide equality for women and the implementation of those laws. The dowry issue is a prime example of the ineffectiveness of legislation in this over-legislated country.

Many Indian women spoke to me of their frustration and resulting depression as they see the status of women deteriorate in India. The steady increase in population puts such pressure on India’s limited financial resources that nothing is left to provide prenatal care, build new schools and universities, or to establish vocational programs for women.

Ironically, the changelessness that attracts people to India also maintains women in their traditional subordination. The ideal woman is like Sita in The Ramayana; she lives almost invisibly, negating herself. Customs and traditions deny the Indian woman her constitutionally guaranteed equality.

I shared the concerns of my Indian friends and acquaintances; I observed little if any improvement in the status of women since my previous visit. In fact, as pressures mount on rural India to embrace change as a part of the technological revolution, the old ways may again gain in popularity. For example, in 1989 an 18-year-old widow immolated herself on her husband’s funeral pyre as 4,000 villagers in Rajasthan watched. This commission of suttee (sati) has been outlawed in India since 1829, but when the chief minister of the state issued a new ordinance providing for the death penalty for those aiding or abetting suttee, 70,000 people engaged in pro-suttee demonstrations.

Some social welfare and feminist groups are trying to educate women about their legal rights. They are producing posters that portray dowry deaths, battered wives, or the dangers of sex determination tests. These women are establishing support groups for battered wives, and are demanding tougher enforcement of existing legal provisions designed to protect women from abuse. They are facing, however, almost insurmountable obstacles.

In spite of the pessimistic conclusions of my research in India, I cannot wait to return. I miss the vibrant colors of the saris, the magnificent monuments and sculpture, the lushness of the coastline, the busy activity in the Bombay train station, the beauty, and even the variety of smells. Most of all I miss the graciousness of the people and the courage and endurance of India’s women.
"D
o elements of Russian gram-
mar reflect the psychological
relationship of Russian people
to authority?" This was just one of the
many intriguing questions raised in one
of my Connecticut College classes by
Associate Professor of Russian Studies
Vladimir Papov. He, and his Russian
classes, instilled in me a gnawing
curiosity about the Russian language
and the politics of the Soviet Union.
The mystery of Russia eventually led
me to such unlikely places as the Ural
Mountains and the Bering Sea.

My first attempt to see Russia was
during the 1980 Summer Olympics,
which were held in Moscow. But in
December, 1979, the Soviet Union
invaded Afghanistan. Reacting to the
bloody invasion, President Carter sev-
ered cultural programs, froze U.S.
wheat exports, and banned Soviet ves-
sels from fishing in U.S. waters. My
hopes of visiting the country that simul-
taneously attracted and repulsed me
faded. But a twist of fate involving the
ban on Soviet fishing would ultimately
introduce me to the Soviet people, even
before my opportunity to travel to
Russia on an academic exchange.

LIFE ABOARD A
SOVIET FISHING TRAWLER

In the fall of 1982 I began a graduate
program at the State University of New
York (SUNY) in Albany in Russian
studies. The SUNY program had a
direct exchange with Moscow State
University, and also permitted me to
share a suite with two Soviet students
(one of those students eventually mar-
rried Jennifer Gordon '79).

In the fall of '83 I was slated to fly to
Moscow State University. But I was
immersed in Soviet life much sooner,
aboard a Soviet factory ship in the
North Pacific. The same sanctions
invoked by Carter to chastise the
Soviets had the unintended effect of
stimulating an unusual joint Soviet-
American fishing business based in
Seattle.

That business, Marine Resources
Company, benefited from the sanction
that banned Soviet fishing in U.S.
waters. An opportunity was at hand for
underemployed U.S. fishermen to har-
vest fish and sell it directly to Soviet
factory ships. They, in turn, would pro-
cess, freeze and deliver it to Soviet mar-
kets. This did not violate the ban be-
cause Soviet nets never hit Soviet waters.
In addition, this satisfied the Soviets' des-
perate need for a cheap source of protein
carried by the inadequacy of
Soviet agriculture. The huge Soviet
fleet had long since decimated fish
stocks in other waters by overfishing.

All of this was explained to me by
Leigh Anderson '79, who, to my sur-
prise, was then working as MRC's com-
puter programmer. She had spent one
month at sea the year before.

That May, I flew to Seattle where I
was quickly outfitted at a local ships'
chandler. I received a glossary of navi-
gation and fishing terms, and was told
to memorize the parts of a ship in
Russian. I also needed to become
familiar with commercial fishing gear
and net design.

Two days later, on May 28, 1983, the
Nadezhdina (Hope) picked me up, and I
settled into a microcosm of Soviet life.
The captain was a Ukrainian educated
officer; the mates, Russian; our trawl-
master, Georgian; the cook, Azerbaijani.
We had a surgeon and a political com-
missar. I was surprised to find six
women aboard who did heavy, menial
tasks in the kitchen and laundries.
Having women aboard made life seem
more normal. But marriages were often
strained, as couples were rarely allowed
to work on the same ship and a typical
voyage could last six months.

As I spent long hours on the bridge, I
began to feel quite comfortable working
with the mates. During free time, we
talked about life in our countries, The
work had its difficulties, however. I
was at sea for only 69 days, but the
cramped quarters, lack of fresh vegeta-
bles (we ate garlic and onions for vita-
min C), non-stop work days and ten-
sions in the fleet made it seem like six
FROM THE SEA TO MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY

In August, 1983, I left the sea to go to Moscow State University. At Kennedy Airport I met the other students going to Russia, and discovered our flight had been canceled. The Soviet Union had shot down KAL 007, and carriers out of New York had cut all flights to the USSR. The destruction of the civilian airliner was shocking, and prospects for U.S.-Soviet cooperation looked dismal.

We eventually got a flight to Moscow via Austria. My first impression of Moscow was one of delight because the Soviet students I had lived with the previous year met us at Sheremetovo Airport and accompanied us into Moscow. My second impression was disbelief, as I looked through the windows of the speeding bus. The roads and buildings reminded me of ones I had seen in underdeveloped countries; it was hard to believe this was the capital of a superpower.

Arriving at the main university building on Lenin Hills, we were driven through large gates to the section where all the students from Western countries lived. The gates were marked with huge Roman letters “VD.” We joked that the authorities were trying to discourage the locals from sleeping with Westerners. It turned out, however, that there really was an effort to isolate us.

To get to our section, one had to pass a main gate and two internal check points. ID cards had to be shown at each point. If Soviet students were to visit foreign students, even if all of them were studying and living at the university, the visitor’s passport was held until he left, and his identity along with the name of the person he visited was recorded. If the visitor was not out by curfew, someone would knock on the door. Twice during the semester, we were awakened early in the morning by militia men who demanded our papers and looked into our rooms.

I kept formal study to a minimum in order to spend as much time as possible visiting acquaintances in their homes. These were the best times, and Russian hospitality saved me from the awful food served at the university. I knew several doctors, and they often discussed medicine. A thoracic surgeon complained that he had to get written permission to xerox medical articles; he had no direct access to foreign medical journals. A woman told me that in the provinces, abortions were regularly done without anesthesia, and that it is typical for women to have five to eight abortions because birth control is unreliable and often unavailable.

I spent Thanksgiving with the family and friends of the American Consul. Among the guests was Yuri, a “refusnik” who had already spent six years fighting for the right to join his wife and children living in America. To publicize his plight, years earlier he had conducted a hunger strike which brought him to the brink of death. The authorities finally promised him an exit visa, only to deny it when he recovered.

After dinner, Yuri and I left to get the metro before it closed. The militia man outside stopped us and demanded Yuri’s documents. (All Soviets are required to carry passports at all times.) Claiming there was an irregularity in his passport, Yuri was detained and I was told to move along. I called our dinner host, who came down immediately and told the guard that Yuri was officially invited to dinner. He demanded to know the reason for Yuri’s arrest, but the guard did not answer. A few minutes later, a car arrived, and three men forced Yuri into it and then drove off.

I called Yuri’s apartment for several days until he finally returned. We met for tea, and he explained that what had happened was just the usual detainment and harassment that he had experienced ever since he had filed to leave the USSR. Watching Yuri be arrested with no apparent reason left an indelible impression on my mind about the Soviet system during my first visit to that country.

I stayed in Moscow through January, 1984. Christmas is not officially celebrated; New Year’s is the big winter holiday. The city had decorated the streets with lights, and huge decorative numbers hung over the avenues: 1984. At that time, George Orwell’s book, 1984, was much discussed in the Western press, and the Soviets were angry with comparisons of their society to the novel. They reacted by publishing criticisms of the book in their newspapers. The parting irony was that 1984 was still a banned book.
Back in the States, there were no appealing job prospects involving Russian, so I finished my degree and reluctantly went back to sea in 1986. I spent three years in the Bering Sea, working six to eight months a year, and spent time in the Korean and Japanese fleets as well.

In 1988, I became the fleet coordinator for the nearly 50 vessels of the Soviet-American flounder venture, which runs from February to May. My respect for Soviet and American fishermen grew as I watched them battle the winter storms. The cooperation among U.S. and Soviet fishermen under trying circumstances remains an inspiring memory. For example, in order for American ships to escape the freezing spray that can cover a boat with ice and sink it, the Soviet factory ships would cut paths into the ice flows, allowing the smaller, American fishing vessels to run from the punishing swell of the open sea. In addition, Soviet mechanics and welders were often resourceful at repairing damaged U.S. fishing boats.

The adventure and beauty of the Bering Sea helped counter the tedium of isolation, but I was nevertheless anxious to get back to land. It was at that time that I received a radio message inviting me to join an American exhibit about to open in Magnitogorsk, in the southern Ural Mountains.

**WORK AS AN "INFORMATION USA" EXHIBIT GUIDE**

My good luck was connected with the success of the Geneva Summit of 1985, when President Reagan and General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to re-establish a host of cultural agreements that had been severed by Jimmy Carter in response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The talks were hopeful, and a welcome change of mood from the one I had felt in Moscow on Thanksgiving night of 1983. One of the revived cultural agreements involved the United States Information Agency, which, for 20 years (from 1959 until 1979) had sent 17 informative, provocative exhibits about American life into the Soviet Union's heartland.

The first USIA exhibit featured American home furnishings and was inaugurated in 1959 by then Vice President Richard Nixon. While home furnishings may sound like a tame subject now, then it sparked a heated argument between Mr. Nixon and General Secretary Nikita Khrushchev, who claimed that no average American could possibly afford to own the things displayed. The argument started at the kitchen exhibit, and is remembered in the history of the Cold War as the "Kitchen Debate." The exhibit withstood the "heat in the kitchen," and USIA continued to send new exhibits to the USSR throughout the '60s and
Many Soviets puzzled over why religion was still such a powerful force in America. I was often prompted to talk about Adam Smith's notion of the invisible hand in the free market, as the mechanism for allocating economic resources was hard for average Soviets to understand. It was a challenge explaining why Americans tolerated fringe groups such as the KKK and the National Front. We had to explain the American legal system, where anyone can bring a lawsuit against the government. While we spent hours explaining why Americans tolerate such groups, we never received an answer from anyone in the USSR.

The CIA has a long history of interfering in the internal affairs of other countries, and many Soviets were aware of this. I often had to explain to them the difference between the political systems of the USA and the USSR. While the USA has a system of checks and balances, the USSR had a single-party system. I had to explain to them the concept of democracy and the importance of free speech. Many of the visitors were shocked to hear about the freedom of speech in America.

One of the most interesting experiences I had was meeting a young, Russian-speaking American who spoke fluent Russian. He was visiting the USA on a new USIA exhibit called "Design USA," and will be in the USSR until September, 1990. He was curious about American culture and was fascinated by the exhibits. He often asked me questions about life in America and the political system.

I continue to be fascinated by the Soviet Union and its people. I returned to Moscow on August 10, 1989, to work on a new USIA exhibit called "Design USA." One hopeful note is that the Soviet government has agreed to let our exhibit arrived in Minsk, a legal memo of the "Glasnost" era was exhilarating. Visitors spoke with unprecedented public frankness about the problems of the Soviet Union. Five years earlier, when I was a student in Moscow, people used to furtively thrust slips of paper to me with an address and a scrawled invitation to visit them. Now, all kinds of Soviet people showered the guides with open invitations to visit. Five years earlier, people were chastised for condemning Stalin's crimes; now, Soviet papers published accounts of the horror.

AIDS was particularly disturbing to hear. Many of the visitors were shocked to hear that AIDS is a real thing. They had never heard of it before. I had to explain to them the concept of sexually transmitted diseases and how they spread. I had to explain to them the concept of safe sex and how it can be achieved.

I am still amazed by the openness and curiosity of the visitors. Many of them were interested in learning about American culture and were eager to understand the workings of the American political system. I hope that my work will help to bridge the gap between the USA and the former Soviet Union and that it will contribute to a better understanding of the world.
The weather was nearly perfect for Reunion '89, June 2-4, the first Conn reunion to include a 70th celebration, for the Class of 1919. A brief shower on Friday afternoon left Saturday bright and clear, with spirits high, and the busy weekend schedule added to the festive atmosphere. College Librarian Brian Rogers and fellow members of the Mystic Highland Pipe Band led the traditional Saturday morning parade, complete with balloons and banners, class caps and costumes. After the parade, the Alumni Association presented veteran class correspondent Mary Caroline "M.C." Jenks Sweet '38 with its highest honor, the Agnes Berkeley Leahy Award, for her 35 dedicated years of service as a class correspondent, and for her work as her class’s 50th reunion chairman. (See page 22 for more information on the ABL award.)

Faculty from four strategic planning committees led panel discussions on Friday and Saturday afternoons on topics such as “Diversity in American Life” and “Ethical Choices in the Modern World,” and solicited alumni input for the college’s Five Year Plan. Connecticut graduates got acquainted with President Gaudiani and her husband, David Burnett, at Friday’s reception on Harris Green. Children frolicked at the Sports Camp. The Mystic Paper Beasts entertained the whole family Friday evening with an allegorical play about reunions, and the B. Willie Band played music from the ’40s to the ’80s Saturday night in Conn Cave.

Art lovers enjoyed “Nightfeathers,” the Sunday morning presentation of the works of painter Joan Ross Bloedel ’64, as well as the vibrant, varied works of the late Professor Marguerite Hanson on display in Shain Library and Cummings Art Center. Nature lovers visited the Arboretum for the Friday afternoon dedication of the Lillian Dauby Gries ’27 Conifer Collection, designed by landscape architect Sara Manwell Bradford ’63 of Albert Vett & Associates. Those who missed the dedication had a chance to see the Arboretum on a Sunday morning tour led by Director Glenn D. Dreyer M.A. ’83.

The Class of ’84 drew the largest number of alumni, with 95 class members returning. The Class of ’49 brought the largest percentage to reunion, its 40th, with 42%. Fifty-nine Sykes Society members came back, including four members of the special 70th reunion class, 1919. Elliott Adams Chatelin ’59 of Paris, Janet Grant ’64 of London and Constance Hassell ’69 of Honolulu vied for the distinction of the alumnus traveling the farthest. In all, 663 Connecticut College graduates came to Reunion ’89.

