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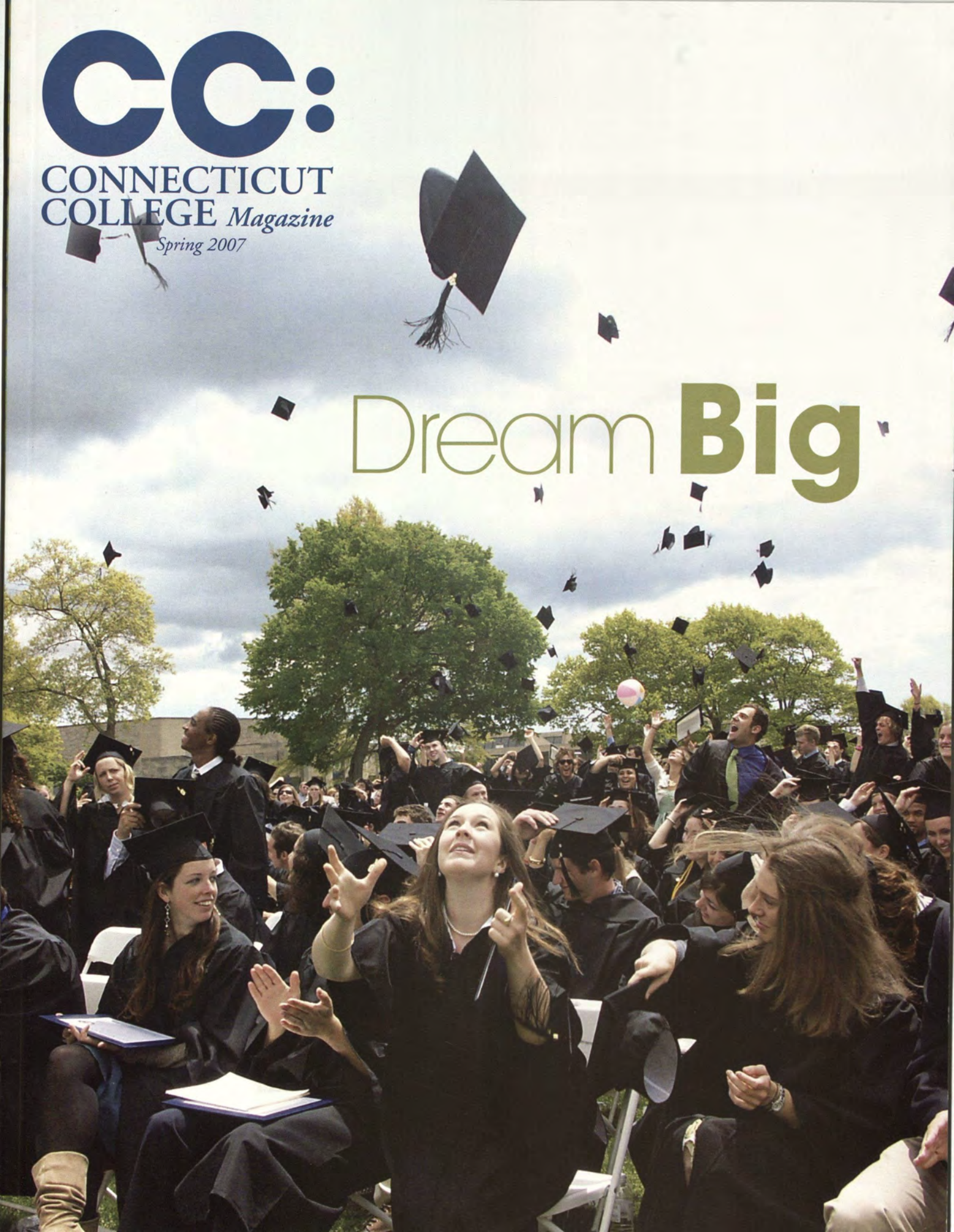
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Dear Editor:

I WAS WONDERING why the "The One That Got Away" article I wrote for *CC: Connecticut College Magazine* [Winter 2006] is always at the top of a Google search for my name, (I have to Google myself to check placement of my Web site) and I think I figured out why. Last week, my neighbor (who went to Colgate) called my wife (who also went to Colgate) and told her that a college boyfriend sent her an e-mail with the "The One That Got Away" article attached. Turns out another friend of his had sent it to him and that person had received it from an old girlfriend who had received it from ... None of these people went to Conn, yet it appears the article is circulating virally among a horde of college sweethearts.

You can imagine my neighbor's response when she read the byline. Who knew?

Crai Bower '84
Seattle, Wash.



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MEGHAN RYAN '97

will receive her master's degree in journalism from Boston University this year. After working in college admissions in Boston for seven years, she relocated to southeastern Connecticut in 2005 and is director of college counseling at The Williams School. She freelances for local publications on food, arts and culture, and enjoyed catching up with fellow camel Allison Arneill '96 for this issue.



Maine, with her husband Matt Teare '87 and their three daughters.

Though **TRACY THOMPSON TEARE '87** specializes in writing about fitness and parenting for several national magazines, she enjoyed talking with alumni religious leaders for "A Test of Faith."

She lives in Portland,

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Our connections make us strong

A message from President Leo I. Higdon, Jr.

›IN EARLY MAY, I hosted an event for graduating seniors at the Branford House at the Avery Point campus of the University of Connecticut. We were thanking the students for their record breaking 93-percent participation toward the senior class giving program. It was an extremely appropriate location for the celebration, I learned, since Morton Plant, the New London businessman whose summer home was Branford House, put down a million dollars in 1911 to establish Connecticut College's endowment.

It's been a pleasure over the past year to get to know many of the personal and institutional connections that give Connecticut College its own distinctive personality. I write these words just two days after presiding over my first Connecticut College Commencement where I was awed and a bit humbled by the traditions that are so uniquely CC.

As I urged our graduating class to stay connected to their College and their classmates, I saw evidence of many connections playing out in front of me. These, more than anything I could say to our graduates, demonstrate the bonds that develop among classmates and between alumni and the College. These bonds are what make us strong.

The connections that came to my attention over Commencement Weekend weren't necessarily the headline grabbers. Instead they were the personal, and very meaningful, things I saw or that people brought to my attention as they described the importance of the College in their lives. Traditions. Family ties. Memories. Hope for the future. It all came together during Commencement

to illustrate what the College means to those who are a part of it.

The College awarded the Connecticut College Medal to Carolyn Holleran '60, an alumna and emeritus trustee who has brought great honor to the College. Her many contributions to the College include endowing the Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy. The College Medal is CC's highest honor, and Carolyn was appreciative and gracious in accepting it. But perhaps even more meaningful for Carolyn that day was being able to present a diploma to Katherine Williams, her granddaughter, who earned her own Connecticut College degree this year.

Margaret "Peggy" Sheridan '67 is the retiring Martha Bennett '73 Professor of Child Development. She spent 36 years as a faculty member here, plus another four as a student, and several additional years after her graduation as a "house mother." She also met her husband, Tony Sheridan '74, here and the two have been an integral part of CC and the southeastern Connecticut community ever since. At a dinner honoring retiring faculty and trustees, Peggy said she has been proud to be a part of the College's community spirit which spans generations.

At the same dinner, Jamie Rogers '04, a young alumni trustee elected by his classmates in 2004 to serve a three-year term on the Board of Trustees, said he would be stepping down from his role as a trustee, but he planned



HAROLD SHAPIRO

to be in New London often. One of his first visits, he said, would be in late August when he helps his younger sister Margaret move onto campus as a freshman.

At Baccalaureate, Professor Lawrence Vogel, chair of the philosophy department, was the student-elected keynote speaker. During his Baccalaureate Address,

Larry spoke about his mother and grandmother, both of whom were graduates of CC, in 1949 and 1919, respectively. He pondered how the Baccalaureate Address, "The Christ Who Came Too Soon," given during his mother's era would resonate in today's pluralistic community.

Then Larry posed a philosophical question about the role of Baccalaureate in today's College community, asking, "How can our celebration possibly be inclusive — true to our diversity — and also religious?" He found answers in connections. He said Baccalaureate is a nostalgic look back that is "religious" because it provides people an opportunity to express gratitude and reflect together on four years shared at Connecticut College. He urged graduating seniors to continue to share the connections forged as members of this community.

Together, these personal stories tell a powerful and moving story of a strong community bound not only by culture and tradition, but also by its members' enduring engagement. It's a community my wife Ann and I are proud to be a part of. I know you are, too.

Brooks named new dean

Will replace Frances Hoffmann in July

›**ROGER BROOKS**, the Elie Wiesel Professor of Judaic Studies, was named dean of the faculty and will begin his duties in July.

Brooks, who has been associate dean of the faculty for the past four years, will serve as the College's chief academic officer and will coordinate and implement the academic program. The dean of the faculty

position is the highest-ranking officer of the College after the president and plays major roles in faculty hiring, the academic budget and curriculum design.

A scholar of early rabbinic law and theology, Brooks has taught in the department of religious studies at Connecticut College since 1991. His research explores the economic and social relationships between Jews and Roman imperial power in late antiquity, and he has published four books and numerous articles. In 1998, Brooks received the John S. King Memorial Teaching Award, the College's highest award for excellence in teaching.

"Roger brings to the position a proven record as an administra-

tor and a deep understanding of Connecticut College," says President Higdon. "His research, teaching and administrative background will be valuable as the College continues to be a model for academic excellence in higher education."

Brooks sees faculty research as key in strengthening academics at the College. "Connecticut College is committed to providing the best scenario for faculty research, because research, done expertly, turns into great teaching," he says.

As associate dean, Brooks led the College's re-accreditation process, hired more than 50 visiting faculty members and resolved salary equity issues for adjunct and salaried faculty.

Brooks received his bachelor's degree at the University of Minnesota, was a visiting graduate student at Hebrew

University in Jerusalem, and earned his doctorate degree at Brown University. He has a longstanding relationship with the Holocaust Educational Foundation Summer Institute in Jewish Civilization, where he helps to prepare the next generation of Holocaust scholars.

Current dean Frances Hoffmann, a professor of sociology and gender and women's studies, will return to teaching and is scheduled to lead a group of students to Vietnam through the Study Away/ Teach Away (SATA) program.

On page 34, Hoffmann talks about how the College has changed during the past seven years and projects most close to her heart, including the next phases of internationalization and interdisciplinary approaches to teaching and learning life sciences, mathematics and computer science.

— Eric Cárdenas



SHIRA BROOKS

JULIE RIVKIN, professor of English, will replace Roger Brooks as the next associate dean of the faculty, beginning in July.

In her 25 years with the College, she has served in a number of leadership positions, including chair of Faculty Steering and Conference Committee (FSCC), chair of the English Department, acting director of Gender and Women Studies, co-coordinator of the faculty colloquium on theory and president of Phi Beta Kappa. In 2006 she led a Study Away/Teach Away (SATA) trip to Rome.

Rivkin is best known outside the College for the widely used *Literary Theory: An Anthology* (Blackwell 1998, 2004), co-edited with Michael Ryan. She is also a respected Henry James critic, both for her book *False Positions: The Representational Logics of Henry James's Fiction* (Stanford 1996) and for numerous book chapters and articles. She will be president of the Henry James Society in 2008, a position she also held earlier in her career.

Connecticut College recognized for purchasing the most green power among its peer institutions

IN APRIL, Connecticut College was recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the 2006-2007 Individual Conference Champion for purchasing more green power than any other school in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC).

The College beat out its conference rivals by purchasing 15 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power annually, representing 100 percent of the school's annual purchased electricity. Connecticut College is purchasing 100 percent, Green-e® Certified, wind energy certificates from 3 Phases Energy Services, which helps to reduce the environmental impacts associated with the campus' purchased electricity.

Green power is generated from renewable resources such as solar, wind, geothermal, biogas, biomass and low-impact hydro and is considered cleaner than conventional sources of electricity and has lower carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions, a greenhouse gas linked to global climate change. Purchases of green power help to accelerate the development of new renewable energy capacity nationwide.

The EPA estimates that the College's purchase of green power is the equivalent amount of electricity needed to power more than 1,200 average American homes each year. This purchase will have the impact of reducing the equivalent amount of CO₂ emissions from nearly 2,100 passenger cars annually.

Vice President for Administration Ulysses Hammond said this renewable energy initiative, which is a joint effort between students and administration, strengthens the College's position as one of the most environmentally committed campuses in the country. "The College offsetting 100 percent of its annual electricity consumption is a milestone to this environmental initiative."


 AMY SULLIVAN
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Five receive Fulbright grants

Number chosen is highest for CC in recent history

FOUR MEMBERS of the Class of 2007 and one alumnus received prestigious U.S. Fulbright Student Program grants to conduct research abroad for an academic year.

This is the highest number of Connecticut College students to receive Fulbright grants in recent history and puts the College in the top level of colleges and universities whose students receive Fulbright awards. Approximately 1,150 grants are awarded each year, and nearly half of the CC students nominated for the award were accepted.

Fulbright fellows receive round-trip transportation to the host country, a living stipend, research allowances and medical insurance. In addition to research, grantees are encouraged to get involved in community activities.

Joshua Duclos '04, an English and history teacher at The Darrow School in New York, will teach English in the Czech Republic and research Czech philosopher Jan Patočka. A philosophy major, he plans to pursue a graduate degree in philosophy or intellectual history.

Noah Fralich, a scholar in the Goodwin-Niering Center for Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies, will teach in English and research the renewable energy industry in Germany. A major

in environmental studies and German, He will pursue a degree in environmental policy.

Rose Golder-Novick, will study the renewal of the Jewish community in Germany and the conflict between German-born Jews and immigrant Eastern European Jews. A music major, she plans to attend graduate school in religious studies and work in the nonprofit sector.

Stephanie Gollobin will teach English in Germany and advise an American Studies discussion/debate club. A major in German and American Studies, Gollobin plans to pursue a career in education.

Megan McCarthy, a scholar of the Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts, will research glue addiction and treatment among street youth in Honduras. A psychology and Latin American studies major, McCarthy plans to pursue a doctorate in child psychology and work with at-risk youth.

In the past decade, Connecticut College has had an average of one to two Fulbright fellows annually.

Lauren Harris '05, was selected as an alternate. She proposed to study in Ecuador.

Established by Congress in 1946, the Fulbright U.S. Student Program is considered the country's leading educational exchange program. — Eric Cárdenas

Credible threat or cruel prank?

Campus responds to May 9 graffiti incident

OPENING THE LINES of communication — with students, faculty, staff, parents and the media— helped the campus respond following the discovery of disturbing graffiti on campus May 9. The graffiti, which referenced the April 16 shootings at Virginia Tech, was found written in chalk on the blackboard of a fourth floor classroom in Fanning Hall. The message read “VT I can kill more than that.”

“... in the process of responding we saw ways of improving our communication systems.”

President Lee Higdon sent a broadcast e-mail to the entire campus shortly after the graffiti was discovered, letting the community know that the incident had taken place and was under investigation by the New London police. The police continued to work with Campus Safety on an investigation that has included questioning anyone known to be

in the vicinity after hours. The Office of College Relations released information to the local and national media, and local television reported the story.

“With respect to the investigation, our best assessment continues to be that this was, indeed, an ill-advised prank,” Higdon wrote in a follow-up e-mail to the community. Nonetheless, the College took measures to keep the campus safe in the days that followed.

The College recently contracted to buy a new communication system that will expand the options for emergency communications to staff, faculty, students and parents. The Connect-ED system can broadcast emergency e-mails, phone numbers and text messages to multiple phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Over the summer, the College will develop protocols for the use of the system and begin collecting emergency contact information from students. There will also be an emergency listserv to which parents can subscribe.

In the wake of the Virginia Tech shootings, the College is undertaking a complete review of the College’s emergency response plan, which is posted on its internal Web site, CamelWeb, as well as the public Web site. Similar reviews and some changes were made after 9/11 and in response to the avian flu threat.

As for the graffiti incident, although the investigation remains active, College officials acknowledge that there is a possibility that the perpetrator may never be identified. “We are fortunate that it turned out not to be a real threat, said Patricia Carey, vice president for College Relations. “But in the process of responding we saw ways of improving our communication systems.” — *Lisa Brownell*



365 play

“All the world’s a stage,” Shakespeare once wrote. Four centuries later a young playwright decided to explore that metaphor on a grand scale, and student actors at Connecticut College became the players in a grassroots effort to use the entire nation as a stage for a yearlong cycle of plays.

It all started five years ago when Pulitzer Prize-winner Suzan-Lori Parks got an idea to write a play a day for a year. She began that very day, finishing one year later. The resulting play cycle, called “365 Days/365 Plays,” is a daily meditation on an artistic life, and the plays range from just a few paragraphs to a few pages. From November 2006 to November 2007, more than 600 theaters and universities are producing the plays in locations across the United States.

For Week 21 of the project, the theater department and the student club Group Art Attack produced seven short, informal plays at various locations around campus.

Mon. April 2 in the upper lobby of Palmer, Visiting Assistant Professor Tim Golebiewski, director ❶

Tues. April 3 in Harkness Chapel, Julia Tyson '08, director ❷

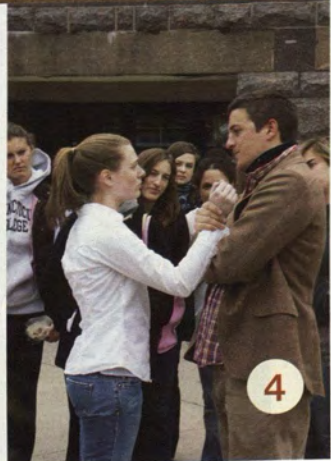
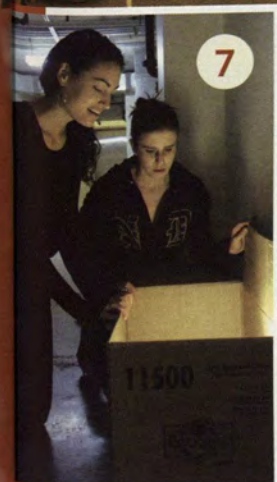
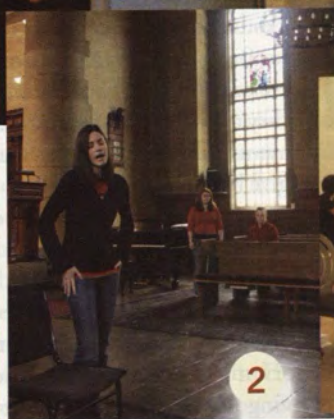
Wed. April 4 in Cummings salon, Ashley Oldacre '10, director ❸

Thurs. April 5 in front of Cro, Claire Gordon '07, director ❹

Fri. April 6 at 740 Williams St., Amy Meyer '07, director ❺

Sat. April 7 at 6 in the Cro's Nest, Elizabeth Bailey '10, director ❻

Sun. April 8 in front of Harris, Ben Fisher '08, director ❼



PHOTOS VINCENT SCARANO

Simmons fund improves student life

Gift brings speakers, concerts, free newspapers and even a pep rally to campus

ELLEN C.L. SIMMONS '69 P'04

relished being with her friends on campus as a student and loves talking with her daughter, Abigail Simmons '04, about life at CC.

with advice from Abby Simmons.

Simmons and her husband have supported campus beautification and environmental programs through the Annual Fund, a memorial fund established by the Class of 1969, the Arboretum and the Goodwin-Niering Center for Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies. They have created a named internship fund, and they support scholarships and numerous CC projects.

"I would do anything that I could to enhance academics, but we also have to pay attention to this other side," Simmons said. "You only have the students there for four years. Anything that enhances their experience while they are on the campus creates alumni who will come back and give back."

Projects this year included a pep rally for fall sports at the Charles B. Luce Field House and a fall concert, Blackalicious, which drew more than 1,000 students to Palmer Auditorium. In addition, the fund is reviving popular student-faculty lunches and dinners. Simmons speakers this year include sportswriter Frank Deford, a *Sports Illustrated* writer and NPR commentator.

The spend-down fund is unusual. But by using the gift instead of just the interest earned on it, the fund can have a bigger impact, Simmons said. "We want it to be spent — all of it," she said. "We won't be here in 50 years. This is an important way for people today to give and make a difference." — Barbara Nagy

For more about Ellen Simmons '69, see "Why I Give" on page 45.

College implements cage-free egg policy in dining halls

THERE'S NO NEED TO FEEL GUILTY about eating an egg-salad sandwich at Connecticut College. In March, dining services announced it will use only cage-free shell eggs in its student dining facilities. The eggs will be supplied by Pete & Jerry's Inc. in Monroe, N.H.

The College, which uses approximately 130,000 eggs each academic year, implemented the policy to remain true to its mission of environmental sustainability and social responsibility.

"Using eggs from hens raised humanely and in an environment that mimics their natural habitat is important to us," says Ingrid Bushwack, director of dining services. "Just as is our push to use organic and locally-produced commodities when possible."

Students also maintain an organic garden on campus that provides some vegetables to the dining halls.

According to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), the College joins many regional schools — including University of Connecticut — in enacting a policy to eliminate or greatly reduce the use of eggs from caged hens. Across the country, more than 100 schools have done the same.

"Connecticut College has taken a positive step for animal welfare by ending its use of shell eggs from caged birds," said Paul Shapiro, factory farming campaign director for The HSUS. "The Humane Society of the United States applauds the school's efforts to reduce animal suffering, and we encourage others to follow its example."

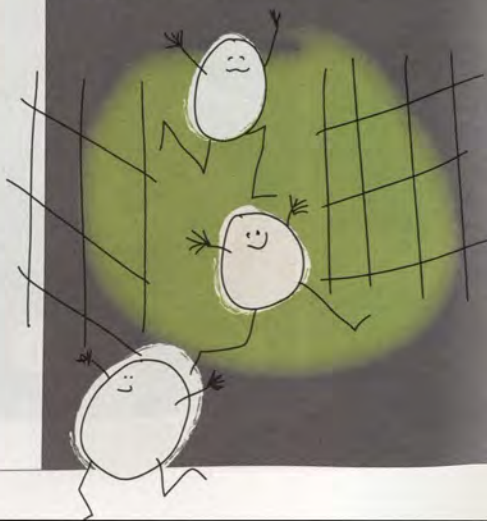


ILLUSTRATION SUSAN LINDBERG

HIP-HOP GROUP, BLACKALICIOUS, PERFORMED IN PALMER THIS FALL.

ELIZABETH MITCHELL '09

So when Simmons, a longtime supporter of the College and an emeritus trustee, started thinking last year about a gift, she knew she wanted it to be related to student life.

With support from Simmons and her husband, Matthew, the College has created an innovative program that is bringing nationally known speakers and concerts to campus, making newspapers like *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal* available daily, and providing new furniture for the common areas in the College Center at Crozier-Williams. This is the first of the program's three years.

The idea behind the \$250,000 fund, Simmons said, is to provide money for student organizations — and the College — to add an extra spark to life on campus. A committee of students makes funding recommendations to Ellen and Matt Simmons after reviewing proposals,



AMY SULLIVAN

Spokespeople gear up for action

Students start campus bicycle collective

>GROWING UP in New York City, senior Joanna McClintick relied on public transportation and never learned how to ride a bicycle. When she finally did start cycling, at her grandparents' house in Montana, she got into a serious accident.

It wasn't until the summer after her sophomore year at CC that McClintick finally overcame her fear. Accepting an offer from a friend to do "something crazy," she spent a month cycling the 350 miles from Oregon to San Francisco. Now, two years later, McClintick has opened Spokespeople, the College's new bicycle collective and repair shop.

"I always knew that bikes were a good alternative, but that trip confirmed it," she says. "Here at Conn, I hate that people drive their car from one side of campus to the other, especially when we're in this oil crisis."

In addition to repairing and building bicycles, Spokespeople has a limited amount of bikes available for daily, weekly or semester long rentals (free with a deposit). The collective also holds weekly educational workshops to teach students general repair skills.

Spokespeople had a grand opening ceremony for its new home in the

basement of 360 House on February 22. The campus and community support has been tremendous, says McClintick. The group received several bikes from campus safety officers, who collect abandoned bicycles on campus. Through generous donations from campus and community members, they got tools and supplies for the shop.

The Spokespeople initiative was funded through the Athena Social Entrepreneurship Initiative grant, awarded to McClintick by the Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy. The grant was first funded last year by Trish May '75, the founder of the nonprofit venture philanthropy company Athena Partners.

The Athena grant, which funds projects up to \$500, is given to entrepreneurial students who are attempting to address social causes with projects on campus or in the broader community. McClintick drew inspiration for her proposal from her College-funded internship at the Wetlands Activism Collective and her work with the environmental group Times Up, both in New York City. — Paul Dryden '07

Faculty Notes

The New London County Section of the National Council of Negro Women Inc. presented Associate Professor of Human Development **MICHELLE DUNLAP** with a "Star Educator" award on March 18.



Dunlap was honored at the organization's Founder Day luncheon along with Grace Jones, president of Three Rivers Community College, and James Mitchell, superintendent of Groton Public Schools.

The award is given in honor of Mary McLeod Bethune, the founder of Bethune-Cookman College (Fla.) and leader in the black women's club movement, for educators who "stimulate and enlighten the minds of our youth" and who develop children into "fine women and men of society."

Associate Professor of Biology **MARTHA GROSSEL** was awarded a \$205,500 grant from the National Institutes of Health to study a particular protein that may be a factor in the development and spread of tumor cells that cause brain cancer.



Grossel, who was selected in 2006 as a "Woman of Innovation" in the field of research by the Connecticut Technology Council, researches unchecked cellular division that is associated with cancer.

For this grant, Grossel will study the protein cdk6, which is thought to control cell division and which plays a role in blocking cell specialization.

College organization raises funds to help India's poor

» **A FEBRUARY 15 DINNER** and fundraiser, coordinated by the College's Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy and Friends of Shelter Associates (FSA), raised more than \$13,000 to build toilet facilities in one of India's poorest slum settlements. The fundraiser featured Indian food and dancing. Speakers included faculty, students and community members. More than 130 people attended.

"This was indeed a collective effort that brought together faculty, students and staff from Connecticut College and a very diverse set of community members from Southeastern Connecticut," says Sunil Bhatia, associate professor of human development and one of the event's organizers.

The FSA's goal is to raise \$40,000 to build 200 individual toilets, which will serve 2,500 people. Including the fundraiser at Connecticut College, FSA has raised a total of \$28,000. According to the United Nations, 700 million individuals in India have no access to toilet facilities.

FSA is a non-governmental organization that sponsors the construction of toilets in the slums of Pune, Sangli, and Miraj in Maharashtra, India.

IF YOU MISSED the Saving Biological Diversity Conference, April 6-7, on campus, you can listen to all of the lectures as podcasts and streaming video online. Go to www.conncoll.edu/ccrec/greenet/ccbes/ and follow the link for the conference site. The event, hosted by the College's Goodwin-Niering Center for Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies featured a keynote address by Bryan Norton, distinguished environmental philosopher from Georgia Institute of Technology, and sessions on protecting species and ecosystems.



