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THIS PAGE: BRIDGE TO THE A.C.
I enjoyed reading the fall issue article on the slave narrative held by Special Collections now published on the Web. I teach slavery in sixth grade and wanted to read the slave narratives. However, there is no Web site listed anywhere in the entire story.

Lynn B. Edwards '92

The slave narrative of "Venture," an original copy of which is owned by the college’s Shain Library, is part of a comprehensive collection published by the University of North Carolina. The site, "North American Slave Narratives, Beginnings to 1920," can be found at http://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/neh.html

Special thanks to Laurie Deredita, special collections librarian, for writing this article.

Congratulations on the fall issue with its interesting and varied articles. Is "Ask a Camel" a new feature? It’s a great idea.

Ruth Kaplan '50

Editor's note: The response to "Ask a Camel" was so overwhelmingly positive that the staff hopes to produce a sequel to this feature. If you have ideas for alumni experts or questions that you would like to ask a camel," please send them to the address below or e-mail them at any time to ccmag@conncoll.edu.
Education for leadership: Ideas interacting with the world

The following is an excerpt from remarks delivered to parents of the incoming Class of 2006 by Dean of the Faculty Helen B. Regan on August 24, 2002.

OVER THE LAST DECADE OR SO, Connecticut College has developed a well-deserved reputation for academic innovation. A Connecticut College liberal arts education has become distinctive because of its emphasis on the interaction of ideas with the world. In numerous ways, your daughters and sons will experience the synergy between learning and living and thus graduate poised for leadership and influence in whatever sector of society they choose to make their way.

Four themes combine to create the distinctive emphasis within a Connecticut College education on the interaction of ideas with the world. Internationalization allows students to experience the globalization of the world, to comprehend the interdependence of economies, societies and ecosystems. Interdisciplinarity creates the opportunity for students to experience the holistic nature of knowledge, to realize that effective problem solving requires the application of expertise across traditional boundaries among fields. Student/faculty research in all disciplines rests on the implicit, but nonetheless powerfully instructive assumption, that students are worthy partners, and thus it builds student confidence and competence simultaneously. Internships, which are opportunities for students to experiment with the application of ideas in a real-world setting, permit students to test their interests and abilities and to take exploratory steps toward realization of their dreams.

These four distinctive themes are the contemporary expression of the core institutional values of the college. First among them is excellence in teaching and scholarship. Teaching and scholarship is actually a unified concept in which each part informs the other, and which expresses the equivalent value of both the transmission and creation of knowledge. The faculty have come here actively seeking this combination in which their own intellectual development, and that of the students, are intertwined. This integration of teaching and scholarship undergirds student/faculty research at the undergraduate level, and supports interdisciplinarity. It is the concept that requires attention to the wider world and provides the rationale for internships.

Other core institutional values include the college's identity as a residential liberal arts college and its commitment to the ideals of a pluralistic community, personal integrity and social justice. As a set, these values describe the nature of relationships among the students, faculty and staff, with trustees and alumni and with the community beyond its boundaries.

Your sons and daughters will experience these features of a Connecticut College education in a variety of arenas: in the classroom; through faculty-student projects of a variety of types; in co-curricular life; and in relationship with one another in residential life.

In the classroom, your children will encounter a variety of pedagogical approaches. There will be some of the standard lectures, which you may remember from your own education, and this is the appropriate pedagogical strategy when the teacher's purpose is to transmit information. In this case, the student must demonstrate that he or she can remember this information. However, if the teacher's purpose is honing critical thinking skills and developing the ability to apply knowledge, then the Socratic method of question and answer will be more appropriate, and the student must demonstrate that he or she can mount a coherent argument, sometimes on the spot.

If the teacher's purpose is to hone problem-solving abilities, then problem-based instruction is the best pedagogical strategy. In this case, students are given a situation that they must resolve by marshalling facts and using them to analyze the problem. Sometimes they will be asked to identify problems themselves in addition to resolving them. If the teacher's purpose is to illustrate a multiplicity of viewpoints, or approaches, or belief systems in relation to issues in the field, then group work might be appropriate; students will confront the inherent complexity of the world in the form of their own diverse opinions and approaches. All of these approaches are appropriate in all fields, whether a student is applying critical theory to a literary text, or developing an algorithm in computer science, or analyzing a longitudinal data set about an aspect of children's development, or creating and then evaluating an original work in any of the fine arts.

Learning also happens through co-curricular life. I serve on many college committees, including those which build and monitor the college budget and develop and evaluate the college's curriculum. On these committees, and many others, I serve with students, and I and my fellow administrators take their views extremely seriously.

I am very proud of the quality of a Connecticut College education, and I believe your daughters and sons have made an excellent decision in choosing to come here. I am confident that both they and you will soon come to that conclusion for yourselves.
Fourteen Connecticut College students who were studying at the University of Cape Town, South Africa on a Study Away Teach Away (SATA) program spent their mid-semester vacation on a safari to Botswana. Professor of Chemistry Marc Zimmer led the group.

After flying to Maun Airport in north central Botswana, the college students travelled to the Okavango area of the Moremi wildlife reserve, then to Chobe National Park, and finally into Zimbabwe. The students agreed that the camping trip was the highlight of their semester in Africa up until that point. For most, the experience had many “firsts,” from observing elephants, lions, leopards and other wildlife to sleeping in tents. The trip culminated with a border crossing into Zimbabwe to see Victoria Falls, one of the seven natural wonders of the world. The beautiful Zambezi River flows to the brink of a basalt lip 1,700 metres wide before plunging into the foamy abyss of the gorge below. This is the world’s largest sheet of falling water.

“Our group was quite the bunch of thrill-seekers,” said one of the students. Side trips that day ranged from white-water rafting through the falls to helicopter flights and bungee jumping.

At the end of the trip, the group crossed into Zambia and flew out of the Livingstone Airport back to Cape Town.

SATA programs provide Connecticut College students with the opportunity to join their own professors in an educational enterprise designed to enhance their knowledge and appreciation of political, economic and social systems significantly different from their own. A SATA group typically is made up of 10 to 20 students and is led by one or two faculty members.

Other SATA programs this year have taken place in Italy, the Czech Republic, Mexico and India.
A recent grad learns about backgammon and friendship in Zimbabwe

IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, PEPUKAI AND I became friends because we both liked to play backgammon. He was a more aggressive player, often allowing his nips to sit alone on a space and thus be exposed to being taken off the board, while I tried to keep them together and protected. When he asked me if I wanted to go home with him to Zimbabwe, of course I jumped at the opportunity. I was nervous, having read newspaper reports of violence, food shortages, and the repression of the media, both foreign and domestic, but I would be with Pepukai, and like a nip sharing a space on the backgammon board, I would be protected.

The journey began with a bad roll. Pepukai’s South African visa had expired and so he had to cross the border illegally. This meant I would be alone, at least until after I crossed the border. Had the authorities captured Pepukai at this point, I would have to make the whole journey without any help.

It was early, both in the morning and in the journey. The border itself consists of several kilometers of trucks both big and small, carrying everything from live chickens to mattresses and spare cell phone parts. On the South African side, chaos was the norm, as everyone simply had to push their way to the counters. The employees sat behind steel bars, protecting them from the mob, and pickpockets working the crowd. Eventually, whether from experience at concerts or leaving sports events, I received the coveted passport stamp and was on my way to the other side.

The Zimbabwe border crossing went comparatively smoothly, despite the full luggage search, which initially filled me with dread. With that, I realized how different my mindset had become. In South Africa I often feared being alone because of petty crimes and theft. The police are a comfort to see, because they are an ostensible form of security. I quickly realized that in Zimbabwe, the situation reverses. Having followed news events in Zimbabwe, what comes to mind is the notoriously oppressive government. The independent and foreign media outlets suffer violent repression, and there are reports, which I heard firsthand, that the president violently punishes those who fail to support him. I was concerned that any police interaction would turn into suspicion that I was a foreign journalist as I was traveling with a South African research visa. I did not want to be on the news, and I did not want to see any Zimbabwean officials, for their power was frightening. At the border, Pepukai was certainly thinking along the same lines, hope mixed with fear. He made it across, luckily and safely.

We met up on the bus and traveled onward towards the capital, Harare. There, with Pepukai, I felt safer, like the two nips out of the opponent’s home board. In Harare we stayed with Pepukai’s old friends in Chitungwiza, an endless “location,” where the bulk of Harare’s working classes live. Here I heard about President Robert Mugabe’s violent ways towards supporters of the opposition. I witnessed the lines forming for the impending sugar delivery long before the truck came in. And, I also met several talented Shona sculptors. Our stay in Harare was short because we wanted to get to Pepukai’s home in Kariba, a town in the North, known for its huge hydroelectric dam and the resulting enormous lake.

Having spent a good portion of my trip on buses, I had begun to understand the intricacies and etiquette of bus travel. Sometimes your bag shares the luggage rack with small chickens or seats are missing, but such inconveniences are outweighed by incredible service. No reservations are needed and rarely is a bus full, even if it appears to be so. Every window can serve either as an exit for trash or an entrance for a street vendor, depending on your needs. Each time the bus stops, outside of the windows wait countless men, women and children, selling everything from oranges and grilled corn to handmade slingshots. Despite my newfound comfort in the bus, countless hours were enough, and I was anxious to be in Kariba and the comfort of Pepukai’s home.

In Kariba I met Pepukai’s sculpture teacher, who makes incredible chess sets out of serpentine. Immediately, I decided a backgammon set would serve as a perfect memento for my journey to Zimbabwe. Pepukai and I had brought a portable set, which we gave to the artist to use as a model. He agreed to our commission, but there was one problem: I had to leave Kariba before the set would be finished. Fortunately, Pepukai offered to bring it back with him when returning to South Africa.

And so it was settled. I traveled on to Victoria Falls, which feels nothing like the Zimbabwe I had begun to understand. Adventure sports, tourists and all the accompanying refinements are found there. After a brief stay, it was time for me to return to my research, and, like a nip boarding off from its home board, I returned to South Africa. Pepukai did not make it back to South Africa in time for me to collect the set. In some ways I guess that’s fitting, because a backgammon match should not end with just a single game. — Joshua Katz ’02

Joshua Katz ’02 graduated magna cum laude with a degree in government. He conducted research last summer on microfinance and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), having conducted an independent study at CC to prepare for the trip.
Inside the Russian view of HIV/AIDS

Tiffany Krempely '05 finds a widening information gap about the deadly virus

Last summer, Tiffany Krempely '05, a psychology and Slavic studies double major, traveled to Russia with Mary Anne Cosentini, a visiting professor, and seven other students. On a Traveling Research and Immersion Program, they studied the Russian language and culture at the Nevsky Institute in Saint Petersburg. During their stay, they were required to perform research projects on topics of their choice; Tiffany chose HIV/AIDS education and awareness in Russia. She created surveys that she distributed to Russian citizens. When she returned to the United States, she expanded her research by contacting nurses and teachers in Western Russia and Siberia via e-mail or phone. The purpose of this paper was to study the Russian population's knowledge of HIV/AIDS.

The First Documented Case of HIV infection in the Soviet world was a Russian male who contracted it in Africa. He then spread HIV to 15 Soviet soldiers through homosexual relations. Once HIV and its initial mode of transmission were discovered, the intellectually unprepared country began a campaign utilizing propaganda against homosexuals. At this point, 1986, the Soviet government treated homosexuality as a criminal act, making it illegal. In addition to this, issues of reproductive health and sexual activity were not considered appropriate topics for public discourse. Of the people surveyed, one woman, a high school-level teacher in Siberia, said that she knew nothing when she was growing up about HIV, transmission prevention, or condoms and the practice of safer sex. With the advent of HIV antibody testing in 1987-1989, the Soviet government seemed to address the issue of HIV with more candor. The government, instead, abused the privilege of this new technology; and this misuse later resulted in cutting off high-risk groups from the rest of society. The government tested over 142 million people between 1987-1991; most testing was done without patient consent or post-test counseling, and the results sometimes were posted. An example of the lingering disorganization is that of a story recounted by a sophomore in college in Saint Petersburg. His brother-in-law was tested for HIV, and the clinic mixed up his test results with those of another patient, showing him to be HIV positive instead of negative.

In the economic and political strife of the late 1980s and early 1990s, the pursuit of knowledge about HIV/AIDS was almost stopped completely by the government. The Institute of Preventative Medicine ceased translating foreign articles containing new information on HIV/AIDS. The discontinuation of translation could not have occurred at a worse time, since the early 1990s marked the era of Russia's "sexual revolution" and an increase in the use of injected drugs and prostitution.

No one knows how many people are infected with HIV in the former Soviet Union. Of those surveyed, the guesses about those infected range from 5-7 percent (28-year-old professor), to general uncertainty from a 44-year-old professor. These varied guesses show the different levels of education about the virus that various age groups have experienced while growing up. One reason for skewed statistics is that the majority of those who engage in high-risk behaviors avoid the clinics because of the disastrous advent of HIV antibody testing in the Soviet world. The resulting misinformation added to the cycle of neglect surrounding HIV/AIDS transmission and led to decreased funding of research and an uninformed public. The flow of information between the few groups interested in HIV awareness was inhibited by a lack of networking and dependence upon the central government's approval.

Russia has the world's fastest-growing rate of infection with HIV according to the UNAIDS 2002 report on the global HIV/AIDS epidemic. The number of
new infections is doubling every year. It is usually transmitted by individuals ages 15-30 who use intravenous drugs; however, more individuals are being infected through sexual activity. As of 2002 there are 200,000 infected Russians, as opposed to the United Nations' quote of 600,000-800,000. As of November 2000, UNAIDS had placed HIV/AIDS infected individuals in Russia at only 130,000. The government is attempting to fight the battle against AIDS, but despite its efforts and monetary assistance of 165 million rubles, (approximately 5.3 million U.S. dollars), the government will only be able to treat 500-600 patients.

Upon their 18th birthdays, Russian men are required to join the army if they are not enrolled in college or married. Service, however, is not merely a requirement for unmarried 18-year olds, but it also represents a job opportunity. The rise in HIV infection among soldiers is due to the general ill health of draftees and rise of drug abuse among soldiers; from 1993 to 1998, drug use with shared infected needles increased. This increase in drug addictions is directly correlated with the rise of unemployment. These addictions, compounded by the lack of sterile needles, resulted in greater risks of HIV contraction and AIDS development.

Russia's battle to educate its population was evident in the responses of those surveyed. A teacher of students ages 13-17 in Berezniki, an industrial city of 200,000 people in Siberia stated that doctors and special educational groups of peers come to schools to give classes, presentations, and lectures about HIV/AIDS. This woman, Nadezhda Georgievna, said that students are aware of condoms, how to use them and where to acquire them. The university students, who may have missed the new emphasis on HIV awareness, however, are only partially informed. A 28-year-old professor in Saint Petersburg believed that students were aware of the consequences of unprotected sex but though the use of treatments would eliminate HIV and AIDS from their systems. The students did not know that even though the necessary medications to treat HIV/AIDS exist in Russia, those drugs will not eliminate HIV/AIDS. Unavailable to the general public, they also are very expensive. This fact was divulged by a 45-year-old nurse from Moscow. "As you can see, it is very expensive to be sick, especially in Russia," she said. Despite the educational programs available, the methods are highly inadequate. One 28-year-old professor commented that the education available "is like in the rest of the world, it is weak and not sufficient." Though there is coverage on the news, as well as information available on the Internet, such as the Russian Web site SPID, "there are not enough educational programs about HIV prevention available for the students," said one nurse from Moscow.

In terms of opposition to HIV education, the teacher in Siberia commented that the parents do not mind the education being done, but most of them feel nothing should be said about HIV. They feel it is best not to expose their children to that part of Russian society and culture. According to one woman, parents are "old fashioned" in their approach to HIV awareness.

During my research, I realized that Russia's lack of education about HIV/AIDS increased because of resistance from the government and members of the adult generation who were not open to public discussion of HIV/AIDS. I believe that in time, and with increased concern for the public's well being, the efforts to educate the masses will prove successful. I would like to continue to expand upon my research with a return trip to Russia and an internship in a St. Petersburg hospital.
Crossing the border from Vietnam to China

THE TRIP TOOK ALL OF 10 MINUTES, but it left its mark on the Connecticut College students who made it.

A 100-yard-long bridge separates Laucai, Vietnam, and Hekou, China. Struggling with the luggage they carried for a 19-day excursion, 10 Connecticut College students and two of their professors walked from one country to the other this summer, bridging not two but three cultures in mere steps.

“Crossing the border ... was as much a mental act as it was a physical one,” said Ariel Polonsky ’03, a dance and environmental science major. “It was quite symbolic. A small bridge, framed by a large arch on the Chinese side, separated the two countries. As we walked across it, I felt that we were creating a kind of human connection.”

Only within recent years has the border between the two Communist nations been open to outsiders. The students were on a college-sponsored Traveling Research and Immersion Program (TRIP) funded by the Freeman Foundation that began at the end of May. Many of them are dance majors at Connecticut College, working under the tutelage of Lan-Lan Wang, professor of dance, who has a long-standing working relationship with China.

Wang helped organize the border crossing to help her students understand the “new reality of the world we live in and the changing global system. We faculty members have not forgotten the past 30 years of wars and tensions among the United States, Vietnam and China,” she said. “Leading these students across the Pacific Ocean from West to East and from Vietnam to China gave them an educational experience of crossing many borders in their perceptions of dance, culture, the world and themselves.”

Wang worked on this TRIP with Bill Frasure, professor of government and associate dean of the faculty as well as Barbara Zabel, professor of art history. Frasure, who has organized faculty and student exchanges with Vietnam National University in Hanoi for several years, made arrangements for Wang’s group in Vietnam and led that portion of the TRIP. — NML

MEREDITH MARCUS ’04 APPEARED ON THE COVER OF THE DA GUAN WEEKLY IN TRADITIONAL DAI COSTUME.
A short course in terrorism

Religious Studies 210 had a syllabus no one could ignore

CLUTCHING PAPER CUPS FULL OF coffee to help them cope with the early morning hour, about 60 parents showed up in Blaustein Humanities Center for a “mini-course” on Saturday of Fall Weekend. Undoubtedly their sons and daughters had tipped them off that a class taught by Eugene Gallagher, Rosemary Park Professor of Religious Studies, would be worth skipping breakfast.

“There’s always a fight in scholarly circles over the definition of terrorism,” said Gallagher as he launched into his lecture after a flurry of handouts. “According to Walter Laqueur, ‘Terrorism constitutes the illegitimate use of force to achieve a political objective when innocent people are targeted.” He paused and let the words sink in. “What strikes you about that definition?” he demanded.

“Well, it’s all so subjective,” said a father in the front row.

“Ah ha. Now you see the problem,” Gallagher replied.

In the wake of September 11, Gallagher and Elie Wiesel Professor of Judaic Studies Roger Brooks announced that they would offer a new course, Religious Studies 210, to begin after the winter break. They never could have predicted the response. At a college where the typical class size is 20-25, nearly 200 students, or more than 10 percent of the student body, signed on for the course, “Religion and Terrorism.” They gathered in an auditorium on Wednesday nights for the rest of the semester for an intensive course that would help them understand, among other things, the roots of religiously motivated terrorism and the ideological world of Osama bin Laden and others. In addition to guest speakers from the college’s own faculty, the course brought in outside experts such as David C. Rapoport, a professor of political science at UCLA who has written numerous books on terrorist organizations. Brooks and Gallagher, who taught the course as an uncompensated overload, posted all of the notes and materials for the course on the college’s WebCT site.

Now, with the sense of urgency that comes from knowing he has less than an hour to condense the main points of the course, Gallagher hastily sketched a history of the four waves of modern terrorism, the last being religious terrorism. Then, like a boxer who had finished his warm-up, he started throwing out his main points in rapid succession.

“Terrorism has a logic. These are not outbursts but carefully planned strategies. Next point: Terrorism is pedagogical. It is meant to be instructive. It is symbolic. It shapes identities, raising the terrorists out of obscurity.”
Dollars and sense
The vice president for finance reports on the numbers

PAUL MARONI JOINED CONNECTICUT
College as vice president for finance in September, 1999. In a 20-plus-year career before joining the college, he held a number of senior financial positions, among them CFO of Newmont Mining Corp. He holds an MBA from Cornell, a master's degree in library science from Rutgers and a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Scranton.

In November, he sat down with CC Magazine to talk about the financial outlook for Connecticut College.

Q. President Norman Fainsrein has said that raising endowment will be a top priority of his administration. Why is this so important?
A. The college has three major income streams: tuition and fees, gifts to the college through the annual fund, and income from the endowment. The larger the endowment, the more income it generates, and the more the college can afford to spend in support of high-quality programs each year. If you look at our peer schools nearly all have significantly larger endowments.

Q. Why is CC's endowment not larger?
A. The college's endowment grew during the 1990s—but at a lower rate than the endowments of many peer colleges. One reason is that CC emphasized current spending over endowment growth. Throughout the decade, the college spent heavily on new programs, capital projects and other expenditures that significantly improved the quality of education at CC. We can see the results of this strategy in the improved admission profile of the college, the growth in national reputation and the excellent quality of students and faculty that we attract today. But it was clearly a trade-off: The more money spent on current programs and activities, the less invested in the endowment for future growth.

Q. How does CC set its spending priorities?
A. The budget development process is led by the Priorities, Planning and Budget Committee (PPBC), a college committee that meets weekly during the academic year and includes faculty, student, staff and administrative representatives. This committee recommends the budget to the president, including spending priorities, fundraising priorities, any increase in tuition and fees, the size of the financial aid budget and the target enrollment number. Members of PPBC solicit input from their constituencies, and there is a great deal of consultation between PPBC and the senior administrative group, including the president. In fact, the faculty chair of PPBC attends the president's weekly meetings with senior administrators. The president presents the completed budget to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Q. In the last two years, the college has run small budget surpluses. Isn't this surprising in such a difficult economy?
A. We are operating under a mandate from the Board of Trustees to balance our budget on a cash basis each year. Since it is virtually impossible in a budget this size to make revenues and expenditures equal to the last dollar, we have to aim for a small surplus. This past year, the surplus was $367,000 on an $83.8 million budget. In other words, we came within less than one-half of one percent of our target, which is very close. PPBC played a role in deciding the disposition of the surplus: some of it was allocated to a reserve for unanticipated capital needs, and the rest to the endowment.

Q. How is CC's endowment managed?
A. Ninety-five percent of the endowment is managed by professional investment continued on page 15

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From Hanoi to New London
Visiting Vietnamese professors open channels of communication

AFTER THE REUNIFICATION OF 1976, the Democratic Republic of Vietnam decisively sealed itself from what it regarded as the world of vice and capitalism and sought its own path of development, based on the Soviet and Chinese experience. Today, a quarter of a century later, Vietnam vigorously seeks to restore its ties with the global community. New market priorities are opened up, and Vietnamese leaders and intellectuals open themselves to the world, seeking models and ideas to renovate their country.

On Nov. 7, Connecticut College students and faculty heard first-hand observations of how this enormous shift became possible. Two guest Vietnamese professors delivered a lecture titled "The Economic Transformation of Vietnam." The event was organized and sponsored by the departments of government and economics.

Dao Thi Bich Thuy and Phi Manh Hong are professors of economics at Vietnam National University (VNU), Hanoi. Thuy received her Ph.D from the University of Adelaide, Australia and specializes in the field of economic growth theory. Hong is a vice dean of his alma mater and received his Ph.D. in the former Soviet Union.

Presenting an evaluation of Vietnam's "impressive" economic performance in the last decade, Thuy explained the transition from central planning to what she described as "socialist-oriented market economy." She noted several aspects of Vietnam's successful development: a sustained high growth rate of GDP, a gradual shift from agriculture to industry, an enormous expansion in trade and opening to foreign investment.

Hong presented a more personal angle and related his experience of living in Vietnam during the Renovation. He described growing up in an agricultural peasant cooperative and his life as a student and later a professor in Hanoi. He delivered his talk in Vietnamese; Thuy translated for him.

The professors were on campus as a part of a faculty exchange program between Connecticut College and VNU, funded by the U.S. State Department. "The program is contributing to the design and implementation of a new political science curriculum at VNU and to a stronger emphasis on undergraduate teaching there," said William Frasure, professor of government and associate dean of the faculty. —Trayan Trayanov '05

DAO THI BICH THUY, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, VIETNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Fulbright scholar is Harvard-bound

Michael W. Pawlik '02 has been awarded a Fulbright Grant and is spending the academic year conducting research in Latin and Italian literature at the University of Bologna.

He graduated summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa and with distinction in the major field of classics. His research in Italy combines the study of Lucretius and Dante Alighieri. Associate Dean Philip Ray said Pawlik was one of 160 students who applied for Fulbright Grants to Italy, and just 28 were awarded.

Pawlik was a student of Greek and Latin poetry and philosophy while at CC who became interested in the way philosophical subjects were treated in verse in the classical world. While reading The Divine Comedy, he said, "I often noticed that critics were raising similar questions about the relationship between poetry and philosophy to those I had confronted in the classics. After reading George Santayana's book, Three Philosophical Poets: Lucretius, Dante and Goethe, I was encouraged to undertake comparative work with Dante and Lucretius, although naturally in a different direction from that taken by Santayana."

Pawlik has been admitted to the extremely competitive doctoral program in classical languages at Harvard University and will enter the program next fall.

While at CC, Pawlik often took regular advanced courses as well as individual studies. "By his senior year, as a result of his course work and his independent reading, he had read as much as many others will not have read until they've had a year of graduate work under their belts," said Dirk t.D. Held, Elizabeth S. Kruidenier '48 Professor of Classics, under whom Pawlik studied.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program awards approximately 900 grants annually and operates in more than 140 countries. —NML
Sometimes you feel like a nut. Sometimes you have to catalog, label and display one.

Museum Studies students take in one of Elizabeth Tashjian's whimsical, visual puns while archiving the Nut Museum collections. From left: Dan Fulco '04, Liz Farrow '04, Carrie Foster '04, and Chloe Schon '03. See article on page 16.

A house on fire:
Two writers on their craft

LOIS-ANN YAMANAKA

"A friend once told me that until you see yourself in print, you don't exist."
— when asked how she "got the nerve to be so authentically herself in print."

"Writing is hard work. I like having written. I don't like writing."

SANDRA CISNEROS

"I've always done my best work when I'm angry. This anger fueled me to write House on Mango Street."

"There are probably 10 things that make you different than anyone else in this room. That's where a writer writes from. It's a house on fire and only you know the address. It's your life force."

October 11, 2002
The Daniel Klagsbrun Symposium on Writing and Moral Vision

CARRIE STEINBERG
Paper Chase

The assignment left a lot to the imagination: “Use as much newspaper as necessary to create a three-dimensional form that occupies space in a static or dynamic way.” According to Liza Colby '05, students in Foundations: Concepts in Three-Dimensional Design “researched different techniques of working with newspaper such as tying, bracing, joining, grouping, layering, heaping, bundling, drooping, tearing, cutting, twisting, crumpling and bending.” The final projects were displayed in Cummings Arts Center. “The assignment was focused on systems and structures. It wasn’t about decorating space.”
Elemental changes spark new energy in Athletics

A CHANGING OF THE ELEMENTS CAN lead to new discoveries and positive reactions. As a distinguished professor of chemistry, Stan Ching recognizes the need to experiment with a change agent to obtain a positive result. Appointed interim athletic director, Ching has added three head coaches and two athletic administrators. The program has staffed eight new coaches in the past three years, or roughly 40 percent of the entire athletic department staff.

“We’re absolutely thrilled with our new colleagues,” said Ching. “Their talent, energy, and enthusiasm will invigorate the department and enable our students to get the most out of their athletics and physical education experience at the college.”

Last summer, men’s basketball took on a whole new look, but it is a familiar face that has Camel fans grinning from ear to ear. Tom Satran ’94 has been named the head men’s basketball coach at his alma mater. Satran, a three-year member of the squad and captain for the Camels, returns to his roots after serving as an assistant coach at New York University and Brown in the Ivy League. The sharp-shooting guard knocked down a team-high 48 three-pointers during his senior campaign and was tabbed as the 1994 Brown-Brooks Senior Scholar Athlete Award winner. As a graduate assistant coach at CC under former coach Glen Miller, Satran helped the team to two consecutive NCAA berths, including a spot in the Division III Final Four in 1998-99. “I’m very excited to be here,” Satran said. “Coaching at your alma mater is a special opportunity.”

The sign outside the swimming office in the Gordon Natatorium says “Benvenuti” for Marc Benvenuti, the new aquatics director and swimming coach. A native of Waterford, Benvenuti spent the past two years at Princeton as an assistant coach and swimming coach. A native of Waterford, Benvenuti spent the past two years at Princeton as an assistant coach, where the team was victorious in 17 of 19 meets.