Block off June 1-3 on your calendar for Reunion 1990, and hope for equally wonderful weather. Who knows? Reunion '89 may have been the start of a streak!
Above: Special vests identify these class members, here at the registration desk. Left: Alumni and friends enjoy refreshments after panel discussion in Cummings Arts Center. Below: Former Executive Board President Ellen Hofheimer Benmann '66.

Photo by Kimberly A. Fox.
Alumni enjoy the annual Saturday parade, the Sykes Society luncheon, and the sunny reunion weekend.

Mary Caroline "M.G." Jenks Sweet '38, recipient of the Alumni Association's highest honor, the Agnes Berkeley Leahy award.
Alumni gather in Sunday morning's downpour at the Lillian Dalby Gries '27 Conifer Collection in the Arboretum. The Collection was designed by landscape architect Sara Manwell Bradford '63, and features a semi-circular stone wall with commemorative plaque. The Collection was dedicated on Friday of reunion weekend.
An important part of each year's reunion festivities is the presentation of class gifts to the college. At an awards ceremony following the Saturday morning parade, President Gaudioni collected a balloon from the class agent chairman or another representative of each reuniting class. The amount of the gift and the percentage of the class participating were written on the balloon. This year's presenters: (L to R) Janet Mead Szaniawski '39, Mary Alice Robertson Jennings '54, Ruth Kellogg Kent '39, Elizabeth (Bibbo) Riley Whitman '29, Olga Wester Russell '34, Daniel Hirschlhorn '79, Jane Bridgwater Hewes '44, Ellen Lougee Simmons '69, Sadie Coit Benjamin '19, Mary (Mimi) Adams Bitter '59, Alice Fletcher Freymann '49, Ellen Corroon Petersen '64, Dhuanne Schmitz Tansill '64. (Kneeling, L to R) Sheryl Edwards '84 and Paula Dzenis Healey '74.
Doris Merchant Wiener '35: Patriotic Pilgrim

BY ROSEMARY BATTLES '85

She calls herself "a retired old lady," and signs her letters "modestly," but Doris Merchant Wiener '35 is a spirited woman who belongs to 21 organizations, has been interviewed by The Wall Street Journal, and is responsible for boosting membership in the club she leads from 66 to 300 members. So what is the hobby that keeps her so busy?

It's genealogy. And as a Past Governor, Elder, and Deputy Governor General of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Arizona, she's been plenty busy. Her commitment to the Society and other lineage organizations was originally fueled by her interest in uncovering her own lineage; nine of the 26 surviving passengers on the Mayflower are among her ancestors. Now, she devotes much of her time to the club because she enjoys meeting new members, and promoting and upholding the ideals of the Society: patriotism and historical preservation.

Although she had known that she was a direct descendant of Mayflower passengers John Alden and Priscilla Mullins since she was a schoolgirl in Tenafly, NJ, it wasn't until 1968 that Wiener began to research her roots. In 1970 she joined the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Washington, DC, where her husband, Frederick, practiced law until they retired to Arizona in 1973. Wiener proved able at leadership posts in both locations. While still living in the Capital, she was voted in as the first female Deputy Governor. Shortly after her arrival in Arizona, she was first named Treasurer, and then appointed Governor of that Society. Today, she is an Elder, an office that is very fitting for her since the famous Pilgrim leader Elder William Brewster is one of her ancestors as well.

The Elder, says Wiener, is "on call" for members in need, in times of sorrow and joy. The position involves more than the traditional praying at the start and finish of each meeting — "It's got a lot of love," Wiener said.

Likewise, meetings are more than prayer times. After an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, the officers give their reports on club business, discuss upcoming trips, projects, or new members. Then the program begins, which is a presentation on a topic of interest. In the past, members have shown slides of trips to Pilgrim starting points, or have given a talk on historical points involving Pilgrim life. For Wiener, it's the feeling of community that she enjoys.

"You're with people of like mind. Once they're a member, they're family," she said. Firmly rejecting the notion of Mayflower societies as snooty private clubs, Wiener finds meaning in the historical perspective of the hardships that her ancestors endured. "Its prestigiousness is that you are impressed with what the Pilgrims did. These people were instrumental in the process of creating our American way of life.

"These people on the Mayflower were simple souls. There wasn't much snobbery among them. They came here because they wanted to worship God in their own way," she said.

Twelve generations after they landed on the shores of Plymouth, MA, the original 26 surviving Pilgrims may have produced 25 million descendants. Yet just 25,000 active members nationwide belong to the Mayflower Society, a 92-year-old institution. Although there have been many disputes over how stringent admissions policies should be, requirements seem to be standardized. What do you need to be admitted?

"You need a great deal," explains Wiener, who has filled the post of Historian General, the officer who examines applications for accuracy and eligibility. "You must prove every fact that you're basing the application on — every birth, every marriage and death — with as many copies of birth certificates and official documents that you can find in archives."

Wiener said that some of the best genealogical libraries are in Boston, Washington, DC, and Hartford, CT, although most states have their own library full of historical information. Doris Wiener is a Connecticut Yankee who, like the character in Mark Twain's novel, is equally at home in the present and the past, adapting to both with gusto. She doesn't yearn for the East, the home of her esteemed ancestors. During her interview she said, "Honey, if I'm going to miss the East, I'm going to miss the West!"

Rosemary Battles '85 is an associate editor with Weingarten Publications in Boston. She last wrote for the Alumni Magazine on Emmy award-winner Sophia Hantzes Maass '74, in the Winter, 1989 issue.
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CAMPUS NEWS AND EVENTS

Commencement '89, A Tribute to Scholarship and Style

Leonard Lauder, president and chief executive of the cosmetic company Estée Lauder, Inc., gave the address at Connecticut College’s 71st commencement on May 27th. Lauder urged the 443 bachelor’s degree and 49 master’s degree candidates to dream large dreams and get a flexible education because careers often take unexpected turns. He also said that young people are volunteering more, contributing more to non-profit organizations, and returning to wholesome interests. The college awarded Lauder an honorary doctorate of humane letters later in the ceremony.

Lauder, a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania, founded the Joseph H. Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies with his brother Ronald in 1983. President Claire L. Gaudiani was associate director and senior fellow in Romance Languages at the Institute prior to coming to Connecticut College.

—E.C.

Sending the Elevator Back

A plaque on the door of the Plant Anatomy and Development Laboratory in New London Hall, given by Mary Roth Benioff ’56 and B. Richard Benioff, bears a reminder: “Il faut renvoyer l’ascenseur,” or “Please send the elevator back down.” Over the years, many Connecticut alumni and members of the community have given younger students the needed “lift-up” by donating scholarship funds. For the first time in college history, scholarship recipients had a formal opportunity to meet those who so generously sent the elevator back for them.

On April 7, the Development Office hosted the Scholarship Recognition Program. Forty-nine students met their benefactors in the Ernst Common Room, and then went on to lunch in Harris Refectory. The 15 donors attending the luncheon were sponsors of endowed or named scholarships, or representatives of corporate or foundation scholarships. Fifty-one donors and 90 students were invited.

Louise Stevenson Andersen ’41, former executive director of the Alumni Association, and Gertrude E. Noyes ’25, Dean Emeritus of the College and Professor Emeritus of English, were among the guests. Both women have scholarships named after them.

The party dined on filet of sole Newburg, herbed rice, vegetable medley and fresh strawberries with chantilly cream. After dessert, President Claire L. Gaudiani ’66, a former Connecticut College scholarship student, remarked that scholarships make dreams come true. She presented a certificate of appreciation to each donor.

Michael J. Lerner ’89, recipient of the Pforzheimer Foundation Scholarship, expressed his gratitude and spoke about the importance of scholarship money, which enabled him to attend Connecticut. “My scholarship means...I’m here,” he said. Lerner, a Winthrop scholar and 1988-89 Social Activities Council representative, graduated with a degree in English and theater.

Patricia Roth Squire ’51, sister of Mary Roth Benioff ’56 and donor of a scholarship in her own name, talked about her reasons for establishing the fund. “When you cast your bread upon the water, it comes back birthday cake,” she said. “My birthday was this week, and as I look around the room, I see an awful lot of birthday cake.”

Many of the other donors present expressed similar sentiments. Marlis Bluman Powell ’50 and her husband, Junius, sponsor the Ernest and Annellise Bluman Scholarship because they believe scholar-

ships play a role in the renewal of the quality of Connecticut’s student body. Also, having “the memory of someone who’s gone helping someone who is the future” holds special meaning for them, said Mrs. Powell.

Students and donors were so pleased with the opportunity to meet that the Scholarship Recognition Program will become an annual event.

—E.C.

Collecting Art for Corporations

Joan Goldman Kaplan ’64, fine arts advisor, returned to the campus on May 2 to present the program “Corporations as Collectors: A Powerful Force in a Changing Art World” in Blaustein Humanities Center. Kaplan spoke to a group of 40 students and faculty on the impact of corporate collecting, changes in the art world, and the role of the art advisor in the past two decades.

After a 25-minute talk, Kaplan showed slides of 140 works she has acquired for corporate clients. The program concluded with a lively question and answer session, and an informal dinner hosted by the art and art history departments.

Joan Kaplan Fine Art, founded in 1966, provides a range of fine art curatorial and advisory services to corporate collectors. A pioneer in the field, Kaplan has developed major collections for clients such as American Express, Swiss Bank Corporation, Exxon Research and Engineering, and Tetley Inc. She is a member of the Association of Professional Art Advisors and was listed in the 1983-84, 1985-86 and 1987-88 editions of Who’s Who of American Women. Kaplan, who graduated from Connecticut College with a B.A. in American history, worked for two years at a gallery in New York and became director “by default,” she said, when her boss was fired. But she knew that this was not her calling. One day the chairman of the board of a major corporation came into the gallery and asked her to present a painting to him. She explained why it was an important work to acquire.

Kaplan spoke to a group of 40 students and faculty on the impact of corporate collecting, changes in the art world, and the role of the art advisor in the past two decades. During her visit, Kaplan interviewed several Connecticut College students for a six-week volunteer internship for the summer of 1989. Marianna Poutasse ’89 was selected to assist in the preparation of a client catalogue, to help prepare an office procedures manual, and to accompany Kaplan whenever feasible in her normal business meetings and gallery reviews.

—E.C.
Author Saul Bellow Speaks at
Founding of Symposium on
Writing and Moral Vision

Saul Bellow, winner of the 1976 Nobel Prize for Literature, spoke to a capacity crowd in Palmer Auditorium on April 22, 1989. Bellow’s lecture inaugurated the Daniel Klagsbrun Symposium on Writing and Moral Vision to be held each September at Connecticut College. The symposium was endowed by Herbert and Emile Klagsbrun in memory of their son Daniel ’86 who was murdered in New York City in January 1988.

Blanche McCrary Boyd, writer-in-residence and organizer of the symposium, and Herbert Klagsbrun spoke briefly at the beginning of the program about Daniel Klagsbrun’s life and the purpose of the symposium.

President Claire L. Gaudiani ’66 introduced the author with a list of his works and honors. She recalled his recent statement, “People can no more do without literature than they can do without salt,” and commented that, “Mr. Bellow has brought us, his readers, the salt that seasons our imagination and our moral vision... the salt that flavors this evening at Connecticut College.” When Bellow reached the podium, he quipped that many doctors now advise their patients to avoid salt.

Although begun with a joke, Bellow’s hour and twenty minute talk, “A Jewish Writer in America,” examined a weighty issue — his moral consciousness as it relates to his faith. Bellow said that he had never spoken on the topic before, but his readers will find the underlying theme familiar: the problem of defining one’s humanity in modern Western civilization. Because he was born into an ancient culture, Bellow said, he was born with an identity from which he could not separate himself, and thus was spared from “the horror of an identity crisis.” Yet he, like other Jews, he said, was not immune from the sense of spiritual desolation that pervades the nihilistic West. His dilemma as a young man was deciding “how to combine being a Jew with being an American and a writer,” and how to deal with challenges that came from a fundamentally anti-Semitic literary establishment, and from Jewish thinkers as well.

Early in his talk, he put forth a statement he made in 1976 when accepting the Nobel Prize, “I am an American writer and a Jew.” The seeming priority placed on these identities angered an Israeli philosopher whom Bellow greatly respected. Bellow remarked that having his priorities questioned reminded him of being asked as a child, “Whom do you love better, your papa or your mama?”

He went on to discuss the effect of attitudes about Jews and the experience of Jews in the 20th century on his own moral consciousness. He talked at length about the often blatant prejudice of Gentile writers and philosophers, the Holocaust and how it stigmatized the Jewish people as eternal victims, the warnings of Jewish writers against assimilation by nihilistic cultures, and the freedom of American Jews to create a full Jewish consciousness. At the end of his discourse, Bellow returned to his 1976 statement, concluding that he would let “the record...show what the 20th century has made of me, and what I have made of the 20th century.”

Saul Bellow approached the Klagsbrun family to volunteer his services for the symposium’s founding event after hearing of it from his lawyer, Daniel’s uncle. In a news conference earlier that day, he told reporters, “I knew the tragedy of the Klagsbrun family. I have a son named Daniel about the same age. I knew how the family must have felt. I knew the tragedy of the Klagsbrun family. I have a son named Daniel about the same age. I knew how the family must have felt. It was a simple matter for me.”

In addition to the Nobel Prize for Literature, Mr. Bellow won three National Book Awards (for The Adventures of Augie March, Herzog and Mr. Sammler’s Planet), the International Literary Prize for Herzog,
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the Pulitzer Prize, and the Croix de Chevalier des Arts et Lettres, the highest literary distinction awarded by France to foreigners. In all, he has published 10 novels, two collections of stories, and one novella. A second novella, The Bellarosa Connection, will be published this fall by Penguin Books. He has also contributed criticism and essays to leading periodicals, served as a war correspondent for Newsday during the 1967 Arab-Israeli conflict, and taught at numerous American universities. He currently serves on the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago.

The next Daniel Klagsbrun Symposium on Writing and Moral Vision will be held September 20-21, 1989. Writers E.L. Doctorow and Marita Golden, and poet Carolyn Forché will talk about "The Writer As Witness."

—E.C.

Thematic Dormitories

Increasing numbers of students are expressing an interest to live together in a residential community with a common interest and purpose different from traditional residence hall living. This fall the residential life program will include additional theme houses and a theme wing.

In the 1988-89 academic year, the Student Government Association Residential Life Committee (comprised of house fellows, SGA assembly members, and students at large, and advised by the coordinator of residential life and housing) introduced a thematic housing program. Interested students submitted detailed proposals, including a house mission statement, individual statements of contributions, proposed method(s) of evaluation, house rules, and nominations for a house manager.

Applicants were interviewed individually and in groups by students on the Residential Life Committee, by the coordinator of residential life, and by other administrators.

Accepted proposals include a Creative Arts House in North Cottage, a Sign Language House at 130 Mohegan Avenue and a Community Opportunity Outreach League (C.O.O.L.) on Harkness first floor. Each community intends to provide an atmosphere conducive to the house theme, and to establish a living situation in which students, faculty, staff and outside community members can come together. Formal and informal gatherings and programs will range from a Collaborative Arts Montage performance to a Sunday Brunch Sign Language Group.

