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Ready for more challenges? Definitely.

When Claire Gaudiani was introduced to the trustees of Connecticut College by the presidential search committee a little over five years ago, she faced a board that wanted a strategic plan. It did not take her long to mount the podium and encourage the orchestration of such a plan by literally hundreds of members of the college community. For a collegial institution, the first planning effort is the hardest, and this was no exception. But it got done and done well.

Now Claire has completed the first five years, and as we enter the fifth and final year of that first plan it is timely for us to take stock. By “us” I mean alumni, students, faculty, trustees, parents and friends. I hasten to acknowledge that I have been chair of the board of trustees only one year, but I have been a trustee for six, mostly as chair of academic affairs; so I am emboldened to try to summarize where we stood when Claire arrived, what we expected, what has been done and what remains to be done.

President Francis Oakley of Williams College has written that the very history of education in our culture suggests “the openness, resilience, flexibility and power of that age-old tradition of education in the liberal arts that at its best is consciously geared to no less inclusive an activity than that of living itself.”

Connecticut College, in that tradition, is a rare treasure. The economist David Breneman, of the Harvard School of Education, has found that there remain only about 60 free-standing colleges that offer more than 50 percent of their baccalaureate degrees in the humanities, social and natural sciences and the arts (versus about 200 twenty years ago).

Our college offers 100 percent of its baccalaureate degrees in these areas. We are one of only three dozen or so true liberal arts colleges in the United States.

What did we expect Claire Gaudiani to accomplish in her time as president? No less than the preservation and nurturing of that rare treasure. In view of the economic and cultural pressures that have led many colleges to offer vocation- and pre-vocational curricula, we knew that the task assigned to Claire would not be easy.

We started out by helping her give our excellent faculty the underpinnings they needed to persevere in the shrinking world of institutions that are teaching and doing scholarship totally in the liberal arts. We undertook to raise faculty salaries over five years to close a gap that existed vis-à-vis our peers. We reduced teaching loads so as to give faculty members more time for scholarship and academic advising of students. We liberalized our sabbatical policy as well as our resources available for faculty travel and research.

While these measures were not contingent on any quid pro quo, as trustees we saw clearly that the college could not even hold its own academically without substantial efforts to meet an increasingly competitive and changing environment, economically, culturally and technologically. We therefore supported the president in urging the faculty to devise means of evaluating teaching and scholarship so as to facilitate a fair system of...
reorganizing merit in setting salaries. We also requested from her and the faculty a thorough, and overdue, review of the general education policies of the college.

Shortly after her arrival, the president instituted three initiatives that have distinguished our institution: the Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts, the summer institutes for economically disadvantaged high school students and the summer research internships in the sciences. In addition, she has supported creation of the Centers for Arts and Technology and for Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies.

Under the president’s leadership the college has completed a building program that has culminated in the new College Center complex, new and expanded athletic facilities, the Becker alumni and development house and groundbreaking for the F.W. Olin Science Center.

Throughout the past five years Connecticut College has continued to fill its freshmen classes with gifted and articulate young men and women.

These, then, are some of the things that have been done. What remains?

We must continue our faculty development and student financial aid programs, and we must maintain the beautiful and effective campus we have built. We must strive more effectively for human diversity at every level, from students to trustees. All such programs require the support that can come only from unrestricted funds. The focus is simple. We have reached our goals for new buildings. Now we need to increase in a truly important way our endowment and our annual giving.

We believe the college is in an excellent position to take on this challenge. Under Claire Gaudiani’s leadership, over the coming years we look forward to protecting and enhancing further the treasure that is Connecticut College.

Playing chicken  And other opinions on Wood and Thomases

In reference to “The White House chickens out, and the nation loses,” [March/April 1993], beyond [author Jeff] Greenfield’s personal bias, it seems to me that the editors are guilty of crying sour grapes and not merely reprinting a factual, political issue analysis.

Indeed, Kimba Wood ’65’s reputation indicates that she has had a very significant impact on the legal community. Putting away Michael Milken surely attests to that. However, her confirmation as attorney general could have been interpreted as a mistake.

Connecticut College seems to have supported her confirmation more for the school’s increased name recognition than for the selection of an appropriate attorney general.

Child care, in this age of double-income families, and the need for more (more, more!), is a serious concern. However, the United States attorney general should be someone above and beyond all legal reproach. Any transgression or violation of law, regardless of size, should rightfully disqualify a candidate.

For shame, Connecticut College. Support an attorney general nominee for the right reasons, not because it will increase the size of the type where New London is written on the Connecticut map.

With all due respect to Judge Wood, the White House did not “chicken out.” She did. The nation did not lose. Connecticut College did.

Paul V. Mazzarulli ’91
South Norwalk, Connecticut

As the founder of the Alumnae Office and first secretary, and as the founder also of the former alumni publication, the Alumnae News, I am naturally interested in why the article on Susan Thomases ’65 [National Newsmakers, January/February 1993] asserts that women with power have to “pay a price” with the press. Is it not, perhaps, that Thomases is over assertive and perhaps, also overstates her accomplishments and connections? At any rate, I enclose the Washington Post survey on Thomases [which was generally critical of her — Eds.], and I feel that the whole connection is anything but good commentary on Connecticut College. You do have remarkable alumnae (and alumni perhaps) to extol whose quiet accomplishments and connections?

Press On Regardless  by Matt Haggett ’91

...so all the dishes were dirty & the smell was pretty foul before i realized that no one was going to come get them & clean them & bring them back.

...so I looked at it and thought 'But if it is beef wellington why does it look like it & smell like it - and even taste like it - good Lord! I can identify it - I CAN'T EAT THIS!'

...so after i'd ordered five times more than i could eat, thrown half of it on the floor, and had about a dozen cups of coffee; they came and gave me this thing - a "bill" i think they called it.

Graduates' tales of cafeteria withdrawal.
Awards: Two for two
For the second time since growing out of a merger between the alumni magazine and View two years ago, Connecticut College Magazine has been named one of the top seven college magazines in the U.S. and Canada in the annual recognition program of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).
The magazine took a bronze medal, for overall excellence. Also, Paul Horton was awarded a silver medal for the second consecutive year, this time for his cover photo on the Jan/Feb issue.

Effectiveness is a joy to read about.
Better luck next time.
Dorothy Feltner Davis ’30
Washington, D.C.

I appreciate your sending me a copy of the article about our good friend Susan Thomases. I know all of you at Connecticut College are very proud of her many outstanding accomplishments. Thank you for your kind words. We will continue to need your support as we face the tremendous challenges ahead.
Hillary Rodham Clinton
Washington, D.C.

Cookin’ camels
I really enjoyed the Alumni Dining page in the March/April edition. I hope that this is not a one-time thing. Has anyone thought of putting together a booklet with all the alumni eateries? Lots of us travel quite a bit, and it would be fun to stop for a bite at a restaurant owned by a fellow CC alum.
Victoria Posner ’65
Rochester, New York

We will try to repeat our Alumni Dining feature at least once a year. Alumni restaurateurs, let’s hear from you! — Eds.

Crash survivors
Thank you all for your concern about my accident. It really makes a difference living so far from home to hear from people who care!

Pamala Lewis MFA ’85
Holland

(Lewis and her dog survived the blazing crash of a Dutch jet in Portugal — subject of an "Ear to the Ground" in the March/April CC Magazine. — Eds.)

Looking good
I want to congratulate you on the new format of the magazine. It looks great. Also to register my appreciation for the article on school choice, illustrated by Chris Burrell ’87.
Carole Axinn Wilk ’50
Highland Park, Illinois

Joan King
I was greatly saddened to read about the death of Dean Joan King. Although I attended Connecticut College for only one year (’81-’82), Dean King had a profound impact on my life and career. In all honesty, she is probably the reason I have become the person that I am today.

As a confused freshman who did not know what he was looking for or what he wanted … I turned to Dean King. She was caring, sympathetic and genuine, traits I am sure I fully appreciated at that time. She listened to me. She helped me explore not only what I was at the time, but where I wanted to go in the future. It was Dean King who suggested I volunteer my time in New London. I ended up at the women’s center in town.

Today I definitely know who I am, and that is a successful clinical social worker who continues to work with some of the issues I first encountered at the women’s center. Besides having a private practice, I teach at a local junior college, consult to two elementary/middle schools and the local hospice, and present workshops to colleagues. And, coming full circle to some of the children whom I worked with at the women’s shelter, I am currently developing a summer camp to treat sexually abused boys. I regret that it was not until reading of her death that I realized Dean King was the one who helped me find myself. Thank you Dean King!
Andrew W. Young,
Chester, New Hampshire

You may notice a change as you look through this issue of Connecticut College Magazine: the introduction of paid advertising.
The editorial board has endorsed the selling of advertising, on a limited basis, for several reasons. First and foremost is the need to explore a source of revenue that will help us to maintain the size and quality of this magazine. Outside income reduces the impact of production costs on the college budget, thereby freeing funds for scholarships, academic programs and other needs.

Connecticut College Magazine is mailed, free of charge, to all alumni and friends of the college. Unlike other colleges and universities, we do not seek subscription fees or special alumni dues. Rather than diminish the scope of the magazine or the space devoted to Class Notes, we are now exploring other ways to offset the cost of production and mailing.
We realize that advertising may change the appearance of our publication. It is worth noting that Ivy League alumni magazines have carried paid advertising for 20 years, and it is a major source of income for them. We hope that our readers will appreciate the need to augment the magazine budget so that we can continue to serve the communication needs of the college and its alumni. Your comments are most welcome. — The Editors
To some it's the South, to others the Midwest. Wherever you locate Louisville, Kentucky, geographically, New England it isn't.

During high school at Kentucky Country Day the "big decision" loomed over my head: What colleges or universities should I apply to? This question was qualified by numerous factors including not only who would have me, but other aspects of the application process over which I had more control, such as in what region of the country would I be able to spend a happy and (hopefully) productive four years.

In the fall of my senior year I had my sights set southward — warmer weather, weekend trips home to have Mom do laundry, tailgating at big time football and basketball games. It was a region with which I was comfortable and familiar.

But as time progressed, four years of Mardi Gras at Tulane or living with half my high school class at Vanderbilt didn't seem too appealing. So what do you do when the mob is running one way? Run the other.

My mother and I flew to Hartford, rented a car and drove down to New London. After spending a half hour trying to figure out the access roads that border I-95, we finally made it onto Route 32. "Cool," I thought to myself as we drove down to New London.

"Where are you from?" was the most perfect New England question they had of Kentucky. "Lou-e-ville. Kentucky." I answered.

"Oh, you're from the South. What made you decide to come to Connecticut College?"

"We figured that having a guy with a Southern accent in our room would be a sure way to meet a lot of girls."

"Great!" Tim exclaimed, "We're set."

Fortunately we weren't exactly set, but we had a fantastic year. I put up with their Aerosmith, and they dealt with my Hank Williams Jr.

They kept me working on the Southern accent the whole time, but we had pretty lousy results with meeting women.

Still, I liked the fact that I was an outsider and that people asked me questions of what home was like. It was surprising to learn the impressions they had of Kentucky.

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No. It isn't, son," said the man who was suddenly at our window. "Conn is just up the road on your left." We thanked him, and headed out considering the virtues and drawbacks of attending a college referred to as "Conn."

Needless to say, I fell in love with the campus. The sun was out, and we could see clear across the Sound to Long Island. My mother was immediately sold, but I still needed persuasion. The push came that night as Mom and I dined in a restaurant across from the New London train station. After we finished our meal we were discussing what we had seen that day when all of a sudden an Amtrak train pulled up to the station and passengers walked off and piled in. To my Midwest/Southern eyes that was the most perfect New Englandesque scene one could ever choreograph: commuters getting off a train after a day's work in New York or Boston. In Louisville the only trains I ever saw carried either pigs, cars or coal. The idea of being right between Boston and New York appealed to me. I was starting to like this place.

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Connecticut College students work hard at preparing for exams, but not always in ways you might expect. They not only crack the books, they sleep with them under their pillows so that knowledge can pass, plasma-like, into their brains during sleep. They also wear charmed clothing, write with lucky pens and pray.

These are the findings of Stuart A. Vyse, an assistant professor of psychology at CC, who with two students has been researching exam-related superstitions.

Such superstitions "do, in fact, exist at Connecticut College in fairly significant numbers," says Vyse, who can cite exam superstitions elsewhere, too. He noted that superstitions flourish under circumstances of uncertainty, where people hope to exercise some control and that exams involve a considerable measure of doubt, even for those who study hard. Like gamblers, sailors and others who face uncertain conditions, exam-taking students seek good luck.

"As a psychologist, I've always been interested in the quirks of human behavior, the irrational things that we do. I'm interested in applying modern scientific psychology to understand why people engage in superstitions," said Vyse, who is writing a book on the psychology of superstitions.

Vyse and Wilkinson report that they tallied questionnaires from 70 students and collected assorted anecdotes. They learned that before some Connecticut College students take an exam, they engage in certain rituals — like dressing up, dressing down, skipping a shave, saying a prayer, finding the lucky pen or securing the lucky seat.

"A lot of people swear by osmosis," said Wilkinson, citing those who sleep with their books. Also popular, he added, are pens that know the answers (because they took the notes).

Vyse and Wilkinson say that superstitious practices might actually help students get better grades. They can improve performance by reducing anxiety, for instance. At other times they simply illustrate how people maintain consistency of belief. Wilkinson recalled a student who wore a particular sweatshirt, aced an exam and then made sure to wear that shirt to the next exam.

"She crashed and burned, so she never wore it again, but she started looking for something else [lucky] to wear," he said, noting that it's easier to change one's shirt than to change one's beliefs. "Good example," said Vyse.

The researchers wanted to know if personality traits could be used to predict superstitiousness. "We hypothesized that students who needed more control in their lives would be more superstitious, but we did not find that. Except for anxiety, personality variables in general were not good predictors," said Vyse.

The researchers did find that women were more superstitious than men about exams. (Other research, Vyse noted, shows men to have a higher level of belief in paranormal phenomena like Big Foot.) They also found more exam superstitions among humanities and arts majors, and indications that city dwellers are more superstitious than suburbanites.

What may surprise many, they say, is simply this: all sorts of people, including college students, are superstitious. "Traditionally it's been thought that superstitiousness indicates low intelligence. This is not true," said Vyse. After all, he noted, "Connecticut College students are very bright individuals."

— Carolyn Battista
Despite repeated government warnings and intense anti-smoking campaigns by The American Cancer Society and others during the past two decades, smoking cigarettes is considered cool again on college campuses.

"It's a social thing," claims Melissa Clauss '96. "I smoke at parties and when I'm hanging out with my friends. I like it." Clauss, who says she never gets a craving for a cigarette and could quit tomorrow, started smoking infrequently in high school, but has really taken to it now that she is in college.

"It's freedom-related," she added. "It's finally your life and you can do whatever you want."

That attitude apparently is catching on. According to the American Lung Association, smoking among adults (those 25 and older) continues to drop; but it is rising alarmingly among young people. No statistics are available on college students as a distinct group, but the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that in 1985 19.5 percent of teenagers smoked. By 1990 that figure was up to 36 percent.

Hardcore school spirit

The Connecticut College Bookshop says it sells between 350 and 400 packages of cigarettes a week; sales double during exams. (Interesting side note: More than half the cigarettes sold are Camel Lights.) Bookshop personnel say they have noticed a slight increase in cigarette sales in recent years.

Non-smokers complain it is impossible to leave the student bar without your clothes stinking of smoke, and it is rare to walk through academic buildings without seeing a student lighting up while leaving class.

Eliza Brown '93 has been smoking consistently for four years and adamantly insists that its lure will diminish after graduation. Although in retrospect she wishes she had never started, Brown believes cigarettes have relaxed her and have helped her deal with the stresses of college life.

"Part of me gets bummed about it. When am I going to stop?" she wonders. "I'll quit eventually. I would never raise my children in a smoking household. God forbid."

But why, if students are clearly aware of the health problems, do they ignore warnings?

Senior non-smoker Chris Scheller thinks the increase is somehow related to the type of people being admitted to Connecticut. "The school is a lot more diverse than it used to be," he says.

But Brown disagrees. "At Princeton and Tufts, absolutely nobody smokes. Here everybody does. Connecticut is not nearly as diverse as those places."

Instead, she believes that smoking is a "monkey see, monkey do" phenomenon.

"It's just a fact," added Clauss. "When your friends smoke, you become tempted... if you've already started, you smoke more."

All of which has led to confrontation. Several years ago, faculty members argued that selling cigarettes on campus was inconsistent with the college's policy of encouraging wellness. However, students vehemently opposed their proposal to ban cigarette sales on campus, and it was dropped.

More recently, Alex Barrett '92 suggested that smoking be prohibited at dorm functions of more than 50 people. Despite strong protests by those affected, the idea was adopted. And in a long and heated debate this past spring, the Student Government Association voted to make the newly renovated student center a smoke-free building.

That is a move a spokesperson at the Hartford office of The American Lung Association applauded. Many students underestimate the addictive effects of smoking, she said. It's easy to say you'll quit after you graduate. Doing it is something else again.

— Liz Schneider '93

Not too long ago, smoking was a routine part of any student gathering, like this one in Blackstone basement in 1948.
All winter long, people on campus wondered what was going on under the huge sheets of flapping plastic that covered the Crozier-Williams Student Center.

When the shroud was finally lifted, it was hard to believe that this was the old "Cro" we knew. No more bowling alley, no more Conn Cave. No alumni wing. No cramped WCN1 studios. No gym. No swimming pool, even. (A new one was built at the Athletic Center.)

Instead, airy meeting rooms, freshly painted offices for student organizations, dance studios and a new post office and bookshop are conveniently located at the center of campus.

Designed by Lo-Yi Chan of the New York architectural firm of Prentice and Chan, Ohlhausen, the renovation cost $8.5 million and took more than a year to complete.

On dedication day, April 30, instead of a ribbon cutting, the offices housed in the new College Center held open houses to showcase the work that will go on there. This, after all, is a space that is meant to be used.

An energetic folk dancing ensemble convinced enthusiastic guests to join in an impromptu frolic on the front terrace. Other student artistic performances, including dance improvisations and "Art Attacks," took place at various sites around the building, and a student art exhibit and archival photo display of the history of the College Center hung in The Connection, a light-filled passageway at the center of the building.

The dedication ceremony attracted a SRO crowd and featured speakers who were involved with the project from the start.

Dean of the College Robert L. Hampton chaired the College Center Planning Committee. "I would like to take you back 23 years when the trustees approved the first alterations to Crozier-Williams to provide new locker facilities to accommodate male students," he said, a reminder to the audience of the incredible changes the campus has undergone. Dean Hampton lauded Jane Muddle Funkhouser '53, P'85, chair of the College Center Projects Fund. "[She] forged the vision that we celebrate here today. She inspired us to keep the dream, and we are immensely grateful for her untiring efforts on behalf of the College Center."

The pulse of Connecticut College

Funkhouser described the College Center as the heart of the college community. "In this building one will feel the pulse of Connecticut College. The heartbeat...will come from the activity of the faculty, staff and students. Co-mingled with those are other heartbeats that will echo in this building — those of the people who helped to make it happen."

Among those people were the mother-daughter team of Frances Freedman Jacobson '56, P'82 and Susan Golden Jacobson '82, co-chairs of The Connection Committee. They emphasized the efforts made in creating The Connection, which not only unifies the spaces in the building but the entire College Center with the rest of the campus. The Connection honors, and is funded by, families in which more than one member has attended the college, often across several generations.

Bringing it all together

President of the Student Activities Council Gerard Choucroun '93 noted, "When we have one space that holds the Office of Volunteers for Community Service, the Everywoman's Center, SGA, ... the health education office, the post office and Bert & The Flechtones playing in the Coffee Ground Café, we are enriching our community by bringing it together."

President Claire Gaudiani '66 announced the naming of two conference rooms to honor former dean of the college Alice E. Johnson and present dean Bob Hampton for their loyalty and dedicated service to the college.

After the dedication everyone adjourned to The Connection for a reception and music by the Connecticut College Jazz Ensemble. Later the CoCo Beaux, Conn Chords, Shwiffs, Unity Gospel Choir and Williams Street Mix sang in the new Coffee Ground Café, kicking off the first of many student-organized performances. To cap the celebration, both the younger and older generations stepped the night away to the Cajun sounds of Hypnotic Clambake at the annual Spring Formal sponsored by SAC. It was a day and night of cross-generational memories, both recalled and made.

— Meg Ramsden
How brave will the new world be? At the fourth A&T symposium virtually everyone got a peek

The collaboration that began almost a decade ago with the mutual interests of a few faculty members was formally organized in 1991 into the Center for Arts & Technology at Connecticut College. It now includes a score of faculty fellows engaged in research individually, in pairs and groups, and with students, as well as associates from businesses around Connecticut. On March 4-7, the Center sponsored the Fourth Biennial Symposium on Arts & Technology.

During four days of presentations, concerts, panel discussions and exhibitions, Dana Hall and the adjacent spaces in Cummings buzzed with shoptalk, in the way of all professional meetings. Most conventions assemble specialists within a business or an academic discipline, and they tend to slide fast through the shoptalk chute into an arena impenetrable to outsiders, however eager the participants may be to spread the good news of their advances. The symposium, though, has always brought together people from too far apart, along the normal spectrum of specializations, to have a tribal language.

People from business and academics, and from every academic division within this college and many others (including participants from as far off as Korea and Italy), find a common ground in the promise of new tools and new uses for tools. Most of these possibilities are too new, and their development requires too many kinds of expertise, to exclude anyone who has an interest in how the arts can use emerging technology or how technology can use the skills and insights of artists. The brain-picking is continuous and mutual.

We think of art and technology as separate, even opposed. Yet as one panelist noted, the “data glove”—a high-tech staple of Virtual Reality (VR) installations—was developed under a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Cutting-edge developments in computers entail a painter’s and a musician’s kinds of knowledge of sensory systems; many developments in the arts arise from techniques that spin off from technology developed for other purposes.

VR systems, much publicized but still in their infancy, are a case in point. The Navy’s simulators, the computerized city tour sponsored by the Aspen Chamber of Commerce and entertainment and data-analysis systems we’re just beginning to imagine, all require cooperation among programmers, visual artists, R&D administrators and those specialists in human kinesthetics, dancers.

On the opening day of the symposium, devoted to VR, a panel moderated by Larry Vogel from the department of philosophy looked beyond the technical challenges to ask what ethical problems these developments are likely to create.

Nightmares of mind-control and electronic addiction compete with enthusiasm for what may become whole new kinds of human experience. The consensus answer to the dilemma was a credo for democracy: If the open distribution of information keeps outpacing the bureaucratic habit of labeling everything “secret,” we will all know what can be done and be on our guard against what could be. Traditions of academic freedom and open publication, and the ethic of semi-anarchy pervasive among programmers, again find common cause.

In planning this year’s symposium, the center was careful to preserve the one-event-at-a-time format of previous years, despite pressure from a burgeoning number of proposals. When everyone can attend everything, the tendency to fission along disciplinary lines is curbed. As a result, dancers saw how the work of computer animators and video artists might contribute to new systems of dance notation; researchers in medical imaging learned ways for the diagnostic data to reach the ear as well as the eye, with their different analytic capabilities; and everyone got to see how brave the new world might be.

A month later, Simon O’Rourke, a young alumni trustee living in Cairo, mentioned that on one of the international e-mail networks, frequented by publishers interested in electronic media, the wires hummed for days with messages about the symposium: something was happening at Connecticut College, and it was worth watching.

— Charles O. Hartman
A championship season

Connecticut College lacrosse comes of age

The women's lacrosse team was absolutely perfect this year — 11-0 perfect — making them the first Camel team in any sport to have an undefeated regular season. That accomplishment earned them top seed in the ECAC Division III Tournament and the distinction of hosting the event. But in the tourney semi-finals with fourth seed Middlebury, Connecticut ran into a defensive stone wall.

"Their zone was good," said Esty Wood '93, who led the team in scoring this season with 30 goals. "We just didn't play our game and do what we usually do, which is make strong passes and play together."

The Camels dropped the match 12-7, but there were no regrets. "It's been a tremendous season," said coach Anne Parmenter. "I'm just sorry the seniors had to go out on a loss."