If the volleyball program was in search of an ace, it may have found it in Josh Edmed. A Springfield College graduate, he holds the distinction of winning an NCAA Division III Men’s Volleyball Championship both as a player and as a graduate assistant coach at his alma mater. He will also serve CC as an assistant coach with the women’s basketball program.

Administrative and support staff is also an important facet of any athletic program, and John Heck, a Penn State University graduate, is now an athletic trainer in the sports medicine department. Will Tomasian, sports information director, joined the staff after two years at Merrimack College in the Northeast-10 Conference. Eva Kovach is in her third season as the head women’s rowing coach. She also

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serves as the senior women’s administrator, handling NCAA compliance issues for the 28-sport athletic program.

Four coaches joined the college in 2001. Debbie Lavigne returned to her home state to commandeer the field hockey program. Lavigne led the squad to a respectable 7-8 mark and peaked at the end of the season by notching victories in two of the final three contests. There’s little doubt that Lavigne welcomed the return of junior All-American Emily Huffman as the Camels look to continue their climb in the NESCAC Conference.

On the hardwood, Laura Hungerford assumed the duties of head women’s basketball coach. The 2001 Empire State Conference Coach of the year closed out her inaugural season at CC with a NESCAC victory over Tufts. Hungerford also assists with the volleyball program.

In Dayton Arena, Kristin Steele has brought her gritty, hard-nosed style of play to the women’s ice hockey program. Steele is enthused about the future of CC athletics. “When you bring in a lot of people you get a lot of new ideas,” Steele said. “That will be beneficial for the students.”

One of the youngest women’s lacrosse coaches in the country, Annie Crosby immediately won over the confidence of her players, and her club made a miraculous turn-around to finish the season on a high note. After a 2-6 start, the Camels picked up wins in three of the final six games to end the season in a positive direction.

Student athletes are sharing in the new vision of the program and are thrilled about the coming season. Janet Hanson, a junior forward on the women’s ice hockey team, sees a positive reaction from the student athletes and the student body as a whole.

“It is so refreshing to see all the new, young coaches who are excited about coaching and working with the student athletes,” Hanson said. “You can see the difference in the athletes. They are much more excited and dedicated to being players for these new coaches.”

— Will Tomasian

Dollars and sense
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management firms, whose work is overseen by the investment subcommittee of the Board of Trustees. This group consists of trustees, former trustees and other friends of the college, most of whom are active in the capital markets. They set guidelines for return and diversification, oversee the performance of the managers, change managers when necessary and reallocate the investments within the portfolio as they deem appropriate.

Q. What is the subcommittee's investment strategy?

A. Currently, the portfolio is invested in a fairly conservative mix of U.S. core and value large-cap equities, some small- to mid-cap U.S. equities, foreign equities, fixed income (principally intermediate-term U.S. bonds) and small portions in private equities, venture capital funds and a fund that invests in a diversified group of hedge funds.

Q. How has the endowment performed relative to other colleges?

A. Over a 10-year period, CC’s endowment has produced a compound annual return of 10.5 percent, which means it has substantially outperformed both the Standard & Poor (S&P) index and the average for similarly structured portfolios. During the market turmoil of the past year, the college has, like virtually every other institution, sustained losses. While the endowment has lost about half of what the S&P lost, it has performed below the average for similarly structured portfolios. To address this issue, the investment committee has increased portfolio diversification and changed the mix of managers.

Q. In your opinion, what is the greatest challenge that faces the college?

A. Like all institutions of higher education, we are affected by the weak national economy. We are seeing, for example, some students with increased need for financial aid because of changed family finances. I think the single most important challenge for the college is to increase the size of its endowment to support not only financial aid but all aspects of the very high quality educational experience we offer.

The college has the advantage of excellent budget development and decision making processes. We spent a great deal of time and energy over the last two years strengthening administrative systems and controlling costs. We have slowed our budget growth and are thinking more carefully about our institutional priorities. We have begun implementing a new administrative software system that will give us access to more — and more timely — data for decision making. As a result, we entered this recession with our financial operations in very good order, and we are committed to retaining our financial strength.
For 30 years, the curator of a museum devoted to nuts marketed herself as something of an offbeat celebrity. Elizabeth Tashjian flirted and joked with television hosts like Johnny Carson and David Letterman. She bantered with Howard Stern on radio and sang her song, “The Nut Anthem,” on MTV. She became known as the Nut Lady to her neighbors in Old Lyme, Conn., Brownie troops and tourists in pursuit of quirky adventures off the beaten path.

Tashjian, who will turn 90 on December 24, does not call herself the “Nut Lady” now. It has been a watershed year for her. She became gravely ill and moved to a nursing home. Her museum, located in her Victorian home, closed its doors. Now she is fighting with authorities to go home, even though she lacks an income. In the midst of these difficulties, however, good news emerged. Connecticut College took steps to salvage the Nut Museum collection.

Christopher B. Steiner, founder and director of the college’s Museum Studies Program and the Lucy C. McDannel ’22 Associate Professor and Chair of Art History, announced that the Nut Museum was no joke and that Elizabeth Tashjian was deeper and more talented than the TV and radio hosts could have portrayed. He said she was decades ahead of her time as a museum curator, visual artist and performer and an artist.

As Steiner and his students work their way through Tashjian’s notes, sketches, clippings, and art, they are discovering a rich vein of original ideas and uncovering the codes that may eventually unlock the history of Tashjian’s visual thinking and creative impulse, art and ideas. Elizabeth Tashjian herself seems to have found a new energy in herself now. “The museum phase is over,” she told Steiner this fall. “The artist has been reborn.”

In December, Steiner and the students will open a small exhibit at the college’s Shin Library. It will include some paintings and a selection of her nuts, notebooks and memorabilia. In the spring, Steiner plans to seek a grant to mount a larger exhibit that can travel and eventually find a home at another museum. Finally, assisted by student researchers, the professor is writing a book titled Performing the Nut Museum: Elizabeth Tashjian and the Art of Double Entendre about Tashjian’s contribution to museum history.

Museum Studies in a Nutshell

by Christine Woodside
and one woman’s life work
Salvaging the collection

In May 2002, a lawyer and state police officer found Tashjian collapsed inside her Ferry Road house, where she had run the Nut Museum since 1972. For several weeks, while she lay unconscious in a hospital, officials appointed to deal with her affairs planned a funeral. They put her deteriorating mansion on the market. It seemed inevitable that there would be a giant estate sale to disperse of her collection, which includes more than 100 paintings (mostly still-lifes with nuts), unusual nuts including a giant coco de mer, sheet aluminum sculpture, papier-mâché masks resembling nuts, and even jewelry made out of nuts.

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“We have 40 boxes of papers now,” Steiner said. “I told Elizabeth about how much stuff there was, and she said filing was not one of her strengths, and ‘Good luck to you.’ She has a tremendous sense of humor.”

Steiner is chair of the department of art history and architectural studies. He directs the Museum Studies Certificate Program, which is among the few undergraduate programs of its kind in the United States. Since 1997, when he came to the college, Steiner had tried three times to visit the Nut Museum, but had never found the curator available. He learned about her from students who had visited, and he included discussions of the Nut Museum in his courses.

He now visits her at a nursing home in Old Saybrook. They talk about art, but she also can’t stop talking about her quest to go back home. She is drawing flowers, reading the Bible and planning new projects.

Cataloging a life

Four Connecticut College students are sorting the Nut Museum collection: Elizabeth Farrow ’04 and Dan Fuleo ’04, both art history majors; Carrie Foster ’04, a medieval studies major; and Chloe Schon ’03, a psychology major. All are candidates for the museum studies certificate. Museum Studies is a broad interdisciplinary program that explores the role of museums in shaping society’s knowledge about art, culture, history and the natural world. Open to students in any major, the program introduces students to careers in all types of museums, cultural arts centers, historical sites and houses, science centers, environmental education centers, exhibit design firms, and related organizations in the museum field.

They are finding that, in context, the 30 years she performed for visitors at the Nut Museum is only one period of a long artistic life. Elizabeth Tashjian was trained at the National Academy of Design and began painting still-lifes with nuts in the 1930s. In addition to having two one-woman shows in New York, she exhibited at the Lyme Art Association in the 1950s, and over the years she sold some of her paintings. She has called her bolder art during the Nut Museum phase “propaganda” and “visionary.”

Tashjian has said she opened the Nut Museum on a whim and only afterward was told that the term “nut” was slang for someone outside the mainstream. She decided to go along with the joke and made much of it, incorporating it in some of her art. But she really began painting nuts because she thought they were beautiful.
Steiner was excited to find among her papers a handwritten note that reads like a manifesto for painting nuts. "Why weren't nuts painted before my discovery?" she wrote. "It could be that no one else could play the violin as I do, pray as I do." She referred to music, religion, and art as her "three callings."

She wrote that other artists viewed nuts improperly — "taken as items rather than entities, considered as inanimate matter rather than ideas. Frankly, it simply did not speak to them. It did for me."

Deeply religious and private, Tashjian never married. She lived with her mother, a Christian Science healer, first in New York and then in Old Lyme, until her mother died in 1959. She kept an artist's studio at Carnegie Hall for many years.

A child prodigy on the violin, she continued to play into middle age, often performing at home. "To me," Steiner said, "that's where she develops the rapport with the public" and its desire to please an audience. The family fortune, which supported them for so many years, dwindled by the time her mother died.

All of Tashjian's sensibilities came together in her museum, Steiner said. There, she could perform, show her art and discuss her knowledge of culture, metaphysics and the Bible.

Tashjian left her audiences with the impression that she was making up material on the spot. There is evidence, now, that Tashjian worked hard to prepare for performances. Elizabeth Farrow, one of the students who is organizing the boxes of papers, said she has found several notes with similar ideas about nuts and art — as if in each one, Tashjian had been preparing for an interview.

In an Old Saybrook nursing home, Tashjian said she is glad the college has her artwork, which she calls "my children."

"I would say, yes, that my children will have a nice home," she said. "I could open up maybe another museum, the Tashjian Museum."

She has ideas for her next project — a museum on her home's back stairway, near the kitchen. It might have a mural about Adam and Eve, and she might paint the risers to echo copper beech leaves. She loves this part of the house, although the public has never seen it. Her kitchen always had many artistic touches. She had painted it a deep red with green trim, and she painted a giant nut on the window shade and, above it, the words, "No Pecan Inn." Her sense of humor has never waned.

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Steiner has been a postdoctoral fellow at the American Museum of Natural History, and a senior resident scholar at both the Getty Research Institute and the School of American Research. Before joining the faculty at Connecticut College, Steiner was curator of African and Oceanic art at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, and taught art history and museum studies at the University of East Anglia, the University of Southern California, and the University of California - Los Angeles.

Currently, Steiner is completing a book titled Double Take: Stereotypes of Otherness in Art and Film which examines the role of visual repetition in the construction of cultural, ethnic, and racial stereotypes. He is editing a volume on museum studies titled Recollecting Museum Anthropology, and he is beginning research on a book about the changing definition of art in 20th-century American law titled Art on Trial: Politics, Law, and the Indeterminacy of Objects. He is also beginning work on his new book Performing the Nut Museum: Elizabeth Tashjian and the Art of Double Entendre.
As a guest of the German government, Associate Professor of Government David F. Patton took part in an election campaign trip to the Federal Republic from September 15 to 24. In Germany, he met with party leaders from the major political parties, talked to leading German journalists and political scientists, and attended campaign rallies in Bonn, Berlin and Rostock. An earlier version of this article appeared in the newspaper Aufbau.

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In its landmark decision of 1991, the Bundestag narrowly voted to return the seat of German government from Bonn back to Berlin. Since then, many analysts have predicted the emergence of a "Berlin Republic" that would gradually free itself from the taboos that had arisen out of Germany’s genocidal past. One such taboo was that the Federal Republic of Germany would never consider pursuing a solitary "German way" that might weaken its ties to Western Europe and the United States; a second taboo was that German politicians must not court the anti-Semitic vote with verbal attacks on Israel or the German Jewish leadership.

On September 22, Germany held its first federal elections since the government moved to Berlin in 1999. The course and the consequences of the election do suggest, for good or for bad, a gradual retreat from the political certainties of the old Bonn Republic and the advent of a less inhibited, more "normal" Germany.

As the election campaign began, it looked as if Edmund Stoiber (the candidate of the center-right Christian Democrats) surely would replace Gerhard Schröder (of the center-left Social Democrats) as the next chancellor of Germany. Schröder after all had failed to deliver on his promise to significantly reduce the number of unemployed in Germany. The rate of unemployment had remained stubbornly high at 9.5 percent, prompting Stoiber to focus on the economy with a single-mindedness reminiscent of Bill Clinton in 1992: "It's the Economy, Stupid."

However, two unanticipated developments buoyed Schröder’s SPD-Green coalition government. First, the catastrophic flooding of the Elbe river in August, which had left Dresden and other cities devastated, provided Schröder with the chance to demonstrate that he was an effective leader at a time of crisis. Second, as the United States demanded a regime change in Iraq, Schröder publicly announced that under his leadership Germany would not participate in any such war. Schröder’s stance proved extremely popular with the German public.

by David F. Patton

Testing the Limits of Taboos in the Berlin Republic
electorate, despite Stoiber's warning that it damaged American-German relations. For the first time in the Federal Republic, a chancellor had successfully turned a foreign policy disagreement with the United States into a popular campaign issue. It is doubtful whether a conservative politician could have done this and at the same time avoided the damaging tag of German nationalism.

Schroeder asserted independence on economic matters as well when he called for "our German path" that would direct Germany away from the social costs of the unfettered market. Critics protested that Schroeder had coined this provocative phrase in order to tap into a latent German anti-Americanism since in Germany free market capitalism is often associated with the United States. They also warned that such language undermined the postwar principle of tying Germany firmly to the West. Gerhard Schroder dismissed these charges and asserted that German-American friendship remained on a solid footing.

Just days before the election, however, Federal Justice Minister Herta Däubler-Gmelin was reported to have said that George W. Bush, like Adolf Hitler, used foreign policy to divert attention away from domestic problems. Schröder immediately condemned the remarks, sent Washington a letter of explanation, and later sacked Däubler-Gmelin, whose comments had cost the Social Democratic Party (SPD) support in the final days of the campaign.

The SPD and the Christian Democrats (CDU/CSU) each received 38.5 percent of the vote. What saved the SPD-Green coalition was the increased strength of the Greens whose most popular leader, Federal Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, had opposed a war against Iraq in a more temperate fashion than had Schröder. It is now largely Fischer's task to patch up relations with the White House, which responded frostily to Schröder's victory. Fischer, a former leftist street fighter, turned moderate statesman, traveled to Washington in late October in an effort to improve relations between the Bush administration and the German government.

During the election campaign, Jürgen Möllemann, the deputy chair of the centrist Free Democratic Party (FDP), tested the limits of another national taboo by sharply criticizing Israel and Michel Friedman, the vice president of the Central Council of German Jews, while claiming that it was they, not he, who were responsible for anti-Semitism in Germany. To his many critics, Möllemann was fishing for votes on the anti-Semitic fringe and emulating the right-wing populism of Jörg Haider in Austria.

After starting the attacks in the Spring, Möllemann, without consulting his fellow party leaders, resumed in the form of a last-minute campaign brochure his criticism of Israel and Friedman. The FDP finished with just 7.4 percent of the vote and in fourth place behind the Greens. On election night, leading Free Democrats blamed Möllemann for the disappointing tally and moved to strip him of his offices within the FDP. Just a month later, Möllemann had been ousted as a party leader and faced possible criminal charges for having taken illegal campaign contributions to finance the printing of his party's anti-Israeli brochure.

Schröeder's campaign criticism of the United States and Möllemann's attacks are signs that mainstream German leaders are now less constrained by the memory of the past. Yet one should not overestimate the sea change. In the election campaign all major parties championed Germany's close alliance to the United States, while roundly criticizing Möllemann's antics. Moreover, if the rise of far-right xenophobic parties is now "normal" in Europe (witness: France, the Netherlands and Austria), then Germany still remains exceptional. The far-right performed dismally in the election, and none of the established parties ran populist campaigns against immigration, asylum or multiculturalism. In fact, an outspoken champion of diversity, the Green party, was the election's biggest winner.
With less than 24 hours until I become an empty nester, my daughters, 18 and 20, are trying to squeeze in a crash course on today’s most important technology. We’ve still got the remote in the family room to conquer so I can turn on the TV, VCR, DVD and CD player, and also tape our favorite shows while they’re busy studying. Then, it’s on to the microwave, iron, circuit breakers, turning on timers for when I’m away and putting in the dishwasher’s drying agent so my glassware continues to sparkle.

I’m not totally incompetent technologically, even though they sometimes think so. In fact, I’ve recently learned to make a good cup of brewed coffee with ground beans. We don’t think there’s time, however, to cover opening a bottle of wine, even though friends recently gave me a pull to make corks emerge effortlessly.

More pressing is that my in-house computer help desk is leaving. Every time a glitch occurred, I could literally yell for help from my second-floor home office to my younger daughter’s bedroom. She and others helped me transition to Word from Word Perfect Dos, find missing files by searching the history, move paragraphs and entire stories. She tells me the trick is to become more adventuresome. “Try it, play around. You’ll find you’re much better at it than you think and can probably fix a lot yourself,” she advises, quite calmly, though I know she has her doubts.

Another friend keeps telling me, “Technology is your friend. Anybody who doesn’t embrace technology is going to be left in Jurassic Park,” but he says it with such a cute tone and smile, that we both know technology and I have a long way to go to cement any lasting friendship.

My older daughter is a bit more impatient with me, though I know it’s out of love and concern. “Mom, how did you miss all this ‘tech’ stuff?” she asks somewhat incredulously, since handling new technology came so effortlessly to her and her sister.

The girls joke that they should rotate staying at home instead of both heading off to colleges far from home, or that one should go to college close by so they can check up on me and help periodically. My younger daughter, in particular, is concerned that I’ll forget to turn off the oven after I cook. “Mom, maybe we should put Post-its everywhere,” she suggests sweetly, with tears welling up in her eyes. My older one also has some non-tech worries: that I’ll forget to use the anti-wrinkle cream she bought me to stave off the aging process.

Even my 83-year-old widowed mother in New York has concerns that I’ll forget to dust, restock the refrigerator and pantry in case of an emergency storm, and sweep the garage, all signs to her of quality housekeeping. She even suggests that maybe we should move in together, as Rachel Lynde and Marilla Cuthbert considered in “Anne of Green Gables,” to forestall collective loneliness.

I have a few concerns myself. For the first time in my adult life, at age 53, I am going to be on my own. But I tell them and others not to expect an invitation to a pity party. This is my graduation, too, to a wonderful new adventure.

I explain to them that no life remains unscathed if you are fortunate to live long enough. I’ve also told them — almost ad nauseam — that the most important lesson I can send them off with is how you play with the cards you’ve been dealt — the proverbial lemons, so to speak. At their still tender age, they may not get the roommates of their dreams, all the classes they want (especially those after 10 a.m.), the nicest professors, invites from the coolest guys and funds to afford all their desired activities. But all their disappointments will be only temporary, with something better lurking around the corner, I explain.

In my case, I did not get the happily-ever-after ending I initially imagined, but I’ve got a chance to revise the story line since I still have energy, determination, a wry sense of humor and a love of my profession. In fact, I tell them, my new adventure includes being able to decide where and how I want to live, what type of work schedule I want to pursue, whether I want to eat in front of the TV, in bed or skip a meal, whether I want to exercise at 8 a.m. or 8 p.m., and how I want to fill my nonwork/nonparenting time. I’m considering training for a mini-marathon before I reach 55, working
on my conversational French, mastering the salsa after I perfect the tango and waltz, maybe writing the novel I’ve started a billion times in my head and baking a multi-tiered wedding cake with edible flowers.

I may not know how to microwave, because, in truth, I never wanted to, but simmering, sautéing and baking have always been my passions since I received Julia’s *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* 32 years ago. My shelves are filled with more than 100 other cookbooks, plus dozens of food and wine magazines.

As my daughters pack up their last boxes to be shipped, I warn them that they’ll be in for a surprise when they return at Thanksgiving. “Just wait to see what I’m going to master while you’re away,” I warn them. This year, I plan to iron the napkins and place mats for our Thanksgiving table, open the wine, cook some vegetables in the microwave to prove I can do it, and turn on and tape the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, in case they sleep late that morning.

In the meantime, they’re comforted by the fact that, since I mastered how to e-mail and “IM,” I can zap them questions and they can instantly reply with any appropriate shorthand, such as “BTW” (by the way) or “TTYL” (talk to you later). But, I also tell them not to expect to hear from me too often, since I’m going to be very, very busy. I have promised them, however, that they’ll know what I’m doing since I’ve mastered leaving an “Away Message,” as they also taught me.

Anyway, girls, gotta go now and get started; “LYBD” (love you both dearly), Mom.

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Do you have a recurring dream that you've forgotten to study for an exam? Sharpen a pencil and get rid of some of that anxiety by answering a few questions from your old professors. Or try the trivia quiz and crossword puzzle about your alma mater. Answers are printed upside down at the bottom of each page.
Do you know your art history?

Associate Professor of Art History Robert Baldwin put together these images. Name each work from the history of Western art and the movement or genre it represents.
Are you true blue?
See if you're an expert on your alma mater.

1. What does the college motto *Tanquam lignum quod plantatum est secus decursus aquarum* mean? Where does it come from?

2. In what year did Connecticut College become a coeducational institution?

3. Who gave the college its first million dollar gift?

4. What do the junior class women carrying the laurel chain do with the garlands immediately after Baccalaureate?

5. How many dorms are in the Quad?

6. Name the six dormitories in The Plex. What letter does the Plex resemble if viewed from above?

7. The college yearbook is called *Koine*. What does this mean?

8. What is the significance of the last four digits in the college phone number?

9. The architects who designed Palmer Auditorium are better known as the designers of what famous landmark?

10. The camel mascot — one hump or two?

11. What goddess is portrayed in the headless statue between Harkness and Addams and where is the original statue?

12. What is engraved on the handle of the college mace?

13. Where is the original Branford House?

14. In which two dorms on campus would it be most appropriate to read Charles Dickens' *Tale of Two Cities*?

15. Why are the ceilings in the student rooms on the first floor of Knowlton so high?

16. What two dorms have pictures of their namesakes in public areas?

17. The current college bookshop was a multipurpose room for a few years before Crozier-Williams was renovated. What was it before that?

18. What famous poet's statue was touched for good luck by students? What office does the bust now occupy?
19. The stone steps on the green are used by many students to gaze at the stars, watch a game or make out. Were you too busy to count? How many are there?

20. What building did author Kurt Vonnegut dub “the Noodle Factory” at its dedication?

21. What became of Thames Hall?

22. In whose office was the above photo taken in 1999?

23. What current faculty member has taught at CC the longest and what year did he or she join the faculty?

Special thanks to Randall P. Lucas ’95 and Catherine A. Phinizy ’71 for their help with this quiz.

5. Do you knock on wood?

6. Have you gone out of your way to avoid a black cat?

7. When you were in college, did you perform a special ritual, listen to a special song, or eat a particular meal before taking an exam?
Cryptic crosswords 101

CC alumni slept here. Find the names of the houses on campus.

Each clue in a cryptic crossword consists of two parts: a straight definition and wordplay. The solver must determine which part is which in order to solve the puzzle. The following is an explanation of the most common types of wordplay. The number in parentheses indicates the number of letters in the answer. Numbers separated by a comma indicate the number of letters in each word of the answer.

**anagram**

By changing the order of the letters in the wordplay segment of the clue, you will create a word that fits the straight definition. Example: “Produce wild teenager (8).” GENERATE is a “wild” form of the letters in “teenager” and it means “produce.”

**charade**

The answer is broken into parts, and each part will be clued. Example: “Saving health club gang (7).” SPARING (saving) is made up of SPA (health club) and RING (gang, of criminals, for instance).

**container**

Part of the answer is contained by another. Example: “Mr. Franklin describes way to expand (7).” BROADEN (to expand) is formed by having BEN (Mr. Franklin) describe or go around ROAD (way).

**hidden**

All the letters of the word, in their correct order, are found within the clue. Example: “Some of us can’t read quickly (4).” SCAN is “some of” the letters in “uS CAN’t,” and it means “read quickly”

**homophone**

Two words have the same pronunciation but different spellings and meanings. Example: “Discount cruise is reported (4).” SALE (discount) sounds like (is reported) “sail” (cruise).

**reversal**

The letters of the answer are reversed. Example: “Send Time back (4)” EMIT (send is “Time” reversed (back).

**letters**

Letters are often clued as “Wyoming’s capital” for “W” or “The fourth of July” for “Y” or by using words that have common abbreviations such as “Potassium” for “K” or “Feet” for “FT.”

The thing to keep in mind is that the constructor will try to make the surface sense of the clue misleading so that it will be trickier to figure out which is the straight definition and which is the wordplay. Sometimes more than one sort of wordplay is used in a particular clue, but there should be no extraneous words.

In the following puzzle, there are nine starred clues that have something in common. For these clues only, there is no straight definition, just wordplay. The circled letters, read in order from left to right, line by line, will tell you what the common feature of the starred word is.

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**Sleeping Quarters — by Karen Young Bonin ’68**

ACROSS

*1 General Robert E. riding spirited horse around start of revolution (8)
*5 Correct verbally (6)
*9 Damages meeting room (8)
10 Ziegfeld caught in bogus win where air enters (6)
12 Young socialites have true obligations (5)
13 Hint: Caintills recklessly (8)
14 Kind of gun returned with acorns, perhaps (4)
*15 Tim charges madly (5, 5) (10)
*18 Bulldogs’ captain has no muscle (5, 5) (10)
*20 Average 5/8 of a mile (6)
24 Rich team frantic about university fever (9)
26 Precise former deed (5)
27 Parts of Bowdoin tuition make sense (6)
28 Release Mom’s brother now at First Church (8)
29 A king getting into Kay’s canoes (6)
*30 Recognize actor Nick, endlessly confused (8)

DOWN

*1 California city noise engulfing heartless mob (7)
2 Crazy arbiter of taste treat (7)
3 Segment of “JAG” has them shocked (6)
4 Island seen in shell I sent (5)
6 Dotty storing son’s first game (8)
7 Famed astronomer from Galilee, trading last of spice for iodine (7)
8 Crushed top hat covers width of road near canal (7)
11 Native Peruvian goes after treasure, opening metal container (3, 3) (6)
16 Baloney consumed in Exchange (6)
17 “Slalom 2000” — kind of beverage (4, 4) (8)
*18 Broken duck rib (7)
19 Friend devours tops of early radishes too swiftly (7)
21 A botched sting with a con (7)
22 Butchered headless chicken stuffed with bit of thyme in chef’s domain (7)
23 Make a new furrow with smashed power tool’s tail inside (6)
25 Clergyman’s gun, reportedly (5)

See Answers on page 57.
1. Conn has conducted studies of breeding birds in the Arboretum since ________.

2. Over the years, ______ species of birds have been spotted in the Arboretum and in neighboring aquatic habitats along the Thames River.

Who sees more colors, we humans or the birds?

4. Most often, bird song means something like:
   a) Oh, what a beautiful morning
   b) Get outta here
   c) Be mine
   d) Where's dinner?

5. Migrating birds navigate by means of:
   a) their built-in magnetic compasses
   b) their knowledge of the stars
   c) neither of these
   d) both of these

6. Do migrating song birds usually fly high or low, by night or by day?

7. On a sunny morning, what makes areas around the Arboretum pond such fine (and lively) dining spots for birds?

8. About those nesting boxes around the pond — which birds settle in the bigger boxes, and which get the smaller quarters?

9. What bird-of-the-Arboretum sounds for all the world like it wants a cup of tea?

10. Why have forest birds tended to decline in numbers in recent decades, even in protected areas like the Arboretum?

11. What organization has just ranked the Arboretum as one of 15 Important Bird Areas in Connecticut?

— Carolyn Battista

Are you up on birds?

If you have ever taken a walk in the Arbo with Professor of Zoology Robert Askins, you'll have these answers in the palm of your hand.
A $200,000 GRANT from the Davis Educational Foundation will boost development of e-portfolio, a pioneering approach to academic advising, leadership development and career exploration for students. Developed by Connecticut College, e-portfolio is becoming the prototype for other premier liberal arts colleges.

The e-portfolio project, accessed by computer, enables students to connect their classroom experiences with co-curricular, residential and off-campus activities in a self-reflective way. The grant funding will be used to enlist a pilot group of advisors to assess e-portfolio's effectiveness, train advisors and advisees, elicit faculty customization of advising modules, deepen the e-portfolio's relevance to students and refine program support. Additionally, this project will provide a model for how the development of an integrated academic and career planning process can be streamlined at liberal arts colleges.