Clap Your Hands Say Yeah

Alumni band's sophomore CD well-received

» **IN EARLY APRIL**, Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, the mostly Brooklyn-based quintet, kicked off their American tour in Providence, R.I., at Lupo's Heartbreak Hotel.

The band deftly blended songs from their self-titled debut and the group's new record, "Some Loud Thunder." New tunes like "Yankee Go Home" and "Satan Said Dance" bring darker, almost rageful elements to the more melodic, engaging older songs like "The Skin of My Yellow Country Teeth" and "This Home on Ice," obvious favorites of the crowd in Providence.

Backed by a the band's signature blend of humming keyboards, tight drumming and simple guitar melodies, the strangely infectious, wheedling vocals of lead singer Alec Ounsworth '00 were, at times, grating, but nonetheless intriguing.

By now the success story of Clap Your Hands Say Yeah has been em-

bedded into indie-rock folklore. It goes a little something like this: five Connecticut College friends move to New York, form a band, set the city's critical music blogs on fire, and sell 50,000 copies of their self-produced debut record without any help from a major record label.

Robbie Guertin '02, Lee Sargent '00, Tyler Sargent '00, Sean Greenhalgh '01 and Ounsworth all cut their rock-and-roll teeth as members of the College's MOBROC (Musicians Organized for Bands' Rights on Campus).

Judging by the band's confidence and competence as a live act, Clap Your Hands Say Yeah look and sound as if they've adjusted to their new-found success. The band will continue their American tour through May and will start the European festival circuit in July. — M. Matthew Clark

STEVE DOUBLE

Seniors set class giving record

EVERY YEAR the senior class makes a gift to the College through the Annual Fund. This year, the Class of 2007 set a new record for giving with 93 percent participation. The class broke the previous record of 73 percent, set by the Class of 1995.

"One of our major reasons for success comes from the people on the Senior Giving Committee. It is a diverse group of students who are plugged into many areas of campus, have made significant contributions to the College throughout their time here, and are all highly motivated and enthusiastic individuals willing to take on this challenge," says Evan Piekara '07, SGA president and a member of the Senior Giving Committee.

The seniors kicked off their campaign on March 2 with a "Senior Soiree," featuring a live band, desserts and special appearances by alumni guests and President Higdon.

"This is truly a terrific group of young men and women. I've talked with many of them over the course of this academic year about how important it is they participate, at any level they can. Their success in achieving this kind of record participation clearly demonstrates a deep satisfaction with their Conn education and a commitment to helping the College continue to move ahead," says Higdon.

The program is traditionally a gesture of the graduating seniors' appreciation for their education. It also recognizes the role that philanthropy plays in every student's experience. Tuition has never covered the full cost of a CC education; every student benefits from philanthropy and endowment income.

"When future classes carry on this 25-year tradition, we want them to look back and see 2007 as the catalyst for boosting participation," says Piekara.

For more information, go to www.conncoll.edu/advancement/seniors.

Five seconds of fame

Two students say we have more time to pick up that dropped morsel

►MOLLY GOETTSCHKE '07 and Nicole Moin '07 had no idea when they presented their final research in Professor Anne Bernhard's microbiology class that it was about to make them, well, famous.

"We had both just finished our senior theses, so we wanted to do something lighthearted and fun," Moin said of their final project. The women decided to test the "five-second rule," which stipulates that dropped food will be safe to eat if it stays on the floor for fewer than five seconds.

Goettsche and Moin took food samples — apple slices (wet) and Skittles candies (dry) — to Harris Refectory and to the snack bar in the student center. They dropped the foods onto the floors in both locations for five, 10, 30 and 60 second intervals, and also tested them after allowing five minutes to elapse. They then swabbed the foods and placed them onto agar plates designed to cultivate any bacteria that might have attached to the foods.

The women discovered that no bacteria were present on the foods that had remained on the floor for five, 10 or 30 seconds. The apple slices picked up bacteria only after one minute, and the Skittles showed a bacterial pres-

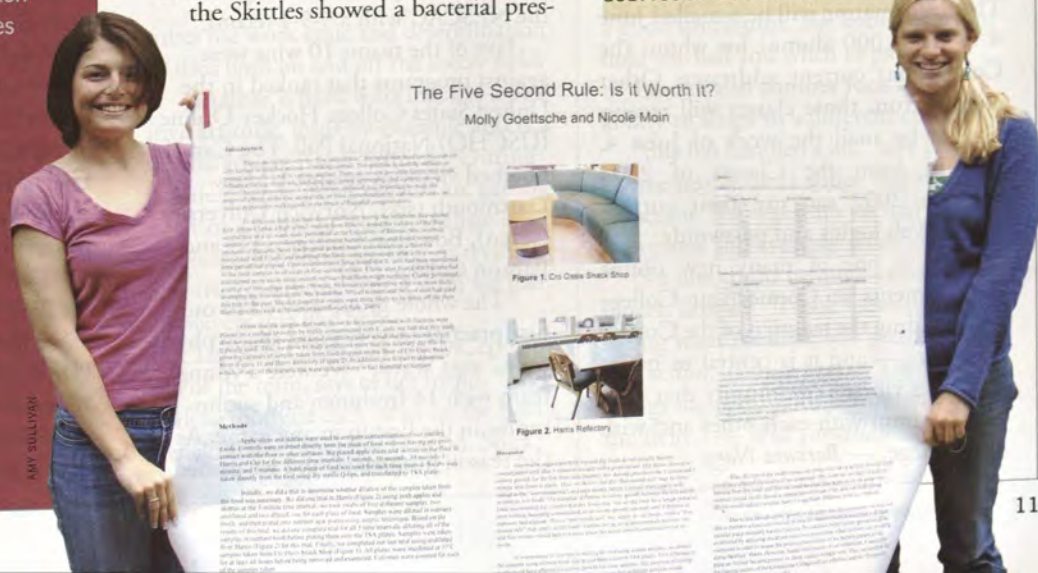
ence only after remaining on the floor for five minutes.

Their results were widely reported in the media — the women garnered front page attention from the *Hartford Courant*, were featured in some of the most widely-viewed science blogs (including the NPR News Blog), and theirs was even the most frequently e-mailed (1,408 times in one week) story on the *Boston Globe's* Web site. The women fielded calls from reporters all over the country, and the story was reported by news outlets from California to Canada. They have even planned to tape a segment for ABC News in mid June.

"It's so funny," Goettsche said of the media attention. "Talk about 15 minutes of fame — or should I say five seconds!"

Their research has been so widely publicized that an *Orlando Sentinel* reporter summed it up, writing, "No doubt you have already heard about the biology students at Connecticut College who decided to test the five second rule. If you are not from our solar system," the writer added, "let me explain ..." — Amy Sullivan

NICOLE MOIN '07 (LEFT) AND MOLLY GOETTSCHKE '07 (RIGHT)



The Five Second Rule: Is It Worth It?
Molly Goettsche and Nicole Moin



Figure 1: Ona Cafe Snack Shop



Figure 2: Harris Refectory

'Social networking' debuts for alumni

ON JUNE 4 CC will launch a new online community that will make it easy for alumni to connect with College friends, network with alumni who share professional or personal interests, post and read class notes, and create personal profiles for others to visit.

Many of these new features will be familiar to those who already use other social networking sites. The service is free. Access starting June 4 will be through the alumni home page at www.conncoll.edu/alumni.

"Alumni will have more opportunities to network and connect with each other," said Bridget McShane, director of alumni relations. "Whether they are looking for career assistance or to share a common interest, the online community will be a great tool — and a fun tool — for them to use."

The launch will coincide with a redesign of the monthly electronic newsletter the College sends alumni for whom it has e-mail addresses. Alumni who don't get the newsletter can e-mail alumni@conncoll.edu to be added to the distribution list.

The new community replaces online services now provided to CC by Harris Connect Inc. Alumni who graduated in 2003 and earlier will need new logins and passwords to access the service. That information will be e-mailed June 4 to the 9,000 alumni for whom the College has current addresses. Other alumni from those classes will receive notices by mail the week of June 4. Alumni from the Classes of 2004 through 2007 can use their current CamelWeb logins and passwords.

This is one of many new online developments at Connecticut College — including the redesign of the College Web site — and it is central to maintaining a vibrant community that connects alumni with each other and with the College. — *Barbara Nagy*



Men's hockey reaches NESCAC tournament

First time in history of program

THE MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM made an impressive turnaround in 2006-2007. Coming off a four-win season, the Camels finished 10-13-1, reaching the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) Championship Tournament for the first time in the history of the program.

Connecticut College opened the season with a 1-4 record, but head coach Jim Ward's persistence and patience with his team paid off. The upstart Camels went 3-0-1 in the final four regular season games, finishing sixth in the NESCAC with a 9-9-1 record.

Five of the team's 10 wins were against programs that ranked in the United States College Hockey Online (USCHO) National Poll. The Camels notched victories against UMass-Dartmouth (six), Norwich University (seven), Bowdoin College, (11) and Babson College (12).

"The whole group arrived to our first practice in very good shape physically," says Ward. "We were a young team with 14 freshmen and sophomores in the lineup in any game. As the season progressed and we gained

LEFT TO RIGHT: ASSISTANT COACH NICK VEALITZEK '04, TRI-CAPTAIN JAKE HENRY '07, JASON MILLER '09, TRI-CAPTAIN CHRIS LYNN '07, MATT GLUCK '07 AND HEAD COACH JIM WARD.

more experience playing together, we became more effective."

Nick Vealitzek '04, a former captain of the Camels and winner of the prestigious Anita L. DeFrantz Award, has played a critical role in the development of the program as Ward's lead assistant.

Senior Chris Lynn, a tri-captain and three-time NESCAC All-Academic, was awarded the team's Unsung Hero Award and the Chip Orcutt '84 Award for his exemplary leadership. A member of the Connecticut College Athletic Hall of Fame and longtime supporter of the program, Orcutt returned to campus to present the award on March 31.

With a solid nucleus returning for the 2007-2008 season, and another talented recruiting class taking shape, the Camel men's hockey program should continue to provide plenty of thrills, chills and penalty kills to the faithful fans at Dayton Arena. — *Will Tomasian*

Playing on the big stage

Analisse Rios '08, member of Bolivian National Soccer Team

>IN SMALL-COLLEGE ATHLETICS,

a successful leader can make the difference between winning and losing. At Connecticut College, a fearless 20-year-old midfielder named Analisse Rios '08 is on a mission to return the Camel women's soccer team to national prominence.

Born in Bolivia, Rios (know as "Bolivia" to her teammates) has played the world's game on the biggest stage as a member of the Bolivian National Team.

Last fall she started all 14 games for the Camels, leading the team in assists and finishing second on the club in points while playing in the New England Small College Athletic Conference. Then it was off to Argentina for the South American Qualifying pool of the World Cup. Rios scored the first goal of the tournament, helping her team secure a point in a tie against Venezuela. She added scores against Peru and Brazil, playing games from November 10-21.

For most athletes, maintaining their academic standing with this type of rigorous schedule and mid-semester absence would be impossible, but Rios' success on the field carries over into the classroom. She maintains a 3.9 grade point average as an education major.

Rios takes tremendous pride in being the first student from Bolivia to attend Connecticut College and feels fortunate to be able to get a liberal arts education in the United States. "Many of my teammates in Bolivia come from a different social and economic background," says Rios. "They are lucky if they finish high school. The only dream they have is playing professionally, playing in Bolivia. I am always thankful that I was able to come here and play."

Winnie Edmed, head coach of the Camel women's soccer program, ad-



RIOS (CENTER), SHOWS HER SKILLS ON THE FIELD

mires the work ethic and determination of Rios both on and off the soccer field.

"Analisse is hard working, has a positive attitude, leads by example and is a terrific athlete," says Edmed. "During practice, while other players are getting a rest or a drink of water, Analisse is juggling, dribbling, passing or trying new tricks with the ball. I wish we had 20 players just like her."

Classmate Claire Linden '08, co-captain of the team, says of her friend, "We work to motivate each other on the field. Her skills are ridiculously good. She's

a good distributor. She knows when to hold the ball and when to pass."

Linden also admires Rios for her ability to adapt to a different culture.

"She has handled a lot," says Linden. "Some people don't notice that she has an accent. She was really excited about being here and everyone could tell."

No one could be more excited than Coach Edmed. "I look forward to seeing what Analisse will accomplish as a senior," Edmed says. "I see great things happening for her on and off the field." — Will Tomasian



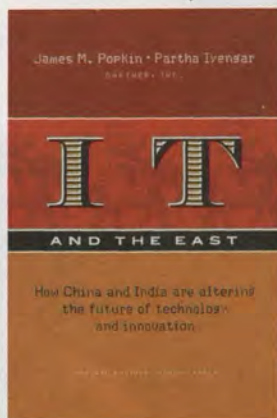
The Pluralist Paradigm: Democracy and Religion in the 21st Century

Edited by **Sondra Gelb Myers '55** and **Patrice Brodeur**, 2006, *University of Scranton Press*, 165 pages, nonfiction

The Pluralist Paradigm examines “the relationship between democracy and religion, and, indeed, the classic struggle between church and state, or even putting democracy aside, Caesar and God,” says editor Sondra Gelb Myers '55 in the book's preface.

Essays from a variety of disciplines, including theology, philosophy, political science, sociology and ethics address the complicated relations between the world's religions and modern democracy. Contributors include Cornel West, the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu.

Myers is the editor of the *Democracy is a Discussion* handbooks that were published by the College from 1996-1998. A frequent speaker and writer on strengthening democracy and the culture of interdependence, she is senior fellow for international, civic and cultural projects at the University of Scranton. Patrice Brodeur, who is Canada Research Chair on Islam, Pluralism and Globalization at the University of Montreal, was a professor



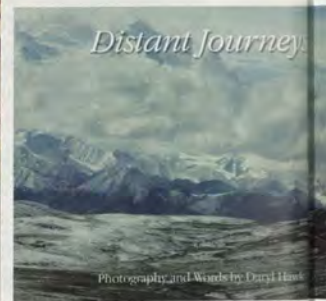
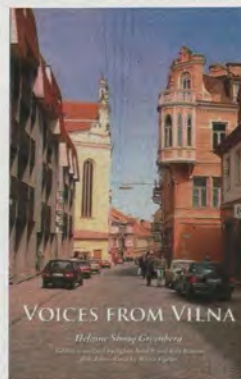
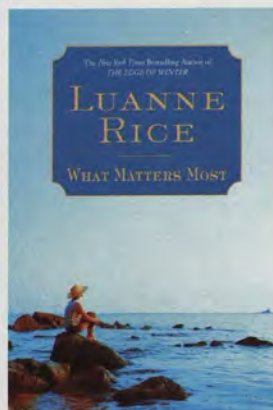
of religious studies at the College from 1998-2004.

Women Over 50: Psychological Perspectives

Edited by Professor of Psychology **Joan Chrisler** and **Varda Muhlbaue**, 2007, *Springer*, 210 pages, nonfiction

A woman's middle age had traditionally been seen as a time of loss and decline, but in the wake of the women's movement and other societal and cultural events, a shift has taken place. Far from being marginalized, women in midlife stand at the forefront of a great transformation of cultural perceptions and attitudes, say editors Joan Chrisler, Connecticut College professor of psychology, and Varda Muhlbaue in their new book *Women Over 50: Psychological Perspectives*. According to Chrisler and Muhlbaue, midlife women are rejecting stereotypes, embracing new opportunities and forming “a new collective middle-aged identity.”

Intended for psychologists, researchers in women's studies and upper-level graduate students, the book analyzes the challenges, benefits, coping strategies, problems and accomplishments associated with the midlife experience.



Chrisler, who is chair of the Psychology Department, specializes in health psychology and the psychology of women. A member of CC's faculty since 1987, she has published five books and was most recently editor of *From Menarche to Menopause: The Female Body in Feminist Therapy* (Haworth Press, 2004).

Varda Muhlbaue is a senior lecturer in the Department of Management and Business Administration at the Academic College of Netanya, Israel.

IT and the East: How China and India are Altering the Future of Technology and Innovation

By **James Popkin '81** and **Partha Iyengar**, 2007, *Harvard Business School Press*, 226 pages, nonfiction

In their new book, authors James Popkin '81 and Partha Iyengar, both vice presidents with Gartner Inc. — a leading information technology research and advisory company based in Connecticut — explore the future of technology as India and China become major players in the IT industry. According to Popkin and Iyengar, “China and India increasingly will be the dominant economic stories on the world stage, a trend that may well ex-

tend through most of the 21st century.”

The center of gravity in the technology world has shifted east, they say. “China and India are producing some of the world’s best-trained computer science and electrical engineering graduates.”

The book is written specifically to help leaders in the global IT industry examine how best to pursue their future in China and India.

Popkin is a group vice president and research fellow emeritus at Gartner Inc. and formerly led Gartner Research in Asia/Pacific and Japan. Iyengar is an India-based research vice president at Gartner.

That Various Field: A Salute to James Schuyler

By Miles Ladin '90

This artist’s book pays homage to the Pulitzer Prize-winning American poet James Schuyler. Captivated by Schuyler’s poems, photographer Miles Ladin '90 decided to make photographs at the pastoral locales where the poet lived, visited and found inspiration. This limited edition, unbound artist’s book contains 12

11-by-14-inch digital pigment prints, five James Schuyler poems, an introduction and a signed and numbered end-page. Each page is sequenced, numbered, initialed and

suitable for framing. The edition is limited to 80 with eight proofs.

That Various Field: A Salute to James Schuyler is included in the Special Collection Library of The Whitney Museum of American Art and is available at Ursus Books (ursus-books.com).



What Matters Most

By Luanne Rice '77, 2007, Bantam, 338 pages, fiction

Continuing on themes introduced in last summer’s bestseller, *Sandcastles*, Rice’s latest novel *What Matters Most* explores a long-term relationship.

Sister Bernadette, superior of the Star of the Sea Academy on the shores of Connecticut, and Tom, the academy’s groundskeeper, return to Ireland to find the son they gave up for adoption more than 20 years earlier. It was in Dublin that the two, once lovers, spent a magical season before a miracle on the academy grounds pulled Bernadette to the Sisters of Notre Dame des Victoires and away from Tom. The story takes place in two countries, with two couples and a host of supporting characters. But with Rice’s deft writing, the storyline never gets convoluted. Faith, passion and sacrifice figure largely in this captivating tale of love, lost and found.

Voices from Vilna

By Helaine Shoag Greenberg '59, 2006, iUniverse, 49 pages, nonfiction memoir

After the death of her parents in the mid-1980s, Helaine Shoag Greenberg '59 found a “treasure” of letters describing her father and his family’s life in Vilnius, Lithuania. Sent to the United States between 1929 and 1940, the letters describe the horrors of World War II and the Holocaust from a personal perspective.

Greenberg published these letters in *Voices from Vilna* along with letters she wrote to her deceased father on a “roots trip” to Lithuania in 2000.

The author is a doctor of social work from the University of Pennsylvania. She has published articles in social work, medical and veterinary journals. Her last research project involved post-traumatic stress in children and adolescents who survived home fires.

Distant Journeys

By Daryl Hawk '79 (photographs and text), 2007, self published, photography

Photographer Daryl Hawk '79 custom-printed a book of his favorite 153 color travel photographs taken over the past 25 years. *Distant Journeys* contains images captured on Hawk’s journeys to some of the most remote places in the world, including the high Arctic, the Andes, Bhutan, New Zealand and Antarctica.

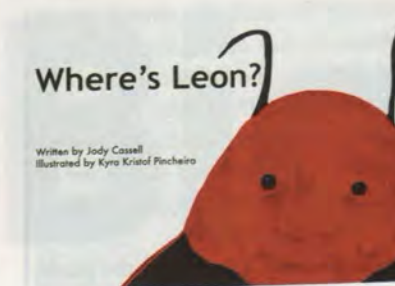
Hawk is also a travel writer, entrepreneur, poet and lecturer whose articles and photographs have appeared in magazines and newspapers worldwide. For more information, visit hawkphotography.net.

Where's Leon

By Jody Fabso Cassell '74, 2006, CPCC Press, 48 pages, children's fiction

Mama Jama ladybug has baked delicious cookies for her two children, but where is Leon? He is playing hide and seek. Join Lulu on her journey as she looks for her younger brother. The accompanying CD-ROM gives tips for educators and parents on how to explore creative movement and build emergent literacy skills with children.

Cassell is a dance teacher and performer. She holds an MFA in dance from New York University and a master’s of science in dance and movement therapy from Hunter College.



Sailing between metaphors about scaling large mountains and exploring the oceans' depths, deep-sea explorer Robert Ballard advised Connecticut College's 491 graduates to think big.



Ballard, who discovered the wreck of the Titanic, said childhood is spent dreaming and young adulthood is spent preparing. Commencement is the moment to begin pursuing dreams. "Initially, you'll follow," he said. "But then you'll lead."

In addition to his historic discovery of the wreck of the *Titanic*, Ballard discovered the wrecks of the German battleship *Bismarck*, the aircraft carrier *Yorktown* — lost during the Battle of Midway — and President John F. Kennedy's *PT-109*. He also pioneered the early use of deep-diving submarines and led the first manned expedition of the largest mountain range on Earth, the Mid-Ocean Ridge.

Lastly, Ballard reminded the graduates that ultimately they must share their journeys and fulfilled dreams

with others, to pass on knowledge and experience.

"Giving is something that may not interest you right now, but always remember life is never fulfilled, your journey is never over until you take time to give back a portion of what has been given to you by others," Ballard said.

Prior to his address, the College honored Ballard by conferring on him an honorary doctorate of science.

The College also granted an honorary doctorate of humane letters to Richard Kennedy, deputy director of the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage.

Kennedy collaborated with Connecticut College in launching the Yunnan China/Mekong Project, a broad-based and multi-faceted initiative to study, explore, sustain and present the vibrant cultural heritage of that region. CC is among the sponsors of this month's Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

The College awarded the Connecticut College Medal to Carolyn Holleran '60, an emeritus trustee. Holleran and her husband, Jerry, have supported the College in many ways including endowing the Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy. The Connecticut College Medal is the College's highest honor.

The Oakes and Louise Ames Prize was awarded to Kimberly Richards, a double major in government and religious studies from Cos Cob, Conn., for her honors thesis that analyzes the impact of the Christian Right on science education in public schools. The prize, named for a previous president of the College and his wife, is given to a graduating senior who has completed this year's most outstanding honors study.

The Anna Lord Strauss Medal was awarded to H. Duncan Rollason, IV,





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who volunteered for three years at the Alliance for Living, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people affected by HIV and AIDS in New London County. He also did a summer internship in South Africa with the Knysna AIDS Council. The medal, named for a former member of the College's board of trustees, is presented to a graduating senior who has done outstanding work in public or community service.

Senior class speaker Sara Skinner, of Hardy, Va., urged her fellow graduates to seek to find justice and equality in all forms.

"In realizing our own power and privilege, we must also recognize that there are those who remain disempowered and those who are denied privilege," Skinner said. "As we leave this privileged setting to begin our professional lives, we must aim

Big

by Eric Cárdenas

not to encourage privilege but to eliminate it, for in the end privilege always increases and necessitates inequality.”

Skinner gave examples of her classmates who worked to reverse inequality, by volunteering, working in community service or building programs to empower people.

Senior class president Christopher Bothur, of Bolton, Conn., spoke about the real value of a Connecticut College education. He gave examples of some of the lessons the Class of 2007 learned during their four years at the College, such as:

- » “Professors are not just the people in the front of the class; they are friends and mentors.”
- » “What it is to be an international citizen. We have gone abroad to work with street children, assist in pro-bono surgery for those who cannot afford it, research and combat the spread of AIDS, fight against the exploitation of children, and demonstrate for a more equitable world, to name just a few.”

Connecticut College President Lee Higdon spoke about the accomplishments of the senior class, including their 93 percent participation in the College’s Annual Fund.

“You have taken the senior giving program to a whole new level and raised the bar for every class who will come after you,” Higdon said.

Higdon also encouraged students to stay connected to the College and to continue to live by the Honor Code.

“If you find yourself faltering, or perhaps in a difficult situation, reflect back on what the Honor Code has meant to you, on what this community has meant to you,” he said. “And draw strength from that.” ●

To download audio recordings of the speeches and view slides, visit commencement.conncoll.edu





by Deborah MacDonnell and Eric Cárdenas

With a Centennial celebration scheduled

“No Finer College Site



CAMILLE VICKERS

2011, the campus is getting a \$53 million makeover.

n the World”

That was the headline in *The Day of New London* on Nov. 29, 1913, as the two-year-old Connecticut College for Women began building on the site of the old Hillcrest Farm overlooking New London. Today, the 750-acre arboretum campus boasts 95 buildings ranging in style from the collegiate Gothic of New London Hall to the jagged modernism of Cummings Arts Center.

Visitors to campus exclaim over its classic beauty. But what they don't see is equally impressive: Behind the granite walls and leafy vistas, the College is engaged in a massive program of campus renewal.

The goal is to ensure that classrooms, buildings and grounds will continue to enhance the educational experience in the College's second century.

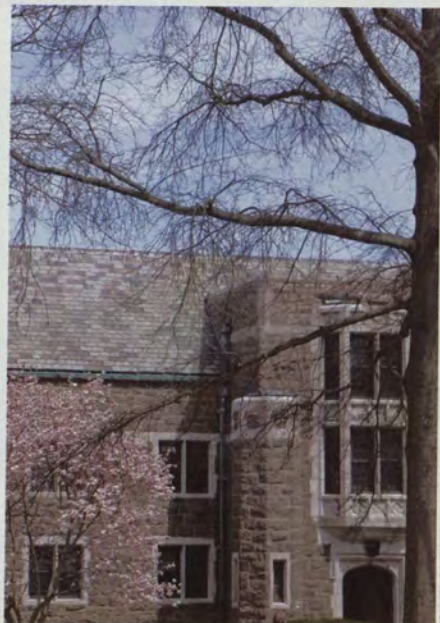
This summer the College expects to complete 100 individual projects with a combined price tag of \$9 million. They're all part of a 10-year, \$53 million program to upgrade critical infrastructure, improve safety and energy efficiency, and transform some of the College's most important spaces for teaching and learning.

And those improvements are only the beginning. The College is also finalizing plans for an additional \$52 million in new construction. Those projects include a new fitness center; a new building to house the life sciences, mathematics and computer science; an international cultural commons to advance the College's international programs; and a major renovation of Charles E. Shain Library.

"The work we are doing on campus now and the planned new buildings are strategically

important for the future of Connecticut College," says President Leo I. Higdon, Jr. "These investments will ensure the College's continued leadership in liberal arts education."