Watching the women's game, members of the men's lacrosse team must have felt déjà vu. Just the day before they, too, had been knocked out of the tournament semi-finals by Middlebury, 17-11.

The men had finished their regular season at 10-3 and were ranked as high as 14th in the nation and first in New England. The 10 victories were the most ever by a Connecticut College men's lacrosse team. It was the Camels' fourth consecutive trip to the tournament, and their first appearance in the semifinals.

Matt Shea '93 set the school one-season record for points (90; 55 goals, 35 assists) and was named to the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association's (USILA) Division III Honorable Mention All-America squad. Shea's 195 career points placed him second behind 1991 graduate Tom Gately's 200.

Coach Fran Shields, in his 13th season, set a few records, too. In June, the USILA named him Division III Coach of the Year. Shields is the first NESCAC coach to receive the honor and the first Connecticut College coach to be so recognized by his or her national organization.

Still going...

A mayor with staying power for Portland, Maine

On June 7, Anne Bonniol Pringle '69 was inaugurated as mayor of Portland, Maine. A cum laude graduate of CC (government major, U.S. history minor), Pringle served as treasurer of the Maine State Housing Authority before beginning a 12-year career in banking. She left her position as senior vice president for retail lending at Maine Savings Bank in 1989 and ran a successful door-to-door campaign for city councilor the following year. A self-professed "Type A-plus" personality, Pringle has earned a reputation for being methodical, determined and tireless.

As City Manager Robert Ganley told the local newspaper, "She's like the bunny with the drum — she keeps going and going. Whatever she gets involved in, she gives 100 percent."

Highway roller: A trek to benefit children with AIDS

André Bessette '90 is expected to finish a 3,200-mile trek this month — rollerblading from New York City to Los Angeles. Skating between 40 and 60 miles a day, André is combining an opportunity to break an existing transcontinental skate record with a fund-raising effort for two different charities: The Children's Hope Foundation, which helps improve the quality of life for children affected by AIDS and HIV, and FREE, Inc., advocates for developmentally-disabled adults.

André started ice skating at age 3 on a rink built by his father. The Connecticut native began playing hockey competitively at age 5 and continued throughout his years at Deerfield Academy and Connecticut College. Early on, André's interest in the educational aspects of the sport led him to teach developmental skating during his school vacations. He has been in-line skating for the past eight years to stay in shape for ice hockey. A psychology major at Connecticut, André married his classmate Donna Ragusa. He will be pursuing his Ph.D. in clinical psychology this fall.

Another CC grad greets the president.
A parent finds that the family gene for survival overseas isn’t recessive after all

Traveling to foreign shores in search of beauty, truth and understanding runs in my blood and coincides with my business, which is art and antiques. We do not stay at five-star international hotels where everyone speaks English and smells of the same soap. We go native.

My daughter, Isabelle, learned about this family trait — or hang-up depending on your outlook — on a trip to Budapest with us the summer before she entered Connecticut College. We arrived at our first destination, a very grand hotel lobby, and when she realized that we were there to use the phone banks not the bedrooms, an embarrassing bout of public tears flowed. However, an understanding was achieved quickly: the rental car keys, passports and travelers checks were in my possession.

Who would have guessed that just three years later she’d be envied by her peers for her expertise in finding the best black market exchange rates.

Isabelle spent her junior year at the Moscow Linguistics University; I visited in October. We went to see “Swan Lake” at the Bolshoi one evening. Tickets could be purchased at Intourist hotels by foreign guests for $40 each.

We chose the native route and picked up tickets from scalpers on a street near the Bolshoi for $7 apiece. My guide informed me that had we waited until the third bell we would have paid $2 for each seat.

This purchasing “system” was prevalent throughout Russia. If you were foreign, you might pay ten dollars admission to the Museum at Pushkin. If you were Russian or at least appeared to be (don a hat and be discreet with the French footware!), the entrance would cost about 30 cents. My babushka suited me perfectly! We paid four dollars for lunch at Pizza Hut. The identical meal cost $30 in the hard currency section of this eatery.

Being blessed with a class-cutting guide who loved Russia, had a sense of direction and liked to travel cheaply was all a mother could hope for — if not physically keep up with. We left no stone unturned — or museum or store for that matter.

After seeing the Kremlin complex (less than majestic in scale or beauty), we visited GUM, the famous department store filled with individual boutiques. Don’t mingle with a determined Russian woman if you’ve both selected the same item: You will be bruised.

We traveled by Metro (fast, clean, efficient), taxi (all fares negotiable) and train (first-class night compartments superb: day trains are lumpy, bumpy and fiercely independent of their posted schedules).

The night train took us to St. Petersburg for a four-day stay. Upon arrival, minus hotel reservations as was our custom, we found a “taxi” (any moving vehicle whose owner is interested in picking up a few extra dollars). Gerta, the driver, not only found us a hotel but offered her services as a guide for a trip to Pushkin the following day, plus a promise that we would dine with her family on our last night. All offers were accepted with gratitude.

The hotel Gerta had selected was expensive. Many Russians assume that all Americans are rich, so for three nights and four days my daughter and I smelled like the same soap. We watched CNN in the evenings.

We had one serious confrontation involving “protocol” when we were surrounded by a swarming band of gypsy children. Summoning two of the three words (caviar was the one not selected) which comprise my entire Russian vocabulary and using blood-chilling tones, they were commanded to disburse. The urchins flew as did all the innocent bystanders! My daughter was mortified.

The time had come for our last supper with Gerta and her family. She shares her three-room apartment in an attractive historic building with her mother, Vera, and son, Sergei. There were seven other relatives, spanning three generations, in attendance. It was Vera’s birthday. When our hosts learned that it was mine as well, we toasted with vodka to “motherhood” more times than I care to or can remember.

We discovered that we shared many of the same political and economic views. Only the younger Russians were surprised that President Bush had not been shot due to the current discontent in America. We assured them that Clinton would be elected in lieu of Bush’s assassination.

Gerta’s brother-in-law, a chemical engineer, summed up the attitude of many Russians. The former Communist regime had provided many perks: free hospitalization, transport and low, if any, university tuition. This intellectual elitist’s salary was the same now, but all of the extras had been eliminated.

He was bitterly resentful of the street-wise hooligans’ recent rise to power. Many former KGBs had discovered “capitalism.” Their version collects bribes, provides protection and controls transport and industry by methods one would not describe as gentlemanly, he said.

The time had come for me to leave my scholar and this interesting land. Airport check-in was uneventful. I was not asked to pay duty. (The rules for this vary daily with the custom official’s mood.)

During the flight back to J.F.K. I recalled what my daughter had said upon my arrival: “Mom, you look so lost!”

I forgot to say upon departure: “Little one, I’m not lost; I’m found! The old order has changed. March on!”

— Isabelle D. Seggerman

The author is owner of Bonsai-Douglas Antiques, Essex, CT.
Defensive action  Charlotte Brontë may have been tougher than many people thought


During her lifetime, the novelist and poet Charlotte Brontë endured much hardship and criticism. Professor Gezari’s new book explores her responses to these attacks and the theme of defensiveness in Brontë’s life and work.

Gezari suggests that some circumstances warrant defensive conduct. She explores how Brontë’s embodied defensiveness was central to her life and her novels. The book is divided into chapters that emphasize a different kind of bodily experience in each novel: One chapter deals with the eye in Jane Eyre, another with images of the “mental stomach” in Shirley. Although Defensive Conduct is not a biography, Gezari attempts to turn the reader away from the more common perception of Brontë — a woman who lived a dreary, tragic life scarred by unrequited love — and concentrates, instead, on the struggles of a woman of a certain class and a publishing author. “My focus throughout is on those engagements in the social world that illuminate Brontë’s struggles … they reveal a woman more embattled, contentious and resilient, though no less passionate, than the familiar trembling soul.”

Margaret Homans of Yale University called the book “striking and memorable … there is intelligence and wide learning on every page.” When the book opens up into larger claims for the concept of defensiveness, those claims are always carefully grounded and persuasive.

Gezari, who is acting director of women’s studies, edited Emily Jane Brontë, The Complete Poems.


Forster’s new work represents the leading edge of a new approach to the culture of Germanic-speaking Catholicism in the confessional age,” says Thomas E. Brady Jr. of the University of California at Berkeley.

Located in the middle of the Rhine Valley, the Bishopric of Speyer was a religiously diverse, primarily rural region. Forster reconstructs and analyzes the history of the Catholic Counter-Reformation in that area from the late 16th to the early 18th centuries. Using visitation reports, Cathedral Chapter minutes and court records, Forster examines the impact of the reforms of the Council of Trent on the relationship between the village clergy and their parishioners.

Although the subject matter of The Counter-Reformation in the Villages is highly specialized, non-academics will find many interesting, little-known facts about 17th-century German Catholicism. For example, among the rural priests of the bishopric in the late 16th century, concubinage was not uncommon, nor was public drunkenness and gambling. Surprisingly, the parishioners were accepting of their religious leaders — even though their behavior defied Tridentine reform.

“Drinking was another concern of the ecclesiastical authorities that the villagers did not share. ‘He does what other people do, he drinks himself full of wine.’ In a wine-growing region, this was accepted, as long as it did not interfere with the priests’ duties. Even fighting was not a major offense. A warden in Harthausen admitted that the parish priest ‘had gotten into fights several times in [the neighboring village of] Heinlothofen, but, he thought with good reason.’”

Forster, who holds a Ph.D. from Harvard, has been on the faculty at Connecticut College for three years.

Tracey Wilen ‘83

Imagine you’re having your first dinner with a Japanese businessman and, during the course of the meal, he leans over and asks, “Do you know why it is that Japanese women appear to have one breast that is bigger than the other?”

Hardly an appropriate question, particularly if you’re a woman, but one that was asked of Tracey Wilen ‘83, a manager at Apple Computer who makes frequent business trips to Japan. “I said, ‘no’ and changed the subject … I think that was the correct response.”

Delicate business negotiations can be complicated when Western women confront the traditional attitudes of their Japanese clients. Using personal experience, both their own and that of more than 250 women, Wilen and Brannen offer very practical advice for any woman doing business in Japan. This slim volume contains chapters on establishing
authority, gift giving, entertaining and wardrobe ("not a trivial thing," emphasizes Brannen).

According to former Apple Computer CEO John Sculley, Wilen's book provides, "a helpful collection of simple lessons and insights designed to give women a competitive edge in one of the world's toughest — and most promising — markets."

Ranice Birch Crosby '37

Ranice Crosby narrates the life of medical illustrator Max Brodel, founder of the first academic department of medical illustration in the world at Johns Hopkins University. The text, a reflection of the times and culture of the city of Baltimore during the first half of this century, is a tribute to the artist and to the prominence of the department of art as applied to medicine at Johns Hopkins University.

Carolyn Blocker Lane '48

Playwright and children's author Carolyn Lane's most recent play is a tongue-in-cheek farce about four middle-aged women who are held captive by two bumbling bank robbers. The two-act play, all of which takes place in the living room of a suburban home, finds ordinary characters in a very extraordinary setting. The action takes a surprising turn when the women thwart the attempts of their captors with the help of a Scrabble board.

Carolyn Lane, an award-winning writer, has been publishing plays, children's books, articles and book reviews since 1963. A resident of Groton, Conn., she is currently working on The Best Short Stories of O. Henry, an adaptation for new adult readers for use in the National Literacy Program.

Todd Rheingold '88

Todd Rheingold '88 attempts to dispel the myths surrounding Elvis' name. He purports that Presley represents "America in miniature ... saddled with guilt, suspicion and prejudice on the one hand, and praise bordering on deification on the other."

He paints the picture of a man influenced by black music, as well as country and gospel. Rheingold argues persuasively that Presley had deep roots in both the white and black communities.

Rheingold, a former videotape editor at CNN, wrote Dispelling the Myths as a culmination of a life-long interest in American popular music and African-American culture.

Patricia Olson '65
And Suddenly They're Gone: What Parents Need to Know About The Empty Nest, 1993, Tiffany Press, 237 pages, nonfiction.

After 20 years of caring for a child, it is often difficult for parents to experience the "empty nest." Patricia Olson's book offers a framework for letting go of children in a healthy and positive way. Suddenly They're Gone focuses on parents' feelings: the empty nest inexorably leads to examining issues of mid-life: accepting bodies that are getting older, evaluating careers, readjusting personal relationships and confronting death.

Based on interviews with professionals, parents and teens, the book covers every aspect of the leave-taking. It gives suggestions on how to prepare teenagers for the break by fostering their independence. The reader discovers what the children who are leaving think and how siblings are affected by the parting. The book also explores how mothers and fathers deal with the empty nest in different ways. — MHF

Also published:
Ann Jacobs Mooney '74

Elizabeth McKey Hulbert '47
Seniors mark Commencement with tribute to the Earth; insist that speaker be changed

Graduating students at Connecticut College, Saturday, May 29, walked in carrying saplings and walked away with advice to be dissatisfied with their education, no matter how good it is.

“A good education should also leave you dissatisfied — dissatisfied about what you still want to learn, dissatisfied about the current state of our nation and the world, and dissatisfied, at least a little bit, with yourself,” said Connecticut College religious studies professor Eugene V. Gallagher. “Dissatisfaction, when it doesn’t dissolve into despair, makes people feisty, inspires commitment and breeds change.” (The complete text of Gallagher’s speech appears on page 16.)

Gallagher was chosen by the senior class to give the Commencement address after they objected to the college inviting Louis Sullivan to speak. Sullivan, president of Morehouse School of Medicine, was secretary of health and human services under George Bush.

Students were outspoken in their objection to Sullivan’s political views and to not being involved in the speaker selection process, and more than half of the senior class signed a letter asking him not to attend the ceremony. In response to the overwhelming sentiment of the graduating class, the college agreed that commencement would not be an appropriate forum for an address by Sullivan.

Sullivan will instead come to campus in a day-long visit October 7 to facilitate a dialogue on issues of health care with students and faculty members.

Gallagher addressed the college’s 474 graduating seniors and 30 master’s degree recipients at the 10 a.m. ceremony. During the processional march, each of the students carried a potted cotoneaster sapling decorated with blue and white (the school colors) and green (to symbolize the earth) ribbons. The saplings were a gift from the college and the alumni association as a reminder of the students’ lifelong growth and connection to the earth and the college, and a symbol of a new, international environmental award given by the college.

“These saplings symbolize your own future growth and the future we all must struggle
to provide for our planet,”
said President Claire Gaudiani.

The new award, called the
Connecticut College Inherit
the Earth Award, was estab-
lished by the college to honor
successful companies that con-
serve and sustain global
resources. This year’s award
got to Solar Design
Associates Inc. of Harvard,
Mass., a firm that has pio-
nereed ways to build environ-
mentally-responsive homes
using such technologies as
solar energy.

Students Rich Canavan and
Janet Cardona were also hon-
nored. Canavan, a botany
major, received the Oakes and
Louise Ames Prize for his
botany honors thesis docu-
menting water quality in 50
Connecticut lakes and ponds.

Janet Cardona received the
Anna Lord Strauss Medal for
outstanding service to the
New London and
Connecticut College commu-
nities through her work with
residents of the Winthrop High
Rise in New London. She
majored in urban studies and
Hispanic studies.

Honorary doctor of humane
letters degrees were awarded
to Annie Dillard, the Pulitzer
Prize-winning author, and
Peter Dyvig, Denmark’s
ambassador to the United
States since 1989, who accept-
ed the honor on behalf of the
Danish people for their hero-
ism in protecting Jews during
World War II.

The college bestowed its
highest alumni honor, the
College Medal, to Thistle
McKee Bennet and Elizabeth
McGuire Enders. Bennet, a
1927 graduate, was a practic-
ing pediatrician for more
than 50 years and developed
model sexuality education
programs. Enders, a retiring
college trustee, is a 1962
graduate and accomplished
artist. — JPS
Taking things seriously

A popular professor has little advice, but many hopes, for the Class of ’93

The following address was made at Commencement, May 29, 1993. Eugene Gallagher is a professor of religious studies.

I’m certainly pleased to have been invited by the Class of 1993 to speak today. In many ways, the statement that you have made with your invitation is more important than anything that I might add.

During a turbulent time at Connecticut College, you identified what matters most. You’ve publicly reaffirmed the central importance of what we’ve done together over the past four years, in classrooms and performance spaces, in labs and libraries, in offices and in Cro, or at the Dutch or Mr. G’s. Much of what happened in that process may already have begun to recede from your memories — especially after senior week. But it doesn’t take much to have made it all worthwhile.

I don’t have any advice for you (this is an applause line). But I do have some hopes.

A good education should stick with you. It should provide a permanent fund of interests, attitudes and experiences that you can draw upon for the rest of your life.

A good education should also leave you dissatisfied — dissatisfied about what you still want and need to learn, dissatisfied about the current state of the our nation and the world, and dissatisfied, at least a little bit, with yourself. Dissatisfaction, when it doesn’t dissolve into despair, inspires commitment and breeds change.

I remember very little of the details of my own undergraduate education, and not only because it took place between 1968 and 1972. But as the details have faded, I’ve been left with a set of indelible images that have shaped my life. In those images my fellow students play as important a role as faculty members, and individuals are as important for how they did things as for what they did. Their voices form a chorus in my memory that offers a counterpart to everything I do. I’ll give you one example.

I never intended to be a religion major — until I met Professor David Efroymson at the end of my sophomore year. Every time I talked to him I came away enthralled; every class I took with him was fascinating. I spent hours in his office talking about African systems of divination, the lack of good textbooks in the study of religion, the Chicago Bulls, agnosticism and virtually anything else that crossed our minds. We began a conversation back then that will continue for the rest of our lives. He often tells me, “Gene, you gotta read this book before you die.” Every once in a while now I can return the favor.

The specific subject matter isn’t the point. This isn’t a last-ditch attempt to have you declare a religion major (the registrar tells me it’s difficult to change your major once you’ve graduated, but, as you know, you can always petition). What’s important is that Dave got me excited about something; he showed me the incredible depth and complexity of a particular subject, and he showed me both how much fun it could be and how hard it would be to search for understanding. He paid me the highest compliment; he took me seriously.

So, I hope that you’ve met your own Dave Efroymson here at Connecticut College — someone who’s provided intellectual stimulation, personal guidance and lasting friendship — someone who’s taken me seriously. Meeting one person like that is well worth four years of lost sleep, computer problems, lousy food and bad parties.

Easily enough, you can catch up on sleep, learn how to spell-check and format and number pages, cook for yourself and even throw your own parties, but a life-long source of inspiration isn’t easy to find.

I also hope that your education has left you with a deep sense of the bewildering complexity of human life. I hope that you’re more suspicious of easy answers now than you were when you arrived. Snap judgments and empty rhetoric don’t solve important problems, but patient accumulation of evidence and searching interpretations of it just might. There is always another side to the story.

I hope that you’ve been able to identify a few problems that will continue to concern you. I don’t even particularly care what the issues are for you. Everybody can’t worry about everything equally. For me, the big issue has been the roles that religion plays in human life. I’m not even sure how my fascination with religion began, but the subject simply continues to interest me, amuse me, frustrate me and keep me thinking.

I’d like to think that my presence here indicates that I’ve successfully communicated to a few of you some of the fascination and rewards that the study of religion offers. (But I have a lingering suspicion that someone misplaced a decimal point in my vote total and that a dozen seniors got more for their votes than anyone ever did even in Mayor Daley’s Chicago.)

Certainly, the study of religion offers no easy answers. The more we investigate the startling diversity of human religious life, the more complicated it seems. And that’s all to the good. The study of religion fulfills a primary goal of the liberal arts. It helps us to develop historical and comparative contexts for understanding our own experience. It helps us situate the “here and now” in terms of the “there and then.” It makes our lives more complicated and, hence, richer.

Learning about the ways that others respond to the fundamental questions and challenges
Gallagher (above) and his wife Jennifer Brosius Gallagher '78 announced they would honor the graduates by endowing the
Class of '93 prize, which will be presented annually to a freshman for outstanding performance in an introductory religion
course.

of human life creates the possibility that we may learn something valuable from them as well. That type of learning
doesn't translate immediately to the bottom line, but it does shape our commitments, our interests, our passions and our perceptions.

I'm tempted to say that the basic goal of a liberal arts education is to train us to read a newspaper. That may not sound like such a lofty goal or one worth a considerable investment of time and money, but before you all ask for a refund, let me explain.

To read — and comprehend — what is happening in our own world demands impressive powers of description, analysis and interpretation.

Consider two recent events: the destruction of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, and the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York City.

Accounts of both incidents in the popular press quickly focused on easy explanations: one was the fault of the "Wacko from Waco" and the other of Islamic fundamentalist terrorists, equally wacko in many eyes.

In both instances, facile labeling took the place of patient analysis. And we were all the poorer for it. Settling for easy answers diminishes both the observers, by constraining the full exercise of their intelligence, and those being observed, by denying them their complicated humanity.

Anyone in your class, I'm sure, could do better. Each of those incidents represents only the tip of a very complex iceberg. Beneath the surface is a complicated and volatile mix of religion, politics, psychology, history and many other factors.

A fuller understanding of either event would call on precisely the kind of skills and knowledge that you have worked to acquire over the last four years, as well as your own moral courage and vision of a just society. Much of what passed for analysis of those events only underscores the need for people who see that the world is complicated — people who possess the patience to do the work of real understanding, the courage to take a stand, the ability to tolerate informed dissent and the grace to change their minds when presented with compelling evidence — people who are willing to take others seriously.

One thing I've learned from the study of religion is how important it can be to take other people seriously and how difficult a task that actually is.

If you've discovered a sustaining source of inspiration and found a few issues that you really care about, I think your education has been a great success. Believe it or not, you're probably ready to begin the rest of your life.

I'm very happy to have shared this joyful time with you. Today marks a commencement of sorts for me as well. Immediately after this ceremony my wife and I will leave for Poland to meet our adopted daughter for the first time. This summer we, too, will begin a new, exciting and very different phase of our lives. So, we're celebrating too, and we also face the future with a delicious combination of anticipation, nervousness, hope and fear.

I feel a very strong bond with the Class of '93. We've learned from each other; I have fond personal feelings and deep respect for many of you; and you got me this neat job.

So I want to offer a simple gesture of thanks. In your honor, my wife, Jennifer Brosius Gallagher of the Class of 1978, and I have established an endowed academic award. It will commemorate your recognition of the importance of teaching at Connecticut College and my commitment to the study of religion.

Beginning next April, the Class of '93 prize will be awarded annually to a freshman for outstanding performance in an introductory religion course. Your seriousness of purpose and affection for the process of learning deserve lasting recognition.

I'll close by telling all of the members of the Class of '93 what I tell my major and minor advisees. In my eyes, our relationship doesn't stop after four years. If you think I can help you out, give me a call; if you're on campus, stop by. I'll see you at homecoming and at our fifth reunion.
THE MANY DIMENSIONS OF CAMPUS CHANGE: Among new faces, places and projects since 1988 are (clockwise from top right) Becker House; additions to the Athletic Center; the High School Students Advancement Program; international and multicultural initiatives; renovations at Cro; expanding technological capabilities; and a whirlwind of a president.
Five Years of Change

The college’s first alumna president is rocketing it toward the 21st century. Not, of course, without controversy.

Ask people on campus about Claire Gaudiani’s presidency and one thing becomes immediately clear: Nobody lacks an opinion. She has been called an innovator and change agent, a lightning rod, a visionary and, behind her back, “The Rocket.” She has been described as boundlessly energetic, frustratingly difficult, committed and confident, impatient and, on occasion, impossible. Few deny that she has taken the college on an exciting ride these past five years, but those who prefer change at a less dizzying pace have not always had a smooth journey.

Claire Lynn Gaudiani ’66 officially became the eighth president and first alumni leader of Connecticut College on October 1, 1988. Succeeding Oakes Ames, who headed the school for 14 years, Gaudiani has not rested for a moment since she promised in her inaugural address that the college “will take a leadership role in preparing citizen/leaders for the changes ahead.”

Ames had faced serious challenges during his presidency. Indeed, they were crises of survival. Dealing with the political upheaval of the post-Vietnam War era, the perilous transition to co-education and a vital $30 million dollar fund-raising campaign, Ames, the soft-spoken scientist, left a sound, respected, but still under endowed and, some say, complacent school.