"There was a collective 'that is what we are looking for.' Suddenly, the portfolio seemed to be an aspiration for nearly every school in attendance. Each of our schools is distinct, but we all share a lasting commitment to enrich the undergraduate student experience. The imaginative and useful product, originally developed by Connecticut College and generously shared with their colleagues, is a major contribution to this aim."

Connecticut College's e-portfolio is unique in that, unlike traditional approaches to e-portfolios, it brings together in one place students' self-reflection and goal-setting; annotated documentation of accomplishments and evidences of competencies; feedback from faculty, career and co-curricular advisors; academic and career planning resources and exercises; and construction of resumes for career or graduate school applications.

Nearly 80 percent of the 1850 students at Connecticut College are registered users of e-portfolio, which was launched in 2000. Allyson Bregman '04 is one of those registered users of e-portfolio. She said it "makes it incredibly easy to construct a resume. It automatically puts your Web-based info into Word format. I'm looking forward to working with my counselor in the fall when I decide where to work for my funded internship."

Counselors from Connecticut College's Career Enhancing Life Skills Program guide students through a process of self-assessment, goal-setting and the creation of a comprehensive archive of information to demonstrate competencies developed through coursework, co-curricular experiences, internships and athletic accomplishments. Students use the e-portfolio to share their goals and achievements with their advisers, career counselors, deans and prospective employers. The flexibility of the electronic format also
Giving opportunities at Connecticut College allows students to draw from their personal archives in order to compile targeted electronic presentation portfolios for employers and graduate school admissions committees. The electronic format allows students to store and disseminate information in a variety of media, including video, audio, links to personal Web pages and digital photos. Additionally, with the click of a button, the student can create a resume tailored for a specific prospective employer or company.

Dean of the College Fran Hoffmann said, “We are grateful indeed for this support which will enable us to enhance the utility of the e-portfolio for academic advising and academic program evaluation purposes. The e-portfolio has proven to be an extraordinary tool for student self-assessment, career planning and documentation of experiential learning. The logical next step is to integrate more fully academic and curricular planning into its functions.”

This is the third grant from the Davis Educational Foundation to Connecticut College. Previous grants have supported the Davis Classroom — a high-tech electronic classroom — and a collaborative effort between Connecticut College and 13 other liberal arts colleges focused on sharing strategies and exploring new possibilities for the use of technology in teaching and research at a reduced cost to each institution. The Davis Educational Foundation was established by Stanton and Elisabeth Davis after his retirement as chairman of Shaw’s Supermarkets, Inc. The foundation seeks to strengthen regionally accredited baccalaureate degree-granting colleges and universities located in New England.

Ammerman Center Naming Ceremony

EARLIER THIS YEAR, an announcement was made that the Center for Arts and Technology was being endowed with a generous gift from Trustee Judith Ammerman ’60. During a dedication ceremony held during Fall Weekend, the center was renamed to honor this generous donor. The newly renamed Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology will continue to help students explore new relationships between technology, art and science in a liberal arts environment. In addition, students involved with the Ammerman Center can participate in a certificate program, technology internships, lectures, courses, workshops and international symposia on arts and technology.

Pleased that the work of the Ammerman Center will reach a broad segment of the college community, Ammerman said, “There are students in the program from many disciplines, such as art, dance, music, literature and science. The center allows students to explore creative boundaries of these and other areas. Internships enrich their experiences and open avenues for future employment.”

Ammerman's gift to endow the center ensures that funds will always be available to help support the operating expenses of this important academic center. The work of the center will, however, continue to need other generous support to bring in visiting fellows, sponsor the center’s biennial symposium and provide internships to students in the center’s certificate program.

TOP: BRIDGET BAIRD, JUDITH AMMERMAN ’60 DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY PRESENTS JUDITH AMMERMAN ’60 WITH A CERTIFICATE COMMEMORATING THE NAMING OF THE AMMERMAN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY. BOTTOM: FOLLOWING THE NAMING CEREMONY FOR THE AMMERMAN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY, MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY GATHER TO HONOR JUDITH AMMERMAN ’60 AND THANK HER FOR HER COMMITMENT TO CONNECTICUT COLLEGE.
Freeman Field dedication

DURING FALL WEEKEND, current and former Connecticut College athletes gathered with coaches, parents and students to formally dedicate the college’s newest playing field. The construction of Freeman Field was made possible by a grant from the Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation and a gift from an anonymous donor.

Addressing a crowd gathered on the Cummings Arts Center Terrace overlooking the field, President Norman Fainstein thanked the donors who made this project possible and commended their generosity.

Goldsmith Foundation, initiated the funding in recognition of men’s soccer coach, Bill Lessig. Tom’s mother, Trustee Virginia Slaughter Loeb ’48 was at the dedication ceremony, and in the words of President Fainstein, “We thank her and her son for their successful efforts to secure grant funding for this, and other projects at Connecticut College.” Tom has also been instrumental in securing grants to support renovations and repairs to Harkness Field and the Lyn and David Siffen Field.

Many people were involved in the planning and construction of Freeman Field. Together, they helped make Coach Lessig’s dream of a level playing field a reality. A committee comprised of coaches, administrators and staff members addressed the complicated aspects of renovating the Freeman Field. Their plans resulted in the enlarged, leveled and reoriented field that Freeman Field is today—a field perfectly suited for intercollegiate soccer and lacrosse at the NESCAC level.

Following the dedication ceremony, attendees and others gathered together to cheer on the men’s soccer team as they took on rival Trinity College.

Grant moves life sciences ahead

A RECENT GRANT from the Sherman Fairchild Foundation has breathed new life into the life sciences at Connecticut College. Their award of a $100,000 planning grant is being directed toward the development and restructuring of the life sciences curriculum and preliminary plans for a life sciences building at the college.

In 2001, an outside review committee examined the life sciences program to assess the curriculum, faculty size and space needs. Their review led to a variety of recommendations, including the appointment of a tenure-track biologist with expertise in cell and molecular biology; a review of the life sciences curriculum; the establishment of a science advisory committee and the establishment of a committee to begin planning for a new science facility. The grant from the Sherman Fairchild Foundation will support these recommendations.

“The grant has two purposes: to provide the time and financial resources to completely redesign the foundation courses and majors in the life sciences and to hire an architectural firm to conduct a critical building needs assessment and draft conceptual plans for a new building,” said Page Owen, associate professor of botany. “This grant will help us get to that next step.”

Additionally, the grant will support visits by a group of Connecticut College science faculty to science facilities at colleges and universities in the eastern United States. The group will gain information about architectural firms, planning concepts, equipment selection and energy efficiency in each project.

Dean of the faculty Helen Regan said, “We’re confident that with the support of this grant we will make substantial strides toward redesigning the biology curriculum, hiring a new faculty member and doing the needed planning for what we hope will be a wonderful new life sciences building.”
Countdown for the Kresge Challenge

WITH JUST OVER A YEAR TO MEET the Kresge Challenge, the push to build additional resources for the sciences is beginning, and the college is off to a great start. Under the direction of a recently named steering committee, the first major gifts have been made to the Science Equipment Renewal Fund. Two grants, one from the George I. Alden Trust for $50,000 and one from the Luisa Stude Sarofim Foundation for $25,000, have been applied to the endowment in support of science equipment maintenance and replacement.

The Kresge Science Initiative grant is broken down into two components—$250,000 for the current purchase of science equipment and $250,000 for endowment directed toward equipment renewal. To qualify for this grant, Connecticut College must raise $516,000 in science equipment funding. To earn the latter portion of this grant, however, Connecticut College must raise just over $1 million in new donations by February 2004. The grants from the Alden Trust and the Sarofim Foundation are an auspicious start to this effort to build a long-term solution to the ongoing need for new science equipment.

Kresge Challenge Steering Committee

Oakes Ames, President Emeritus, Connecticut College
Ford Bell P'02, President and CEO, The Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation, Connecticut College Trustee, Chair, Steering Committee
Herbert F. Kenny III '80 Vice President, Global Sales and Marketing, Thermo Finnigan
John F. Niblock P'98, Retired Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Pfizer Inc./President of Pfizer Global Research and Development, Connecticut College Trustee
Dr. Mary Lake Polan '65 P'02, Katharine Dexter McCormick and Stanley McCormick Memorial Professor in the School of Medicine and Chair of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Stanford University, Connecticut College Trustee

A friendship, an idea and a great opportunity

THREE DONORS ARE coming together to do a world of good. Building on a bequest from Barbara “Babs” Weinberg Cohen ’62, her husband Joe and classmate Susan Eckert Lynch ’62 chose to honor her memory with generous gifts to the college. These three gifts are being combined to offer an exceptional learning experience for students and faculty — a TRIP class in France.

TRIP, Connecticut College’s Traveling Research and Immersion Program, provides unique learning opportunities as faculty members and students engage in academic and research immersion experiences together. These courses expand the boundaries of traditional classroom learning, and as students and faculty bring their findings back to campus, they deepen intellectual discussion campus-wide. Faculty are currently submitting proposals detailing how this TRIP component could enhance their current course offerings. This competitive process to determine which course will be chosen has already sparked the creative minds of the Connecticut College faculty and will make the final decision a very tough one.

The idea for this gift came from Lynch who knew that Babs Cohen loved to travel and had a special place in her heart for Paris. Lynch, a former trustee of the college, was very familiar with the TRIP program and knew that this gift would not only honor her dear friend, but it would allow students to discover France in a meaningful and lasting way. Joe Cohen immediately recognized that this would have pleased Babs immensely and pledged his support and directed that Babs bequest to Connecticut College be used to support this gift as well. Together, their support is enhancing the educational experience of Connecticut College students.

DONORS INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THESE, or other fundraising priorities of the college, should contact Charles Clark, director of development at 800.833.7549, extension 2412.

BARBARA WEINBERG COHEN, AS PICTURED IN THE 1962 KOINE YEARBOOK.
WHERE TO FIND IT:
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Regional news, alumni news, alumni travel,
upcoming alumni events
Obituary: Winnie this summer until they were
able to find an apartment. Winnie and Sam are
looking forward to our 65th reunion.

Summer (Aug.), and Fall (Nov.). To have your
issues yearly: Winter (Peb.), Spring (May),
Deadline
by
your class correspondent receives
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Summer
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Spring Dec. 15
class correspondent or Mary Howard, associate
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Ave., New London, CT 06320.

It’s been a while since we’ve had any notes in
our columns. Please take a moment and send me
your news. Your classmates want to know what
you’ve been doing.

Correspondent: Mary Caroline (M. C.) Jens Sweet
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Carole Lehman Winfield writes, “I teach yoga
to three different age levels. My book, Yoga in
the Morning, Marinetti at Night or The First
Three-Score and Ten are the Hardest,
is selling slowly but steadily. Still appreciate beautiful
VT and Burlington, especially. Hope to make
the 65th” Web site: www.yogacarol.com. Her
book is available from Amazon.com and
Barnes and Noble.

Win Valentine Frederiksen writes, “Here
I am in Venice, FL, enjoying warm days and
cool nights. Since leaving college, I can’t
believe I’ve had so much fun with friends all
over the world. After Christmas in TX, I swear
no more planes; yet I traveled to Seattle in
Aug, to meet my daughter, Patience, and
grandson, Chris, from AK. Patience is a librarian
for the state of AK. Chris is studying journalism
at the U. of Alaska. Terrell and children are
in CA. Chris (Bob) is in TX.”

Ed and Libby Mulford deGriff had a
wonderful 60th anniversary on May 20 at the
CO ranch of daughter Judith deGriff
Schoolmnn 69’ Thirteen family members
attended. Granddaughter Jessica Schoonmmaker
’96 is a doctor in Seattle. Two daughters live
near Libby and Ed in Pompano Beach, FL.

Pat Hubbard Brooks is still swimming,
playing golf and gardening. She took several

Your classmates would love to hear from you. To
share your news, write to your class correspondent
using the deadlines listed in the box above. If
there is no correspondent listed for your class,
please send your news to: Class Notes Editor,
Connecticut College Magazine, 270 Mohegan
Ave., New London, CT 06320.

Karla Heurich King Harrison plans to attend
her 75th reunion in May, escorted by her
daughter, Jan King Evans ’54.
The Class of ’28 sends sympathy to the
their class correspondent.

Jane Moore Warner writes, “Only news I have is no news. There are
a few of you hiding out there who did not
answer a call for word about yourselves. So send
some now. As a class, we are slowly shrinking,
and those of us still around would like to know
what the rest of you are doing. Thank you!”

Correspondent: Jane Moore Warner
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Karla Heurich King Harrison ’28 plans to
attend her 75th reunion in May, escorted by her
daughter, Jan King Evans ’54.
cruises in '01 and '02. Son John, retired as a major general from the Air Force, is working for Northrup Grumman and living in Haymarket, VA. Ted's health is only fair. "Hope to see you in '04. How did we get so old?"

Mildy Weinich Gieg writes, "Happiness is having a new grandson, briguing, handsome and smart — just one year old. His father is Todd Gieg, my youngest son."

Ruth Hale Wheeler writes from Newport, RI, "My daughter, Dede Buchanan Wilkey '65 (a trustee of the college), is visiting me. We are both new widows. Her husband died Jan. 4; mine died Feb. 9. We try to cheer each other up. Her son, Todd Traina '91, visited me in June while he was in a wedding. Luckily, I have seven grandchildren and 11 great-grands to come visit in this large house!"

Cay Warner Gregg writes, "All goes well in the Gregg family: as of July 4. Except for a 'smashed' ankle, due to slipping on ice in our winter weather, I'm still able to keep up with my gardening and homes with [the help of] our five grandchildren. Three now live in NYC and are very busy in the Wall Street world. Two have graduated from Dartmouth, while one matriculated there this fall. I wish some of them would have gone to CC; but they all love NH."

Dorothy Clements Downing writes, "If you call retirement a time for relaxation, forget it! I am now in a retirement home with my own house and all necessities provided. No more mowing, snow blowing or fixing anything. It is now done with a telephone call! I am about a half-mile from Bowdoin College and all that it offers. Physically, I am well but a bit achy in the joints. Could it be from doing too much?"

Betsy Parcells Arms writes, "I have a love affair with our town of Marion, MA. Just 4,000 people, a fine prep school, Tabor Academy, and now a music festival with a large symphony every July. Marion is a well-kept secret. We hope it stays that way!"

Eleanor Fruke Anderson sends "warmest greetings to all." E-mail: lamusic@snet.net.

Barbara Myers Haldt writes, "Just love living in this area (Queensbury, NY). Much is going on in the way of arts, dance and music. Saratoga Performing Arts Center (SPAC) is nearby. I'm going to the New York City Ballet this week. Great fun while in the city." Contact Barbara at halddf@yahoo.com.

Bea Dodd Foster writes from Venice, FL, "Living in this complex in my seventh-floor condo, complete with a 10-foot balcony, is a joy. It was about three years in building, and I moved in March '00. I had a month in June at Susan and John's cattle ranch in Lakeview, OR. Wendy visited for a week in Aug. before returning to Germany. Imagine my granddaughter, Jessica, spending two weeks in Mongolia? She did, and got to ride one of the fast, small horses! She will graduate from the U. of Alaska, Anchorage, in Aug. Thanks to all of you for sending your news."

Lee Jenkins Rafferty lives loving at Avery Heights in Hartford. She has a "lovely, little three-room cottage," and still drives her car to church and shopping. Contact the alumni office, 800-888-7549, for Lee's address and phone number.

Tran Sear Barat had a lovely visit with Sibyl Bindloss Sim at Spyh's home on Prince Edward Island in Aug. "What gorgeous views," says Tran. The two had not seen each other since their 60th at Reunion '00.

Kay Ord McChesney won several gold and silver medals in the tournament at her retirement center in OR. "Maybe our "spritzing" from building to building at CC helped lay the groundwork. Kay! Good job!"

Mary (Hof) Hene Waldron had a lovely trip to Ireland this past summer with her daughter. She said it was very interesting and worthwhile.

Chips Van Rees Conlon went to a CC gathering on the Cape where the president of CC was in attendance, and they all had a chance to meet and talk with her.

Henrietta Dearborn Watson's granddaughter, Barbara, was awarded a Congressional Medal of her research work in Antarctica. She has just gone back there again for another stint "on the ice," as they call it.

Sadly, Phyllis Walters Williams informed us of the death of her dear husband, Jack, in May '01 after a long illness. In June, she went to London, Cornwall and Wales with some of her family. In Nov., she went to Pasadena for her great-granddaughter's christening and her great-grandson's fourth birthday. Phyllis was back in Pasadena for a four-generation Christmas. In March, she went in Aspen with two sons and their wives. The class sends sympathy to Phyllis on her loss.

Mary Farrell Morse's husband, Roy, wrote a note telling of Barbara Tomney's death in June. She said that Mary is still the same (in the nursing home) — sometimes laughing and talking and sometimes still. Her classmates are thinking of her and Roy.

Had a brief chat with Jane Kennedy Newman. She is doing fine, but her husband, John, is in a healthcare center nearby, and she is trying to get them back together in their own apartment. She tells me that Cathy Elias Moore keeps in touch and that she is still "trotting" all over the globe and feeling fine.

Please send your news, gals. We would so appreciate it. Remember that as our class grows smaller, it is important to keep the "tie that binds." After a painful bout with sciatica, I (Henrietta Dearborn Watson) am once again "back on track." But at 82, one is always waiting for the next shoe to drop!"
to wave to Lil Weseloh Maxwell when she was presented the Goss Award, but she was confined to a wheelchair and could not join us for any other activities.

Now for news of our classmates: Barry Beach Alter lives in the same retirement home as her parents did in Shelton, CT. She was a missionary in India for many years. Son Tom is a permanent resident there. Barry lived through three Indian-Pakistani wars and says that the problems there are chronic, and she feels sure that the present unrest and braggadocio between the two countries will pass without resort to nuclear weapons.

Thyrza Magnus Van Wormer has been a Texan ever since she and her first husband moved to Houston in 1945. She has three sons and one daughter, all in TX. Oldest son Bill Jr. retired after 20 years in the Army Special Forces. He was severely injured in Vietnam but recovered and served overseas in Germany. He now lives in San Antonio. His son is a deep-sea diver. Thyrza’s second son, John, was a Marine for 12 years. He now owns a telephone communications company in Austin and has two children. Thyrza’s daughter is a single mom in College Station with two daughters, ages 16 and 13. Her third son and fourth child, Robert, is a coffee trader in Austin with two children, ages 13 and 3. Thyrza hopes to get one of her 18 grandchildren to CC. Thyrza was married to her first husband, who died in a drowning accident, for 24 years, and to her second husband for 20. She met her current husband, Fil Van Voris, in the ’40s, when her first husband and Fil worked for Bethlehem Steel. They have been married for nearly five years and are enthusiastic duplicate bridge players.

Thyrza was in the WAC during WWII.

Verna Pitts Brownie was in the WAVES. Evie Depuy Peterson was in France with the Red Cross. Do we have any other classmates who had military service or were overseas in any capacity during WWII? Please let me know.

Eloise Stumm Brush, a widow for a year, continues to live in Columbus, OH. She has five children, 16 grandsons and 10 great-grandsons! Four of the children live in the Columbus area. Son Tom owns a series of boutiques called Pave Real Gallery, which means “peacock” in Spanish. He started as an importer of hand-knit sweaters from Mexico and went on from there. Stumm’s daughter, Nancy Brush Edwards ’69, is married to Michael Edwards, CGA 68. One of their children is a sophomore at Dartmouth; two have graduated from Bowdoin; another is a Skidmore graduate; and the fifth child, Jennifer Eloise Edwards ’92, graduated from CC last May.

Evie Depuy Peterson met her husband, an infantry officer, when she was in France with the Red Cross in ’46. They married in Nov. ’46 and moved to Appleton, WI, where she has lived ever since. Son Michael, a graphic artist in NYC, is married with two children, ages 8 and 13. Daughter Frances, a single mother of three children, works for a paper company in Long Beach. Evie, who lost her husband in ’79, lives in a townhouse. After three hip surgeries, she walks with some difficulty but does still volunteer work with the Red Cross, plays bridge and volunteers in politics, a lifelong passion. She particularly enjoys working with diverse groups of people, young and old, rich and poor, conservative and liberal. Evie hosted an alumni reception in her home on Aug. 7.

Fred and Audrey Nordquist Curtis, married 24 years, moved from a two-family house in which they happily rented the upper apartment and where they had none of the perennial housekeeping responsibilities and problems of homeowners, to a one-level duplex in an “adult community” near Princeton. The Curtises are busy trying to keep up with their children and 16 grandchildren and getting to all of the various graduations. Grandson Dan Wray, son of Audrey’s daughter, Lynn, graduated from Grove City College (PA), Grandson John Wray, USNA ’00, received his wings as a helicopter pilot in Sept. Lynn’s two-year-old grandson, Strider, the light of the Wray family, keeps the entire family on its toes. Kary (KT) Wray was a philosophy major at CC and finished high school in three years. She is now a junior at Grove City College. Audrey threw two birthday parties for Fred when he turned 90 in Aug.

Peggy Keagy Whittemore lives in a big apartment at Thornings Place in South Yarmouth, MA, on the Cape. Her mother lived to 105, and died on Thanksgiving ’00. Peggy has been in a Bible study group for 20 years. They meet at 7:30 on Friday mornings every week of the year except the day after Thanksgiving and when Christmas falls on a Friday! That’s dedication. Peggy’s son, Bob, died of hepatitis at the age of 45 in ’92. He was an opera singer and pianist in NYC. Daughter Janice has lived in London since ’82, giving Peggy the perfect excuse to go to England every year! Janice has one son, Christopher, 16. Peggy’s other daughter, Emily, and husband Scott live in Brooklyn, where Scott teaches composition and program set-ups for nonprofit organizations.

Mary Ackman Smith was a volunteer for 45 years at her local county hospital. Daughter Gretchen and granddaughter, Maya 12, who came with her to Reunion, live nearby in Towanda, PA. Blackie’s other five children are scattered as far away as CO.

Vickie Sabagh Russell and Walter live in FL. But come north every five years for Reunion. Russell is a retired Army officer, active in The Retired Officers Association (TROA). Vickie recently retired after six years of editing the TROA newsletter. Vickie and Walter met when he was stationed at Fort Belvoir, and she was working for a congressman. Married in ’57, they have two tours in Germany, and their son was born in Frankfurt.

At a “Thanks for the Memories” panel discussion, Robert Strider, a retired professor of English who once taught at Yale, recalled that he used to come from New Haven every Saturday to teach a class on Hemingway at CC. He soon learned the difference between Yale students and CC students. At Yale he would greet each class with “Good morning, gentlemen.” A few in the class would mutter, “Good morning,” but most of the class was asleep. At Connecticut, he would greet his class with “Good morning, ladies,” and they would all write it down in their notebooks.

If you want to know what happened to Competitive Sing, Competitive Plays and Mascot Hunt, the camel are there!

The Class of ’42 sends sympathy to the family and friends of Doris Kaske Renshaw, who passed away on 8/9/02.

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60TH REUNION May 29-June 1, 2003; Class President Hildegard Melvi Van Deusen; Contact, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Valerie Norris, 800-888-7549, venor@conn.edu

Jane Folts Breden and Dale, living in San Diego, are blessed with two families of grandchildren. They enjoy a timeshare in Sodastr and have recently spent time in Cancun. They have a mountain cabin in the high Sierras and, in Sept., went on an Alaskan cruise followed by a visit to the Canadian Rockies. In June they enjoyed a visit with Virginia Foss Post and John, who live in CO.

Did you read about the Barbara Hogate Ferrin ’43 Associate Professor of Economics Candace Howes? There is a fascinating article about Prof. Howes in the Fall ’01 issue of CC: Connecticut College Magazine. If you missed it, I’d be happy to Xerox the article and mail it to you. (My address is at the top of this column. Jane Storms Wennen.) Barbera’s gift is a true blessing for the college.

Cornelia Johnson Fisher received her CC degree at our 35th reunion. Remember? Leaving to marry Andy, she never gave up her dream to complete her studies. They lived in NY and CT when Andy was VP of The New York Times but retired to a farm in upstate NY, where life revolved around cattle, vegetable gardening and rural chores. They have lived in Vero Beach, FL, for 20 years and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Oct., which included children, grandchildren and long-time friends. Lucky couple!

Katharine (Kackie) Johnson Anderson entertained Barbara Murphy Brewster and me in Medford, Mass. In July, Fliv Silvers Daly also lives in Medford, but she was in ME. Fliv and Kackie have spent summers there for years, and Kackie had just returned to NJ.

Alma Jones and Daniel, living in West Hartford, continue to find great pleasure in art-related projects and writing. They have a business, Arts Universal Research Associates. Alma’s sister, Audrey Jones Burton ’41, passed away in Dec. ’01. Both women thank CC for a fine education.

After one year of widowhood, Mary Ann Knotts Walsh says she still misses Quentin each day “in 100 ways.” But with her wonderful family and many friends (including six fascinating great-grandchildren, all under 6 years of age) there is much to live for and welcome each day.

Jacquelyn Myers Coucher and Christi chose Sausalito, CA, as their permanent home after living in NYC, HI and the Midwest. Jackie’s career was in interior decorating.

Alice Reed Boor, living in La Jolla, CA, worked with animals for many years, taking them to visit children with psychiatric problems and older people in assisted-living environments. Her description of her home setting — wonderful climate, beautiful views of the sea.
and easy access to San Diego and Mexico — made me envious. Alice is wheelchair-bound, but she is obviously as perky as ever.

I (Jane Storms Wenneis) am still working in the Fairleigh Dickinson U. Library and am becoming more computer literate, though the younger generation is far ahead of me. I'm "too late smart" as the Pennsylvania Dutch say.

Barbara Murphy Brewster and I visited Mary Jane (Doeley) Dole Morton in April, and she toured us around Monterey. She still has her avocado farm and is dependent on the weather for her crop. We had a great time with old memories and news of our present lives.

Jean Wallace Douglas and Leslie still work every day (obviously in good health). Two of their "great kids" are in DC, and one is in Santa Fe. Each family has two children.

Remember our 60th reunion next May 29–June 2. Help our agent, Connie Haaren Wells, by sending a contribution to the annual fund drive, no matter the amount — percentage of participants is important, and we have always been a leader in this. Class President Hildegard Melli Van Deusen, Reunion Chair Barbara Murphy Brewster, Class Agent Chair Connie Haaren Wells and Coordinor Gay Guberman Sudarsky are working to guarantee a super weekend. Please join us.

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In May, Peggy Roe Fischer joined a group from the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens on a tour of Marylouise Oak Cowan's dazzling tulip and daffodil gardens. "The day was damp and gray, but the spectacular flowers and formal tea inside, complete with music, made it a very warm and gracious occasion."

Gloria Pierce Gould is pleased to have returned to CT after they sold their FL house last summer. "We're enjoying vibrant times with lots of family and quiet ones with old friends."

Ruthe Nash Wolverton sent her greetings from their summer cottage in Addison, ME, where she and Walt were awaiting visits from their three children and families.

Mildred Gremley Hodgson reminisced about some great retirement years she and Ken shared in Mumford Cove, close enough to CC for her to audit courses and attend many musical and other events with Ken.

Lois Webster Ricklin writes, "During the previous year, I felt that I was falling apart. Somehow that has been reversed — helped by eye drops for glaucoma." Her family is still expanding, with grandchildren choosing mates. The youngest grandchild, not yet 3, is delightful. "Husband Saul and I are trying to take care of each other. Love to all classmates."

Lucretia (Teeto) Lincoln Stanley is trying to get back to normal after falling in her apartment, having hip surgery, then reacting in rehab to a medicine which sent her into a manic episode. Now she is optimistic about the future. Gary, her youngest, has invited her for a month's visit in Australia. Teeto would like to hear from classmates.

Agnes Gund '60, president emerita of The Museum of Modern Art in New York City, will be honored at Birmingham-Southern College's GALA XVI celebration on May 1–2, 2003. The GALA is a biennial event that recognizes women of achievement from around the world and showcases the talent of Birmingham-Southern students to support scholarships for the college's Division of Fine and Performing Arts. More than 190 women have been honored since the first GALA was held in 1973. Birmingham-Southern College is a four-year, private liberal arts in Birmingham, Ala.