Due to a strong interest by upperclassmen and underclassmen, Blackstone House will be a "quiet" residence hall in the upcoming year. Members of Blackstone will be required to maintain a quiet living atmosphere 24 hours a day Sunday through Thursday. Special non-quiet hours may be established for Friday and Saturday evenings.

Knowlton International and Language House had a record application year, and twice as many applications were received than space permitted. Interest in Abbey Cooperative House also continues to increase.

— by Christopher S. Koutsovitis

Coordinator of Residential Life and Housing
Ellen Rosenberg Schwamm ’55—and her husband, author Harold Brodkey, were featured in the “Couples” section of People magazine January 9, 1989. With the support of Schwamm, Brodkey is finishing a novel nearly three decades in the making. Schwamm is the author of the novels Adjacent Lives (1978) and How He Saved Her (1983). She earned a B.A. in English from Connecticut.

Frances Gillmore Pratt ’60—had her sculpture, Spring Fling, exhibited as a vase in the lobby of the Museum of Modern Art, New York City, in March 1989. Pratt graduated from Connecticut College with a B.A. in Fine Arts and subsequently studied under private teachers and at the DeCordova Museum and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. She has also shown her work in one-person and group shows in the Boston area, New York City and Washington, DC.

Agnes Cochran Underwood ’63—left her position as headmistress of Garrison Forest School, Garrison, MD, to become headmistress of the National Cathedral School, Washington, DC. In addition to her B.A. in economics from Connecticut, she received a teachers training certificate from Shady Hill School, Cambridge, MA, in 1966 and an M.B.A. from Columbia University in 1976, where she graduated first in her class.

Kimba M. Wood ’65—the youngest magistrate on New York’s Second District bench, was selected to preside over the case against Drexel Burnham Lambert. The case involves the 98-count racketeering and fraud indictments of Drexel employee and junk bond chief Michael Milken, and two others.

Prior to joining the bench, Wood was an antitrust attorney with the New York firm of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Leiby & MacRae. In 1987, she represented underwriters of Lloyd’s of London during an investigation of insurance practices. She holds a B.A. in government from Connecticut College, an M.S. in political theory from the London School of Economics and a law degree from Harvard (1969).

Catherine Welles Cook ’73—president and founder of Southeast (Connecticut) Association Building Independence for the Retarded and Disabled, was featured in the September 1988 issue of Family Circle. SEABIRD Enterprises, formed in 1983, now comprises a training center and two bakeries staffed by mentally handicapped individuals. The New London training center teaches basic self-sufficiency and job skills and places students in local businesses.

Cook has been active in advocacy groups for the mentally handicapped since the birth of her son Caleb, who has Down’s Syndrome, in 1978. She earned a B.A. in art history and French from Connecticut, and a graduate degree in art history from Columbia University.

Mary Keil ’70—co-produced the Broadway musical Starmites, which was nominated for six Tony awards in 1989, including “Best Musical.” The play is a fantasy “coming-of-age journey,” according to Keil, of a teenage comic-book junkie. It was originally presented at New York City’s Ark Theater Company, of which Keil is a founding board member. Keil raised the money to present the show at the American Stage Festival in Milford, NH, in August 1988, and took out an option to bring it to New York. Critics raved about the two-and-a-half week Milford production, and Starmites opened on Broadway in April 1989.

Keil, who holds a B.A. in economics from Connecticut and a master’s in real estate finance from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, was working for Citibank when she got involved with the Ark Theater. After leaving Citibank in 1981, she co-wrote a Rockefeller Brothers Foundation study which became a book, Enterprise in the Non-Profit Sector.

Valerie J. Fletcher ’73—curator at the Smithsonian’s Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC, organized a retrospective of the work of Swiss artist Alberto Giacometti, which opened in September 1988. Fletcher also wrote the catalog essay for the exhibit, which was reviewed in The New York Times on September 17, 1988. Fletcher is the author of Alberto Giacometti (Abbeville Press, 1989) as well as other art books. She holds a B.A. in art history and French from Connecticut, and a graduate degree in art history from Columbia University.

Sally A. Apfelbaum ’76—was one of three U.S. artists selected in the annual Reader’s Digest Artists at Giverny competition to live and work in the home of impressionist painter Claude Monet from April 1 to September 30, 1989. The three artists received cash awards, furnished apartments at Giverny, France, and a professionally equipped studio. They were chosen from more than 620 applicants.

Apfelbaum, a photographer and sculptor, teaches photography at the School of Visual Arts, New York City, and has exhibited in New York and Italy. She received her B.A. in psychology and an M.F.A. in photography from Tyler School of Art in 1984.

Jeffry L. Idelson ’86—was named assistant director of media relations for the New York Yankees on January 30, 1989. He has a B.A. in economics.
KARIN WIMBERGER ‘81

Karin Wimberger ‘81 was not like most people. Most of us, as soon as we escape from the bonds of childhood, manage to figure out other ways to limit our space. The more ambitious among us build a bigger playpen but we rarely follow our dreams to the world beyond. Eventually, our dreams fade. Alone among God’s creatures on this planet, we weave our own webs of significance and then become entrapped in them. We invent the limits of our personal universe and then use our invention to control our freedom of movement, sometimes even our freedom of thought. Karin Wimberger knew no such limits. That is why her death is more than the tragic waste of a young life. Who can know what Karin might have accomplished. We have all lost a piece of the future.

At Connecticut College, Karin pursued a double major in history and Asian studies. She earned distinction in both, winning the prize for excellence in Asian history and graduating magna cum laude in May 1982. Along the way, she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and completed a brilliant honors thesis on American foreign policy in South Asia in the wake of the brutal Soviet invasion and occupation of Afghanistan.

I knew Karin well. She helped take care of my young son, she was my student, my advisee, sometimes my teacher. I learned, for example, that it is possible to enjoy skydiving. I learned not by doing it (my courage is fully taxed by sitting inside an airplane) but by listening to Karin describe the jump, the free fall, the jolt as the parachute opens. I learned of conquering the vagaries of the northeastern United States through the lens of a Seattleite. Together we planned her junior year in India at Banaras Hindu University, where, after a few side trips for rock climbing on Himalayan peaks, her bond with South Asia became complete.

Graduation was followed by a stint with a Seattle chamber music group, further South Asian training with the University of California, Berkeley postgraduate program in Lahore, Pakistan, and a strong dosage of broadcast journalism and film making. She worked as a researcher, assistant editor, and production coordinator for a list of clients, including the National Geographic Society, WNET Public Television (PBS), and the British Broadcasting Corporation. All of this was perfect training for the path Karin chose to travel.

Karin had a love for South Asia, a passion for adventure, multiple linguistic skills, and significant broadcast journalism and film-making experience. In addition, she was an insightful student of international politics and had written an honors thesis with an Afghan focus. What could have been a more rewarding undertaking than her job as a location manager, a translator and sound recorder for a free-lance production team in Afghanistan working for CBS News. The final product, “The Battle for Afghanistan,” was aired in a CBS Special Report.

It was the human rights violations in Afghanistan that concerned Karin the most. She wanted the world to know that the Russians and the Russian-hacking Afghan government were devastating the population, using such heinous devices as booby-trapped children’s toys. Her mission was accomplished, but Karin did not leave Afghanistan alive. She was killed by hepatitis and died on November 17, 1988. She was 29 years old.

Where there is no risk, there is no gain. Karin understood the risks and was willing to take them, whether it meant dodging bullets or challenging the laws of gravity. This extraordinary alumna was one of our brightest and one of our best. Karin’s father, in his letter telling President Gaudiani of Karin’s death, asked her also to inform the Department of History. “Some of the faculty members,” he wrote, “might still remember our daughter.” Some of the faculty members could never forget her.

by Professor Edward Brodkin
History Department Chairman

ZELMIRA BIAGGI PINEDO
Professor Emeritus of Spanish

Associate Professor Emeritus Zelmira Biaggi Pinedo, who died on August 16, 1988 in San Jose, Puerto Rico, came to Connecticut College within a decade of its first commencement and retired in 1968 on the eve of coeducation. Although she served several terms as department chair, she was, in the best tradition of the college, first and foremost a teacher. A native of Puerto Rico, she was Spanish by culture and tradition.

Miss Biaggi taught the language, literature, and history of Spain in her courses here. She also taught Spanish in the language school at Middlebury College for a number of summers. On her retirement, she joined the faculty of the department of Spanish and French at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez and taught there for several years.

Miss Biaggi was a graduate of the University of Puerto Rico and also received an A.B. degree from Park College and her M.A. from Columbia University. She did additional graduate study at Yale University and at Middlebury.

Her early research interests included the problem of assimilation of the Indian population into the Spanish culture in Latin America, especially in Colombia. She later studied the writings of St. Theresa of Avila, and most recently researched the correspondence of one of the early Spanish colonists in the Caribbean, using the Library of the Royal Academy of History and the National Library in Madrid.

Miss Biaggi’s approach to life was open and whole-hearted. She possessed a store of Spanish proverbs most vividly translated into English, which yielded one for almost any occasion to the delight and enlightenment of her students and friends. In her warmth and wit combined in a presence always light-hearted and crackling with energy, while maintaining great personal dignity and her own unique elegance. That she was also a sensitive, serious person is reflected in the following comment from a letter written during one of her trips to Spain.

“Life in general is harder than in the U.S.A. There are no comforts to be had at the touch of a switch, but there is human warmth, sorrow and joy hand in hand, a naked realism staring you in the face and strengthening your soul...”

Miss Biaggi’s life in this community exemplified for her students, alumnae, fellow faculty, and her many non-faculty friends the finest model of a liberally educated person who was at home in two cultures.

by M. Gertrude McKeon
Acting Associate Dean of the College
Class Notes

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**19 Reunion**

On a perfect June day, four members of the class of 1919 returned to campus in celebration of our 70th reunion. Present were Marenada Prinits, Sadie Coit Benjamin, Roberta Morgan Troland and Virginia Rose, who were guests of the college at the Sykes Society luncheon given in honor of 1919. Andy Crocker Wheeler ’34 presided and presented Prinits, who gave a blessing. President Claire Gaudiani; Ellen Hoffheimer Bettmann ’66, president of the Alumni Association; Brian Rogers, college librarian; and others at the “head table” paid tribute to the first class of the college. We sang our old college song, written for us by Dr. Sykes and Dr. Coine. President Gaudiani presented our class with a beautiful silver bowl in honor of the 70th. It will be suitably inscribed and will grace important occasions.

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Loretta P. Higgins writes, “Arthritis, a fall, and a slight stroke keep me house-bound, but with devoted neighbors and well-trained aides, I find life agreeable.” She had her 90th birthday on June 7.

Maud Carpenter Dustin writes, “I live in my home alone, my husband having died three years ago. Three of our children live nearby and supervise. The highlight of this past year was a reunion of our offspring in Aug., held on our pasture five miles out. They lived in camps, tents, etc., All but one of the 41 came. I have six great-grandchildren. Although I have poor sight, walk with a walker, and have to buy dinners. I keep busy and feel decent. I correspond with Katherine (Treena) Schafer Parsons and Emma Wippert Pease quite regularly.”

Olive Doherty writes, “In my generation, I am the only Doherty living. I was 89 last Jan. My nephew phones me every day from a different part of the state. When I hear his voice I answer, ‘I’m just fine,’ but my eye doctor tells me that I have no sight in one eye, which even surgery will not cure. I have slight epilepsy attacks, but never lose consciousness. My friends take me to church or market, since I have sold my car.”

Marion E. Warner writes, “I still live with my friend in Uncasville, CT. Her family makes me feel like one of them, which is remarkable. They often take me out in my wheelchair to a picnic or entertainment. I am pleased to be getting our Alumni Magazine, and feel grateful to those of our class who have contributed so much.”

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**In Memoriam**

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Ann Rogoff Cohen ’24
Margaret Battles Barber ’27
Margaret Merriam Zellers ’28
Marguerite Reimann Roberts ’28
Frances Wells Vroom ’29
Isabelle Bartlett Hogue ’32
Carolyn Hincks Dillman ’32
Sarah Buchsche ’33
Barbara McLean Walker ’34
Virena Marjorie Beaudette Wilson ’38
Susan Fleisher ’41
Betty Lutsch Grunov ’42
Ann Barnard Wilson ’48
Polly Green Kemp ’50
Frances Weinberg Kemper ’50
Martha Morse Comstock ’51
Bety Suyker ’51
Dell Stone Martin ’53

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

Elizabeth Merrill Blake is enjoying her old neighborhood again. She has a good place to sit outside and watch the birds at the bird feeders. The new great-grandchild is a girl, Stephanie Gail, bringing the total to three boys and one girl.

Mary Rumer writes, “The Boston Flower Show and a Goya exhibit at the Fine Arts Center in early Murch were wonderful and effortless, as my niece from Milton drove us into town.”

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THE AGNES BERKELEY LEAHY ALUMNI AWARD
Nominations Sought

This award was established to honor the memory and perpetuate the name of Agnes Berkeley Leahy '21, who died in 1960. Agnes Leahy was twice president of the Alumni Association, a member of the Connecticut College Board of Trustees for 10 years and a wise, devoted alumna who played a vital role in the growth of the college and the Alumni Association.

After graduation, Leahy was asked to set up the Connecticut College Personnel Bureau. She had natural leadership abilities, a strong interest in people, and was known by all as quick-witted, warm, kind and considerate. The Bureau, one of the first campus personnel bureaus in the nation, was a success, and earned Leahy status as a pioneer in the personnel field.

In 1925, after earning her master's in psychology from Columbia University, she returned to Connecticut College to teach. She left the college in 1929 when the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., headquartered in New York, asked her to set up their national personnel department. Under her leadership, the Girl Scouts trained over 800,000 volunteers and recruited 2,000 professionals.

Upon her passing, the National Staff Reporter of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. wrote, "Agnes had a rare combination of brilliant mind and warm heart. She demanded the best of us, and she was our understanding friend."

Awarded during Reunion Weekend to not more than three alumni, the ABL award honors those who have contributed outstanding and continuing service in class, club or other Alumni Association activities. Susan Bohman Faigle '63 was the 1985 recipient, and Mary Caroline "M.C." Jenks Sweet '38 was this year's ABL award winner. (See this issue's "Reunion, 1989" section for more information.)

Now is the time to nominate candidates for next year's award; they must be members of a class that graduated at least 15 years ago and may not be current members of the Executive Board or currently employed by the college. Your candidates should not be told that their names have been submitted.

Please mail nominations and reasons for each nomination before November 1 to:
Nathaniel Turner '82
Vice President, Executive Board
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We are seeking a correspondent for your class. If you are interested, please contact the Alumni Office.

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Correspondent: Nathaniel Turner '82
Members of the Class of '29 at the Sykes Society luncheon in Hood Dining Room: (L to R) Esther Stone Wenzel, Elizabeth Speirs, and the late Frances Wells Vroom, who died six weeks after reunion.

Roberta Bitgood Wiersma, 28's indomitable president, fund raiser and organizer, is working in A-1 form.

Edna Somers writes, "Roberta is a brave, brave woman. She gets my vote for courage." Somers had a new role to enjoy—a great aunt to an adorable little 3-month-old boy, adopted at four days old! "He will be in ME with us this summer, so I should become well-versed in infant care."