Most academic observers believe Connecticut College made the difficult move to co-education better than any of America’s former women’s colleges. It ended the ‘80s well-positioned for a whole set of new survival challenges, the most significant of which, the value of a private education, threatens the very existence of the liberal arts as an option.

David Breneman, an educational economist at the Harvard School of Education, says that the rising cost of private colleges like Connecticut is forcing some value-conscious students and parents to opt for “career-degree programs” such as engineering, teaching or business and reducing the number of pure liberal arts institutions (see president’s letter, page 2). Breneman thinks this “sea change” could create a huge loss to the diverse fabric of American higher education.

Gaudiani couldn’t agree more. She ardently defends the merits of a liberal education and expounds the need to preserve American liberal arts colleges. “I start with the notion of what it takes to be a citizen in a democracy, and I move on to the demands that a fast-changing environment is going to put on each of us. Coming from both of those perspectives, a liberal arts education is a peerless preparation.”
**KEEPING A HIGH PROFILE**

For Connecticut College to enter the next century as a strong liberal arts institution, Gaudiani believes it must restructure its non-financial assets, internationalize its curriculum and upgrade the sciences, expand minority participation, focus on new communications and computing technologies, and significantly increase its financial resources. Experts such as Robert Atwell, president of the American Council on Education and a Connecticut College trustee, agree with this general strategy.

To accomplish these goals, Gaudiani, along with 300 members of the college community — trustees, faculty, administrators, alumni, staff and students — started by creating a five-year strategic plan which has become a model in higher education.

Claire Matthews, vice president for planning and dean of admissions, describes the planning process as a look outward. “We asked, ‘What do the nation and the world need from a college like ours?’ We had answers and needed to develop programs to respond to those answers.” The plan pinpointed weaknesses to be eliminated and strengths to be maximized; it provided a blueprint for the arduous task ahead.

Gaudiani’s vision was to propel the college into the 21st century. She outlined three new programs building on traditional strengths and raised seed money to establish them: the Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts (CISLA), which integrates international perspectives, foreign language proficiency and an internship abroad into any major; the High School Student Advancement Program, which has enlarged the national pool of college-bound minority students; and the Keck summer science program, which allows undergraduates to work with professors on an 18-month research project. These and other academic programs have blossomed under her leadership.

Members of the college community took Gaudiani’s lead and developed ideas and programs of their own. Although she acquired the funds, small groups of faculty and students designed or revised courses together to incorporate previously under-represented minority and international cultures. After eight years of attempts to launch the Center for Arts and Technology, which supports interdisciplinary collaboration among faculty and provides research opportunities for students, the project got off the ground with a small seed grant allocated by the new president. This spring, so did a new Center for Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies.

The strategic plan helped crystallize other needs. In comparison to peer institutions, Connecticut College historically paid its faculty members less and made their teaching load greater. During her first months at the college, Gaudiani, who teaches an advanced French course each year, implemented two major changes to alleviate these disparities: faculty salary “gap closing,” which over the course of five years has started to bring average compensation in line with peer institutions, and a transition from a three-course-per-semester teaching load to a load commonly found at leading colleges of three courses one semester and two the other. This arrangement has allowed professors more time for scholarship and for supervising students on independent projects. And it may be responsible for a 159 percent increase since 1988 in grants and contracts supporting faculty research, and for a growing number of definitive books published by faculty. Also in the faculty arena, Gaudiani continues to seek funding to add to the college’s eight fully-endowed professorial chairs, seven of them created since her arrival.

The college’s computer networks and telephone system were upgraded rapidly; the student center and athletic facilities took longer. Outdated, they stifled student life. This gave birth to The College Center Projects, an ambi-

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**Major accomplishments of the college during Gaudiani’s administration**

- Created one of the first comprehensive five-year strategic plans in higher education.
- Established three major interdisciplinary teaching and research centers
- Created a program for more than 20 students to pursue advanced scientific research each summer
- Improved recruiting and retention of faculty members
- Encouraged a 68% increase in students graduating with honors
- Increased rank from 41 to 29 on U.S. News and World Report national ranking of liberal arts colleges
- Created a summer program for minority high school students
- Doubled the endowment (from $32 to $64 million)
- Increased planned giving 360%, annual giving 237% and alumni participation in the annual fund 29%
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bushel, and it is time now to take the bushel off and have the
light exposed to the rest of the world. One of the ways to make
that happen is to have programs that attract attention in the
national media for their quality and innovation,” says Matthews.

Among the president’s greatest assets, Matthews believes, is
her understanding of public relations and its potential to cul-
tivate every aspect of the college’s life from admissions to
development to faculty retention.

Monitor, “ABC World News Tonight” and CBS’s “Sunday
Morning” all have run news stories on Connecticut College
and its innovative programs. In articles and speeches, Gaudiani
has become a spokesperson for ethical values in everyday life; as
a member of the executive committee of the Presidents
Commission of the National Collegiate Athletic Association,
she encourages the trend among many colleges to emulate the

kind of balance of academics and athletics that is struck at
Connecticut College.

Letters from alumni indicate their pride in seeing the col-
lege’s accomplishments in the press. Even so, not everyone
agrees on the need for increasing national visibility. “Too much
attention is being paid to what works and what doesn’t work
from a public relations standpoint,” says Jeff Berman ’93, a
member of the college’s influential Planning, Priorities and
Budget Committee, whose call for greater academic rigor at
the college produced a series of meetings between administra-
tors and students this spring.

BORN TO RUN

Claire Gaudiani spent her childhood in suburban Englewood, New Jersey, and graduated from Connecticut College in 1966. After earning a Ph.D. in French Literature from the University of Indiana she taught French at Purdue University and then at the University of Pennsylvania. She rapidly broadened her focus, founding Academic Alliances, the nationwide program in which college and high school teachers mentor one another in their subject areas, and the National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship program for high school language teachers. At Penn, she helped found a graduate program, the Joseph H. Lauder Institute for Management and International Studies, and served as a consultant for the Dana, Exxon Education and Rockefeller Foundations.

The search for the eighth president of Connecticut College
began in the fall of 1987 with the realization that the college
needed re-energizing. “The committee was change-oriented,”
says Professor of Art David Smalley, a member of the search
committee. Gaudiani’s name was submitted by three of the col-
lege’s professors, and she rose quickly to the top of a large pool
of applicants because of her emphasis on change within a tradi-
tional academic setting.

“What impressed me was her unshakable commitment to
academics. That was the right core emphasis,” recalls Bridget
Baird, a professor of mathematics who also was a member of
the committee.

But change, especially rapid and institution-altering change,
is never easy. No one denies that Gaudiani’s initiatives were
needed and positive. However, on campus the question has
arisen: Do the ends justify the means?
GROWING PAINS

On a lively liberal arts campus full of independent thinkers and skeptics who explore multiple sides to every debate, some faculty and students have chafed at the changing order. In addition, the extremes of a person's strengths can become liabilities, and some believe this is the case with Claire Gaudiani. Her enthusiasm and drive can turn to impatience and frustration. Her desire for results can cause her to take shortcuts.

"She is so far ahead of where the institution is. That makes it very difficult to implement what she wants done," says Steven Culbertson, a former vice president for development and college relations.

"She leans heavily in the direction of vision for the future. She doesn't give enough time to what students need — what they are concerned about now," comments Jon Finnimore '94, publisher of the student weekly, The College Voice.

Says Dean of the College Robert Hampton: Yes, change is necessary, but it is not nor should it be the first priority. "You must understand everyone's perspective. It's not that people are resisting change. It's that they can't invest the kind of time and energy it takes at the expense of other things they have to do to survive.... If we are doing a report card [on Gaudiani] now, the positives outweigh the negatives, and benefits outweigh the costs, but I don't think we can ignore the costs."

Others believe her force and alacrity were necessary for the institution to survive and thrive, considering the sweeping needs. "The changes were a big pill to swallow. The other way is to nibble, which is a different kind of discomfort," says Smalley.

Gaudiani believes that, even when survival is at stake, change scares people because it involves risk-taking. If people could get beyond their fear, she says, they would realize that change "is an orientation to freeing people to imagine that taking a risk could pay off." In short, no guts, no glory.

Gaudiani also has been criticized for appearing to ignore process. Hampton unflinchingly defends the college's need for it. "I have to protect process because it is important for people to buy into something, to have ownership of it.... And sometimes, if the outcome is great but the procedure is wrong, then, in fact, you also have an injustice."

The true problem, according to Gaudiani, is not a lack of process but a lack of understanding about decision-making. "There is a struggle between leadership and consensus. It is very hard for people to come to terms with the fact that ultimately many decisions are not based on popular vote."

Certainly one of the toughest problems of Gaudiani's administration has been stabilizing the development office. Although annual giving set a record last year, the College Center Projects were completed and the endowment has doubled, there have been three development heads (not counting interim) in five years. "People often give money based on relationships fostered," says Culbertson. "It is difficult to build a relationship with a development director if the average tenure is less than one year." [Editor's note: Since this article was prepared, Robert Rasmussen was named vice president for development and college relations.]

Nevertheless, there is little doubt that the president has re-energized the alumni, a vital part of successful fund raising at an institution like Connecticut where there is no long history of philanthropy.

EVEN MORE TO CELEBRATE

During the last five years Connecticut College has risen to successfully address the challenges it faced at Gaudiani's inauguration. More applicants than ever now make the college their first choice and choose it over similar colleges to which they also were admitted. Fund raising is up substantially (see box, page 21). The intellectual vitality of the campus is high, and its liberal arts curriculum is firmly intact, even as it evolves. Working with the trustees, Gaudiani has strengthened the board, broadening the college's high-level contacts in communications and businesses with international perspectives.

In a recent interview with the New London Day, Fred Hechinger, senior adviser to the Carnegie Corporation and former education editor at The New York Times, said: "A lot of people are in favor of good things, but they don't go out and raise the money and put their careers on the line to get things done. The things [Gaudiani] did weren't necessarily popular, but they went well beyond what college presidents normally do."

Now may be the time for the campus community briefly to catch its collective breath to prepare for the steps ahead. After five years of Gaudiani's presidency, the college's alumni, friends and, above all, students have much to celebrate. On Gaudiani's next five-year anniversary, it seems likely, they will have even more.

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CHAMPAGNE AND OYSTERS: A TIME-HONORED TRADITION

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landmarks is minor. German researchers Klaus Schmidt-Koenig and Charles Walcott found that, although pigeons refuse to fly blindfolded, they will fly wearing hoods equipped with frosted lenses. The lenses allow the birds to see light but not images beyond a few feet. Nevertheless, they still are able to navigate. How can this be?

Pigeons are diurnal, Askins said, which means they fly during the day using the sun as a compass. Experiments by William Keeton at Cornell University established that homing pigeons can navigate quite well even when the sky is overcast. In a critical experiment, Keeton attached magnets to the napes of some of his flock and brass bars to others. On a sunny day, both groups navigated well, but on a cloudy day, the pigeons wearing the brass did fine, while the others flew off in all directions.

What the experiment showed, Askins said, was that the birds use a magnetic compass, which was disrupted by the magnets worn by the test group. The experiment also suggests that the magnetic compass is only a backup system, because the birds wearing magnets flew in the right direction on a sunny day.

"This makes sense," Askins said, "because we have places on Earth where there is distortion in the magnetic field or there can be sunspot activity that can change the magnetic field. The sun or stars would be much more dependable when they are visible."

To illustrate this point, Askins cites the research of Stephen Emlen at Cornell, who took advantage of a bird behavior called migratory restlessness to conduct experiments on celestial navigation. Migratory restlessness, Askins explained, occurs during the migration season when a caged bird will hop in the direction of migration all night.

Emlen created a funnel-shaped cage out of blotter paper, with an ink pad for a base and a wire mesh lid. As a bird hops about in the cage, its inked feet leave prints on the blotter as a record of its activity. Emlen found that indigo buntings, placed in the cages outdoors on a clear night, hopped only in the direction of migration, but on a cloudy night, they hopped randomly. He also put caged birds in a planetarium under a simulated night sky and rotated the sky 180 degrees. Sure enough, the birds hopped in the direction indicated by the simulated sky.

When Emlen raised nestlings in the planetarium under diffuse light, he found that fledglings hopped in all directions in their cages, no matter how bright the stars. Thus researchers discovered that baby birds do not sit idle in the nest waiting for their next feeding. Rather, they are enrolled in an intense astronomy course for which the final exam will be perhaps a thousand-mile solo flight. Deprived of the starry sky, their textbook as it were, they do not know which way to go.

"What they learn is the axis of rotation," Askins noted. "The whole night sky rotates around Polaris. Emlen rotated the night sky around other stars, like Betelgeuse, and when he did that, the buntings would orient as if Betelgeuse was in the north."

"Birds need to learn the night sky during the sensitive period when they are nestlings," Askins said. Animals learn particular things at particular times in their development. "In some species, songs are learned only during the nestling and fledging periods."

Still, no matter how diligently these little birds study, how can they navigate when the sky is cloudy? Askins explained that birds often are able to fly above the clouds. "On Mount Everest, birds have been seen flying at 27,000 feet," he said. "Most fly at 500 to 1,000 feet, but they can fly at higher altitudes because their respiratory system is much more efficient than ours. We have relatively primitive lungs that fill like a bag, then empty. In birds air is constantly flowing through the lungs in one direction."

How nestlings acquire their love of star study remains a mystery. Parental guidance, at least, seems to have nothing to do with it. Askins referred to the research of Peter Berthold of the Max-Planck-Institut in Germany who accomplished the difficult feat of raising songbirds in captivity, free of any contact with adult birds. Berthold's home-grown garden warblers not only hopped in the direction of migration, but also whirred their wings.
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Homing pigeons have a very fine sensitivity to magnetic fields, he said. They can detect 1/400th of the Earth's magnetic field, whereas a hand compass does not need to be nearly this sensitive.

As we learn more about the performance of birds, perhaps we humans are justified to feel a twinge of insecurity. After all, the old global pecking order is at stake. We could comfort ourselves with the notion that these skills are genetically programmed and require little, if any, effort. But Askins pulled a final study out of his kit bag to dispel this notion.

"Another of Emlen's experiments was to turn off one constellation after another to see when the birds stopped being able to navigate," Askins said. "The conclusion was, they don't use any one constellation, and different individuals depend on different portions of the night sky. Star patterns are apparently learned, not genetically determined." •

"They pantomime the migration inside their cages," Askins said. Berthold had another surprise. The birds replicated the direction of migration in a precise pattern. In the annual migration, garden warblers in the wild in Germany first fly southwest to Spain, then turn due south across the Straits of Gibraltar to their destination in West Africa. Berthold's caged birds hopped in a southwesterly direction for the appropriate number of days, and then suddenly shifted their hops to the south and continued for an appropriate number of days to simulate a flight to West Africa.

"So this is a built-in map of their migratory route," said Askins, "based on direction and duration — go southwest for so many hours, then turn south for so many hours."

Askins suggested that, in addition to the stars or a magnetic compass, the birds may be using a map based on the Earth's magnetic fields. "Even on sunny days, when they do not need their magnetic compass sense, pigeons released near Iron Mountain in Rhode Island go off in all directions," he said, an indication that they are getting readings from the magnetic field disturbed, in this case, by the iron.

The magnetic field gets stronger and stronger toward the Earth's poles, Askins explained, so theoretically birds could get a reading on latitude, and it varies across continents, so they also could get information about longitude.

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Robert Askins, an ornithologist whose research focuses on neotropical migrants and their habitats in New England and the Virgin Islands, gives a crash course in the mysteries of bird migration.

Science, that sublime invention of man, is providing enough data about the superior abilities of animals to give us an inferiority complex. Even the most common birds, for example, disappear from our woods and backyards each fall and return to the same spot year after year, locating their landing site as expertly as the human navigator of a jetliner equipped with satellite maps and computerized instruments.

“Birds are capable of pinpoint migration across great distances,” said Professor Robert Askins, chair of the Connecticut College zoology department. A warbler will leave its specific two-acre territory here and fly nearly two thousand miles to touch down in a precise acre in Central America, Askins explained.

Askins studies neotropical migrants, or birds that winter in the tropics of the New World. Most fly at night to take advantage of calm air and darkness, which provides protection from predators. Askins noted that a great lumberyard fire in Philadelphia at the turn of the century lit up the night sky well enough to reveal a massive bird migration. More recently, on a night with heavy avian traffic, radar from a National Weather Service station in South Carolina picked up two million migrants in one image.

But how can all those birds find their way so precisely across so many miles? Visual markers apparently help somewhat. Homing pigeons in the Boston area, for example, “correct their orientation when the John Hancock building comes in sight,” Askins said. However, birds’ dependence on
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— Brian Rogers
Special Collections Librarian
A RITUAL FOR THE '90s

Photos, clockwise from above:
Constance Haaren Wells '43 greets classmate Martha Boyle Morrisson; David Kaster '83 with family; Sue Weinberg Mindlin and Jane Graham Pemberton, both '53ers; Alumni from the class of 1988 recall salad days on the green; Charlotte Hostfeld Tarp's '43 poses with the 1939 Ford "Woody" that carried her to CC as a freshman.

STORY BY LISA BROWNELL
PHOTOGRAPHS BY JON CRISPIN
"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forward." Kierkegaard's maxim, quoted by Ginny Landry '70 in her address to alumni, may be a paradox, but for those who returned June 4-6 for the largest reunion in the college's history, a pilgrimage back to campus was one of the best ways to cope. Many discovered that Reunion at Connecticut College, steeped in tradition as it may be, is also moving into the future.

As one member of the Class of 1938 observed over lunch, "I used to come just for the social aspects of Reunion; now it's really the program that interests me." Alumni packed classrooms for seminars on Clinton's first 100 days in office, international studies, environmental problems and women's choices in the '90s. They met alumni authors and rose at daybreak for a tour of the Arboretum. Thanks to child care on campus, the event sometimes had the look of a family reunion; more alumni are bringing the kids along.

"Many things have contributed to increased attendance at reunion," said Martha Merrill '84, director of classes/reunions. "Better networking by the reunion chairs and their committees, some of whom have been planning for two years, the advance printing of class directories and holding mini-reunions prior to the actual events have all been important. We also give careful consideration to all the evaluations made by alumni attending reunion in recent years so that we can make changes to provide services and programs that meet alumni needs."

Whether they graduated five years ago or 70, alumni are seeking reconnection, reflections and a little revelry as well. Joan Hoge '28, of Boston, Mass., decided that, after 65 years, it was high time to attend a class reunion — and returned to campus for the first time. Maria Mendieta Abortiz '52 made the trip from the Philippines. Margery Newman Puder '43 and Virginia Puder Goldfarb '68, mother and daughter, celebrated their 50th and 25th reunions respectively.

The Class of 1943, observing their 50th reunion, broke all records with an attendance of 57 percent, and a full third of the Class of 1983 arrived to celebrate their first decade as alumni. And the 20th reunion for the Class of 1973 was also a benchmark for the college's first truly co-educational class.

The star of Reunion was "Olive Oil," a 1939 Ford "Woody" station wagon owned by Charlotte Hosfeld Tarpy '43 and her husband, who drove it from their Pawtucket, R.I., home. What made it an even more remarkable vehicle for Mrs. Tarpy's 50th reunion was the fact that it was the same car, then brand-new, that Mrs. Tarpy drove to the campus from Texas when she arrived as a freshman at Connecticut College in 1939. "We paid $600 for it back then," Mrs. Tarpy recalled.
On Saturday morning, following the traditional alumni parade with the Whiskey Flats Dixieland Jazz Band and the costumed camel mascot, the classes trooped into Palmer Auditorium for the presentation of class gifts, special honors and the state of the college address. From the 15 reunion classes, a total of $1,413,014 was presented to the college, but the amount was increasing steadily, even as the totals were being reported.

The Agnes Berkeley Leahy Award, which recognizes alumni for “outstanding service to the Connecticut College Alumni Association,” was presented in absentia to Sarah “Say Say” Brown Schoenhubt ’28. Two alumnae received Alumni Tribute Awards for “sustained and extraordinary service” to the college: the late Frances Koepfgen Kercher ’72 and Jean M. Handley ’48.

Kercher, who passed away in February, had a 21-year career with Connecticut College. As coordinator of the Alumni Admissions Representative program, she worked with hundreds of alumni volunteers across the country. She earned her degree in English as a Return to College Student. The award was accepted by her husband and children; four of her six children are alumni, two of whom celebrated their reunions this year.

Handley, who was celebrating her 45th reunion with her classmates, was a member of the college’s board of trustees for 11 years, serving as chair during a time of dramatic growth and change. She “has given unselfishly of her time in representing the college before alumni and friends, especially in major fund-raising efforts,” said Ginny Bergquist Landry ’70, vice president of the alumni association.

President Claire Gaudiani ’66 awarded two Connecticut College Medals, the highest honor the college can confer. The first recipient was Ellen Hofheimer Bettmann ’66, who is national education training director for A World of Difference, a training project that combats prejudice in the classroom.

“You have shown all of us that giving to others is not a sacrifice but a joy to thrive on,” Gaudiani told Bettmann.

Joanne Levitt Vanderkloot ’62, a consultant who specializes in issues of race and poverty, also was a recipient. In 1982, after obtaining a masters of social work at New York University’s School of Social Work, Vanderkloot and Myrtle Parnell founded a partnership specializing in institutional systems assessment, policy planning and cross-cultural team-building, at the Morrisania Neighborhood Family Care Center in South Bronx. “You have shown others that the most difficult problems can be solved if they are viewed from new perspectives,” said Gaudiani.

Vanderkloot extended special thanks to her “mentor,” June Macklin, Rosemary Park professor of anthropology. Next semester, Vanderkloot will teach a course at Connecticut on “Teamwork Skills for Multicultural Interaction.”

President Gaudiani introduced her State of the College address by quoting from an essay by author Mary Cantwell ’53 on the occasion of taking her daughter to college:

“I remember when someone spoke across centuries, or an idea caught me, or a formula was miraculously made clear, and I remember that I felt like a pole vaulter, up in the air and clearing the bar. This, I would, if I could say to my daughter, is the real luck. This is the luck I had, and that you can have now, and this is the luck that lasts forever.”

Gaudiani continued, “As members of the Connecticut College community — alumni spouses and family — you know this kind of luck.” She credited the leadership of past presidents Rosemary Park, Charles Shain and Oakes Ames, faculty and students, and outlined some of the college’s major advances in the past five years. She also appealed for the support of the alumni to ensure the college’s continuing leadership role as a top-ranked liberal arts school.

Plans are already underway for Reunion 1994, which is scheduled for June 3-5. There also will be a special first-time “Ultimate Reunion” especially for classes of the 1970s during Alumni-Parents Weekend, October 1-3 this year.

In the College Center’s renovated bookshop, more than 100 alumni attended a booksigning for Julie Baumgold ’66 (center), author of Creatures of Habit and Mary Cantwell ’53 (not pictured) author of American Girl.
Olive Tuthill Reid lives by herself on the South Shore of Lake Erie. "I feel blessed to live here. Actually, at 92, I feel blessed to live anywhere."

Dorothy Wheeler Pietrallo writes, "I have diabetes, no balance, am confined to a walker, have a heart condition, but otherwise I'm in the best of health."

Olive Holcombe Wheeler moved to Wesley Willows in Rockford, IL, to be closer to her daughter, Carol Rice.

A chat on the phone with Marie Jester Kyle is as refreshing as a spring morning — her personality must have come in handy when she was head of the dining room back in her college days. Marie says she enjoys her retirement home — manages with a cane, except for the longer trips to the dining room when she spins along in a three wheeler.

Elizabeth Merry Miller plans to have a bash for her 90th birthday in July — her apartment is too small, so a friend is making a roomy spot available.

Parks McCombs' lack of ambulatory power in no way diminishes her interest in classmates and campus doings. She enjoys a wonderful ocean view from her retirement home apartment, and has a companion to help her tour the waterfront via a wheelchair.

After a career in publications and as an administrative executive, with a stint on active duty with the Marine Corps Headquarters in DC, Dorothy Kent retired some years ago to her family home in a farming community. She transferred from Connecticut to Simmons but says, "Any item I read about Connecticut and its graduates makes a braggit out of me."

Optimistically, she writes, "'Taint easy — the pursuit of happiness when you reach the 90s — but I'm pursuing it."