Some of the investments will address old-fashioned wear-and-tear. Ninety percent of CC's buildings are more than 50 years old; almost half are 80 years old. Other improvements are being driven by trends in higher education, including increasing collaboration among academic disciplines, rapidly changing technology, and rising student expectations for campus facilities and the residential experience.



ERIN BURDETT '08



Upgrading art spaces to "state-of-the-art"

DRIVEN BY IDEAS AND IMAGINATION, the visual arts are one of the most dynamic areas in the College curriculum. The physical spaces of Cummings Arts Center — its studios and digital imaging labs and classrooms — have to keep pace with an ever-expanding, interdisciplinary view of digital technologies. There's also a growing need for environmentally safe practices.

With this in mind, art faculty members have designed three new studio spaces to integrate these technologies: a "white box classroom" where students can mount exhibits; a computer lab; and a photography classroom and printmaking studio. The printmaking facility will employ a new technology known as Solar plate — the first safe and environmentally clean etching process to be available in 500 years. The process uses polymer coated metal plates that, when exposed to UV light, develop a hardened surface for Intaglio printing without toxic chemicals.

The upgraded facilities will be used by the entire art department but will have the biggest impact on photography, printmaking and design. The combined projects will cost approximately \$300,000.

A related project will transform a multi-purpose room into a dedicated clay mixing area with storage for dry materials and a large clay mixer for making clay. Currently, mixing is done in a room so small that ceramicist Denise Pelletier, assistant professor of art, can teach the technique to only two or three students at a time. That tiny room will now be reserved for glaze mixing.

"The processes of making art have changed while the facilities have not," said sculptor Greg Bailey, assistant professor of art. "We're working within the confines of the existing building to recreate and modify the facilities for contemporary art making." — Patricia Carey

This summer will be crunch time on campus as workers hustle to complete 100 projects in the 10-week window between Reunion and Convocation.

The interiors of Marshall and Hamilton residence halls will be renovated with new bathrooms, elevators, fire alarms, sprinkler systems and climate control. (The exteriors were done last summer.)

Classrooms in Fanning and Bill halls will be renovated. New walkways, lighting on the Green, landscaping and signage will be installed. Several buildings will get energy-

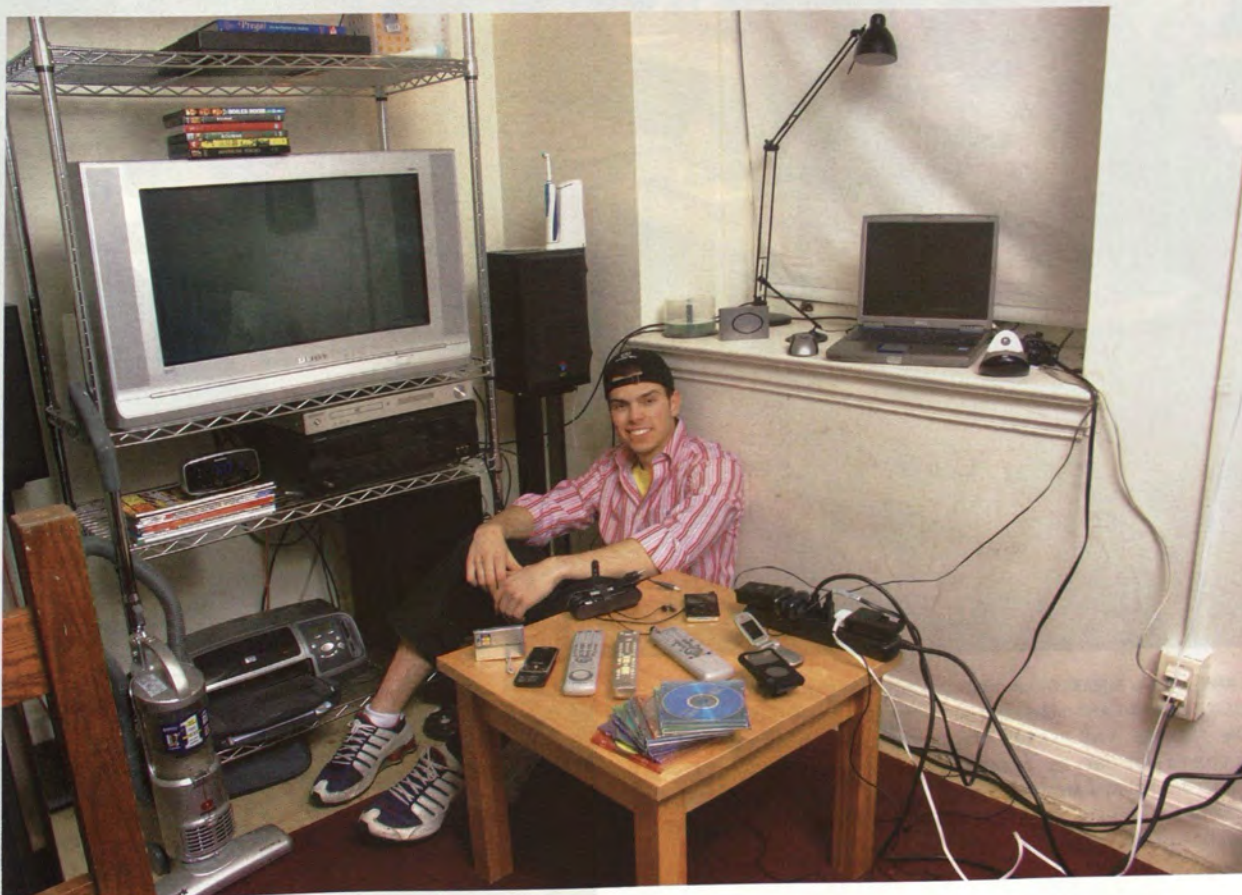
efficient windows. College House will get a new roof.

"This summer will be extraordinary in terms of what gets accomplished," said Ulysses Hammond, vice president for Administration at the College. "It will move us forward in a very visible way."

By 2015, virtually every building on campus will be affected in some way that will improve the quality of residential and academic life for students and the quality of work life for faculty and staff.

Some of the most important investments will be largely invisible. These include new high-voltage electrical systems, increased bandwidth for the College's computer network and upgraded heating and cooling systems for greater functionality, energy efficiency and improved air quality. In addition, the renovations will make the campus more accessible and user-friendly for persons with disabilities.

UPGRADED ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS ARE ESSENTIAL TO SUPPORT THE TECHNOLOGY NEEDS OF TODAY'S STUDENTS. DAN KRESISKI-BLOOM '07, IS PICTURED IN HIS KNOWLTON HOUSE ROOM, WITH HIS TELEVISION, DVD PLAYER, CD PLAYER, COMPUTER, PRINTER, ELECTRIC TOOTHBRUSH AND A VACUUM CLEANER.



VINCENT SCARANO

“Teaching now demands more visual and oral presentation. I can’t teach without a visual learning experience.” — Alexis Dudden, associate professor of history



BEFORE AND AFTER: A MAKEOVER CHANGED THE WAY FANNING 306 SUPPORTED TEACHING AND LEARNING BUT PRESERVED THE CHARACTER OF THE ROOM. FLEXIBLE, TWO-PERSON TABLES ARE EQUIPPED WITH POWER OUTLETS FOR LAPTOP USE. ERGONOMIC CHAIRS CAN BE ADJUSTED FOR HEIGHT. A MEDIA PODIUM AND DOCUMENT CAMERA PROVIDE OPTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS. AND NEW CARPETING, SHADES AND LIGHTING COMPLETE THE AMBIANCE OF THE ROOM.



How we use the technology to add to my students' classroom

Some students say it's like finding out you were assigned the best room in the dorm. Others simply describe it as "awesome." Whatever the words, reactions are all positive when students have a class in one of Connecticut College's newly renovated classrooms.

To date, nine classrooms have been completely renovated, and four more are scheduled to be completed this summer. The goal is to renovate all 46 large, shared classrooms. "Students and faculty spend a large part of their academic careers in the classrooms, and it is imperative these environments be effective in supporting new styles of teaching and learning," says President Higdon.

Innovative, creative teaching is a hallmark of the Connecticut College experience. CC faculty members give their all to students, whether they're teaching in a science lab, a field, a studio or a traditional classroom. And in today's fast-paced, high technology world, the concept of the traditional classroom is changing.

Gone are the days when teachers simply lectured and students took notes. Now technology is woven into teaching methods, and students are active participants in the learning process.

During a typical class, students might run computer simulations from laptops at their workstations or a professor might project images from the Web onto large side-by-side screens for students to compare.

"Teaching now demands more visual and oral presentation. I can use the technology to add to my students' classroom learning experience," says Alexis Dudden, associate professor of history and chair of the classroom improvement committee.

The renovated classrooms feature new furniture, flooring and interior finishes; multi-level lighting; and the highest quality technology, including computer docks, wireless Internet access, and image and sound projection systems. It's all managed through a touch-screen at the podium, even the window blinds.

The classroom improvement committee includes faculty members as well as staff from Physical Plant and Information Services. They work together to determine the key elements necessary to support teaching and learning in the classrooms.

Even subtle changes can have a substantive effect. Lighting, for example, can be manipulated to allow students to take notes while viewing information on the large screen.

Though all the rooms will be outfitted with the latest technology, care will be taken to honor the period architecture. The woodwork that frames the windows, doors and chalkboards will be refinished and preserved, and the fabrics, carpets and finishing details will maintain the feel of the historic buildings that house these classrooms.

One timeless element from classrooms through the ages is the chalkboard, and you'll find it incorporated into every renovated classroom at CC. The classroom improvement committee insisted on it, knowing that it represents one of the most spontaneous and personalized forms of communication between teacher and student.

Faculty say they appreciate the attention to the environment where they devote so much of their career.

"Many of the renovations were made as a result of gifts to the College," says Dudden. "These are gifts that affect learning and teaching in a very immediate way."

“Lyn and David Silfen’s gift will transform the learning experience for hundreds of students.” — President Lee Higdon

When Professor Jefferson Singer teaches introductory psychology in Bill Hall 106, students sit in fixed, uncomfortable seats, and listen attentively to the professor lecturing behind a lectern and in front of a blackboard.

But next year, after a \$1 million renovation funded by Lyn '67 and David Silfen, the lecture hall will provide new, interactive educational experiences in an aesthetically pleasing environment. By seamlessly integrating technology into the psychology curriculum — including multimedia and wireless technology — Singer will be able to engage students in active learning.

During a typical class period, Singer might use the two new multimedia projectors to simultaneously project and compare images and documents in real time or for audio and video applications. Students with laptop computers will be able to follow along the lecture and access related Web links remotely. Flexible seating with workspaces will allow students to collaborate and discuss topics in small groups. And all of it will be done within a warm and welcoming space that is conducive to learning.

The 150-seat lecture hall is used by a variety of academic departments including biology, geology, classics, psychology and film studies. Because it is one of the few campus locations that can accommodate a large group, it is often used for special events, colloquia, community presentations and lectures.

President Higdon said the renovation will illustrate the College's continuing commitment to innovation in teaching and learning, as well as its commitment to preserving and beautifying the campus.

“This gift will make Bill 106 one of the most desirable spaces on campus,” Higdon said. “We are grateful that Lyn and David chose to invest in a project that is central to the College's mission of providing a superior liberal arts education.

“The renovations will stimulate new thinking and new plans for the use of technology in teaching and learning on campus,” Higdon said. “This gift will help Connecticut College continue to serve as a national model for other colleges and universities seeking to develop effective and efficient curricula that make full use of new technology.”

Lyn and David Silfen have been generous friends of the College throughout the years. The College's track and field was named after the Silfens to honor their philanthropic support of the project. The Silfens have also supported the College through the Annual Fund, arboretum, science initiatives and student life programs.

Lyn Silfen, an emeritus trustee, said that alumni, trustees and the entire College community must be stewards of the campus and its buildings and grounds.

“I am thrilled that we are moving forward,” Silfen said. “The plans for the campus-wide renovation are exciting to me, and I hope our gift, in its way, conveys this.”

Silfen served on the Connecticut College Board of Trustees from 1992-2002, and chaired the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee. As chair, she laid the groundwork for the College's \$53 million campus improvement plan — of which \$3.5 million will be spent on Bill Hall. Silfen, who is celebrating her 40th reunion, also served on the College's Campaign Cabinet and the Kresge Challenge Steering Committee.

The Bill 106 renovation is part of a \$5 million project to renovate all 46 of the College's classrooms. In addition to the Silfens' gift, another \$1 million has been raised to renovate 10 smaller classrooms.

Bill Hall, built in 1939, originally housed the fine arts, physics, astronomy and psychology departments. The building's architects, Shreve, Lamb & Harmon, are best known for designing the Empire State Building in New York City. ●



BILL HALL 106

Why they give

Classroom donors help to position CC for a brilliant future

On the cutting edge

As a trader for Deutsche Bank in New York City, **Steve Bartlett '97** is constantly on the computer, sometimes monitoring multiple screens for the latest information on businesses and stocks. As a student at CC, he never dreamed he would use the computer so frequently.

"I think it's important for Conn students to stay at the forefront of technology — to have every advantage so they are prepared when they get to the working world."

Steve's brother, **John Bartlett '93**, also works in finance at the investment firm W.H. Reaves & Company. The Bartlett brothers along with their father, Marshall, tax counsel at Reitler Brown, a New York law firm, designated their gift for Blaustein 203.

Finding love in the stacks

Just thinking about walking up the steps of Palmer Library evokes nostalgia for **John Alderman '76**. It was there, in what is now the Blaustein Humanities Center, that he fell deeper in love with his wife **Nancy Sisitzky Alderman '76**.

"We loved the library," he says. "We would talk and study in the stacks."

The two discovered one another during their junior year at a meeting for students interested in studying abroad.

"I came to Connecticut College to study girls; Nancy came to study Chinese," says Alderman. "She encouraged me to try languages, sociology and history courses. That helped give me a new way of looking at the world."

With fond memories, the Aldermans designated their gift for Blaustein 212.

Learning to think like a Greek

Doug Renfield-Miller '75 always liked Fanning Hall, especially the top floor where he took a number of philosophy courses. Although he majored in French, he was one class shy of a philosophy major.

Philosophy professor Lester Reiss, who taught at the College from 1961 until his death in 1999, was one of Renfield-Miller's favorites. One semester, Renfield-Miller took two classes with Reiss: "Ancient Philosophy" and "Philosophy of the Future." He received an A+ on the midterm in "Philosophy of the Future," but a D on the other exam.

Renfield-Miller disputed the grade. "He said to me, 'Doug, you just can't think like a Greek.' I couldn't change his mind, but I earned an A in every other course with him."

With their academic experiences in mind, Doug and Jean Renfield-Miller, both Class of 1975, designated their gift for Fanning 308.

Appreciating art

There was no Cummings Arts Center on campus when **Cynthia Fenning Rehm '54** was a student, but she seized every opportunity to take art history courses with Edgar Mayhew.

"Whenever I visit a museum, I can appreciate a painting in a way I couldn't before taking any of Mayhew's courses," she says. "What I learned from him has lasted a lifetime."

Rehm, a former trustee and vice president of the Des Moines Art Center, along with husband Jack, designated their gift for Cummings 307.

Coming together

The **Class of 1981** commemorated its 25th reunion by supporting the renovation of Bill 307, a lecture room. CC trustee **Bill Barrack '81** brought the project to the attention of the class reunion committee, and they endorsed it immediately, says **Laura Allen '81**, a committee member and trustee.

During Reunion 2006, members of the class donned hardhats for a first-hand look at the construction work.

"It's a great tribute for the Class of 1981 to give something back to the school that is meaningful and will have a lasting impact," says Barrack.

The arms of desk chairs taken from Bill Hall were presented to the leadership donors of the project. For many donors, the arms are a sentimental symbol of their time spent in classrooms, Barrack says.

Building relationships

Bill Barrack '81 was a government major, a housefellow, a member of the lacrosse and ice hockey varsity teams and in the sailing club. His academic and extracurricular activities were more about building relationships with his teachers and coaches than the subject at hand.

"A great teacher connects their subject matter with life lessons," says Barrack, who credits CC faculty and coaches for shaping his direction in life. Managing director of Jones Lang LaSalle in Boston, Barrack donated to the renovation project in Bill 409 in honor of his mother to give teachers the tools they need in the 21st century.

by Julie Novak



The View from the

From a buyer for Bloomingdale's to the Vice Chairman of Federated Department

SUE KRONICK'S JOURNEY

to the peak of the retail world included a passage to India — but before that important detour, it began in a classroom at Connecticut College.

Today, Kronick is vice chairman of Federated Department Stores, a retailing powerhouse with \$27 billion in annual sales. The CEOs of its eight department store divisions — operating under the nameplates of Macy's and Bloomingdale's — all report to her. On April 30, Parsons The New School for Design gave the alumna a major award (Oscar de la Renta was the presenter) for her support of rising American fashion designers. Not surprisingly, Kronick is someone who can tell you exactly what choices led her where she is today.

"I came to Connecticut College because I wanted a liberal arts education, a multiple lens with which to look at the world. I was going to major in sociology, but then a friend who was a year older — Ann Lopatto — suggested I take a course in the history of India from Ed Brodtkin. He was fantastic, a great storyteller, so I majored in Asian Studies," says Kronick from her spacious, yet unpretentious, Miami office.

Early in her senior year, Kronick discovered that she had enough credits to graduate early. "I decided that I wanted to visit the places that I had been studying, so I convinced my father that I'd learn more by going to India than staying on at CC."

Kronick went to India where she spent several months with Lopatto, who was there on a Watson Fellowship. "I learned an important, although obvious, lesson very early on in India: The way you see a solution to a problem has a lot to do with your vantage point. I also became inspired by the luscious richness of India's colors, smells, food, art, music, languages and ideas. It made me insatiably curious and interested in how others see the world. Fundamentally, I grew up. The trip ignited my self-confidence and my ability to listen and appreciate others with very divergent points of view and lifestyles."

On her return to the States, Kronick took a job as an executive trainee with Bloomingdale's, the first step in her 33-year retailing career. "The retail gene is in my DNA," says Kronick, whose father, Albert M. Kronick, was CEO of Abraham and Strauss, the Brooklyn department store. She spent 20 years rising through the ranks at Bloomingdale's. During that time she made many buying trips to India. "India is a tough place to do business. You have to keep probing to develop good business relationships. I learned how to listen to different viewpoints by



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Stores, Susan D. Kronick '73 rose to the top echelons of retailing.

studying the same problem through the history, literature, art and dance prisms at Connecticut College."

Before arriving at her current position with Federated Department Stores, Kronick followed a career path that led to Rich's (now Macy's South) in Atlanta as president and then to Burdines (now Macy's Florida) in Miami as CEO. She works out of her office in Miami rather than in New York City, where she spends one quarter of her time, because she didn't want her husband, who has his own busy career, to make yet another move.

When describing the rewards of her job, Kronick particularly highlights the successes of the employees she has mentored. "When people tell me that something I said to them made a big difference in their careers, it gives me goose bumps."

In her not-so-spare time, Kronick enjoys the ballet, working out and travel. "You earn no badge for being a workaholic. In the very end, no one will remember that you beat the business plan by five percent."

She finds retirement difficult to envision but says she'd like to learn new things, such as scuba diving or speaking Spanish. "And I'll do something on the give-back side," she adds. Kronick is modest about

her extensive community service, including having served on the boards of the United Way, YMCA and Exodus Cities and Schools for at-risk children.

The executive's mother, Emeritus Trustee Joan Jacobson Kronick '46, recalls that her daughter has always been looking for excitement, something she has now found in her career.

"What's wonderful about Sue," says her mother, "is that she is still who she always was — totally without pretension. She's a fabulous daughter and a wonderful friend." ●



KRONICK '73 RECEIVES AN AWARD FROM OSCAR DE LA RENTA AT THE 59TH ANNUAL PARSONS BENEFIT AND FASHION SHOW.

JIMI CELESTEC, PATRICK MCMULLEN COMPANY

WHAT DOES IT TAKE to succeed in retailing besides a zest for action and insatiable curiosity? "Focus, tenacity and an eye for talent," says Kronick. Some other advice:

"Care more about the success of your people than about your own success.

"Don't hire people like you. You already have you!

"Make it safe for people to tell you the truth. I often ask people to tell me what they're worried about so they're not afraid to tell me bad news.

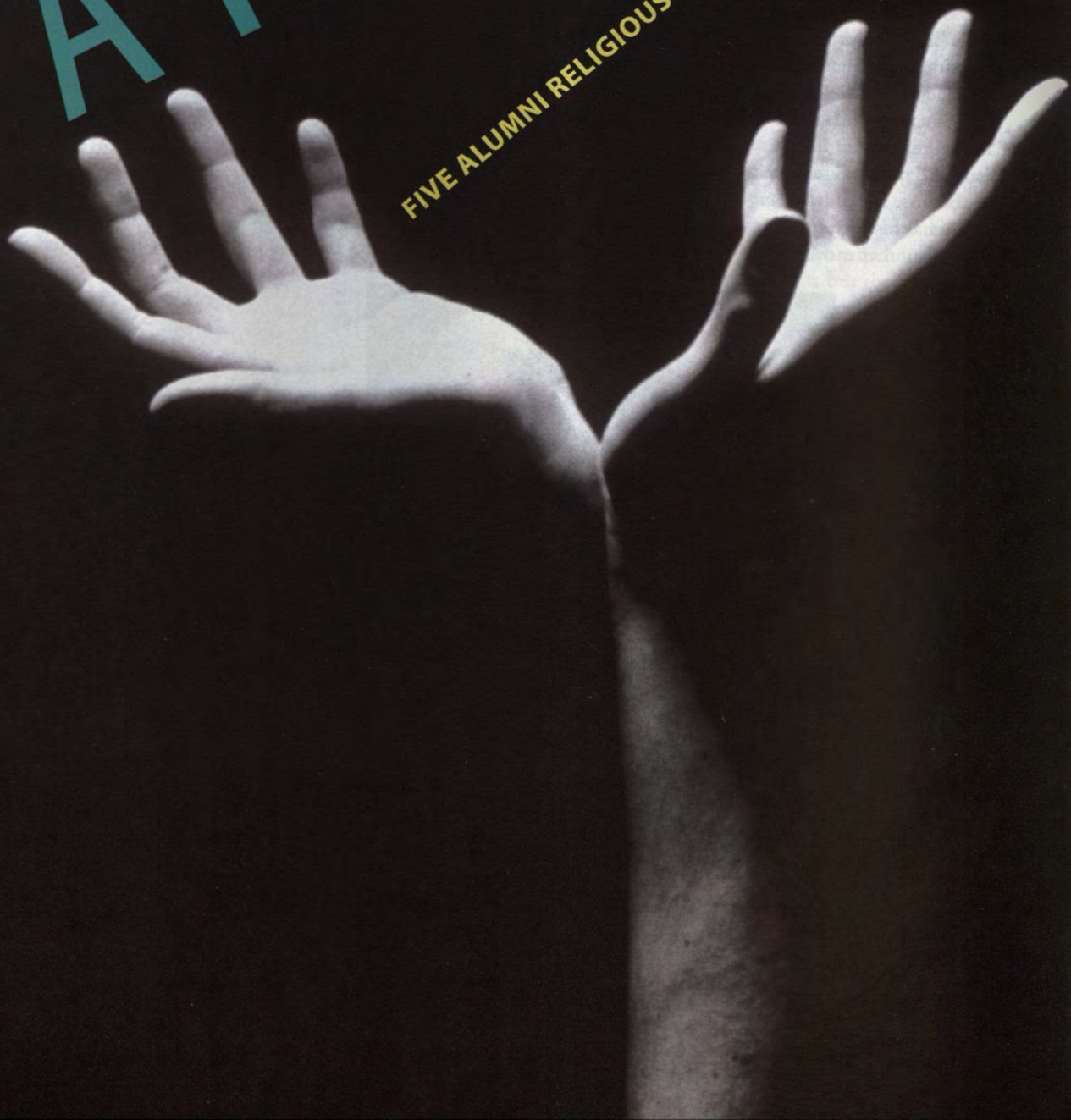
"Don't push people when they're down. When business is bad, they already know it. When business is good — that's the time to push.

"Don't fall into life by accident. Make your own choices. De-victimize yourself!"

"And finally, keep a sense of humor!"

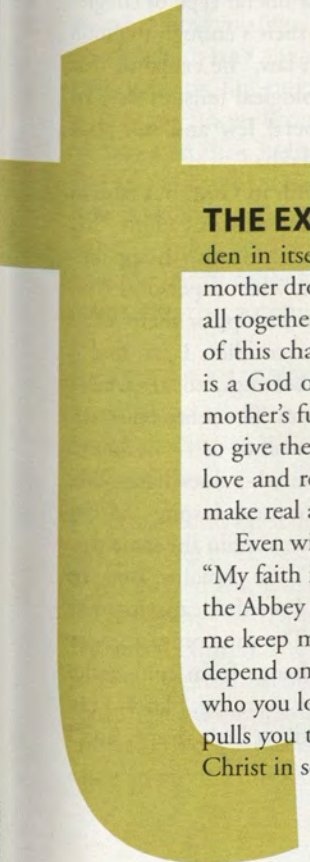
A Test of Faith

FIVE ALUMNI RELIGIOUS LEADERS ON KEEPING BELIEF ALIVE
WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH



by Tracy Thomson Teare '87

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS DOES THEIR BELIEF EVER FALTER? FIVE ALUMNI SHARE HOW THEY KEEP THEIR FAITH ALIVE.



THE EXPECTATION that religious leaders never lose their faith can be a burden in itself. Episcopal priest Barbara Cheney '63 learned this firsthand when her mother drowned in the Connecticut floods in 1982. "I was assumed to have my faith all together, but I was really a shocked, deeply grieving child," she recalls. In the face of this challenge, however, Cheney says she found comfort in the idea that "God is a God of life and love." Cheney also took solace in the scores who attended her mother's funeral. "I felt as if [my mother] was within me, wanting to speak to them, to give them hope, to help them live. ... It was those people, making so present the love and respect they had for my mother, and their own sense of loss, who helped make real again for me my own faith in God's love for us all."

Even without a seismic trigger, the challenges of maintaining faith can be ongoing. "My faith is tested every day," says Mother Augusta Collins '73, who, like all nuns at the Abbey of Regina Laudis, is cloistered. "What has brought me through and helped me keep my faith alive is love — for those who have been there for me, those who depend on me, and those with me in struggle." Asking who the struggle is for and who you love can make all the difference, she says. "It's the 'who,' not the 'what' that pulls you through and lets the light back in. In those moments, you see the face of Christ in someone you love."