Anita DeFrantz '74, an Olympic medalist, received the 2002 Billie Jean King Pioneer Award from the New England Women's Fund (NewFund), a nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase opportunities for women and girls through sports. DeFrantz, who won a bronze medal in rowing at the 1976 Olympics, is the only American woman and African-American woman to be elected to the International Olympic Committee (1986) and the first woman in its 103-year history to be elected vice president (1997). DeFrantz served on the college's board of trustees for 24 years. She is currently president of the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles.

Jill Baker '83 was elected to the board of directors of the Boston Chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI) for the 2002-03 term. Baker is senior director of investor relations at PAREXEL International in Waltham, MA, a company that provides knowledge-based contract research, medical marketing, consulting and information technology services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. Baker has been with PAREXEL since 1999.

Mia Anderson '98 was awarded a Fulbright grant for the academic year 2002-03. She will be the artist-in-residence with the Royal Ontario Museum. The museum is conducting a research project on endangered North American shore birds, and Anderson will be writing a collection of poetry about the birds. She holds an MFA in creative writing from New York University.

Eric Varun '99, along with partner Jon Iarrobino, founded and runs the COURAGE Foundation (Coming Out Understanding and Realizing Achieving Greatness Exists), which aims to fund individuals and organizations dedicated to providing support for gay and lesbian youth. "We want to create a visible body that can influence young gay people and inspire them to dream and to envision themselves as successful people of the future," says Iarrobino. The foundation was created in fall of 2001.

Michael Pawlik '02, a summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate with distinctions in his major field of classics, won a Fulbright grant to spend this academic year in Italy, working on a research project that will combine the study of Lucretius, the Latin author of De Rerum Natura, and Dante Alighieri, the Italian author of Divina Commedia. Pawlik was accepted to the M.A./Ph.D. program in classics at Harvard University.
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Shirley Berlin Kahn writes, “My oldest grandson, Seth Goldberg, just graduated from Yale medical school. He had taken a year off on a research grant and volunteered in Kosovo. In July, he will start an internship at Brigham and Women’s Hospital.”

Greetings from the New London area from Barbara Jones Alling, who exclaimed about the beautiful spring and enjoyed conversing with Lois Webster Ricklin at the annual Sykes Luncheon during Reunion.

Nancy Troland Cushman writes, “Our age group is seeking shelter (or call it safe haven).” She and Jack will be moving to DC from Annapolis, MD, to be near their eldest son. “We are disposing of all our stuff. Decisions, decisions.”

Lila Sullivan Murphy, glad to be in good health, spent a couple of weeks in Vero Beach and the Florida Keys during the mild winter. She visited Ireland in June and is happy to live in lively Newport.

In May, Alice Carey Weller and George, who live in MA, went to granddaughter Julia Guarneri’s graduation from Cornell. The next weekend, they went to Julia’s sister’s graduation from high school in San Francisco and the following weekend to a family reunion in Castine, ME. Now they are playing catch-up with home, garden and George’s office, from which he will finally retire on Nov. 1.

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Thank you, Skiddy (Margaret Wotherspoon Miller), for keeping our class news coming this past year and greening all 45ers. With your help, I expect to enjoy gathering news as your new class correspondent.

The Class of ’45 has two new great-grandmothers! Carol Schaefer Wynne and Nance Funston Wing are both thrilled and, at the same time, sobered by the thought that their children are grandparents! Nance and her special friend, Rob Niles, have published a book, The Romance With Nance, that is available at booklocker.com.

Skiddy has been in touch with Eleanor Strohm Leavitt, who lives with Bill in Hilton Head. Two of their children are in London, and another daughter lives in the DC area.

Anne Oxnard Hatch and Dan sold their Bedford, MA, home and moved into The Highlands, a cooperative retirement community in Topsham, ME, just 25 miles from where they built a new beach home for summer enjoyment.

Corinne Myers Stranksy had lunch with Shirley Mellor Petry and Elizabeth Ruwisch Straus. They made plans to meet Louise Schwarz Allis in Milwaukee for another lunch and a viewing of the Milwaukee Art Museum. Corinne is an active golfer and traveler.

Jeffrey Ferguson reports that Amy Lang Potter and Lyman, Barbara Bauernschmidt Murray and Stu, Betsy Bisell Walsh and Bob, and Carolyn Giles Popham and she met in Simsbury for the fourth time in the last few years. A year ago, Jeanette Miner Dyer joined them as well. Jeff met CC’s new president at dinner in ME. “He seems like a ‘keeper.’” Cape Cod has a thriving contingent of ’45ers who lunch together each summer; this year their speaker was new president Norman Fainstein.

Marjorie Lawrence Weidig, Beverly Bonfig Cody, Patricia Turchon Peters, Ethel Schall Gooch and Natalie Bigelow Barlow were on hand for lunch in Dennis on Aug. 14. They were joined by Margaret Hay Harrison from Hilton Head.

Elizabeth Seissen Dahlgren from Lake George planned to attend the gathering, but a last-minute conflict kept her away.

Marjorie Lawrence Weidig keeps busy with travels (this past year to Mexico), family, volunteer activities and swimming several times a week. Beverly Bonfig Cody is alive and well — “vertical” is the term she used. Beverly enjoys involvement with writers’ group in Wellfleet and is working on a publication for the group. Ethel Schall Gooch and Warne are known as globetrotters but stay home at times; their daughter lives in Italy but was home with them this summer.

Last summer, Marichen Wilder Smith e-mailed from Carolin Meadows, a retirement community near Raleigh, NC. She has passed the one-year mark of her new athletic endeavor, learning to play golf. Tennis had always been her game, so this new project is quite a challenge. She takes lessons, plays two to three times a week, and even walks the course for pleasurable exercise and camaraderie with her golfing friends. Sadly, though, her latest e-mail tells of the death of her husband, George, after 56 years of marriage. The class sends sincerest sympathies to Marichen and her family.

Elizabeth (Trimmie) Trimble Crosman works full time at the Hall of Justice in San Francisco. She didn’t describe her duties, but any full-time position at our age is commendable. She lives in Foster City near San Francisco, has two daughters nearby, two sons relocating to LA and Madison, CT, and four grandchildren. She manages to get from CA to ME each summer and sees Barbara Kate Swift and Nance Funston Wing while she is there.

The summer before last (’01), Natalie Bigelow Barlow was planning a trip to Egypt with the other “grain” as their mutual granddaughter was in Cairo studying Arabic, but Sept. 11 changed that. Instead, she went to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji in Jan. In April, she was off to the Amalfi Coast and Sicily with a church group. She spends time doing a variety of activities, volunteering, and seeing friends and family.

Lois (Toni) Fenton Tuttle still lives in the best of all worlds — five months in Middlebury, CT, and seven months in Naples, FL. Life is simpler in FL, because their home is on one floor, which makes it easier for husband Don, who is coping with Parkinson’s. However, life is fascinating in Middlebury, where Toni chairs a selectman-appointed “Tree Committee.” For two years, she and five others have been planting and planting trees and salt-resistant perennials, while dealing with the State Highway Department, Public Works, merchants and other bureaucracies.

Grandchildren keep Toni and Don busy by sharing their interesting jobs and studies.

Jane Breckwoldt sent a brief, harried note. She feels as if she is running a motel for family and friends; hopefully she enjoys doing so, because she knows it is what happens when one lives on a lovely beach. Perhaps when her life is calmer, Jane will be able to tell us more.

Last winter, my contacts were with Barbara Avery Jubell and Patricia Feldman Whitestone, who both came to Sanibel each year. Barb and I lunched together; she looks wonderful. Pat and I only managed a phone call this year. Do you remember Robin Riblet (now Robin Riblet Kuebler-Eastman ’46), who was in our class when we were freshmen and sophomores? She left CC for a year and then returned to graduate with the Class of ’46. Robin and her new husband, Sam, live here at Shell Point, where Phil and I have been for more than eight years. She and I have enjoyed getting reacquainted. Ask either of us what makes life most fun, and we’ll tell you, “Playing bridge of any sort, but duplicate bridge in particular.”

Lastly, do you all know that Patricia Feldman Whitestone is our class president for ’00-’05? The other officers, as voted at our last class meeting at reunion, are Vice President Patricia Hancock Blackall, Treasurer Marjorie Lawrence Weidig, and Reunion Chairs Natalie Bigelow Barlow and Nancy Bailey Neely.

To those of you with e-mail, please add hermph@aol.com to your address book and send messages, short or long, whenever you are inspired. All others, please use my address above to let your classmates know what is new in your lives.

The Class of ’45 sends sympathy to Carol Schaefer Wynne and Marichen Wilder Smith, who both lost their husbands. Hal Wynne died in Jan. ’02 and George Smith passed away on 9/14/02.

We also send our sympathy to the family and friends of Gladys Murray Hall, who died on 1/14/02; Nancy Ford Martin, who died on 5/22/02; Elizabeth Bevans Cassidy, who passed away on 3/19/02; and Patty Hancock Blackall, who died on 10/20/02. They will be sorely missed.
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I received two letters last winter, but I didn't have enough material to make a column. Please excuse the delay in answering these. Thank you so much for writing and answering my cards.

The first letter was from Deane Austin Smigrod. Son Andy still lives in Brisbane, Australia. Don and his wife are nearby in Atlanta. Deane and Smig play tennis and golf in Greensboro, NC, and they had a trip through the Panama Canal. They hope to see Joan Weissman Burness in FL and spoke to Sue Levin Steinberg and her husband on their 55th anniversary.

The second letter came from Sue Levin Steinberg. Fifteen Levin-Steinbergs had a family reunion at Whistler, British Columbia, a "skier's delight." But in Aug., it became a different place, with a "pheelora" of activities. "Some of our grandkids took ski lifts to the top and biked down, navigating the moguls and hitting the jumps!" Her family came from Canada, ME, CT and GA.

Muriel Evans Shaw enjoys condo living. She and Vivian Capp went on an Alaskan cruise recently. Muriel saw June Hawthorne Sadowski this summer.

Sally Nichols Herrick lives on Cape Cod in Orleans, where her family often spent summers. She enjoys the ocean, with lovely walks on the beach. She says there's a large CC alumn group on the Cape, who see each other for yearly luncheons. Sally has completed a vocal CD called "Simply Sara." It is for sale, and she has had an enthusiastic response. Her health is excellent,although she has some knee arthritis. Sally saw Dana Davies Magee and Curt last summer and visited Provence in Sept.

I received a card from Adele Dultz Zins from Martha's Vineyard. She spends summers there, as does Miriam Kramer Melrod, and they have many "talks and walks." They also remain close to Marian Sternrich Davis. How well I remember them and their tales of the "big city." They helped me grow up. Adele plays tennis and rides her bike. She does volunteer counseling at a high school in FL.

Lucy Block Humann has good news from KY. After several bouts with serious illnesses, she is back on the golf course, feeling fine. Two of her children live in the area, but she doesn't see them often due to busy lives. She also spends time at her fitness center and hopes to return to painting and needlework. Her "good ole roommate" from CC keeps her informed.

We are all glad you are feeling better, Lucy!

Muriel Duenewald Lloyd loves living in NYC. She works out at a gym five mornings a week and takes exercise classes. She belongs to the Cosmopolitan Club, where she is active on the membership committee. Theater is a big part of her life, and she attends a play or two every week. Mu travels a good deal, and her last trip was to Paris and London in May. She managed to see six shows in six nights in London! Her husband, Bill, died in '99, but she has fond memories of wonderful trips with him and many happy times. She has two beautiful granddaughters in Princeton, NJ, who visit her in the Big Apple.

Ellis Kitchell Bliss had an adventurous trip last spring. She and Harry rented an apartment in Venice for two weeks and were joined by their family at various times. "We had a smashing good time," she says. What a great place for a reunion! Ellis says they are both in good shape. She volunteers at the medical quality department at the local hospital. Five of their six grandchildren live within 100 miles, so they see them often.

Marilyn Coughlin Rudolph still works as a children's librarian and enjoys it, with all of its challenges. Today's librarian has to think about social issues, books on tape, books on computer, out-of-print material ... Skip and her sister-in-law had a wonderful two-week trip in the fall of '01. They started out on Sept. 8 from MT in a four-wheel-drive vehicle. On the third day, while still in MT, they were faced with the Sept. 11 tragedy. They were undecided about continuing, but after phoning the children and learning all was well, they kept going. A great adventure, through Glacier, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. They traveled without seeing a cloud in the sky. "It was beautiful countryside, and the animal life was thrilling. We hiked, rode horseback, faked and took a hot-air balloon ride." Skip heard from Elsie Williams Kelley, who was on her way to CA for a cruise along the coast with her daughter. She was going to stop to see Six Tideman James and Tom. She heard also from Mary-Nairn Hayssen Hartman, who said her husband, Jack, died of a heart attack last June. The class sends condolences to Mary-Nairn and the family.

Barbara Gammie Frey wrote, "I have the usual senior ailments, but nothing has killed me yet!" She belongs to several discussion groups, including Children of the Mist, involving Celtic myths. She also volunteers with children in her local schools. Gammie's oldest daughter, Leslie, has two children. Leslie works in real estate and enjoys acting locally. Second daughter Laurie is married with two daughters. Youngest daughter Katie Alida married a sculptor in '99. Oldest granddaughter Brenda is 21, and Gammie says it is "rather frightening to have a grandchild who is an adult." Brenda, who majored in eastern studies, speaks and reads Arabic. Her once obscure major is now a vital element in today's affairs.

Pat Dole, daughter Deirdre and grandson Patrick Richard from England and France this summer. Pat was motivated by Patrick's remark that he had never seen Europe. What else are grandparents for?

Shirley MacKenzie Wilson had surgery to replace a heart valve and is doing very well. Her three sons are great help.

Alice Smith Butler and Jack visited Long Beach Island with Jean Ritti Miller and Mary Lou McCreedie Appgar. This mini-reunion is an enjoyable event held at a cottage that Mac has rented every summer for years.

Barbs Kite Yeager and Bill took a cruise from London to Edinburgh and Scandinavia. They went to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo and were awed by the fjords and enchanted by the house of Edvard Grieg. Their ship docked by Tower Bridge, and they topped off the trip with a guided tour of Buckingham Palace.

Mary Jane Patterson Law is the consultant for a men's formalwear store in Wellesley, MA. She has been there for 23 years. In her spare
From left: Ginny Giesen Richardson, Maggie Milliken Tyson and Jean Handley, all Class of ’48, enjoyed a mini-reunion in northern Michigan in July ’02. The class sends sympathy to Mary Sue Meltzer Gilinsky earlier this year. Marion Durgin Hanscom is finally going to “truly retire” from the library at SUNY Binghampton, where she has worked since ’64. (She says she did retire 11 years ago but has been working part time every since.) Marion and husband Bob Craig spent the first two weeks of Sept. on the MT and ID portion of the Lewis and Clark expedition. They spent their fifth wedding anniversary at Seneca Lake in Oct. Congratulations to you two! She also notes that she did not take Bob’s name and is still Marion Hanscom. Her e-mail address is mhanscom@syuni.com.

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Joyce Silhavy Harper and Gale Craige Chidlaw enjoyed an Elderhostel trip in July to the Pacific Northwest. “We went to Seattle, Portland and Lincoln City, OR, and then traveled by train to San Francisco. A highlight of our trip was having Mary Elizabeth Stone pick us up at our hotel and drive us to Sausalito, where we saw her rowing club, Open Water Rowing Center.” A call from Jeannie Webber Clark produced the following news: Esther Coyne Flanagan has a brand new grandson, Thomas Duffy Flanagan, who lives close-by in Norwich with his parents, Esther and Jeanne share twin granddaughters, Molly and Elizabeth, who won “freshman athlete of the year” awards this year. One wonders where these genes come from. Although I do believe both Esther and Jeanne passed freshman physical education, Jeanne saw Edith Barnes Bernard and David when they stopped in Duxbury, MA, on their way to ME; Dorothy Evans Hackett, when she came down from Hollis, NH; and Sarah Hackett Chandler and Bud, who are spending the summer at their condo in Duxbury.

Betty Gotschiling duPont spent most of March with friends at a guest ranch in AZ. They rode each morning and lounged by the pool each afternoon. This is called an escape if you’ve spent winters in MT. Betty spent July fly-fishing the MT rivers near Missoula. I asked her if one can cast overhand or underhand. I think she is still laughing. Betty has also taken on the responsibilities of senior warden of her church — her fifth term. Phyllis Hammer Duin and Bobby try to go abroad several times a year. Their most recent trip was to New Zealand and Australia. They drove around the former for 17 days and loved it, then visited Melbourne, Sydney (one of the loveliest and most exciting cities we have ever seen), and the Great Barrier Reef. On a previous trip, shortly after Sept. 11, they cruised from Amsterdam to Vienna, down the Rhine and Danube, white wine in hand. By the time you read this, they will be back from a drive around southwestern France, ending with a visit to Paris. They still ski the northwestern U.S. and in British Columbia.

Phyllis saw Lee Garrison when Lee traveled west to see relatives. Lee is a painter — concentrating on flowers, especially the iris.

The class sends our best wishes to Mary Sue Nankervis Clippert on her marriage to Dr. Richard Lamont, a longtime friend. They will split their time between Dearborn, MI, and John’s Island, SC. John Clippert died in Feb. ’02 after a prolonged illness.

The class sends out a heartfelt sincere sympathy to Allen Eaton on the death of his wife and our classmate, Marilyn Boylan Eaton, on 7/14/02 after a short illness.

The class also sends sympathy to Gretchen Van Sylke Whalen on the death of her husband, Dr. Edward F. Whalen, on 8/24/02, and to Jean Sherman Muste, who lost her husband, John (Brown ’49), on 9/5/02 in Taos, NM. Please send me any and all news — this is the way we keep in touch.

As Disney proclaims, “It’s a small world after all,” and diche though it is, it is coming home to me every day! Would you believe that I found myself a patient of Mary Lou Oellers Rubenstein’s son-in-law, Dr. Stephen Del Giudice at Darmouth-Hitchcock Clinic in Concord? And Peg Cole Jennings ‘46, who lives in nearby Sandwich, NH, introduced herself as an alumna when she was a guest for dinner at our inn. Recently, I spoke with Betty Muirhead Garden and husband Newall when they were relaxing at their home in Center Sandwich.

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Dot had a double hip replacement in Sept., is doing fine, and has not let it interfere with the extensive traveling they enjoy to FL, ID, MT, ME and MA. (Hey, Dot, please include NH, specifically Tamworth, on your next itinerary!) Nine grandchildren — seven in the NYC area and two in Boston — are blessed with seeing their loving grandparents often.

As you may recall, I retired to NH to help my youngest daughter, Virginia, and her husband, Bob, with the management of their Tamworth Inn and to be “Grandmommer” to their two children, the youngest of my 12 grandchildren. That was three and a half years ago — and, so far, my other four children and 10 grandchildren have made it up here to visit numerous times. In fact, two of those families are looking to find vacation or permanent homes near Tamworth.

Along the way, I assumed the responsibilities of president of the Tamworth Historical Society and have been involved with some tremendously talented and dedicated people while helping the society become an even greater presence in this tiny hamlet. Also, friends and acquaintances from all over have made their way here to satisfy their curiosity about our dedication to this idyllic area. So, I’m not really retired, only re-energized!

That’s all for now, folks! Please let us hear from you. You’re all involved and active — a commentary on your philosophy that makes it all worthwhile! Thanks for “talking” with me, and let’s keep it up!

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A bunch of 1951 classmates have had, or are having, interesting careers. When Doreen Chu Jagoda graduated from CC, she planned to return to China, feeling unprepared for any job without having typing and steno skills, let alone any graduate degree. Remember those days? She had a strong friendship with Estelle Parsons ’49, who shared Doreen’s interest in the politics of civil rights. Well, Doreen badgered CBS for a job, later got one at NBC radio with Barbara Walters, and became the top woman writer for the news division, winning a Bagehot Fellowship. By the time she retired, Doreen was a senior writer/producer. Now she enjoys the job, later going on to NBC radio with Barbara Mink Bleecker, Libby Myers, and Pat Ahearn Berger, 3 Gordonia Tree Ct., Hilton Head, SC 29926.

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Our class president, Mary Harrison Peggs, writes about our 50th as follows: On a glorious New England weekend, 70 of us returned for our 50th reunion with 23 guests. We enjoyed three very special dinners, including one on Thursday night hosted by the new college president, Norman Fainstein, at the beautifully revamped Lyman Allyn Art Museum. There were many stimulating seminars and, best of all, hours of catching up with old friends who played such an enormous role in our freshfaced youth. Special kudos to Reunion Co-chairs Corky Fisher Smythe and Brenda Bennett Bell, Class Agents Chairs Ruth Stupel Weinflash and Helen Frickie Mathieson, Dinner Chair Si’s Guenziaus Gridley, and Art Exhibit Chair Jean (Slim) Lattner Palmer. We also owe a special vote of gratitude to Arlene Hochman Cohen for her contribution of charming umbrellas for each of the returnees. And then there should be a standing ovation for Pidge Hoodley O’Connell and Beverly Quinn O’Connell, who joined Brenda in the production of our splendid Golden Kent.

Class officers for the coming year are President Mary Harrison Peggs, Vice President Betsy McLane McKinney and Class Correspondents Pat Ahearn Berger and Ellie Souville Levy. Sue Rockwell Cesare will be the next reunion chair.

Sara Maschal Sullivan works as a human resources and payroll administrator for RE InfoLink, a small company in the San Francisco and Monterey Bay Areas that provides real estate listing services for five counties. Sara loves the work and the view of Mount Hamilton from her office. She has no interest in retiring.

Sally Carleton Tripe is president of New Pond Education Center in Redding, CT. Sally and her friend established the center, which is now devoted to environmental education year-round. Previously the center was a camp for disabled children. Today it serves as a resource for the whole community. Congratulations, Sally!

Julie Clark Ronta and husband David are members of an 11-person acting class that takes shows to elementary schools (where David is a wonderful Santa at Christmastime). They also perform at retirement homes and local clubs. Julie says it all started three years ago when they auditioned for parts in the chorus of an updated version of The Birds by Aristophanes, the hit of the 412 B.C. season in Athens. They got bit parts: Julie as a poetess and David as Poseidon and Meron. Julie writes that their current acting class is a wonderful way to provide a service to the community and make new friends.

Mary Sessions Morier has retired from the florist business. (She owned a florist shop in Glastonbury, CT.) She now keeps busy with her six children, five grandchildren and bridge. It’s interesting to note that in our Koiné, Mary is described as “a protector of flowers.” During Reunion weekend, a special group of classmates assembled at Norma Neri Goralski’s house at Clinton Beach. Alan and Jan Weil Libman arrived on Wednesday, followed on Thursday by Ann Ball Rose and Sally Carleton Tripe. On Friday, Mary Sessions Morier and Betty Zorn Mettler checked in. Zan Mink Bleecker, Libby Myers Inse and Liz Hamilton Glasfeld joined the
others for a lobster dinner. It was an easy commute from Norma's cottage to the campus for other Reunion events. Norma said the atmosphere was like a high-school party for 70-year-olds! Later in June, Sandy invited Norma to join her at the Goodspeed Opera House for another wonderful evening. Norma also visited with and Barbara Ackroyd Elder at Trinity College, where their husbands were celebrating their 50th. Norma is now retired from a 28-year career as an elementary school teacher. Today she directs a youth choir at her church and stays active in musical theater.

Mary Ann Rossi attended an alumni reception at the home of Evelyn Depuy Peterson '42 in Appleton, WI. Look for more news from Reunion in the next issue of CC: Connecticut College Magazine.

The Class of '52 sends sympathy to the family and friends of Nancy Jackie Mulvihill, who died in Highland Beach, FL. The class also extends deepest sympathy to Phyllis Waldstreicher Mond on the sudden death of her husband, Bertrand, in Sept., in NYC.

Our 50th planning committee had an on-campus meeting in July. They had a good time together and actually got a lot of advance planning done. Jane Muddle Funkhouser, Diana Jackson Mather, Joan Fluegelman, and Jane Muddle Funkhouser wrote, "Have you written 'REUNION' across Thursday, May 29, to Sunday, June 1, on your new '03 calendar? Have you been in contact with others to urge them to come to our 50th reunion, too?"

Also, Marion Skerker Sader and Leta Weiss Marks want to remind you that if you have not yet written your biographical piece, found pictures, filled out your biographical data and sent these along with your anonymous questionnaire, please do so right now! Even though the deadline has passed, we may be able to add you to our fabulous Golden Fifties.

Nancy Camp is catering for her 102-year-old mother full time.

Jane Graham Pemberton's mother is the same age, old age. Jane and John enjoyed Kansas City hospitality with Sue Weinberg Mindlin and husband Dick this spring. Jane has sold her business, and she and her retired professor husband spend much more time traveling. At this writing they are in England.

Mary Bordav Sensenbrenner attended an alumni reception at the home of Evelyn Depuy Peterson '42 in Appleton, WI.

Betsy Ann Schneider Ottinger is busy in DC serving on the Community and Friends Board of the Kennedy Center and the Washington Psychoanalytic Foundation. She has 12 grandchildren scattered around the country. BA is on the faculty of George Washington U. and the Washington Psychoanalytic Institute.

On a sad note, Joan (Jay) Graebe Flint's husband of 45 years died after a long illness. She writes that she's fortunate to have her four grandchildren living next door and hopes to come to our reunion. Marion Streett Guggenheim's husband, Charles, an Oscar award-winning documentary filmmaker, died in Oct. We offer condolences to Jay and Marion.

On a spectacularly hot Aug. 15, the CC Club of Cape Cod gathered for their annual luncheon. President Fainstein and his wife, Susan Fainstein, joined everyone beforehand at a reception for 60 alumni at Sally Ashkins Churchill's charming home in Bass River.

Elaine Goldstein Lechtreck drove from Stamford, CT. Betsy Friedman Abrams and Bob came from Brookline, MA. Betsy has beaten ovarian cancer and is in treatment for lymphoma. Say a prayer for her body. Her spirit is indomitable. (They are the proud grandparents of twins, Joshua Max and Miriam Anna, born 6/10/02 to son Joel and Robin. The twins are only 10 minutes away.) Cathryn Pappas McNamara and Bill escaped the TX heat to find New England heat. Loie Keating Learned came from Long Island. Jan Rowe Dugan drove from VT. (It was her birthday.) Joan Abbott came from her home in ME. and Cindy Fenning Rehm came from CT. Cindy was celebrating our class's 73-percent participation in the Annual Fund and says, "Thank you! Especially to the class agents!" After lunch, we donned our suits to splash around like beached whales in Sally's pool. We admired her beautiful gardens and got in a bit of chitchat.

The class joins me in sending deepest condolences to Ann Heagney Weimer. Ann's husband, George, died on 9/12/02 in NJ after a short illness. He was 82 and had an outstanding business career at E.R Squibb and Merck. Their two sons, one daughter and nine grandchildren participated in a lovely Mass and Celebration of Life. Included in the congregation were Kate Webster Kurz, Martha Flickinger Schroeder and Ted, Evans Flickinger Modarai and Loie Keating Learned.

Ellie Wineman Jacobs is working full time at her travel agency. Her husband, although retired from private practice, teaches surgery. They make time to see their grandchildren often. For their fourth annual New Year's celebration, the Jacobs and Joy Shectman Mankoff, Judy Rosoff Shore and husbands met at the Mankoff's vacation home in CA. Ellie also sees Peggy Mark Heller a couple of times a year.

Carla Strassenmeyer Wilde and Dick became grandparents in '01 for the first time and love it. They traveled to Europe twice in '01: on a concert tour with the Yale Alumni Chorus and to Amsterdam and Toulouse, where Dick presented a paper to the International Aeronautics Federation commemorating the 100th space walk. Dick has been elevated to full membership in the International Academy of Aeronautics.

Cynthia Harkavy Plishtin divides her time between part-time work as an arbitrator for the securities industry (NASD and NYSE) and volunteering in her community. The Plishtin's children live nearby. Their son and his wife are in the Berkshires, and their daughter and her husband are in NJ. Annie Lewis Cooper and her husband are still living in two worlds. They spend time in St. George, UT, hiking, walking and hiking, and in Dayton, OH, where Charlie is totally involved in the U.S. Air Force Museum — as docent, VIP visitor guide and Foundation member. Their latest book, How to Draw Aircraft Like a Pro, was published at the end of '01 by Motorbooks International. The Coopers have 15 grandchildren.
Sally Sauer Young sent in the following about her life in Delta Junction, AK: "You ask what we do. There is so much, most of it outside: skiing, skating, ice fishing, hunting. During the long, dark days of winter (with about three hours of sun), the key is to keep busy. The northern lights are showing often, and we spend many hours watching them. I volunteer one afternoon a week at the library. I learn to quilt, I also knit. Summers are a different story. When it's light 24 hours, we get exhausted. I have a large garden for two people and flower boxes and planters. I have a boat that I keep in Valdez for the summer. My son is my captain. We go down several weekends in the summer for halibut and salmon. We fish local lakes and rivers. I love to watch the wildlife. Moose browse in the yard frequently, and we have bird feeders that are a constant amusement. There is always someone visiting, so we do all the tourist things. Every year I go to Southern CA to visit my oldest son and his two boys. From there, we go to FL to spend a week with my sister. By the time we get back it is time to start seeds under grow lights. We do keep busy. But it is the people who keep us here. While I am gone, my house won't be locked. A neighbor will feed my cats. Not too many places where one can do that."