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ALUMNI TRAVEL

SOUTHERN SOUTH AMERICA:
Glaciers, Mountains and Ancient Civilizations
January 3-23, 1994

Join Professor of Anthropology June Macklin and Wesleyan’s Professor of Geology Jelle de Boer and discover Santiago, the archeological sites of San Pedro de Atacama in northern Chile and Paili-Aike and Fell’s caves in Patagonia; two of the most beautiful and pristine national parks in Chilean Patagonia, the Clacaires National Park and Torres del Paine National Park, a United Nations biosphere reserve, Chilean lakes and Iguausa Falls, the world’s most impressive falls.

THE LOWER CARIBBEAN AND ORINOCO RIVER
March 13-23, 1994

This exotic cruise is hosted by Professor of Biology Robert Askins, a noted ornithologist. Swim and snorkel in some of the finest marine environments anywhere and experience the interesting flora and fauna that thrive along the mighty Orinoco River. Come face to face with the Warao Indians who make the rain forest their home. Itinerary includes, northern Venezuela, Curacao, Tobago, Trinidad and Guayana.

HOLLAND BY BARGE
April 20-May 1, 1994

Associate Professor of Art History Robert Baldwin will host a barge trip through the canals of Holland during the tulip season. Trip highlights include Amsterdam, the Kroller Muller Museum noted for its exceptional collection of Van Gogh paintings, Keukenhof Gardens, The Hague, Delft and Maastricht.

ALUMNI SEMINAR IN ISRAEL
May 1994

Discover Israel with Roger Brooks, Elie Wiesel Professor of Judaic Studies.

For more information, contact Bridget Bernard in the Alumni Office, 203-439-2304.

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Mildred Meyer Doran writes enthusiastically about the North Atlantic cruise that she took recently. They toured Barcelona, Lisbon, Gibraltar, Paris and Amsterdam. She volunteers at the local school once a week, helping the second grade teacher. “This age group is adorable; I have a darling boy who has adopted me and calls me grandma.”

Lillian Miller is happy to be able to manage independently in her own house, in spite of some health problems, and to be able to entertain friends and relatives occasionally for summer visits. She recently had lunch with two members of the class of ’29, Willy Fountain Murphy and Marian Vaine.

Constance Smith Langtry writes, “Highlights and lowlights since returning to
Wilmington, NC, in '76. Alec and Icelebrat-
ed our 50th anniversary; our next is59th. We
traveled far to visit his Russian relatives.

Personal tragedy in '82 with loss of our daughter whose schools included the Sorbonne and universities in the Middle East and Russia. Our son, a Yale M.D., died in '65. At present I enjoy volunteer work for the local mental health center."

Evelyn Utley Keeler sends these vital statistics, "Work: getting up in the morning. Travel: armchair. School: bridge lessons (continuing education). Family: Elizabeth Utley Lamb '29. You seem to be doing circles around me."

Ernestine Vincent Venner is still living in Endicott, NY, and now has a great-granddaughter whose parents are Kerry and Kathleen Keenan. They all had a lovely Christmas with her daughter, Jackie, and famil-

in Jordan, NY.

Edith Walter Samuels reports that she is living a pretty good life — six months in FL and six months in White Plains. She paints abstract paintings, swims, golf, attends thea-

"I spent three weeks in VT with my family and off to St. Thomas to celebrate my 85th with son, John, and his wife."

Elizabeth Weed Johnson writes, "I am still in my home, thanks to my devoted daughter's family and my terrific helpers. During the week, I am taken for outings and, on Sundays, to church. My daughter, Carol, was in the class of '65 at CC. Both she and her husband hold positions in the computer field. They have two talented daughters. Dr. Roger Ryley, recently deceased, my long-
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Helen Flinner Smith died on 10/3/92. It is with sadness that we send sympathy to her family. The class also extends warm sym-

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Update from your correspondent: according to the Jan. class list, we are now 65 stal-

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Vivien Noble Wakeman enjoys reading and listening to audio books while making cookies for their eight great-grandchildren. She and Dave celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in Feb. They "feel blessed to still have each other and to feel safe in our big, old country house."

Joan Marshall Hackett '58 wrote that her mother, Betty Snowden Marshall, died just before Thanksgiving after a long illness and many years in a nursing home.

Dorothea Simpson has recovered from two fractured hips and now enjoys her home in Silem, CT, her friends, hobbies and cats.

Elizabeth Pyper Bauer and husband, Hal, have moved again, they hope for the last time. They had been living in a retirement community in Roswell, GA, missed their family, so last fall moved back to Gaithersburg, MD. Their son, granddaughter, grandson, and one great grandson live within a few miles. Call or write the Alumni Office for their new address.

Elinor Wells Smith address was erroneously listed as Louisville, KY, instead of Lewisville, TX, (where she lives with her son and his wife) in a previous issue of class notes. Her youngest grandson graduated from the U. of North Texas in Denton last spring. He is postponing law school while living at home and working. Two other grandsons work in Dallas. Elinor wrote last year about her severe sinus infections. She continues to have residu-

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PROJECT SERVE '93

With eight club regions and over 100 alumni participating, Project Serve '93 had a wonderful first year. Project Serve '93 was designed to engage alumni throughout the nation and the campus community in volunteer activities. Connecticut College Clubs committed one day to a community service project to continue the traditions of public service fostered at Connecticut College.

San Francisco, No Day at the Beach for Alumni. Alumni in the Bay Area love their beaches so much that a group spent the day cleaning up at Ocean Beach in San Francisco. In addition, all those participating were encouraged to bring a canned food item or an article of clothing to donate to a charitable cause.

Los Angeles, Christmas in April Project Postponed. Due to fears about possible riots following the Los Angeles Police Trial, the national project called Christmas in April, for which our Connecticut College Alumni were going to volunteer, was rescheduled for May. The club still had a good group of alumni hitting the streets.

Chicago, Alumni doing the Walk in Chicago. A small, but committed group of alumni participated in the MARCH OF DIMES WALKAMERICA project. The proceeds of WALKAMERICA go toward programs for prenatal care, nutritional education and ensuring that children will have a healthy start. After 12 miles, the alumni who walked were feeling slightly stiff, but happy to have helped out.

Washington, D.C., Alumni Help D.C. GROW. A group of about 15 alumni spent the day on Potomac Avenue in D.C. working with Garden Resources of Washington (GROW) to clear a lot for community residents to plant at a later date.

Boston, One Day for City Year Serve-a-thon. Alumni in the Boston area banded together to work with City Year, the inner city peace corps which has been the model for President Clinton's National Service Program. Our Boston alumni spent a day scrubbing walls at the Somerville housing development and had a wonderful time seeing each other and helping the community. Later they were treated to pizza by the Somerville mayor.

New York City, AIDS Walk 1993 One More Time. For the second year, New York City Alumni joined together to walk 6.2 miles to help raise $1,800 and awareness for the fight against AIDS.

Tenth Annual Greater Hartford Walk Against Hunger. Alumni in the capital of Connecticut completed a 4.1 mile walk to benefit Foodshare of Greater Hartford.

Southeastern Connecticut, Spring Clean-Up and WALKAMERICA. Alumni in New London, Groton and surrounding areas joined students at Connecticut College as they worked to clean up Winthrop High Rises and Mamanock Island as well as join in the March of Dimes Walk in Southeastern Connecticut.

Project Serve will be an annual effort. If you are interested in helping or participating, please call your local club representative or Andrew C. Sharp '89, director of clubs and educational programs, at 203-439-2310.

Like so many of us non-peripatetic souls, Marion E. Black finds that time zips by in retirement days enjoying friends, visiting those in nursing homes and maintaining a home alone. A good life!

Our provocative classmate, Serena Blodgett Mowry, comments on a friend she met at Harvard, "She has a chair at Oxford, is a linguistic expert and is delightfully mad!" This spring, Serena was in the Netherlands standing knee-deep in tulips.

A note from Elizabeth Flanders McNellis says, "Life goes on as usual, interrupted by a few trips — three weeks last spring in Brussels, Spain and Portugal, and in Oct, a tour of DC, then a Christmas reunion in KY."

Her sister, Phyllis Larson, reports that Bernice Griswold Ellis celebrated her 80th birthday with a party at her nursing home. Although confined to a wheelchair and unable to move her arms, Bernice is in good spirits and would love to hear from classmates (ask me for the address).

In Dec., Alison Jacobs McBride and daughter, Nancy, celebrated 80th and 50th birthdays, respectively. Allie commented, "I don't mind being 80, but do think of classmates so old is shocking!"

Eleanor Laughlin Bowsher found the following verse painted on a plate at her cousin's home in CA:

If I should live to a ripe old age
May I possess some bit of
Individuality, charm and wit.
That I may not be disclosed.
When I am withered, torn and weak.
But sought after and cherished like a fine antique.

Helen Lavietes Krosnick says the winter was a bit dull, but a visit from a CA cousin turned into a tourist agenda that left Helen reeling.

Cait Lewis Witt's husband keeps me posted on Cait, who is no longer able to write. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in Oct.

Mary Louise Mercer Coburn's comments on the world today, "It has virtually no bearing on the one in which we were brought up! To wit, our youngest granddaughter is a sophomore at Princeton — and most of the time, the technological advances are totally incomprehensible to me."

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Key West with a church choir.

Dorothy Sisson Tuten, a garden-minded classmate, sent me a sprig of cypress, plus a letter full of New England memories. She joined the “81 club” in Feb. She lives alone and takes care of “everything.”

Jane Trace Spragg and Shirley had a Thanksgiving dinner in CA with all the family present.

Mary Turnock Jaeger’s Christmas card had a dear photo of John and herself — looking as though Sanibel Island agrees with them. But Tommy wrote, “We are both beginning to creak. Golden Years — bunk!”

Olga Wester Russell’s life in wintry ME was softened by a trip to Carson City at Thanksgiving and then to Palo Alto to say hello to daughter, Lauren. On the way back, she attended a conference in NYC and visited friends in NJ.

Ruth Wheeler Cobb made my day with a phone call in response to my request for news. She’s still at her TLC volunteer job at Yale-New Haven Hospital — a sometimes soul-wrenching position. Daughter, Mary, who worked for a long time to get her RN degree, is on duty at the same hospital.

In ’94, a few hardy souls plan to celebrate our 60th reunion on campus, but many of us will be there in spirit only. In the fall, I plan to send out a questionnaire calling for a résumé of your 60 years out of college. Our class is noted for its “togetherness.” I rely on your help to keep up our reputation.

The class extends sympathy to Dorothy Sisson Tuten, whose brother died in Oct., and to the family of Marjorie Sorenson MacPherson, who died in Dec. ’91.

**“Looking in Both Directions”**

These remarks were made by Virginia Bergquist Landry ’70, vice president, Connecticut College Alumni Association, at the opening of the Reunion’s Saturday morning program, June 5, 1993.

**AS A GIRL, I GREW UP IN A VIRGINIA neighborhood surrounded by boys, and as a consequence, my focus was on throwing a tight spiral during the football season and making a good pickoff move to first base on the baseball team. So I’ve always been a great believer in the idea that most of life’s important lessons can be learned on the sports field: lessons about winning gracefully, and even more important, about losing with class; about teamwork and sharing; learning to look for someone’s strengths and capitalizing on them, rather than picking on their weaknesses; empathy for those around you who may have more or less talent than you do; and working hard to reach your goals.

As I thought about what I hope all of you go home with from this reunion, I read the comments of Jim Valvano, the past coach of North Carolina State’s famous basketball team. I felt a special empathy with Jim this past winter. First, he was an inspired coach that I admired, and second, we each fought our own personal battles with cancer over the last six months. While Jim died recently, after a valiant struggle, he set a wonderful example for all of us who find ourselves in uphill battles. And in one of his last speeches he talked about what he felt were the necessary elements in a successful, meaningful day — three simple ingredients—to laugh, to cry and to think deeply about something.

While this may hardly qualify as the most profound definition of a successful day, for me his answer encompasses what I hope you experience here at reunion.

Seeing some of your outfits this morning, hearing some of the tales of college recollections, I hope you’ve found many reasons already to share a few hearty chuckles with your classmates.

And at the same time, all of us have had our trials with family, illness, career challenges, economic troubles — I’m sure there have been a few moist eyes already this weekend as you’ve shared stories of your experiences with your friends. But that’s all right — because so often in our challenges and sadness we find new meaning in our other life experiences. During trials and tragedy, we are so often surrounded by the incredible love of family and friends as we face difficulties we think we may not survive. Our tests of faith frequently lead us to calmer waters that we might never have found otherwise.

And we also hope you will be challenged mentally this weekend. Already, we heard Jack Matlock, our former ambassador to the U.S.S.R., and later today you’ll have the opportunity to hear more about life here at Connecticut College as well as be challenged by a variety of seminars.

As Kierkegaard reminded us, “Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forward.” I hope this weekend will provide you with the opportunity to enrich your lives, looking with friends in both directions.”

Finally, your humble correspondent meets a deadline and has some news to share with you.

Rokie Brown Hansen sold her home in South Portland, ME, after her husband’s death and is now living in a retirement community in Kennebunk, ME. Many members of her family live in the same town, and they enjoyed a merry and active Christmas together. Rokie is now able to go to concerts, plays and shopping for the first time in ages, now that she no longer has to care for a big house. A cousin, Bill Brown, did the rewrite of “The Wiz” which Rokie attended in March, at the same time visiting her oldest son, Donald, and wife.

Martha Louise Cook Swan has three daughters, a son, five granddaughters and a great-grandson and great-granddaughter! She says, “I am still in this big house with a seven-foot grand piano. I can’t quit writing articles long enough to prepare to move. I am in good health at age 80.”

Like many Northerners, Peg McConnell Edwards writes that she and George are off to FL to see Peg’s sister Florence and go to Sarasota. Her husband has not been well, so they are looking forward to the change. She heard Judge Patricia Wald ’48 speak at the Luce School and found her most impressive, an alum to be proud of.

Frances Minson Bitgood and Royal, former residents of East Lyme, CT, now reside permanently in Cocoa Beach, FL. The house in CT still has a “For Sale” sign in front thanks to the poor economy. They have a son and daughter, four grandsons and one granddaughter. Royal has not been well, but Fran keeps active in church, the hospital auxiliary and Republican Club. They celebrated their
50th wedding anniversary this spring. Congratulations, Fran and Royal.

When Selma Silverman Swatsburg takes a trip, she always sends me a postal. I wish more of you would follow suit. Her last journey was to Prague where she had hoped to see more restoration work completed since their last visit six years ago. They went back to London for their annual theater visit. Before leaving, she attended Alumni Weekend, as did Winnie Frank Randolph.

Liz Fielding said she is "still dancing as fast as she can." She is president (again) of the Treasure Cove Citizens Association in their area of the Potomac, which still addresses the problems of the environment and taxes.

Eunice Morse Benedict has a group of widowed friends who golf (nine holes now), bowl and play bridge. Her health is fine except for some dental implants.

Bill and Billie Foster Reynolds join the group who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner party prepared by their daughters, Kathie and Sue. Previously, they celebrated by taking a trip to CA to visit Sue, then sailed on the MS Noordam from LA to Ft. Lauderdale via the Panama Canal. Their children have several highlights as Sue was honored at her 25th high school reunion as the school’s Distinguished Alumna and was asked to speak at Commencement. She is President of the American Association of Women Emergency Physicians in CA, which is active in development of a workable and affordable national health policy. Not to be outdone, Kathie was honored for the completion of 25 years of teaching in the West Hartford CT school system.

I received a wonderful Christmas card showing all of Flo McConnell Knudsen’s grandchildren and great grandchildren. Kristi Knudsen is a jr. at CC.

Win Nies Northcott feels very secure with condo living. Hal and Heather hosted her 75th birthday party and decked the walls with snapshots of her childhood. Win has weeded out some of her commitments narrowing her field to a more carefree sociable world for personal enrichment, i.e. lectures, private lip-reading lessons and assignments through the A.G. Bell Foundation.

Jetts Rothensies Johns has Bill’s reunion at Princeton scheduled for the same weekend as CC’s. If she can’t come to ours, she sends best regards to all. They had the whole family together for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Jeddie Dawless Kinney’s past year held several milestones — Doug’s 75th birthday followed by their 50th wedding anniversary. Both suffer leg problems reducing some of their more energetic activities. They contemplated condo living, but decided to extend their 40-year stay in the same house. Their three children and five grandchildren all enjoy interesting jobs and schools in VA, NC and OH.

Jean Pierce Field and Bob hope to move to a retirement condo as soon as they sell their house. Thus, no trips in the near future.

Marjoire Mintz Deitz and Ted get together with Gus Staas Goodman and Bob in FL during the winter. They took their "adult" children to Bermuda to celebrate three birthdays, Mintz, Ted and daughter, Jane. They now have five great grandchildren ranging in age from 8 years to two months.

Evelyn Falter Sisk boasts a new great grandson.

Annette Service Johnstone recently underwent knee replacement and is doing fine. She has two grandsons, one graduating from Arizona State U., and the other from Suffield Academy in CT. She wrote of the death of Eleanor Robertson Treat on 8/3/92. Eleanor’s husband passed away two years ago, and they had four children. The class sends sympathy to her family.

The class also sends sympathy to the family of Carol Moore Kepler, who died on 2/6/93.

Margy Abell Powell and John rent a house in Cuernavaca, Mexico, for the month of Jan. Ruthie Hale Buchanan joined them for a week. In March, Margy and John vacationed in Little Dix Bay, Virgin Gorda, in the British Virgin Islands, where they enjoyed glorious weather. They returned home to DC right after a snow and sleet weekend. Margy lunched and had a long chat with Jinny Walton Magee in between trips.

Kay Brown Wilhelm plays tennis three times a week and lots of golf in the summer. She and Jack visited their granddaughter in Puerto Rico where she is teaching English. In Jan., they cruised through the Panama Canal. Kay writes, "I have been very healthy—wise."

Mim Cooper writes that she stays "put most of the time, as I have no car now."

Mary Driscoll Devlin and her husband enjoyed two months of golf in FL. She was sorry to read of Marge Abrahams Perlman’s death, "my dear friend and fellow science major."

Elena DeWolfe Cardillo had colon cancer surgery in Aug. In Dec., she helped her 97-year-old mother move into a nursing home in FL.

At Christmas while staying in FL, she saw Nancy Weston Lincoln and John, Barbara Myers Haldt and Peale, Bea Dodd Foster and Bud and Nini Cocks Millard.

Jean Ellis Blumlein had two back surgeries, one in Oct. and another in Jan. Jean takes trips with daughter Ann’s family. Her daughter, Carol, has visited her from HI. She strives “not to mourn or be pampered.”

Harriet Ernst Veale writes “sorry Mogs Robison Loehr could not join me for lunch during the time of her family’s summer outing.” Hattie has spent "the winter close to home with snow, ice and sunshine."

It is sad to write that Henny Farnum Gatchell Stewart’s oldest son, Creighton E. Gatchell Jr., died of a heart attack at age 50, just as his father had at age 59. He was a senior vp and chief investment officer at an investment counseling firm. Henny wrote that one of her friends said, “He was everything a mother would want a son to be.” The class sends our deepest sympathy to Henny.

Happy Gray Burger and Bob left VT’s frigid weather for Hutchinson Island, FL. En route they spent some time with Ruth Brodhead Heintz in Venice, FL. When they reached Hutchinson Island, they were hit with hurricane winds and tornadoes — some vacation! News from VT told them their home was surrounded by 12 feet of snow. They have seen Peggy Kootz Surles and Bill in FL.

Phyl Harding Morton writes “many thanks to you gals who came to the rescue of our class bank account. We should now be able to cover mailings until our 55th, which is only 15 months away.” Phyl plans to see us all in June ’94.

Muriel Harrison Castle is looking forward to our 55th. She and Irving spend a lot
of time in Palm Beach, which is their real home now. They visit children in CT and Dallas and go to grandchildren’s college graduations.

Lee Jenks Rafferty has a new “craze,” UCConn basketball. She and a friend go to the women’s games in Storrs and to all the men’s games at the Hartford Civic Center. Next they will be going to the Red Sox Triple A baseball games in New Britain, CT. Lee has the right idea of staying young in spirit.

Rose Lazarus Shimbach writes that she hopes “to hear from Say ’39ers coming this way” — that’s Columbus, OH. She misses Nantucket and seeing Middy Weitlich Gieg and her ’39er friends there.

Jean Lyon Loomis enjoys shelling in Captiva, FL. She also has great fun with lots of golf and lots of company.

Libby Mulford DeGroff and Ed have just returned from a fascinating three weeks in Morocco and Spain. They’re now home in Pompano Beach and are busy working on the beach plus swimming daily. Her granddaughter Jessica Schoonmaker ’95, the daughter of Judith DeGroff Schoonmaker ’69, has been awarded a study trip to Germany next summer.

Jane Mitchell spent 12 days in FL with her sister, Peggy Mitchell Boyer ’42.

Betsy Parcells Arms and Chuck have spent a long winter rebuilding after Hurricane Andrew. Their Ocean Reef took a direct hit. Betsy’s message is, “Write and call your friends and come back together for our 55th reunion in June ’94.”

“Starting to anticipate our reunion a year from June,” writes Betty Patton Warner. She sees Kat Ekirsch quite often and appreciates how hard Kat and Betsy are working to make this a special event.

Mogs Robison Loehr says Phyl Harding Morton, who lives near Mogs, “looks pretty good,” but they seldom get a chance to chat. Mogs exercises three days a week. Her lung doctor says she’s “doing just fine.”

Sadie Sawyer Hutchinson’s brother Henry died on 3/23/93. We are sorry to hear of your loss, Sadie. He was a special teacher and athletic coach for over 50 years at Belmont Hill School, Belmont, MA.

A four-week trip north at Christmas took Ginny Taber McCamey to be with daughter and family in PA. This included Ginny’s 6-mos.-old great-granddaughter. They went as far north as ME visiting friends and relatives on the way. Then in late Jan., Ginny flew to MA where her sister had died. We extend our sympathy to you, Ginny. In March, she drove to FL with a friend for three Atlanta Braves spring training games.

Winnie Valentine Frederiksen spent Christmas in AK with family. Winnie runs monthly trips for the Singles-Together Club in Venice, FL. She keeps busy with Park Affair, shuffleboard and cards.

Ruth Wilson Cass writes that she has just received her divorce. She is happier and wiser and is enjoying independence in her home in Santa Barbara. She keeps busy on two boards and does volunteer work.

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Doris Hassell Janney and husband, Lew, met on Halloween 50 years ago. They celebrated this event with daughter, Kim, by running in a 5K on that day!

Beulah Hoagland Appleton gives us news of her granddaughter, Heather Pollack, who spent her Christmas break from Princeton with her father, who is stationed in Dakar, Senegal. Her mother (B’s daughter) is Judy Appleton Coder ’64.

Jane (Tony) Holcombe Dewey had the help of 12 of her 14 grandchildren in celebrating her recent 75th birthday in NH. Polly Frank Shank came all the way from White Bear Lake, WI.

Katherine (Kim) Meili Anderton went on the CC/Wesleyan alumni tour last summer to Indonesia (Sumatra, Java and Bali) and also had a three-day lay over in HI.

Elise Haldeman Jacobi says her sense of getting older is emphasized by a granddaughter getting married and a nephew retiring. She has signed up to be a teacher’s aide, to take watercolor classes and to swim at her local community college.

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We Newmans had a bang up 50th anniversary here in Punta Gorda with many old and new friends attending, including five of our six children and families. They did us proud. So many in our class are celebrating the same. Congratulations to us all.

Allayne Ernst Wick’s husband, Doug, wrote that it has been a tough year for Allayne. The class hopes she feels better.

Midge Wicoff Cooper is so proud of her three generation CC family. Lynne Cooper Sitton ’69, son Jay Sitton ’96 and Barbara Cooper Neeb ’72. Midge traveled to Israel and Egypt in May ’92. She and Mary (Holly) Holohan Wairdon had dinner together when Holly was campaigning for her son-in-law who is running for Congress.

Ethel Moore Wills had a special year
Mary Rita (Sis) Powers took a 12-day tour of England in Oct., visiting cathedrals from London to York. Sis has several volunteer jobs: she teaches ESL to a Chinese girl who has been in the U.S. for six years; she also works for her church and for the Cancer Society. Her best news is that her own cancer checkups continue to be good.

Ward and Eleanor Harris Emigh took a bus tour from their home in St. Louis to TX. They are getting used to living in a small apartment in a retirement community.