Matthew Stanten '90, founder of River Ridge Church in West Virginia, is a self-described skeptic. "I am constantly examining and re-affirming my faith," says the evangelical pastor. But instead of leaving his congregation in doubt, he creates dialogue. "I talk about the tough issues instead of glossing over them." Take the contradiction between the idea that God is loving, yet people suffer. "It might be easy to say God loves us all and move on." But Stanten puts the big issues on the table. "Wrestling with this disconnect makes faith authentic and relevant to life today." Stanten says that his congregation appreciates his honesty.

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AT RIVER RIDGE CHURCH, it may be the contemporary environment — an automotive-themed space for teens called The Garage, with Starbucks coffee and a casual dress code — that helps bring about this relevance. Conversely, Mother Lucia Kuppens '73 recognizes the importance of looking back. Way back.

"There's more focus now on the individual experience, on the need for spirituality more than religion per se," she says, pointing to a revived interest in monastic traditions like the Gregorian chant as evidence. "Going more deeply into the ancient roots of our tradition is one way we respond to spiritual longing."

Having ancient roots can also be problematic, says Rabbi Barras, when different sects of your religion see them in different ways. Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews have different beliefs about the formation of Jewish law, or *halakha*. These views direct how loosely Jewish law can be interpreted and how strictly

the traditions that flow from it are followed. "I'm a rabbi in the most liberal type of congregation, and I wonder if there's enough tradition and adherence to Jewish law," he explains. "For me, there is a deep theological tension vis-à-vis how I can remain a liberal Jew and still place great credence in the *halakha*."

Sometimes it's not faith in God, but faith in our fellow citizens that falters, says Collins. "My faith in God provides for death, disappointment, destruction ... but when a person I trust walks away from a relationship, or there seems to be no way through a conflict, I can find it very hard to keep my bearings, to keep moving with joy," says the nun. She relies on strategies that are accessible to all of us — devout or not. "I look to someone who does have faith, who can maintain buoyancy despite the circumstances, and I try to maintain the same type of buoyancy for others," she explains. And she turns to nature. "There I see that capacity to be renewed and to change. The sun comes up every day. The weather can change from cold, damp rain to a sun-filled breezy morning. I know I can find that in myself if I dig a little deeper and I am willing." ●

MATTHEW STANTEN '90

Pastor and founder, River Ridge Church, Charleston, W. Va.

Stanten's spirituality was sparked in high school by Young Life, a Christian outreach program for teens. At Connecticut College, he led the College's chapter of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and helped start a progressive church in Stonington, Conn. Following graduation, Stanten spent five years launching Young Life programs in Ohio and West Virginia. He and his wife started River Ridge Church in 2002, which has grown from 20 worshippers to 450. "God has put a heart in me for starting things," he says.

RABBI JEREMY BARRAS '97

Associate Rabbi, Temple Beth El, Charlotte, N. C.

During junior year abroad at Tel Aviv University, Barras attended the rally in downtown Tel Aviv at which Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin was assassinated. "His impact on people and all he had done for Jewish people made me really examine how my life could have significance." Though faith had always been an important part of Barras' life, he decided to make it his profession. Roger Brooks, Elie Wiesel Professor of Judaic Studies, helped Barras prepare for rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College. Now an associate rabbi at Temple Beth El, the largest synagogue in the Carolinas, Barras will become senior rabbi at Temple Beth El in Fort Myers, Fla., this summer.

BARBARA CHENEY '63

Rector/Episcopal Priest
Episcopal Church of St. Paul & St. James, New Haven, Conn.

For this lifelong Episcopalian, the call of God was always there; the question was how to follow it when she felt the presence of Jesus inviting her to deepen her faith and pursue a leadership role in the church. The church adopted a policy allowing women to be ordained just before she attended Virginia Theological Seminary. She held two positions in Michigan before returning to Connecticut in 1993.

MOTHER AUGUSTA COLLINS '73

Order of Saint Benedict, The Abbey of Regina Laudis, Bethlehem, Conn.

As an undergraduate at CC during the tumultuous late '60s and early '70s, Collins — like many young adults — searched for deeper meaning and truth. Though raised Catholic, she didn't find it easy to picture herself — an active young woman who loved sports — as a nun, yet she was drawn to the cloistered life at the abbey. "The aliveness and beauty of the community and the sense of dedication to a life of faith in love spoke to me more than the arguments against the preposterousness of trying to live such a life." With a newly earned doctorate in agronomy from UConn, she helps operate the Abbey's 400-acre dairy and beef farm and orchard.

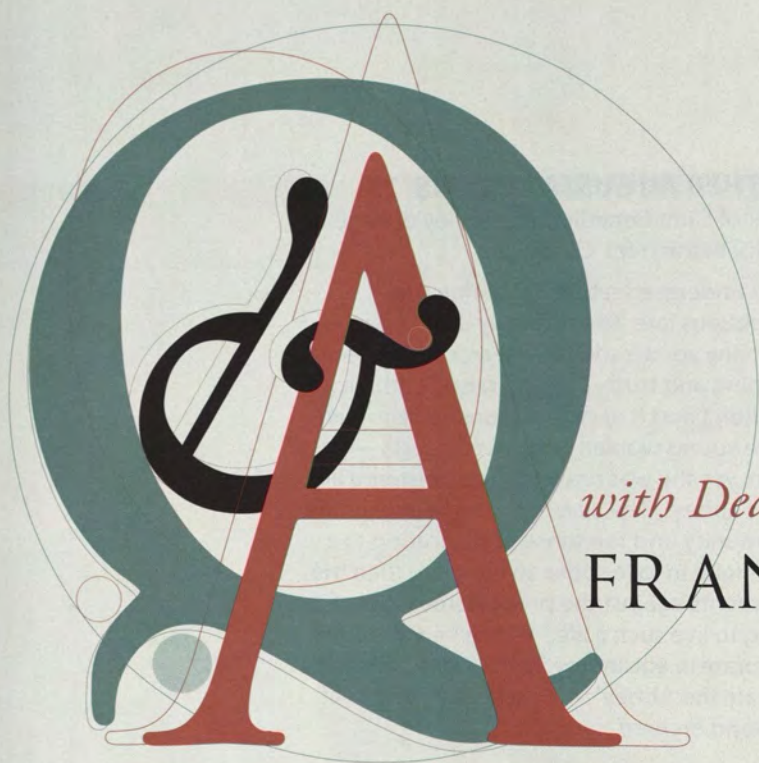
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Order of Saint Benedict, The Abbey of Regina Laudis, Bethlehem, Conn.

Kuppens was a freshman at CC when she first visited Regina Laudis. She was particularly struck by the abbey's strong sense of community and 1,500 years of tradition. "Regina Laudis had something solid and deep," she says. "Its members radiated a joy that was increasingly hard to come by as the experiments of the '60s began to fade, and idealism turned to cynicism." With a doctorate in English, she serves as the abbey librarian, heads up the kitchen, and helps produce best-selling recordings of the Gregorian chants that help support the abbey. The nuns' fourth CD, "Announcement of Christmas," was recorded this spring.



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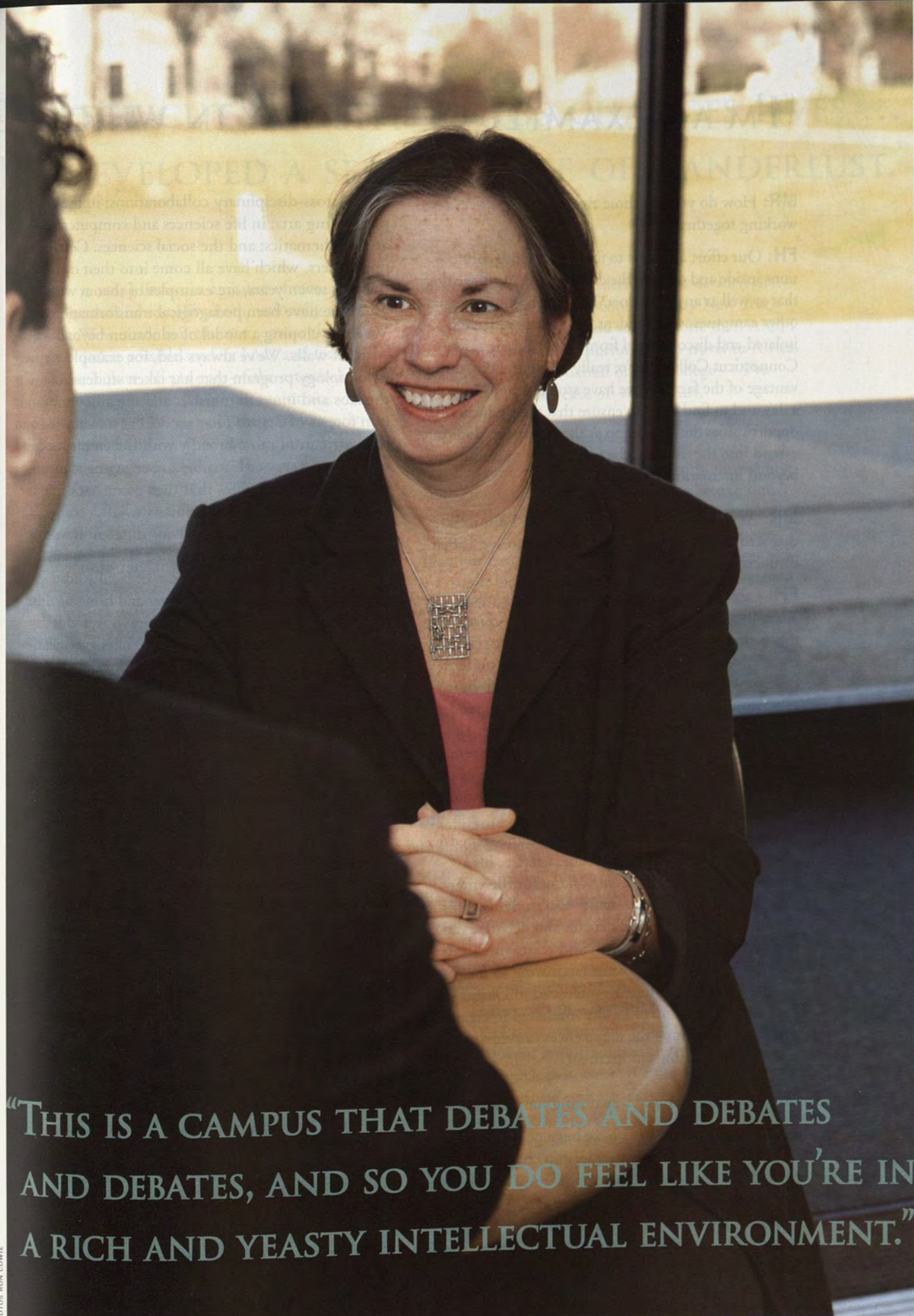
FRANCES HOFFMANN

AS SHE LEAVES THE OFFICE OF DEAN OF THE FACULTY TO RETURN TO TEACHING IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES AND SOCIOLOGY, FRANCES HOFFMANN REFLECTS ON HER ROLES IN "THE BEST OF THE WORLD OF HIGHER EDUCATION." MICHAEL REDER '86, DIRECTOR OF THE COLLEGE'S CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING, SHARED A CONVERSATION WITH HOFFMANN ON A SPRING MORNING.

Michael Reder: Fran, you've played two major roles here at the College; you first came here in 2000 as the dean of the college and then became dean of the faculty. Can you talk about that trajectory?

Frances Hoffman: The dean of the college role is essentially the student side of the educational program, overseeing residential life, health services, the counseling center and academic advising — all of the efforts we make to create an educational environment that is as rich outside of the classroom as it is inside. That role put me in direct contact with students, and I came to have a better understanding of who they were, what talents they were bringing to the College, what aspirations they had. I worked very closely with the Student Government Association. I also taught two seminars on gender issues and higher education.

The dean of the faculty is responsible for the faculty and academic side: hiring, tenure, promotion, working with faculty governance processes around academic program and policy and overseeing the academic departments and interdisciplinary programs. So, for me the two positions combine the best features of residential colleges.



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MR: How do you see those two different offices working together?

FH: Our effort always is to forge very close connections inside and outside the classroom. I think we do that as well as anybody does. This often is a divide on other campuses, with student life personnel feeling isolated and disconnected from the academic side. At Connecticut College, we're really trying to take full advantage of the fact that we have students here 24 hours a day and to find ways to ensure that their educational opportunities don't just stop at the classroom door but extend into the campus, the field, the community and beyond internationally.

MR: As someone who has taught here, I appreciate that strong connection. What else do you see as being distinctive about Connecticut College?

FH: I always start with the beauty of the College. We're in a landscape that has led to a very strong environmental appreciation. Also, we have a very civically engaged student body. It's the most serious student government association I've ever worked with in my experience, and that's reinforced by the honor code.

On the faculty side, this is a campus with an extraordinarily strong faculty governance system, so that the dean of the faculty really is in a role of supporting and feeding ideas, but the work is done by the faculty.

One feature of this campus I'd cite is the shared sense of ownership. It's hard to characterize. It's a combination of pride and enthusiasm for the enterprise, and it's felt by both faculty and students. This is a campus that debates and debates and debates, and so you do feel like you're in a rich and yeasty intellectual environment. My days are just fascinating to me. I go from meetings with students interested in Darfur to meeting with a group of faculty interested in creating new ways of teaching the life sciences to evolving new strategies for parking enforcement.

MR: What has changed here during your seven years?

FH: The past seven years have been periods of real transition at the College. Leadership changes always create both uncertainty and opportunity. We've been coming to terms with who we are as an institution and how we want to forge our future.

As for the day-to-day educational program, there has been great forward motion. Interdisciplinarity is one of them. The programs that have inspired the most enthusiasm have been those that are bringing to-

gether cross-disciplinary collaborations; in the arts and performing arts; in life sciences and computer sciences and mathematics; and the social sciences. Certainly, our centers, which have all come into their own over the past seven years, are examples of that as well.

There have been pedagogical transformations also. We're developing a model of education beyond walls, without walls. We've always had, for example, a strong field biology program that has taken students out of the labs and into salt marshes and the arboretum and rain forests of Belize. That model has now moved into the curriculum more broadly with the emphasis, for example, on service learning and engaging students in community activities that then come back into the classroom as part of their course work.

Finally, I think we are evolving different ways that faculty and students are connected. There are still idyllic images, from decades past, of faculty hosting students in their homes for dinner and bringing them into family life. The reality of faculty lives in this day and age is working against that kind of engagement. Instead, the close faculty-student relationships for which Connecticut College has always been known are being forged in the laboratories, studios, in shared research and independent study.

MR: Can you talk a little bit about the teaching and learning interaction inside the classroom?

FH: We have come to appreciate the integral connections between faculty scholarship and their teaching. A revolution in teaching has taken place, and the Center for Teaching and Learning on campus is one of our jewels in terms of putting us on the national landscape.

If you walk into a classroom today, you will not observe what you would have 30 or 40 years ago. We have innovated and experimented with teaching techniques that maximize student learning and develop curious, intellectually alive, disciplined students who acquire knowledge, but also participate in the creation of that knowledge. The idea of a shared body of knowledge is now out the window. There is simply too much knowledge out there, and it's growing at a pace that boggles the mind.

MR: What other changes have taken place during your tenure?

FH: The big conversation throughout my history here has been around diversity issues; around how to ensure that students are receiving in the courses that we offer information about and opportunities to engage with

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the rapidly growing literature on issues of race, ethnicity, class, gender and sexuality, both nationally and cross nationally. We've made real efforts to ensure that we attract the broadest possible student body and faculty and that our curriculum reflects state-of-the-art scholarship.

In that context, I think another major accomplishment of this college in the past few years has been the establishment of the Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity.

MR: What remains to be done?

FH: There are a couple of projects in the works that are part of our strategic priorities that I really care about, and I'm sorry to be leaving. One of them is the whole question of the second phase of internationalization for us. The international cultural commons is the shorthand term we are using to talk about this conceptual framework, and we are just in the beginning stages of planning. The second is the life sciences/computer sciences/mathematics center — a central aspiration for us.

MR: Of the three things you mentioned, it seems the international cultural commons has been under wide discussion for the shortest time in the community. Can you tell me a little bit more about the idea behind that?

FH: The international cultural commons is conceived as a grand synthesis of the student life side and academic side of the College, in that it would bring into one place residential opportunities for students who have deep international interests. Think about our foreign language tables and meals as we traditionally do in Knowlton House, but add to it technology that would bring in cultures of the world; news broadcasts from all over the world; programs in many different languages. The foreign language laboratory would be located there and our international program offices as well.

MR: I know you like to travel. Tell me a little bit about that and what you do every year.

FH: I'm an example of the way in which the Connecticut College ethos changes lives. I came to Connecticut College enjoying travel and, in fact, in 1997 had an opportunity to go to Belize with my two sons over New Year's. We did a 10-day Amazon

boat trip that was so wonderful that I decided that I would be in a different country every New Year's for the rest of my life. And so, I've done that. And, I have had wonderful opportunities to travel to Africa, Asia and Europe on behalf of the College — I've developed a serious case of wanderlust.

MR: Do you have other plans for this summer?

FH: I've tried to inspire in my own sons, now young adults, the same commitment we have here to understanding the world. So, I'm proud of the fact that my older son Jake is completing his Ph.D. in sociology this summer. And I told him that his graduation present would be a trip anywhere in the world he wanted to go as long as I came along! So, my two sons and a girlfriend and I will be in Mozambique this summer. I'll be on sabbatical in the fall and will deeply engage in research. In the spring of 2008 I'll be leading a group of students with Rolf Jensen from the department of economics on a Study Away/Teach Away semester in Vietnam.

MR: Finally, as Connecticut College prepares to enter its second century, how do you see the role of the small residential liberal arts college and higher education in general?

FH: The smaller colleges educate fewer than five percent of the college-going population. The educational opportunities in the United States for students are vast, ranging from huge state university systems to for-profit educational opportunities. These small, precious, residential, four-year undergraduate communities are just a tiny sliver of the higher education landscape. I have a deep belief that the reason we're going to stay an important part of the higher education landscape is that we are the models of the very best undergraduate education there is. ●

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MICHAEL REDER '86, DIRECTOR OF THE
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They come from different countries, different hemispheres and different cultures.

But Associate Professor of Ethnobotany Manuel Lizarralde and senior Dulguun Baasandavaa have found a common interest in archery and the making of bows and arrows. The soft-spoken Baasandavaa, a native of Mongolia, contrasts with the outgoing Lizarralde, who hails from Venezuela. But on a rainy Friday morning in late April, both are animated as they discuss bow-making and archery in Lizarralde's kitchen over coffee and venison.

Growing up in Venezuela, Lizarralde collected indigenous bows from the Bari, Pumeh, Pemon and Yanomami Indians. As an anthropology student at the University of California at Berkeley — he earned his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. there — Lizarralde connected with several local archers who had learned about his extensive collection of South American bows. With the help of his mentors at Berkeley, Lizarralde learned how to make traditional indigenous bows and began competing in archery. Since 1989, he has made more than 300 bows and 500 arrows.

In addition to practicing his archery on a daily basis, Lizarralde hunts local game with his homemade bows.

Baasandavaa, known as "Dugie" to friends, arrived at Connecticut College in the fall of 2004, having attended high school in Victoria, British Columbia. Lizarralde was asked to "adopt" the student, a mentoring role often arranged for international students on campus. From that point, student and professor formed a strong bond, with the student frequently eating dinner at the professor's home.

"I mean nothing against the food in the dining halls, but in Mongolia, we eat fresh meat and much more of it in our

daily diet," says Dugie, an economics and mathematics double major. "And I am used to eating the entire animal, as opposed to select pieces that people eat here. At Manuel's house we always have amazing meals, because he often cooks the food immediately after hunting."

Despite the popularity of archery in Mongolia — it is the country's national pastime — Dugie had never made or shot a bow before meeting Lizarralde. After he saw the extensive bow collection displayed in Lizarralde's home, Dugie became interested in trying the sport.

Lizarralde taught Dugie how to shoot a bow using targets in his backyard. It was soon clear that the novice had an instinctive gift. "He has a natural talent for it because he has such a good sense of concentration," says Lizarralde. "Archery requires really intense concentration; some call it a form of meditation. Good archers need to make careful calculations and trust their aim in order to meet the center of the target."

Two years ago, Lizarralde and Dugie began the complex process of making an Asiatic composite bow. They ordered four, two-foot long water buffalo horns off the Internet from Vietnam and used sinew from the back-leg tendons of some deer. "We were learning as we went along," Lizarralde says.

During the reign of the infamous Genghis Khan in the 13th century, the Mongolian Empire extended from the eastern coast of China all the way west to the edge of the Roman Empire in Hungary. Khan's army was able to achieve such dominance through its unique military technique, highlighted by its cavalry's use of the extremely powerful Asiatic composite bow. Eight hundred years later, the bow remains an effective tool for hunting and archery.

Compared to the more common, simple bow, the Asiatic complex bow casts arrows three times the distance because of the horn and sinew from the deer tendon. In addition to being the weapon of choice for the Mongolian empire, it also was important to the Egyptian, Ottoman and Persian Empires.

"The sinew from the deer tendon is very elastic and a horn can take much more compression [2,400 pounds vs. 300 pounds] than wood," says Lizarralde. "This allows the bow to store much more energy and cast the arrow much farther. But it also takes almost a year of work to make one."

Dugie returned to Mongolia last summer and explored his newfound interest in archery. "Like Americans celebrating their independence day with large festivities on July 4, we celebrate our independence day on July 11," he says. "There is a national festival with a huge competition in my hometown, [the capital of] Ulaanbaatar, featuring Mongolia's three most popular traditional sports: wrestling, archery and horse racing. I was able to go and see these world-class archers, who traveled from around the world to compete."

During a school break this year, Dugie stayed at the professor's home for two weeks to work on the bow exclusively. Working with the sinew from the deer tendons was especially time-consuming because the pieces needed to be split by hand. The entire drying process takes at least a year. After graduation, Dugie will spend the month of June working on bows with Lizarralde before moving to Boston. Lizarralde hopes to complete an Asiatic composite bow in the future. ●

by Paul Dryden '07

POINTS




ANNE-MARIE LIZARRALDE

MANUEL LIZARRALDE

An ethnobotany professor and his protege find a common point for friendship: archery and the making of an extraordinary bow.

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by Carolyn Battista

"I love handling the stuff

says Nova Seals, the librarian for special collections and archives at the Charles E. Shain Library. "I like reading documents, seeing how stories unfold, and looking at photographs, trying to figure out what was going on."

Seals is delighted to be back in New London, after taking an unexpected route.

She graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1999, but her Coast Guard career ended almost immediately when the necessity of surgery to correct a jaw-joint disorder brought a medical discharge. As she sought a new career, her interest in history and its materials led her to the Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science, with an internship at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum. Shortly before her Simmons graduation, she mentioned to a friend how much she'd liked New London. "There's a job opening there," her friend said. Seals investigated and came to the College in 2004.

Today she lives in New London with her husband, Kelly (an electrical engineering instructor at the Academy), and their year-old son, Anderson.

On the third floor of Shain Library, a building she often visited as a government-major cadet, Seals oversees some 3,500 linear feet of

**Memory
Keeper**

of history,”

printed or written materials, along with about 3,000 images. There are letters, diaries, scrapbooks, annual reports, faculty-meeting minutes, campus architectural records, College catalogs, yearbooks, student newspapers and more, dating from the College's beginnings to the present. Also stored are two special collections of materials related to the Arboretum and to the American Dance Festival, as well as an informal collection of camel-related objects (possibly the only academic collection in America with cuddly stuffed camels).

The history of the College unfolds not only in its institutional records but also in the personal records of its alumni, staff and faculty. “Those provide insight into particular times, particular people,” Seals says. Her job is to sort, identify and make materials available.

When current students ask about earlier CC students in their families, Seals brings out the old yearbooks. One student learned a bit about a grandmother she never got to meet, through yearbook notes about a young woman who was always running to class, because she was always late. Another student cried when she saw her grandmother — young and beautiful — in a yearbook photo.

Frequently, Seals gets requests for copies of a silent film of a 1920's graduation, complete with procession, laurel chain and a concert (seen but not heard) on the green. Then there's the recurring October request: “Every year, around Halloween, I get at least 10 requests, from faculty, students and staff about campus ghosts,” she says.

She's pleased when she can help a researcher find new paths. One student sought information on Vinal Cottage — once a co-op where students did all the cleaning and cooking — for an architecture course. Seals found material that included correspondence about the termination of the home economics major at the College, including a letter from a dismayed businessman who loved the way his wife, a CC alumna, had learned to keep a tidy house and cook delicious meals. The student gained material for a gender studies course in the archives as well.

Seals relishes what she calls the “treasure hunt” for information and the “aha!” of a truly enlightening discovery.

Donations to the archives are welcome, especially those with documentation and those in areas where there are now gaps. For instance, she points to a shortage of varied material on campus life in the 1970s and early 1980s. “Conn went coed in 1969, and the 1970s was a particularly important time in the institution's history. We really should have more historical documentation to represent that period,” she notes.

Recently she saw something to fill an earlier gap. The archives hold only three pictures of the College's first president, Frederick H. Sykes, but when a man whose aunt was in the Class of 1919 invited Seals to look into the boxes in his garage, she spotted a publication with a photo, taken by the aunt, of President Sykes. Now she hopes to find the original photo.

But to all of us who have photos that matter (and may matter more than we realize), Seals says: Do not put them in a garage. See the accompanying sidebar for more of her good advice. ●

Take care of family photographs,

Seals advises, because they tell so much about your own life and the lives of your ancestors and relatives. Besides, she adds, “You never know what somebody's future holds.” She recalls working during her internship with a much sought-after photo of a four-year-old named Ernest Hemingway. “His parents had no idea what he would be,” she notes.

Seals' tips for photo care:

- Use acid-free papers and binders, available from companies such as lightimpressionsdirect.com.
- Use Mylar-D, polyester or polypropylene photo sleeves.
- Mark sleeves (before inserting photos) with pigma pens or film-marking pens.
- Use acid-free mounting corners — or triangular tabs — to position photos in scrapbooks.
- Avoid adhesives, which will damage photos over time.
- Don't store photos (or family documents) anywhere damp, dusty or susceptible to flooding. Attics, basements and garages — all popular spots — are not good choices.



Allison Arneill '96, MA '98

A life coach helps others — and herself — to find new directions

▶“**WHAT ARE** some wildly improbable goals you have for yourself and your life? Which activities do you enjoy so much that you lose track of time? What did you love to do as a child?” These are the sorts of questions Allison Arneill '96, a life coach and owner of BlissBound Coaching and Leadership, asks her clients.

Life coaching is a practice of assisting individuals to determine and achieve personal goals. Coaches draw from a variety of disciplines, including management consulting, leadership training, sociology, psychology, career counseling and mentoring. It's a good fit for Arneill, who is passionate about teaching, writing, speaking and working with individuals and groups.