Deborah (Debbie) Lippincott Currier writes, "New retirement places have growing pains. I'm glad I moved. I like it here. My cottage is small, but adequate and pleasing. The people are interesting, friendly and fun, and there's plenty to do. Retirement is hardly the word." She planned on a June week in Nantucket, an Aug. week in California, and a visit to her daughter in grad study at Ottawa, graduated with honors, and is writing for the Parliament buildings, writing speeches for her brother, Dr. Kent Van Horn, who was in research and a vice president of Alcoa. In June, Hilda visited her brother's son in London and later traveled in southern France with daughter Anne.

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Prudence (Prue) Drake is settling in a life retirement village in Bedford, MA, where she has her own apartment. "It is somewhat like college days. I drive to see the Boston Ballet, which now is very good. We have a bus to the symphony and the art museum." She still summers in Ogunquit, ME, and is fortunate to have young friends who will "supervise and help me this year. I'm being spoiled." She, too, thinks of 28's 60th with great pleasure.

Eleanor (Woody) Wood Frazer writes ecstatically that she "has a new medicine and has found out that she does not have Parkinson's—thank heavens!"

Catherine (Dill) Page McNutt writes, "After Mac died every widow I know advised me to keep very busy so I wouldn't have time to think. That is not good. Here I am so busy that I do not have time to relax and think of past pleasures. The family is all well and prospering. The last two grants are in college and the three great-grandsons are in preschool and kindergarten. My accident? Didn't see Abbie Kelsey Baker, as I usually do; nor did Deborah Lippincott Currier, who often visits Karla."

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Ruth (Pat) Towsen-Moeller has given up golf for gardening and raising canaries. She boasts two great-grandsons, 1 and 2, whom the grandparents enjoy at the family gatherings on July 4th.

Elizabeth (Betty) Gordon Staclin and her husband golfed every day in the Sarasota outskirts for three winter months. They spent one day at Clearwater Beach with Karla Heurich Harrison at her home located on a narrow strip of land between the Gulf and the Bay. Betty didn't see Abbie Kelsey Baker, as we usually do; nor Deborah Lippincott Currier, who often visits Karla. Betty went in April to a "very, very different kind of world—found on some of the islands of GA—live oaks, sand dunes and wild horses. This is recommended for persistent bronchitis." Our 60th reunion is a vivid, moving memory for her. "It was such fun!"

Elizabeth (Belly) Gordon Siaelin and her husband, Harry, her English husband, "is big, busy and pleasant. Our health isn't so good. I have to still find it troublesome. "I may always be using a cane.

Hilda Van Horn Rickenbaugh reports that daughter, Anne's son graduated from Vanderbilt this year. Hilda planned to attend a memorial service in Pittsburgh for her brother, Dr. Kent Van Horn, who was in research and a vice president of Alcoa. In June, Hilda visited her brother's son in London and later traveled in southern France with daughter Anne.

Mildred Rogoff Angell still teaches at Adelphi U. as senior adjunct professor. "I'll be here as long as I can." Update on her grandchildren: "Mark, 21, graduated from the U. of MI in '89 and is on his way to CA to write for films. Sandy, Mark's brother, is a member of Actor's Equity and is continuing his studies at Juilliard. Lindsey, 12, is in AL training to be an astronaut. She lives in a space dome and goes through the drills and loves it all—except for the powdered food."

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Am Delano Schouls sent a brief note recounting her move from England with Harry, her English husband, to CA in '87. "We had a happy year here and Harry enjoyed the golf. Last spring we discovered he had cancer of the bone; he died in early Aug. '88. My family and friends have been a great support."

Adelaide (Kinky) King Quebman and John were in Hanover for his reunion in June.

Henrietta Owens Rogers—even if she is not a Justice of the Peace, (correspondent’s error and apologies), her decision not to accept the appointment is the community’s loss. "I love the golf. Last spring we discovered he had cancer of the bone; he died in early Aug. '88. My family and friends have been a great support."

Sarah Emily (Saysay) Brown Schoenbuch and George have a lawyer in the family. "A young Dartmouth cousin, now a VT Law School grad, and his lovely Swedish wife are the parents of a very active 8-month-old boy. We know he's on his way to becoming a skier. Our "almost cousins" who live next door, adopted a Korean baby boy, now 3, who's a charmer and a constant visitor who calls us "Wu" and "Wu Wu." Our health isn't too good, but we manage."

Margaret (Peg) Merriam Zellers died on 4/11/89. Her husband, Jack Zellers, said Peg died peacefully in her sleep. She suffered a stroke some years ago, but with grit, determination and humor, she managed to conquer the frustration of coping. The class extends its sympathy and love to husband, Jack, daughter, Sally and Margaret, and two grandchildren.

The class extends its love and condolences to the families and friends of Margaret T. Smith, who died 6/11/88; Norma Brandes Overton, who died 6/20/88; Margaret Merriam Zellers, who died 4/11/89; and Marguerite Reimann Roberts, who died 6/8/89. Sympathy is also extended to Anne Delano Schouls, for the loss of her husband. Hanover for his reunion in June.

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Marenda E. Prentis' 19, left; on a stroll with niece Roberta Bitgood Wiersma '28, c. 1910.
29 REUNION
Saturday, June 3, 1929.

The reunion of the class of 1919 at Connecticut College was a wonderful event. The college was filled with alumni, and the campus buzzed with excitement as we gathered to celebrate our shared history.

REUNIONija Satuday, June 3, '29.

colors and corsages preserved from our 50th reunion.
joined in Wright Lounge with others housed in the dorm. Dinner was served to Sykes Society classes in Harris Dining Room.
The dance in Crozier-Williams attracted several "29ers, but by 7:30, all but the very robust in the dorm retired to our dorm rooms where we could still hear the beat.
After breakfast Sunday morning some took walks, some went to Wright Lounge with others housed in the dorm. Dinner was served to Sykes Society classes in Harris Dining Room.

100. Eleanor does a couple of volunteer jobs for the village. She says, "We are enjoying it. There is so much to do: we are continually making choices."

Ruth Caswell Clapp writes, "Ed's 60th reunion at Harvard took precedence over the Sykes Society luncheon and reunion weekend. He was to conduct the Class Memorial Service in the church in Lincoln. Curiously, it is the same church where son Dave's raffle and give the proceeds to the village. She says, "It's four years since I had cancer and I'm holding my own!"
Lillian Miller was expecting visits from relatives and friends this past summer. She says she may need to resign as class correspondent before the 60th reunion.
"Anyone willing to take over, please contact class president, Ruth Ferguson, or the Alumni Office at 203-447-5525.
Helen Oakley Rockhold wrote, "My interests are my family and my church. I've been a Christian Science practitioner for 40 years."
Grace Marion Ransom had open-heart surgery in Feb., She reports that all seems to be going well.
Helene Sommers Smith still bowls in the Country Club League and signed up to play golf this past summer. She also bought apartments there, thus insuring some happy times for all.

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Margaret (Peg) Burroughs Kohr and husband: Margaret (Peg) Burroughs Kohr and husband; Elizabeth Speirs; Teresa Homs Cameron; Esther Stone Wenzel; Elizabeth Riley Whitman and husband: Arline Brown Stone and husband; Verne Hall; Marian Vaine and Winifreda Fountain Murphy. If any officers were asked to serve again: Frances Wells Vroom, president (who has since died, 7/15/89); Peg Burroughs Kohr, secretary; Verne Hall, treasurer and new class correspondent.

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30 Frances (Pevey) Brooks Foster and her husband enjoy the advantages of living in a college community. She has auditioned several art history courses and visited the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and attended the 25th anniversary celebration of the Crozier-Westlake reunion. She has six grandchildren—three are Dartmouth grads, one attends Princeton University, and two are high school seniors.

Ruth Jackson Webb's son, Rod, has taken a year's sabbatical leave from the Dept. of Law at the U. of Leeds in England. She missed FL at Christmas time but planned to go in April to see her brother.

Elizabeth (Betty) McCusker White and her husband, Michael, went to China last year to "walk the wall," see the Forbidden City and cruise the Yangtze River. They were preparing to fly to Vienna to take the Danube Cruise. Their son, Art, is a math professor at Western MIU.

Bessie McLean reports that she is moving to a life care center in Lakewood, NH. 20 of her friends have also bought apartments there, thus insuring some happy times for all.

Ruth Litch Redick's son who lives in a personal care home in Roswell, GA.

Mildred Meyer Doran wrote from San Clemente, CA, where she was spending three months with a high school friend whom she's known for 64 years. As a home she keeps busy bowling, quilting and playing canasta.

Her group has made six lovely quilts which they'll sell to raise money for the college.

ATTENTION ALL ALUMNI
Did you know there is a Florida/West Coast Alumni Club? Alumni from Sarasota, Bradenton, Englewood, Venice and surrounding areas get together to participate in a variety of interesting and educational events. Field trips to museums, botanical gardens and marine laboratories, with guest speakers from the community and from Connecticut College, are just a few examples of the events organized by club members.

Events are usually planned for the late fall and winter months. This is a perfect time for all of you "snowbirds" to join in on the fun and become re-acquainted with Connecticut College today. For more information, please contact Ethel Failey Holt '40, (club president), 3637 Longmeadow, Sarasota, FL 34234, 813-371-7640; or contact Susan Kolb, director of alumni programs, at 203-447-7525.
celebration was held last fall. He received the International Beyond War Peace Award for his furthering of Soviet-American relations. He took a choral group of 50 to Russia again in June. 43 from Yaroslavl arrived in the spring. He traveled with his group.

Sylvia Hendel Irwin planned to come north to attend her granddaughter’s high school graduation in June. She will attend her daughter’s son’s wedding. Sylvia belongs to a singles club, and gets to take trips and see new shows.

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REUNION

Our Sykes Society-oriented 55th reunion was blessed with warm sunshine and a beautifully flowers campus. 27 of us, plus guests, were on hand for the parade and the 65th and 65th reunion classes to pay tribute to the pioneers of 1919—the first 70th reunion at Connecticut College.

Four ’19 pioneers took part in the celebration and were welcomed by President Gaudiani. 66, Alumni Association President Ellen Hofheistett Bettman ’66, Executive Director Kristin Staehlsambert Lamber ’69, Reunion Chairman Peter O’Connor ’81, and Sykes Society Coordinator. They were welcomed by President Gaudiani.

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What is the Sykes Society?

If you graduated in 1939 or earlier, you’re already a member. All other alumni will automatically become members after celebrating their 50th reunion.

Established in 1980, the Sykes Society was named in honor of Frederick H. Sykes, first president of Connecticut College. It evolved because fewer and fewer alumnae in the older classes were able to return to reunion. By combining these classes into one larger group, these alumnae are able to enjoy the company of fellow “Sykers” during a special meal and program at reunion.

“The individual class is not lost in the society, but is actually strengthened through association with its own peers of college and present day,” said Ann ("Andy") Crocker Wheeler ’34, the current Sykes Society Coordinator.

psychotherapist is winding down and she is terminating her private practice in Sept. Alan, Trini and she will take off for the beach. She adds that on Saturday night she was "Mrs. Alan Anderson."

Dorothy Boden West as a Christmas present welcomed twin great-granddaughters, bringing the count to 11 greats. She plays bridge.

Elinor Knoche Talbott and Doug had a wonderful trip on the Viking "Sky" through the Panama Canal, then the Summer Palace and Tiananmen Square recently in Bloomfield, CT, and met Arline Goetller Stoughton and Bob taking tickets. They had a short visit. Cappy reports that all seven adopted grandchildren are doing just fine. Cappy, as usual, is up to her ears in volunteer work at Dunkirk—the most recent being an upcoming Red Cross Blood Bank for the employees. She attended the Hartford CC Annual luncheon with guest speaker President Claire Gaudiani, for whom she had high praise.

Arline Goetller Stoughton and Bob left home Jan. 9th and were gone almost three months—first to the West Coast of FL; then to San Diego, CA, where they rented a condo for the month of Feb. and visited with their son, David. Other relatives from around the country also stopped in. In March they attended an Elderhostel at the U. of NM. Heading east they visited in GA; SC, NC, VA; and PA; then arrived home April 5th, having traveled 9,500 miles.

Elizabeth (Betty) Davis Pierson toured Great Britain recently. Ruth Chittum Eufemia and Franc spent a day with her last spring, staying overnight in her house which overlooks the CT River. They were all welcomed at Cappy Deming Crane for lunch.

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through the Canadian Rockies. After flying to Seattle, then went by bus and train to Alberta and British Columbia. They even walked on a glacier and kept their balance.

Olive Tubbs Chendali, in her Christmas letter, wrote of her trip in April up the Mississippi River on the Mississippi Queen. In Aug. '88 she explored AK, returning on the Holland-American Liner Noordam down the Inside Passage, a challenging place of great extremes and magnificent grandeur. In June '88 a Tubbs family reunion was celebrated. Olive is on the committee planning year-long events for the 150th birthday of Niantic. the first of which was a Victorian extravaganza.

Elizabeth Vivian Perry died on 1/20/89. Our sympathy goes to her family.

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37 Correspondent: Dorothy E. Baldwin, 10 Christopher St., Montclair, NJ 07042

38 Sylvia Draper Fish says that since the death of her husband, she is finding new directions and is lucky to have children living nearby. Her daughter Ellen lives in Providence, is a nurse and psychotherapist and has two young sons. Mary, her youngest, is a probation officer in the Baraboo County Court System. Julie lives in Chatham, VA, and has two girls. He works with his brother, Story, who lives in Chatham. Sylvia is involved with Elderhostel and went on a trip to Deerfield Village, MA. She maintains her interest in Garden Club, library work and investment club. She can be found at Castauna on Cape Cod.

Jane Hutchinson Caufield had shoulder surgery last Feb. She’s having to undergo therapy before she can handle young horses again. She’s involved in planning a maritime museum for the Cleveland waterfront. Jane is a trustee of the Great Lakes Historical Society in which one of the first projects is renovating a large freighter which was given to them by the Mather family of Cleveland Heights.

Muriel Beyea Crowell said Judith Waterhouse Draper drove down from Winter Park to Vicar’s Landing, FL, for lunch, and then also spent an evening with Mary Mary Schultz and Andy, who winter in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Wallace Greig, after Tom’s death, moved to a condo on a lake in Reston, VA, which is near her daughter and not too far from her son. She and Margaret McCulloch Null took a train ride across Canada and back. They are both “train buffs.”

Frances Walker Chase spent three months in England last winter dividing her time between her children—London where Elliott and his family live; and in Brighton, where Nat and Jackie live. She took a side trip to Rustica, “steeping herself in culture and current politics.” She showed her video of Claire Gaudiani’s inauguration to CCers in London.

Winifred Frank Havel recently returned from an Elderhostel in Tucson where she took classes in Spanish, History of the West, Fact and Myth, and Mexican Culture. She spent Christmas with Winifred Nies Northcott in Minneapolis.

Mary McCluskey Leibold had a two-week tour of Moscow and the Soviet Republic. Her husband toured hospitals and she visited day care centers. In March she fractured her hip, but reports that with the help of a wheelchair and a walker, she is now recovering.