Frances Hyde Forde has always hosted her family at Thanksgiving, but now both of her children think holiday dinners are getting too much for her. Last fall, the family gathered at her son’s home in Simesbury, CT. Daughter, Nancy, and son-in-law, Lew, live in Annapolis. Franny and Nancy took the granddaughters to Disney World in Jan., a wonderful surprise for the girls.

Ray and Ellie King Miller took a trip to San Diego, celebrated their 50th anniversary and attended our reunion, all in ’92. Her twin, Pat King Helfrich, returned from reunion to find her house in bad shape, a condition which can develop in a short period of time in HF. Pat has now moved to a house about a block from the other one.

Doris Kaske Renshaw had a trip to Italy with her 18-year-old granddaughter and a week’s visit to Prince Edward Island. Doris drove down to Homestead to see for herself the damage wrought by Hurricane Andrew. “Unbelievable” was the word for it. The homes of a number of Coast Guard friends were either totally destroyed or severely damaged.

Marjorie Mitchell Rose sent a newspaper photograph of herself and Dick taken a party given by their children at their favorite restaurant on their 50th wedding anniversary. (Their wedding had taken place in Harkness Chapel on 10/15/42, the day after Dick was commissioned from the Army.) Dick has retired from his private practice in forestry and land surveying in Rutland, VT. Their children are Richard Mitchell Rose of Champion, OH, and Kristine Bourassa of Mendon, VT. Marjorie didn’t get to reunion because one of her four grandchildren, Wendy, was giving her salutatory address.

Another 50th wedding anniversary party was given in honor of Dick and Boots Hingsburg Young in June ’92 by their daughters, Elisabeth and Sky. It was also the occasion of a reunion of 17 family members who came from as far away as OR to St. Augustine to spend a week in a couple of rented condos on the beach. Boots didn’t make it to reunion because in May she was still recovering from a bad fall. She and Dick did make it to New London in Oct., however, for his CGA 50th reunion.

Jack and Adele Rosbrook Burr spent Nov. at their condo in FL, with a return trip in Feb.

Peggy Ramsay Starr lives in Jacksonville and sees her twin sister Mary in Tampa frequently. They spent Christmas together and got together again in Feb. for lunch with Mary Stevenson Stow when Steve was in FL visiting her sister, Sue.

While watching the “McNeil-Lehrer Report,” I was thrilled to see Dr. Lincoln Chen, expert on international refugee/nutrition problems and son-in-law of Barry Beach Alter. Dr. Chen, head of Harvard Medical School’s Department of International Medicine, was commenting on the situation in Somalia. Barry’s daughter, Marty Alter Chen ’65, holds a Ph.D. from UPenn and recently returned from India where she was overseeing research on the socio-economic status of widows. The Chens have two children: Gregory, 23, a graduate student at the JFK School of Government, and Alexis, a sr. dance major at Wesleyan. Barry works four evenings a week helping to care for 3-month-old triplets.

with oldest grand son graduating from Williams and marrying in July ’92 and a family celebration for their 50th wedding anniversary. Sally Kiskadden McClelland visited them on Lake Michigan.

Rosalie Harrison Mayer writes, “Having survived earthquakes, a tornado and delicate surgery, found the rest of their year filled with adventure and happy occasions.” Their 50th anniversary was in Nov. ’92.

Thea Dutcher Coburn enjoyed entertaining Louise Stevenson Andersen and Andy in ME in the summer and visiting Miss Catherine Oakes who charmed her with stories about meeting Robert Frost. Thea had a hip replacement in Oct.

Virginia (Ginny) Newberry Leach is in treatment for multiple myeloma in May.
Miriam “Mims” Brooks Butterworth ’40

Activist for Change

SOME PEOPLE MELLOW WITH AGE. NOT MIMS Butterworth. At 74, the state chair of the peace group SANE/Freeze is an example of someone whose character and flavor intensifies over the years. She is unabashed (although always polite) about expressing her opinions and living her convictions — in her writing, at marches and demonstrations, and on fact-finding trips overseas.

For this interview she was dressed in a sharp-looking black jogging suit, dressed up with a scarf and necklace. Such ready-for-action clothing seemed appropriate for a woman who’s made a career out of activism, both inside and outside the government. She’s been in the halls of power, as a West Hartford city councilwoman and chair of the Public Utilities Control Authority. She’s taken her battering ram to the doors of power, as head of the Eugene McCarthy for President effort in Connecticut and leader of the liberal Caucus of Connecticut, both challenges to the party leadership at the time. With her late husband, Oliver Butterworth, she was lead plaintiff in a suit that led to court-ordered reapportionment of the Connecticut General Assembly.

And she has been a witness to the excesses of power, as a delegate to the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago, a member of the “People’s Delegation” to the Hanoi Peace Talks in 1971 and an observer of the Nicaraguan elections in 1984. If she looks quite ready to visit grandchildren, she looks equally ready to march through Washington as she has countless times, including last summer at the Save Our Cities, Save Our Children mobilization.

What started her on a life of initiatives for change? For Mims, the life-defining experience came at the age of 20. As a German language major at Connecticut College, the Windsor native had the opportunity to spend the summer of 1938 in Germany on a scholarship. “I was just going to test out and improve my language skills, but what I experienced really changed my life,” Mims recalls.

The streets were filled with uniforms; the beer halls were filled with songs of domination and hate. Mims was staying with the family of the janitor at the university, who turned out to be a Nazi. “That meant I could go anywhere, to the theater or to a political meeting,” Mims says. “I could see what was really going on.”

That summer had two contradictory effects on the young woman; first, it made her a tireless campaigner for nonviolence, and a great believer in the necessity for community-based knowledge and involvement. But that summer also immunized Mims against ever becoming a complete pacifist. “I saw what kind of horrors we humans are capable of, and cannot say with certainty that such a regime could never arise again.” Mims says. “Tragically, it is probably necessary to maintain an armed force. But it must be under a multinational jurisdiction. We should never take unilateral military action.”

Connecticut College Alumni Association is sponsoring a design contest to create a new alumni decal for display on car windows. What better way to let the world know that you're proud of being a Connecticut College alum? Send the world a big, bold, graphic message by entering our design contest.

**RULES:** Submit your design (maximum size 4 x 6 inches) to Alumni Sticker Contest, Connecticut College Magazine, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320-4196. The words "Connecticut College" and "alumni" must be incorporated into the design. Use of the college seal is optional. Entries must be black-and-white, camera-ready. Actual sticker will be made from Macintosh format disk or traditional artwork eligible. 

**DEADLINE:** Your design entry must arrive no later than Nov. 1, 1993

**PRIZES:** Gift certificates from the Connecticut College Bookstore will be awarded to the winner and runner-up.

Winner will be announced in the November, Honor Roll of Giving issue.

Dorothy Fiske Winnette toured southern Africa in the spring of '92. Their itinerary included the Etosha Salt Pan in Namibia, Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, Chobe River game viewing in Botswana, followed by a week in beautiful Cape Town. Winn has been updating and adding to the house, while Dorothy volunteers with Network Community Ministries and the Richardson Women's Club. Their seventh grandchild, Christopher Curtis Winnette, was born on 7/19/92.

Marion Stephenson Walker and Steve have been enjoying their five grandchildren, ages 12 years to 3 mos., who live near them in Seattle, WA. They do a lot of child-sitting. Steve is active in the Master Gardener program, and they both enjoy many bridge-playing friends.

After their trip to AK, Janet Cruikshank McCawley and Ted created a joint slide and lecture show similar to their shows on Norway and Portugal. Jan is still involved in Land Bank (preserving Vineyard open spaces). She started a reading group and is a member of a writing group. Grandchildren, tennis and biking keep the muscles in tone.

As changes occur at the Botanical Gardens and Museum in Nashville, TN, Phbie Gardner Rockholz, president of the Friends of Cheekwood Volunteers group of 400 members, smooths "ruffled feathers" as she keeps her flock of volunteers happy and content.

Eliose (Lindy) Vail Pierce writes that she and Janet McDonough Mullen and Louis Andrews Yerick are looking forward to our 50th reunion. Lindy and Charles have been participating in Nature Conservancy boat trips on the Maine Coast where they spent several hours in a blind watching puffins. During the winter they have enjoyed swimming at Ft. Myers Beach, growing vegetables and flowers, and are planning spring house painting.

Ten days before Ann Muir Strickland died in a boating accident in Brazil, Jane Montague Wilson had lunch with her in Vero Beach, FL. Jane suggested that anyone who was friendly with Ann might want to give a gift to the memorial fund for her at Connecticut College. Jane has been enjoying her winter in Vero Beach and wants anyone traveling there to give her a call.

Sally Duffield Wilder finds that because TX is close to Central America, she has become a "Mayan-phile." A journey to Copan, the ruined Mayan city in West Honduras, was a splendid experience. In March '93, Jean Mount Bussard and her husband moved to Ridgefield, CT, from Sarasota (which they loved). They wanted to be nearer to their family.

Mary Margaret Topping DeYoe and her husband are volunteer naturalists at an outdoor education center in NY. Mary has been training as a Native American storyteller and specializes in Native American lore. During the winter, the DeYoes went to...
A card from Bea Littell Lipp contained the sad news of the sudden death of her oldest daughter, Laurie, in March '92. Easing the sorrow left by this void, was the birth of their first grandchild in April. Bea has been volunteering at a hospital and International Executive Service Corporation. In Sept., she and her husband took a trip by land to AK.

Lucy Block Heumann had a lovely visit to Santa Fe at Thanksgiving. She is enjoying the class news and hopes anyone in her area will give her a call. Lucy has heard from Dana Davies Magee and Jeanne Lowe Nixon, who lost her house in Hurricane Andrew, but is doing well.

Mary Ellen O'Brien Purkrabek, who is battling rheumatoid arthritis, stays pretty much close to home. She says she manages to visit their six children and 11 grandchildren throughout the year. The nearest ones live in Norfolk, VA, and the farthest in Chicago.

Mary Gates spent several months at the beginning of this year in London.

Muriel Evans Shaw vacationed in Tortola with 15 of her family members. Muriel also enjoyed a holiday luncheon with Jane Seaver Coddington, Sarah Nichols Herrick, Dana Davies Magee and Margery Watson Fulham in Wellesley, MA.

Eleanor Tobias Gardner is still involved with the decorating business with a few interruptions. In '92, she and her husband spent 10 days in Maui; then following some surgery, she spent three weeks in Oct. recuperating at an apartment in an old stone mill in the Provence area of France.

Priscilla (Polly) Garland Westberg retired four years ago and relocated to New Bern, NC, which is less than an hour from a walk on the beach, quiet, old (c. 1710) and a change from the “big city” of Raleigh. Her 90-year-old parents are still living independently in a retirement complex. Life is a busy round of volunteer activities, bridge, three children and six grandchildren scattered from Boulder, CO, to Lynchburg, VA, and Raleigh, NC. Polly’s health is good after a throat operation seven years ago.

Gloria Frost Hecker is delighted about having her three daughters residing in FL. Leslie and her family moved to Largo in Aug. Gloria and her husband went to the PGA in Aug. in St. Louis. A visit with friends at Treasure Cay in the Bahamas followed Christmas. Glo is very active in the church and plays golf and tennis often.

After 42 years in her house on Glocca Mara Lane, Mimi Steinberg Edlin has moved to a condo in St. Louis. Mimi’s “resident companion,” Alfred, and she divide their time between St. Louis and Longboat Key, FL. They are involved in community and recreational activities in both locations and enjoy these “golden years.”

Robert Bitgood ’28 of Quaker Hill, Conn. was honored May 1-2 by the American Guild of Organists at a “Roberta Bitgood Jubilee.” Acknowledging her life-long contributions as a music educator and composer of sacred music, and marking her 85th birthday, the event combined an organ recital at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich and a concert of Bitgood compositions at Harkness Chapel, Connecticut College. The performance included the premiere of a choral work commissioned for the Jubilee.

Nancy Bowen ’71 of Annandale, VA received the highest award presented to staff in the Federal Reserve Board. Bowen, Manager in the Division of Information Resources Management, was recognized for her role in fulfilling the board’s duties under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act to provide access to home lending data for metropolitan areas across the nation.

Mary R. Barnett ’78, choreographer, and her group in Good Company, recently presented three sold-out dance concerts at the Educational Center for the Arts in New Haven. Artists from New York and Connecticut collaborated on the eclectic series of dance performances.

Alice Alsibree Eckerson ’82, a landscape architect, won the second place award in a design competition for the National Garden at the United States Botanic Garden. Eckerson’s three-member design team submitted a proposal for a rose garden within the proposed complex. The National Garden, featuring an environmental learning center, water garden and rose garden, will be built on three acres of the Mall in Washington, D.C.

John C. Faulkner ’82 joined D’Accord Financial Services, an investment bank, as a vice president. Faulkner, whose primary responsibility will be lease marketing to Fortune 500 companies, was most recently employed as West Cost regional manager for the Bank of Toyko.

Jonathan Clymer ’86, an actuarial analyst with Security-Connecticut Life Insurance Co. in Avon, CT, has been named an associate of the Society of Actuaries (ASA). Clymer majored in mathematics and economics at Connecticut and now lives in Avon.

Derron Wood ’88, directed a series of 50 performances in Connecticut schools for the Eugene O’Neill Theater Center’s Creative Arts in Education program. With a cast of young professional actors (including Michael Lerner ‘89 and Sam Scudder ’92), the programs present realistic scenarios on drug and alcohol abuse.

On the Up and Up Alumni Career News

Barbara Caplan Somers has been volunteering at an inner city school, leading groups for sixth through eighth grades in science studies. She writes, “I’m learning a great deal.”

Marie Ann Bloomer Patterson and Dave had a visit with Ellie St. John Arnold and her husband at Dartmouth last fall. During Thanksgiving, the Patterson family gathered to surprise Dave on his birthday. Their youngest daughter is a fellow in Geriatric Medicine at Johns Hopkins. Marie Ann and Dave attended a wedding in England in May and then visited Greece and the Aegean with friends.

Thrisa Sands Fuiks and Bob spend the winter months in their condo in Venice, FL. During the rest of the year, they are in Darien, CT. They have five grandchildren: two men in college, twin 12-year-olds and a 1-year-old. Bob retired from Time, Inc. in ’90 after 37 years. He is working part-time on a new magazine.

In Feb. and March of ’92, Betty Barchet Schabacker and Bob went on a wildlife trip to India. They saw five tigers, four from the backs of elephants. Last summer, Betty was signed on to a group of artists at the Lightside Gallery in Santa Fe, NM. Their daughter, Betsy, moved from MA to Roswell, NM, where she is an assistant professor of English at the New Mexico Military Institute.

Natalie Needham Ellis and Tov have enjoyed the proximity of three of their four children, who also live in Houston. Sherry is in Atlanta, but was able to join them for Christmas. Natalie enjoys accompanying Tov, now retired and playing tennis tournaments all over the country.

Mary-Nairn Hayssen Hartman and Jack braved the winter storms to drive to CO for Christmas with their children, all of whom live there. Mary-Nairn celebrated her 20th year in a very successful quilting business this year.

The vacation in Sitka, AK, for Barbeur (Ditto) Grimes Wise was a working one. With a Presbyterian Church group, she helped rehabilitate the dorms for Sheldon Jackson College. The trip included a weekend in Juneau and Glacier Bay. Ditto is on the Executive Board of the Peninsula Seniors (900 members). She is a new member of the Soroptimists International and does publicity for St. Peters Women’s Retreats and Stewardship Committee. Always athletic,
Ditto uses weight training and gym machines along with walking and tennis twice a week. She is working full time as property manager in South Bay, CA. The children are doing well in their various careers of banking, teaching, city planning and production accounting.

Janet Kennedy Murdock, our president, continues to arouse our interest and enthusiasm for our 50th reunion with her great letters and class news.

The Class of '46 sends sympathy to Shirley (Chips) Wilson Keller who lost her husband, Chandler, on 4/9/93, and to Barbara Orr Salter, who lost her husband, Herbert, in Nov. '92.

The class also extends sympathy to the family of Lorna (Leh) Henry Church, who died of 5/22/92.

Mibby Batt Taylor recently attended her son Ken's wedding in San Francisco. He is about to begin his career as an elementary school teacher. Last Oct., Mibby was in San Antonio where she visited with Joan (Pooch) Jensen Johnstone and Joan's daughter, Katie, and infant granddaughter, Hannah. This past year also included a two-week trip to Israel.

Kitty Oplatek Brantons writes that she tries to get together with Janice Cohen Zonn in FL once a year. Kitty hopes to come to our 50th.

So does Peggy Hart Lewis who celebrated her 40th anniversary with Sid last July. Since retiring from elementary school teaching 10 years ago, Peg has spent time learning to play the viola in addition to the piano. She has also been a Home Hospice volunteer for the last eight years.

Margot Grace Hartmann writes from Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, that she is involved with the museums in Jacksonville. After a major heart attack last August, her husband Frank had bypass surgery and is now looking forward to playing golf again. Daughter Margot, an internist, has joined a large group practice in Dedham, MA. Daughter Sondra has received certification in physical therapy and has started her own practice.

Susan Hunt Haward reports the death of Priscilla Gardner Rhodes last Oct. The class extends sympathy to her family.

ALUMNI SONS AND DAUGHTERS ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

November 14-15, 1993

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION is pleased to again offer its program for alumni sons and daughters who are college-bound juniors in high school this year. Sponsored as a service to alumni, this program offers group discussions with Connecticut College admissions staff as well as mock interviews and a simulated admissions committee meeting. Our goal is to provide insights to the selective college admissions process in order to help participants make the best possible college match. The Alumni Association will be sending information to alumni whose children were born between June 1976 and December 1977. If your son or daughter is interested in participating in this program, but was not born in those years, or if you believe the Alumni Association does not have a record of your high school junior, please fill out this form and return to:

Martha C. Merrill ’84, Director of Classes/Reunions
Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Avenue
New London, CT 06320
or contact Martha at 203-439-2309.

Name of alumnus/a

First          Maiden/Middle          Last

Class Year

Address

Phone

Name of Child(ren)         Date of birth

My son/daughter is not a high school junior this year.

Please include us in the 19__ program.

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Our favorite litterateur Nancy Morrow Nee writes from San Francisco that she has joined the local Jane Austen Society. Joan Dimmitt Whittington and her husband enjoyed a lengthy stay in London, where Dr. Whittington was engaged in medical business.

Frances Sharp Barkmann described the marriage of her daughter Lee to Jim Stevens in Bozeman, MT. All those in attendance found ski trips appropriate to the occasion! The Barkmanns enjoyed celebrating Christmas with the Stevens and their baby.

Some time ago Carol Paradise Decker led a group of veinois (neighbors) to Pocaque Pueblo to watch some youthful Indian dancers. At that time, Peggy Reynolds Rist enjoyed the company of a woman named Shirley Maher. Recently she learned she is Shirley Strangward Maher '45!

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Thanks to those who sent along their Christmas letters.

Barbara Seelbach Van Curen continues to enjoy fox hunting and tennis and had a great 10-day Hawaiian vacation in '92.

Lois (Sugar) Sessions Spratley and Tred are also new grandparents. Son and daughter-in-law presented them with a grandson last spring, less than a week after Lois and Tred returned from a 40-day, 40th anniversary trip to Europe. With Tred retired, they spend a lot of time in their Pianka tank home. They'd love to hear from classmates.

In April of '92, Jo Appleyard Schelpert and John, Jane Keltie, Nancy Clapp Miller and Walt, Marge Erickson Albertson and Murray spent the weekend with Sugar and Tred following the wedding of Joey Dings Haeckel and Jerry's son in Charlotteville.

Helen (Johnie) Johnston Haberstroh continues to watch her Homes by Helen business grow. Each year, she renders a Cincinnati scene or two for a sidewalk art show. Last year, she was invited to collaborate with another small businesses to produce a '93 calendar. Eighteen of her copyrighted drawings were used, most of them depicting various Cincinnati scenes.

Joan Andrews White and Henry spent a fun weekend last Oct. with Joey Dings Haeckel and Gerry and Roldah Northrup Cameron in Rehobeth, DE. Joan reports that Henry retired on 9/18/92.

Highlights of Ronnie Williams Wallington's year included visits from her children Clare and Nee. Ronnie and Hal also visited Boston to baby-sit for 10 days for Nee's daughter, Christiana. The Bermuda Garden Club Open Houses kept them both busy as did renovating "Windward," Ronnie's family home, which is now rented due to the necessity of moving her mother to a care facility. They vacationed in MA, VT and Ontario and attended the Tanglewood Music Festival and the charming, outdoor wedding of the daughter of a Bermuda friend. Daughter Clare has left England and is with Arthur Anderson working with the Bulgarian government on a project to privatize the tourism industry. Lastly, should any of you pass through Indianapolis, give me a call and visit with us. We'd love to have you. —Iris

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Sue Shinbakh Kaynes lives in Columbus, OH, where her sons, Bob and Tom, also reside. She has two grandchildren: Jessica, 8, and Stacy, 4.

Jan Gross Jones saw Ann Hegney Weimer on Cape Cod in Aug. '92 and saw Carolyn Chapple Reed there in Sept. '92. The class joins me in expressing our condolences to Jan on the loss of her husband Jim in '91. Judy Yankauer Astrow moved to Honeye Falls, NY, in 12/92. Her daughter, Deborah, and three of her eight grandchildren live in nearby Rochester. Judy now has five grandchildren of each sex. The latest is a girl born to her son, David, in WA on 11/19/92. Recently, Judy saw Joan Herman Nabatoff and Joan's three grandchildren. "Never did I ever think that I would be talking about grandchildren so much and still feel like a kid myself."

My spies tell me Jan Smith Post, whose home base is CT, traveled to the Basin Harbor Club in VT with husband, Don for golf and to celebrate her 40th anniversary and her birthday (with three 5-year-olds and two 3-year-olds in attendance). "We had a blast."

Cynthia Fenning Rehm and Jack visited Betty Sager Burlem and Bill in La Costa, CA, in Nov. '92. The Sagers have been traveling in the west. Family business calls Betty back to Cali, Colombia, once a year — not the kind of environment she remembers as home anymore. Their daughter, Sandy lives in the Denver area. In June '92, they were in England and Scotland and visited with a 91-year-old aunt and younger cousin. When home, Betty keeps busy with the Episcopal church's Altar Guild and volunteer work at the Children's Home Society. Betty writes of seeing B.J. Kent Hench and Kahler in Dec. '92.

Annette Studzinski Mead lives in San Pedro, CA, where she is a mentor teacher. In '89-'90, she took a sabbatical and traveled to 20 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, and the South Pacific. She plans to retire after her son, Taroa, graduates from UC/Santa Cruz in '94. Annette inherited a place in Westbrook, CT, and plans to spend some time there.

Leila Anderson Freund and Gene are centered in Cincinnati but have a vacation house on Norris Lake, TN. Gene is retired and Leila still teaches at a Montessori school. They have three grandchildren, born June '90, Sept. '92 and Dec. '92. All were visiting them "for a busy and baby-proof Thanksgiving."

Cathy Pappas McNamara is still enjoying Houston after five years. Cathy is a Ronald McDonald House volunteer and is on the board of the Symphony League. She and Bill traveled to Sydney, Australia, in June '92; to MD's eastern shore, and to CT for the holidays to visit daughter, Liz, and her husband, Larry, and son, Bill, and his wife, Nancy.

Carol Connor Ferris fell off her horse in Aug., breaking her left arm badly and eliminating riding, golf and tennis. This winter, they visited St. Croix, VI, their home away from Wayzata, MN. Toni is busy as a full-time professor and chair of the Medical Department at the U. of Michigan.

Patricia Moore Brooks and Bob, married 41 years, still love their landscape design business. They now have two smaller homes, "hoping to simplify life!" Daughter, Kip, married Ryan, Gardner in May '92 in the garden of their farm.