“People are turning to coaches to help empower themselves to be the ultimate leaders and authorities in their own lives; to create and truly self-author lives that are fulfilling and balanced; to achieve visions that are beyond what they may believe is possible or can achieve alone,” says Arneill, who opened her business in 2003.

A lecturer in CC's Psychology Department (where she earned her graduate degree in '98), Arneill uses her background in psychology, as well as her intuition, to help clients strengthen their self-identified weak spots and actualize their deepest desires.

Extremely spirited and highly organized, Arneill “truth-talks.” Candor is her chosen language; she takes her clients to task. At a group coaching session she conducted in February for nine women, ages 25 to 65, Arneill's

exuberant style elicited everything from note-taking to tears and hugs. As they were leaving, one woman remarked that she felt as though she had hired someone to do a phenomenal spring cleaning — for her soul.

Like many young entrepreneurs, Arneill has no background in business. She succeeds because she has a need to help people better themselves. Altruistic and energetic, Arneill is committed to bringing honesty and calculated questions to her clients to force them to look within and assess how to foster greater fulfillment and joy.

“We all silently throw a lot of great

visions and dreams into the garbage because our minds can't fathom how we'd build them,” she says. “But the truth is, a lot of the dreams that become reality — great works of art, civilizations, world-changing ideas and inventions — don't come from the mind and intellect. They come from a place far more primitive, the heart.”

Arneill believes that many of us engage in patterns that squelch our dreams. Her primary goals are to get clients to stretch outside the boundaries they've unwittingly constructed, to let go of inhibitions and let potential shine.

Our excuses — that our dreams are

Allison Arneill's Life-Coaching Questions

WHO ARE YOU?

Who are you really, at the core? Where does your limitless potential lie dormant? How do you hold back? What brilliance have you yet to claim? What's blocking the “real you?”

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?

What do you really want — from your life, work, relationships, self, this very moment? What does bliss look like for you? What will you be doing? Who will you be when you are living the ultimate vision for your life? What would your life look like if you dreamed bigger, if you asked for MORE?

WHAT'S IT GOING TO TAKE TO GET THERE?

What will it take to commit to your vision? What are you willing to give up for that vision? How does fear of failure or success hold you back? How far are you willing to go?

Ellen C.L. Simmons '69, P'04

"We all silently throw a lot of great visions and dreams into the garbage because our minds can't fathom how we'd build them."

silly or they're not economically wise — are lies to keep us stuck, she says. "I'm here to help people recover lost dreams and to help bring them to life."

By launching BlissBound, Arneill is living a dream bigger than she once thought possible. There was a time when she would not have described herself as a risk-taker. But, when she was uncertain about her life path several years ago, she invested in her first coaching workshop with Martha Beck, the *New York Times* bestselling author and *O Magazine* columnist. That experience gave her momentum, leading her so far into her field of dreams that she, like Beck, made coaching a career.

Arneill received her coaching training from North Star/Martha Beck (www.liveyournorthstar.com), the Coaches Training Institute (www.thecoaches.com), and, she insists, life itself.

She says her career is extremely gratifying. "Bliss, for me, is a feeling of profound inner peace, exhilaration and freedom. I get that feeling from helping others be who they really are and do what they love." Arneill regularly asks herself the same questions she poses to her clients, which helps to keep her on track. An outdoor enthusiast and nature lover, she enjoys sailing, meditation and yoga.

"We all, individually and as a society, would be a lot healthier, happier and fulfilled if we would find and live that unique 'thing' (purpose, potential, heart's desire ... whatever you want to call it) and live it!" she says.



RICHARD BERTONE

ARNEILL AND HER YELLOW LAB, ABBY.

On Arneill's Web site is one of her favorite quotes, by Joseph Campbell: "When you follow your bliss ... doors will open where you would not have thought there would be a door, and where there wouldn't be a door for anyone else." — Meghan Ryan '97

For more information on Arneill and life-coaching, visit www.blissbound.com.

Freelance writer Jordana Gustafson '01 will report on her coaching experience with Arneill in a future issue.

Jonathan DiCarlo '97

Software Developer, Humanized Inc., Chicago, Illinois

›**“ONE OF THE THINGS** you should know about me,” warns Jonathan DiCarlo '97, “is that I am just a huge nerd in every way that it is possible to be nerdy.”

He recently dug out his copy of David J. Griffiths' *Introduction to Electrodynamics*, lugged it to Chicago's Tattoo Factory and had Maxwell's Equations inked in black onto his upper right arm. (The equations describe the interactions between electromagnetic fields.)

“Maxwell's Equations are great,” DiCarlo later blogged on his Web site, evilbrainjono.net. “Unlike, say, quantum mechanics, they're something I can actually grok.”

For those who didn't read Robert Heinlen's *Stranger in a Strange Land*, “grok” is Martian for “drink,” or modern counter-culture lingo for “empathize with” and “understand deeply.”

But vector calculus isn't all DiCarlo is grokking these days. After earning a master's degree in computer science from the University of Chicago in 2005, DiCarlo joined three friends and colleagues to create Humanized Inc., a start-up that launched its first product in January: a

Windows add-on called Enso.

Enso is intended to make personal computers easier to use by changing the way the user interacts with the computer.

“We want to revolutionize computer interfaces,” says DiCarlo.

Enso allows the user to move from a Word document, to Google, to a dictionary, to a calculator without ever taking his fingers from the keys. DiCarlo explains that taking your hands off the keyboard to grab the mouse and hunt through drop-down menus in order to find and open different applications, breaks concentration and causes you to lose valuable time.

“Most software companies are thinking inside the box, and there are some very basic possibilities that have sort of been overlooked,” says DiCarlo. DiCarlo and his cohorts have also been tooling with the idea of reorganizing the keyboard, getting rid of seldom-used keys like “Home” and “End,” and adding a highly-functional key below the spacebar.

DiCarlo wouldn't call himself a genius (especially after grad school where, he says, he “felt like Forrest Gump”), but at age 27, memories of high school and college are fading fast. That's because he began at CC at age 13. By the time he graduated at 17, the physics major was still more interested in conquering Super Nintendo's hot new release, Chrono Trigger, than in spending extra time in the lab.

Still, he has clear memories of a life-changing experimental physics course he took with Oakes Ames Professor of Physics Arlan Mantz, who remembers DiCarlo as an enthusiastic student. In experimental physics, the student

conducts experiments with minimum guidance from the professor. Students present the findings of their experiments in a “manuscript” describing the results. It is the last experimental course before students begin work with professors in their research labs.

“The course taught me a lot about clear thinking and clear writing, trying to find your own errors and correct them, step-by-step analytical thinking, and not taking anything for granted,” says DiCarlo. “This way of thinking is extremely valuable in what I'm doing now.”

DiCarlo isn't completely sure what his future holds, but he hopes it includes earning his second-degree black belt in Aikido, which he began studying while teaching English in Japan for three years after college. And he's likely to spend more time volunteering with One Laptop Per Child, a nonprofit association whose goal is to develop and provide impoverished children in remote regions of the world with high-tech, self-powered, user-friendly laptops that take the place of teachers.

“For a certain type of person, computer programming is the most fun you can possibly have. And that's me,” says DiCarlo. “The only thing that would be better would be something that more directly helps out people in the world.”

DiCarlo's tattoo is inked in black, but at the end of the third line is a red question mark.

“Because in real life, we're not sure if it's true or not,” he says. “Science is always a work in progress, and that's kind of my philosophy of life.”

—Jordanna Gustafson '01

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Ellen C.L. Simmons '69, P'04

Major: Sociology

Current home: Houston, Texas

CC Trustee 1994-2004

Why I chose Connecticut College: I loved the campus. I loved the reputation of the College, and a lot of my friends from Northfield School were going there.

Favorite professors: Barrie Shepherd had a great teaching style—he was so genuine and so easy to chat with. June Macklin was warm and engaging. Her classes were small and there was a lot of discussion. And George Willauer was such a gentleman and so very educated. He taught my daughter, Abby '04, too. It was fun to see him when I was back on campus more often.

Favorite spot on campus: First is the steps of the old Palmer library, Blaustein, sitting there and looking out onto Long Island Sound. I lived in Harkness all four years. I always looked for a room with a window that would give me that view of the Sound. Second favorite is the Arboretum. We used to ride horses there and I loved going to Buck Lodge.

What I miss most about Conn: My classmates. I miss everyday life on the campus, the camaraderie of living with all my friends. We're still all very close. Staying in touch, hearing back is great. It reminds you that years may go by but you're still connected.

Most recent gift: My husband Matt and I created the Simmons Family Student Life Fund to support new student life projects. For example, we are bringing speakers and concerts to campus and giving faculty stipends for dinners with students. When I was a trustee I loved working with the students. We thought this fund would really make a difference in their lives.

Why I give: I believe in Connecticut College. It's one of the best small liberal arts colleges in the country, and my education has served me well over my lifetime. I'm so proud of what the College has done. I'm so proud of our outstanding alumni and our faculty and our new president, Lee Higdon. I travel a lot, and I run into alumni everywhere I go. It's fun. It's always a great connection.

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Virginia Deuel writes, "The news from 1937 has been nil for so long, I'll try to encourage others to write. I still live in my house in the country—West Falls, NY. Many retirement homes have tempted me, but I can't bear to leave my comfy home. Maybe soon. Healthwise, I'm pretty good. Biggest problem is my vision (macular degeneration). Can't drive anymore—large handicap. Over the years I've composed about 14 songs and had them arranged for piano music. Mostly love ballads; one for American Airlines and two hymns. The hymns have been sung in four churches. Please pitch in, '37!"

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Marj Mintz Deitz's daughter, Jane Adolph, wrote that her mother had been a resident of St. Patrick's Manor in

Framingham, MA. In 2004, Marj was in a bad automobile accident and sustained a serious head injury. Later she moved to an assisted-living facility in Sudbury. Marj is now in good shape physically, but, like many of us, she gets confused.

Roy and **Anne Oppenheim Freed** are hard to keep up with. Their many social and intellectual activities, plus involvement with their children and grandchildren, all take time. Anne introduced a new program for two Bulgarian social workers to observe the care of abused and neglected children at the Home for Little Wanderers in Boston and in connection with the Massachusetts Department of Social Services. Roy co-founded the Cape Cod Museum of Art in Dennis, MA, with noted artist and potter Harry Holl. Roy does humorous "found object" sculptures. Several years ago they recommended a Bulgarian student to apply for a scholarship at CC. He did and loves it there.

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Irene Kennel Pecoc is recovering from hip replacement surgery in a rehab facility. She hopes to be back in her apartment soon. She was impressed with the Fall issue of the alumni magazine.

Margaret Haddad MacDonald and her husband left in Jan. on a Scotland Goes to Sea Cruise to the Caribbean on the Maasdam. Ten in her family joined 150 other Scotsmen on the cruise, enjoying Scottish food, music and entertainers. This was their second trip with the group, and they'd had a fabulous time previously. Before they left their home in FL, they spent Christmas in CT with their family.

Laeita Pollock Israelite and husband Norman have sold their homes in Delray, FL, and Norwich, CT, and moved to Norumbega Point, an independent-living establishment in Weston, MA. They have six great-grandchildren.

Jane Holcombe Dewey and husband are in a Quaker-run retirement community that resembles a coeducational graduate school. Jane takes courses at Dartmouth College to keep her mind "greased." They now have 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Miriam Brooks Butterworth has written her memoir and sent me the last copy of four parts. It is fascinating reading and a treasure for her children and grandchildren. She served on panels on military spending and "thinking globally but acting locally." She traveled to Central America with friends and also took a contingent of her family to a B&B in Greece in April.

Evelyn Gilbert Thorner's three daughters visited her in FL—Sue from Scottsdale, AZ; Lynn from Tenaflly, NJ; and Nancy from Winterhaven, FL. Evelyn also spent time in VT and NH last summer with her daughters. Grandson John was married a few years ago. Michael is at law school in RI, and Ben is in CA working at Live Nation. Granddaughter Andrea will be married in Sept. Evelyn misses not being able to drive anymore.

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It's a rare '41 column that doesn't report on a trip by our peripatetic class president, **Chips Van Rees Conlon**, and this one is no exception. Chips flew to FL for her Thanksgiving holiday...talk about jet-setting! Most direct news from Chips was her letter to all about '41's class reunion last June: rainy, but spirited! Only four classmates were in attendance: Chips, **Priscilla (Dux) Duxbury Wescott-Huber**, **Thea Dutcher Coburn** and **Margaret Kerr Miller**.

Janice Heffernan Whiting is "still all right." She lives in her own home and is still traveling, taking a trip every summer. Last summer she and her daughter went to Ireland, which Janice loved—her father was Irish. Janice's grandmother's home was across from the Thames River's Mamacoke Island, a wild



"Reunion," 1988, acrylic, 38 x 46". This painting includes images of the children in her neighborhood. Her son is riding the pony. Her daughter holds a yellow balloon.

Linda Lee Howe '72

A Pathway to the Soul

ART IS A TOOL to carving a pathway to your heart and soul," says Linda Lee Howe '72, a visual artist, storyteller and teacher. Self-knowledge through art is her goal.

A fine arts major at Connecticut College, Howe has also studied in Rome through the Tyler School of Art



and at the Art Institute of Boston.

Howe draws inspiration from nature and animals but also fantastical creatures, like dragons. She takes a multimedia approach to her work, using crayons, pencils, watercolors and oils in a style she calls magical realism. Howe also creates handmade books, writes poetry and takes photographs.

A professional storyteller for 20 years, she uses inspirational poetry and puppets in her storytelling seminars, along with a mono-print process called "Touch Drawing" that uses the hands and oil paint to create works of personal expression.

"This process, which I started doing six years ago, is exciting for me because it is direct and uses my hands. It's an in-

itation to open into the inner world."

The artist has been exhibiting her work since 1974 at libraries, galleries, schools and nature centers. Her murals are on permanent exhibition at the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education in Philadelphia and the Ludington Library in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

An exhibition of her work, "A Storyteller's Gallery — Love Has Won," was at the Library of the Chathams in the artist's hometown of Chatham, N.J., last Dec.

"The exhibit seemed to have a life of its own, and I hope that it encouraged and inspired others to express themselves, especially their spirituality, in as many ways as possible," she says.

and unspoiled place that is now under the jurisdiction of the Arboretum. The island played a big part in Janice's childhood.

Leann Donahue Rayburn is in fine health. She has been in the same house for 53 years. She does a lot of cooking and recently had her kitchen remodeled. This was the inspiration for her Thanksgiving dinner for 11 guests, with 11 different dishes—a feast that took three days' preparation! Leann is in touch with **Sally Kiskadden McClelland**.

Sally Kiskadden McClelland went to NYC on her 88th birthday to see Shaw's "Heartbreak House" with her son, Bill, and his wife, Jean, who live close to the city. Sally moved from MI to Great Barrington, MA, seven years ago. She loves the beauty of the Berkshires, and her son, Tim, lives nearby with his wife, Carrie, and their two daughters. Tim is a jewelry designer and has a store in town. After Sally was widowed, she traveled with a friend to Egypt, Spain, Turkey, Syria, Japan and Thailand. The highlight of the trip was two weeks in Cambodia visiting the temple of Angkor Wat. Last summer Sally attended a concert at Tanglewood with **Lois Altschul Aaron**, who lives in Cleveland and visits her daughter in Northampton, MA.

Claire Haines Fairley fell recently, cracking a kneecap and pulling a tendon, in addition to bruising her face. We hope you are on the mend! Claire enjoyed a family reunion at Thanksgiving. Her last trip was a cruise on the *Queen Mary 2* with her nephew and his wife. She thought the ship was too big. (They keep making cruise ships bigger and bigger, and most people would prefer smaller ships.) Claire recalls taking a whitewater raft down the Snake River on a visit to the Northwest.

After college, co-correspondent **Ethel (Happy) Moore Wills** worked on Long Island at Pepsi-Cola headquarters. She married Ted Wills and had a son a month before Ted went off to the South Pacific. When he returned, they moved to Birmingham, MI, where they had two daughters and lived for 30 years. On retirement, they moved north and built a house

on the shore of Lake Michigan. Ethel's son now lives in that home, and she lives in a smaller house in the nearby village of Northport. She is involved in politics, sits on several boards and loves life. Ethel now has 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In college, **Janice (Jasper) Reed Harman** was an Auerbach major, and after graduation she went to work at G. Fox in Hartford. She eventually changed jobs, then met and married Jerry. They had six weeks together before he went off to the South Pacific for a year and a half. They have been married 62 years. Their two children live in the L.A. area. When her son recently turned 60, Jasper cried all day. She has four grandchildren. Jasper and Jerry have lived in Poughkeepsie and Providence, and six years ago they moved to Duncaster in Bloomfield, near West Hartford, CT. There are other CC "girls" there, but no '41ers.

I, **Kay Ord McChesney**, had hoped to conclude the column with news of a renewed driver's license, but I still haven't passed the test. Bummer!

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Peggy Keagy Whittemore lives on Cape Cod, where she keeps busy transporting people to visit friends in nursing homes and hospitals, belongs to a book club and two retired clergy groups (her husband was a minister), and attends the Cape Cod Symphony concerts regularly. The people at Thirregular, the retirement residence where she lives, are "amazing, with fascinating backgrounds and interests, and wonderfully congenial. Each new resident brings a fresh addition to the mix." Peggy is "totally confounded by the computer" and threatens to divorce it, but it is too good a communicator. She ended her annual Christmas letter by writing, "I wish the world were in better shape, that anger and avarice, lust and looting, hatred and the horror of war would disappear." We all agree with that.

Audrey Nordquist Curtis' 80th birthday was pretty excit-

ing, with a surprise visit from her three children. Son Mark, who lives near the Curtis home in northern NJ, met his sister, Lynn, and brother, Gary, who live in the South, at Newark Airport, after which the three of them took Audrey and Fred out to dinner in Princeton. Audrey and Fred celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary last May at a Marriott resort near Atlantic City. They welcomed their ninth great-grandchild when Colson Peter Frank was born in Nov. in NC.

Adele Rosebrock Burr now lives in a retirement community in Louisville, KY, near son Peter and his wife, Kathy, and daughter, Carrie. Peter is a dentist. Adele has made many new friends, with whom she keeps busy playing bridge and poker, and going out to lunch. She returned to Naples, FL, to spend several months where she and Jack spent many winters before his death in 2005.

Franny Hyde Forde is recovering from abdominal surgery. She spent Christmas with daughter Nancy and son Rick and their families. Rick has a ski lodge in VT where she spent time this winter.

Justine Clark has recovered from a severe bout with spinal stenosis, which lasted for nearly a year. She credits much of her recovery to the water therapy she did so faithfully, three times a week for six months. In Sept., she returned to one of her favorite resorts, Sunny Hill, in Greenville, NY, where she started playing golf again. She also walks as much as possible, and in bad weather, she walks with a group in a local mall that opens early in the morning for the walkers. Justine has not started to play tennis again, but she hopes to. No matter how bad she felt, she never stopped playing bridge!

We recently lost five members of our class: **June Perry Mack** on 11/2/06, **Charlotte Davidson Young** on 10/31/06, **Florence Wilkison Kennedy** on 11/30/06, **Jean West Kaemmer** on 12/20/06 and **Eileen Bilodeau Kersey** on 11/16/06. Our class sends its sympathy to the families of our five deceased classmates.

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Mary Jane (Pineapple) Dole Morton is now in an assisted-living facility near her home in Aromas, CA. She still owns her avocado farm (her son is in charge of it right now), and she is concentrating on regaining her strength. I (Jane) have her address if you want to contact her.

Margaret Ann (Meg) Gibbons Young moved from Long Island to Weston, MA, to be near her children after George died several years ago. One granddaughter, a student at Harvard, is interested in Chile and has spent time there. Meg keeps in touch with Ralph Martin, husband of **Lois Nagel Martin**, who died in 2002.

In Branford CT, **Elizabeth Goodrich Barnes** is in good health; she enjoys walking daily, swimming and using an exercise bike. Her six children are widely scattered, including one in France and one in England. A granddaughter lives in Bali, Indonesia. Last summer, she met **Anne Godchaux Polock**, who lives in Baton Rouge, LA, but was in New England for a family reunion and asked Elizabeth to join them.

Charlotte (Tottie) Hosfeld Tarpy and Martin have celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. They still live in their home in Pawtucket, RI, with family nearby.

Their youngest grandchild is now 1, and another is due this spring. Tottie, originally from TX, is a real New Englander now, having lived there all of her married life. Tottie and Martin met through **Barbara Jane Garber**.

Jean Kohlberger Carter's granddaughter, Jenny Madden '07, was a senior at CC this year and loved every minute. Jean is as busy as ever with her extended family and friends. In 2005, she took her family to Europe on the *Queen Elizabeth 2*. Every summer they spend a weekend at Skytop, PA. Jean is an avid bridge player.

Several years ago, **Elizabeth (Teal) Middleton Brown** moved to Shelburne, VT, where she has a beautiful apartment

in a retirement community. I (**Jane Storms Wenneis**) visited her one afternoon last summer. There are many things to keep Teal busy, and she is doing a lot of painting.

Louise Radford Denegre and Tom are in a retirement community in Irvington, VA, where they have their own home. The Denegres moved around, including time in Belgium, before settling in VA. Two of their children are in VA, and one is in Spain. Last summer, they met **Virginia Railsback Neiley** (now living in Shelburne, VT) and **Emily Carl Davis** (now of Sarasota, FL) while vacationing in MI. The Denegres were there to spend time with the family of their Spain-based son, who were on a U.S. vacation.

Nan Thompson Wells came to CC from Bay City, MI, and after living in NYC and working for IBM for a year after graduation, returned to Bay City, where she married her childhood friend and raised her family. Her three children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild are widely scattered.

Carolyn Thomson Spicer moved to the mountains high above Asheville, NC, with husband Farnum many years ago. After becoming a widow, she decided several years ago to move into town. She now has a house in a retirement community in Asheville and finds it perfect. There's plenty to do and much less hard outside work. If you are nearby on a trip, she would enjoy a visit.

Isabel (Ebee) Vaughan James is still in East Aurora, NY, busy with volunteer activities and golf. She recently traveled to Belgium and Holland. One grandson, a Cornell graduate, is working in NYC as a legal assistant, hoping to go on to law school. A second grandson is a student at Bucknell. Ebee keeps in touch with **Lois Creighton Abbott**, who moved with husband Seth several years ago.

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Mary Adelaide (Mac) Cox Walker is happy and has many

friends in her Needham, MA, retirement center, near daughter Sally. Mac has three sons, one daughter and five grandchildren. Three grands are in CA—two in San Francisco, where one works for a food bank.

Elaine Koppel Winik and Norman live in Palm Beach, FL. He "has had dementia for 12 years—but he remains sweet and kind." Elaine's latest book, *Living with Dementia: A Love Story*, was published in 6/06.

Patsy Garrett Wieboldt writes, "This is a comfortable prison that I live in...these are not the golden years, in my opinion." Her raison d'être is the visits from her daughter. Two sons come by when they can, and the SPCA cat, Sam, keeps her company.

Jean Loomis Hendrickson looks better with a new perm. She still sings in the adult choir of her church. Son Paul and wife live in Richland, WA, a four-hour drive from Jean. Son Chris is on a sabbatical from Carnegie Mellon U. In 2006, Chris was elected as an AAAS fellow (American Association for the Advancement of Science).

Mona Friedman Jacobson went to Monticello, VA, with her daughter and son-in-law. She usually stays in NC. Mona attended a CC reception in Chapel Hill; she "was one of the oldest CC graduates there, but it was great fun." She plays lots of bridge and attends lectures on world affairs.

Ruth Louise Hine, who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, is doing reasonably well with medication. She uses a wheelchair when going out. Ruth still enjoys "our bird feeders, our friends."

Barbara Barlow Kelly Schaefer went to Fort Myers, FL, early this year, only to learn that Nov. in CT was mild. "Can't remember the author of *Old Age Is Not for Sissies*, but he'll get my Pulitzer!"

Nancy (Sizzle) Hotchkiss Marshall is still in the wonderful house they bought six years ago and is resisting moving to a retirement facility. She still skis and plays tennis. Nancy had a great summer with visits from grands and great-grands at the cottage in Niantic.

Martha Reid Hudson feels a bit foolish sending news since

h2>camels in the crowd

Bill Kavanaugh '81 produced and directed "Brick by Brick: A Civil Right's Story." The one-hour documentary aired on public television in February and at the Tupelo Film Festival in May. It focuses on three families in Yonkers, N.Y., in the middle of a confrontation over racial discrimination in housing and schools. The documentary tracks the landmark 1985 U.S. v. Yonkers Board of Education litigation. www.brick-by-brick.com



Kavanaugh '81

Mary Ann Rossi '52 is included in *Feminists Who Have Changed America, 1963-1975* (U. of Illinois Press, 2006).

Cynthia Enloe '60 received the Susan Strange Award from the International Studies Association in February. She is the first woman to receive this honor. Enloe is research professor of international development and women's studies at Clark University in Worcester, Mass. The Susan Strange Award was established in 1998 to recognize a person whose singular intellect, assertiveness and insight most challenged conventional wisdom and intellectual and organizational complacency in the international studies community during the previous year.

Linda Lear '62 received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Chatham College at their 135th commencement in April. The event also marked the 100th birthday of Chatham alumna Rachel Carson. Lear is the author of *Rachel Carson: Witness for Nature* (Holt, 1997). Lear, who holds a Ph.D. from George Washington U., is also the author of *Beatrix Potter: A Life in Nature* (St. Martin's Press, 2007).

Ellen Vitetta '64 received the lifetime achievement award from the American Association of Immunologists, the highest honor bestowed by the association on one of its members. Based at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School, in Dallas, Vitetta is a professor of microbiology, director of the Cancer Immunology Center and holder of the Scheryle Simmons Patigian Distinguished Chair in Cancer Immunology. The award was presented to Vitetta at the AAI's annual meeting in Miami in May.

In February, Trustee **Eduardo Castell '87** was promoted to executive deputy comptroller with the New York City Office of the Comptroller. Previously, he was deputy comptroller.

Jamie Rogers '04 was elected executive editor of *The Cornell Law Review*. He recently finished his second year at Cornell Law School and completed a three-year term as a young alumni trustee on the College's Board of Trustees.

she only spent one year at CC. "However," she wrote, "thanks for keeping in touch." She is well, living in her home by a cove on the eastern shore of MD. "Still painting and teaching—I'm a lucky old lady."

Jane Bridgewater Hewes made "a big trip to China—Beijing, Xian, Shanghai and nine days down the Yangtze. This is in recognition of our 60th and my 85th. A mind-boggling country!"