After 14 years with an agency, Judy Gregory Bowes has a private psychotherapy practice in her home. One daughter lives in Tucson, the other in Southwest Harbor, ME. Her son, daughter-in-law and two granddaughters returned from several years in London and live nearby in DC. Judy’s favorite things to do are singing in her choir and spending one wonderful month on North Island, ME.

Joan Gaddy Ahrens spent a wonderful evening with Bob and Anne Mahoney Makin at Christmas. In April, Joan talked with Sally Eustis Tar. one of our three Alaskan classmates, who sounded great in spite of recent snow. Sally volunteers four mornings a week at a local school and is also involved with the Idrarator races. Joan also reports that, although Gale Anthony Clifford still works, she and her husband spend their free time visiting children and grandchildren in CA and Japan. Joan and Herb spend their summers on Cape Cod. "Seems our friends and family love the idea that we retired to the Cape."

Bob and Helen Carey Whitney have taken to the rivers: the Danube, Main and Rhine in the fall of ’01 and the Mississippi to study music of the South this year. Helen philosophizes: “Life slows down, but inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened.” Meanwhile, the Whitneys’ grandchildren provide constant pleasure.

Still on the move, 20,000 plus miles and counting, Barbara Jenkinson drives on in the journey cross-country and back, which began in the fall of ’01. She’s had rare experiences and great moments along the way. She visited Marilyn Mason Ramsay (TN), Suzie Gerber Offit (MD) and Jan Ahlborn Roberts (who was in NJ, visiting children) on route to her 50th high-school reunion on the NJ coast. Still lawyering, Anne Godsey Stinnett served as president of the Women’s Legal Defense Fund of Sarasota County, “whose mission is to provide free legal services for persons slightly above the poverty line who need legal representation in divorce cases.”

Anne comments that she is more likely to send news via e-mail than cramming it onto a postcard, which must be true of all e-mailers. About half the class has e-mail. If you are new to the Internet or have changed your e-mail address since ’01, please let us know. It’s a great way to communicate: no stamps or trips to the post office.

Jenny Korper Porter attended an alumni reception at the home of Evelyn Depuy Peterson ’42 in Appleton, WI.

The class very much regrets the death of our Reunion Co-Chair Anne Elizabeth Browning, who died from cancer this fall. Visiting separately, Debby Gutman Cornelius and Barbara Jenkinson found her as indomitable in spirit as ever. To the very last she was filled with plans for her family and for a funded project for her college, which she loved. Anne, her mother and a son were all graduates of Connecticut. She is survived by two brothers, two sons, two granddaughters and by Ted Wilson, her great companion. Memorial gifts may be made to the Anne Browning ’56 Memorial Library Fund c/o the Office of College Advancement, Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT 06320.

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Judy Hartsacker, who will be our class president for the next five years, writes, “Although the turnout was small, the 30 classmates at Reunion had a great time. One of the highlights of the weekend was the dedication and naming of the 500 MHz Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Lab in honor of Beverly Vialteich DeLaney. Many of the alumni who were on campus Saturday afternoon attended the event, which included an introduction by President Fain. Afterwards a presentation by Hans and Ella McCollum-Vialteich ’21 Professor of Organic Chemistry Bruce Branchini.”

Joan Gilbert Segall was our proud reunion chair, “Our classmates seemed to revel in the memory of positive experiences … It seemed that people hated to leave, and several said it was too bad that we have to wait five years to do it again.” Speaking of which, Sandy Horn Elstein will be the chair for our 50th, when we hope to see all of you on campus. You should be hearing from Sandy soon.

Joan was also thrilled with the success of Reunion. She was called out of retirement to teach a graduate education methods course at Mount Saint Mary’s College in Newburgh, NY. She’ll be taking the spring semester off for a month-long trek in New Zealand. Joan attended the Harry Potter Intergenerational Elderhostel in Oxford, England, with her nephew in July. "While he was making potions and playing Quidditch, I was treated to lectures on children’s literature and English history.”

All seven of Marge Lerner Verrilli’s children are married. Albert is a physician in NC. Michael is an engineer with NASA. Stephen is a software engineer, and Chris is a plant-layout engineer. Timothy is an attorney. Cathy is a nurse, and Alycia is in investment banking. Only two of her children live near her in OH, so Marge keeps on the presidential mailing list for grandchildren, ages 2 to 13. When not traveling (she recently returned from a trip to Beijing with her youngest daughter and new son-in-law), she does volunteer work for the area Agency on Aging, is a trustee of the local historical society and keeps busy with church activities.

Kate Crehan Bowman writes from her home in Newton, MA, that her father, Mark Crehan, died suddenly on 4/1/01 at the age of 94 in Hartford, CT. Our condolences, Kate.

Wendy Allen Wheeler’s family is all over the place. One son, a sculptor, and his wife, actress Maggie Wheeler (who plays Janice on “Friends”), live with their two daughters in Los Angeles. A daughter, assistant head of a school for gifted children, lives with her husband, director of spiritual life at Babson U., and four kids in the Boston area. One granddaughter is a freshman at CC this year. (This is her first CC grandchild) A son, vice president for sales of a German company based in RI, lives in West Roxbury, MA, with his wife, an artist, and their two sons. And a daughter, a social worker and massage therapist, lives with her partner, who is a biochemist at the FDA. Wendy and Bob are retired and enjoy living in New Haven. She’s still on the board of the Walnut Hill School, a performing and visual arts and college prep school in Natick, MA, where she was head of the board for eight years. She’s still marketing and giving talks about her book, Path Through the Fire, the story of her “journey through cancer eight years ago.”

Sue Adam Myers and Sidney, Elaine Manassav Friedman and Sue Krim Greene stayed with us, Lainie Diamond Berman and Richard, in Pawcatuck during Reunion weekend. Elaine has recently retired as president of the Assembly of the Elderly of Fairfield County, CT, and from reviewing theater for a local radio station. Elaine and Bob’s daughter, Dorian, a vice president of policy at the Welfare-to-Work Partnership in DC, and son-in-law Sander Lurie presented them with their first grandchild, Mara Sara, in Feb. Daughter Amanda and her husband, Jonathan Cohen, are in the radio station business in St. Croix, Virgin Islands. And son Jamie is managing director of a financial firm in NYC.

Sue Myers’ son, Adam, daughter-in-law Karen and their sons, Adam and Zachary, recently moved back to Belmont, MA, from Chicago, and the grandparents are thrilled.

Sue Krim Greene’s daughter, Leslie, mar-
rived Ben Smith, a musician, at her home in Brookville, NY, on Labor Day weekend. The newlyweds live in Manhattan, where Leslie is an entertainment lawyer. Sue’s son, Marc Greene ’85, and daughter-in-law Ellen live in Sue’s former home in Brookville with children Andrew, 5, and Laura, 2. Sue recently renovated a small house on the property for herself. Ellen works for NASDAQ, and Mark is mostly a stay-at-home dad with a jazz-radio program in Stony Brook, NY. Sue still loves her job as a ski instructor in Dillon, CO. She spends more and more of each year there and is very involved with a CO public radio station.

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Evelyn (Evie) Woods Dahlin sent in the following note, “Nothing noteworthy — same husband, same adult children. No grandchildren yet. Same job since ’84, fundraising for nursing scholarships. Recent eye-opener, I wouldn’t trade jobs with my husband (attorney heading up the Federal Public Defender office here in Houston), my daughter (archeologist working toward a master’s degree in Southwestern American Indian ceramics), my son (peace officer dealing with assorted small-time malefactors), or my daughter-in-law (second-grade teacher)! I’m looking forward to Reunion.”

Mary Jensen attended an alumni reception at the home of Evelyn Depuy Peterson ’42 in Appleton, WI.

Not too long ago, in the days of white gloves and saddle shoes, circle pins and bowler pins, we dotted our "i's" with hearts and met each other at CC, where we formed strong, lifelong friendships. Keep in touch.

Mimi Adams Bizer remains our reporter-at-large with the following news: After Ann Burdick Hartman’s sold-out show in DC, she left for Rome as the "artist-in-residence" at the American Academy. Next, she set up house in NY and DC. Emly Lou Zahniser Balridge and Jerry also bought an apartment in NYC.

Kathy Usher Henderson continues as an educator and president of Point Park College, Pittsburgh. The college won the Kennedy Center competition for college theater and dance in April ’02. Linda Brown Beard recently spent six weeks in the Grenadines. Mimi finished her fifth annual trip out West with her grandchildren. They spent a few nights in Santa Fe, where they caught up with Jane Taylor O’Toole. Next they drove to Zion and Grand Canyon, where the kids enjoyed a helicopter ride.

Edie Berkowitz Hargreaves reports from the U.K.: "I work as a psychoanalyst 48 hours a day to feed my three cats and two horses, to maintain my 500-year-old cottage in Devon, and to keep my two daughters going while they change careers. I teach and supervise and have been invited to teach in Russia, where they are eager to learn about psychoanalysis." Edie plans to keep working until "someone tactfully hints that I am losing my marbles." Her horses survived the epidemic of foot-and-mouth disease, which devastated the countryside. Her two daughters were safe while in NYC on Sept. 11.

Mariby Burrows Johns continues to sail but only on the Chesapeake at the moment. "It does not compare to the nearly two years we sailed in the islands. I still miss it. I lived on the boat, as I love the water and am an avid scuba diver and do underwater photography. In Bonair, where we stayed for three months, the underwater landscape (with its many creatures) became my neighborhood. I did go back to work after we returned, reopening my psychotherapy practice. But I do it only part time. I’ve also started taking writing classes. When I was on the boat, I started writing about our trip … wanting to describe what it was like to be out there on the ocean going through all we went through, and we went through some horrific storms.

Mary Byrnes loves having the Republicans back in DC!

Anne Earnshaw Roche has worked as a planning consultant on recreation and open space since returning to New Zealand after our last reunion and a three-month trip across the U.S. She and John visited China last year and are planning a walking tour of Scotland.

Judy Elvinger Groener vacationed in Bethany, DE, after looking for her mother before she died. Then back to real estate and her kids and grandkids. The Class of ’59 sends sympathy to Judy for her loss.

 Cecil Tamlin Wells broke ground on a house in Henderson, NC, where she and Bob will retire to golf and visiting grandchildren.

Diane Miller Bessell took singing lessons and an intensive art class this summer. She aspires to sing with partner Norris, who has a new keyboard. She and Norris travel to Tahoe, NYC and Europe.

Sandy Sidman Larson works for ADC Telecommunications Company, where she rides the ups and downs of our economy. She, like many of you, conveyed her reaction to the tough year (Sept. 11) we just lived through. She recommends Humanity: A Moral History of the Twentieth Century, by Jonathan Glover, which reflects on the horrors of the 20th century, from World War I to Pol Pot.

Edna da Silveira McCarty works as a freelance interpreter for government agencies and private companies in DC, where she lives. She reports that Ann-Mary Potter Kapustka is the assistant dean of the business school at Georgetown.

Julie Solmsness Steedman has moved to her magical house in ME. Her little granddaughter was born this spring, and her son got married this summer, Julie’s daughter died this spring. We extend to her, as to all of you who have lost loved ones, our thoughts for peace and healing.

Anne Warner Webb retired at the end of June after working 12 years in a long-term care facility. "The residents become like family, and I miss them, but on to new things. We have one grandson — 21 months old. I enjoy being free now to help with family when needed. "We’re entering a new season of life!"

Marg Wellford Tabor sent a news article about husband Owen’s second piano CD, "A Small Hotel." The article reads, "The doctor is in. Surgeon a hit with songs of your life." Memphis is a-buzz, and so is Ginger. What a fun CD!

While Kay Wieland Perkins enjoyed a Yale-sponsored, art-focused symposium, she took time to go to the Lyman Allyn Art Museum and historic homes in the area. "What was I up to at CC in ‘59 not to notice these things?" she asks. Kay moved to St. Michaels, MD, in May.

Camels, send your book recommendations. Some feel embarrassed to send news other than the peppy news. But we want to hear from you!

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It was nice to hear from Bunny Bertelsen McWhorter, who is living in Dallas. She had lunch with Judy Maps Metz last fall when Judy and her husband were in Dallas. She also saw Beth Earle Hudacko a few years ago at a high-school reunion. Bunny reports that they picked up right where they left off all those years ago. Bunny’s daughter, Chaplin, has left corporate America and is taking the prerequisite courses to get into veterinary school. Bunny’s younger son, Zachary, a special-needs child, lives in a group home nearby. He has been there since last Nov. And is doing very well. Bunny still plays tennis twice a week and works out at the Y. She is planning a trip to East Africa in July and can’t wait to go back.

Jan Hall lives in Niantic, CT, and still works as a speech-language pathologist at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital. Son
Jonathan McEwan ‘86 has a new position as art director and designer of the Web site for Business Traveler magazine. Her daughter, Jessica McEwan, is pursuing Internet work in Seattle.

1. Brent Randolph Reyburn, am living in Wyoming, Rı. After a brief retirement, I now have a part-time job at Roger Williams Zoo.

Marcia Brazina Littenberg has a chapter in a new book on American women nature writers, Such News of the Land (University of New England Press), 2001. She urges us to look for a televised movie based on friend Linda Lear’s biography of Rachel Carson.

Margo Conderman Arnold has been very successful in founding (92) and directing the International Artists’ Support Group in DC. I wish I could share copies of some of the paintings she has sent me.

Anne Goodwin Wagner and husband Ken celebrated their 40th anniversary in June ’01 and enjoyed receiving “ruby” items (Mr. Lincoln ruby-red rosebud, gift certificate to Ruby Tuesday ...) from their two daughters. Anne was delighted to receive two honors as a volunteer in spring ’02. She was named “volunteer-of-the-year” by the National Wildlife Refuge Complex in RI for leading interpretive walks, monitoring trails and assorted other tasks. She also received the New England Wildflower Society’s Rhode Island State Conservation award. Congratulations, Anne!

Linda Lear’s son, Ian, graduated from U Penn in May ’01. Husband John has “retired” and is involved in numerous projects, including being a Licensed Literary Escort. Linda and John have made several trips to the U.K. for research on Linda’s new biography, Beatrix Potter: A Life in Nature, due from Penguin Books in July ’04. In December ’00, Sandy Loving Linder and husband joined Linda and John on a not-to-be-forgotten Caribbean cruise.

Marion (Duffie) Stafford Lorj wrote, “Retirement is in sight!” She and husband Robert are enjoying friends and museums in the U.S. and abroad. They have been renewing old friendships and using languages learned long ago. Duffie initiated planning and execution of a reunion get-together for a group of ’62ers in June ’01, a way of extending the Reunion enjoyment with old friends. It sounded like a great success! Thanks for the card, and I’m sorry I missed it.

I, Kay Stewart Nell, apologize for missing anyone’s notes and for missing the last issue or two of the magazine. The first miss was just from being busy and unorganized. The second miss was a result of being preoccupied with the health of my husband, Andy. He had a serious heart attack on 7/28/02, while we were at a family reunion in San Diego. Four days later, on Aug. 1, he had triple-bypass surgery. He’s doing well now, but things were stressful for a while. I live near my son, Gordon, who is the custodial parent of his two young children, and I enjoy caring for them a couple of times per week. I’m cutting back to three days per week at the community mental health agency where I work as a psychologist. I love the work, but I need more time for my life (including writing Class Notes)!

I had a delightful telephone chat with Mary Willy Falconer in Sept. ’02. She is enjoying retirement and her grandchildren with husband John. I also enjoyed talking with Connie Kalfa Kellogg a few months ago and learned that she is doing well and enjoying her work in an adoption agency. Again, please forgive me if I missed your notes, and write again to the address above.

Six members of the Class of ’64 enjoyed a mini-reunion in Seattle in July ’02. From left, Platt Townsend Arnold, Sue Hackenburg Treheway, Mancia Silcox Crockett, Kirk Palmer Senske, Ann Weatherly Gruner, Donna Richmond Carleton and Ann Weatherly Gruner. The group all lived in Plant during their freshman year and have remained good friends ever since.

Gardens and doing various kinds of strenuous physical exercise. Their husbands went off on a fishing trip to AK to give the women time to reconnect, recollect and resolve the problems of today’s world.” Donna works as a special education consultant at Acton (MA) Regional High School. Cathy is a computer consultant in Burlington, VT. Marcia just became a grandmother for the fourth time. Ann is a grandmother of three and teaches elementary school near her home in Purcellville, VA. Kirk and ex-Coastie husband Bill have retired and spend part of their time in Vail and the rest in Sarasota, FL. Sue is a day-care provider in Pittsburgh. In East Lyme, CT, Platt continues with her title search business, and ex-Coastie husband Dave has a massage therapy business. For a picture of these lovely ladies, turn to the “Scrapbook” section of this magazine.

Donna also reported a brief meeting with Joanna Warner Kennedy in Boston. Joanna is writing textbooks.

This year or so, Derry Healy Henderson accompanies an ancient aunt on a trip to England aboard the Queen Elizabeth 2. She recently returned from one of these junkets and pronounced the ship’s accommodations “outrageously grand!”

It is difficult to picture B.J. Higginbottom Ledyard as a grandmother, but Steven and Janie’s son, Scottie, just celebrated his first birthday! B.J.’s husband John whom she refers to as “my roommate of 32 years,” recently stepped down from his position as chair of social sciences and humanities at Cal Tech. The entire family congregated at the Ledyard home in San Marino to celebrate. B.J.’s latest enthusiasm involves being a member of a “snotty ladies’ club.” (You know, the kind where mem-

Psychoanalyst Edie Berkowitz Hargreaves ’59 plans to keep working until "someone tactfully hints that I’m losing my marbles."
Carolyn (Lonnie) Jones Schorer ‘63 (left) reunited with Susan Peck Robinson ’65 after 40 years. Lonnie was Susan’s "Junior Connecticut Sister" during their undergraduate days at CC. The two are shown at Lonnie’s summer home in New Hampshire.

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Jane Stern Buchman and husband Larry Honigman are enjoying Palm City, FL, where they’ve resided for 15 years. Larry retired from being a sales representative in ‘99, and Jane recently celebrated 31 years of work as a psychologist (in Abington, PA, and now in Stuart, FL). Larry’s two children are married and live in NJ and DE, and Larry’s daughter had her fourth child in Nov. ’01. Jane and Larry adopted a rat terrier that they take to the Florida Keys between Christmas and New Year’s. “It’s a nice life, living and working in FL!”

Kathleen Dudden Rowlands returned in July from a month in HI, where her older son, Chris, was married on Kauai. “The event offered the opportunity for a lovely reunion with friends and family, including my younger son, Greg my foster son, Satia, and his wife, Cherry, and my foster daughter, Jacqui.”

Kathleen then taught her sixth two-week Summer Literature Institute (a teacher development program) for the Hawaii Writing Project on Oahu, followed by a six-week literature institute on Maui, training 41 teachers in all. This fall, she will finish the coursework for a doctorate in rhetoric and linguistics from Indiana U. of Pennsylvania, driving 160 miles, roundtrip, three times each week. “Golf, tennis, gardening and entertaining enable me to keep a reasonable balance between my academic and personal energies.”

Carol Chaykin is living in Manhattan and working in Brooklyn (reverse commuting). She is still doing requirements engineering, systems analysis and design. “Some things don’t change!”

Everything is great” with Virginia Turner Friberg. In June, her youngest son, Greg, finished his three-year residency in internal medicine at Dartmouth Hitchcock. Virginia helped him and his wife move to Chicago, where he is now doing a fellowship in hematology-oncology at the U. of Chicago. Her oldest son, John, and her husband, John, are lawyers in Manchester, NH. She enjoys being a grandmother to son John’s 4-year-old daughter.

Gale Washon Dubrow writes, “My life here on Whidbey Island is unique and never ceases to amaze me. After living in Phoenix, AZ, for 27 years, I now live on an island in the Puget Sound (the second largest island in the country). I just completed construction of an art studio, designed by an apprentice to Frank Lloyd Wright. I overlook a quiet inner harbor across from the Olympics and find inspiration for my painting and way of life from the nature around me. Eagles, herons, towering pine and fir trees, mist, and electrifying sunsets punctuate my days. In nearby Seattle, I participate in the jazz community as a singer. I am enormously grateful to have found this part of the world. My two daughters are adults. One is living in Phoenix, the other in Oakland. After a visit, there is a sense of home as soon as I drive onto the ferryboat. Whether I see killer whales from the boat or sea lions from my deck, there’s a magic here for me.”

Cheryl Maxman Leidich splits her time between Evergreen, CO, and Silver City, NM. She and her husband of 38 years have three grown children and four grandchildren. Two of their children live in foreign countries: one in Mexico, the other in Paragonia, Chile. Both Cheryl and Jim travel extensively and enjoy reading, long-distance hiking, cooking, landscaping and gardening. Cheryl volunteers for literacy programs and the arts in Silver City.


Last Aug. brought a mini-reunion when Scottie Livingston Held and Sue Lantz Kneckt visited Susan Bowles Kelly in her beautiful new house on the Cape. “We were so close to Martha’s Vineyard that we couldn’t resist ferrying over to have lunch with Diane Garthwaite. We could have talked for the next 10 hours but had time permitted, but we had to dishand with much left undiscovered.” This summer brought the release of Sue’s book, Night Watch: Memoir of a Circumnavigation, available on Amazon.com. “As the title implies, it is about our circumnavigation in a 42-foot sailboat.”

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Wellington and her husband came from Concord, MA, for a delightful visit. Living in the rural Hudson Valley, Julia Boone Kessler credits e-mail for prompting her first update. "I'm a school librarian, married to an elementary-school principal, and have three children: Will, Cornell '02; Andrew, 18, who is working hard to find his place in the world as a young man with Down syndrome; and Elizabeth, 14."

In addition to running her psychotherapy practice on Long Island, Alicia Brackman Munves supervises psychoanalytic candidates in training. She and husband Russ enjoy ski weekends in VT and summer weekends sailing Long Island Sound. Son Gregory is a junior at U. of Rochester.

Nancy Brush Edwards announces the graduation of daughter Jennifer Eloise Edwards '02. Eloise is a third-generation alumna. "My mother, Eloise Stumm Brush '42, and I had the privilege of presenting Jennie's diploma on a picture-perfect day in New London. One week later, my mother was back on campus for her own 60th reunion."

John and Babette Gabriel Thompson spent most of May in China, her area of concentration as an Asian history major. "I'm afraid not much of the language came back to me (sorry Professor Chu), but it was truly exciting to see so many of the things I had studied. I am still organic gardening and volunteering at the Morris Arboretum, PA's state arboretum. I only guide on Sundays, when I'm sure nothing has been sprayed with pesticides/herbicides, as I still suffer from a mast cell disorder that limits my activities."

Penny Goslin Baker is in charge of proofreading middle- and high-school textbooks at Pearson Education (Prentice Hall). "I still act occasionally in commercials and television ("Law & Order") but mostly concentrate on my publishing job and my kids. Son Jamie is a freshman at Drew U., and Jane is a high-school junior. "It's a hectic time, these teenage years, but somehow we do survive!" Penny had a brief visit with Meg Sahrbeck Sempreora on the steps of me and Mollie, our black-and-white cat."

Stepdaughter Mairead is with the Peace Corps in Ghana. Stepson Marcus is a junior at Boise State (ID).

Candace Lindsay has been transferred to Tampa and bought a house in Tarpon Springs. "I've now lived in four states in seven years. The one thing you can count on these days is change. I'm still in HR and at PricewaterhouseCoopers, which I guess is pretty unusual as it's been 30 years."

Matt and Ellen Lougee Simmons finished a home in Rockport, ME, and "on our little street there are 6 CC alumns!" Abby '04 spent her fall semester studying in London. "We took Lydia, our youngest and a sophomore at Orono, to Italy in June. I celebrated my 55th birthday in Porto, doing the veranda of a fabulous hotel under a full moon. Heaven!"

Jane Rafael Wilson is with the Presidential Oral History Program at the Miller Center of Public Affairs at UVA. She edits transcripts from interviews with cabinet members and other officials from the Bush, Reagan and Clinton administrations. The interviews are then archived at presidential libraries and made available to scholars. "We have plans to publish selected interviews both online and in book form.

A summer garden was a great success, with the zucchini coming in so fast, her husband threatened to leave them on people's doorsteps in the dead of night.

Catherine Schalm Litwin followed a trip to Italy with two weeks in Spain, where daughter Marissa '03 did her CISA internship. "It was an unbelievable vacation and brought back memories of my year in Madrid. CISA is a fantastic program and outstanding opportunity for current CC students."

Brian and Kris Stahlischmidt Lambert are applying the finishing touches to their new house in Niantic. Andy and Ann Tousley Anderson's work in the Humane Society's Pet Therapy Program included presentations to schoolchildren and visiting nursing homes. "NBC News filmed a human interest story on our public library literacy program, "Wags & Tales," which included shots of me and Mollie, our black-and-white Shih Tzu, in action."

Jane Weiskopf Reisman has been promoted to associate director of admissions at Skidmore. Irene Kolanko Shedlosky received her MBBS in pharmaceutical studies from Farleigh Dickinson U. in May.

Lush Richardson has moved to Albany, NY, where she is a professor of finance at Siena College. Her primary focus is case writing. "I am the vice president of publications and proceedings for the Case Association and am researching Hershey Foods."

After living in Ipswich, MA, for 20 years, Barbara Boles moved to Somerville, close to Harvard Divinity School, where she is assistant to the dean of academic affairs. Her extracurricular life is also very busy, "I'm part of a 20-voice Renaissance vocal ensemble, am the coordinator (grant writer, meal planner and cook) for a weekly supper for homeless guests at my church, and recently started working with the liturgical arts group there, specifically making vestments."

After living in their motor home for three years, Gina Imber Kruse and her husband rented an "interesting" house in Tucson, AZ. "Every room has more than four walls and slanting ceilings. It is close to the U. of Arizona, where her husband is studying percussion music. Gina is born deaf, activities that she loves. "I cuddle babies at the hospital nursery, go to yoga and Tai Chi classes, sing in the University Chorus, participate in a women's writing program, volunteer at Dr. Weil's Program in Integrative Medicine, volunteer at a local elementary school, teach infant massage and walk each morning." She does not miss the PA winters or getting up to work, which she did for more than 20 years as an elementary school counselor. "Retiring has been the best thing I could have done." Older daughter Charlotte is a costume designer in Los Angeles. Younger daughter Lillie is studying for a master's degree in education.

Nancy Reihl Leckerling, who lives in Madison, CT, was installed on 9/16/01 as the associate pastor of the First Congregational Church of Madison. Nancy's husband, Jon, joined the Connecticut law firm of Tyler, Cooper and Alcorn, establishing the farm's Madison office. The Leckerlings' oldest son, Peter, graduated from Dartmouth in June '01 and now teaches English in China. Younger son Kit was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at the U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. "We are blessed."

Karen Blickwede Knowlton still lives in Lake Villa, IL, with her husband, who has been working at Baxter Healthcare for 25 years. For the past five years, she has been a part-time, home-based travel agent. "As you might guess, this past year has been really not so much to fear as to the economy; many of my clients are struggling with insecure jobs or new ones after being laid off." Before its dedication in late June '02, she traveled seven hours by car to visit the rebuilt Nauvoo Temple. "The Temple's reconstruction, after its destruction in 1848, is of great historical and sentimental significance (as well as religious) among Mormons. I wouldn't have missed it for the world!"

Randy Robinson has been living in Fresno, CA, for 28 years and continues his full-time, private practice in clinical psychology. His companion, Ed Johnson, returned to school to study law and remains at the top of
his class. "He questions the sanity of starting a new career in middle age. He's fortunate to have a good psychologist." Daughter Casey, 23, has traveled in Europe and Kyrgyzstan and graduated from Seattle Pacific U. She is doing a college ministry internship with the U. of California-Berkeley, en route to a doctorate in theology and counseling. Son Whit, 20, was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles last spring after catching for the Cuesta College baseball team the past two years. Randy has been running for 20 years and ran the New York City Marathon last Nov. "Participating in this international tribute to our country, my city (I'm still a New Yorker), and peace and freedom was the highlight of my 30 marathons."

