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## **Connecticut College** Alumni Association



COMING IN JULY: A MERGER

his interim news bulletin from the Alumni Association is intended to keep you informed while some exciting changes are underway. The transformation of *The Connecticut College Alumni Magazine* to the *Connecticut College Magazine* does not mark the end of an era. On the contrary, the change is in keeping with a tradition that started in May of 1924 with the appearance of *The Connecticut College Alumni Annual*, a publication with a subscription price of seventy-five cents. Four years later, the annual became *Connecticut College Alumni News*, a quarterly that included class notes. Then, in 1971, the *News* was changed to *Alumni Magazine*, a name that has been used for the past twenty years.

Due in July, the forthcoming publication merges the familiar magazine of the Alumni Association with *View*, a news magazine previously published by the college's Office of College Relations. The new format will keep the best of the old, such as class notes, alumni profiles, and campus news, but will add a sharper, more readable design, several new features, and an expanded number of pages. The addition of four-color printing in the body of the magazine may be the first thing you notice, but the changes are about more than extra color. The aim is to give you, the reader, a more comprehensive view of life at and beyond Connecticut College and a better means of participating by sharing your ideas, class notes, and letters. Best of all, the *Connecticut College Magazine* will appear six times a year, keeping you informed of new developments in a timely manner.

Special thanks are extended to the Magazine Committee of the Alumni Association: Laurie Norton Moffatt '78, (chairman), Leslie Margolin, '77, Helene Zimmer-Loew, '57, Sam Bottum, '89, and Rindy Regan Hallarman, '78, and to co-editor Chuck Luce, associate director for publications from the Office of College Relations, for the careful attention they have devoted to shaping the new magazine. Thanks also to Helen Reynolds, '68, president of the Alumni Association and to Kristin Lambert '69, executive director, for both their leadership and insight.

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## Alumni Association Slate Of Officers

The Nominating Committee presents the 1991 slate of candidates for Alumni Association Officers. The slate was chosen carefully from suggestions made by alumni across the nation. A ballot will be mailed to all alumni in April. The procedure for nomination by petition is outlined below.

#### Kevon Copeland '76 Alumni Trustee '91-'96

Since 1980, Kevon has served as Assistant Vice President, Foreign Direct Investment, for the Pittsburgh National Bank. After graduating from Connecticut with a B.A. in history/Asian studies, Kevon attended the School of Law, University of Pittsburgh. He earned an MBA in



Finance from the U. of Pittsburgh in 1980. An Executive Board member of the Alumni Association, he co-chaired the Minority Alumni Committee and served as an alumni admissions representative. Kevon also serves on the Board of Trustees for Sewickley Academy. He is a former board member of the National Black MBA Association and past president of its Pittsburgh chapter.

#### Leslie Margolin '77 Treasurer '91-'94

Leslie received her B.A. in Government in 1977, having served as President of SGA and Chair of the Judiciary Board. She earned a J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law in 1980 and a Masters of the Law in Labor in 1981. A member of the bar in Connecticut and New York, Leslie



was recently named Senior Counsel to the National Accounts Division of CIGNA Corporation's Employee Benefits Group. Formerly associated with the Hartford firm of Murtha, Cullina, Richter and Pinney, Leslie serves on the American Arbitration Association's Panel of Commercial Arbitrators. She is an active member of the Legal Advisory Council of the Washington Business Group on Health and the Board of Directors of the Hartford Chapter of the American Corporate Council Association and serves on the faculty of UCONN's Insurance Law Institute. She is also active with the Hartford Track Club.

#### Samuel E. Bottum '89 Director, '91-'94

Sam majored in history (government minor) and was president of the Student Government Association during his senior year. He also chaired the South African Scholarship Fund Committee and was co-founder of the Connecticut College Community Outreach Opportunity League



(COOL). After working for one year as a development assistant for the Close Up Foundation, a non-profit, nonpartisan civic education organization in Washington, D.C., Sam has recently relocated to San Francisco. He was appointed to finish the term as chairman of the Undergraduate/Young Alumni Committee for 1990-91.

#### Catherine Young James '75 Director, '91-'94

Catherine earned a B.A. anthropology in 1975, and an M.S. in counseling and human resource development from the U. of Bridgeport in 1990. From 1984 to the present, she has served as Human Resources Planner for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Her other experience includes working as an



employment representative at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, a staff trainer at NYC Health and Hospital Corp., and nurse staffing coordinator, Group Health Cooperative, Eastside Hospital, Seattle, WA. Her accomplishments include planning and leading human services programs, researching staffing policy and supervising a recruitment team to place college interns. Her professional associations include the Society for Human Resources Management, the N.Y. Human Resources Planning Society, Pace University C-Step Advisory Board, and the Connecticut College Minority Alumni Committee. A nutrition and exercise enthusiast, Catherine is committed to helping young people in her community.

#### Eric Kaplan '85 Director, '91-'94

Eric has served as Senior/Alumni Class President since 1984. He earned a B.A. in psychology and was the class speaker for Commencement. His Ed.M., with a concentration in administration, planning and social policy, is from Harvard University, 1989. After graduating from Connecticut, Eric served in Admissions



and Financial Aid at Westbrook College in Portland, ME. In 1989, he was appointed Assistant Director of Admissions at Boston University, a post he holds today. For the past four years, he also has worked at the Higher Education Information Center in Boston, providing counseling to inner city high school students.