Frederica Giles Reilly lives in a very nice retirement home, St. James Place, in Baton Rouge, LA, but she misses New Orleans and her friends there. Daughter Peg, Peg's husband and two children live nearby. He is an assistant dean of architecture at LSU and worked with FEMA to help New Orleans. Her other daughter and son visit often.

Elizabeth Swisher Childs' son, Barry, wrote that despite the fact that she is in the later stages of Alzheimer's disease, the familiar qualities of Elizabeth's personality—her kindness, her courtesy and her delight in hearing from friends and family—have remained with her. She is in institutional care in Indianapolis, where Barry and his wife live. Her mail goes to his house; please contact the alumni office at 800-888-7549 for the address.

We are saddened to announce the passing of **Nancy Bennett Howell** on 1/4/07 in PA. The class sends its condolences to her son, Peter, and granddaughter, Katherine.

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Greetings '45 classmates! This is fun, because I have plenty of news! The postcards included in **Marje Lawrence Weidig's** recent class letter really helped.

Mary (Mabe) Watkins Wolpert and Henry now winter in Tucson, AZ, and enjoy the summer in Colorado Springs, CO. Both homes have lovely mountain views. Recently they traveled to Naples, FL, for a grandson's high-school graduation and to Portugal for a cruise of the Duera River.

Florence (Flo) Murphy

Gorman keeps active at the Y, her church and with community affairs.

Helen (Savvy) Savacool Underhill lives in the NC mountains. "Rocky knees but otherwise in shining health." She volunteers as a mediator. She and Francis started the Mediation Center about 15 years ago. They mediate in the schools, the courts and the community, with 15 mediators and over 1,000 cases a year! Son Paco travels the world speaking on environmental issues, and daughter Lisa, the scientist with two degrees in literature, edits and writes articles for medical journals. "Life is still good and love to all."

Natalie Bigelow Barlow and **Patricia (Patty) Turchon Peters** enjoyed lunch with **Ann House Brouse** at New Pond Village in Walpole, MA. Patty hadn't seen Ann in 62 years! Astounding. Nat has her usual activities, sees friends and family, and took two trips to GA to see daughter Gayle last year. Nat has also resumed watercolor painting, which she'd "dropped too long ago."

In Boulder, CO, **Louise Markley Delisle** is still teaching piano lessons. She is in touch with Corinne Myers Stransky and sends love to all who remember her!

Louise (Mugsie) Schwarz Allis went to Lake Forest, IL, for a mini-reunion with Corinne Myers Stransky, Elizabeth (Liz) Ruwitch Straus and Shirley Mellor Petry. It was great fun...there's nothing like old friends!

Marcia (Jo) Faust McNees is pleased to be at the Gables, a retirement community northwest of Boston and only 10 minutes from her nephew and family. Naturally, after 40 years in her house, the move was a nightmare, but Jo survived and is now enjoying her new life.

Barbara Avery Jubell spent Feb. and Mar. on Sanibel at her favorite beach condo. Every year Barb and I get together for lunch while she is nearby, often with **Pat Whitestone Dorsey**.

Shirley Armstrong Meneice was in AK last May ("wonderful") and saw polar bears in Churchill, Manitoba, in Oct. ("fascinating"). Also in Oct., she visited Longwood

and Winterthur Gardens for the Garden Club of America's annual Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference.

"It was just plain fabulous!" Shirley will judge at flower shows in San Antonio and Boston in 2007, and attend another Shirley M conference in Atlanta. She has been invited to join the Center for Plant Conservation. "That's a long way from Miss Tuve and Miss Bethurem!"

Nance Funston Wing is comfortably settled in a retirement community with so much to do that she wakes each morning hoping "that nothing special is planned today—I just want to loaf." She listed many activities, programs and trips (like to CC and the USCGA) that tempt her. A son and daughter, with their families, live in FL, while her younger son and his family live nearby in CT. Her grandchildren and three great-grandchildren are thriving around the world.

Margery (Midge) Rogers Safford moved to a retirement community in Chagrin Falls, OH, three years ago. In 12/06 she was featured in the community bulletin, which highlighted her married life, working career, worldwide travels and her love of swimming. She has swum in many major rivers...the Rio Grande, the Seine, the Nile, the Volga, the Ganges, the Rhine, the Danube, the Mississippi and OH's own Cuyahoga! Her present activities include reading to those who can't, assisting new residents in her community, and participating in the walking club and swimming group.

This has been a fun, upbeat column to put together, thanks to all who shared their news! Look forward to Sooner Reunion news in the next CC magazine.

However, I can't close without one sad item. **Louise Parker James** died on 11/16/06 in Portland, ME, where she and her family have lived since college. We extend our sympathy to her family.

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The Class of '46 sends sympathy to **Janet Kennedy**

Murdock, who lost her husband, John, on Feb. 16.

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Minette Goldsmith

Hoffheimer sold her house, damaged by Hurricane Wilma, and recently purchased a beach condo in Boca Raton with gentleman friend Ted Shwartz, whom she and Bud had known for 50 years. "My twin great-granddaughters are 1-1/2, and I am pushing 80 with a boyfriend. Pretty cool."

Maureen Murphy Pace and Len enjoy visiting their seven grandchildren in VA, IL and London.

Our sympathy goes to **Nancy Hennenberger Matthews**, whose husband, Freeman, died in 7/06 after an illness. She works full time at Meridian International Center in Washington, DC. Nancy had a knee replacement and hoped to be on the courts in the spring.

After spending 30 years in TX, **Clare Willard Minor** returned to CT and married Ed Minor in 1996. He died shortly afterward. She now lives in NJ with daughter Lynn and her husband, Jack. She visited sons in FL and AZ this past winter.

Anne (Boston) Glazier is enjoying retirement and traveling.

Bobby Miller Smacchetti reconnected with a childhood pal. They reunited in person last Oct., and had a wonderful get-together. "Talk about ancient reunions after 66 years!"

Louise (Lou) Rothe Roberts' first great-grandchild was born in OK. Grandson Michael was married on 8/6/05. Lou is well and busy with bridge, church work and volunteering. Bad knees mean no more tennis. Lou finished three years at CC and left to get married. In 1972, she earned a B.A. from the College

of New Rochelle in NY.

Sharon McLean Doremus wrote of the death of our classmate and good friend **Jean Hurlbut Compton**, who had a stroke. "What a wonderful person. We kept in touch." Our sympathy goes out to Jean's family and friends.

Frances Adams Nichols has advanced Alzheimer's. Husband Arthur wrote on her behalf. "We try to make her days as comfortable and content as possible. I remember the happy times we spent at CC."

Irma Klein Schachter and Joe went to Hong Kong, China and Tokyo for three and a half weeks, including a four-day cruise on the Yangtze River. Their sons and grandchildren are in CA and FL.

Pat Morell was certified as a Waldorf School teacher in 1971 and remained connected with the system in various capacities, including helping to organize Winning With Waldorf, the first national Waldorf School golf benefit, held on 6/26/06. "Warm greetings to classmates."

Mary Sue Nankervis LeMont and Dick gave up commuting between SC and MI every six months. They are enjoying life in a retirement community in MI near family. They saw **Mary Louise Stecher Douthit** and Hal last spring in Charleston.

Gerrie Dana Tisdall is enthusiastic about Foulkeways, the PA retirement community where she lives. "Interesting and fun people, varied things to do but no pressure—a comfortable and stimulating place."

Apparently, one is not always as lucky as Gerrie, getting it right the first time. **Grace Lurton Miller** and Doug's fourth move was "the magic one. We love it here." Bingo! They are in Naples, FL.

Precipitated by her broken ankle, **Jane Smith Moody** and Bill have moved to a retirement community. Contact the alumni office at 800-888-7549 for their new address. Regarding downsizing, Jane advises: "Have two daughters; don't wait too long; and shed, shed, shed." She is resigning as class agent. "A fond farewell to you stalwarts who responded

to my annual pleas. You were wonderful, and I know you will continue your loyalty and support."

Elizabeth Anderson Culbert traveled to NYC in Sept. to see son Timothy and family, back from Paris, where he and his wife are working on the Louvre II project, a satellite museum north of Paris. Elizabeth also visited her daughter and family in Saratoga Springs, where she saw **Vivian Fauerbach**, as well as spent three days at Sagamore Camp in the Adirondacks for Bill's 80th. Last summer Elizabeth went on an Elderhostel trip with three lady friends, hiking in the High Sierras and Yosemite.

Joan (Johnnie) Jossen Biven (like me) is using a three-iron as a cane after breaking her right heel bone in July. But as far as I know, she has not had a hole in one to upstage me. Phew! She saw **Joyce Silhavy Harper** in Palm Desert in Oct., who "looked great and was busy as ever with volunteer jobs." Joyce had a great trip to Chicago with **Gale Craigie Chidlaw** and Ben. Joan and Dick flew back to Annapolis for his 60th reunion, then drove up to Cape Cod, staying overnight at the Griswold Inn on the way for old times' sake. At the Cape, they lunched at **Jeanne Webber Clark** and Jack's, along with **Sally Hackett Chandler** and Bud—"even better than Reunion."

Our sympathy goes to **Sally Osman Moltzen**, who lost husband Allan to heart failure last June. She has since purchased a condo in "an absolutely great retirement facility about 10 miles from my home in Tibourou. 'Living' here with trundle bed, card table, chair and tea bags until my house sells." Contact the alumni office at 800-888-7549 for her new address.

50 Correspondent: Ruth Kaplan, 82 Halcyon Rd., Newton Center, MA 02459, rtkaplan@rcn.com

Jean Gries Homeier happily reports from PA that her oldest daughter, who lives in MT, is nearby this year, working in a Philadelphia middle school with City Year, a part

of AmeriCorps. In fact, after sending in her report, Jean was on her way to join her daughter at a community center to help paint a mural. Jean no longer does college guidance work, spending most of her time painting and entering shows—"sometimes accepted, often rejected." She and Lon travel, most recently to the Dordogne, where they learned what goes into making foie gras, which they resolve never to eat again. In the Cotswolds, they discovered the remains of a tiny crossroads village called Windrush. Jean occasionally sees **Alice Hess Crowell** and **Anne McClear Fussell**, who live nearby, and periodically meets other alumni for lunch. She and Lon are looking forward to "graduating" soon to great-grandparent status.

Joanne Borden Glancy and Tom did much traveling in 2006. New Year's Eve found them in CO visiting oldest son Bob and his family. Bob is a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. In March, they went to Arlington, VA, to celebrate daughter Barbara's 50th birthday. Both Barbara and husband Bill are retired from full-time careers but have found enjoyable part-time work. In June, the Glancys attended their 50th high-school reunion in Marblehead, MA, for which Tom produced a very popular DVD of their high-school years. Son Jim is a cardiologist with a busy practice, and son John works with the International Tennis Hall of Fame. Like most of us, Joanne and Tom have their health concerns, but clearly these have not slowed them down.

Naomi Harburg Levy reports surviving a "not uneventful" year, including a hernia operation, a back operation (which she calls a "miracle") and shots for macular degeneration. On the plus side, she enjoyed a cruise on the Danube and several trips to OH to visit son Jonathan and his family.

Marlis Bluman Powell also dealt with a number of medical challenges last year. She has a non-malignant cyst in a non-functioning left kidney. Advice: If it doesn't grow, leave it alone.

Then there is the problem of non-functioning parathyroid glands, causing chronic extreme fatigue. These glands may be removed this year. Happily, Jay is "in tip-top health and an enormous help." Daughter Kathy has moved to Waterbury, VT, where the whole family gathered for Christmas.

The Class of 1950 sends sympathy to the family of **Jane Wassung Adams**, who died 11/29/06.

We have just learned of the death in Aug. '05 of **Mary Haven Healy Hayden** and send sympathy to her family. Those of us who attended recent reunions will recall with pleasure how Mary H.H. entertained us with her delightful impression of Julia Child.

The class sends sympathy to the family of **Elizabeth Burroughs Perry**, who died on 12/26/06 in Salem, MA. Details will be found in the Obituaries section. Betty was a lover of all things oceanic, locally famous for her rescues of orphaned seals and as a sailor, a swimmer, a scuba diver, and a charter member of and loyal volunteer at the New England Aquarium in Boston.

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Our 55th reunion is well behind us now, but memories linger for many, as noted in the cards and letters received following President **Justine Shepherd Freud's** class letter last Nov., and the Reunion Survey Booklet sent out by the alumni office, which **Mona Gustafson Affinito** and I put together.

We do love to travel. During the summer months, **Harriet Bassett MacGregor** and Bob enjoyed a three-week European river cruise from Amsterdam to Vienna, learning much about the art, architecture, history and geography at the daily ports of call.

Marjorie Erickson Albertson and Murray took a trip from Moscow to St. Petersburg, Russia, before visiting their daughter and her family in London. Upon their return to the States, they

completed their move to Vero Beach, FL, where they plan to live full time.

Chloe Bissell Jones toured Italy and France, including a visit to Monet's home in Giverny with her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter, who had studied at the U. of Provence. Chloe and her husband have sold their home on Cape Cod and are now living in a home they have built in Fife Lake, MI.

Mary Martha Suckling Sherts enjoyed an Elderhostel Film Festival in Palm Springs and a visit with her brother in Cancun, Mexico, as well as a pilgrimage to Israel with a stop in Cairo, followed by a Caribbean cruise and a visit to Squam Lake in NH. She serves on the local historical society board, in Fairfield, CT, but being with her children and grandchildren delights her most.

Phyl McCarthy Crosby and Howard stay very active in their marine education efforts in the classroom and at the Seacoast Science Center in New Castle, NH. By summer they will have a distance-learning classroom, which utilizes the Internet with interactive video and audio to reach schools in NH too far for students to come to the center. Their travels included a trip to Switzerland and a cruise on the Danube from Budapest to the Black Sea and back to Vienna, as well as a trip to the Galapagos Islands.

Sally Buck Thompson bought a new car for the first time and drove to Atlanta for a family wedding last Oct.; to Toronto in Nov.; to NJ for Thanksgiving; and then to FL, where she stays from mid-Feb. through the end of March.

Jo Pelkey Shepard spends much of her time in Paris with a friend, who then visits her during the summer months in CT. She volunteers as a "baby cuddler" once a week at her local hospital, and when she visits her son in Washington, DC, sometimes sees **Louise Stevens Wheatley**.

Making a "transition" in their living style, **Elizabeth (Babs) Babbott Conant** and Camille left their three-story Victorian house in Buffalo for smaller

"digs" in a progressive-care community 12 miles away. Camille's son and his family now occupy their old home.

Also downsizing, **Allie Haines Bates** and Bart moved to a retirement community in Wallingford, CT. Allie now has time to paint and held three shows last fall, the proceeds of which help her oldest grandson in college.

Iris Bain Hutchinson and Jim have sold their home in Indianapolis to their daughter and are now living full time in Bonita Springs, FL, with their new poodle!

Janet Freeman has started on career number three. She passed the test and was accepted into the Institute of Children's Literature. She has high hopes of publishing in late summer or early '08.

Sue Askin Wolman is a happy new grandmother to Andrei (4-1/2) and Nadya (2-1/2), two Russian children adopted by her daughter and son-in-law last June. She is amazed how quickly they are adjusting to life on a MD horse farm, just a half-hour away from lucky grandma in Baltimore, MD.

In Middleburg, VA, **Barbara Seelbach VanCuren's** husband Dick suffered a tragic fall in '05 while fox hunting. Although permanently brain-damaged and in a dementia unit at a care facility, he is able to walk, dress and generally care for himself. Barbara continues to cope, with the help of her family. Our thoughts are with you, Barbara.

Greetings to all from Silver Spring, MD. I am waiting to hear from you.

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Our devoted thanks to **Mary Ireland Rule**, who sent so

much wonderful news. Mary and her husband, A.O., continue to attend his USNA Class of '50 reunion and often see **C.J. Hirsch Ginder** and **Libby Hamilton Mueller** at events in Annapolis. At A.O.'s 55th reunion in Honolulu, Claire Wallach Engle '54 and her husband, Ray, were in charge of the entire event.

Last June, Mary and A.O. celebrated **Cynthia Bassett Polhemus** and husband's anniversary with them. Cynthia's son and daughter-in-law are Harry Curtis '80 and Nancy Vaughan Curtis '80.

Mary and A.O. see **Allie O'Brien Bates** and husband Walter in the Cleveland area, where they all live. Allie's daughter, Lolly, was in the first class Mary taught at the Laurel School, as was **Jean Chandler Frazier's** daughter, Betsy. (What a small world!)

Mary sees her three children often. Son Adrian O. Rule IV works with A.O. in his manufacturing business. Daughter Amy is married and lives in Chicago with her husband and three children. Daughter Hilary is an attorney and lives nearby with her husband and two children. "After marrying into the 'glamour' of the U.S. Navy, with visions of duty in San Diego, Honolulu and Key West, I've spent 50 years in Chagrin Falls, OH."

Jane Graham Pemberton traveled with husband Jack for six and a half weeks, thanks to a fellowship from the Andrew Mellon Foundation supporting Jack's research in preparation for an African beaded-art exhibition and catalogue, which will be presented at Smith College's Museum of Art in the spring of '08. (Maybe we could see it before attending our 55th!) One place they visited was Robben Island, off the coast of Cape Town, where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for 18 years. Jane and Jack have spent much time in DC, as Jack is a member of the board of the National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution. They have spent time with all their far-flung children and grandchildren—from ME to CO.

Joan Fluegelman Wexler

and Jerry have become permanent Floridians and are delighted to be there.

At Kansas City's Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, **Sue Weinberg Mindlin** keeps in touch with fellow art museum docent Betsy Dawe Piebenga '66 and with Margaret Cohen Conrads '77, the Samuel Sosland Curator of American Art. Ann Schumann Chasnoff '46 has a daughter, Pati, who is beginning docent training at the museum.

Sally Wing is still working part time with clients but manages many volunteer activities as well. She visited family in MD and Denver and is working on archives for the Washington State Psychological Association—60 years of it! She has attended Elderhostel programs too. How many of you have taken advantage of these wonderful programs?

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Save the date: 8/9/07 is our annual Cape Cod luncheon. Contact **Sally Ashkins Churchill** or **Ann Heagney Weimer** for more information. Sally's and Ann's phone numbers are available from the alumni office at 800-888-7549.

Libbets Alcorn Holt continues to divide her time between Vinal Haven, ME, in the summer and Cohasset, MA, the rest of the year. Fortunately, her children and grandchildren are in New England and can visit her easily.

Enid Sivigny Gorvine writes that Punta Gorda, FL, which suffered a disastrous hurricane in 2004, is finally looking like "normal," with new trees and a plethora of condos. On a cruise to HI from San Francisco, she again picked up bridge and is now playing weekly. She continues her work on the board of Edison County Community College, as treasurer of the local Rotary and with her church. Son Bill Gorvine '91 finally has his Ph.D. and has a tenured position teaching religion at Hendrix U. in Conway, AK. Enid's daughters are busy as usual: Susan Gorvine

Nelson '80 in East Hartford and Elizabeth Ann Gorvine Abrahams '83 in Nasa, NH.

Last winter, Enid met with **Kitty White Skinner** and her two housemates, who spent Jan. and Feb. of '06 in nearby Englewood, CO, where they kayaked and learned tai chi. Enid introduced them to mah-jongg. Last summer, Kitty attended a master gardener college at Virginia Tech to learn how to help care for their local farm. She visited her son Jeff and family in NH in July. Son John came up from MA with his family for the 4th. In Aug., she entertained her granddaughter in VA and enticed her with local college visits. Sept. found her back up north in ME with friends and, as long as their health holds out, she and her housemates plan many trips for 2007.

Dudy Vars McQuilling and Jim had their annual family gathering in ME this summer with all four children and, I think, 15 grandchildren. She is recovering from some intestinal surgery.

Also on the mend is **Ann Christensen**, who writes from her apartment on Chicago's waterfront of her efforts to recover from her second hip replacement. She adds, "Now the knees are going...."

Sue Greene Richards and Elmer are still managing four homes and seeing their four grandchildren. As a master gardener, she volunteers at the Westchester, NY, Arboretum. Sue gives much credit to Elmer, who helped over eight years as a consultant, in developing the Natural Museum of the Adirondacks, which had its opening July 4, with Sen. Hillary Clinton and Gov. George Pataki in attendance. Somehow, Sue and Elmer managed a trip to Scotland in Oct.

Jeanne Knisel Walker still enjoys her small spot in Killingworth, CT. Her son Alan, who is a curator at the NYC Museum of Natural History, visits often.

Dorie Knup Harper remains active and in good health and took an RV trip through OR and CA with daughter Leslie and Leslie's husband. High points were Bristol Pine Forest

and Death Valley... "awesome!"

Claire Wallach Engle raves about her continuing-care retirement community in Medford, OR, on the Rogue River, which provides "more arts, cultural and learning experiences than anyone could ever schedule." Their many new friends are also starting a new phase of life and find "the future is bright, indeed." Their travels included the local area attractions; Seattle with *USS Nautilus* shipmates; a cruise on the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers; plus time with family (Andy and family in VA, other sons in CA) and the frigid-but-exciting Army-Navy Game in Philly. They have a new granddaughter, Naomi, born to Rob and Christy on 6/1/06, to add to Andy and Patty's Raymond, now 16, and Sarah, 12.

Cathy Pappas McNamara and Bill are slowly cutting down on their volunteer activities: Cathy was president of Houston's Women's Fund for Health Education and Research, and Bill resigned from Frontier Airlines' board of directors. Now they plan to travel to more exotic places than just CT, where their children, Liz and Bill Jr. live. Check out lizdexheimer.com for her latest art exhibits.

In Oct., due to the excellent arrangements of **Helene Kestenman Handelman**, a group of us finally got together in NYC: **Joan Herman Nabatoff**, **Judy Yankauer Astrove**, **Ann Marcuse Raymond**, **Joan Abbott**, **Cynthia Fenning Rehm** and I, **Loie Keating Learned**. We all enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Yale Club and a chance to catch up. I'll relate more of that meeting in the next *CC Magazine*. Just thought you'd like to know that Judy, who's a great-grandmother many times, enjoys that position but "hates having her daughter a grandmother!"

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Margot Colwin Kramer and husband Marty have become transcontinental travelers, swinging back and forth be-

tween their two sons living in Southern CA and two daughters living on the East Coast.

Dorothy Beek Kinzie has sold her home in Oak Park, IL, following the death of her husband in 2005, and moved to Palatine to be near one of her daughters. She lives within easy driving distance of all six grandchildren and enjoys family reunions in Estes Park, CO.

Maida Alexander Rahn and husband Joel took their three oldest grandsons, ages 18, 19 and 20, to China for two weeks in 6/06.

Enjoying the first Christmas gathering of the whole family in five years, **Cathy Myers Buscher** and Herb flew into Belgium to spend the holidays with son Steve Buscher '83 at his home in Bruges. Their three other children, with spouses and kids, joined them. "It is not easy getting all together, and we treasured every minute."

Carole Struble Baker has lived in Inverness, FL, for the past 25 years. Her husband died in 1995, and she retired from giving musical performances six years ago. Her two daughters live in FL, one in Inverness and one in Miami. She enjoyed a cruise in Jan. to the Caribbean.

In Mexico, **Doe Palmer Stowell** helps to provide medical and human services for needy families. She deserves accolades for a super job finding U.S. doctors to volunteer their expertise and persuading others to provide the needed medical equipment. Her Spanish has improved tremendously. "Even my Mexican friends say they can understand me in sentences," she reports. In addition, she has mastered several words in Mayan, but she finds it is a very difficult language. Full of irrepressible energy, Doe writes, "It is said that learning a new language keeps the aging mind vital. I hope so!"

The class sends deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Mimi Dreier Berkowitz**, who died on March 11.

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Mary Ann Hinsch Meanwell still directs the YWCA Women's Art Gallery in Cincinnati. With five grandchildren living out of town, she makes frequent visits. Last year, she enjoyed a remarkable visit to Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia.

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Anne Detarando Hartman's daughter, Laurie, married Giorgio Vitali of Rome, Italy, in a civil ceremony in 2/06. They have a daughter, Giulia Anne, Anne's first grandchild, and they live in Atlanta, GA, a long way from Anne's home in Newton Upper Falls, MA.

Loulie Hyde Sutro served a year's term on the Marin (CA) County civil grand jury. She and husband Jack, who is a Marin County Superior Court judge, have lived in the same house in Kentfield since 1967. Loulie and Jack have three children and seven grandchildren, and all except two are in the Bay area, so they see them frequently. Loulie is involved in a variety of community activities. She serves as trustee and chair of the stewardship committee of the California Pacific Medical Center board of directors. In 2002, she rewrote the sixth edition of *Check List for a Perfect Wedding*, which was published by Broadway Books. Loulie plays tennis, gardens, hikes, and writes poetry (some has been published in Western poetry journals) and short stories. She and Jack have traveled widely.

Helene Zimmer-Loew is still working and loving it. "As usual, a busy travel schedule for professional purposes—Chicago, Nashville, Atlanta, Kansas City, NYC, Vienna, Berlin, Frankfurt, Munich and Washington, DC. But there are also private travels—South Africa, Victoria Falls, safari, etc.... I am so looking forward to the 50th and seeing classmates after so many years."

Nancy Snedeker Wheeler simply forgot to mention her travels when she sent off her

bio to Wendy. "I had the good fortune to visit my daughter and her family living in Alice Springs. I landed in Sydney, flew to Alice Springs and, after a week visiting with her family, headed west to Perth. It is a country of many contrasts and one that would be impossible to know fully in a lifetime."

Connie Stein Higgins and Mel went on a safari to Tanzania and Kenya in Feb.

And a final message from **Judy Hartt Acker**, our class president: "Don't forget that we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to support our alma mater in a very special way with our 50th reunion gift. After we raise the necessary \$50,000, the Seminar for Incoming Faculty in the Center for Teaching and Learning will be known as the Class of 1957 Seminar for Teaching and Learning. If you have not already sent in your contribution, please do so and, if you have already contributed, perhaps you can dig a little deeper and contribute again. Thanks!"

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Olga Lehovich lives in New London, NH, across the street from the Colby-Sawyer campus, where she takes advantage of the art center, library and theater programs. She tutors a Dartmouth student in French.

Helaine Shoag Greenberg visited Antarctica and has been to the Aspen Music Festival the last few summers with Adele Stein Hertz-Gray '58. Helaine had a book signing at the Holocaust Museum in DC for her book *Voices from Vilna*, about her father's family in the pre-Holocaust 1930s.

Hope Gibson Hungerford spent last Christmas in AK

visiting son David, who works for BP. Middle son is in the NY art world, and another is in IL. Her husband still works in his own firm. Hope served on a search committee to find an architect for a new building for Cleveland's Museum of Contemporary Art. She spends time in their second home in the northeast mountains of VT. They love to snowshoe, hike and do water sports.