Our son, Brett Goldstein '96, and wife Sarah Duggan Goldstein '97 continue to live in rural IL on a family farm owned by Sarah's family. Brett is the manager of security for an Internet company, and Sarah is a research assistant on a cancer study. Our daughter Samantha completed her first year of Harvard Medical School. During summer '02, she worked in NYC on an anesthesia study. Our most recent book, Controversies in the Food and Nutrition Industry, should be published by the time these notes appear. Mark and I just signed a contract to write a book on midlife health issues. Since we have a third author who has earned a doctoral degree in holistic health, the book will cover conventional and complementary treatments for about 100 disorders!

Now what's your news? Please write!

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Ellen Ficklen published an essay in the "My Turn" section of the 3/25/02 edition of Newsweek. The story, "An Unexpected Kind of Family Foresight," was about her father planning the details of his own funeral service.

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Fern Zabriskie earned her Ph.D. from the U. of Washington, Seattle, in business administration with a concentration in accounting and is now an assistant professor at Pacific Lutheran U. in Tacoma, WA. She still sails, is building a house with a wonderful view of Puget Sound, and is loving life!

Ellen Feldman Thorp turned 50, and it didn't hurt a bit. The actual day was spent snowmobiling in the Okanogan Mountains at their lake cabin. A trip to Spain in May with husband Edd was a major event. It has been so long since junior year abroad! Fund-raising for Race for the Cure (for breast cancer) was again over the top this year. Caring for horses, gardening, a project at the children's hospital, tutoring Spanish and piano lessons round things out.

Robin Farwell Gavin has been living in Santa Fe, NM, for the last 25 years. She is curator of Spanish Colonial collections for the Museum of International Folk Art. This fall, she worked on an exhibit, "Ceramic y Cultura: The Story of Spanish and Mexican Mayolica," which opened 11/17/02. "It has also brought me full circle, as the mayolica of Spain and Mexico was heavily influenced by Chinese porcelains, the aesthetics of which I studied in Charles Chu's classroom." Husband James Gavin is a Spanish tutor and artist. The Gavins have two daughters, ages 13 and 10. Robin keeps in touch with Marianne Casey Reinalter. Contact her at jrme@gavin.ism.

Sukey Stone Farmer writes, "I have lived on the seacoast of NH for the past seven years with my family: husband Dave Farmer '75; Trey, 18; Ben, 17; and Sara, 13. I am a realtor, soccer mom, PTO chairman, chauffeur and, when time permits, a naturalist at the Seacoast Science Center and a UNH Marine docent." Anne Huber Frisch and George celebrated their 20th anniversary in May. The couple have two children, Nick, 19, a student at the U. of Vermont, and Alex, 16, in high school.

Anne (Missy) Fenner Stolberg is having fun with 6-year-old Tucker and 4-year-old Meg! "I'm working with their schools and enjoying these precious years!"

Pam McMurray Foye visited CO, FL, and England last summer with husband Mike and son Kevin, 8.

Christine Smalley-Sanders writes from San Jose, Costa Rica, where she and her family have been missionaries since Feb. '00. "I work in a center that cares for low-income children, ages two months to 13 years. These children are struggling to overcome emotional and learning problems. Essentially, I work one-on-one with them and play all day! I teach math, music, and dramatics in a squat and safe setting and consult with several construction projects. Our boys, Philip, 9, and Lucas, 13, are diligently studying Spanish in a bilingual school." E-mail chrisfs@yahoo.com.

Class Correspondent Anne Swallow Gillis writes, "I continue in my third year as executive director of Interfaith Pastoral Counseling of Monterey County, providing low-cost pastoral counseling and related educational programs integrating psychology and spirituality. Daughter Marcella started at American U. in DC this fall, and son Nicholas is a high-school senior. Visits to family on the eastern shore of the Chesapeake and north shore of Lake Superior kept us busy this summer!"

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Caroline Burch writes, "I just celebrated my 15th year at Storey Publishing (www.storeybooks.com) in North Adams, MA, a country-living book publisher, where I am head of production. I occasionally see Kate Ske rebutens and family when I get to Princeton. I have been a member of the Sweet Adelines (barbershop singing) for 25 years and sing with a choral society in Williamstown, MA. Live in a great old farmhouse in Southern VT, play golf and racquetball, and generally run around like crazy."

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Born to Ken Abel and Sandra Finkelstein, Mali Sophia 7/7/02.

Lynda Batter Munro spent a day in Los Angeles with Jeff Oshen while passing through on her way to Northern CA, and says this had the added benefit of "recharging all of the positive stuff from Reunion." Lynda also stays in touch with Holly Wise in DC. "No one is as fun as our class," she adds. That's the truth! (Editorial comment from Ken and Susan.)

On May 17, Nadine Earl Carey celebrated her birthday at an intimate dinner party hosted by Earl-Rodney Holman, Le Roy Jones and her cousins at Native, a hot new restaurant in the heart of Harlem.

Patricia Dingle, Ph.D., was appointed assistant professor in the education department at Clarion U., of Pennsylvania. She will be teaching a course titled "Integrating Aesthetic Experiences in the Elementary Curriculum." Pat presented her student work in technology at the Poromac Regional Partnership Program Conference at George Washington U. in June. Contact Pat at dinglagift@aol.com.

Nancy Hershatter sends her best to all and writes that she and her family have moved to Danbury, CT. Classmates driving from NY to Boston are welcome to stop for coffee and conversation. She is still teaching preschool music. Her son has started high school. Nancy can be contacted at j1235sing@aol.com.

Earl-Rodney Holman is vice president of sales and marketing for Carol's Daughter, Beauty by Nature, a natural hair-and-skin-care company. He believes this could be the next Body Shop or Kiehl's. "The products are great and smell so delicious, you may want to eat them!" (earlholman@carolslaughter.com)

Jeff Oshen lunches occasionally with Laura
Hollister, while pursuing college counselor certificate courses at UCLA and performing in concerts with the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles. In July, he attended a College Board conference in Colorado Springs. Susan Hazlehurst Milbrath drove down from Denver to have lunch and give him a tour of the area.

Jo-Anne Principe Morley still lives in New Canaan, CT, with husband Kevin and sons Andrew, 17; Keith, 16; and Dylan, 13. She has less free time than ever before and says that guiding her oldest through the college application process seemed like a part-time job in itself. He now attends Lafayette College, majoring in engineering. Jo-Anne has fond memories of our 25th reunion in '01 and relived the fun at a mini-reunion before Christmas with former roommates Elaine Couteoursid and Sarah Burchenal.

Rick Allen writes from Paradise (Fl. Lauderdale), wondering where the years have gone. He would enjoy hearing from CC classmates who are headed to South FL for some sun and fun. He is proud to report that his law firm was recently ranked the third "winningest" litigation firm in the U.S. by The National Law Journal. Rick is planning a visit to CC with his daughter, a high-school junior. What a wonderful daddy! (His freshman son is waiting in the wings.) On the way to campus, Rick will stop in NYC to visit Ken Abel and his new baby girl.

Laura Hollister is at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena.

Sally Kent attended an alumni reception at the home of Evelyn Depuy Peterson '42 in Appleton, WI.

Ken and Susan say: Stay CONNECTed!

Send us your news. In the meantime, our best to all of you.

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We heard from Karen Fisher this past spring. She and husband Robert Warren are doing well and adjusting to life with two teens. "Our son, Taylor, is 17, and our daughter, Katherine, is 14. I am director of communications at University Presbyterian Church, and Bob is president of Computing Works Inc. Greetings to all from Chapel Hill, NC, where this northern girl has found a home for 20-plus years!" Karen can be reached at fisher@uccp.org.

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After nine years as director of the Norwich (CT) Arts Council, David Crutchers has shifted to Connecticut Public Broadcasting, where he is the manager of volunteer services. His job is to staff pledge drives with volunteers and place volunteers, interns and work-study students around the Hartford studios of CPTV and WNPR. He and wife Juk live in their newly renovated home in Groton Long Point (the house where David learned to walk) with their two children. Will, 13 and in the eighth grade, is a big swimmer, schoolchorister and clarinetist. Liz, 10 and a fifth-grader, plays lacrosse and flute. Both sing in their church choir (St. Mark’s Episcopal in Mystic, where David is the treasurers). "My time at the Arts Council was spent in large part with Peter Leibert, CC professor of studio art, who is fully committed to sustaining the arts in the Norwalk/ Preston area."

Steve Certilman writes, "Our 25th reunion will bring 20 years of marriage for my wife, Terri, and me. We live in Greenwich, CT, and our daughters, Carolyn, 16, and Lindsay, 13, are nothing short of the greatest (naturally). I have been a practicing attorney for 20 years, solo for 10, specializing in intellectual property, licensing, information technology and commercial litigation. I am a big believer in alternate dispute resolution and have been named a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. I also serve as a federal mediator, an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and an attorney trial referee for the Superior Court of the State of Connecticut. Rounding things out, we are restless travelers, and I have a passion for photography. Some of my photographs have been published, and a few of them have won awards. Our travels have led us to build a collection of Caribbean and Latin American art, particularly the art of Cuba, which we have visited four times and find fascinating."

Barry Gross lives in Irvine, CA, with his wife, Gindi, and their children, Rachel, 15, and Adam, 13. He recently became executive vice president of sales for Hyundai Furniture Industries in Los Angeles, having spent the previous five years in sales with the company. As busy as he has been, he still found time to help Adam prepare for his Aug. bar mitzvah, as well as satisfy his need for a hockey fix, shuttling between the L.A. Kings and the Anaheim Mighty Ducks games. Barry is looking forward to our 25th next spring.

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Greetings classmates! It’s been a long, dry season for notes, and we apologize for the silence. An e-mail blast last Sept. generated some good feedback, and we hope to keep this column going until our 25th in ‘04.

Speaking of Reunion, Jim Garvey wrote, "As you may remember, Daryl Hawk and I agreed to be co-chairs of our 25th. I can only promise that everyone will be unlike any reunion you’ve ever attended! No excuses—everyone must be there." Jim is still director of development at the William Penn Charter School, a K-12, Quaker prep school in Philadelphia. His three children—Emily 14; Megan, 12; and Brian, 10—all attend Penn Charter, which was Jim’s alma mater as well. Class President Paul Grecley writes, "I
Lee and husband Bill Lee '80 earlier this year and met their wonderful kids. 

Don Jones is a tenured associate professor at the U. of Hartford, where he teaches five-year composition and technical writing. He's married to Monique Torregrossa (whom he met while studying for his master's at Drew). In '90, Don earned his Ph.D. in composition and rhetoric from UNH. Paula, 9, and Peter, 6, were born within weeks of his comprehensive exams and oral defense.

Kent Lewandrowski and Elizabeth Lee Lewandrowski '81 have been married for 17 years and are the parents of Nicole, 16, and Grant, 14. Kent is a physician at Mass. General and Harvard Medical School. Elizabeth has a Ph.D. in chemistry from Brown and an MPH from Harvard. She manages clinical trials at Mass. General. They live in Lexington, MA, in a funky, contemporary house. Fellow Camels and faculty are invited to contact them at klewandrowski@partners.org.

Jay Greenspan has three CC students do a summer "externship" with him this summer. According to Jay, "Cambridge still picks 'em good! Just hanging out in Philly playing doctor, going home to my three kids, wife, house full of pets in suburbia — just like we planned it at our freshman breakfast in Windham over coffee. Too bad they took that cafeteria away!"

Eric Schoenberg and wife Betty had a daughter, Katherine, who joins big brother Peter and dog Cody. Eric, Betty and their brood live outside Philadelphia in the house Eric grew up in!

Lisa Weller Kate lives in Chapelboro, VT, where she has a private practice in psychotherapy and plant-spirit medicine. Her daughter, Rachel, recently completed another summer of dance training with the Rock School of the Pennsylvania Ballet.

Sue Tweddie Sim has been doing research on virus diseases in grapevines at UC-Davis, for many years. "My son and I have three big dogs in a tiny California-sized house and yard and two "boys", ages 20 and 14. We just celebrated our 25th anniversary, which feels pretty good. We miss the East Coast, especially the change of seasons, but it's nice to be faithful when you have e-mailed, written or called. But I think it may be time for a change. As an incentive I will say that with e-mail, this is a really simple job and it has been great to keep up with you all in a more direct way. Please let me know (claudia_gould@cathedral.org) if you are interested."

Krista Rosselander Swanson and husband Robert Swanson III were married in Nov. '00 and have moved to South Dennis, MA, on Cape Cod to continue their business selling fresh pasta (13 varieties) and Italian takeout. At the end of the summer, Krista finished a two-year stint as director of youth services in Wellesley, MA. She left because the commute was just too long! Living on the Cape, she says, feels like being on a permanent vacation!

This summer, Erica Van Brimer Goldfarb and Karen Neilson Rae took their next generation to visit the CC campuses Sarah and Natalie Goldfarb and Lauren, Hawley and Giles Rae brought home lots of stuff from the bookstore. Liz Greene Roos and Beth Lerman Becker had a great 40th birthday celebratory day in Cambridge, MA. Amy Blackburn '84, in her typical underclassman form (according to Liz) crashed the event. Liz gave birth to her third child, Amy Elizabeth, on 9/2/01.

Michael Mombello and Julie Pierson Mombello are still living in Westport, CT, where they have been for 12 years. Michael commutes to NYC and works for Tommy Hilfiger, which he loves. Their two sons are well and keep them very busy. Mac is 10 and in the fourth grade. He went to sleep-away camp.
for the first time this summer and loved it. He is especially proud of the letter opener he made at "the forge." He also enjoys being a partner at Bingham Dana LLP, and his wife, Kim, and he are having a great time with their kids (Eric, 10; Robby, 7; and Alexander, 4).

David Kaster and wife Myra Lee have opened a jewelry salon, Allysia Blake & Kaster, Fine Jewelers, in Framingham, MA. David is getting ready to teach his daughter to drive and send his son to junior high. But he feels (and clients look to) as young as ever. David regularly peppers David Upin, Bert Czuchra, Mike Mombello, Julie Pierson Mombello, Jim Hardy, Mark Finnegan and Steven Rotondo. As the 20th reunion approaches, David encourages the class to set attendance records. He can be reached at mod1836@aol.com.

Karen Condairis Beati, her husband and son Nicholas welcomed baby Elena on 5/15/00. Karen took a two-year leave of absence from her job as a school psychologist and enjoys being with her children.

Jane Wickstrom and Ted Deignan live in Ghana, West Africa with 4-year-old Patricia and baby Clare. Jane works at USAID on reproductive health issues, and Ted passed the local bar and is now a full-fledged Ghanaian lawyer and consultant. Clare was born on 9/6/00 at the American Hospital of Paris, France. They will be with her. We heard from classmates at Rongorlickers@aol.com. to reconnect with Leslie Doppler Tunwall.

Carol Newman Cronin is running an Olympic campaign, trying to win the U.S. slot for the '04 Olympics in Athens in the women's keelboat discipline in sailing. This summer, she is going to Switzerland for the Worlds and to the pre-Olympic Test Event in Athens. Details can be found at www.teammcrinon.org.

Deb Duffy Gabinelle and Gregg Gabinelle '84 announce the birth of John Matthew (Jack) on 5/8/00. Jack joins big brother Ryan, and everyone is fine.

James Fouche-Schack has been married for five years to wife Janet. (The couple combined their last names, Fouche-Schack.) They live in a small, older home in Lecompton, KS, where James runs a local chess club. They attend Unity church and periodically perform music at weddings. James lives in Abbey House for several years and would be interested in hearing from his fellow housemates.

Donna Roberts Dione is still living in her log home in the woods of Deep River, CT. Her twins, Donnie and Dakota, just turned 5, and she's having a hard time believing her babies will soon be heading off to kindergarten! Last year she was busy planning the '02 National Marine Educators Association Conference, hosted by the Northeastern New England Marine Educators at Connecticut College.

Erik Haslun and wife Carol moved to Darien, CT, where Eric is vice president and director of healthcare for a Bermuda-domiciled reinsurance company.

Chris Fray sent greetings from a cybercafe in Salamanca, Spain. He was in Spain for most of the summer, studying and touring with his partner, Chip. In the fall, he returned to teaching Spanish at Staples High School in Westport, CT.

Kate Richter has been volunteering for Habitat for Humanity since Feb. '01, when she sold her house in Norwalk, CT, bought an RV, and hit the road. She travels around the country, helping build homes for people in need. She is now in St. George, UT, heading a Habitat project for a home to be built by an all-women crew. Anyone interested in making a tax-deductible donation can visit www.habitat.org.

Pam DiBona and Adam Gerberick celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary! They traveled to China to adopt a little girl, Ellen. Pam's vegetable garden. Last month, Ellen is already zooming all over the Boston area on the back of Adam's mountain bike and helping out in Pam's vegetable garden.

Peter Santis lives in the Ft. Lauderdale area with his wife and three daughters. He moved to FL from Boston two years ago after his startup, AccessPoint Communications, was acquired by Cisco Systems. Contrary to popular belief, there is art and culture in Southern FL! Richard Brayshaw and wife Susan Redshaw '88 live with their three children (Claire, 12; Williams, 5; and Camille, 3) in an antique home in Bolton, MA. Susan is a self-employed contract paralegal, and Richard's been with Hewitt Associates, a consulting firm, for the past 13 years. When they're not in the office or restoring their house, they enjoy camping with the kids, touring the ME coast, and visiting friends. They recently saw several alums at Chris Livingston's fabulous wedding on Jekyll Island, GA, including Tom Saidy, Marc

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Agnifilo, Nick Dolin, Rich Snyder and Cliff Meirowitz. Susan keeps in touch with Wendy Fenton Mitchell '87 and Traci Warrington ’88. They’d like to hear from area alumni!

Grissel Benitez-Hodge has been elected to serve on the CC Board of Trustees. In Aug., she and her husband relocated to New Canaan, CT. Angie saw Brenda Kramer-Coutinho, Margi Schwartz, Chris Remper, Jon Latimer, Will Conroy, Meg Felton Butts and Jackie Newman Eshet. They had a great time!

Helen Murdoch has achieved National Board Certification for teaching after a year of professional study through portfolios and exams in the areas of world history, U.S. history, geography, government and economics. According to Helen, only two percent of teachers in the nation achieve National Certification, so “it’s pretty cool!” Helen ran a technology institute at the U. of California over the summer.

Stephanie Schachter has finished her doctorate in clinical psychology and also earned a New York state license. She is working at a municipal hospital in the Bronx with chronically mentally ill adults. She is also working on two articles: one based on her dissertation research on gay fathers, the other on mental health providers’ responses to the events of Sept. 11. Stephanie is also the proud aunt of baby Jack, born in April ’02.

Sarah Brit’s mother writes that Sarah is “alive and well and living in Athens, Greece.” Sarah is married to Ioannis Trikkas, and the couple have two children: Yorgos (George), 3, and Magda, a baby.

Clay Bassett Jr. joined Argonaut Insurance Company (AIC) in Oct. as chief underwriting officer. In this role, Clay becomes part of an expanded executive team built to lead AIC in reclaiming its national leadership position in the specialty insurance industry.

Anne Robertson McLean writes, “Our son, Colin, started kindergarten this fall here in Taunton, MA. My husband, Francis, is an instructor at the Naval Officer Induction School at the Newport, RI base.”

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After living in San Francisco for many years, Elizabeth May Bankson and husband Matt moved back to Boston. They have a son, Quinn Dennis, born in February. Liz is taking a hiatus from teaching Spanish to be a full-time mom for a few years. “Quinn is a demanding boss: lots of overtime and the work isn’t always pretty, but it’s the best job I’ve ever had,” Liz says. Debbie Schachter as often as they can manage it.

Congratulations to Brian and Kim Krasko Brockway on their new arrival. Abigail Kara joins big sister Ella at home in the suburbs of NJ.

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On perhaps the only rainy, cool day this summer in DC, my family and I ran into Geoff Buckly ’87 and Alex McColl Buckley at the zoo — not just once, but about five times! We were pretty much the only people there. Alex and his wife, who live in Athens, OH, were in town with kids Ingrid, 5, and Peter, 2, visiting Geoff’s parents. You may recall Alex was my former co-correspondent for our class.

In the many years since leaving CC, Noelle Ifshin has been working in the restaurant business. She graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in ’93 and has been cooking ever since. Noelle was recently promoted to executive chef for Spirit Cruise USA —a dining harbor cruise company with vessels in eight cities across the country. She is based in NYC at Chelsea Piers.

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Born: to Abbe Bartlett Lynch and Andy, Kieran 7/11/02; to Kevin Walor and Laurie Sachs ’92, George Arthur 7/8/02; to Lisa Addario and Joe Syracuse, Augustus (Augie) Maxwell 6/28/02; to Randy Kline and Jennifer Thacher, Olivia 6/15/02; to Karen Fortuin Corsi and John, Andrew (Drew) Thomas 6/1/02; to Pam Duevel and John Neshbitt, Isabella 5/29/02; to Christie Cobb and Marc Stephens 3/8/02; to Timothy Kuenz Blair and Edward, Tristan Bowen 12/10/01; Cait Goodwin and Jim Rice, Noah 2/14/02.

In addition to parenting daughter LuLu and new son Augie, Lisa Addario and Joe Syracuse are also busy as a screenwriting team. They’ve sold one movie idea to Universal and are rewriting their romantic comedy for Universal, as well. They are also working on a TV show idea for Warner Brothers. Contact them at L2J2@earthlink.net.

Wendy Osgood Murphy and Scott Murphy ’91 just built a house in Madison, CT. They have three children, Andrew, 5; Abby, 2; and baby Jessica.

Abbe Bartlett Lynch, husband Andy, new son Kieran, and dogs Hudson and Cleo, are all doing well in Charlotteville. Abbe was rowing again within one month of Kieran’s birth! Claus would be proud!

Peter Brooks has switched jobs. He is now the program manager for the Working Council of CFOs, which is part of the Corporate Executive Board, a DC firm that supplies “best practices” business research to member organizations, including most of the Fortune 500.

John Clark lives in Norwood, MA, where he teaches saxophone and clarinet at home and in some of the local school systems. His band,
the Wolverine Jazz Band, plans to put out their third CD this spring. Check out their Web site at www.wolverinejazzband.com (designed by Liz Patton '88). John recently defended his dissertation at Brandeis U., where he will be getting his Ph.D. in musicology.

Christie Cobb and husband Marc live in Brooklyn, NY, with their new son Stephen. Christie works at JP Morgan Chase.

Congratulations to Gary Cutler and Caitlin Adams, who were married on 7/5/02, at Gary’s family’s oceanfront house in Scituate, ME. “(If you hit Canada, you’ve gone too far!”)

Dana Pierce and Kristin Loblad were there to blow bubbles, witness the ceremony and participate in a celebratory lobster fest.

After 13 years in NYC, Pam Dueval and John Neubrt are hitting the suburbs (New Canaan, CT, to be exact) with 3-year-old Alexandra and baby Isabella.

Between dinner parties (with Fernando Espuelas ’88 and his wife, Ann Clark Espuelas ’88; Brian Field and his wife, Roe; and Jim Gellert), Greg Fleischmann has founded Zero Gravity Group, a business communication agency focusing on internal employee communications. “We work with an organization’s leadership to ensure that employees understand the brand and the role they play in delivering its promise to customers. Check us out at www.zerogravitygroup.com.”

Emily Kessler enjoyed a two-week trip to Scandinavia, where “I learned all I need to know about Vikings and trolls.” Emily is also studying the tango.

Randy Kliber and Jennifer Thacher live in Port Townsend, WA, where Randy works as a land-use planner and Jennifer owns a jewelry design business. They are the parents of two girls — Charlotte, 2, and baby Olivia.

Tamatha Kuenz Blair, husband Edward and baby Tristan live in London, where Tamatha is completing a master’s degree in art history at University College, London. “I’d love to hook up with any CC folk in London: tamara@blair.name.”

Remember Ken Rosen? He left the film industry to pursue a four-year master’s course in traditional Chinese medicine, where he worked closely with author and world-renowned alternative medicine authority Dr. Andrew Weil. Ken practices traditional Chinese medicine in NYC and Long Island, while also writing and teaching.


Matt Santen moved to Charleston, WV, with wife Stacy and children Emily, 5, and Riley, 3, to start a contemporary church that reaches out to the community through service.

Henrik Talkenberg is living in Malaga, Spain, and has just released his first album with Sony Music, called “Chambao y el Flamenco Chill.” Look for it in U.S. stores. There will be more albums in the future — Henrik signed with Sony for a five-album deal.

Congratulations to Kevin Walor and wife Laurie Sachs ’92, who welcomed George Arthur Sachs-Waler into the world on 7/8/02. The family lives in Hudson, MA!

If you have not been receiving e-reminders from us to send in your news, please e-mail me at kloblad@mailspring.com. So I can add you to my list. — Kristin Loblad

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Born to: Rich Stever-Zeitlin and Jill, Benjamin Nico 3/12/02; to Chandra Lantz and Dennis Slade. Addison Arbor 4/26/02; to Stephen Stiggall and Heather Pierce Stiggall. Kendall Rebecca 7/30/02; to Amy Lebowitz Rosman and David. Daniel Spencer 10/15/02. Heather Pierce Stiggall and Stephen Stiggall welcomed their third child, Kendall Rebecca, on 7/30/02. She joins older siblings Caitlin and Alexander.

Sarah Jennings writes, “I am excited about starting a new career in teaching. This year, I will have my own classroom for the first time and will be teaching biology/environmental science at Westwood High School in MA. I am just getting back from the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador, where I worked for the summer as a naturalist on a small cruise ship.”

Scott Murphy and Wendy Osgood Murphy ’90 just built a home in Madison, CT. They have three children, Andrew, 5; Abby, 2; and baby Jessica.

Debra Fischman Hargrove writes, “Heidi Anderson was married on 4/13/02 to Todd Simms in San Francisco, where they both live. Elizabeth Cheavens Bailey and I visited her in March and had a blast. Todd is a great guy and knows he is lucky to have found Heidi. Sarah Krug Herrick, Brenda Baker Bayhan, Doreen Do and Alissa Balotti Anderson ’92 were among the wedding attendees.”

Rachel Daum Humphrey sent this news: “My daughter turned 1 in March, and I am still an attorney, working at the same civil litigation firm in Atlanta. Amy Demetre Carrasco became a homeowner, my sister Jo Daum ’95 was married in June.”

Brad Freer is living in Hong Kong, traveling all around Asia/Australia for work and enjoying it.

Pam Goldberg sent in this news: “In the fall of ’00, I initiated a classical music series called ‘Classical Café,’ of which I am artistic director. The series takes place in a jazz-club setting, with food and drinks available. Concerts are 45 minutes only, and the performers are young, emerging artists from around NYC. It has been a very exciting venue. If anyone wants invitations or more information, e-mail me at Pamwestend@aol.com.”

Jen Schumacher writes from Boston’s Back Bay: “I’m still very single — anyone know anyone? I’m working at Schumacher Landscaping as a purchasing manager, responsible for purchasing all the plant material — really using that psychology major I regularly see the camel club,” Laurie Sachs ’92. Diane Stratton, Amy Norris Hamilton ’92, Esty Wood ’92 and Suzanne Walker ’93. We lost Abbey Tyson ‘92 to NY — miss her. Loving the new baby Camel additions: Laurie, Diane and Amy each have a gorgeous son! Also see other Bostonians: Kevin Walor ’90, Don White ’89, Jeff (the Heat) Lewis ’90 and Rick Mack. Had the pleasure of seeing Paul Simpson and keep in touch with old roomie Kristen Nani Dohoney, who keeps very busy with her beautiful, new daughter.”

Chandra Lantz and husband Dennis Slade have become two Yankees, living in the heart of the confederacy in Richmond, VA. Son Nathaniel is 2, and daughter Addison was born last April. Chandra and Dennis have been in Richmond for nine years and are enjoying it. She has been working as an associate on a flexible schedule with a mid-size law firm and will be taking a leave from work for a while as they welcome Addison to the family.

Rich Stever-Zeitlin writes, “My wife, Jill, and I had a baby boy, Benjamin Nico Stever-Zeitlin, on 3/12/02. John Anthony will be pleased to hear that young Ben loves Bach! Last month, I attended Alex Gronke’s wedding in Berkeley, CA. Tomorrow, I’m going to Melkon Khosrovian’s wedding in L.A. I’m still close with Haik Sahakian, who is principal software deity at Fidelity Investments in Boston, and Mattias Fenton, who started grad school in public and international affairs at the U. of Pittsburgh.”

Tom Bartell attended an alumni reception at the home of Evelyn Depuy Peterson’42 in Appleton, WI.

Congratulations to Class Correspondent Liz Lynch Cheney, 91. Married: Lisa Friedrich to Randy Becker, 10/5/02.