Anne Gildersleeve Blackman and Sidney built a house at Conestee Falls, SC—the first house they’ve built in 52 years of marriage. She writes that Marion Podmore Loughran spends winters at Keowee Key, SC. Then returns to MI. She said Ruth Kittinger Watts has moved back to Hilton Head from Alton, SC, and that her son is a successful vet in Hilton Head.

Frances Blatch recently returned from a six-week visit to a clinic where she “had her batteries recharged” and is glad to be back at Grand View Health Home.

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Portrait of the 50th reunion class. “Thirty-niners” and a catered luncheon aboard the Queen. Received a two-hour cruise up the Thames River.

Dr. Dougherty (Dot) Bartlett manages to get around with a wheelchair and a walker, she is now recovering.

Jean Pierce Field and Bob spent two months traveling through Scandinavia and the Baltic countries, ending up in the British Isles. Because they do not fly, ship, buses and train were their mode of travel.

Wilhelmina (Billie) Foster Reynolds and Bill traveled to Santa Monica to greet their new grandson and did some touring of the CA coast. They spent a weekend in the Everglades and are lucky to have children living nearby.

Margaret (Peg) Sivex Kingsbury lives in a condo in Ft. Myers, FL. While in FL, Esther Gabler Robinson spent a few days with her, at which time they made phone calls to Frances Henrietta Whiting in NH and Jean MacDonald Sible in CA. Peg is busy with church choir, spinning, knitting, and adjusting to living in FL.

Wilfried Nies Northcott had a joyful reunion with Jeanette (Jeddie) Dawsell Kinney and Merrill in DC in late May—part of a solid change of pace including a gala at the National Geographic Headquarters for the benefit of the Alexander Graham Bell Assoc. for the Deaf.

M. C. Jenkins Sweet and Bill spent Mother’s Day weekend in Ithaca, NY, with oldest son, Charles, and his family. Charles received his doctorate in engineering at Cornell. After teaching a summer course there, he then went on to the U. of DE as an associate professor with tenure. M. C. received the Alumni Association’s top honors, the Agnes Berkeley Leavy award at reunion ’89. See this issue for more details.

Correspondent: Mrs. William L. Sweet (Mary Caroline Jenkins), 347 West St., Needham, MA 02194
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**REUNION**

50 of us, together with 16 husbands, returned for the big reunion in June and found the campus had changed considerably in size and scope—even as we had. Fortunately much had remained the same, and it didn’t take long to become familiar with the new looks, as friendships, old and new, unfolded in a glow of sentimental joy. We had rooms in the dowager Windham House, which, alas, has none of the elegance we remembered. Nevertheless, the lounge became a lively spot for us to gab, imbibe and nibble.

Friday night all classes joined at Harris Refectory for a fine reception/dinner and talks by President Gaudiani and Alumnae Assoc. President Ellen Bettmann. Harris and other buildings north of Branford now make up a large part of the campus. These impressive additions must be seen to be appreciated.

Saturday morning we held a class meeting conducted by Elizabeth (Betsy) Parcells Arms, class president and surely the backbone of ’39. Betsy asked us to step into the less demanding vice president’s slot, and Kathryn Ekirch agreed to serve as president. Phyllis Harding Morton will continue doing her heroic treasurer’s task, and Janet Mead Szaniawski will also continue her superb job as AAGP chairwoman. Following the meeting we took our places in the Alumni Parade, resplendent in green vests over white attire. The announcement of our overall gift of $300,000 came during a ceremony in Cummings Art Center. What a meteoric moment—the largest class gift ever!

Highlighting the weekend was our two-hour cruise up the Thames River. New London never had a more beautiful June afternoon, and we relaxed over tasty box lunches, interesting commentary from the boat’s captain and the pleasure of being together. That evening we held our class dinner in the lovely Hood Dining Room. President Gaudiani and her husband joined us briefly for comments. Dean Emeritus Gertrude Noyes ’25 was with us throughout, and listening to her remarks we marveled at how well the years have treated this Connecticut treasure.

Sunday’s service memorializing those who have died was a sad time, as we were packing and saying goodbye. Now, renewed in spirit and camaraderie, many of us vowed to return again to this special place that changed our lives 50 years ago.

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Jane Clark Gibney, our president, visited Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and British Columbia from May 18 to June 5 this year. She says the upcoming 50th reunion is ever on her mind and asks that anyone with a suggestion get in touch with Frances Sears Baratz.

Frances Sears Baratz writes that while she was vacationing in FL, she met with Elizabeth (Betty) Kent Kenyon, Roberta Kenney DeWire and Laeita Pollock Israelite; they have some great things planned for “when ’40s become 50s.”

Katharine Gilbert Smith sends news that grandson Alexander Oliver Smith is the newest addition to her family. He’s the son of her son, Jeff, and is 2 years old. In May, granddaughter Kimberly graduated from college. Kathie and her husband, Pete, enjoy life in two places: Vero Beach and Northport, MI.

Mary Reinhard Stackhouse leads an active, exciting life as a travel guide for golfers all over the world. She has been doing this since ’78. When she’s home, she’s either in Short Hills, NJ, or Naples, FL, where she plays a lot of golf and tennis. “Have golf bag, will travel.”

Gladys Bachman Forbes now lives in Washington DC to be near daughter, Patty, and husband, Gary Gray, both attorneys, and her three granddaughters. 7, 5, and 3. She sees Jeannette (Jennie) Bell Winters often and they both hope to attend our 50th.

Naomi Kisting lost her husband, Edmund Buryan, in ’86. She married Philip P. Fortune in ’88. Naomi still lives in Scarsdale, NY.

**Correspondent:** Elizabeth Thompson Dodge, 55 Woodland Trull, East Falmouth, MA 02536

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Correspondent: Mrs. John Newman Jr. (Jane Kennedy), 46900 St. Rd. 74, Unit 159, Pampa, TX, 79352

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Margaret (Peggy) Keagy Whittmore and Bruce live in Brewster, MA, where he retired after a career in the ministry. Peggy spent two years at Yale Divinity School after CC. Her volunteer activities include much church work, being part of a hand bell choir, and the League of Women Voters. Of her four children, she wrote, “Our oldest child, Janice, married a wonderful microphysicist whom she met on a research fellowship from England at the U. of IL, where she was teaching costume design and technical theater. They live near Northampton, England, and have a son, Christopher William, who turned three last Easter Sunday. Peggy and Bruce were there to celebrate. Peggy goes to Cincinnati every eight or nine weeks to see her mother, 94. She was also there in May ’86 for the 50th reunion of her class at a small private girls’ school, 16 of the 24 classmates were there for a clambake, including Connie Pogue Greenfield. Nancy Prise Greenfield was also in that class, but didn’t make the reunion. Peggy saw Emily Park Powers a year ago. Emily helps her husband, John, in his law office in Youngstown, OH. Peggy and Barbara (Barry) Beach Alter got together occasionally. Barry is Minister of Visitation at Center Church. New Haven, where Bruce was minister for 12 years before his retirement. Barry’s parents were living in separate New Haven nursing homes—which kept Barry on the run, until the death of her mother last winter.

Constance Pogue Williams has lived in Vero Beach, FL, for the past 15 years, and feels “almost like a native Floridian.” Connie, a widow, has two sons and two step-children. She enjoys working at Trinity Episcopal Church, Friends of the Library at Vero Beach, the Humane Society, Riverside Theatre, and her local garden club. She plays tennis, golf, and bridge; and travels some to the north to visit classmates and friends.

Lenore Tingle Howard and Harry take their 14 grandchildren, as each one turns 10, on a special trip. Lennie and Harry live in Carefree, AZ, in their dreamhouse, built in ’78. They have five children: a Ph.D., a computer consultant, a physician, an artist, and a food consultant—all super people, Lennie says. Lennie is a writer, having published a children’s book in ’84. She is working on a religious book now. Your correspondent telephoned her to learn details about both books, but the Howards were traveling in Europe. Lennie was on the Board of Trustees of Conn College in the 1970s, and presently is on the Long Range Planning Committee for her newly- incorporated town.

Nancy Prise Greenfield and her Air Force major general husband retired to Colorado Springs, CO. Every summer they host a family reunion of their three children, who live in Boston; Portland, OR; and Glenwood Springs, CO; at their vacation place in MI, along with the seven grandchildren, from 5 to college age. One is spending his jr year in Spain from Miami U.

Nancy’s hobbies are reading and gardening. She and Bill
recently cruised through the Panama Canal.

Doris Boies Guyton and Boone have five children: one of whom, Lesley, is CC '88, and six grandchildren. Doris has published two books, and often has articles in Yankee magazine. Two of their daughters have inherited their father's literary skills. Claudia (Jones) has published a book, Parent Are Teachers Too, which has gone to its third printing, and Julie has been asked to submit a manuscript about teaching special ed., based on some articles she wrote for a Minneapolis newspaper.

Muriel Prince Rice has lived two thirds of her married life overseas, mostly in the Middle East. She and her husband, a retired school teacher, do needlework, and spends a lot of time with her seven grandchildren.

Anne Ten Eyck Martin and her husband have one child. She, like most of our classmates, keeps busy with church and community activities.

Marjorie Alexander Harrison's two oldest grandchildren were with her for two great weeks of a summer '88 visit to England and Scotland. Marge buys busy Coastal Community activities and a continuing education program at Brown U.

Jeanne Jacques Kleinschmidt traveled from Philadelphia through the Panama Canal to San Diego in July, 1988. She visited her sons in Kenya, Roger had quadruple bypass surgery. They have eight grandchildren in OK, TX and KS. "I keep trying to get my chemistry brain into a parenting mode. Love it." Her other activities include golf and being a docent at museum.

Caroline Townley Von Mayrhauser welcomed a fifth granddaughter on Valentine's Day. "Richard Von, Kathy and baby Heidi are all well and happy." While visiting her sister in Houston, she lunched and reminisced with Kathy and baby Heidi are all well and happy. "I keep trying to get my chemistry brain into a parenting mode. Love it." Her other activities include golf and being a docent at museum.

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Jane (Woodie) Wurley Peak. your correspondent, is delighted in having the ladies in for a post-inauguration of President Claire Gaudiani. Mary Anna Forde had a great trip to AK a year ago, visiting Vancouver and Victoria on the way. River rafting was a thrilling experience, as was seeing Mt. St. Helens. "I'm happy to be related to such pleasant people. They are in the academic procession." Jack is doing well after his strokes and they are traveling again in a modest way.

Lois Webster Ricklin and Saul's travels in '88 were in Feb. to Costa Rica with the RI Audubon Society; in Apr. from Senegal north along the coast to Portugal with the American Museum of Natural History; in Oct. to China with Professor Charles Chu. They are friendly with six grandchildren from New York and China, whom they entertain. They love summers in Bristol, RI, and enjoy visits with four offspring and two grandchildren.

Suzanne Harber-t Boice had an interesting three-week visit to Japan in late '88. She also spent time in China with Professor Charles Chu. They are friendly with six grandchildren from New York and China, whom they entertain. They love summers in Bristol, RI, and enjoy visits with four offspring and two grandchildren.

Helen Fedder Pilert has accumulated over 2,000 hours of service during the 30 years she has worked for the Red Cross as an escort at Greenwich Hospital. She is also a member of the Guild of her Episcopal church, which wrote, "Lee and I have a lot of fun together. We happily go our own way when I have the ladies in for bridge and do my volunteer work. There is always lots to do for our widowed friends and the Lucas P. Anderson Society. Last winter Helen and Lee took a trip to Egypt, including a week's cruise on the Nile.

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Jean Leinbach Ziemer and her second husband are moving into a new life care center in June-no more caring for sick spouses. Dick and Jean continue to be very active in the YMCA—especially internationally. They're planning an Oct. trip to Europe, including a cruise on the Danube with Bill's Dartmouth '37 class and will visit YMCAs in Germany.

Elizabeth (Libby) Swisher Childs writes that Sally Stewart Parker was in Paris with her three children in June and Libby's three are in Italy. Sally's son and wife have two little girls, so Libby and her husband are finally grandparents. Tucson gets hotter every summer so they're considering spending six months elsewhere.

Frances Smith Minshall's life is very quiet. Bill is much the same, though now there's someone to care for the house. "Our lives are full and richly occupied in terms of purpose and contentment. Six grandchildren are a wonderful surprise, but it's strange to feel that these three kids are in the family."

Betty Mercer Barney and John took a nature-oriented trip to Australia, including beautiful Tasmania and New Zealand, "I've been to those places for years, because of CC courses. It felt odd to see so many strange plants. It felt like home when I found some dandelions." They visited their combined families in their motor homes along the way, "It's the only way to travel." Karla Yepsen Copithorn moved from her farm tree which she misses to an apartment in Cazenovia, NY, near her sons and grandchildren. People in the village are welcoming but nothing can replace her husband. "Our lives are full and richly occupied in terms of purpose and contentment. Six grandchildren are a wonderful surprise, but it's strange to feel that these three kids are in the family."

Stratton Nicolison McKillop, writes "Life never seems to slow down for me with three marriages and a new granddaughter. The new granddaughter is the first of a new generation. Vibrant. Daring. To be loved like that is a great gift."

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Alumni Annual Giving Makes A Difference

Name: Mario Laurenzi ’90
Age: 21
Majors: Sociology and Italian

Achievements:
Dean’s List
Admitted to Class of ’90 as a Sykes Scholar
Student Mentor for Summer
Minority Program
Financed 79% of education through scholarships, employment and loans.

Activities:
Sociology Department Student Advisory Board
Fireside Forum Committee
Dormitory Council
Annual Giving Office Work Study Student

Interests: Theater, racquetball, fine cuisine, good movies, costume designing.

Favorite Books: The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand, and Dante’s Inferno

Favorite Place to Study: Base of the “Victory” statue on south campus

Future Plans: “I hope to go to graduate school.”

What I like about Conn: “Personal attention from the faculty, a great mix of people, and being someone instead of an I.D. number.”

Your support can make all the difference. Help to keep dreams alive with a gift to the Alumni Annual Giving Program.

The class also sends condolences to the family and friends of Nancy Dunning Jefferson, who died 7/12/88.
Correspondents: Mrs. Neil Josephson (Elise Abrahams), 645 Frontier, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and Mrs. George Weller (Alice Carey), 423 Clifton Blvd., East Lansing, MI 48823

Jane Rutter Terrell spent a couple of months in Naples this past winter in their new condo. They love it and wish they could spend more time there. The highlight of the stay was the luncheon given for CC’s new president, Claire Gaudiani. “What a gal!” says Jane. She sat with Barbara (Bib) Rubenoff, whom she hadn’t seen since ’46!

Ethel Lawrence Woodbury visited their daughter and her husband in CA last Christmas where Connie Hopkins Hyslop dropped by with her husband and adopted daughter for a few delightful hours. Larry and husband, Jim, left CO for two months last winter to visit relatives in Hilton Head, SC, and Pompano Beach, FL, though it is difficult for Jim to walk now. Last fall Larry’s sister and brother and spouses joined them on a Royal Viking fall coloring cruise.

Kate Niedecken Pieper said my news postcard arrived the day she, Vi Egan Cande and Bernie Teigen Stowe, along with about 20 other alumni and parents from the Milwaukee area, met with our new president for lunch. They were all very favorably impressed by Claire Gaudiani and her presentation and look forward to progress along the way to our reunion. Kate and Vi had a nice trip to the Carolinas in Feb. and met Valmere (Val) Reeves Lynn for lunch in the Atlanta airport. A few minutes after Val left, Bernice joined them on her way home from FL—small world!