Evans Flickinger Modarai and Martha Flickinger Schroeder celebrated Thanksgiving at Martha and Ted's home in Maplewood, NJ. Martha is working on her optician's license in CT. Evans and Ira visited Corpus Christi, TX, where their son, Gordon, is in the Navy JAG Corps and his wife, Barclay, is assistant manager at The Gap. The kids are proud owners of a house and two dogs, a Corgi and a Brittan.
Elizabeth (Betsy) Kassel Brown has been very active in library affairs for about 30 years in Kenosha, WI. Because her husband is the publisher of a newspaper, they are aware of community needs. In addition to having been on the board of the library and president of the Friends of the Library, she has been president of the Kenosha Historical Society. She and her husband have three daughters and one grandson. They have traveled a lot over the years and enjoy it very much. She visited CC only once since graduation, when one of her daughters was thinking of applying.

Martha Warner Olson and her husband, Dan, are busy, healthy and happy — learning to live with retirement. It has become a time of both obligation to others and increased personal freedom. Mart is treasurer of Aquatic Wellness Center (an organization that provides water aerobics for pleasure and therapeutics). Dan spends hours as a volunteer at the Small Business Development Center and with the Service Corps of Retired Executives. They traveled a lot in '92: to FL to see friends and Disney World; to Baja California, Mexico, to see whales and to AK to see more whales and other flora and fauna.

The class sends its condolences to the family of Virginia Fox McClintic, who died on 4/29/92.
Peggy Brown Gunnus lives in Ridgewood, NJ, where she found her first year as a rector challenging and fulfilling. She encourages you to visit NY to contact her.

Leslie Crutchfield Tompkins continues writing poetry and teaching writing at Piedmont Community College.

Lyn Graves Mitchell's life has picked up some adventure with her new son-in-law, a pilot. She put her in a F-18 jet simulator and Lynn "took off, flew and landed on a carrier." She has also been tutoring Ginger Reed Levick in Ira Progoff Intensive Journaling (not diary). They took a four-day workshop together—a fun and fascinating process.

Glenna Holleran Ottley still lives between FL and ID. She has a married daughter, who is about to receive her MBA from the U. of VA, and another daughter, who has worked in DC and graduated from college in June.

Olga Lehovich knows we are gaining wisdom because she is now teaching children of her former students!

Muffy Hallowell Huntington finished her MSW at Columbia and works in a foster care agency full time.

Fran Kerrigan Starkweather visited Jan Bremer Sturgis in St. Louis, Ginger Reed Levick in CA and Lolly Espy Barton in NJ. Fran had her first grandchild and began courses at Gallaudet U. in DC for sign language as she becomes increasingly deaf. She is gearing up to become an advocate for the deaf while taking Economics 101 to help her decide her political persuasion. She's planning a trip to Paris with daughter, Sandy.

Ginger Reed Levick, having hit a creative assortment of alternative medical paths, went in for hip replacement in March '93. She'll be in the starting block for Reunion '94. If anyone wants almost any kind of alternative medicine information, give her a call.

She still works with groups, supervises interns, works actively on the Stanford U. Institute for Women Board and increasingly loves her CA life.

Get ready for Reunion '94. Send me your news. If not, all I have is myself! — Ginger

As I make calls to find news for this column, I've noticed some common threads in my conversations with classmates. Maybe it's our age or the type of women who are/were attracted to Connecticut College, but many of us are exploring our personal growth and our connections with the larger community, in service or spirituality. It's exciting to find that out, because it's personally important to me and also because I believe it's crucial to the survival of our humanity and our planet.

I talked to Patricia Wertheim Abrams who (with her husband) left NYC to live in rural CT, a move she finds nourishing after a period of adjustment. She and her husband own an educational publishing company aimed at grades K-6, helping prepare young people to respond to each other. She's also interested in a new genre, spiritual fiction. She volunteers with a hospice group and is proud of her three children, now grown. Daughter, Karen, is in Israel for a year, studying and working with Rabbis for Peace. Douglas is in San Francisco working for University of California Press, and Joe is in NYC working in computer science.

Joan Wertheim Carris, the other half of "the Wertheim twins," is still in New York following a "happy divorce" which she's willing to discuss with anyone interested in how to do it. She has her own public relations firm specializing in the international food and beverage field. With clients like the German Agricultural Marketing Board, DARE foods and soup from Scotland, she's able to travel a lot. Her three children all graduated from the U. of Michigan. One daughter is in the Dominican Republic, one's a photographer with Newsweek and exhibiting in galleries. Her son helped receive national publicity for founding Tent City for the homeless of Ann Arbor. Having reassessed her ideas of what's important in life, she's interested in exploring that with others. In fact, she'd like to see a column in this magazine about what has shaped people's lives, and what they recommend to others.

Betty Moss Burr came back to California in '75 after four years in New London working for Xerox Publishing Co. She settled in San Francisco, first as director of training for a corporation, then on her own as a management and sales training consultant, specializing in training support staff. She and Ralph were divorced in '77 following a long separation. She's full of enthusiasm about her life and is exploring her personal, spiritual and energetic side. Call me or the college if you'd like her address for more conversation.

Dotty Olson Dabney is also in San Francisco (Sausalito to be exact), and also on her own after a divorce. She's a paralegal working for a legal services company in Marin County. She volunteers at St. Anthony's in San Francisco, providing food for the homeless. She's an avid golfer and enjoyed a trip to Europe this spring.

Lenore Fiskio, who lives in Hamden, CT, took early retirement this year after a 31-year career with Blue Cross-Blue Shield. After she takes some good time off, she'll decide what to do next, which may include visiting classmates. Drop her a note!

Sally Glanville Train sent a card with a handsome family portrait and the news that their daughter Judy was married in March '93. Son Jay has been practicing law for a year. Sally worked on the Inaugural celebration in January. She and John spent time at their place in France last summer.

Curious about the classmate who lives in nearby Seattle, I called Noreen Raymond Frink who was in our class for two years and then returned to Seattle to graduate from the University of Washington. She and Fritz have been married 33 years, and have three grown children (one of whom has been working at Microsoft since age 13). She does freelance photography, works with several volunteer organizations and stays in touch with Ellen Purdy Webster. (How about some news of you, Ellen?)

Please don't forget to respond to Jean Chappell's call for dues to help pay expenses and get us ready for our 35th reunion. Now that we're learning about each other, it should be fun! Remember, if you don't call or write me, I'll call you. So do it now!

A letter from Colleen Dougherty Lund tells of the activities of her three children: Jennifer is in Honduras volunteering at Nuestra Pequenos Hermanos. Jim finished flight school and now lives in Corpus Christi, and Jeff works and lives in CA. Colleen and her husband have spent the last year renovating their home, with the exception of a three-week vacation in England, and now have a guest room for any and all traveling through the Moraga, CA, area.

Your correspondents, Eileen Rem Chalfoun and Joan Summer Oster, talk periodically to catch up on our news, but we need your notes to put in the magazine.
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Rose Abel Deutsch and her husband, Jay, opened the FDR Gallery in Greenwich Village specializing in contemporary art. This, in addition to their real estate management business, keeps them busier than ever. Their younger daughter, Karen, graduated from Smith in '92 and is planning on graduate school in English. Older daughter, Ellen, graduated from Smith in '91 and is living and working in Troy, NY.

Jill Andrist Miller continues to run Miller Microcomputer services with her husband, Dick. Her volunteer work with Massachusetts Audubon and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services Great Meadows Wildlife Refuge has reaped a large increase in the bluebird population of eastern Massachusetts. As an official host for TEJO, the Esperanto Youth Organization, they hosted young people from Czechoslovakia, Germany and the Netherlands this year.

Anne Backus, DDS, is living in Durango, CO, as a single parent, teaching sixth grade and offering at-home dental services for the disabled and elderly. She spent time at Harvard last summer as an ESTEEM participant (Earth Science Teachers Exploring Exemplary Materials). She has two daughters ages 9 and 14 and would love to hear from anyone in the Durango area.

Pam Bycroft Wetherill continues to work at the Hackley School, Tarrytown, NY, as assistant head and director of admissions. Both of her sons are out of the nest, and she and husband, Dave, are enjoying time together. Dave is a partner in a venture capital firm on Wall Street. Son Doug, 22, is building houses on Nantucket. Son Dan, 20, is a sophomore at Princeton.

Marlene Cohen Bourke reports that '92 was an eventful year — her divorce became final and her youngest son, Andy, was married. Jaron started work as executive director for CUB for NY State. Marlene continues to work for the FDA and loves it.

Katie Colson Durso has been in medical practice in a large specialty group for a year and a half but would like to cut back her hours to have more time to spend with her 3-1/2-year-old son. She has taken on building an Amway distributorship network to generate enough extra income to do that.

Elaine DeSantis Benvenuto left Avon at the end of Oct. '92 after seven years as director of corporate public relations. She is exploring starting her own magazine aimed at financial professionals. She spent Christmas in London and northern Italy with her daughter and friends.

Abigail Fowler Hawkins is keeping busy with her children: Sam, 13, and Vanessa, 9, as well as her private social work practice in Glen Cove, NY.

Katie Garcia Wolff reports that she's still married to Dick (Yale '65). Their son, Adrian, is a sophomore at Yale and daughter, Allison, was just accepted at Yale. Katie's niece, Julia Lodge, is a sophomore at CC, and Katie enjoyed visiting the campus to see her. Katie has moved after 13 years of being in Shorewood, WI, to a country home just outside of Rockford, IL.

Pamela Gwynn Herrup is in her second year teaching in the NYC public schools — third grade this year. It's a challenge for her, but the hours allow her time with her three children: Sarah, 13; Katherine, 10, and Elizabeth, 8.

Hilary Harrington Mandel is very busy with her two young children, Jake, 5-1/2, who's in kindergarten, and Clare, 9 mos. She continues to work part-time as a psychologist in private practice. Husband, David, is a VP for a computer software company in Silicon Valley.

Joan Havens reports that it's been a very full year. She spent six weeks working at an Etruscan site near Siena, Italy, during the summer on an excavation directed by a professor from Cornell. Daughter, Kayla, is a sophomore at Rhodes in Memphis, combining a major in English with Japanese studies and sociology. She was chosen to represent Rhodes at a Japanese university near Kyoto. Son, Kip, is in his final year at the Landing School in ME.

Stephanie Heyman Reckler says that she and lan are moving toward an empty nest. Gilly, 19, is a sophomore at Stanford, and Caroline, 17, was just accepted early decision to Duke, leaving only, William, 16, at home. With fewer class plays and teacher conferences to go to, Stephanie now devotes her time to her job as a VP at Lipper & Company, investment advisor.

Judith M. Hoberman and her husband, Jim, coordinated the Jerry Brown campaign in the Bronx. During the summer, they went to the Democratic Convention as Brown delegates. They now work with the neighborhood taxpayers and police precinct councils after a disappointing campaign for Liz Holtzman for Senate. They are setting up a new statewide group called Take Back America, whose members are mostly former Brown campaigners.

Barbara Johnston Adams' daughter, Hilary, is a sophomore at Drew U. She spent last semester at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts studying film production. Husband, Larry, still travels overseas on satellite business for MCI. Barbara's fifth children's book, The Go-Around Dollar, was published this year by Macmillan. She continues to give talks on writing and volunteers helping students with writing. For fun, she sometimes goes on cruises and has a house in East Hampton, Long Island, for summer.

Brenda Keenan Tremoulet continues her work with senior citizens. She passed her certification in gerontological nursing (ANA) in the summer of '92. A family reunion in France last Sept. included husband, Paul; daughter, Polly, who is back at Bell Labs after completing an MSE at Stanford; and son, Tom, Harvard '91, who's half through the Peace Corps stint in Mali, West Africa. Brenda is co-authoring a book on Quality of Life issues for seniors.

Nancy Kempston Ellis works as a networking liaison for spouses of heads at independent schools, both national and regional. She is coordinator for special programs at Nenyland Academy, Beaver Dan, WI, and is also working on getting a Denver Wildlife Research (Center) license.

Lois Ann Larkey's daughters are Amanda, a sr. at Pingry, who is applying to college; and Diana, a jr. at Pingry, "who is watching the whole agonizing process with horror and dismay."

Christine Metcalfe reports that after 24 years as director of children's programming at KRON-TV in San Francisco, she received a layoff notice — "a sad response to the Children's Television Act of '90 requiring stations to inform and educate their young audience." She hopes the new administration will turn around this country's commitment to its youngest citizens.

Cyndi Morse retired from the Connecticut Department of Corrections in '90 and spent '90-'91 as a chaplain resident at Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT. She's now a full-time student at Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, and expects to complete the M.Div. degree in May '94. She serves two days a week as chaplain on a hospital prison unit and an AIDS unit. Her life partner is Carolyn Stevenson, who directs a multi-faceted service delivery program for female prisoners with HIV infection. Their Holy
Union ceremony was performed in April '88.

Ann Scully Elliott works for the San Diego Fire Department, starting in '82 as a fire inspector. Both children are grown. Anna, who graduated with honors from UC/Santa Cruz, is teaching ESL in Milan, Italy. Matthew is living in Salt Lake City and attending the U. of Utah. He works on the ski patrol at Snowbird.

Susan Rowland Williams reports that her husband, John, was transferred to the home office in April '92, so after 15 years of living in Summit, NJ, they moved south. Her office is in Charlotte, NC, where they maintain an apartment. They also bought a historic home in Charleston, SC, built in 1740 by a sea captain. Son, Jonathan, is a sr. at Princeton, and daughter, Christine, is a freshman at Lafayette College after graduating from the Peddie School.

Carolyn Rubin Musicant says “it’s an exciting and a bit strange (déjà vu and yet not) to have child at Connecticut College.” Judy, class of ’95, is living in her mother’s freshman room in Blackstone — a tiny single on the third floor — and loves college. Carolyn is gearing up to do the college search with David, a high school jr., then Susan, now a sophomore, and finally, Joshua, who is now in seventh grade.

Frances Sienkowski Della Penna went back to teaching high school full-time in ’90. She won a King Juan Carlos Fellowship which allowed her to participate in a five-week program in Spain, four weeks in Madrid and an additional week traveling in the south and west. “It was a wonderful summer camp for Mom — and I got nine graduate credits to go with it!”

Mary Strayer McGowan writes, “In Aug. of ’90, my husband, Duncan, suffered a massive brain hemorrhage. We all fought for his recovery, but he died in March of ’92. I am presently rebuilding my life and enjoying my work and family.”

That’s all the news I’ve received as of Feb. 4. By the time you read this column, it will be only two more years to our 30th reunion — can you believe it? Plan ahead to attend — it really is great to reCONnect. Keep your news coming.

Claire Gaudiani reports that her sabbatical was wonderful. However, rather than talk about herself, she wanted to share her excitement about the rest of her family. Her son, Graham, has won a Marshall Scholarship and will go to Trinity College, Cambridge, in the fall. Her daughter, Maria, has won the National Fine Arts Achievement Award, and her husband, David, has won a Pfizer Achievement award. Claire’s life continues to be so busy that her communication took place while she waited in an airport to catch a plane.

Marian Silber had a chance to catch up with Claire Gaudiani at a Connecticut College dinner prior to a visit to the Met’s exhibition in NYC. Marian keeps in touch with Eleanor Abdella Doumato who is living in Providence, RI.

Eleanor Abdella Doumato is teaching at URI and is a specialist in Middle East history and gender. She has published a book, *Arabian Women,* and also publishes a newsletter for The Association for Middle East Women’s Studies. Eleanor participated in a conference at CC this past semester and it wasn’t until she spoke anecdotally about her years at Connecticut that anyone knew she had been a graduate!

Susan Abbe Yates was preparing to go on a 22-mile, cross-country, one-day ski trip when she was contacted. She has been enjoying hiking and backpacking with her children as well as extended cruises in a small boat around the San Juan Islands in Washington State. She and her daughter also went on a archeological dig with her freshman roommate, Susan Freiberg. Susan Yates continues to be active in her community and has enjoyed being a single parent for almost 10 years.

Danielle Dana Strickman has become an active member of her new AR community, sitting on the Arkansas Governor’s Commission on Persons With Disabilities. She was also selected for a federal training program on the ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act). In this capacity, she has traveled to St. Louis, MO, where she could squeeze in some time with Nanci Anton Bobrow. When contacted, Danielle and Len were preparing to travel to DC for the inauguration of Pres. Clinton.

Diane Weinstock Meltzer spent a week baby-sitting for her sister’s children in the DC area. This provided an opportunity for her and Betsy Greenberg Feinberg to catch up with each other, in person, for a few hours. Diane’s daughter, Jocelyn, is now living in NYC where she publishes children’s literature. Diane continues to teach school groups about the wonders of nature and adult groups about the history, art and architecture of the former Guggenheim estate on Long Island where she works. She and her husband, Bob, travel to their VT house whenever possible and are planning a three-week trip to Israel, Egypt and Greece. Last year, they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on the slopes of Zermatt. Over the holidays, Diane heard from her former roommates, Diana Neale Craig and Anne (Bennett) White Swingle.

Bonnie Burke Himmelman is well and living in DC, and Mary Ann Garvin Siegel will be hosting a lunch for CC alumni in the Atlanta area. Guest of honor will be Stewart Saltonstall ’83, Director of Development, for the college.

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Britta Schein McNemar was honored by Phillips Academy when her husband, Donald, retired after serving as headmaster of the school for 12 years. The president of Andover’s Board of Trustees stated, “We of the Andover community have many reasons to be grateful to both Don and Britta McNemar. The first test of any action on their part has always been to ask what is right, just and proper. This has led naturally to the growth of Andover as a multicultural community representing the many faces of America, adhering to the highest academic standards and maintaining our position of leadership in American secondary education.”

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Linda Dannenberg Sarle; her husband, Steve; and son, Benjamin, have left Manhattan and moved to Katonah, NY. Linda continues to work frequently in Paris and has just completed her seventh book which is a follow-up to Paris Bistro Cooking (published last year). While I envy the opportunity to sample all of the “goodies,” I’m sure the challenge of her projects must mean she has to taste every baguette, babà au rhum and ecclairs that comes her way!

After major surgery this summer, Susan Feigl O’Donnell is back to her volunteer work including a fund-raiser for the Historical Society. She and husband, Larry, took a great 10-day trip with Bob and Lauren Brahms Resnick. Her Phi Beta Kappa daughter worked for a year as a waitress in Santa Fe and is now living in St. Bart’s to “use her French.” Graduate school seems still to be in her future, however. Son Trevor is a jr. at Gettysburg College and their youngest child is now 8-years-old and attends Montgomery School.

Amy Greenberg Poster is curator of Asian Art at The Brooklyn Museum. She recently transported a Koroyo Celadon (ancient Korean pottery) to Tokyo for a special exhibition. Amy has taught a course at NYU, Perspectives in Museums, for three years. She and husband, Bob, will celebrate their 25th anniversary this year.

Patricia Jeanne Hitchens-Bonow’s husband has taken a new job as Chief of Cardiology at Northwestern U. Medical School. She teaches a Great Books program in elementary classes but hopes to complete a
A CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN heritage, Eclipse Weekend is an annual event sponsored by Umja, Connecticut’s African/Africa-American student organization, and Genesis, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy’s minority student organization. This year’s festivities included a fashion/talent show, an alumni reception, The Unity Alumni Council meeting, sports activities and a dancing lesson from The National Dance Troupe from Sierra Leone, Kebalia.

Modeling the latest styles are Sandra Caro ’95, Andre Pinard ’94 and June Yun ’95.

Frank Tuttle ’87, Phyllis Cummings-Texeira ’78 and Marcella Monk Flake ’78 share a laugh at the Unity Alumni Reception in Becker House.

At the opening ceremony at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Officer’s Club, from left to right: Deirdre Joyner ’91, Nichelle Joyner ’90, Professor of Economics Tyrone Ferdinand and custodian Grace McKenzie Allen.

half-finished masters in journalism that she started at the U. of Maryland last year. They live in Glencoe, IL.

Brooke Johnson Suiter still teaches at The Bishop’s School for grades 7 through 12 affiliated with the Episcopal Church. She loves her job. Daughter Katherine is a freshman at Duke. Daughter, Elizabeth, 15, is busy with drama and basketball. Tom, 12, plays every known sport and sings and dances as well. Brooke keeps in touch with Ann Fertig Tiemann and Kathleen Guenther Tiews.

Leslie Levin Danger’s work has taken her to Germany, France, San Francisco and NYC this past year. Her son, Justin, is looking at colleges and is president of his school (following his mom’s interest in government).

Ellen McCreery lives in DC and is an auditor for non profit organizations. She keeps in touch with Anna Bush who lives in Boston and who gets to DC frequently for business. Ellen’s husband, Mike Rood, is a reporter; son, Fred, is 8.

Silvia Powell Cooper’s son Daryl graduated from the Air Force Academy last May and is stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base. Son Emilio is a jr. at Rutgers U. and daughter, Natasia, is 11 and in the sixth grade. Sylvia’s husband is a real estate broker.

Molly Walker Jackson has lived in Columbia, SC, for 18 years. Although she misses her sons who no longer live at home, she has kept busy with teaching and auditing.

Paula Zammataro Messina finally received a sixth year degree in administration and supervision from Southern Connecticut State U. She continues to manage the Student Learning Center, a school for learning disabled students. She has greatly enjoyed working with CC student interns during their winter break. Her oldest child is a jr. in pre-med at Vassar, and her twins are now involved in the “college search.” Daughter Laurie is seriously considering CC.

As this will be my last column, I want to say how much of a pleasure it has been corresponding with all of you over the last five years. I’ve tried to decipher handwriting and shorthand notes as best as I could.

I’ve done these class notes between a regular job as executive director of Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania, two large charity fund-raisers, serving on boards and the Steering Committee for a capital campaign for our local Ronald McDonald House. I’ve also managed to squeeze in lots of time for travel and my newly inherited large family. It all keeps life fresh and exciting. My best wishes to all.

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Career Services Begins Job Notification and Resume Referral Service for Alumni

THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES HAS INITIATED A JOB Notification and Resume Referral Service to aid alumni looking for work and to provide alumni with job openings a means to hire other Connecticut College graduates.

Individuals looking for work are asked to notify Career Services concerning the type and location of jobs they seek and forward copies of their resume to be filed according to each occupational category. (You may obtain a list of categories from Career Services.)

When Career Services receives a job announcement pertaining to alumni, the office will notify alumni in that category, who should then forward a resume and cover letter to the employer if they are interested in the position. (Employers have told us they prefer that individuals send a personalized cover letter along with the resume when responding to a job announcement.) The employer will screen the resumes and contact specific individuals for more information or to schedule interviews.

Occasionally Career Services receives a request from an employer to simply forward resumes. In this case, the office will copy and send alumni resumes (without cover letters) directly to that organization. Once again, the employer will screen the resumes and contact specific individuals.

For entry-level positions, Career Services operates a Job Notification and Resume Referral Service for Seniors. This functions in the same manner as the service for alumni. The service for seniors has proved quite successful and lead the office to include alumni job seekers as well.

Connecticut College alumni with job openings will now have a bank of alumni, as well as current seniors, from which to draw when seeking to fill their position. The service is offered free of charge to job seekers and employers.

Please remember Connecticut College when job openings arise at your place of employment.

For more information, contact Jack Tinker, Director of Career Services, Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT 06320, 203-439-2770 (phone), 203-439-2806 (fax).

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R. Tracy Masters is enjoying life in San Diego and is active with the Connecticut College Club there. He recently went on a long-range fishing trip to Baja, Mexico, catching a total of 200 pounds of Yellowfin tuna.

Sheila Saunders is enjoying her promotion to program manager of the national John Bradshaw Center for the treatment of shame-based syndromes. She also recently became a licensed marriage, family and child counselor (MFCC).

Married: Adrienne Clark to Rajender Kumar Chandhok, 12/5/92 in Los Angeles and 12/20/92 in New Delhi; Joanne Guth to Ruben Mata, 1/16/93.

Born: to Margery Lisbon Ordog and Sid, David Alexander, 2/15/92.

Joanne Guth recently married Ruben, her long-time beau. She works for the FTC in DC and travels around the globe, much of which she combines with pleasure touring.

Susan Greenberg Gold reports from Flushing, NY, that Jacob, 6, and Matthew, 3, keep her very busy with school, gym, swimming and piano lessons. Sue works at home helping the elderly with their medical bills and reimbursement matters. Husband, Steven, was just appointed as federal magistrate in the Eastern District Courthouse in Brooklyn Heights.

John Moore is married and lives with his daughters, Sarah and Phebe, in Marblehead, MA. He works for State Street Bank.