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J.T. Straub and Kate Welch ’95 live in Philadelphia with their new daughter, Adelaide Bradley. They see Tom Kessler often.

Lisa Friedrich and Randy Becker were married in the backyard of their new home in Springfield, VA. Michael Borowski was Lisa’s “man of honor,” and Amy Cook-Wright attended with her husband, Jermaine, and 2-
CORRECTION: In the Fall ’02 edition of CC: Connecticut College Magazine, it was written that Tom Satran ’94, head men’s basketball coach, was a three-year starter during his playing career. Satran started some games as a sophomore and junior but was not a full-time starter until his senior year.

Does this face look familiar? Joe Lucas ’95 played Ruben, Jack’s boss, in the season finale of NBC’s “Will & Grace.” Lucas lives and acts in Los Angeles.

year-old daughter, Mika.

Kate Hamre-Brizibik writes, “We relocated back to the U.S. from St. Petersburg, Russia, in March with six months pregnant and our cat in tow. We had been in St. Petersburg for four years and were sad to leave, but my support for Russia stops at my being admitted to a hospital for childbirth! In May, we purchased a house in Gaithersburg, MD, and are getting reaquainted with all the conveniences of life in the States. I am working for my law firm’s DC office (Coudert Brothers), and Alyosha transferred from Ernst & Young to a MD CPA firm. We have been lucky enough to see Maggie Francis ’94, Tanya Feliciano ’90 and Cristy Stoddard Walsh, and her son, Jack, since we’ve been home and hope to catch up with other CC Cams.”

Jennifer Mann was married on 8/31/02 to Mitchell Ahshtredt, a fellow Colorado State public defender. "Dana (Mann ’96) and Jay (Mann ’02) were at the wedding. My husband and I have since moved to Saipan, in the Northern Marianas Islands, to work as public defenders. We expect to be here for the next two years.” Contact the alumni office at 800-888-7549, ext. 2300, for Jennifer’s address.

Dave McClendon and JoAnna Prescott celebrated the birth of their first child, Devin Nicole, in Jan. ’02. “(Devin) was nearly two months early, but everyone is doing well. I’ve been working at Morgan Stanley for four years. My team was scheduled to move into the World Trade Center next month, but after Sept. 11, we’re heading to the Jersey City offices instead.”

Todd Alessandri and wife Sue both received their Ph.D.s this past summer — Todd’s is in management, and Sue’s is in journalism/mass communication. They moved from Chapel Hill, NC, to a much colder Syracuse, NY, where they are on the faculty at Syracuse U. “We are very excited and glad to get back to the Northeast to be closer to friends and family, but the climate change is going to be a shock.”

Dave Yampanis and Wendy Prentiss announced the birth of their second child, Clara, on 1/29/02. Big brother Robert, 2-1/2, has adjusted reasonably well. The family lives in Norwell, MA, where they spend an inordinate amount of time moving stone walls around for fun. They also enjoy watching farm animals from across the fence and making farm animal noises. Dave can be reached at wendavid@juno.com.

Rosie Reich ’94 and Craig Kaplan are living in NYC. Son Lucas turned 1 on June 7. Rosie began her fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology at Sloan Kettering in July. Craig sees Ted Frischling on the street every few weeks. “Rosie and I miss Conn. We were there for Rachel Dalton’s (’94) wedding. The campus looks amazing.”

John Harnisher and Julie Laken Harnisher had a son on 10/31/01. Jacob Andrew was 7 lbs., 15 oz. and is now a happy, healthy 1-year-old.

Sandra del Valle and husband Martin Murphy had a baby boy, Martin Thomas, on 7/17/01. The family lives in NYC.

Swarn Soldate writes, "I was JUStin St. Louis for business and had the chance to catch up with Anne Bain Epling. She’s married to Terry Epling, and they have two charming boys, Henry, 4, and Tommy, 2. We have a great time catching up over a few cocktails. I still see Jessica Schwarz every couple of weeks. She’s going to school for her master’s in acupuncture." Swarn went to Paris in July!

Olga Tolsic has been in touch with Aimee Christian-Cullen and Paul Cullen, who love living in San Diego. Olga lives in NYC with husband Martin. In June, she graduated from her psychiatry residency at Beth Israel Medical Center and accepted a position as associate director of an adult outpatient psychiatry clinic in Brooklyn.

Diane and Andrew Schiff welcomed Sophie Alexa on April 15. She was 6 lbs., 15 oz. and 20 inches long. Mother and daughter are doing very well. (She’s a cutie)!

In DC, Kathryn Sparks explores the Bible through the medium of dance. She finished her first year of seminary and presented a dance work on the Old Testament story of Sarah and Abraham the first week of May. Kathryn loves her budding career as a “dancing theologian.” E-mail her at dancingsparks@yahoo.com to find out more or to reconnect!

“For those of you who have tried to keep track, my schooling is finally coming to an end!” writes Karen Millener Stenseth, who graduated from Bastyr U. as a naturopathic doctor in June. “After board exams, I will join my husband (also a naturopath) in Bozeman, MT, where we plan to practice as primary care physicians in a new integrative health-care clinic. Just to keep things interesting, we are both continuing our study of the energy medicine of Peruvian shamans and hope to make this central to our work.” Karen would love to hear from fellow alums. Contact the alumni office, 800-888-7549, ext. 2307, for her address and phone number.

Julie Rothenstein Davis writes, “I had a baby girl on 10/2/01 named Livia Renee. She came at a good time, seven weeks after I finished my master’s degree (Emerson College, speech-language pathology). I spent six months as a full-time mom but just started a small job as an SLP at a preschool. My e-mail is juliegdavis@yahoo.com.”

Last spring, Dave Bardeen was nominated by the Walnut Street Theatre for an Independence Foundation Grant and traveled to Bali, Indonesia, for six weeks with the DellArte International School of Physical Theatre to study mask carving. “It was incredible, and I highly recommend a visit there.” Last fall, he received a Barrymore Award (Philly’s Tony) for his work in Jason Sherman’s “It’s All True.” Last spring, Dave was accepted to the Yale School of Drama with Jay Mahome ’95. “So back to CT for my MFA. Dina Pimentel and I will be living in the same city again.”

Booth Kyle, Colleen Shanley Kyle and son Aidan, 2, are doing well in Deeringfield, MA. Colleen joined Booth as a history teacher at Deeringfield Academy, and they are looking forward to June 10!

Editor’s note: There was such an overflow of news from the Class of ’93, we couldn’t fit it all in one issue. If you sent your news to Mike, it isn’t in this magazine, please look for it in the Spring issue, due out in March.

Married: Tara Lyn Brassil to Edward Miller, 7/7/01.

The past year has been busy for Sarah Bartholomew. She moved to Charlottesville, VA, in April ’01 to start a new job and won the City of Charlottesville Ladies Golf Championships this past June. Matt Wilkinson (a graduate of the U. of Virginia), caddied for her during the two-day tournament, in which she shot rounds of 74 and 78 to win by one
stroke. And if all of the above excitement wasn’t enough, Sarah and Matt are in the process of buying a house together!

Jessica Allan Lioi writes, “I recently married John Lioi, the boy next door, who moved there while I was away at Conn. We had a gorgeous Christmas-wedding on 12/23/01 in Salem, MA, complete with ‘Greensleeves’ as the wedding march and a gingerbread castle as the cake. Jennifer Powers and Jessica Ammirati were ladies-in-waiting. Boston residents Joseph Grassia and wife Yumi were also in attendance. Most definitely there in spirit were Lunkile Mkwalo and Nithato Mokonane, who reside in their native South Africa. I speak regularly with my cousin, Jane Benjamin Berger, who was unable to attend the wedding but is doing very well. We live in San Francisco while I complete my master’s degree in nursing at the U. of California. I will graduate this June and begin work as a nurse practitioner, with a speciality in women’s health. I’d love to hear from Carli Schulz ’95, if she is out there somewhere, at tresselara@hotmail.com.”

Jennifer Callan married Jacques Callaghan on 4/27/02 in Minneapolis. She was thrilled to have Ann Renzy in the bridal party. Jennifer will be leaving NY in May to make a new home with her husband in London, England.

Lauren Moran Santarsiano and David Santarsiano are proud to announce the birth of their son, Peter John, who was born on 5/26/02.

Gretchen Zeratsky Feeney attended an alumni reception at the home of Evelyn Depuy Peterson ’42 in Appleton, WI.

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Karen Kanter Carroll, Julie Yamada, whom she met while in graduate school at Thunderbird in Glendale, AZ. The couple were married in Tokyo, where Nicole works for Deloitte Tohmatsu as a senior consultant.

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Married: Jenn Scagel to Paul Siegel ’99, 6/15/02; Metta Ann Rehnberg to Jonathan Delmore, 8/17/02.

Jenn Scagel and Paul Siegel ’99 were married on June 15 at Old Sturbridge Village, in Sturbridge, MA. Jenn writes, “Lots of Conn people were in the bridal party. My ‘maid of honor was Pete Cheng, and Leah Novak ’99 and Brenda Johnston Flynn ’00 were bridesmaids. Lan Nguyen ’95, Adam Flynn ’99 and Mike Schindler ’99 were groomsmen.” Alumni guests included Paul Kaiser ’96, Tammy Bress ’99, Megan McCormick ’99, Dave Rutte ’97, Corey Balinsky and Chris North ’99. Jenn and Paul are still living in Arlington, MA. Jenn was accepted to a vet tech program at Mt. Ida for next fall, but “I’m starting to think towards vet school instead.”

Tina Fazio Hubbard is enjoying her new home with husband, Scott Hubbard ’97. She spent two weeks in Sicily this summer with her family, including her grandmother, aunt, uncle and cousins. Tina still keeps in close touch with Rachel Sinicrope ’00, Pete Berk ’97 and Kerri Nicoll.

After living in San Francisco, Dan Olem has moved to Southern California to work as an observer in swordfish and shark fisheries. He’s also done some freelance writing, mostly about his time as a Peace Corps volunteer in the South Pacific. He’s written for Islands magazine and hopes to make a living as a travel/nature writer.

Jonah Davis has been living in Somerville, MA, for the past year and a half. He works for New England Cable News as a writer and producer and still finds time to run and hang out with Camels.

Courtney Diamond writes from Deep River, CT, where she has been living since June ’99. She works in Essex as the director of an enrichment program that provides school-age children with additional art, science, sports, music and outdoor activities. She works with approximately 65 kids during the school year and about 40 in the summer. “I just love the kids, their parents, my staff of teachers and the area. It’s so pretty!” She hangs out often with Sarah Eio, who lives in nearby Chester. Sarah is director of volunteers for the “Hole in the Wall Gang Camp” in Ashford. Courtney also keeps in touch with Justin Rowan, who recently moved to DC to work for the state department. Contact Courtney at courrida@earthlink.com.

Amy Hurvitz-Mut and husband Nicolas (who celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary in Oct.) recently moved to Clearwater, FL. Amy works for Family Continuity Programs.
ATTENTION GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa will award scholarships of approximately $1,500 each to Connecticut College alumni, including members of the Class of 2003 during the 2003-04 academic year. Alumni who wish to apply for one of the scholarships should request an application from: Diane Pratt, dpratt@conncoll.edu or 860-439-2350.

Molly Carroll has been living in NYC for the past three and a half years and is doing administrative work at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the drawings and prints department. She sees Pilar Vahey, Deborah Bryant DePeter, Damien DePeter '95, Liz May, Betsy Lind '01 and Anna Stancioff in the neighborhood. Molly also was able to see Kathryn Sobocinski, who drove cross-country in June. Kathryn is spending the next few months in the San Juan Islands, WA, finishing up research on her dissertation in fisheries science at the U. of Washington.

Correspondents: Megan Tepper-Rasmussen, P.O. Box 2006, Kent School, Kent, CT 06757; tepper@mcsskent-school.edu and Danielle LeBlanc, djleb6@hotmail.com

Married: Paul Siegel to Jenn Scagel '98, 6/15/02; Christina-Mai Takahashi to Eric Just, 9/13/02; Nicole Mallen to Samuel Jackson.

For details on Paul Siegel and Jenn Scagel’s wedding, see the Class of ’98 column in this magazine.

Vanessa Lynn Campos graduated from NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts with an MFA in dance this past spring. She continues to audition and choreographing a piece for a full performance at the Williamsburg Arts Nexus in Brooklyn.

Aleksi Stevens is also living in Brooklyn and is working and taking classes at Juilliard in Manhattan.

Dan Tompkins is still in Annapolis, working for the Secretary of Budget and Management for the State of Maryland. He visited Cat Onder in Oxford, England, in May, where she is working on a second BA in English literature. Barrett Myers was also spending time in England but is now back in St. Louis, MO.

During the July 4 weekend, Jes Rogers was in the Boston area visiting with Michael Heafitz, Gotham Brother ’98, Heather Negri, Sam Myres, Nicole Estep, Nate Helfin ’98 and Hannah D’Lid ’01. Jes is a long-term temp with the Devereux Foundation in their development office. She recently purchased a house outside of Philadelphia, which she shares with Cynthia Pizzuto ’98 and Christina Pizzuto. “So far, the biggest challenge of being a homeowner is the struggle to keep my lawn mowed — especially since I have yet to find time to buy a lawn mower.”

Jonathan Wolf spent his summer at Camp Jabberwocky, a camp for adults and children with disabilities. He started at Boston U.’s School of Public Health in the fall.

Katie Zorena is associate producer for “The Pet Psychic,” a new show on Animal Planet. She still lives in DC.

Timothy Reuter spent his summer as a political/military intern at the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He has one year left at Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies.

Greg Skidmore, on his way to the Olympic trials, finished eighth at the Greek National Sailing Championship earlier this spring. He just returned to Greece for the World Championships and finished 19th out of 95 boats — he was the top American finisher! We all wish you continued success, Greg!

You’d think it’d be hard to write a Class Notes update when not one member of the Class of ’01 sent in one in... but living in Boston, a city that roughly 88 percent of all CC grads call home, it’s not difficult. Hub encounters between Mike Anastasia, Jamie Arterton, Molly Ballou Seamans, Glen Harnish, Abby Howard, Mike Keane, Amy Lynch, Chuck McNamee ’02, Katie Perry, Erin Tubridy and Kate Tomkins, among countless others, have revealed that; Jenn DeLeon has joined Teach for America in CA; Sarah Reisman is still plugging away at Yale; Danny Harris took a business trip to the Balkans as part of his NBC-based job with the International Rescue Committee; Jen Weinberg has begun grad school in her native Pittsburgh after spending a year working as a children’s school for the deaf; Kristian Gratton is bunkering down in NH; Adam Larkcy continues to don flip-flops in Los Angeles; and at least two alumni head to what some might consider less-than-desirable spots, Charles Olsher to Israel and Patrick Hannah to Saudi Arabia.

Meanwhile, Class of ’01 Republicans rejoice, as Green Party members, Democrats, Libertarians, Independents and others ask: where’s the Revolution?

Correspondents: John Barta, 12 Lincoln St., St. Paul, MN 55102, yjgbat@conncoll.edu or Jordan Gustafson, jordanaroze@hotmail.com

Married: Marie Cruz to Leonard Duyan, 6/2/02.

Jaime Goode was recently hired as a teacher at the Kents Hill School in Kents Hill, ME. Editor’s note: We need a Class Correspondent (or two) for your class. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Associate Editor Mary Howard at mhoward@conncoll.edu or 800-888-7549, ext. 2307.
Elizabeth Merry Miller '24, of Gardiner, ME, passed away on 4/26/02.

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Benjamin Nico Stever-Zeitlin '91 was born on 3/12/02. He is the son of Rich Stever-Zeitlin and wife, Jill.

Jeanine Millard '02 and Michael Venturella (Coast Guard '01) were married on 5/26/02, the day after CC graduation. From left (all Class of '02): Tiffany Taber, Vanessa Boland, Jane Montosi, Karen Gilio, Laura Rowe, Mario Dumancic, Charles Rollins, Monica Soto, Pietro Bonanno, College Chaplain Father Larry LaPointe, Alexandra Silverthorne and Nicole Mancevice.

Members of the Class of '45 pose with President Feinstein during the Annual Cape Cod Luncheon last Aug. From left: Margot Hay Harrison, Ethel Schall Gooch, President Feinstein, Natalie Bigelow Barlow, Marjorie Lawrence Weidig, Patricia Turchon Peters, Beverly Bondig Cody and Patricia Feldman Whitestone.

Kimberly Taylor '92 married Boris Vatel on 6/18/00. From left: Lawrence Friedman '89, Jennifer Balderson '89, the bride, Claudia Krugovoy '92 and Ralph Saintfort '90. Missing from picture, Susan Lee '90.

Brigitte Beaudoin '95 married Matthew Kirk on 12/1/01 in Burlington, CT. First row, from left: Kathy O'Connell Dickerson '96, Keri Sarajian '96, Sara Cott '95 (maid of honor), Lisa Peraner Wales '96 and Brooks Wales '97. Second row, from left: Rick Stratton '96, Cait Gimpel Ryan '95, Todd Ryan '95 and Courtney Skulley '95.

Tristan Anne Borre, associate professor of government, married John Nugent, visiting assistant professor of government, on 7/7/02 in Harkness Chapel.

Caitlin, Alexander and Kendall, children of Heather Pierce Stigall '91 and Stephen Stigall '91, smile for the camera in Aug. '02.
Mitzchka Basman '99 and Rodney Ortiz '99 were married on 6/15/02. Pictured at their reception in Naugatuck, CT, are, from left: Makeba Marshall '00, Sara Mudho '98, Jonathan Musoke '00, John Duney '01, Jorge Olmo '98, Colman Long '01, Eric Williamson '02, Joel Crucet '00, Carla Laracuente '01, Jeannine Zapata '00, Nikoyla Kelly '98, Monday Sesay '98, Zainab Ariyibi '99, Sonnette Oquendo '99, Jeannette Oquendo '00, Jacques George '00, Lisa Lazarus '01, Andrew Apcote '99, Gina Punjabi '99, Lisa O'Connor '98, the bride and groom, Felix Folie '00, Arcely Centeno '98, Yaira Nunez '01, Associate Dean of the College and Director of Unity House Leslie Williams '88, Andrew Musoke '04, Gildy Dupont '98, Ademola Adekanbi '01 and Jais Forde '99.


Heather Montgomery '95 married Charlie Brankman in Moultonborough, NH, on 10/13/01. From left: Jen Whelan Towle '95, Joe Towle '96, the groom and bride, Mark Lucey '96, Susan Cline Lucey '97, David Hazlett (husband of Erin), Erin Concraon Hazlett '95 and Brooke Loder '95. Heather has an MSW and works with emotionally disturbed children; Charlie is a geologist with a private consulting firm.

Members of the Class of 54 enjoyed a mini-reunion on the Cape on 8/5/02 at the home of Sally Atkins Churchill. From left: Jan Rowe Dugan, Cathy Pappas McNamara, Joan Abbott and Lole Keating Learned.

Nancy Northrop '91 and Ron Wolanski were married on 6/2/02 in East Greenwich, RI. Back row, from left: Karla Beeddinghaus Umland '93, Gillian McCarthy '91, the bride and groom, Christopher Dalville '93 and Kathleen Perkins Marcy '91. Front row, from left: Cynthia Verdile Carroll '90, Galla Smyser Abbott '91 and Sandra Jellinghaus McClellan '57.

Morgan Connor '98 married Suzanne Connor on 9/8/01 in Buellton, CA. The couple are pictured in the first row, Seated between them is the groom's grandmother, Lilly Wesseloh Maxwell '42. Back row, from left: Jeff Bresnanhan (sailing coach), Lanny Tracy '98, Val Danforth Fast '77, Mike Morgan '98, Tyler Klewin '98 and Ben Wagner '99.
ATTENTION 1990-2002 GRADUATES!

The Office of Admission needs Volunteers to join its Alumni Admissions Representatives (AAR) program! If you are interested in helping to recruit prospective students and informing them about Connecticut College, please let us know. Help would be especially appreciated in under-represented areas: Maine, Northern California, Florida and Vermont. Please contact Tim Hanson ’00 in the Admission Office at 860-439-5435 or twhan@conncoll.edu.

Thank you for your help!

REGIONAL NEWS

Evelyn Depuy Peterson ’42 hosted an alumni reception in her Appleton, WI, home on August 7. Becky McEnery, Annual Giving Programs, was the guest speaker.

On October 5, 117 alumni volunteers, current students and legacy families enjoyed a festive brunch during Fall Weekend. The keynote speaker was Rae Downes Koshey ’67, vice president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and former deputy police commissioner of the New York Police Department.

The CC Club of Southeastern Connecticut held its annual luncheon on December 4. The event was hosted by Judy Hart Acker ’57. The guest speaker was Ann Sloan Devlin, May Buckley Sadowski ’19 professor of psychology and new college marshal. Her presentation, “Turn Left at MacDonald’s/Go Three Miles North: Gender Differences in Finding Your Way,” examined the way men and women use directional cues to find their way.

An evening presidential reception was held on December 12 at the Denver (CO) Country Club. Alumni, parents and friends of Connecticut College met with President Norman Fainstein and guest speaker Marc Forster, professor of history.

Thank you to Cathy Kaufman Iger ’75 and Mark Iger ’75, who, once again, hosted the annual New York City holiday open house at their home on December 8.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Denver, January 13. The Alumni Club of Colorado, in conjunction with local alumni clubs from eight other colleges, will be holding their annual “College For a Day” event. This is an all-day program featuring three faculty speakers. CC Associate Professor and Chair of the Psychology Department Stuart Vyse will be participating this year.

Seattle, January 23. An evening presidential reception, hosted by Marion Miller Vokey ’74 and Scott Vokey ’77 will be held at the offices of Badgley, Phelps and Bell Inc. Alumni, parents and friends of Connecticut College will have the opportunity to meet with President Norman Fainstein, Dean of the College Frances Hoffmann and Dean of the Faculty Helen Regan.

Hartford, March 30. An evening reception with faculty will precede “A Nobel Evening,” a panel comprised of Nobel Peace Prize winners Elie Wiesel, author and Holocaust survivor; Jody Williams, founding coordinator of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines; and Oscar Arias, former president of Costa Rica. The event will be held at The Bushnell. The following faculty members will attend: Tristan Borer, associate professor of government; Marc Forster, professor of history; Alex Hybel, Susan Eckert Lynch ’62 professor of government; Fred Paxton, Brigida Pacchiani Ardenghi professor of history and director of the Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts (CISLA); and Lawrence Vogel, associate professor of philosophy and chair of the philosophy department.
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

ON 10/5/02, DURING FALL WEEKEND, the Athletic Hall of Fame (AHOF) honored five members of the Connecticut College Community during its 12th Annual Induction Ceremony: Jane Cadwell Lott ’36 (deceased), swimming; Susan Landau ’87, field hockey and lacrosse; Cliff Larrabee P’76, former coach of swimming and track and field; Thomas Olsen ’85, sailing; and Carl Soane ’85, tennis.

The unveiling of plaques at the Charles B. Luce Field House was followed by an induction dinner in the 1941 Room of the College Center at Crozier-Williams. Attendees included honored guests, family, friends, coaches and former inductees. A very special thanks to the AHOF committee members: Stanton Ching, professor of chemistry and interim director of athletics; Ann Devlin, May Buckley Sadowsky ’19 professor of psychology and college marshal; Judy Hartr Acker ’57, alumni association board of directors; Lisa Haskel ’02, athletic advisory board; Jan Merril Morin ’79, hall of fame member; Mike Salerno, former sports information director; Francis Shields, adjunct professor of physical education and men’s lacrosse coach; Tim Smith ’90, alumni at large; and especially Kathryn Dornan Smith ’84, committee chair. Where else could you enjoy a rousing rendition of “The Camel Fight Song” with Stanton Ching?

To obtain the sheet music for your next CC get-together, contact the Alumni Relations Office.

The purpose of the Connecticut College Athletic Hall of Fame is to honor those who have brought distinction to themselves and Connecticut College through their commitment, achievement and contribution to athletics. Nominations for the Athletic Hall of Fame are an ongoing process and can be submitted online at www.conncoll.edu/alumni/athletic-nom or by sending a letter of nomination to the Alumni Relations Office, Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT 06320.

REUNION 2003 • MAY 29-JUNE 1

IN ADDITION TO ALL CLASSES ENDING IN 3S AND 8S, ALUMNI OF COLOR (UAC) and Return to College (RTC) alumni will be returning to campus to celebrate their reunion on May 29 – June 1, 2003. Reunions are a time to renew old friendships, make new ones and meet with faculty. Your class reunion chairs are working hard to put together a memorable event. Please mark your calendars and watch for further details in the mail.

The weekend will be filled with celebrations, class parties, family get-togethers, picnics, dancing and entertainment. You’ll have the opportunity to meet with faculty and students and learn more about the great things that are going on today at Connecticut College.

The reunion registration brochure will be mailed out March 1. Register early and take advantage of “early-camel fees.”

Don’t miss this opportunity to reconnect with classmates and friends and revisit those great days of camel mania! Call your classmates, and make it a date to come on back.

Arboretum Tour
SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS AND ORKNEY ISLANDS JUNE 20-JULY 5, 2003

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE college are invited to join Charles and Sarah P. Becker ’27 Arboretum Director Glenn Dreyer, his naturalist wife Wendy, and Professor Emeritus of Botany Sally Taylor for a two-week, natural and cultural-history study tour of Northern Scotland. The first half of the visit is based at Aigas House, a renovated Highland estate near Inverness, which has become Scotland’s premier natural history study center. Supervised by author and internationally renowned conservationist Sir John Lister-Kaye, the program consists of day trips with well-trained ranger/guides in minibuses to a variety of outstanding gardens, birding sites, castles, Culloden Battlefield, and a remnant of the once extensive Caledonian Pine Forest in Glen Affric. After five days in eastern Scotland, the group travels west with a stop at Inverewe Gardens. Following an overnight in Ullapool, the trek continues along the west and north coast to Thurso. A ferry ride to Stromness is the beginning of four days on Orkney. A group of Islands near the Scottish north coast, it is known for pastoral and scenic beauty, dramatic cliff-dwelling seabird colonies, and the highest density of prehistoric monuments (houses, towers, standing stones, tombs) in Europe. For example, at Marwick Head Reserve, more than 80,000 seabirds nest on 100-meter high cliffs. The standing stones at Stenness and the Neolithic village of Skara Brae are also on the agenda. The trip back to Aigas house through Caithness and Sutherland will include a stop at Dunrobin Castle, the largest home in the Highlands. The last day and a half in Scotland will be spent in historic Edinburgh, based at a hotel on the Royal Mile.

The cost is $4,599 per person, including round trip airfare from New York City. Participation is limited to 28 individuals, and a deposit of $1,000 should be received in the Arboretum Office by January 22. For a more detailed itinerary and other information, contact Glenn Dreyer at 860-439-2144 or gddrey@conncoll.edu.
CONNECTICUT STORYTELLING FESTIVAL
APRIL 25-27

STORYTELLER
TOM LEE '82 will be performing at the Connecticut Storytelling Festival, sponsored by the Connecticut Storytelling Center, a group that has been in residence at Connecticut College for more than 20 years.

Lee will be performing as part of The Gathering, the central event of Saturday morning and will be giving a solo performance Saturday afternoon.

For more information, visit the center's Web site: www.connstorycenter.org

EARTH DAY APRIL 19

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE WILL HOST its 14th Annual Earth Day Celebration on Knowlton Green from noon-9 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., there will be a talk with keynote speaker William Shutkin, founder and president of New Ecology, Inc., Cambridge, Mass. The talk is free and open to the public.

ALUMNI SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAM

On October 27-28, 53 sons, daughters and grandchildren of alumni participated in the 12th annual Admissions Program, co-sponsored by the Alumni Relations Office and Admission. The program offers alumni parents and their children, who are high school juniors, valuable information about the selective admission process.

ALUMNI NETWORKING RECEPTIONS

For the fourth year, Connecticut College is partnering with Bates, Colby, Williams, Bowdoin, Wesleyan, Hamilton, Trinity and Middlebury for Alumni Networking Receptions, coast to coast. This year, Colgate, Smith and Vassar will also participate. Receptions are in the evening. Watch your mail for registration information or contact the Alumni Relations Office at 800-888-7549.

Boston, Union Club of Boston • February 3 & 4
Topics: Higher Education (Feb. 3), Sales & Marketing (Feb. 4)
Sales & Marketing Speaker: Tedd Saunders '83, president EcoLogical Solutions Inc.