Judy Petrequin Rice and Don bought a condo in Scottsdale, AZ, close to their daughter Debbie and her family. They took their family of 14 (including six grandchildren) to Michigan, a family camp run by the alumni of U. of Michigan.

Dr. Katherine Usher Henderson stepped down as president of Point Park in Pittsburgh after leading the college for nine years. She was highly praised for increasing the college's enrollment, endowment and operating budget, as well as for serving the community on various boards. **Melinda Brown Beard** and her husband and John Bitzer (husband of our late classmate **Mary Adams Bitzer**) attended the retirement events. Kathy will keep her home in Pittsburgh but will also spend time in Novato, CA.

Mimsy Matthews Munro is busy with eight grandchildren, aged 2 to 10. She joined the choral group that includes **Lynn Graves Mitchell**, **Joan Peterson Thompson** and **Mary Elsbree Hoffman**, and they sing in assisted-living homes.

Jean Alexander Gilcrest spent Thanksgiving in Las Vegas with Anne and her family and Christmas in NC with family. All seven grandchildren are in regular school this year.

Connie Snelling McCreery went to Japan during cherry blossom time to see her daughter and family (two grandsons). In Aug., she was in CA visiting her other daughter and family (two granddaughters) when husband Max fell and broke a hip while rollerblading, which meant Connie got to stay longer with the family!

Anne Earnshaw Roche and husband John enjoy their

beach house with their family in the summer months. They hiked around the northern half of South Island a year ago, traveled around Turkey and visited a beach village in New Caledonia. They babysat grandchildren, and Anne started piano lessons. Anne also took an ESOL course and is teaching an English "learner" to read and write. They go to concerts and operas, and Anne has worked at the Citizens Advice Bureau.

After five years, **Marcia Fortin Sherman** and John still love life in Clemson, SC. They visit MI regularly to see their children and go rafting and horseback riding. They visited Toronto, where they used to live, and then went on to Quebec to visit Marcia's French Canadian second cousin, who had located her after a long search. They gathered 50 relatives, and Marcia had a chance to use her CC major (French). After a visit to MI, Marcia and John spent a day here in Cleveland with me to start off the new year.

Pat Chambers Moore and husband K.C. also visited Cleveland to see son John and his family. John has his own management consulting firm, and he coaches both children's soccer teams and plays himself. They saw their granddaughter perform as a figure skater and ice dancer in MI. Pat's son Keith lives in Singapore and works for a German bank. He and his wife have a daughter (5) who can speak Thai and English and is learning Chinese. Their third son is a lieutenant commander in the Navy and serves on a sub. He is at the Naval War College in Newport, RI, and he and his wife have a year-old boy. The Moores are based in Hilton Head, NC, and spend a lot of time on their boat.

Gail Glidden Goodell babysits and spends time with her three grandchildren. She still travels, most recently to Eastern Europe, visiting Prague, Budapest and Bucharest. Gail went to Pine Island, ME, and to WI to visit family. She is involved at church, with a Red Hat group and with an investment club.

We offer condolences to **Leslie Crutchfield Tompkins** on the sudden loss of her son due to an aneurysm. She continues to write poetry and is working on a full-length book. Her second book, *Perennial*, came out in 2003. An avid environmentalist, Leslie lives in Charlotte, NC.

Our class offers sympathy to **Ann Seidel Craig** on the loss of her husband, Chuck, to cancer. He had a long battle with the disease, and all the family were there at the end. She had some good times during the year being with her children and grandchildren, as well as the wedding of her daughter, Elizabeth. Ann continues to work as a teacher and a consultant.

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Marywinne Sherwood has retired from administration in community mental health and has no desire to work again! She is involved in political action in NC and does a lot of "sweat equity" with the co-housing community where she lives. Her son and his wife are both veterinarians and are the parents of her two grandsons. Her daughter, who married her longtime partner in MA last March, has a master's in forestry.

Marywinne had dinner with **Judy Mossman Sze** and Chiaming in Boston last summer. She reports that Judy is "as effervescent as always."

Judith Ammerman has forsaken Garden City after 33 years and has moved to Venice, FL. Last year she went to Latvia twice on missions to investigate international adoption of Latvian orphans by U.S. parents through Lutheran Social Services. One of their concerns was why there were so few international adoptions of Latvian children in 2005. A new project is to introduce the concept of foster care to the Latvian people.

Nancy Bald Ripley tore a biceps tendon in her left arm while removing her kayak from the top of her car. She had surgery in Oct. and is on the

mend.

Cary Bailey married William Hoyer, who proposed on his boat in the Caribbean. Between them they have five children and eight grandchildren.

Marion Fitz-Randolph Coste and her husband took a trip to Scandinavia. She then went to Charleston to promote her beach book. Look for her latest book, *Finding Joy*.

Betsy Wright Daum's daughter sent me an e-mail saying that her mother had "just returned from a 40-day cruise exploring Africa and South America. Other than missing her annual Thanksgiving Day gathering with her children and grandchildren, she had a great time and is already planning a longer trip for 2008." While on this trip, Betsy learned to use e-mail and created a blog to keep her family informed of her travels.

When our class president, **Millie Price Nygren**, was in New London in the fall, **Nancy Bald Ripley**, **Tommie Saunders**, **Ann Conner Polley**, **Toodie Greene Foote** and I, **Jeanie Chappell**, all had lunch with her one day. What a great gathering! For our 2010 reunion, Millie would like to compile a booklet of anecdotes from our college years. Please bring back those memories, get them down on paper (or computer) and send them to her. You now have plenty of advance notice, so there is no excuse not to have an entry!

Our prayers and sympathy go to **Gail Turner Arcari**, who lost her husband, **Enrico**, in 2/06, and to the family of **Sandra Wickstrom Lazorick**, who died in 12/06.

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After working as a school social worker in the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) since 1979, **Cynthiana Hahn** retired in June '06. She was honored with the Distinguished Social Work Award from the CPS social work department in April '06. She is now a part-time adjunct instructor at the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration. In Jan., she vacationed in Australia for three weeks. To keep fit, she plays tennis and golf and walks. After a recent visit to campus, she says, "Emily Abbey, my old dorm, looked terrible and seemed in need of paint and upkeep. I plan to send a small donation to help maintain it."

Bonnie Campbell Wauters, **Nina Heneage Helms** and **Nancy Holbrook Ayers** once again met on the ski slopes of Jackson Hole, WY, in Jan. Nina and Nancy continued to be in awe of Bonnie's skiing ability, as they watched her tear down black diamond trails while they watched from the safety of an intermediate slope.

Sarah Wood McCracken is still active as a landscape architect, but she and husband Bob were able to spend the month of Feb. in Chandler, AZ, staying near daughter Margaret and her family and enjoying the weather. She says, "I brought some work to do — mainly several planting plans and one small project."

Chick Schriener Barnes is officially retired as a financial advisor/stock broker from Wachovia Securities but goes to the office two days a week to help out. She has been doing music direction for several community theater groups in northern NJ and having a ball and just completed a run of "The Wizard of Oz" and "Grease." Chick still plays classical music with the Rehearsal Club in Montclair. She and husband Keith enjoy traveling — a European cruise last summer and Ireland this fall. With four grandchildren, Chick has become a "soccer grandma." She visited **Dorothy May Marban** and husband Jorge in Charleston, SC, last year, and **Susan Stietzel Schilke** and husband John visited two summers ago.

At a mini-reunion last July in Jackson, WY, **Roberta Slone Smith**, **Nina Heneage Helms**, **Patti Keenan Mitchell**, **Carole Hunt Iwanicki** and **Nancy Holbrook Ayers** tried to defy their age and celebrate their health by engaging in as many vigorous outdoor pursuits that they could in a week: hiking trails in the Tetons, horseback riding, bicycling and tubing down the Snake River.

Now that most of us have passed the milestone of turning 65, your class correspondents would love to hear how you celebrated that event. Did you ignore the day? Did you do something outrageous? Did you wow your grandchildren? Send us your stories today!

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The inauguration of Leo Higdon as CC's 10th president on 10/14/06 was impressive! The program had 20 different components, plus a processional and recessional; it was beautifully planned and was executed in under two hours!

Whoever would have thought that a Bannister would be in an academic procession? My son, Bradford Dolan '97, as a member of the College's Alumni Association Board of Directors, did indeed march with the cognoscenti. He attended the Inaugural Ball the previous evening. Also in attendance at the ball was classmate and past trustee **Dhuanne Schmitz Tansill** with husband Doug.

Recently divorced, **B.J. Higgenbottom Ledyard** swears that she is now enjoying her life and "making up for lost time!" B.J. enjoys sitting with her young grandsons (ages 6 and 3) and visiting her young-at-heart mother (aged 90) in Pittsburgh. "Mom" still lives in the big old family house on her own, swims every day, does volunteer work, travels to Europe, etc. Taking a lesson from Mom, B.J. still takes all sorts of interesting and educational courses at the local community college, works on earning master bridge points and learns all she can about opera, her new passion.

She's enrolled in a jewelry-making course and admits that her skills are not A-plus, but the people she has met there are simply terrific.

The same is true for **Penny Jaekle**, now retired in FL. She still dabbles in watercolors in a class where her "artistic talent seems to be in abeyance," but the friends she has made in the program have made attendance worthwhile! Look out Rockettes: Penny tap-dances early and often—she loves it and has been in several local shows. She has even had a few solo recitals!

Bridget Caulley Burkhart, one of the class newlyweds, writes from Houston that she and husband Van are having a wonderful time being grandparents. They feel extremely fortunate that all the children in both families live in the Houston area. The Burkharts are building a new lake house with plenty of room for the entire group!

Philosophizing on our roles in life today, **Carol Fairfax Bullard** thinks we should "embrace the fact that we are now the older generation entrusted with protecting the family's special memories, which connect past traditions with the lives of our children today." Carol and Worth visited me in Mystic last summer for the Wooden Boat Show. (Worth is building a wooden boat.) They seem well and happy. Recently they bought some real estate in downtown Albany, where they live, and now actually enjoy being landlords. Neither of them quit their day jobs, however; Worth is an electrical engineer, and Carol is a dean at the U. of Albany.

Donna Richmond Carleton writes that her family is well, and she enjoys being a grandmother of four. Seven old college friends from freshman year celebrated a '64 reunion in Vail, CO, last summer as they all turned 64. Donna, **Platt Townend Arnold**, **Marcia Silcox Crockett**, **Ann Weatherby Gruner**, **Kirk Palmer Senske** and **Sue Hackenburg Tretheway** attended while **Cathy Layne Frank** communicated by phone. Time was spent talking,

talking, eating, eating, rafting, hiking, touring, drinking coffee at Starbucks, eating and talking. They attended a concert, where they met **Dhuanne Schmitz Tansill**.

In 1981, **Platt Townend Arnold** and husband Dave organized and founded a celebration of the winter solstice, "Make We Joy," at Harkness Chapel at CC. Inspired by the Revels, the program promotes folk songs, dance and rituals. Twenty-five years after the first performance, about 200 people from the college and community are involved in this very special production to celebrate the presence of light and hope all over the world.

Mary Upton died on 9/9/06. **Barbara Eddy Duggan** died on 10/9/06. The Class of 1964 extends its deepest sympathy to their families.

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Marian Silber and **Rona Shor Chernow** went to Inauguration at CC. "The procession was preceded by about 30 foreign students, each dressed in native costume and carrying the flag of their country...the campus had an almost electric feeling of celebration and expectation." **Claire Gaudiani** was part of the processional.

Marian had lunch in Naples with **Ruth Zaleske Leibert** and **Elayne Zweifler Gardstein** '67. Ruth and Elayne are married to Burt and Hank, respectively, who were roommates at Franklin and Marshall ('66). They are also both parents of CC alums from the Class of '92 (Ruth's son and Elayne's daughter). After lunch they enjoyed a tour of the Naples Museum of Art.

Marian described meeting with **Eleanor Abdella Doumato** in Nov. Eleanor was in NYC to address a roundtable at the Council on Foreign Relations, and Marian

delighted in watching from the audience as Eleanor gave her presentation.

In FL, Marian attended a cocktail reception at the home of Jane Francoeur '63, with **Asia Rial Elsbree** and husband Hugh, Susan Melinette Haerle '67, and Nancy Stone Yates '67.

In NYC, Marian has spent lots of time with **Rona Shor Chernow**, and they both met with **Sue Leiser Frank** when she was in from CA.

Joan Bucciarelli Yim moved to Bellevue, WA, last winter and reports that son Eli Yim '92 recently got married. He and his wife, Jeanette, work at the Gates Foundation. Joan's daughter, Laura, has moved to San Francisco to teach, having completed her Ph.D. at Brandeis in English literature.

Sandy Jones Thomasson has three grandchildren, two granddaughters by daughter Leigh, who lives in Los Angeles, and one grandson by son Dan, who lives near Sandy.

Helen McCulloch Schmitz lives in Bethesda, MD, and thoroughly enjoys her work in technology with the National Institutes of Health. She develops long-term strategies of interactive systems, use of data, software, etc., for the 27 separately funded institutions that comprise the NIH.

Ellen Schwartz Allington is not ready to retire from her job teaching 12-year-olds, though that work competes with her love of skate skiing and biking with her husband near their home in Phillips, WI. They're contemplating a biking/boating trip up the inland waterway next year.

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Jeanne Brooks-Gunn and

her 17-year-old son, Remy, attended the CC Sons and Daughters of Alumni Event in Feb. "The College puts on a fabulous program to help bewildered parents and high-school students in their college quest. I wish that all CoCo Alumni could participate!"

Joan Dimow is looking forward to a trip to AK with husband John in June. "I'm reading James Michener's *Alaska* and John McPhee's *Coming into the Country* in addition to tourist guides."

Dagny Hultgreen Griswold is undergoing treatment for breast cancer following a lumpectomy in Dec. Her daughters are both in college in New England, Harry's sons are in CT and CA, and her mother still lives independently at 94. They enjoy visiting with family (now have five grandchildren) and hope to be doing more traveling this year.

Nancy Horovitz Bachrach had worked at the same advertising agency for 29 years "when the 85-year-old owner got in touch with his mortality and finally decided to sell. Every doorway that had been marked NO EXIT suddenly looked like an off ramp, and I got out of there. My husband, Orin, whom I met at the office, left the same day. Our celebration includes a puppy."

Candace Lindsay is retiring from Price Waterhouse Coopers after 35 years in human resources and is moving to Sun City Festival, west of Phoenix. "Golf, tennis, hiking, yoga, arts and crafts, travel club—a life! Yeah! The age group starts at 45, so it's a slightly younger group than some of the active adult communities I looked at. AZ will be a real change from FL, but I am ready for a change. After all, 60 is the new 40, right? If only my bones felt that way..."

Ellen Lougee Simmons continues to accompany husband Matt as he speaks out about energy issues. They have traveled to both Germany and China as his book *Twilight in the Desert: The Coming Saudi Oil Shock and the World Economy* was recently published in the local

languages.

Cynthia Osborne was a visiting artist teaching lithography and silkscreen in the Spring 2007 semester of the print-making program at the U. of Tennessee in Knoxville.

David and **Ellen Robinson Epstein's** children enjoy commemorating their parents' anniversaries in a special way. Son Jeremy and his wife, Tamar, presented grandson Erez, younger brother to Calanit, for their 34th, and son Asher and his wife, Julie, presented granddaughter Dalia on their 35th. "Two years in a row to get the same WONDERFUL present was truly a gift from our children. Barak is still in NY; Dina started law school at Georgetown after three years as assistant director of admissions at Columbia; Kira is thriving selling real estate. David continues to practice law and my business, Concierge America, Inc., is booming. Our wonderful travels are very limited by my parents' poor health, but even as I write, David and Kira are in Argentina en route to Antarctica."

For **Maria Varela Berchesi**, 2006 involved a lot of flying, as she had to make a number of trips up from Uruguay for reasons involving friends and family "that were both very stressful and very enjoyable." She anticipates more of the same for 2007, including her eldest son's wedding, and is excited about the new building for Saint George's School, which was ready for the start of classes in Mar.

Kimberly Warner O'Malley volunteered at a Red Cross shelter after Seattle was battered by treacherous windstorms in Dec. "The client population grew as the power outages continued. Many people could hunker down for a day, maybe two. But it was cold, and gradually many, especially our older citizens and families with small children, just couldn't keep going. We are so blessed to live in a society where volunteerism is embedded in our culture. There was shelter waiting with a cot, blankets, hot shower, warm food and, most important, a smiling, supportive face, for

anyone who needed it. Other volunteers were out with hot coffee and treats for the power workers who were working so hard to get the systems up again. I am reminded of how special we all are...."

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Many thanks to **Lisa McDonnell**, who has volunteered to help out with Class Notes.

It's always fun to unexpectedly bump into a classmate, even in a virtual sense!

I recently flipped open a magazine and found a column by **Ann Louise Gittleman** who has become a well-known nutritionist and bestselling author of diet and nutrition books. I Googled her name and found her impressive Web site, www.annlouise.com, as well as many of her 25 books on sale through Amazon.com. She made headlines in February '07 when she appeared on the Dr. Phil show discussing the use of natural hormones and her book, *Before the Change: Taking Charge of Your Perimenopause*.

The next day, I dropped into my local library and there was one of **Julia Alvarez's** earlier books, *YO!*, on display. I checked it out to read and went directly to her Web site, too, www.JuliaAlvarez.com. Her most recent novel, *Saving the World*, was published in April '06 and looks fascinating, taking inspiration from a historical event discovered during her research for *In the Name of Salome*. She started a book tour for the paperback edition in April. Julia continues to live in VT and, although retired from the faculty, maintains a relationship with Middlebury College.

Classmates, it couldn't be easier to send in your news. Just a quick e-mail will do it! And while you're at it, why not pass along news of your friends.

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Correspondent: Sally MacLaughlin Olivier, 808 South Main St., Geneva, NY 14456, solivier@rochester.rr.com

Class Correspondent **Sam MacLaughlin Olivier** apologizes for the lateness of these notes and for missing the last issue. She has been waylaid by an illness in the family.

Ruth Ritter Ladd spent Jan. '06 in MS working with the Army Corps of Engineers to remove hurricane debris in an area about 100 miles north of the coast. It was an incredible experience, although tiring. Mississippians were gracious and friendly, but being called "Miss Ruth" (very respectfully) took some getting used to!

Bev Alfano Ahrensdoerf teaches in an all-boys public middle school in Philadelphia's inner city. After 33 years, she still loves it! She also coaches soccer and supports the fledgling golf and tennis teams by collecting used equipment. She and husband Lee (self-employed in the executive search business) have two children: Drew, a senior at Trinity College, and Leigh, a junior at CC! "Parents' Weekend was very moving for me, with my daughter beside me watching my son play soccer on the green in front of Knowlton. (Trinity won.) I felt very fortunate to be part of the CC experience." She is in touch with **JoAnn Giordano Everson**, **Chris Berg Mara** and **Linda Johnsen Keller**, whose daughters live in Philly.

Patti Reum (www.mountain-retreat.com) lives in Highland County, VA, on the top of Allegheny Mountain and operates a wilderness retreat business. She spoke with **Peggy Kobacker** last summer and discovered another CC alum living in Charlottesville, Heidi Winter '71.

Georgia Ahlborn Sorensen and her husband of 37 years, whom she met while at CC, retired and built a house on High Rock Lake in Salisbury, NC. She gardens, is involved with the DAR and helps her husband with his novel. Their oldest daughter resides in DC and works for the Department of Veteran's Affairs, and the youngest daughter is a theater

major at UNC-Charlotte.

Susan Lightbown Tolar retired after 24 years as principal of an elementary school in Boardman, OR. She and husband Mick travel, take care of grandchildren and garden. Susan occasionally substitute teaches. Both serve on the local Citizens Review Board, which reviews cases of children in foster care.

Peter Seamans is approaching 60 with some trepidation—the same we are all facing: namely, what have we made of our lives? He is staying in great physical shape, and his new eight-year marriage is a grand success. His daughter, Molly Seamans '01, is well and happy.

Karen Ruddeforth Furnans lives in West Hartford, CT, with husband Mark. She is a clinical social worker for the Department of Children and Families. Karen and Mark welcomed their first grandchild, Gabriella, in 12/04. Karen keeps in touch with **Cathy Rudolph Breish** and **Steffie Levine**.

Norma Drab Goldstein Ph.D. (also M.A.T. '75 at CC) has been the dean of humanities at Shoreline Community College, a top-notch two-year college near Seattle, for six years. She and husband Allen host an international dinner club with Londe Richardson '74, now an anesthesiologist, who lives on the same street. Norma has four granddaughters, ages 1 through 11, from elder sons Ivan and Todd Walrath. Her third son, Adam, 17, a high-school senior, is contemplating CC. She keeps in touch with Patricia Lenehan Breyley '70. They both want to hear from Norma's former Lazarus House roommate, Lee Doodlesack Moore '69.

Deborah Pierson Mauro teaches gifted students in a public middle school and high school and actually enjoys work more each year. Son Nick is a sophomore at Rice, and daughter Lily is a senior in high school, applying to colleges. In recent years, they have struggled with her husband's multiple myeloma. "Though not in remission, he's remarkably stable. So much so, that we spent time in Croatia and

Italy last summer." She would like to hear from **Peggy Kobacker Shiffrin** and Patricia Stein Wrightson '71.

Adelyn Bernheim Firtel has lived in CA for 18 years. She has three grown children and two grandchildren, Riley, 7, and Griffin, 4. She has retired from her store and enjoys traveling and her artwork.

Susan Welshon Brewer is in one of life's quiet phases. Older son Reid is a senior at Brown, and younger son Todd is a sophomore at Lehigh. Last fall there was a reunion at her house on Shelter Island with **Barbara Ashton Carey**, **Debbie Eliason Rollins** and **Carol Neitlich Bridges**. "We had a wonderful time."

After 23 years of classroom teaching, Class President **Matty Kessler Huckins** is now a Reading First coach for kindergartners and first-graders. She has more time for five grandchildren (ages 1 through 11), traveling, and numerous farm and church activities. Matty urges everyone to plan now to attend the 35th reunion in June. Just back from a visit to CC, she reports much excitement surrounding President Higdon and his plans for transforming the College.

Laurie Stewart Otten sings, teaches, volunteers and enjoys watching her children growing up. Jim is in grad school in mechanical engineering at U. of Michigan, and Mike is in seventh grade. Husband David still plays (and competes) with robots. She had a wonderful visit with **Karen DuBrul** in PA over Labor Day weekend. They both plan to attend Reunion! (Hear that girls—and boys? Let's all do that. It will be so much fun!)

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Correspondent: Mary Ann Sill Sircely, P.O. Box 207, Wycombe, PA 18980, masircely@sircely.com

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The Class of '73 sends sympathy to the family and friends of **Wendy Wade Costello**, who passed away on March 14.

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Duane Chase was roasted for his 55th birthday during a brunch in East Haddam, CT, on March 25. In attendance were Bob Ballek '73, Sherry Smith Block '73, Lauren Parker Plage '75 and her husband, Bill (CGA '73), and honorary Emily Abbey dorm football player, Josh Schwartz '75, and Mark Warren '75.

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Mark Warren is organizing the 30th Annual Arbo Softball Game. If you are interested, please contact him at esne.ct@snet.net. The tentative date is 6/24/07. Mark is participating for the 13th time in the 28th Annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge benefit bicycle event, www.pmc.org. The PMC is the largest single-event athletic fundraiser in the country, and last year the 4,000-plus riders raised over \$25 million, which was donated through the Jimmy Fund to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. If you would like to help with a donation, please contact Mark.

76 *Correspondents:* Kenneth Abel, 334 W. 19th St., Apt. 2B, New York, NY 10011, kenn616@aol.com and Susan Hazlehurst Milbrath, 5830 S. Galena St., Greenwood Village, CO 80111, shmilbrath@aol.com

Bruce Morbit and family live in North Brunswick, NJ. He's the director of human resources and organizational development for Calvin Klein/Van Heusen Apparel Companies. He stays in touch with friends **Kathy Hensel Porter** and Stacy Valis '74 and had a recent reunion with college roommate (and fellow blues aficionado) John Maeder '75. "All of us are wondering what our other mutual friends are up to. I'd also like to shout out to **Joe Mastrangelo** and **Paul Vitello**, who enjoyed a memorable bottle of wine (Vino D'uva, I believe) during an unforgettable home-cooked Italian meal years ago." Reach Bruce at bmorbit@optonline.net.

Writing from London, **Craig Chapman** says he and Susie are enjoying the European

lifestyle. They travel back and forth to the U.S. regularly on business and to look after their two daughters (Jane, who's an NYU junior, and Louise, who's a Colgate sophomore). They are looking forward to an early summer rendezvous with CC alumni being organized by Mark Warren '75 in New London, advertised as the 30th Annual Arbo Softball Game.

Faith Blersch Kuehn is managing a bee-farming project in DE. The Delaware Department of Agriculture will receive a four-year, \$94,000 grant from the Northeastern Region of the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program for the project "Farming for Native Bees."

Jim Briggs and wife **Paula Drain Briggs** are doing well, with two kids out working and the youngest in her junior year of college. Jim had a health scare last year—leukemia—and spent about seven weeks in the hospital last winter for chemo. He has been in remission for about a year, writing, "so far so good." Jim and Paula went on safari in Kenya over Christmas and did some camel riding. (He has a genuine picture of a CC couple on camelback!) They had a fun long weekend in Bermuda last fall with **Tom Chamberlin** and **Patience Merck Chamberlin** '78, and **Gordon Milne** and **Donna Edgerton Milne** '73.

Proud dad **Joe Mastrangelo** writes that his oldest daughter, Filly (22), started a dog biscuit company called Filly's Canine Cookies. She has been selling 150-200 dozen per month, and in Mar. the Whole Foods store in Framingham, MA, began carrying her biscuits. For more information or to place an order, send an e-mail to fillyscaninecookies@yahoo.com. Filly, who is autistic, will graduate in June from the Life Experience School, part of the Peace Abbey in Sherborn, MA. She is also a talented artist and will exhibit her work at a gallery in Natick prior to graduation. Congratulations!

Speaking of placing orders, **Susan Hazlehurst Milbrath** was delighted to learn that reproductions of beloved professor Charles Chu's artwork are

now available as prints, note cards and postcards through his Web site, www.littlefrog.com. She promptly stocked up on several boxes of note cards, which also feature delightful aphorisms penned by Bettie Chu. You might want to have a look and do the same.

Doug Hinman still plays drums a few times a year, always a rewarding and satisfying experience. He recorded a CD last year with the Fathoms, an early '60s-style guitar instrumental band, and recently did some work with his old boss, Duke Robillard, who was almost a Grammy winner this year. Doug saw Art Sides '75, **Stephen Brunetti** and John O'Hare '75 last spring when he played a farewell gig with Jack Smith & the Rockabilly Planet at the Bank Street Café in New London. He and his family hope to enjoy some R&R on the Cape this summer.