I had a wonderful Valentine’s dinner at the home of my freshman roommate, Margaret Phinney Campbell-Harris. The only hitch in the otherwise perfect evening came when my 3-year-old son, John, bit Margaret’s 7-year-old son, Jamie.

Alice English Johansson, husband Erik Johansson, and their three children spent a weekend with us.

I spotted Jordan Trachtenberg in NYC (which he hates) on New Year’s Day.

And, every time I hear about the movie, “A Few Good Men,” I think of Noah Sorkin, whose brother wrote the screenplay.

Only my old friend and fellow government major, Jerry Carrington, sent in news for this issue. Jerry is founding general partner of an LBO/Buyout Group focusing on the acquisition of privately held middle market companies. Jerry’s partners, two women, have a great deal of experience in venture capital. This is the first LBO firm with two women
David Robinson '76 MAT '86

Teacher of fifth grade geography and social studies, South Middle School, Hartford, Conn.

EvEn BeforE ThE SutDENTs STrEm InTo IT, DAVID Robinson’s classroom in Hartford’s South Middle School seems alive. Maps, students’ work and posters from around the world cover every inch of the wall. Draperies that are pulled closed over the windows provide even more surface for student work. Computers — four of them — sit on long tables along two walls, along with a large-screen television, a laser disc player and several VCRs. A floor-to-ceiling movie screen covers one entire wall.

When the first class arrives, students sit at desks arranged in small groups of four or five, talking quietly. David begins the day’s work by handing each group a bell that can be rung with a tap to the button on top. The first table to ring the bell gets to answer. Questions are fired out, bells go off, students huddle to make sure of their answer, guesses are made and cheers are heard when a score is made. This history class is a little like a fast-paced basketball game.

Later, the class works in pairs on other projects. Pros at using the computers, students take trips to Oregon on their screens, making life or death decisions all the way, or work on other projects using the many pieces of equipment in the room.

David was recruited to teach at South Middle, a former parochial school that was recently acquired by the Hartford public school system to become a science and technology magnet school. Eventually, all middle schools in the city will be magnet schools. Limited funding has slowed the process of purchasing required equipment; David has personally bought almost all the equipment in his room. He spends long hours reviewing new materials and computer software so that he can give his students an interactive learning experience. Recently, his class participated in the Breadnet Project from Washington, D.C., a computer network that links students from schools across the country in environmental problem-solving. “Prodigy” is another computer network available in his classroom.

The children David teaches come from neighborhoods where there is a predisposition to violence and drugs and where children face hard choices. In David’s classroom, however, students can experience the thrill of successfully meeting challenges. His students also know that he cares enough about them and their learning to buy expensive equipment for them. David says that Connecticut College made him feel special when he was a student — now he passes that gift along to others.

Judith Kimmse, executive assistant to the president, affirmative action officer and an African-American as its partners, “Hopefully,” Jerry writes, “our uniqueness will increase our deal flow. We will raise $75 million from investors starting in Feb.” Congratulations and good luck, Jerry.

I’ve recently worked on a project with David Fidere through his very successful promotion and premium company, Customline. I managed to coax the following information out of him at a business lunch.

David and his wife, Terez, are enjoying their new home in Katonah, NY. Its rural feel suits David after many years in NYC. In Oct., the Fideregs went to DC to visit Brad Root and his wife, Cathy, and baby, Amanda, and Steven Shaffer, his wife, Rory, and baby, Daniel. Brad is a partner in his own law firm, Deso Thomas and Root. Steve is completing his MBA at Fordham.

Dispelling rumors that he was in Eastern Europe, Tommy Usdin called David to say he is alive and well. Tommy recently purchased a house and is practicing law in his hometown of New Orleans.

Michael Brettler, who works for a music publisher, Shapiro Bernstein, helped a George Lamond song, “Where Does That Leave Love,” get into the Billboard Hot 100.

Can we pick up the pace of information, please? This is the last year of my term as class correspondent and I’m not above making up stories or reporting all kinds of gossip if I don’t get some real cards and letters soon.

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Correspondents: Ellen Hann Knoblock, 11 Sherman St., Belmont, MA 02178 and Paul A. (Tony) Littlefield, 122 Emery St., Portland, ME 04102

Salutations, Class of 1980, I received a good bit of news as a result of Scott’s State of the College letter, and here it is: Born: to Susan Durfee Thulin and Ed, Madeline Vilas 2/24/91; to Christine Muggle Ladd and Jim, Caroline Olivia 11/30/92; to Edward Greenberg and Laura Miller Greenberg ’81, Michael Gordon 11/1/92.

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company, Annie-B Parson/Big Dance Theater Company, whose most recent performance, "The Gag," premiered in NYC on 3/17/93. Annie-B also teaches choreography at Marymount Manhattan College and has toured as a dancer with SinCha Hong’s company to Europe, China, Japan, Korea and Seville. Annie-B has also choreographed rock videos for Laurie Anderson and Salt 'n Pepa.

Wendyll Brown divulges that she and Elizabeth Child went on vacation together in NM and discovered that they are as good roommates now as they were in '81 15 years ago! Wendyll is the director of product development for Fortonoff in NYC, and she continues to paint. Elizabeth is a PR and marketing consultant in Minneapolis and also writes poetry.

Donna Reid Holdman teaches third grade in Burlington, MA, and lives in Arlington. When not teaching, she skis and runs a home-based sewing business.

Bates Childress offered profuse compliments to Scott Hafner and the Alumni Association for “producing the most personalized form letter I've ever seen in the 12 years I have been writing direct mail both professionally and as a volunteer consultant.” Bates is assistant VP for the Daniel and Henry Company, a privately held insurance brokerage in the U.S. He continues to spend a lot of time volunteering with two children's agencies.

Laura Tate Emerson is a graphic designer for a management consulting firm in Stamford, CT, where she lives with her husband, David, and their daughter.

Susan Durfee Thulin and husband, Ed, have been living in Jackson Hole, WY, for four years. Ed is involved in property management, and Susan is director of a non-profit organization.

Cathy Welker continues to split her time between two professions: law and dancing. She is a commercial litigator in a midtown (NYC) firm which allows her the flexibility to dance. She is currently on the European Tour of "West Side Story" and is auditioning for another Broadway show in Oct. She lives in NYC with her boyfriend, also a lawyer.

Christine Mugge Ladd and husband, Jim, live in Windsor, CT, with 3-year-old Jonathan and baby Caroline. Chris is on leave from Renbrook School, where she has been teaching math for 12 years. She’ll return this summer as assistant director of Renbrook Summer Adventure day camp. Chris and Jim (who is head of Renbrook’s English Department) received the ’92 yearbook dedication from their students. Jim also received a travel grant. Chris had her biography published in the ’92 edition of Who’s Who Among American Teachers. In April ’92, Chris was matron of honor for her sister Denise Mugge ’87, who married Albert Todd Chabot at Harkness Chapel.

Tony Littlefield is working two jobs at L.L. Bean and at AAA as a customer service representative. He’s enjoying ME and spend-
ing time with alums in the area.

Other Mainers heard from are Connie
Smith Gemmer and Fred Gemmer, who
live in Portland with their three girls: Cary, 7;
Anne, 4, and Louis, 18 mos. Fred works at
L.L. Bean in product development of men's
shirts and pants. Connie is a managing partner
of a 13-person management consulting firm
whose work involves primarily public policy,
public relations and marketing. Connie says
they welcome visitors, particularly in warm
weather.

Jane Banash Sagerman lives in NYC.
Her daughter, Lia, is 1 1/2. Jane still works at
the investment banking firm of Commercial
Union Capital. She'd love to hear from other
Connecticut grads in the area.

Beth Michelman Gross lives in
Oakton, VA, outside of DC with husband,
Gary, and son, Paul, 3. She works part-time
at the PR firm Ogilvy, Adams and Rinheart.

Patti Stern-Winkel lives in Los Angeles
with husband, Daniel, and son, Benjamin.
She writes, "motherhood is great,
even though it is often
difficult juggling a full-time job and
family life. I'm still working for
Kalish/Davidson Marketing, a film
marketing/advertising consultant as a senior VP
and run the Los Angeles office."

John Muller also lives in Los Angeles
working as a producer and is trying to sell
his first science fiction series. John received his
MBA last year.

Rich Semiatin is an assistant professor of
political science in the American U.'s
Washington Semester Program and School of
Public Affairs.

Jonathan Etkin works for MetLife in
the Treasury Operations Department, was
recently promoted and received a
divisional recognition award. Jonathan enjoys attending
museum openings in NYC.

Andy Ferguson writes, "the end of
another typical season. Successful halibut and
salmon fishing finances building our cabin up
the Taku River, two miles shy of British
Columbia. Went to Seattle to sell fish and got
another visit with Burch Baylor, a very suc-
cessful sales representative of Pella Windows,
rock climber and husband of two years to
Tracie. In the winter, I play fiddle and man-
dolin, classical sitar and tablas for dances,
festivals, bars, benefits and schools. Come visit."

Kim Bowden Peckham and husband,
Bob, live on the coast of ME running an inn.
She finds life very full with a four-year-old
and recent addition, Will.

Lois Mendez lives in Philadelphia, PA,
and is working on her dissertation at
Columbia in higher and adult education. Her
son, Sean, 2, keeps her "exasperated," but she
thoroughly enjoys motherhood.

Jonathan Golden lives in Newton, MA,
and is in his fourth year on his own as a
sound designer for the music, film, video,
corporate and museum exhibit industries. He
recently made a digital master compilation of
African drum tracks recorded at his studio by
Connecticut composer-in-residence, Wall
Matthews. Jonathan keeps in touch with
Randall Kitzer '82 who was just in Boston
performing in "Evita." Jonathan also sees Vance
Gilbert '79, Jonathan Goldman, Heather
Cusick-Tetrault '83 and Kim Tetrault '83 and
their son, Max, and Tick Shrier and wife,
Deb, and their baby, Carly. Jonathan encour-
gages alums to visit the Levinson/Kane
Art gallery on Newbury Street in Boston, run by
Jill Miller Levinson '83 and Rob Levinson '84.
That's all for now. I love reading about
what you're doing, but have to be able to
READ it. If you suspect your news is missing from
this issue because I could not make out
your handwriting, please send it along to me
again and please remember to PRINT your
name. Thanks!

Born: to Laura Miller Greenberg and
Ted Greenberg '80, Michael Gordon 11/1/92;
to Rusty Spears and Tonya, Jefferson Grant
5/3/93.

Rusty Spears had an exciting spring. He
delivered his second child, Grant, at home.
"Labor was very fast, only one hour from first
signs to deliver and there was no way we
could drive the 20 miles to the hospital in
time. Called 911, who stayed on the line
until the paramedics arrived — some four minutes after
Grant was born. All went well and there were no complications.
"Way to go, Rusty! Daughter, Emily, is 3.

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Married: Tony Catlin to Amy Campbell
86, 9/12/92; Chris Harford to Lichi Pence,
8/23/92.

Born: to Jill Whitney and Bill Brink,
Kirsten Nicol 6/29/92.

Many alums attended the wedding of
Tony Catlin and Amy Campbell '86 in
Cohasset, MA, including: Joanne
Knowlton, Charlie Griffiths, Anne
Rasmussen '85, Jen Watral '85, Greg
Donovan '85 and Gaur Talianian '86.

Cathy Leeming is still working for IBM
after eight years. She plays tennis and plans to
start a "mid-western, kiwi snack chain" with
Leslie Leeming, Rachel Perry Woly and
Susan Gilman Nelson.

Suzanne Vuillet-Smith lives with her
husband in Haines, AK, where they run a bed
and breakfast at Fort William H. Seward, the
first army post built in AK. The bed and
breakfast is also a prospering art gallery for
Suzanne's drawings. She also works year-round
as full-time director of marketing and sales for
an Alaska Airlines commuter service. If any
college friends would like to visit, please con-
tact the Alumni Office for Suzanne’s address
and phone.

Neil Helman is still hanging out in NYC
working at Kaufman Realty.

Chris Harford debuted his first album,
"Be Healed," in Oct. '92. He is a singer-guit-
arist with his own band, The First Rays of
the New Rising Sun. He played at the
Bottom Line, a NYC club in Sept. Hub
Moore '82 is also in the band. Chris married
Lichi Pence, a NY actress, in her family's
house in Ecuador. Besides Hub, other CC
alums present were: Julie (Perl) Perlman '84
and Jacques Hoffman. Chris and Lichi live
in Manhattan.

Jill Whitney and Bill Brink's daughter,
Kirsten, joins 3-year-old son, Jordan. Jill
works part time as a senior editor for the
Bureau of Business Practice, a division of
Simon and Schuster. The family lives in Old
Lyme, CT.

Married: Christine Breck to Jan Birger
Pettersson, 9/6/92; Frances Kelley to Bruce A.
Prescott, 10/6/90.

Born: to Jennifer Doyle Bortnick and
Robert Bortnick '84, Michael Ryan 7/16/92;
to Wendy Lynne Hushak and Dana,
Stephen Charles 9/3/92, to Suzanne White
Buchele and Steve, Grace Elizabeth 7/28/92.
Jane Rowan Blough lives with her husband, Bill, and 4-year-old son, Jonathan, on the Selfridge Air National Guard Base in MI. Jane organizes a neighborhood play group, reads at the base story hour, makes and sells miniature quilts and teaches quilting classes. While attending Alumni Council in Sept., Jane saw Karen Norton, Gary Bliss, Eric Kaplan, Steve Geiser and Dave Thomas.

Lolly Jenks enjoys life in Lynchburg, VA, where she counsels children and adolescents for a public mental health center. Last fall, Lolly spent a wild weekend in NYC where she was entertained by Katy Danos Bunker '84, Ben Robinson '82 and Julie Martin. Lolly is convinced that she set a record when she was recently a bridesmaid for the eighth time since graduation!

Frances Kelley Prescot, received her MAT from CC. She still lives on Fishers Island New York where she teaches fifth and sixth grade.

Sarah Whisenand received her J.D. from Georgetown Law in June '92. She works in the Public Defender’s office in Portland, OR. After studying for the bar last summer, Sarah and a couple of friends went wilderness camping in AK. They were in Anchorage just after the volcano erupted.

Just a quick note from Kathy Goodwin-Boyd. We moved last fall and are discovering as we unpack (still) that we have made some sacrifices to the “moving gods.” I think I was able to locate all the news that I was sent this summer and fall, but if you don’t see it here, please resubmit it. I’ve vowed not to move for another 10 years, so this won’t happen again anytime soon. If you haven’t sent anything to class notes in a while, please do. Our notes are looking a little scanty. Last, but not least, please remember the Annual Fund.

Lisey Good was married to Brinton Brosius '88 in Philadelphia on 1/4/92. There were six alums in the wedding party: Shaun Pederson '88, Jason Kann '88, Tom Price '88, Molly Goodyear '85, Kasia Wandyycz and Diana Zimmerman. Lisey wrote that both she and Brinton are hard at work in Philly where they recently bought a house that they are fixing up. She is a television marketing director for National Media Corporation, an “infomercial” marketing company.

Lisey wrote that she keeps in touch regularly with Kasia and Diana. She reported that Kasia Wandyycz is still living in Paris working for Paris-Match. Because of her language skills, the magazine often assigns her to do celebrity interviews. In the past year, she’s interviewed Warren Beatty, Annette Benning, Andie MacDowell and Eric Clapton among others. She’s thinking of going back to school to study art, maybe in Poland.

Priscilla Geigis and Beth Honan recently moved to Watertown, MA, and are anxiously awaiting visitors. Congratulations to Priscilla who just passed the bar exam and is now working for the Environmental Protection Agency as an assistant general counsel. She was sworn in with Marcel Dardati in Boston. Beth recently finished graduate school and is working at Lowell General Hospital as director of managed care. She recently met up with William Rieders in Santa Fe.

What a year Jennifer McLean Kaiser had. In Jan. '92, she received a degree in elementary education. In May, she and her husband moved to the village in Mattapoisett, and on 7/9/92, they welcomed their first child, Neil Arthur, into the world.

John Whiting joined the Peace Corps after working as a reporter in Old Lyme, CT. He served in Tunisia for two and a half years and was evacuated before the Gulf War. John moved to Portland, ME, and is now working with the Refuge Resettlement Project at a local bank.

Vicky McGarry continues to work at Rolling Stone magazine. This year she helped launch the new Men’s Journal. She does a good deal of traveling and photography for the magazine.

Geoff Buckley, and wife, Alexandra MacColl Buckley '89, are moving to Chevy Chase, MD, after the holidays. Geoff is starting his Ph.D. at U. of Maryland this Sept. While living in OR, they spent lots of time with Janet Schoenfield Johnson '88 and Anne Seaton '89.

Steve Compton has kept up with his Connecticut friends. He lives in Milwaukee with his wife and works as an attorney-clerk to the Chief Judge of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals. He has seen Pat Gibson and Ray O’Keefe recently. When Port returns from teaching English in Japan, he will begin work on his master’s at the Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, AZ. Rumor has it that Doug Fenniman and Ray are playing club hockey together in NY.

Brooke Kennington is in her third year of medical school and is living in Westbury, Long Island. She ran into Sponsor Knight '88 and Nick Roosevelt '88 at the Head of the Charles in Boston.

Anne Valenti lives in Sacramento and works in state politics as a consultant.

Michael Schadick is in his fourth year of rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. As part of his training he is the student rabbi in Fort Walton Beach, FL. The congregation flies Mike down every other weekend to conduct services, teach and counsel. He also teaches Hebrew in Cincinnati.

Caroline Johnson continues to work as an information systems security analyst for the Department of Defense in MD. She only lives five blocks from Jennifer Croke and Eddie Castell. Caroline teaches a course at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA. She is a graduate of their Joint Command, Control and Communications Staff and Operations Program. In her spare time, she is an adjunct faculty member of the National Cryptologic School where she is taking classes. She volunteers at the International Children’s Camp, Camp Horizons, just north of Harrisonburg, VA.

Jennifer Marshall is working on her masters in city planning at MIT in Boston. She lives in Cambridge with Margaret Hug. Last summer, she spent eight weeks in Beijing, China, studying city planning.

Jill Perlman is president of the CC Club of Hartford. She worked in the Unemployment Office in Hartford. Last summer she spent a weekend on Cape Cod at the home of Wheaton exchange student Cheryl Delacono.

Robin St. Germain-McIlheney still lives in Northern Ireland. She has changed careers and now works in sales in the pharmaceutical industry for a Danish company called Novo Nordisk. She still keeps in touch with Ellen Bailey Pippenger, Kim Bailey-Dell, Mary Reading Brown and Toki Strong.

Rena Whitehouse moved to Atlanta from NYC and is working for an architectural firm, Thompson, Ventulett, Stainback & Associates, as a marketing and public relations coordinator.

Nanci Barker worked at a San Francisco-based company as their French liaison person for the Winter Olympics. She spent six months in France coordinating operations and hospitality for the corporate sponsor clients. She then went to Barcelona for the Summer Olympics. She’s now back in Cambridge trying to relax.

Julia Moran Morton began her first year at Columbia studying urban planning with a concentration in housing. She moved from DC where she renovated 75 apartments for low income families and spent last summer as a social worker at a camp for homeless and disadvantaged girls in the Catskills.

Kathy Tordiman Spindel has left San Francisco, traveled to Japan, and is now working at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.
Francisco and moved to London.

Alison Cornyn returned to NY after traveling for seven months in Thailand, Sri Lanka, India and Nepal.

Lisa Menegon works at Carol Management in Rye, NY, as the selection coordinator for interior design. She's finally able to apply what she learned in design school.

Hayley Altman Gans and Hilary Gans are still living in Palo Alto, CA. Hilary continues his job in solid waste management, and Hayley is in her second year of pediatric residency. They spend lots of time outdoors and welcome visitors.

Karen Frey received her MSW from Columbia. She lives in NYC.

Jenny Hume Shively lives in Brooklyn Heights and teaches second grade at a Quaker School. Last summer, she completed her master's in education at Bank Street College. She keeps in touch with many Connecticut alums.

Ben Russell continues to work as a freelance photographer in NYC. He sees Richard Brukner, Liza McLaughlin, Maggie Simonelli and Caarirn Fleischmann and Eric Davies. You can see him and his band, Bad Blood and the Rats, playing at some of NYC's more notable night spots.

Chris Bucco and Scott Lowell are still in Chicago. Chris received her master's in early childhood education from Bank Street College in NY in '89. In Chicago, she directs a Head Start program for a social service agency called Christopher House. Scott has been acting in a number of Chicago theaters including: Remains, Steppenwolf; Goodman, and working as an understudy for the show Wild Men at the Body Politic Theater.

Dana Belcher is still hiding out in NYC making a living as a fashion photographer.

Chris Philippi still lives in Stoneham, MA, and works for Van Waters & Rogers. He is the New England area food and pharmaceutical specialist. He saw Michelle Austin in Newport last summer. Chris plays a lot of basketball and plans on adding skiing to the agenda this winter.

Lisa Cliggett finished her requirements and exams toward a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology at Indiana U. She spent the summer in Zambia doing preliminary research on support systems for the elderly and will go back for her dissertation research next year.

Susan Bryant recently moved to Alexandria, VA, to take a job at ZPG promoting teaching activities that deal with population and human ecology issues.

Kristin Matthews is in San Francisco and is working for Hal Riney and Partners (advertising) as a media supervisor on the Saturn automobile account. She took a trip to NYC and had a great time visiting Andrea Didisheim, Page Preston Growney '88, Lisa Menegon, Caroline Samsen, Chris Byrne '86 and Holly Darr Byrne '88, Jenny Krane '88 and Margie Nightengale '88.

Stephanie Schacher received a master's degree from Columbia U. in organizational psychology. She has been working for the past year for Republic National Bank in human resources. She lives six blocks from Jon Kolber in Manhattan.

Frank Tuit is still at Wesleyan and was promoted to director of residential life and housing. He works with Marji Lipshez Simon '67 as a trainer for the World of Differences Program. In addition, he serves as chair person of the Union Alumni Council; Eddy Castell is also on the Council.

Bill Warren completed his MBA at NYU in '92 and joined Kyocera International as a marketing manager. He lives on the upper east side of Manhattan and sees a lot of Hal Berry '88, Jen Taylor '89, Phil Dolan '88 and Tiggy Howard '88 and Mara Barker '87.

Kate McDonoughComment and her husband, Noel (MAT '87) are living in Guilford, CT. She teaches in Groton. Noel works in Cheshire as a legal claims representative for All-State Insurance Company. She sees Renee Darby and keeps in touch with Gina Sykes Ellowe in Chicago.

Tracy Hassan is teaching English at Nishi Joyo Sr. High School in Kyoto, Japan.

Tino Sonora lives in Columbus, OH, and is working on his Ph.D. in Economics. He is doing quite a bit of CAT 2 bike racing.

Andrea Didisheim is getting her master's degree from NYU in dance performance and choreography.

Diana Zimmermann works as the art director for a sports wear company in Needham, MA, and living in North Shore.

Beth Curran is at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA, pursuing a master's in divinity with a concentration in feminist liberation theology. This summer, she hopes to be in Boston doing social justice work.

William Rieders is living in San Francisco, CA, and is working for Great Western Bank in their environmental management department. He is taking classes to prepare for an MBA.

Martha Denial Kendler completed her MBA at Boston College this Dec. She and her husband, John, just moved into their new home with their Dalmatian, Barkley. She is working in marketing and sales at CIGNA in Bloomfield, CT.

Steve Barriere is employed at Waltham Lime and Cement as manager/controller and enjoys working with John Derderian '86, Sean Fagan and Jim Brown '89. He still lives in West Newton with Dave Gross '88 and Bob the Yellow Lab.

Adam Mintz lives in Seattle and works as a caseworker for Big Brothers Organization. He still keeps in touch with Peter von Au home in Boston.

Michelle Chaplin Shore was married on 11/1/92. Brooke Kennington was a bridesmaid. She has graduated from Albany Law School of Union U. last May and recently passed the New York State Bar.

Steven Howard worked as an export analyst for the California Energy Commission in Sacramento, CA. In July '93, he began studying in Tokyo and Fukuoka, Japan, for 21 months as a Rotary Scholar.

Karen Frigerio completed a master's in special education at Boston College, where she now works part time. She plans on living and working in Boston.