Washington, DC, Jones Day Reavis and Pogue Law Offices • February 5
The Rayburn House Office Building • February 6
Topics: Alternative Careers for Lawyers (Feb. 5), International Government (Feb. 6)

New York, The Williams Club • February 10 & 11
Topics: Not-for-Profit (Feb. 10), Sports Management (Feb. 11)

Los Angeles, NBC Studios • March 10 & 11
Topics: Law (March 10), Entertainment (March 11)
Law Speaker: Judge Rita Miller '69, Los Angeles Superior Court

San Francisco, Marines Memorial Club • March 13 & 14
Topics: Finance (March 13), Entrepreneurship (March 14)
Finance Speaker: Paul Weiss '82, president ICON Capital Corporation
Obituaries, continued from p. 57.

Rosanna Kaplan Roochnik ’41, of Southbury, CT, died on 10/21/02. *

Mary Stick Jones ’41, of NYC, died on 3/8/02. *

Doris Kaske Renshaw ’42, of Niantic, CT, died on 8/9/02. She was the widow of Capt. Loy W. Renshaw USCG (retired). She was a mathematics teacher and research aide in engineering. Survivors include a daughter and two granddaughters.

Rilla Loomis McIntyre ’42, of Tucson, AZ, passed away on 9/10/02. An active volunteer, she is survived by her husband, Stuart McIntyre; two daughters; two sons and seven grandchildren.

Frances Norris Robinson ’42, of Newington, CT, died on 9/29/02. A Winthrop Scholar, she earned a master’s degree from Trinity College in Hartford. She taught at Newington High School from ’69-80 and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society and the Connecticut Teachers Association. She leaves her husband, Russell Robinson; two sons, two daughters, a brother, two sisters and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Failor Woodworth ’42, of Bar Harbor, ME, died on 7/10/02 after a struggle with Alzheimer’s disease. She received a master’s degree in zoology from the U. of Chicago and worked at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, from which she retired. The widow of Herm Woodworth, she is survived by two sons, two granddaughters, one sister, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Kathryn McKee MacVickar ’43, of Sarasota, FL, passed away on 9/18/02. After graduating from CC, she received a master’s degree from the U. of Bridgeport. She retired as a newspaper reporter. She is survived by two sons.

Lois Nagel Martin ’43, of Naples, FL, died on 8/10/02. Before raising a family, she was a chemist for Alcoa Research labs and was part of the Civil Air Patrol during World War II. A master gardener and golf enthusiast, she volunteered with various schools, hospitals and charitable organizations. Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Ralph Martin; two sons; one daughter; a sister; a brother and five grandchildren.

Alice Reed Boose ’43, of La Jolla, CA, passed away on 9/12/02. She spent many years volunteering for the San Diego Humane Society’s Pet Assisted Therapy program. The widow of William Boose, she is survived by two daughters, Diana Neale Craig ’66 and Lucy Neale ’70; a stepdaughter; a stepson and five grandchildren.

Barbara Pilling Tifft ’44, of Fort Myers, FL, passed away on 9/19/02. She was a member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, the Captiva Island Yacht Club, the Landings Yacht Association and the Landings Ladies’ Golf Association. She was preceded in death by her sister, Jean Pilling Keyes ’42. Survivors include her husband, George; two sons; two daughters, including Margaret Tifft Greenman ’67; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Elizabeth Beavns Cassidy ’45, of Roseville, CA, passed away on 3/19/02.*

Janet Comtois Stirm ’45, of Staten Island, NY, died on 4/30/02. She was a volunteer for many Staten Island agencies and an advocate for children. Her husband, Charles van Syckel Stirm, died in ’88. Survivors include: one son, two daughters and four grandchildren.

Patricia Hancock Blackall ’45, of Providence, RI, died on 10/20/02. She was vice president of her Class of ’45 and served as reunion chair in ’00. A chemistry major, Mrs. Blackall did chemical research at MIT after graduation. She worked for 26 years in real estate in Providence and was active in community service there. She leaves her husband of 55 years, Steele Blackall; two sons; a daughter and six grandchildren.

Miriam Reynolds Howell ’46, of Margate, FL, died on 7/6/02. *

Gloria Henry Newcomb ’47, of Melbourne Beach, FL, died on 8/14/02. She was preceded in death by her husband of 32 years, Nelson Newcomb. Survivors include three daughters, one son, six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Marilyn (Lynn) Boylan Eaton ’49, of Duxbury, MA, died on 7/14/02 after a short illness. Before moving to Duxbury in 83, she was a buyer at Bloomingdale’s and Lord & Taylor in Manhattan. She leaves her husband, Allan Eaton.

Jean Lewis Beebe ’52, of Ridgefield, CT, died on 9/9/02. She was an elementary school teacher and owned a children’s store, The House at Pooh Corner, in Tenafly, NJ. She leaves her husband of 49 years, David Beebe Jr.; one daughter; two sons and seven grandchildren.

Suzanne Crown Goodman ’55, of Chicago, passed away in July ’02. She was a board member of the Chicago chapter of the American Friends of The Hebrew U. She is survived by her husband, Charles Goodman; two sons; one daughter and six grandchildren.

Anne Browning ’56, of Portland, ME, died on 9/30/02 of breast cancer. Ms. Browning was elected chief justice of the Honor Court while a student at CC. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa with honors in her major, chemistry. She earned master’s degrees from Yale in education and the U. of Southern Maine in counseling. She was known for her political and social convictions. She fought discrimination in the classrooms at Yale and at the lunch counters of GA, and she will be remembered for her years of dedication to the children of Camden and New Gloucester, ME. She leaves two brothers, two sons, two granddaughters and her companion, Ted Wilson. She was preceded in death by one son. Memorial gifts may be made to the Anne Browning ’56 Memorial Library Fund, c/o the Office of College Advancement, Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320.

Denise Boitel Graham ’61.

Percy Maxim Lee, emeritus trustee, of Mystic, CT, died on 11/9/02. He served as vice chair of the Board of Trustees for many years. Lee was the former president of the League of Women Voters of the United States and was very active in civic life, holding state and national positions.

* A full obituary was unavailable at time of publication.

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Author Profile: Courtney Febbroriello '96

Wife of the Chef, 2002, Clarkson Potter/Publishers, 287, nonfiction

S AN ENGLISH MAJOR AT Connecticut College, Courtney Febbroriello '96 spent much of her time doubling up on course work so she could graduate early, one of the reasons she didn't take Blanche McCrery Boyd's celebrated creative writing course. The other reason was easier to understand. "Although I was on a track to get out quickly, I also wasn't ready to read aloud and have my classmates critique what I wrote." Less than a decade later, at the age of 27, Febbroriello has published her first book, Wife of the Chef with Clarkson Potter/Publishers.

Part memoir, part cautionary tale, part docu-drama, Wife of the Chef is at once funny and sad, endearing and infuriating, depending on whether the reader is a customer, a restaurant reviewer or someone contemplating the "romantic" notion of having one's own restaurant.

It is a love story of sorts between two young people who marry on May 19, buy a restaurant on August 12 and open its doors August 26, the day the husband and chef, Christopher Prosperi, turns 31. The couple met at a restaurant between her first and second years of college. He was a chef; she scooped ice cream. In a patronizing manner, he taught her how to pit an olive so she could pit a bucketful for the restaurant. She presented him with a bucketful of pits.

At the couple's restaurant, Metro Bis in Simsbury, Conn., Febbroriello is hostess and busboy, does payroll, public relations and accounts payable and receivable. She also runs their successful takeout offshoot, Metro Express. The idea for the book began at the end of 12- to 14-hour days. She would crash in the restaurant office, waiting for her husband to finish up in the kitchen so they could go home, catch a few hours of sleep and do it all over again the next morning.

"I have an almost uncanny ability to remember conversations," she says. "At the end of the day I would write and write. There was no structure, no organization, no beginning, no end, nothing."

Ninety pages later, a food-writer friend convinced Prosperi to attend the Greenbrier Food Writers Symposium in West Virginia. Prosperi had begun a column in The Hartford Courant called "The Basics," and, as he would be the first to admit, as a writer he is a great chef. The young couple rented a car and drove south to begin an intensive three-day series of seminars and writing workshops.

Don Fry, who headed the writing and ethics faculties at the Poynter Institute in Florida, is a consultant at each Greenbrier symposium. Febbroriello took her pages to an open reading he moderated. "I'm Courtney Febbroriello from Connecticut," she said. "I've written 90 pages, and I just want to be done with it. I just want the confidence to finish this book." She read the book's introduction and when she finished, the group was quiet. Fry looked around the room. "Did everyone like it," he asked. "Good." Turning to Febbroriello, he said just two words, "Keep writing."

The next morning all hell broke loose. Fry's wife, a writer herself, came up to Febbroriello and said, "Omigod, Don
has been raving about your book.” Maria Guarnaschelli, who had just finished the massive job of editing the new edition of Joy of Cooking, approached Febbroriello and said, “Don says you have something I should see.” Susan Ginsburg, a powerful agent, also handed her card to Febbroriello. Russ Parsons, at that time food editor of The Los Angeles Times, handed her a business card saying, “Don Fry says you’re the hottest property here. Let me know if you want to write anything for us.”

Just before leaving to drive back to Connecticut, Guarnaschelli handed back the manuscript, suggesting that Febbroriello hire a writing coach. But this minor fly in the ointment didn’t bother her a bit. Febbroriello had the confidence she needed. “I knew then that I was going to write this book, and I was going to get it published, even if I had to rewrite it for the next 10 years.” Instead, it took about 10 months. Clarkson Potter offered a preemptive bid, a luscious advance and the allure of working with a terrific editor.

Gloria Pepin, former owner of Gloria’s French Cafe in Madison, Conn., and wife of Jacques Pepin, celebrated chef, cookbook author and public television personality, says Febbroriello “tells her story of restaurant life with such honesty and humor that even I — who owned a restaurant briefly and should know better — came away convinced that the rewards of this hard and hectic life outweigh its demands.”

Now that the book is out, Febbroriello has begun a nationwide tour including television and radio appearances and lots of book signings and readings. Once the flurry subsides, she will, while still hosting, paying bills and busing tables at Metro Bis and running Metro Express, take a little down time, probably late at night, to think about her next book. — Lee White

The Democracy Reader

Sondra Gelb Myers ’55, 2002, International Debate Education Association, 303 pages, nonfiction

The Democracy Reader is a comprehensive tool for understanding democracy and the central role that citizens play in making democracy work. The book’s first section is an album of civic stories, accounts of civic epiphanies and transformations from around the world. The second section is a consolidated and updated revision of the author’s Democracy is a Discussion handbooks, published by Connecticut College, including new works and new insights into the September 11 terrorist attack on the United States. This latter section contains texts by distinguished scholars and discussion questions on the basic elements of democracy, the obstacles encountered.
on the way to democracy and strategies for addressing them. The book is an introduction to both the theory and practice of democracy, aimed at upper-level high school and university students and civic-minded adults in both old and new democracies.

Myers is a consultant for international, cultural and civic projects. A frequent speaker and writer on the arts, humanities and civil society, she has focused on two major themes: the integration of culture into public policy in the U.S. and the strengthening of the culture of democracy worldwide. She is a senior associate at the University of Maryland’s Democracy Collaborative.

Hot Toddies: Mulled Wine, Buttered Rum, Spiced Cider and Other Soul-Warming Winter Drinks

Christopher O’Hara ’90. 2002, Clarkson Potter/Publishers, 96 pages, cookbook

In his new book, foody Chris O’Hara ’90 asks, “When the weather outside is frightful, what could be more delightful than a hot toddy?” From classic eggnog to an unconventional chocolate martini, Hot Toddies contains winter drink recipes to please a wide variety of tastes. In addition, O’Hara offers tips on keeping a well-stocked bar and how to keep punch cold.

The author of The Bloody Mary, Ribs and The Ultimate Chili Book, O’Hara has worked as an editor, advertising executive, art director, bar manager, snowmaker, and bartender.

It took me a long time to get used to drinking traditional eggnog during the holidays. I liked eggs, but couldn’t stand the thought of drinking raw ones. Fortunately, my combined love of rum and Christmas eventually got me over it, but some people still have trouble. For those folks, there’s chocolate eggnog. It seems that chocolate can overcome any fear of eggs, and by replacing the rum with more milk, you can even make an alcohol-free chocolate nog.

Serves 15

For the Batter:
8 large eggs
1 1/2 cups unsweetened cocoa powder
1 cup packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons vanilla extract
4 cups whole milk
8 ounces dark rum

For the Chocolate Whipped Cream:
4 ounces milk chocolate
3 cups heavy cream, well-chilled
pinch of salt

For the Garnish:
8 ounces semisweet chocolate, grated
15 cinnamon sticks

Make the Batter: Separate the eggs, depositing yolks and whites into two separate bowls. Place the whites, covered tightly, immediately into the refrigerator. Whisk the yolks with cocoa powder, brown sugar and vanilla until very smooth. Gently stir in the milk and rum. Cover the bowl tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate for several hours until cold.

Prepare the Chocolate Whipped Cream: Chop the chocolate into small chunks and heat it in a bowl placed over a saucepan of boiling water, stirring frequently until the chocolate melts. Cool briefly in the refrigerator, but do not allow the mixture to solidify. Meanwhile whip the cream to soft peaks. Stir in the cooled, melted chocolate and blend thoroughly.

Remove the egg whites from the fridge and beat with a pinch of salt until soft peaks form. Fold the whites into the chilled egg yolk mixture and pour into mugs. Garnish each with a dollop of chocolate whipped cream, some grated semisweet chocolate and a cinnamon stick stirrer.
Summer Light
Luanne Rice '77, 2002, Bantam, 512 pages, fiction

True Blue
Luanne Rice '77, 2002, Bantam, 472 pages, fiction

Best selling novelist Luanne Rice enchants with her latest works. In Summer Light, recently released in paperback, Rice tells the story of May, a wedding planner whose daughter can see and hear things others can't. This gift leads May to the love of her life, a seemingly smooth but ultimately enraged hockey player who really needs her help.

True Blue, on the New York Times Best-Seller List last fall, is a story of forgiveness. Rumer Larkin, a Connecticut veterinarian encounters Zeb Mayhew, the man who broke her heart years earlier.

The Rebel
May McGoldrick (Jim McGoldrick '77 and Nikoo McGoldrick), 2002, Signet, 384 pages, historical romance

Tess and the Highlander
May McGoldrick (Jim McGoldrick '77 and Nikoo McGoldrick), 2002, Avon True Romance, 265 pages, teen romance

Twice Burned
Jan Coffey (Jim McGoldrick '77 and Nikoo McGoldrick), 2002, Mira, 393 pages, suspense thriller

The prolific husband-and-wife team, Nikoo and Jim McGoldrick '77, have published three new romances in time to brighten winter's long, cold evenings. The Rebel explores Georgian Ireland with the couple's typical attention to historical detail. (Jim McGoldrick is a former professor of 16th century English literature.) Tess and the Highlander is the couple's first teen romance (or "PG romance," as the authors call it). Twice Burned is the second Coffey suspense thriller, set in the fictional town of Stonybrook, in Bucks Country, Penn.

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"Unspoken"
Carter Wood '93, audio compact disc

The burgeoning talent of Nashville singer-songwriter Carter Wood '93 is evident on her new CD, "Unspoken." With haunting melodies, mean guitar licks and evocative lyrics, "Unspoken" bridges the gap between country and popular music. She will have no trouble winning fans from either school.

In November, the Louisville native received a 2001 ASCAP (The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) music writer's award for "Most Performed Songs" at the annual ASCAP Country Music Awards in Nashville. Her song "Don't Make Me Come Over There and Love You," co-written with Jim Lauderdale, was recorded and performed by country music star George Strait for his 2001 self-titled release.

Wood will be performing on campus during Reunion 2003. Her CD is available at www.carterwood.com.
Douglas Schwartz ’88

Director of the Quinnipiac University Poll

WHAT’S HAPPENING?
And what do people think about it? Douglas Schwartz ’88 finds out.

He’s director of the highly regarded Quinnipiac University Poll, in Hamden, Conn., the only independent poll that regularly conducts public opinion surveys in four different states (Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania). It also conducts surveys nationwide. Its interviewers ask questions along the lines of: Should it be illegal to use a hand-held cell phone while driving? How should the Catholic Church deal with sexually abusive priests? How are you planning to vote in the next election?

“We poll on issues people are interested in. We’re timely and accurate; people trust us,” Schwartz says. “We have a good track record for predicting elections.” He still savorsthe way his poll caught Michael R. Bloomberg’s advance in New York City’s 2001 mayoral election. “Two weeks before the election, he was 16 points down. But the day before, we said, ‘He’s closed the gap.’ We forecast that close election! He won by two points,” Schwartz recalls.

A government major at C.C., Schwartz found Professor William Cibes’ class in American politics “terrific.” He also relished his junior year in Washington, D.C., during which he served as an intern in the U.S. Senate. “Being in that environment was exciting,” he says. But he didn’t quite see a career path until he learned of a master’s degree program in political science, with an emphasis on survey research, at the University of Connecticut.

That turned out to be just right for someone interested in observing and analyzing the action, the issues, the news. After earning his master’s, he worked as a survey associate with the CBS News Election & Survey Unit and as an election-night analyst for CBS news senior correspondent Ed Bradley of “60 Minutes.”

“It was a great job,” he recalls. “It involved all aspects of polling on all kinds of issues in the news.” But wanting to go further, he eventually left to pursue his doctorate at UConn. By 1994, when he’d completed nearly all his degree requirements, he jumped at the opportunity to become the new director of the Quinnipiac poll.

He likes the poll’s independence. “We’re in the heat of the action, but we’re not on one side or the other,” he says. “We poll every week,” he says. “We respond to the news. There are always new topics, new issues. It’s never boring.”

He follows the news, pinpoints hot issues, does research, develops questionnaires, selects samples and analyzes results. Each survey, he notes, has to be clear and fair in the way it presents the issue and asks the questions. An issue may be complicated, but a survey requires “simple, direct” language, along with balance.

He has overseen the expansion of the poll (which originally operated only in Connecticut) and of the polling staff, which now includes six full-time employees and about 100 trained part-time interviewers. He also visits Quinnipiac classes, in such fields as journalism and political science. “I talk about how polling works,” he says. “It’s real-world material, not theory.”

Schwartz recently found time to complete the doctorate he set aside in 1994. “I finished my dissertation in 2001,” he says, “and this past May, I marched in the UConn graduation ceremony.” — Carolyn Battista
Maile Sullivan ’01

Implements Sea Turtle Population Study on St. Eustatius, Netherland Antilles

IT WAS THE OCEAN THAT CALLED HER BACK. When Maile Sullivan ’01 set out for the Caribbean in late winter of 2002, it had been more than two years since she’d last set foot in those warm, clear waters she had known while studying at the School for Field Studies on South Caicos Island in the British West Indies. For six months she’d been working for an insurance company, pushing papers full time, trying to save money for a six-month internship on St. Eustatius, an island in the Netherland Antilles. After the spring semester of her junior year at Connecticut College, Sullivan swore she would return to the tropics, and she would find a job that kept her outdoors, near the ocean, and doing something she loved: teaching. Returning to the Caribbean was no repeat vacation: she felt she was coming home.

And indeed, Sullivan did make a home for herself on St. Eustatius, an island near St. Kitts. As the marine biology technician for the St. Eustatius National Park Foundation, she was in charge of implementing the island’s first sea turtle population study: a tagging and nesting program. Although the island’s marine park had been established in 1996, it was known as a “paper park,” not actively managed until 1998. With limited funding and high management turnover, nothing yet had been done to protect the turtles, whose eggs are frequently poached and whose nesting habitat was quickly vanishing. Sand was being carted away by the truckload to be used for concrete in local construction.

Every morning, Sullivan awoke at 7:00 a.m. to walk the beach for an hour in search of turtle tracks. If she found them, she would return at night in hopes of finding turtles laying their eggs. But it would be a long time before Sullivan measured and tagged her first turtle. “I got there in March, and our first turtle did not come until July 26,” she said. Once they did arrive, however, she and her teammates worked through the nights, monitoring and protecting the turtles and their eggs and relocating those that were at-risk zones.

While on St. Eustatius, Sullivan also taught marine education to public school children. With a degree in environmental studies and a secondary-school teaching certificate in general science, she feels in her element in the classroom and by the sea. In addition to leading a snorkel club, where she certified local youth in skin-diving skills and taught basic marine ecology concepts, Sullivan designed and developed a curriculum for an after-school education program intended to facilitate environmental stewardship. “We were directly targeting the kids,” she said, “because we figured that was the easiest way to get this island in shape — to start from the base.”

Sullivan also did a lot of SCUBA diving while on the island, supervising a live-aboard dive vessel, monitoring and assessing divers’ effects on reefs in the marine park. “No studies had ever been done before, and the reefs are in relatively pristine condition,” she said. Sullivan dove with every group that went down, recording the number of times divers touched the reefs and ensuring they didn’t take any coral or other organisms.

Sullivan said her work on the Island was an eye-opening experience of how nonprofit organizations in developing countries do, and don’t, function. “It gave me a real world snapshot of how complex and integrated management must be in order to have a successful marine park,” she said. Still, she said most of her learning took place while hanging out with the locals. To be successful, environmentalists around the world must listen to those who live in a particular environment every day, she learned. “They’re the people who are going to help us and help themselves.”

Having grown up on the coast in Northern California and having spent countless summers with her mother’s family in Hawaii, Sullivan has always been intrigued by the ocean. But she never had any intention of pursuing a career in marine science until she took the late Professor William Niering’s environmental studies course during her freshman year at CC. “His passion for the environment was so inspiring,” she said. “It made me realize that if the passion is there, you can pursue it. I could overcome my fear of science.”

Sullivan says she gained a greater sense of self on St. Eustatius, as her time there challenged her socially, professionally and culturally.

“By the time I left,” she said, “the island felt like home to me. And I would say the people there would agree that I had become one of their island girls.”

In September, Sullivan returned to her native California, where she is pursuing a job that will incorporate both marine biology and education.

But she plans to eventually get a master’s degree — and to go back to her home in the Caribbean.

— Jordana Gustafson ’01
Hannah Tinti '94
Editor, One Story

In some ways, Hannah Tinti '94 is near the beginning of her career as a writer. She just sold her first two books — Animal Crackers, a collection of short stories, and Resurrection Men, a novel. Her books will be published in the U.S., Europe and South America.

Although Tinti started writing fiction in high school, her first "real" writing class was with Roman and Tatiana Weller Professor of English and Writer-in-Residence Blanche Boyd at Connecticut College. Tinti relished the spontaneous, workshop style of Professor Boyd's classes. They gave her a taste of how professional writers critique each other's work. Tinti says of Professor Boyd, "She made being a writer seem like the best thing you could ever possibly do with your life. She introduced me to many writers who have become important to my work. Blanche has a great eye and a great ear. Whenever she read something aloud in class, you would know right away if it was bad or good." In her senior year, Professor Boyd was on sabbatical, and Tinti studied with visiting instructor Barbara Jones, who awarded the Abrams Prize for best writing by an undergraduate to Tinti and another senior, Colleen Gorman. "That was the first money I ever made off of my writing."

Tinti's first jobs in publishing (for the Boston Review and later the Atlantic Monthly) exposed her to all aspects of the business. She was able to work with well-known editors, read all the fiction that came through the door, and learn about copy editing and layout. Tinti learned that the world of publishing was the right environment for her. She had found her place. "I just was so excited and inspired, because other writers are often so cynical about the business."

Her first story, "Reasonable Terms," was published in Story magazine shortly after she left N.Y.U. Tinti published seven stories between 1997 and 2002. "Without fanfare or pretense, she chooses subjects that break the mold of introspective narrative fiction. Tinti writes about what fascinates her, and she has a wild imagination. Whether her characters are giraffes, gangsters or giant squid, the reader is quickly captivated."

In October 2001, Tinti, along with publisher Maribeth Batcha, started the literary magazine One Story. "It's a subscription-only magazine that is mailed out every three weeks and contains only one story," says Tinti, who serves as the magazine's editor. Though it is only a few months old, One has met with much success, with nearly 1,000 subscribers. The magazine is small and artfully designed. It's a delight to hold in your hand, and a wonderful format for reading a short story, because you're not distracted by what's come before or what will follow. There are very few outlets for fiction writers "if you're not John Updike," and readers, critics and especially writers have reacted positively to the new magazine: "Writers are thankful there is a new venue for their work ... they literally are the magazine."

Tinti's own experience as a writer has helped her in her new role. Among her many publishing successes, she's had her share of rejections: "I submitted one story 50 times before it was ultimately accepted." Tinti keeps all her rejection notices, using an elaborate sorting system. She says it has definitely influenced her as an editor. "I give good rejection," she says, noting that she makes her letters as personal as possible, never sending Xeroxed form letters.

As Tinti is on the verge of a new stage of her own career, she may, as a teacher and an editor, be able to launch the careers of fellow fiction writers. — Amy O'Neill Houck '94

Subscriptions to One Story are available for $21/year. For more information, visit www.one-story.com or contact Hannah Tinti at One Story, P.O. Box 1326, New York, N.Y. 10156.
OB RICHTER '82 IS A VERY BUSY man. As director of arts programming at Connecticut College since 1998, he not only chooses the acts for the college’s onStage at Connecticut College series, he often provides transportation for the performers and, on occasion, cleans up after the shows. Richter had to find a doctor when one of the Vienna Choir boys came down with a rash. And when a dancer, who didn’t speak English, dislocated a shoulder during a performance, Richter made sure the woman was safely transported to the emergency room and later visited her in the hospital. But the former anthropology and theater major handles it all with characteristic grace and good cheer. “They are coming to my home,” he says, referring to the college. “The care and feeding of these artists is for their benefit and for ours.”

In addition to managing the onStage series and bringing other programs to campus, Richter handles the arts programming budget and serves as chief fundraiser. He also oversees the box office with his staff of one, Betsy Robson.

In selecting onStage’s eight yearly performances, Richter looks for uniqueness. “I try to find things that you wouldn’t see at other arts venues or the casinos. We can’t compete with their budgets, so we carve out our own niche.” He also looks for shows that demonstrate artistic, cultural and ethnic diversity.

Richter is very proud of the seasons he has booked. “Some of the shows have been a little bit risky — not as well known — but the following season you see them everywhere.”

“Ravenshead,” a one-person opera featuring Rinde Eckert and the Paul Dresher Ensemble, was not a show for everyone, says Richter. The stunning performance did not draw a large audience. “But we were ahead of the pack,” he says.

Ronald K. Brown/ EVIDENCE, a New York-based dance company, was one of his favorite shows. “Their choreography spoke to me. It was exquisite. And they were such nice people to work with.” Sometimes a show can draw a surprisingly large audience, as was the case with Anoushka Shankar, daughter of Ravi and also a sitar player. Richter expected a modest turnout, but the sold-out show packed Evans Hall.

Richter is particularly pleased when artists he brings to campus have opportunities to interact with non-art students. Last spring, dancer Ronald K. Brown met with an American studies class and discussed how American ideals and themes have influenced his choreography. “It is wonderful when dancers give master classes to dance students, but when they can do something for non-dancers, it is very exciting. An important part of the onStage series is these interactions that the artists have with students outside of the performances.”

Richter believes his interdisciplinary approach to the arts has its roots in his undergraduate days at Connecticut College. As an anthropology and theater major, he benefited from a faculty-research group that studied nonverbal human communication, pulling together members of the theater, dance, child development, anthropology and psychology departments. He enjoyed courses in German dramatic literature and German theater and calls an expository writing class he took freshman year with English professor Phil Ray a defining moment. “I received tremendous support and encouragement from him.”

The son of a Peace Corps staff member, Richter began his elementary years in Kenya, attending a very diverse school and laying the groundwork for his interest in anthropology. Back in the U.S. as a high-school student, he worked for a costume designer after school, doing research and design.

When he graduated from C.C., he headed for New York City to work as a stage manager “off-off Broadway.” Over the years, Richter has been a production coordinator for PBS’s Great Performances series and a member of the Penny Ante Theater Company, a family theater company that toured throughout New England. At the Mystic Seaport, from the late 1980s to the mid-1990s, he oversaw all performance-based programming, even producing an interactive play, “A Whale of a Tale,” that is still being performed. “I’ve always had one foot in the humanities and one foot in performing arts.”

When he’s not working, Richter indulges a wide range of interests. He cooks, gardens and even puts up preserves. He loves to travel, and for the past three years has vacationed in Italy, renting an apartment in Venice. He holds a master’s degree from Wesleyan University and has lectured on his master’s thesis: “The Influence of Maritime Experience on Eugene O’Neill.”

“One day, I hope to publish a book,” he says. — Mary Howard
“I’m glad I understand that while language is a gift, listening is a responsibility.” — Nikki Giovanni
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