Caruth Niles DeLong has had an active winter, making several trips to Orlando, Sarasota and Venice, FL, to take a real estate course and exam. She now has her FL real estate license. She’s buying a piece of waterfront land with its own dock in Venice and was hired by Coldwell Banker-John Larkin, so she has a job and a dock set up for the fall.

Nancy Platt Sands says they spent the winter in their home in Phoenix and enjoyed having Ed and Mary Margaret Topping DeVo as overnight guests on their way west. They came home in March to welcome their granddaughter, a boy. She and her husband took the whole family—10 adults, three children and a baby sitter to Kauaia Bay in Maui this summer. Nancy’s looking forward to reunion ‘91.

Debby Rubinowitz Wetzler is continuing an active career in bank note and financial printing, thus keeping close ties to Wall Street. Her oldest son, James, is in the NY State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. Middle son, Mark, a “Wall Street,” is father of Debby’s first granddaughter. Third son, Scott, is a clinical psychologist and editor of a new book, Measuring Mental Illness.

Mary Margaret Topping DeVo writes that they sold their old farm and moved into a new beach condo and thoroughly enjoy condo living. They planned to rent a condo in Big Sky, MT, in Aug. and golf and bike the area. Son Dick works for TW Services at Yellowstone and Dallie hopes it doesn’t burn up again this year!

Shirley Wilson Keller traveled to Scandinavia last summer; Sanibel, FL, last winter; and to a Foundation Conference in Toronto in May. A new grandson was born on Easter Sunday to son, Jay, and his wife, Ann. Chris is still busy with church, hospital and nursing home volunteer work, but saves time for tennis and golf.

Tomoe Murata Arai, now a retiree, volunteers at the Union Theological Seminary Archives. She’s a member of the Rep. of the Southern Advisory Committee for Health Promotion Services in the NYC Dept. for the Aging.

Jessie MacFadyen Oclott and husband, Bob, took a fascinating trip in March to Egypt. The trip was sponsored by their local museum which had just finished hosting the Ramesses II Exhibit. Jessie writes that, unfortunately, her path does not seem to cross CC classmate. She lament they’re behind, in grandchild production, and is now vice president for their local rescue squad.

Frances Wagner Elder writes of the grand conclusion in April of husband’s 75th. For which Aileen Moody Bainton came all the way from Nassau! Jim is still a full-time lawyer and Frances is still involved in trying to preserve Cincinnati’s old architectural treasures. She lament they’re behind, in grandchild production, but take every opportunity they can to visit #1 in Boston.

Joan Paul Loomis’s husband retired in Jan. and is doing free-lance work from home now. In a relaxed schedule. Joan is really enjoying the new routine which included a few days on Cape Cod and a nice Caribbean vacation in March. She keeps busy with Literacy Volunteers, substitute teaching, tennis and family.

Cynthia Terry White spent several days in Vero Beach, FL, with Norm and Jane Montague Wilson in the latter’s new condo. While there, Sally Nichols Herrick also arrived for a visit. In Oct, Cyn attended the 45th reunion of President Claud’s squad. She says, “I am a dynamo!” She spent the weekend with Barbara (Bobby) Miller Gustafson and a year ago, she had a good reunion with Barbara (Barbie) Smith Peck while she was visiting on Hilton Head Island.

Elton St. John Arnold and husband, Len, took a super cruise into New Zealand and Australian ports, and spent a few days on the Great Barrier Reef. They found the countries gorgeous, the people friendly, and they stayed twice as much time everywhere. Daughter,
Carolyn earned her Ph.D. in education from Stanford in June and, at age 37, has her first "9 to 5" job— for an educational research company. Son, Barry, is still vice president and general manager of Amex, Travel Related Services, in the Singapore office. Daughter, Tracy, visited her brother in Stanford in April. Ellie is still playing and working for tennis organizations and Lem may retire in Sept.

Jane Montague Wilson says they have become new FL residents in Vero Beach and considers it an excellent retirement choice, as there is so much to do. Their summer home will be in Bradenton, FL. Jane mentions that, in addition to Cynthia Terry White and Sally Nichols Herrick visiting, Lee Minter Goode also spent some time with them.

Jeanne Lowe Nichols and Charles have just moved to Homestead, FL, because of her health. Their house is on a lake and they love it.

Beatrice Littell Lipp sold her travel agency, but is keeping busy volunteering at International Executive Services Corp., the hospital and the Senior Center. She's playing tennis and doing part-time work at a small publishing house. Bea says she's having fun but sure misses the travel perks!

Catherine Tideman James writes that after Val Revere and her husband, Bob, had a lovely winter vacation in Naples, FL, and then were off to CA, Seattle and British Columbia. When at home, Bobby is busy with duties as membership chairman of the Floor Covering Museum in Old Lyme and he's also on the Board of Trustees of the museum. She plays tennis and golf and helps with many other community affairs, in addition to keeping up with five active grandchildren.

Suzanne Levin Steinberg is a counselor at the U. of CT, Stamford campus. She works particularly with returning adult students, from 25 years up. Sue says there is a great deal of interest in last year's graduating class! Sue's daughter, Joan, lives in ME and her son is 16. Bill, their architect son, lives in Montreal and has one granddaughter. Steve has three children. Joan still enjoys her work, but husband, Cliff, is retired and finds much to interest him.

Gloria Frost Whalen and Art were presented with a fourth grandchild, Virginia Anne, on 3/16/89, her 3-year-old brother's birthday. "My daughters each have a boy and a girl, which I think, is pretty smart—they both learn better from their parents, who had four daughters." Second daughter, Linda, sells fax machines in Orlando and loves her job. Third daughter, Christi, is a psychologist and takes care of two babies. Fourth daughter, Susan, moved into a darling new house in Eustis, FL, making room for their expanding family. Glo keeps busy with tennis, golf, bridge and socializing at other activities for her church, in addition to being a "grouper" at jazz drummer husband, Art's, "gigs." Your correspondent is fascinated by the number of classmates who are moving to my "home" (for 17 years state) "I just hope FL doesn't sink into the ocean."

Our deepest sympathy to Aileen Moody Bainton for the loss of her wonderful husband, Jack.

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The first part of this letter contains a list of classmates and their current activities, interests, and accomplishments. It mentions various events and gatherings, such as reunions and family reunions, where classmates gather to share their experiences and celebrate their connections.

The second part of the letter provides updates on individual classmates, including their current residences, jobs, and personal activities. It mentions the loss of a classmate, the retirement of a teacher, and the birth of a grandchild. It also includes a note of sympathy and encouragement to classmates who may be facing challenges.

The letter concludes with a wish for a successful reunion and a reminder of the importance of staying connected and supportive of one another.

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and for the university reps. who travel through their area.

Mary Oldham McMeekin and her husband, Charles, live in Lima, OH. Mary is the church secretary for a very active 800-member Presbyterian Church. The McMeekins try to visit their three sons and their families wherever they can. Son Charlie and his wife have two sons and live in Randolph, VT, where he teaches. Son Jim is a physician's assistant and lives in Lansing, MI. Son John and his wife have a daughter and live in Cincinnati, OH, where he is a computer technician.

NORMA RITZ PHELPS and her husband, Edmund, of Wayzata, MN, enjoyed a three-week Orient cruise in Jan. '89 with Barbara Long Savage and her husband, Erle.

Maris Blumman Powell and her husband, Jay, of Upper Montclair, NJ, spent three weeks in June '88 in Munich, and St. Gilgen and Salzburg, Austria, as part of a Smithsonian Countryside Study Tour. After 10 years of serving on the Monclair Public Library Board of Trustees, Maris retired; however, she accepted positions on the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood of Essex County and on the Board of Trustees of a local senior and handicapped citizen's low income apartment housing project. Maris also continues to interview prospective CC students.

Carol Raphael Stromeyer and her husband, Norm, who live in Springfield, NJ, and have a summer home in the Thousand Islands, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in Dec. '87 with a trip to Australia and Hawaii. Son John is a high school principal and has grandchildren. Marilyn Wunker Julnes and her husband, Norv, live in Terrace Park, OH. Their daughter, Noel Delmer, and her husband, Joe, adopted 9-month-old non-identical twin girls in March '87; Joel and Joe had a difficult and adventurous two weeks in S. America while waiting to sign adoption papers, but it was all wonderful. Marilyn had a very busy year in '88 managing Norv's growing business, taking care of the apartments, and her mother's affairs; Marilyn's mother died last summer following a severe stroke. The Julnes enjoyed a fall '88 golf outing in Myrtle Beach, SC, and went to FL in Feb. '89.

Emily Birdsall Callman and her husband, Charles, of Ramson, NJ, have six children and six grandchildren between them. Lee had a busy year in '88: her mother died; her children's father died; one child married; they moved to Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. The youngest, Ebby, moved to Minneapolis and enjoys living in a "starter" home in Wellesley, MA, after 22 years. They have two daughters and a wonderful son-in-law.

Mary Gilliam Barber and her husband, Donald, of Frigg Island, SC, were joined by Geraldine Fonte Dolliver and husband, Richard; Diane Roberts Gibson and husband, Frank; Mary Sally Condon Miller and husband, Frederick; and Nancy Kearns Morris and husband, John, for a four-day mini-reunion on Frigg Island this past spring. They enjoyed golf, tennis, swimming and lots of talk.

Annis Boone of Dallas, TX, continues her good work for CC as class agent chairman.

She had a delightful visit in June '88 with Barbara Meeks Lee and her husband, Bob, in Cheshire, CT.

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Cruising from Venice to Istanbul
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Eastern Rhapsody... and a girl
still single. We have five wonderful grandkids. II
months to 5—a busy babysitting routine. Come visit
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Correspondent: Mrs. Edward Dietrich (Carrie Dietrich), 915 N. E. Blvd., Bellevue, WA 98004

REUNION

Except for the 47 of us, plus 24 spouses, who made some part of it, you missed a great reunion! Even New London's weather cooperated. Barbara Rice Kaschkasih and John's lovely 50-acre farm in E. Haddam hosted a delicious lobster/steak, chowder, mussels, etc. Saturday night feast—in spite of the mosquitoes! Barb supplied us with plenty of repast, and the food and good cheer kept fired faculty members Bernice Wheeler and Dr. and Mrs. Richard Goodwin joined us. Cynthia Fenning Rehm's summer home overlooking the Sound in Fenwick was a fitting setting for the weekend. They and Gretchen Taylor Kingman and Phil deserve a big thanks for making it all possible.

At our class meeting the following were elected: President, Vivian L. Thayer (Conny); Correspondent (Alumni Relations) Mary Ann Rossi and Bruce Brackenridge; Treasurer, Sally Lane Braman and Bruce Brackenridge; Secretary, Mary Robertson Jennings, AAGP class agent; and Lois Keating Loeing, class agent. We have a few extra copies of the reunion booklet; to receive one, send $5 to Lois Keating Loeing.

Not shown in the photo left were: married children—Catherine (Cathy) Pappas McNamara and Bill's son, Bill 5/89; grandchildren—Mildred (M'Lee) Catledge Sampson's son, Tom Dalley, has a daughter, Sylvia, making four for M'Lee; Marianne Fisher Hess has two grandsons; Helene Kestenman Handelman and Bill's daughter, Karen Sclari, had Kenay 1/89; and their other daughter, Nina, graduated from Ithaca 5/89; Sally Lane Braman (and Chet have three grandchildren; Judith (Judy) Vankauer Armstrong and her husband, though Shoshana Traub Teicher, who left before graduation, has seven; Susan Shaefter married Robert Wolf in Aug. '87 after 30 years of separation; they were with school and early CC sweethearts! They live in Pelham, MA.

Anne Cross Frost and Kent moved to Canandaigua, NY. Also moving around are Regina (Reggie) Tate, who returned to Deep River, CT. after spending many years teaching in U.S. military schools in Europe; and Janice Adams, who divides her time between NYC and Falmouth, MA.

Martha Flickinger Schroeder is a tennis pro! Her students are children as well as adults. She and Ted are in NJ and have three grown children.

Joanne Williams Hartley and Dick are still in their "starter" home in Wellesley, MA, after 22 years. They have two daughters nearby. The youngest, Margaret, is CC '87. Dick is still with Polaroid and loves it. Jo has "been extraordinarily fortunate to have such a successful career in real estate—in marketing and management and now in investments." They hear from Kathryn (Kathy) Hill Easton and Peter, who introduced Jo and Dick in '82. Peter is a retired USN captain. The Eastons spend their summers in VA Beach and winters in St. Croix.

Janet Weiss Donnelly and Dick live in La Jolla, CA; and Elizabeth (Betty) Sager Burlem and Bill in Coronado, CA. The Burlems have two beautiful (no surprise!) blond daughters.

Nancy Wilson Reynolds' son Jack graduated from the USNA Annapolis; son Ned, from USC&GA; and Sally is a star at U. MA. Willy was divorced 25 years ago.

When the children were small she directed a nursery school and then sold real estate. For the past 10 years she has been a systems analyst with Monarch Life Insurance in Springfield, MA. She's now a rep. with Prudential Insurance, marketing financial services.

Evelyn (Ev) Connolly Meyers writes, "Gill retired in 8/88 and travel is the key word until a new house is built in Pune Vedra Beach, FL. The youngest, Ebby, will start college and John starts LSU med school this fall. Five girls are married, and one, a girl still single. We have five wonderful grandchildren, 11 months to 5—a busy babysitting routine. Come visit
after mid '90 in FL. We couldn't get any of you to come to Baton Rouge!"

Carolyn Chapple Reed and David moved to ... and is a travel agent.

Mary Lee Matheson Larsen hosted a mini-reunion in DC in March for Norma Hamady Richards, Ann Reagan Weeks, Ann Dygert Brady, Polly (Pam) Parnell Harlow, Jan King Evans, Donna McIntosh Teel, Nancy Maddi Avallone and Lois Keating Learned. It was delightful catching up with everyone. Mary Lee's interior design business, "A Better Arrangement," is thriving. Norma is busy with her part-time job at a local boy's independent school, her busy doctor husband and their three married children. Ann Weeks is still at HUD and enjoying it. Ann Brady's at ABC News, and Jan is currently with Tom Jarrell. Pan is adjusting to her recent divorce, and Jan is keeping up with her two girls and granddaughter. Donna is working in a museum and her 13-year-old son keeps her on the run. Nancy is involved with Annapolis Historic Society and took Norma and me (Lois Learned) on a wonderful, personal tour.

Margaret (Margie) MacVean Finn is recovering after a terminal battle with cancer. The class joins me in sending condolences to Diane MacNellie Dryden on the death of her husband, 12/27; and to M.C. Catledge Sampson on her mother's death, 1/31.

Correspondent: Mrs. H. J. Schoeller (Henrietta Jackson), 3535 Holmes Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55408

Review Prospective Luce Scholars

Connecticut College is one of 60 private colleges invited each year by the Henry Luce Foundation to nominate two or three outstanding seniors or alumni under age 29 to serve a professional apprenticeship in East or South Asia. The heart of the program lies in the internship and individual job placement arranged for each scholar, which is experimental rather than academic in nature and encourages students to explore a different cultural environment. The program seeks students with a wide range of professional interests and is not open to Asian studies or international affairs majors. Applicants must have a high academic record, leadership ability and a clearly defined career interest.