Reunion News: June 4-6, 1993 Companions: Alison Edwards, 2218 Ashby Ave., #4, Berkeley, CA 94705 and Lisa Pelosa, 226 Athol Ave., # 210, Oakland, CA

Married: Lisa McConnell and Stephen
Alums celebrate the wedding vows of Holly Darr '88 and Chris Byrne '86. Back row, left to right: Tanya Shah '86, Thomas Franco '84, Bill Winstead '88, Craig Starble '84, Dave Talanian '86, Greg Bortschmann '85, Don Pasquarella '86, Dan Collins '86, Sasha Lazor '89 and Phil Mara '87. Middle row, left to right: Penny McKeon Lazor '88, Bente Jones Starble '86, Dave Torrey '88, Steve LaMarche '86, John Simpson '86, P.J. O'Sullivan '86, Ted Anastos '87, Rich Wolff '84, Bill Veronese '86 and Greg Donovan '86. Seated, left to right: Jack Remondi '84, Kevin DerBedrosian '84, Mibbs Mason Mara '87, Anne Harris Wilcox '88, Allison Farley Bronnan '88, Jennifer Keller '88, the bride and groom, Mark Munro '85, Lisa Pierce Collins '86, Melanie Davis '86, Gary Andrews '86 and Todd Taplin '89. Kneeling, left to right: Gerda Gomez Pasquarella '86, Amy Walther LaMarche '87, Lisa Menegon '87, Andrea Didisheim '87, Jeanne Martin '86 and Susan Langer '88.
included: Charlie Forbes, Jon Paulding, Denise Crump-Moody, Wendy Osgood, Heather Meeker, Debbie Chasin, Elizabeth Kraft, Amy Brown, Kris Gray, David Buffum '92, Scott Murphy '91 and Michael Scheman '89. The reception was held at the Castle Inn in Old Saybrook, CT. Andre and Donna live in Port Washington, Long Island. Andre is working as a behavior specialist in a day treatment program for mentally retarded adults and continues to fill out applications for doctoral programs in clinical psychology. Donna received a master's degree in music therapy from NYU and is now working as a creative arts therapist in the child psychiatric department of the Mt. Sinai Hospital. She also works one day a week as a music therapist at North Shore Hospital in the pediatrics and adolescent unit.

Tracy Cambron Ballard was married on 9/25/92. Husband, Anthony, is from Cambridge England. Tracy is working with Andersen Consulting of Cincinnati. Kevin Caddilly is living and working in NYC. He is the dean of students at Xavier High School and is installing a sense of commitment, pride and integrity in all his young protégés.

Sally Northrop lives in NH and is pursuing a career in journalism in Boston. Reyna Mastrosimone, working in the public relations department of an international music television network, is busy with promotional events in DC, Los Angeles and NY.

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Correspondents: John Kogan, 4 Monroe St., Apt. 1307, Rockville, MD 20850 and Jonathan Zobel, 79 Pine Brook Dr., Larchmont, NY 10538

John Kogan, your faithful correspondent, is going to be spending his next two years at Duke U.'s Fuqua School of Business getting his MBA. "I sure wish I had paid better attention in calculus class."

Jon Zobel is still down in Venezuela risking life and limb between coup attempts to work for the local branch of the accounting firm, Deloitte-Toche.

Evan Lewis and Sarah Hurst are teaching at Blair Academy in Blairstown, NJ.

Beth Filippone works as a research assistant for a public relations firm in Sacramento, CA. Apparently, the west coast is treating her well.

Todd Barringer is back in the San Francisco area after extended travel with Jonathan Manzo around the world.

Kimberly Foster is dancing with New Urban Dance company and is preparing to apply to master's programs in physical therapy.

Nathaniel Cabot lives and works in San Francisco at The Mission. He also works at the Hearing Society.

John Fischer and Anne Connolly are living in Silver Spring, MD.

Chris Eckman works hard on scientific research in Cleveland — as does his wife, Liz Adams '92. Both are doing graduate work at Case Western Reserve U.

Tom Seery is working on risk management for Unisys in the Philadelphia area while taking graduate courses in environmental science.

Chris Koehler has moved to Manhattan and was looking for work at the time this was written.

Coralie Clement spent last year in DC working with the World Wildlife Fund doing literature research on health effects of exposure to pesticides. She lived with Peter LeSar and James Piccolini '88. For the last three months of '92, she and Peter drove across country and down through central America to Panama. She invites any brave souls to visit if they can make it down there (Connecticut's Botany Department knows how to find her).

Peter LeSar spent his year in DC working for the International Trade Practice Group of a corporate law firm working primarily on NAFTA and foreign trade issues. He is in Panama now working with a small import/export investment firm that takes advantage of Panama's free trade zone.

Carmen Canalles lives in Princeton, NJ, and works as a chemical analyst for Bristol-Myers Squibb, a major pharmaceutical company. She keeps in close contact with Deirdre Joyner, who received her MPH in May from Yale U. School of Medicine.

Scott Murphy works for Andersen Consulting in Hartford, but is never home because they keep him constantly on the road seeing clients.

Cary Dyer is at veterinary school at Tufts finding out what studying is all about. She is taking dressing lessons and playing racquetball to stay sane. Good luck, Cary.

Elissa Farrow Savos was married on 5/27/91 and has been living in Boston with her husband, Chris. Since graduation, she has been doing presentation graphics for Bain and Co., a consulting firm. Elissa and Chris are thinking about moving to DC.

Amy Lebowitz is living in Iowa and working at Grinnell College. She got the job after getting a master's at Columbia.

Debra Michelson is in her second year of law school at Cornell Law. She will likely be working at a law firm in San Francisco this summer.

Shannon Range is back in the U.S. after a year of teaching in South Africa for the Peace Corps and is looking for a job in DC.

Jamie fisfis is a second-year law student at Notre Dame U. Last summer, Jamie was a law clerk at the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. He has kept in touch with Kevin Dodge, Tina Wyman and Steven Montjane. If anyone would like to reach Jamie, he is living in Mishawaka, IN, and the Alumni Office has his current address.

Laura Stone Burden is pursuing her Watson Fellowship on women clergy and circumventing the globe. She is spending four months in Australia and will soon be in Asia and Europe. Laura keeps in touch with Bert Herrlinger, Jeff Alexander, Kim Timby, Varsha Ghosh, Lisa Phillips '93, Justin Harris, Anadri Chisolm, Dan Stern, Eli Yim, Joel Howe, Njel Wilson, Martha Bory and Annik Hirshen.

Jessica Berman is a research assistant in Pittsburgh and is spending much of her time applying to graduate schools. She had a big bash in Dec. with Fil Griman, Jim Garino, Melinda Kerwin, Alissa Balotti, Paul Anderson, Kim Senior '95, Brad Lohr, Jon Burt, Kate Bishop, Andy Damour, Darren List, Mark Ockert, Chris Hochman and Nicole Pascal '93. If anyone is passing through Pittsburgh, Jessica would love visitors.

Corinna Dan writes, "I'm hanging out in Tokyo doing a little part-time work, looking for a semi-real job in this wacky city because the only way to improve your language skills is to live through them."

Jennifer Hall recently drove from Bar Harbor, ME, to San Diego. Along the way, she visited Kris Rizzo, Mike Markett, Thury Briggs, Amy Mass and Meg Burns '91. She is now settling in San Diego and preparing to start her internship and graduate work at the U. of San Diego in their lawyers assistant program.

Sarah Homer lives in Williamsburg, VA, and is at the College of William and Mary working on her master's in secondary education with special emphasis in Museum Education. Sarah also works at the school's center for gifted education.

Rick (Joel) Miller is busily applying for master's programs in architecture.

Simon O'Rourke works in Cairo, Egypt, in the editorial department of the American University in Cairo Press, Egypt's largest English language publisher. He also takes Arabic classes, drinks a lot of terrific thick coffee and loves life in the city. Simon would love visitors and has given his current address and bitnet number to the Alumni Office.


Russ Yankwitt lives in Japan where he teaches English. He writes that it is stress free and a perfect way to recover from his hectic senior year.

Glenn Jacobs survived the six-month training program and has been hired as a staff production assistant at ESPN TV, based in...
Robert Lee Rhyne, 1929-1993
Former Professor of Psychology, College Marshal and Registrar Emeritus

Robert Lee Rhyne, former professor of psychology, college marshal and registrar emeritus, died on May 28, 1993. He was 63 years old. Rhyne came to Connecticut College as an instructor in the department of psychology in 1960. He was appointed registrar and college marshal by President Charles Shain in 1971 and was promoted to the rank of professor in 1972. As the college’s fifth registrar, he was active in the National and New England Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers and was instrumental in the formation of the college’s exchange program with Westminster College in Oxford, England.

In 1988, Professor Rhyne retired as registrar and until this past academic year, continued to teach part-time in the department of psychology.

During the past year, Dr. Rhyne was appointed as research scholar and was busy writing an analytical history of Connecticut College.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia and his doctoral degree from the University of Virginia.

There will be a service of remembrance for Robert Lee Rhyne in Harkness Chapel on Sept. 12, 1993 at 2 p.m. Former students, friends and colleagues are welcome. If anyone is unable to attend, but would like to send a written statement of remembrance to be given to the family, please send the statement to: Chaplain Stephen Schmidt, Connecticut College, Box 5556, New London, Conn. 06320.

Ileen Marcus lives and works in Boulder, CO.

Michael Markett works for Morvow and Co., a shareholder services firm in NYC as a junior account executive. If anyone is moving to NYC, he is looking for a roommate.

Amy Mass is at Ohio State U. College of Law. Jen Hall came to visit on her way across country, and Jeff Alexander passed through while on official Connecticut admission’s business.

Heidi Mills Mc Cotter lives in Antigua, Guatemala, and is doing an internship and teaching first grade at the American School of Guatemala in Guatemala City.

Craig Meeker works in the financial division at Connecticut Mutual, in Hartford.

Lars Mork runs the Mayflower Diner off exit 40 on I-95. He invites anyone passing by to join him for some carrot cake (especially Carole Laprade ‘93 and Suzanne Walker ‘93). He had the pleasure of meeting Bill and Hillary Clinton last summer.

Stephen Montanaro lives in NVC.

Julie Mueller and her family have moved to rural MN. She has been hunting regularly with her younger brother, and they have killed two trees, eight tin cans, and have wounded one family member.

George Newcomb moved to Jackson City, WY, and works for a drug wholesaler that controls 25 percent of the national independent share of the market.

Tyra Norbeck lives in Chicago and is involved in a program called the Lutheran Volunteer Corps. She works for a non-profit organization, The Campaign for Better Health Care, which is trying to pass a universal, single-payer national health care plan. She lives with four other volunteers on the southwest side of Chicago. Tyra has seen David Israel who is studying at the Art Institute.

Robert Oshinsky works for the Resolution Trust Corporation Office of Research and Statistics in DC. He recently purchased a house in MD.

Joanna Pinsker lives in DC and takes American politics classes at American U. She would love visitors!

Jen Quigley and Nat Harris toured the United States, driving from the East coast to CA and back. Jennifer is moving to CA and hopes to meet up with other alums. Nat and Jen are often in touch with George Brewster, who is on his way to Breckenridge, CO, and Lee Jimenez, who is saving up to move to California (from Madrid).

Michael Reiter works at Evander Childs High School in the Bronx. He teaches English to ninth and tenth grades.

Geoffrey Maynard is in Florence, Italy, painting.

Andrea Pandolfini is in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic.

Nick Dumitriu is in San Francisco working as a bicycle messenger.

Virginia Rivero lives in NYC and works for an interior decorator.

Laurie Sachs lives in Newton, MA and is
FRIENDS ARE "SEW" SPECIAL. Upon her graduation, Elizabeth Cairns RTC '93 was presented with a Connecticut College quilt by her friends in the Saybrook Sewing Club. Cairns, a member of the club, received the Ruby Jo Reeves Kennedy Memorial Award to a senior sociology student for outstanding records in the major.

Jeff Finn and Michael Borowski frequently. For those of you passing through NY, she would love visitors!

If you need an address for any of your classmates, call or write the Alumni Office, 203-439-2300.

RTC Correspondent:
Marilyn Dunphy RTC '86
8 Nottingham Rd.
Old Lyme, CT 06371

Peg Van Patten '87 completed her master’s degree in oceanography at UConn, studying the reproduction and ecology of kelp in Long Island Sound. She won an award in New Haven for the best presentation at a conference. Her seaweed research was also presented at meetings in Woods Hole and the International Seaweed Symposium in Brest, France. Peg traveled to Ireland with her daughter, Anne (CC '91), to give talks on her research at University College, Galway, and Trinity College, Dublin. She saw herbarium sheets with seaweed collected by Charles Darwin and Linnaeus’ original Species Plantarum manuscript. Peg also works full-time as communications coordinator for the Connecticut Sea Grant program and teaches marine science part-time at Mohégan Community College. She loves science writing and misses the Botany Department. Peg often visits with her mom, Dorothy Kellogg Stewart '33.

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Susan Meyers Santora '71 is an educational therapist and director of Learning House in Guilford, CT. She has seven grandchildren.

Texas Swanjord '70 is living in rural southwest Minnesota after a decade of teaching abroad. She received her Ph.D. at South Dakota State U. and still drives the 50 miles to do research and attend classes there. In '91, when Texas was teaching English in Bangkok, Thailand, she delivered a paper, "Using Poetry in Teaching English as a Foreign Language" at Chulalongkon U.

Sarah S. Thompson '83 is thankful for her music degree from Connecticut. She is living with a symphony violist and working for an elderly violinist. Her thesis for an MS in geography is almost finished. She enjoys living in the Amherst, MA, area.

Obituaries


Alice Horrax Schell '20, Sarasota, Fla., died on Feb. 11, 1993. After graduating from Connecticut College, Mrs. Schell attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Fine Arts, the Toledo Museum School and the Chicago Art Institute. She was a member of the Children's Hospital Board in Akron, Ohio, the Chicago Society of Artists and the Herb Society of America. Survivors include her husband, Frederick Schell Jr., two nephews and a niece.

Katherine Schaefer Parsons '20, West Suffield, Conn., died on March 4, 1993. The widow of Nelson Parsons, Mrs. Parsons is survived by a son, three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Elinor Hunken Torpey '24, Rye, N.Y., died on April 9, 1993.*

Orpha Brown Robinson '25, Salisbury, Conn., died on Feb. 8, 1993.*


Dorothy Kilbourn '25, Hartford, Conn., died on April 27, 1993. In 1928, after teaching in New Haven for several years, Miss Kilbourn moved to Hartford to work at Actua Life & Casualty. She retired from the company as supervisor in the department of policy loans after more than 30 years. Following her retirement, she was active as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, the Salvation Army, the Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford, the Friends of the Hartford Public Library and the Connecticut Braille Association. She served as class correspondent for the Class of 1925 and was active in the Connecticut College Club of Hartford. She leaves three cousins, all of Connecticut.

Constance Parker '25, Boston, Mass., died on Oct. 3, 1992. Miss Parker was the art director of the textbook publishing firm of Allyn and Bacon Inc. for 37 years, retiring in 1962. President of the Class of 1925 in the early 80s, she leaves a niece, a nephew, eight great-grandchildren.

CARLOS FUENTES, keynote speaker for Fall Weekend, is one of Latin America's most distinguished novelists and a one-man international cultural and political force. The author of The Old Gringo and The Death of Artemio Cruz, Fuentes has served as the Mexican ambassador to France and is a member of Mexico's National Commission on Human Rights. He holds honorary degrees from the world's most prestigious universities, including Dartmouth, Harvard and Cambridge. Fuentes inaugurated The Robert F. Kennedy Chair in Latin American Studies at Harvard and was the Simón Bolívar Professor at Cambridge. October 1, 5 p.m., Palmer Auditorium.

Author and illustrator ART SPIEGELMAN will speak during Fall Weekend on his book, Maus, the story of his father's experience as a Jew in Europe during World War II. Spiegelman is co-founder/editor of Raw, the acclaimed magazine of avant-garde comics and graphics. His work has been published in The New York Times, the Village Voice and many other periodicals, and his drawings have been exhibited in museums and galleries here and abroad. Honors he has received for Maus include a Guggenheim fellowship and a nomination for the National Book Critics Circle Award. October 2, 3:30 p.m., Dana Hall.

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grandnieces and nephews, and two great-grandnieces.

Ruth Mothersill Joy ’27, Bella Vista, Ariz., died on Dec. 16, 1992. Mrs. Joy moved to Arizona from Guadalajara, Mexico, in 1982. Survivors include her husband, Philip Joy; one son; three daughters; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Lois Watkins Markley ’27, Manchester, Maine, died on Dec. 23, 1992. Mrs. Markley taught at Skidmore College and in elementary schools in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. She was a member of the Nauset Weavers Guild of Orleans, Mass.; the Baptist Ladies Aid of Brewster, Mass.; the Brewer Ladies Library; the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History and the Cecelia Music Club. Survivors include a son, two daughters, four grandchil-

dren and several nieces and nephews.


Lillian Greer Glasscock ’35, Brookfield, Conn., died on Jan. 4, 1993. The widow of Terrell Glasscock, she is survived by one son; one daughter, Ellen Glasscock ’67, of Keamy, N.J.; and a granddaughter.


Emily Lewis Wieland ’38, Charlotteville, Va., died on April 10, 1993. Miss Wieland worked for the U.S. Government, holding several overseas assignments. She was a member of the Leesburg Garden Club for several years and wrote a social column for the Loudon Times-Mirror.

She is survived by three first cousins.

Carol Moore Kepler ’38, Forest, Va., died on Feb. 6, 1993. A poet, Mrs. Kepler was a member of the Piedmont Literary Society. She also served as a class agent for the Class of ’38. Survivors include three sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren and a sister, Edel Moore Wills ’41, of Northport, Mich.

Barbara Brasher Johnston ’40, Savannah, Ga., died on Aug. 22, 1992. Owner of the Johnston Beach Apartments in Cocoa Beach, Fla., Mrs. Johnston sold real estate, owned and operated the Cocoa Beach News Center and briefly held public office. She retired to Savannah in 1982. Widowed in 1953, she is survived by one son and one daughter.


Janice Thralls Hayn ’40, Las Cruces, N.M., died on Feb. 20, 1993. Mrs. Hayn and her husband of 52 years, Lloyd Hayn, spent most of their married life in Keene, N.H., before retiring to Las Cruces in ’79. Survivors include her husband, three sons, four grand-

children and one great granddaughter.

Allayne Ernst Wick ’41, Gates Mills, Ohio, died on Feb. 14, 1993. A leader of a wide variety of civic organizations, Mrs. Wick was treasurer and president of Planned Parenthood of Greater Cleveland Inc. and president of the Hathaway Brown School Alumnae Association. She was also an honor-

ary member of the Cleveland Zoological Society, a member of the Junior Board of St. Luke’s Hospital and the Women’s Committee of the Cleveland Museum of Art. She received Planned Parenthood’s Elizabeth Chisholm Chandler Award for outstanding service. Survivors include her husband, Douglas Wick; two daughters and six grandchildren.

Virginia Newberry Leach ’41, Attleboro, Mass., died on April 29, 1993. As chairman of the Attleboro Park Commission, Mrs. Leach spearheaded a recent renovation of the Capron Park Zoo. She worked for the preservation of open land in both Massachusetts and in Vermont, where she was a supporter of local land conservation efforts and a longtime member of the Lake Morey Protective Association. She was active with the Connecticut College Alumnae Association, serving as president of the Class of 1941 until her death. She also volunteered for the United Way, American Cancer Society and the Heart Fund. Survivors include her husband, Philip F. Leach; five children and 11 grandchildren.

Sylvia Mary Martin Utke-Ramsing ’42, Alexandria, Va., died on Feb. 21, 1993. Mrs. Utke-Ramsing is survived by her husband, Ret. Cmndr. USN Vernor Utke-Ramsing, two sons, one daughter and four grandchildren.

Marjorie Meyer Riviere ’42, Pittsburgh, Penn., died on March 2, 1993. A former board member of the Children’s Home in Pittsburgh, she was a volunteer at the Harmarville Rehabilitation Center and a member of the Fox Chapel Episcopal Church. She is survived by her husband, Nicholas Riviere Jr., four daughters and nine grandchildren.

Jane Bakken Beetz ’43, Newporty, Mass., died on Feb. 6, 1993. Mrs. Beetz taught art in the Watertown, Conn., schools before becoming a full-time teacher in Waterbury, Conn. She was active in Girl Scouts and with the Waterbury Area Council of Churches. Survivors include her husband, Paul Beetz; one daughter, one son and a granddaughter.

Betty Crouch Hargrave ’43, Rochester, N.Y., died on April 9, 1993.

Ruth Remsen Roberts ’43, Gainesville, Fla., died on April 9, 1993. Mrs. Roberts is survived by her husband, Dan Roberts, of Gainesville; her stepmother, Edna Remsen; one daughter and two sons.

Mary (Meemie) Flagg Chappell ’46, Dallas, Texas, died on May 1, 1993. The granddaughter of noted artist, Charles Noel Flagg, Mrs. Chappell is survived by one husband, William Chappell, in 1983.

Joyce Bailey Kaye ’50, Jacksonville, Fla., died on Jan. 8, 1993. Mrs. Kaye was the executive administrator of the Plastic Surgery Clinic of Jacksonville. She was a member and active supporter of the Cummer Art Gallery, Jacksonville Symphony Association and Theatre Jacksonville. Survivors include her husband, Dr. Bernard Kaye; her mother, Lilyan Bailey, one son and one daughter.

Georgina Kane Schrader ’50, Shelter Island Heights, N.Y., died on March 9, 1993. A member of the American Association of University Women and the Shelter Island Garden Club, Mrs. Schrader is survived by her husband, Walter Schrader; her father, Jasper Kane; three sons and six grandchildren.

Carolyn Chappelle Reed ’54, Paoli, Penn., died on Feb. 15, 1993. Mrs. Reed conducted career development courses for the Junior League of Philadelphia from 1969 to 1985, then for other organizations until 1992. An avid reader, she was employed at the Country Book Shop in Bryn Mawr for more than a decade. Survivors include her husband, David Reed; her father, Bennett Chappell Jr.; two sons, one daughter and three grandchil-

dren.


Annette McBride Belton ’68, Groton, Conn., died on March 23, 1993. Ms. Belton was employed at Pfizer Inc. for the past 25 years as a scientist in animal research, last working in July 1992. She is survived by her mother, Cora Hardiman McBride; one son; one daughter and one grandson.

Family members, classmates, fellow alumni and friends may make a memorial gift through the Connecticut College Annual Fund. Any individual(s) designated by the donor will receive notification of the gift. The name of the memorialized person and the donor will be listed in the college’s annual Honor Roll of Giving. Please send checks payable to Connecticut College, clearly indicating the name and address of the person(s) to be notified, to: Connecticut College Development Office, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320.

*Full obituary unavailable at time of publication.

Hymnals for Harkness Chapel

Alumni and other members of the college community are invited to make a donation to help purchase 200 new hymnals for the chapel.

A bookplate will be placed in each hymnal to indicate by whom it was donated or in whose honor or memory the gift was made. The new hymnals will replace those from Yale University Press that have served the chapel since 1956. A revised 1992 edition, A New Hymnal for Colleges and Schools, designed to meet the inter-faith and ecumenical needs for worship services in academic communities, is now forthcoming. The cost for each hymnal is $25.

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— Phyllis Schiff Imber '43
Lawn patrol

During spring clean up day (early fifties) students plucked dandelions from the college green by hand.

Coming next time in Connecticut College Magazine:

Special Issue:

A Day in the Life of the Mind
Maya Angelou, who composed and read a poem for President Clinton’s inauguration, is represented by her third book of poetry, *And Still I Rise*, which helped change the way victims of racism think of themselves and thus the way we think about victims of racism.

The precepts established in Nobel Peace Prize-winner Elie Wiesel’s *Dawn* show us once again that not everything done in pursuit of good is good. Called “an eloquent statement about the moral basis of the new Israel,” a country some say was created because of Hitler’s near annihilation of the Jews, *Dawn* is paired with *Maus*, Art Spiegelman’s paean to his father, a Jew who survived Hitler’s Europe. That the book is presented in cartoon form illustrates, literally, how evil can masquerade as something harmless.

Finally, Rachel Carson’s *Silent Spring* speaks to contemporary environmental concerns as strongly as it did 31 years ago, when it woke most of us from a long slumber.

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