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

A. Nominations

i. By Nominating Committee

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

ii. By Petition

Nomination for any elective office may be made by petition signed by at least 25 active members of the Association, such petition to be received by the Nominating Committee by April 15 in any given year.

## Board Seeks Approval to Donate \$141,000 to Becker House

Board Recommends Dissolving General Savings Fund to Support the Construction of New Alumni Center

During a meeting Sunday, March 3, the Executive Board of the Alumni Association accepted by acclamation a proposal to ask the Association membership to dissolve the Association's General Savings Fund. All of the proceeds from the fund would be devoted to support the construction of the new Sykes Alumni Center in Becker House, slated to open this summer.

According to the Association's treasurer, Leslie Margolin, the General Savings Fund was originally intended as an emergency fund.

"In the Board's estimation, the Fund, which is no longer adequate to sustain Association activities for more than a few months, could be used more beneficially to help fund the construction of the new center," she said.

The recommended dissolution of the Fund would require an amendment to the Association's Bylaws. Any change in the Bylaws requires approval by the entire association. Therefore, the question will be included on the April ballot along with the names of the Executive Board's nominees for elective office.



Artist's conception of Becker House/ Lloyd, Roth, and Moore, architects

In accordance with the March 3 vote, the Executive Board recommends the **deletion** of the following references to the General Savings Fund from the Bylaws and the Statement of Financial Policy and Procedures of the Connecticut College Alumni Association, Inc.:

#### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BYLAWS ARTICLE II. Section 2. G. iii. b

The Finance Committee shall maintain the General Savings Fund as the Capital Fund of the Association and insure that the Fund, together with all interest accrued thereon, shall be used only as set forth in the Statement of Financial Policy and Procedures dated March 19, 1971 and recorded in the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board of March 19, 1971.

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES, PARAGRAPH II. A. A. General Savings Fund

This is the capital fund of the Association, designed to protect the Association, to as great an extent as possible, in case the Memorandum of Understanding should not be renewed for any reason at some future date and the Association should find it necessary or desirable to become self-supporting.

1. If the annual grant approved by the Board of Trustees should in any year be less than the amount of the Association budget submitted for its approval, the Association budget shall be decreased to match the grant.

2. If temporary financing is needed for a selfsupporting Association project, money may be withdrawn from the Fund only as a loan to be repaid with interest at the rate which is current at that time.

3. No portion of the Fund shall be donated, under any circumstances or by any means, to the College or to any other organization, institution or charity. Interest accruing to the account shall be added to this principal.

### NEW PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Lisa Brownell joined the staff of the Alumni Association in February as Director of Alumni Publications and Communications. At the top of her list of responsibilities is co-editing the new *Connecticut College Magazine*.

The daughter of a Connecticut College alumna, Lisa brings nearly 15 years of experience in communications



and public relations in the non-profit sector to her new position. She worked as a publicist at Mystic Seaport for seven years and also has taught college English, worked as a newspaper reporter and designed publications. A New London native, Lisa graduated from the Williams School on the Connecticut College campus and earned a B.A. from Brown University. She pursued her studies in writing and English and received a master's degree from San Francisco State University.

"As someone who grew up in this area, I was influenced by the cultural offerings of the college in many ways," she said. "When I drive through the college gates now, it is always a kind of homecoming for me."

Lisa lives in Ledyard with her husband, journalist Steve Fagin and her son Thomas, age three.

# ome Back to the **College**!

## **REUNION** May 31- June 2, 1991

All alumni are invited to attend Reunion '91, a time to reconnect with friends and faculty and to make some new memories of fun and learning at Connecticut College. This year's schedule presents many opportunities to socialize, exercise and strategize as well as ample time to congregate, meditate, and perambulate!

Faculty will conduct seminars on a variety of topics including international studies and the liberal arts, women in 20thcentury Mexican literature, art and politics, and others. Members of the administrative staff will offer seminars on campus life in the 90's, the selective college admissions process, estate planning and college financing. The weekend highlights will include the State of the College Address given by President Gaudiani, the annual alumni parade, a New England clambake and the Sykes Society Luncheon. Activities range from golf and tennis tournaments to walking tours. Watch for the blue and green brochure and registration form in your mailbox!

## ALUMNI COLLEGE America in the 90's:Perspectives and Trends July 7 - 11, 1991

Return to campus for a stimulating educational experience. Explore the environmental, economic, political, social, educational and religious directions that America will take in the 1990's. Connecticut College faculty will offer courses on subjects ranging from the effects of fossil fuels on the environment to arts and technology. For more information, contact Martha Merrill, '84, Director of Alumni Programs at (203) 439-2309.

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## A Special Request

As many of our alumni know, Jane Bredeson, secretary of the college, will be retiring at the end of the academic year after 25 years of service to the college. The committee to plan Jane's farewell is collecting letters from friends and alumni attesting to Jane's many contributions. Send your letter by May 1st clo Peggy Middleton, Box 5331, Connecticut College, New London, CT 06320 and please help us keep this a surprise.



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