Applications and additional material are available in the Office of the Dean of the College. The campus deadline for application is Oct. 31, 1989.
The Class of '64 held its dinner in the Chappell and McKee Galleries of the Lyman Allyn Museum.

Correspondents: Elaine Diamond Berman, 33 N. Wyoming Ave., South Orange, NJ 07079, and Mrs. Edmund LeFever (Nancy Keith), 13 Young Lane, Wilmington, DE 19807

Portrait of the '64, the 25th reunion class. The Class of '64 held its dinner in the Chappell and McKee Galleries of the Lyman Allyn Museum.

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Correspondents: Mrs. Eugene Mercy Jr. (Sue Bernstein), 1111 Park Ave., New York, NY 10128

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MARRIED: Alice Dawn to David A. Aronson, 5/26/89.

Alice Dawn, married in May, will continue to teach French at Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill, MA. David is a senior budget analyst for the City of Boston.

Camilla (Cammy) Boitel Burgess' daughter, Deedee, 22, has a B.A. from Smith, is doing graduate work in education, and was married in June.

Joyce Heal Payler's son, Briggs, graduated from Conn in May. He will be working in a three-year management training program with Aetna near Middletown, CT. Joyce and Ray visited Emily Haugen Talbert and husband, Joe, in CA.

Debbie Brown Pillorge is working at Children's Hospital in Baltimore and the Assoc. for Retarded Citizens in MD on a volunteer basis. Sailing continues to be Debbie and George's favorite activity with a trip last summer from Baltimore to Nantucket. Daughter Nicole received her Bachelor of Architecture degree this year from NC State U. Younger daughter, Michele, completed her freshman year at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Margaret (Margo) Hooker Moser completed her doctorate in counseling and human development at George Mason U. in May. She planned to teach in the fall. Margo's husband, Jack, is the civilian head of the Naval Imaging Command and an active traditional jazz clarinet player. Both children, Cara and Charley, are married with two children each.

Joan (Misty) Addison Berry works assessing Peer Review Organization contracts with the Medicare program. She volunteers for her church's women's association and as secretary of the community association board. Joan's oldest son, Erik, married in July.

Mary Aswell Doll moved to LA because of a job offer. Bill received from LSU. Next year Mary will be teaching at Holy Cross College in the humanities division.

Alice Katz Goldstein recently moved to Stamford, CT. Alice is a social worker at Burke Rehab, Center. She sees Linda (Lennie) Siegel Anstendig and Paula Berry Langsam.

Betty Grossman writes that through her work as a school counselor she received a grant from the Commonwealth of MA to visit "lesser-known, less expensive colleges which accept students with average records." She continues to enjoy her work, friends and family.

Due to the gorgeous weather, the picnic on the lawn was a great success—with excellent food and diet decaffeinated iced tea. After lunch, our class photo was taken on the steps of the old Palmer Library, now called Blaustein Humanities Center. Our 25th reunion
Chairperson, Ellen Greenspan Cardwell, shepherded us inside Blaustein for a program on "Women in Their Prime: Where We Come From, How We Got Here, Where We're Going" opened by Dr. J. Melvin Woody, a philosophy professor who joined the CC faculty during our Jr year. The Class Book will contain reports compiled from the program.

The Class Book will also contain the results of "The Questionnaire" we all received in March and a copy of the class photo. Every reunion attendee will automatically receive one; anyone else wishing to have a copy of this enlightening document should send an additional check for $3.50 to Mary Woodworth Lyon, along with class dues of $30 (if you haven't already paid). Mary's address: 5800 Montauk Ave, New London, CT 06320.

Our class dinner at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum will not be forgotten by those in attendance. President Gauiani arrived as the appetizers were served. A delightful Sunday morning interlude was provided for us by our classmate, JoAnn Ross Berey, who presented a fascinating talk and slide show about the evolution of her art.

Camera clicked while hugs and promises to write were exchanged, and our 25th reunion was over. Surely everyone who attended went home feeling glad to be an alumnus of CC and part of such a special class. We are all very grateful to Ellen Greenspan Cardwell and Patricia Edwards Anderson for putting together such a wonderful weekend; and to Dhuanne Schmitz Tansill for making us look respectable in the eyes of the CC Development Office.

Sandy Bannister Dolan has agreed to serve as class correspondent for another five years, so she'll be in touch, soliciting your news for the Alumni Magazine. Sandy, Ellen Greenspan Cardwell and Dhuanne Schmitz Tansill will co-chair our 30th reunion and would very much appreciate your suggestions and comments in regard to that event. After all, reunion is for you!

Correspondent: Sandy Bannister Dolan, 301 Cliff Ave., Petham, NY 03803

Jeanette Meditz Jordan was honored in January with the Fred Pettijohn Award for her outstanding contribution by the Fort Lauderdale FL News and Sun Sentinel. A member of the staff for more than 10 years, Jeanette was cited for her work as a leader and teacher, and for "grace under pressure."

Helen Haase Johnson reports that she became a great-grandmother for the second time in March. The new arrival is Pierce Endress Sharpe. Helen is now serving on the Editorial Board of the Alumni Magazine.

Ellen Kagan has switched careers again (after real estate, city planning, stockbroking, and insurance). Kagan Associates provides time-saving services for people, and she enjoys it very much. She also has been singing in clubs and on for five years for additional fun. Ellen also commended the Alumni Assoc, for the postcard for class notes in the Alumni Magazine.

Deborah Nichols Losee teaches French at AZ State U. and is a member of the core faculty of the Women's Studies Center there. Her daughter, Kate, will enter high school this year, and is already thinking about colleges. Son, Owen, is in second grade. Katherine (Kate) Curtis Donahue visited last fall, and planned to return in April with her three sons. Debbie would like to see more classmates!

Rona Shor Blakestein began a new position as controller for the NY branches of Bank Hapoalim in May. Previously she spent five years as CPA on the audit staff of Arthur Andersen and six years in banking.

Pamela Mendelson, after two and a half years of "eyes to the screen" and fingers on the keys, had her book published in June, reporting what happened in lives of the 90 women since they were interviewed for Happy By Degrees 10 years ago. Degrees of Success, to be published by Princetion's in Princeton, is filled with stories about the long-range effects of getting academic life-on families, careers, lifestyles, self-images, etc. "I'm back on a college campus myself, this time as director of development for our public radio station-" Ym!"

Correspondent: Mrs. Thomas Rutter (Courtney Ulrich), 15 Crowley Dr., Old Saybrook, CT 06475


Ellen Leader Pike of Lancaster, PA, was slated to spend six weeks in China this summer after being accepted into a Fulbright-Hays Summer Seminar Abroad for a Foreign Service Officer, but unfortunately her trip was canceled because of the student revolution there. Ellen is head of the history dept. at Lancaster Country Day School and a specialist in East Asian history and culture. She's a contributing editor to the fourth French "lifestyle" book in collaboration with Pierre Deux. She writes that Benjamin, 5, is a frequent flier in her own right because he's a veteran of six transatlantic trips. Her husband is involved in the wine importing business, so trips sometimes take him to Bordeaux.

Elizabeth Davison Mors has lived in the Netherlands for the last 20 years. She and her second husband now live in an old farmhouse out in the middle of the windy Dutch fields right near the North Sea. Her son Andrew is 9, Charlotte, 7; William, 5; Marie, almost 3; and Tom, 9 months. The children go to the only English community school in Holland and are fluent in three languages.

Barbara DiTrillo Mannino moved into a new home in NJ eight months ago with Ross Keith, 16, and Nadia, 13. Barbara has freelance PR work for newspapers and newsletters. She also works as a legal assistant to the corporate attorney of a national company.

To Kathleen Dowling reports that her biggest accomplishment since graduating from Conn has been raising four children alone. After many years as a therapist in MA she relocated to Venice, FL, and started a home accessories design company called "Plum Cove."

Sue Feil O'Donnell has spent quite a year traveling around the world and seeing Conn friends. She has seen Lila Gault in Cape May, Nancy Kaufman Schmer in NYC, Lauren Braun in LA, San Diego and NYC, Gale Rawson in PA and Janet Finckelstein in Paris. Her eldest son, Whitney Lukens, is a Wesleyan sophomore. Husband, Rick, is now a Coast Guard captain. Because of his latest assignment as chief of the Environmental Response Div., he has been deeply involved with the Alaskan oil spill. Her daughter, Jennifer, graduated from Bethesda-Chova High School last June and will attend Columbia this fall.

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This past year they hosted an exchange student from Germany. In Sept. they will go from three teenagers to one as the exchange student goes home and her older son goes off to Yale.

Carolyn Conybeare and husband, Jim, still enjoy living in NYC. They enjoy sailing and bartending in the Caribbean, as well as in the NY harbor. Carolyn recently started doing volunteer work in the local hospitals' Rape Crisis Program.

Linda Dannenberg is a frequent traveler to Paris lately. She's a contributing editor to European Travel and Life magazine. Recently in Paris she saw Esther Carlinier Virus, and occasionally Patricia (Patty) Carlinier. She is now finishing work on her fourth French "lifestyle" book in collaboration with Pierre Deux. She writes that Benjamin, 5, is a frequent flyer in his own right because he's a veteran of six transatlantic trips. Her husband is involved in the wine importing business, so trips sometimes take him to Bordeaux.

Dinmore Fulton is with Prudential Asset Management and is responsible for real estate marketing for the Prudential Realty Group's pension, endowment, and insurance department, and a number of other businesses. She is married to Brooks Deane, who is a lawyer. They have sons Taylor and Brooke Denegre, 16 and 12, respectively.

Patricia Gaynor Hartman reports that this summer marked the fiftieth anniversary of Pasta Unlimited, a fresh pasta and gourmet food store. Dessert! Down with a friend. She reports long hours but says the benefits of being her own boss. Her son, Kurt, is a teenager this year. She took up downhill skiing to share an activity with him.

Pamela Gnazzo Larrabee is still a trial attorney with the Criminal Enforcement Section of the Tax Div. of the Dept. of Justice. Her trial assignments bring her to New England often to visit with friends and family. Husband, Rick, is now a Coast Guard captain. Because of his latest assignment as chief of the Environmental Response Div., he has been deeply involved with the Alaskan oil spill. Her daughter, Jennifer, graduated from Bethesda-Chova High School in June and will attend Columbia this fall.

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TV, thinking they could have watched more! Andrea Hittlian Mendell reports that her husband is now the charge of Goldman Sachs Capital. They recently took a vacation to Tanzania and Kenya for a 17-day photographic safari. "Camping in the wild was delightful, especially without telephones." She is currently working part time as a sales rep. for Anne Klein Sportswear.

Stephanie Hisrich Meyer reports that her daughter, Alison, is now looking at colleges and son, Rob, enjoys sports, computers, and Goldman Sachs Capital. She has decided to take some time off from being a social worker and has a myriad of projects going.

Judith (Judy) Irving has been directing plays in San Francisco over the past year. She has also shot a documentary called "Secrets of the Bay," about the San Francisco Bay as a wildlife refuge under siege. She is still working on low-budget feature scripts. She lives with Christopher Beaver, her life and work partner, in a co-op apartment in San Francisco. Her film, "Dark Circle," aired on PBS Aug. 8.

Charlotte (Carla) Meyer was married last summer to Chuck Arnold, a TV director and director of photography. Maria (Mia) Braden Clark and Hilary Saunders both made the trip to LA for the wedding. She has also formalized her business, "The Verbal Exchange," working on coaching dialects and voice for TV and film. She is currently working on "Baby Boon" and "Raising Miranda."

Dianne Sanborn is on the last leg of a two-year master's degree in psychology at Simmons College. She reports that her sister, Suzanne Sanborn O'Cheskey, planned to move to NH this past summer. Cheryl Shepley Deane-Mannino is a new mother. After three years as chairing Junior League's Cookbook Development Committee, the book came out in May '89. Polly Leonard-Keener is the artist for the cookbook! She continues performing, writing and directing as her time allows.

Juan Burrows Barnett is pursuing an MBA and is director, Fowler-McCracken Commission and vice president, International Management and Development Institute. She enjoys tennis, music and working with her husband in his playwriting.

Linda Demikat was recently named vice principal at Avon Middle School, Avon, CT. Most recently she has taken courses in English as a Second Language at William Patterson College in NJ.

Carol Fraser Fisk, former U. S. Commissioner on Aging, became editor of the DC-based monthly newspaper, Aging Network News, in June. In '88 she received the Lindsay award of the Humane Letters, honorary causa, from Alfred, AL. Among those close to doing it all are our class officers: Tom (Tony) Sheridan, president; Katharine Powell Corbin, vice president; Louis Humphries, secretary; Katharine (Katie) Paun, reunion chairperson; Norma Darragh, class agent chair; Karen Miller Vos, class co-correspondents.

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Pamela Bliss has her own business in the Denver area, writing and leading seminars on international marketing, cross-cultural communications and managing a diverse workforce. She studies African dance and plays corgo drum in a band. She plans to visit Zanzibar this year.

Leslie (Lee) Griffiths teaches in the social work school at Simmons College and does private practice as well as working in a clinic. She continues to travel and is working on a book.

Margaret (Mardie) McCreary visited CC in Aug. '88 with her daughter, whose highlight seemed to be the juice machines! Mardie has taken on a law partner to become a partner in her practice, and describes him as a nice complement to her feminist image, and a man as committed to quality lawyering and parenting as she.

Martha Sloan Felch has been with Shawmut Bank of Boston for four years as vice president and senior product manager of electronic cash management products. Daughter Sarah, 3, is in child care at Harvard Business School. "I am working with contractors to refurbish the third floor and exterior of their 19th-century Mansard-style Victorian in Newton, MA.

Lucy Thomson finds new daughter, Tory, a delight. Daughter Elizabeth, 3, loves preschool, swimming and is a "whirlwind" of activity. Lucy is president of the Women's Bar Assoc. of DC and was installed at a meeting at the New Zealand Embassy. In this position, Lucy supervises 50 committee chairpeople and runs numerous meetings. She will also resume part-time work at the Justice Dept. after maternity leave. She spent much of fall '88 in OR working on a mental rehabilitation study.

Christine Webb Letts was named director of the IN Dept. of Highways in Jan. '89. In this position, she is responsible for all highways, including design, construction and maintenance, and also for all state toll roads and bridges. She previously was vice president of corporate responsibility at Cummins Engine Co.

Karen Deglin Knowlton and her husband, Kim, spent a May '89 vacation in Europe, visiting relatives in France and Germany. While there, Karen had the special experience of seeing the German village from which her ancestors emigrated, and also had a pleasant lunch visit with Pamela Brooks Perraud, who works at IBM in Paris. Pam also teaches management courses for an American school, and her children, Marc, 10; and Andrea, 6, are back in the French school system in their Paris suburb. In April '89, Karen and her family enjoyed seeing Susan Lee, Barbara Hermann and Christine Heiman Bakalar at the Chicago area alumni meeting with CC President Claire Gaudiani. We discussed, among other things, next year's reunion—just to remind everyone, it's coming up! Sue continues in banking; Barb teaches 2nd grade in Highland Park; and Chris works part time with the Chicago LightHouse for the Blind, in between ferrying kids to their various extracurricular activities. Their twins are 11.

Barbara Roses Resntcow was promoted to chief rehabilitation case.

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Karen DuBrul was elected to partnership in the Philadelphia law firm of Blank, Rome, Comisky and MacCainley.

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Susan Rothwell Gurney is a part-time librarian at the Office of Artistic and Historical Institutions. Ellen Seaman, husband Ben Kae, and son, Tyler, love living in Los Angeles. Ellen is a part-time consultant for a beauty products manufacturer. She has a house in Venice, CA and family in Scripps Ranch, CA.

Martha Seely is busy renovating a Victorian house in Somerville, MA. She designs for film, video, and print with her husband artist Marthe. Martha was production designer for her first feature film last year.

Shannon Stock Shuman, daughters Rowe, 10, and Rachel, 7, have moved into a new house in Silver Spring, MD. Shannon is director of International Trade Services for a DC law firm. She travels 10 weeks a year, mostly to Japan, but also Hong Kong and Sweden this year.

Debra Stone Banker has recently moved to Chappaqua, NY. She is busy with school activities and getting to know her new area.

Nelson Lukes-C-Roosevelt Hospital in NYC, where she is also a member of the American Nurses Association.

Sarah Dean Peck, husband, Tom, and baby, Georgia. She is a lecturer in the university's Honors Program.

Deborah Kennedy teaches English as a Second Language at a cloistered school in Hong Kong. Deborah teaches English as a Second Language at a cloistered school in Hong Kong.

Karen Davidson practices law in Providence, RI. She lives in a big old house close to the bay and has been to Mexico, HI and CO this past year.

Sibyl Davis Quayle and husband, David, and baby, Georgia. She is a designer and is an avid weekend runner.

Janet Lawrence and husband, Mark, are parents of two children: Jonathan, 4, and Laura, 2. They live in a Victorian house built in 1810 and on the National Historic Register.

Michael Franklin is a child psychologist in Mystic, CT. His alumni basketball team won the "A League" intramurals at Conn last winter. Team members include Stephen Brady, Ben, and Alex.


and husband, Hugh, enjoyed a three-week vacation in Japan and Thailand.

Peggy Van Raalte is a clinical psychologist in private practice in NJ. She visits regularly with Elisabeth Brown and Juliet Buchwalter, fellow psychologists.

Elizabeth Widdicombe commutes between Philadelphia, where she is vice president and editor-in-chief of Saunders College Publishing; and Chicago, where husband, Gene manages two bookstores. They recently shared a villa with seven friends on vacation in France, Italy.

Wendy Golart Wachter continues to work as a computer consultant for a Navy R&D Lab in New London, CT. Her current project involves programming a computer to analyze and display acoustical data recorded at sea. She recently contacted Laurene Giovannelli Palmer and Carol Weller Cline. Laurene was a semifinalist at Legate McColl/Grabb and Ellis, Inc., a very rare honor for a special ed. teacher. Carol and her husband and two kids are settled in VA, where she teaches math and he works for a DC-based financial company.

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77 Correspondents: Amy Friedlander Gorin, 2 Seaver St., Wellesley Hills, MA 02181, and Sheila Saunders, 2059 Huntington Dr., So. Pasadena, CA 91103

78 MARRIED: Donald Capelin to Beth Rachelle Schneider, 9/25/88.


David Cruthers is curator of Education and Development at the Great Neck Historical Society to care for Sarah, and returned part-time in April ’89. She and husband, Jeffrey, live in Victor, NY, outside of Rochester.

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79 REUNION

The class of ’79 celebrated its 10th reunion on a beautiful spring day! The activities started Friday evening with the all-class dinner sponsored by the American Graduate School of Management in Glendale, AZ.

Leigh Semomite Palmer recently turned full-time mom to Elizabeth (7/20/87) and Alan (4/20/89), but continues her activities as secretary on the board of directors at the Portland Yacht Club.

Willa Trueswell Townsend took a six-month leave from her position as curator of the Ontario County Historical Society to care for Sarah, and returned part-time in April ’89. She and husband, Jeffrey, live in Vicor, NY, outside of Rochester.

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80 MARRIED: Donna Reid to James Holdman, 7/9/88.


Jonathan Golden recently produced the soundtrack for the 3-D movie “Spaceshots, a century of stereo photography.”

Jonathan Robbins and Susan are enjoying the challenge of raising their two little girls, Laura and Melanie. He defines “ecstasy” as hearing his toddler scream “Hi Dad, Dad!” when he comes home from work.

He’s manager of corporate communications for the Ares-Serono Group, a multinational pharmaceutical firm in Boston.

Clotthier, president and treasurer; John Bush, vice president and 15th reunion chairman (we had to have a Bush in our cabinet somewhere!); Judith (Judy) Newman, class correspondent; and a repeat performance by Daniel Hirschhorn, “the money man” as class agent. All in all, it was a great day with approximately 25% of our class returning from far and wide for the festivities. Special thanks go out to Chip Clothier for making all the arrangements and for being our “guiding spirit”; to Dan Hirschhorn for raising a record amount for the AAGP; and to Judy Newman for providing us with great beach towels to commemorate this historic event (there are still a few left at $8 per towel, call Chip at 201/832-9147).

Correspondent: Judy A. Newman, 29 Winthrop Place, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

MEET THE PRESS

Elizabeth Coombs began work in March, 1989 as the editorial assistant for the Alumni Magazine. Her main responsibilities include editing, writing and research. A 1984 graduate of the University of Minnesota, Coombs majored in international relations and French.

Most recently she was Customs and Enforcement Liaison for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Export Licensing in Washington, DC. She also has been assistant to the director and export administration specialist in that department. Coombs previously was a research analyst at the Library of Congress. She is a free-lance writer, currently specializing in speech writing and tourism promotion.

Class Notes Editor Mary Farrar came to the Alumni Magazine in August, 1989. She coordinates the efforts of 90 class correspondents and proofreaders and copy edits the magazine in its entirety every issue.

Farrar graduated from Wheaton College in 1985 with a major in English Literature. She has written marketing and promotional copy for Bret Farrar Productions, a family film and video business in New London which has done video work for the college, and she has also been a volunteer for the Garde Art Center. In addition, Farrar has worked part time for The (New London) Day.

Farrar and her husband, Bret, have a son, Benjamin, 2, and a daughter, Julia, 3 months.

Farrar replaces Marie Parrish, who was the Class Notes Editor from March, 1988 until late August, 1989. Parrish and her husband, a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, have been transferred to Norfolk, Virginia.
Alumni Association Executive Board News

As the incoming Alumni Association president, I have been asked to say a few words about the Association and what I think the near future will hold. As is usually the case, some things will be different and some things will be the same.

The most noticeable change was already set into motion before I came along. As you may know, the offices of the Alumni Association will move into a house at 146 Mohoegan Avenue. Our new home, which we plan to move into by July, 1990, is a wonderful, traditional New England house with a large front porch. It has been used as faculty housing for several years, and was at one time the home of College President Benjamin T. Marshall. A designer will reorganize its interior space to fit the various functions of the staff, while leaving some space for meeting and reception rooms. It will be traditional and homely on the outside and modernized on the inside. A comfortable union of the old and new is a fitting headquarters for the Alumni Association, I think, since we try to embody both the history and tradition of the college and the innovative spirit of education.

We are vacating our space in Crozier-Williams to allow the entire building to be refurbished into “College Center:” a meeting place for the entire college community which will house recreational facilities, the post office, the bookstore, and offices for student programs. The old slides contributed by class members commemorating pre-graduation events. The crowd then adjourned to the ConnCave to groove to the tunes of The B. Willie Smith Band.

Sun. morning class members were provided with continental breakfast in Larrabee living room before heading home amid promises to return to Conn in five years for our 10th!

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Peter Margolis received his doctor of medicine degree from the Medical College of PA in May. He will practice internal medicine at RI Hospital in Providence.

Jean Abdella moved to Boston last summer to open an office for General Reinsurance. Jean vacationed with Mary Walsh last summer and looked forward to doing so again this year.

Stacey Baron works at Backer Spielvogel Bates, an ad agency in NY, and is a fitness-obsessed West Side enthusiast.

Lelia (Lee) Brock Alexander is a personnel manager for Alexander and Alexander, an insurance agency in Greenwich, CT. She and husband, Stu, live in Cos Cob. Mary Walsh and Jean Abdella were bridesmaids in her wedding on 10/18/86.

Nanette Brodeur is finishing her master’s in education and is a high school biology student teacher in the Worcester area. She spent the last four years as a wildlife biologist in the Sierras and is happy to be back East.

By President Helen Reynolds ’68

“Cro” will be renovated in three phases, with the Sykes Alumni wing being part of Phase I. Look for a feature article in the next issue of the Alumni Magazine for details on the new Alumni House and the renovation of Crozier-Williams.

In the coming year, I think you are going to see and hear more about the college and about the Alumni Association. President Gaudiani visited alumni in most major U.S. cities during her first year. We can take little credit for her outgoing personality and her newsworthy plans (other than the fact that she is also an alumna), but the Alumni Association and the local clubs will undoubtedly receive some of the attention she generates. You will probably see more of this, as Connecticut College continues to come to you.

In addition, we are going to have more reasons for you to come to Connecticut College. You are going to hear about more alumni involvement in events happening at the college. There are many reasons why alumni of Connecticut College would be involved in events on campus. Reunions are the obvious campus reconnection, with the friendships, memories, and personal evolution that they engender. But other opportunities for alumni to come back to campus — intellectual as well as nostalgic — will be coming your way. Without pre-empting any surprises for the future, let me put it this way: Watch your mail.
Geoffrey Buscher is working on his master's in journalism at Columbia.

Katharine Canfield and husband, Mont Fennel '83, live in Los Angeles where Kathy is in the USC grad school of journalism. She works as a researcher for public television.

Anthony (Tony) Caitlin works for Nason Design in Boston and is the art director of East Coast Windsurfing Magazine. He reports Bryon White sells graphic design at Ed Foster Design, and William (Bill) Charbonneau is a construction mogul and a test driver of Porsche 911 turbos.

Diane Cook spent a month in Moscow, Leningrad and Tallinn (Estonia) performing with three other jugglers at clubs and parks. Dave and an American friend met the two Russian jugglers with whom they performed through a pen-pal program.

Barbara Cooper Stiles received an MA in reading education from URI. She, husband, Shawn, and son Michael live in Groton, CT. Barbara teaches first grade in Colchester, CT, with Karen Hanson Nichols.

Lisa DeCesare Curry is a divisional sales manager for Jordan Marsh in Warwick, RI. She and husband, David, own a 115-year-old home and are looking forward to lots of work on it.

Dietlind (Linda) Dirks spent the last five years in Tokyo, where she received her master's in Japanese history at Sophia U.. She recently moved to Kogosharma, on the southern tip of Kyushu, where she works as a translator and makes Satsuka pottery which she plans to sell in Kogosharma City.

Greg Gabrielle is a project manager for Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., an environmental engineering firm in White Plains.

Elizabeth (Liz) Gottlieb is an accommodations manager for Club Med. During the last two and half years, Liz has worked in Bermuda; the Bahamas; Mexico; FL, and most recently, Copper Mountain, CO.

Andrea Graves finished her MS at UC Davis in Dec., '87 and works for a plant biotech firm in San Jose. She sees Hope Windle and Brigeda Bank at UC.

Karen Hanson Nichols lives in Natick and teaches 2nd grade in Colchester, CT. She is pursuing a master's in teaching at Conn.

Alison Hall has been living in San Francisco for two years and loves it!

Anne-Marie Hartigan earned a master's from Wesleyan. She teaches high school and lives in South Glastonbury, CT.

Philip Hayden spent three years with the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities in Boston before returning to school to get his master's. He is a fellow in the Winterthur Program in Winterthur, DE, and is finishing his master's by American Culture. Phil says that although he hasn't been a great correspondent, he thinks of his Conn friends often.

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Elizabeth (Liz) Kolber is a men's contemporary sportswear buyer for Bloomingdale's. She lives in NYC, but travels to all 16 Bloomingdale's stores.

Sheri Lunden Ted lives in CA with husband, John, an engineer, and their two children. Sheri recently received her certificate in floristry training. Working on a new home and caring for 5-year-old daughter, Michelle, and 17-month-old son, Max, keep her very busy.

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Hanna Hopp Day is an admissions representative for the NY social life and adds, "...I still love to talk!"

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Elizabeth Wingate Ehrhorn still enjoys her work at
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Kathryn (Katie) Flene teaches 3rd grade at the
Sanborn School in Andover, MA.

Christopher Fay has kept busy while leading
American tourists across the Soviet Union, spending
three months on the Bering Sea as an interpreter on a
Soviet fishing vessel, and working for an American
fashion marketing firm which produced a series of shows
in the U.S.S.R.

Rebecca Gates is heavily into the "underground
music scene" in Portland, OR.

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Dear Fellow Alumni:

We open the new academic year with a number of summer achievements behind us. Our first Minority Summer Advancement Institutes brought 100 high school freshmen and their teachers to the campus. These students took three weeks of intensive coursework in one of the following areas: computer science, coastal marine biology, a chemical demonstration workshop, religion as a social force, and music and perception. Each Institute was taught jointly by Connecticut College professors and teachers from the students' own schools. Connecticut College students lived in the dorms as mentor-counselors. We welcomed back many alumni as well, as speakers and mentors. Following their experience this summer, these freshmen will return to the college for reunion workshops during the year, and will keep in touch with their mentors. The Institutes have received publicity on television, radio, in the Christian Science Monitor, The New York Times, The Day (New London, CT paper), and several other publications.

Summer also saw the continuation of the strategic planning process. In June, a drafting team of faculty, students, and administrators read the 12 planning team reports, designed the structure of the strategic plan, and pushed, pulled, cut and pasted the team reports to create a first draft of the college's Five-Year Plan for the next stage of excellence. The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed this draft in July.

In August, students, faculty and staff read the draft and offered suggestions before the production of the second draft, planned for September 17, 1989. Sonia Claus Gleason '85 has worked all summer as planning assistant. While it is too early to offer a detailed summary of the plan, it will call for a redesign of our general education requirements, and will expand our honors program, as well as strengthen faculty-student interaction outside of class. I'll write more on the Five-Year Plan in my next letter.

During the past year I reached the conclusion that our current students would benefit from more direct contact with alumni. The Alumni Association Executive Board agrees, and will set up the new Distinguished Alumni Speakers Forum this fall. Under the current plan, an alumnus will spend half a day on campus, speak to classes, make formal presentations on a topic, and then have dinner with the students and faculty.

Homecoming will offer another chance to honor alumni. On September 23 we will dedicate the Connecticut College Athletic Hall of Fame to recognize alumni who have achieved distinction as athletes. Alumni Association President Helen Reynolds '68 will host this event. Each year other alumni will be considered for election to the Athletic Hall of Fame. I will be on the road again this year and look forward to seeing many of you in person around the country.

Cordially,

Dr. Claire Gaudiani '66
President
Snapshots of the Soviet Union.
Feature story on page 6.