John Alderman, **Nancy Sisitzky** and **Mark Warren** '75 celebrated **Dave (Harry) Palten's** successful sale of his technology company at an early retirement party for the entrepreneur. Dinner with spouses was in Ivoryton, CT. Dave will now "climb the next mountain," with an eye to the hedge-fund world. In the meantime, he'll be biking in Italy.

Have a wonderful summer!

77 *Correspondents:* Kimberly-Toy Reynolds Huh, 1000 N. Lake Shore Dr., Apt. 405, Chicago, IL 60611, KimToy@aol.com; Paul (Pablo) Fitzmaurice, 4017 Evans Chapel Rd., Baltimore, MD 21211, twiplo@prodigy.net and Dan Booth Cohen, danbooth@rcn.com. Now that we are in our 50s, our Class Notes sit equidistant between those that read: "...has one more year of law school" and "...has nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren." We are neither still young nor all grown up, just adding on more layers of meaning and ambiguity.

Adrienne Hawkins, who teaches dance to kids and adults, can tell *she's* not a kid anymore because kids don't understand discipline and patience. Neither is she all grown up yet, since she can't understand why.

Sandy Rappeport is director of international adoptions at Adoptions Together. She is responsible for adoption programs in China and Vietnam and recently traveled to Vietnam in that capacity. Sandy lives in Reisterstown, MD, with partner Bobbie and their two children, Emily, 12, adopted from China, and Lindsey, 9, adopted from Vietnam. They are both competitive gymnasts, so the family is mostly living at the gym these days. "Life is very good—being a parent is definitely the most amazing experience of my lifetime!"

Jane Blonder Clark knows *she's* not a kid anymore because she is the mother of two adult children: Whitney, a Classics and French major in her senior year at Colgate, and Jesse, a sophomore at CC. Whitney has been accepted to the Teach for America program and will spend two years in inner-city St. Louis. Jesse is a music and music production and technology major who plays guitar in a campus band. Jane stays young herself so she can keep up with her younger daughter, Hannah, 14.

Scott Davis is remarried. For those who want to see how he keeps young-at-heart, check out Scott and new bride Maria at www.academycomputerservice.com/maria/fireside.jpg.

Richard Lewis and wife Lupe recently celebrated their 23rd anniversary. Oldest son Jeremy graduated from SUNY Albany. Youngest son, Jason, is at NYU. Richard works as a lawyer, "doing mostly uncontested divorces for the past 20 years." He enjoys traveling and has visited El Salvador three times.

Ceceile Weiss Strand and husband Dave are empty-nesters. Son, Erik is attending Oberlin, and daughter Ellie graduated from Macalester and is pursuing a master's in world religions at Harvard. Ceceile thought that without daily parental responsibilities there would be more free time. "Maybe there was for a moment or two, but somehow the list of all the things that were put on hold appeared, and now we know that life will always be busy!"

78 Correspondents: Carrie Wilson, 31 Brookview Rd., Holliston, MA 01746, snewbold@aol.com and Susan Calef Tobiason, 70 Park Terrace East, Apt. 4I, New York, NY 10034, stobiason@webtv.net

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Karin Winnard has two great titles. She now works at Bryant U. in RI as the assistant director of the Academic Center for Excellence and as the director for Peer Tutor Services. If that's not enough, she has formed her own business, Wizard Education Products, which produces interactive role-play materials for educators at the college level. Karin also jumped out of a plane (skydiving) to raise money for breast cancer research. While on the ground, Karin moved her mother from the West to the East Coast, and she dotes on her godson and niece.

Julie Grey Pollack has moved to AK after 25 years in NM. She was married to Mark Pollack in a horseback wedding in OR on 9/7/05. She has left public relations and now does volunteer work for the American Red Cross. She's also busy writing a novel set in NM's ranch country and exploring her newly adopted home.

It was great to hear from Julie and Karin, who I believe are first-time writers to Class Notes. Now it's your turn to let us know what's happening in your lives. It's easy, and doesn't cost a thing if you have e-mail. Your fellow alumni are waiting to hear from you.

The class extends condolences to **Jerry Tisser**, who lost his wife, Jean, on Feb. 19 following a six-year battle with breast cancer. She was 48. Jean and Jerry met two days after our graduation from CC while they were both waiting in line to check in at the Zurich Youth Hostel. Jean was the proud mother of three sons. Matthew graduated in May with a geography degree from Syracuse U. Daniel, a high-school sophomore, plays for his varsity volleyball team. Michael is the starting goalie for his middle school and travel soccer teams.

I received a copy of the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* obituary for **Paul Sanford**, whose death was

reported in the Winter issue of *CC Magazine*. Paul had become quite an advocate for "the underdog" in his career as a free-speech defense lawyer. In one case, Paul defended a group of homeless people who had set up a camp on the banks of the San Lorenzo River that the city was trying to shut down. Another case found Paul appearing before the Supreme Court in defense of an atheist who had sued the local school district, claiming that the mention of "God" in the Pledge of Allegiance violated the First Amendment's separation of church and state. The article also recalled Paul's fun side as a rabid Red Sox fan. To view the whole obituary, go to www.santacruzsentinel.com/archive/2006/December/28/local/stories/02local.htm. The class extends its condolences to Paul's wife, Paula, and their two children.

79 Correspondent: Michael Fishman, 74 Craigmoor Road, West Hartford, CT 06107, michael_b_fishman@uhs.com

Liz Leger teaches at California College of the Arts, and this summer she is co-teaching a drawing/poetry class at La Romita School of Art in Umbria, Italy.

80 Correspondents: Tony Littlefield, 108 Hilltop Dr., Chestertown, MD 21620, littlefield2@washcoll.edu and Connie Smith Gemmer, 180 Glenwood Ave., Portland, ME 04103, connie@bartongingold.com

As of Jan., **Anne Makepeace** had moved to Mumbai, India, where husband Tarun Jotwani is opening an investment banking office for Lehman Brothers. They had been in London for four years, where Tarun also worked for Lehman Brothers, and where Anne took a yearlong course at Christie's in modern and contemporary art. "Mumbai is a challenge, as the infrastructure is not up to the mark, and daily life is rather chaotic." This is a return to India for Anne, as she was born in New Delhi and as a teenager went to school in Madras. "My husband has not lived or worked here for 26 years, so we are both in culture shock! India is a wonderful place. It just re-

quires time and patience to get the hang of." Anne invites any CC alumni coming through India to look them up.

81 Correspondent: Jeffrey Michaels, jmichael@capaccess.org
Jeffrey Michaels, longtime class correspondent who hasn't been very successful getting contributions from classmates, is seeking a replacement. Wanted: Energetic individual(s) interested in reaching out to classmates for news of their lives. Write Mary Howard at myhow@conncoll.edu to take on this challenge.

82 Correspondents: Deborah Salomon Smith, 236 Lori Lane, Norwalk, CT 06851 and Eliza Helman Kraft, 3707 NE 17th Ave., Oakland Park, FL 33334, ejhquigley@aol.com

83 Correspondent: Elizabeth Greene Roos, 5 Buchan Road, Andover, MA 01810, lizandmik-eroos@comcast.net

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Chris Bradbury and wife Lisa moved to Charlotte, NC, in '05. Chris is vice president, senior marketing consultant with Wachovia Bank. His wife is vice president, senior compliance manager with Bank of America — "a mixed marriage!" They welcomed son John Christopher on 1/23/07. "Jack is our pride and joy." Chris would love to hear from alums in the Charlotte area and from anyone interested in relocating to Charlotte.

84 Correspondents: Lucy Marshall Sandor, 251 Katydid Ln., Wilton, CT 06897, lucysandor@aol.com; Sheryl Edwards Rajpolt, 17 Pheasant Ln., Monroe, CT 06468, srajpolt@us.ibm.com; and Liz Kolber, 400 East 71st St., 23H, New York, NY 10021, lizkprinc@aol.com

85 Correspondent: Kathy Paxton-Williams, 2126 SE Umatilla St., Portland, OR 97202, kathyp11@comcast.net

Carole Tomko Recka writes, "I keep in touch with **Maritza Maiano Guillocheau**, who is godmother to our son Nicholas. I hear from **Jen Atkinson**, who has a 1-year-old son, and every once in a while I hear from **Mary Tullis Engvall**. I work closely with **David McKillop** and a few other

CC folks who have populated Discovery Communications."

Steven Geiser and wife Dawn hosted a pool party for several CC friends at their house in Framingham, MA. **Carol Spencer Wipper**, **Scott Wipper**, **Linda Cusack Libbey** and **Kimberley Knutson McMahon** and their families attended.

86 Correspondent: Barbara Malmberg, 560 Silver Sands Rd., Unit 1303, East Haven, CT 06512, malmberg2@aol.com

Chris Selby has been out of touch for a while and hopes to find a few friends. He's still living in paradise, going to the beach each morning and most evenings. They capped the family at two children who've become equally beach-centric—a boy who's rugby mad and a girl who's good on a surfboard. To keep the IRS happy, he's now 22 years at Merrill Lynch in investment banking. "Hoping to hear from Bente and crew. My e-mail is chris_selby@ml.com if they read this. Cheers from Boomerang Beach!"

Jeff Kazin remains the general manager of the modern dance company David Parker and The Bang Group (16 years now), where he recently assisted in the creation of a new work for the Juilliard School. The company has many exciting engagements coming up, and "yes, I'm still a principal dancer." Folks can read all about it at www.thebanggroup.com. "My partner Chris and I celebrated our 22nd anniversary this year, and our two Jack Russells continue to age gracefully along with us."

Margot Rossi married Michael Stith on the winter solstice '06. Together they have Gina Maria, 14 months, a welcomed sister to Robin, 7; Paolo, 8; and Felix, 10. Madge is an acupuncturist working in a local health center and teaches at Daoist Traditions College of Chinese Medical Arts in Asheville, NC. She just returned to teaching yoga after taking a year off. Michael provides the family with home school lessons, music, carpentry projects, hand-forged utensils and delicious creative meals.

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(Janet) May Hall lives on Chebeague Island in ME with daughter Beatrice, 3, and son Cassidy, 12. She's working as an editor from her home office and participating in Chebeague's bid to separate from Cumberland and become its own town. Cassidy is an avid fiddler, and they are folk dancers and dance organizers for the contra dance community in southern ME. A recent visit with friends included Rachel Reiser '90, **Tracey Thomas** and **Joan Edwards** with husband Ricky Pahl '90 and daughter Alexa. Rachel, Joan and Ricky rent a cottage on Chebeague for a few weeks every summer.

Sean Fagan lives in Sudbury, MA, with wife Emily, daughter Nellie, 9, and son Seamus, 7. The family had a recent visit from **Keoki (Koki) Flagg**. "We laughed a lot with Koki as he shared the photography he has accumulated over the years in the form of a slide show. We felt honored to see his tremendous work. Koki still lives in Lake Tahoe and has his own art gallery in Squaw Valley."

John Hughes and wife Debra are planning a visit with family in a little village in the province of Anjou, France. "Neither one of us has ever been there, and we are very excited." John teaches ninth-, 11th- and 12th-grade history at the Rocky Hill School in East Greenwich, RI, and Debra just started a new job as the resident services director for Atria Senior Living Group at their Lincoln, RI, facility. John and Debra live in the village of Wickford on Narragansett Bay. "We try to get out sailing as much as possible in the summer. If any old friends were to contact us, we'd love to take them sailing in our 22-foot Pearson Ensign."

Maggie Hug is the director of programs at the Fulbright Commission in Mexico City, where she has been living and working since 2002. She is

responsible for the administration and management of Fulbright grants for graduate students, researchers and teachers from Mexico and the U.S., and she enjoys her work with the academic communities on both sides of the border. Maggie moved to Mexico in 9/99 to complete her own Fulbright grant as a teacher-trainer at a public university in the state of Nayarit (on the Pacific coast). Maggie has become familiar with various parts of Mexico, so if you are thinking about a trip there, contact her for suggestions and ideas! Maggie caught up with **Jennifer Marshall** in 12/04 and Bob Behrens in 5/06, shortly before Bob's wedding to **Meghan Fitzpatrick** in June. Maggie sends a big abrazo to '87 CC alumni and friends.

Congratulations to **Priscilla Geigis**, who married Kurt Gaertner on 9/23/06 at Skinner State Park in Hadley, MA. Priscilla's father, a Congregationalist minister, performed the ceremony, which was held in the historic Summit House atop the Mount Holyoke Range, overlooking the Connecticut River Valley. Camels who shared in the celebration included **Stephanie Schacher**, **Michelle Grosser Kaufman**, **Beth Honan Concaugh** and **Paula McGarry Wooster**. Priscilla said that it was a wonderful opportunity for a mini-reunion.

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Correspondent: Nancy Beaney, 925 Sutter St. #201, San Francisco, CA 94109, nbeaney@aol.com

Reunion '08 May 30-June 1 **Chris Coyne** lives in Guilford, CT, and sells real estate for William Raveis Real Estate. "When not selling homes, I spend my time rehabbing antique homes and playing with my two beautiful daughters, Clare (6) and Kate (3). I keep in touch with Chris Hobson '87 and **Mary Todd Goodspeed Hobson**, who live in Wilton, CT, with son Henry. I also see Dave Norling '87 and May Bloomer Bartels '89 and attend Patriots games, where I tailgate with **Larry Goldstein** and **Sean Fagan** '87. I also keep in touch with my friend

Shirley Jaeger Millwee '42 in Westport. If anyone is moving into or out of the area, or just wants to shoot the breeze about real estate, antique homes or life in general, drop me a line at coyne@raveisre.com and we can exchange cell phone numbers."

Alison Edwards Curwen is enjoying her life in Ojai, CA, where she lives with husband Austin and their three children: Darcie (7), Tag (6) and Stapley (4).

Barbara Holland Toomey was appointed natural science program manager at the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield, Mass. Toomey holds a Ph.D. in biological sciences from Stanford University.

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Correspondent: Deb Dorman Hay, 5821 N. 22nd St., Arlington, VA 22205, ddorman@alum.conncoll.edu

Congratulations to **Sarah Pratt** on the birth of Carter on 7/19/06.

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Correspondent: Kristin Lofblad, 531 Franklin St., Cambridge, MA 02139, klofblad@comcast.net

Peter Brooks writes: "After almost four years at the Corporate Executive Board, I just took a position as senior associate at Booz Allen Hamilton, headquartered outside of Washington, DC. I'd love to stay in touch with local CC alums and old friends, which has become increasingly difficult as the years go by. They can reach me at pbrookslse@yahoo.com." Speaking of staying in touch, a lot of CC classmates can be found on LinkedIn.com.

Kristin Lofblad recently visited the San Diego area, where she caught up with **Dana Pierce** and his wife, Nikale. She also went paragliding over the cliffs of La Jolla and the Torrey Pines Golf Course. Hundreds of feet in the air, held up by a breeze off the ocean—thrilling!

Jason Stewart and wife Jodi Simon Stewart welcomed Annabelle Ruth Stewart on 10/19/06. She joins her two brothers, Rian, 7, and William, 3. "We are still in Ridgefield, CT, and very happy. I took Rian to his first Rangers game

at Madison Square Garden, and he loved it. The kids are playing sports, Jodi is tired but happy and I am still head of PR at a big corporation based in Stamford."

Friend and classmate **Howard Brent Turner** died on 6/23/06. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

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Congratulations to **Anton Malko** and Hilary Magowan '94 on the birth of William Magowan Malko on 1/13! William weighed in at 6 lbs., 10 oz. Mom and baby are doing fine.

Nancy Northrop Wolanski and husband Ron welcomed daughter Alexandra last year. Nancy has transitioned from working full time in the Community Service Center at Johnson & Wales U. to teaching as an adjunct leadership studies faculty (she got her M.B.A. in organizational leadership last year). She's still figuring out how to do class prep and grading while Alexandra is awake but has enjoyed being part-time faculty and full-time mom.

Andy Bonanno and wife Donna welcomed two new members to the family. Campbell Saylor and Amelie Saugrain were born on 8/4/06. Blakesley Grayce, 3, enjoys being a big sister, and mom and dad are trying to get some needed rest.

Gina Breuer Hadley lives in Seattle with husband Eric, daughter Francesca, 4, and son Jasper, 1. Last fall she spent a wonderful Thanksgiving week in London with Fred Goetzen '92.

Gina Abbott has had a busy three years. In 2003, she finished her Ph.D. in clinical psychology, moved back to CT, started a new job and married Michael Sussal. The wedding was in Harkness Chapel and Father Larry LaPointe officiated; **Jill Avery Maver** and **Gillian McCarthy** were bridesmaids; **Nancy Northrop Wolanski** attended the guest book; and Cynthia Verdile Carroll '90 sang, accompanied by husband David on piano.

CC attendees were **Sharon Mansur, Cathy Eliot**, Penny Leising '93, cousin Christine Ventuarelle Kennedy '87 and husband Brian Kennedy '86, L'Ana Burton (of the Children's Dance Center), and Sally and Dick Smyser, parents of the late Cameron Smyser '92. "In 9/05, we had a son, Noah Gabriel. Noah keeps me on my toes, and I love being a mom! I enjoy my work but still wish I could stay home full time with him." Gina works three days a week at UConn Health Center, doing research on diabetes and depression and teaching stress management. She is also an adjunct professor at Quinnipiac College two nights a week. She passed her licensing exam two years ago and hopes to join a practice soon. She lives a few doors down from Penny Leising '93. Last summer, Noah and Gina visited with **Nancy Northrop Wolanski** and daughter Alexandra and **Jill Avery Maver** and her family. She hopes everyone is doing well and would love to hear from people: gina.abbott@sbcglobal.net.

Marjorie Erwin married Garrett McGonigal in Sonoma, CA, in 10/03. **Nancy Mather Twyman** was a bridesmaid, and CC attendees included **Paul Simpson, Dave Heivly, Mark Waldeck** and Susie Cascio Greenleaf '92. "After 14 years in San Francisco, we left the city to become suburban homeowners in Sunnyvale, an hour south of the city. I am currently working as a project manager at Cisco Systems. In 5/05, our daughter, Sydney, was born, and we absolutely love the parenting gig!"

Candice Dunn went on to get her master's in education from Lesley U. in 1996 with a concentration in technology in education. In 1997, she won the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching while she worked at Kathleen Goodwin School in Old Saybrook as a first- and second-grade teacher and science coordinator. During her graduate study, Candice taught college classes in special education areas, which she hopes to continue doing. In 2006, she defended her dissertation for her Ph.D. from the U. of

Connecticut. It is a doctorate in special education. Her research is "Asperger Syndrome: The Parental Perspective of Behaviors in Different Environments." Candice is also an education consultant specializing in remediation and individualized program development.

Scott Cave and his wife had their second child, Mae, in 1/06. Big sister Catherine, 5, is in kindergarten. "On the day that we moved into our new house (so we could have some more space with our two kids) my wife found out she is pregnant with our third child. So we are now anxiously setting up a new nursery in a spare bedroom of the new home. Otherwise, not much is happening! We still love it here in Charleston, SC, and invite any classmates to come visit this beautiful place."

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Lebogang Montjane writes, "I am pleased to announce that my wife, Qoqanani Montjane, and I were blessed with a daughter, Ramadimetja, on 11/14/06. I have moved from Johannesburg to Cape Town. While living in Johannesburg, I used to see a great deal of **Craig Timberg**. We now keep in touch over the phone or when he comes to town."

93 Correspondent: Michael Carson, 143 Appleton Street, #2, Boston, MA 02116, carson.michael@comcast.net

Reunion '08 May 30-June 1 **Andrew Gibian** writes, "We took the kids to Japan for a six-week stay with our family last summer. This summer we plan on going back and will put Alexander, 5, and Victoria, 4, in a kindergarten program there for a few weeks. I'm still doing sales at Gartner and living in Stamford, CT."

Karen Spilker Messinger lives in Philly with her husband and three kids — Cole, 4, Jonah, 2, and Juliana, 7 mos. "Life is great and never boring!"

John Harnisher and Julie Laken Harnisher both completed doctoral degrees this fall. Julie received her

Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Northwestern, and John received his in industrial/organizational psychology from NYU. They live in Garwood, NJ, with sons, Jacob, 5-1/2, and Eric, 2-1/2.

Carrie Stevens married John Darling on 10/28/06 in her hometown of Greenwich, CT. **Amy Robinson** was maid of honor, and **Michelle Hylan** and **Kris Rizzo Samarov** '92 were bridesmaids. Carrie is director of sales for Caspari, Inc., a paper and design company. She and her husband live in Bethesda, MD.

Tali Durant and her husband welcomed their second child, Arthur, in 7/06, and have moved back to the East Coast after 12 years. They live in Jupiter, FL, where Tali continues as general counsel for Semotus Solutions, Inc., working out of a home office.

Kelly Evans Hokkanen and Joel Hokkanen '94 had their second child, Karl, on 7/27/06. "Big brother, Jay, 4, has adjusted and loves to entertain his brother." They still enjoy living in ME. Kelly was recently promoted to director of government services at Maine Information Network, overseeing marketing, design and project management.

Chad Mead was named one of the top 50 most powerful people in networking (along with Bill Gates and Steve Balmer) by *Network World*. He is the global head of security event management at JPMorganChase. Chad lives in Columbus, OH, with his wife of 13 years, Robin, and daughters Suzanne, 9, Kennedy, 7, and Cassidy, 4.

Bill West and Jorie Johnston welcomed Fiona Raine on 1/18/07.

Rachel and Jay Schinderman welcomed Benjamin Isaac on 7/27/06. He's doing great.

Patrick Sartor and Carter Wood were married on 12/2/06.

Kate Burden Thomas still lives in NH with her husband and three daughters. After several attempts to be superwoman and hold down a full-time job with a one-hour commute, maintain the schedules of the whole family and keep her house from falling down, she

decided that "just mom" was plenty of work. She now works a few hours a week at a café in Hampstead called Beantowne. A two-minute commute, free coffee and seeing her local buddies makes it worthwhile! Kate also volunteers with Hampstead Congregational Church and the Hampstead Mothers' Club. She recently heard from **David Barron, Allison Parisi** and a bunch of other friends from the classes of '94 and '95.

Swann Soldate recently saw **Anne Bain Epling**, who has three kids and lives in St. Louis. She also is in touch with **Molly Joslin Bush**, who had a baby boy, Bill Bush! Swann sees **Jessica Schwarz** all the time — "She has been helping me unpack, as I just bought a condo."

Holly Handman-Lopez reaches part time in the theater and dance department at Oberlin College, where her husband, Tom, is a professor of electronic music. She is finishing her MFA this semester, and they spend time chasing their daughter, Kyra.

Michael Rey has been an investigative producer for CBS Evening News for the last year. He and wife Cat Greenleaf, a reporter at WNBC in NY, are moving into a new place in Cobble Hill, Brooklyn. They have an extra bedroom for any visiting Conn dignitaries. **Todd Schwartz** is in the neighborhood. He's doing well and still playing in a band, though no longer wearing welding goggles when he does.

Beth Hodges Mercurio lives in Hingham, MA. She really enjoys being a stay-at-home mom to Anne Kearny, born 3/25/06, and big sister Lila, born 6/22/04, and has met some new Camels in the area.

Christopher and Sonia Schoenholtz Cawley had a baby boy in July. Sonia will attend Commencement at Conn this May for her niece's graduation.

Sarah Huntley Jett and husband Philip Jett '94 welcomed second daughter Abigail Kennedy on 4/30/07. She joins big sister Madison, 4. The girls keep their parents hopping. "We're tired, but happy." Sarah works as assistant city editor at

the *Rocky Mountain News* in Denver. In addition to his job as a paralegal for the city attorney's office, Phil is completing his master's degree in political science and public policy.

Booth Kyle and Colleen Shanley Kyle are still at Deerfield Academy in MA with two kids, Devin and Aidan. Booth recently brought the Deerfield crew team to Conn. Every year he brings them for spring training to use the tanks and other facilities. In 2005, he coached the Deerfield crew to gold medals at the New England championship and a silver medal at the national championship.

Michael Marchand married Trish Morley on 10/21/06 in Avon, CT. He keeps in touch with **Nat Damon** and Laurie Nathanson Kaufman '94. Michael recently left Deloitte Consulting to join the management team of Visiting Nurse Service of NY, a health-care company in NYC. He's leading the launch of the company's tele-health business.

After many years at Mystic Seaport in CT, **Michelle Moon** is director of education for Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth, NH. She is also co-leader of a Slow Food convivium, does some freelance music and culture writing, and participates in the arts scene as a singer-songwriter.

On 9/6/06, **Alison Morpurgo-Cotter** and husband Avi had a son, Luca Hadriel. He joins Eliana, 3. The family still lives in Manhattan, where Alison is legal counsel at UBS and Avi is director of real estate for Ann Taylor.

Christy Burke lives and works in NYC and runs a public relations and marketing firm, Burke & Company LLC. She recently saw **Nat Damon**, **Hugh Ewart** and Stephanie Record Wasco '95. Christy is chair of the CC Alumni Board's programming committee. She founded the CC Distinguished Alumni Networking Series, which began in early 2006 in Manhattan and is now expanding to Boston, San Francisco and Portland, ME. With Jim Moran '92, she created the CC Entrepreneurs Forum, a series of events designed to bring

together Conn alumni who are business owners. The first entrepreneurs event was held in NY in Feb.

Catherine Noujaim bought a house in Farmington, CT, and would love to meet up with anyone in the area. She is singing with her church choir and works at the local library. "No kids or husband yet."

Jeff Berman writes, "Been a busy year for the Bermans. We got married in July '05, and our son, Jake, came along in July '06. He's big, strong, happy, healthy, already throwing a mean curveball, writing genius sonnets and making passionate arguments for smarter environmental policy. In the midst of baby madness, we both changed jobs. Melissa now runs a television production and development company housed at Touchstone, and I'm running communications and public affairs at MySpace.com. Never a dull moment, and we wouldn't have it any other way. Life in L.A. is great!"

Todd Alessandri writes, "This summer, my wife, Sue, and I adopted Jackson Oleg Alessandri from Russia. He was born on 4/17/05, and we adopted him on 7/11/06."

Virginia and **Chris McGuire** welcomed August Hoyle on 8/14/06.

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Congratulations to **Hilary Magowan** and Anton Malko '91 on the birth of William Magowan Malko on 1/13! William weighed in at 6 lbs., 10 oz. Mom and baby are doing fine.

95 Correspondent: Stephanie Wilson Mendez, 221 First Ave., Unit 48, Minneapolis, MN, 55413, swilson@bazoomer.com.

96 Correspondents: Lisa Paone, 86 Botolph St. #1, Boston, MA 02116, paone96@yahoo.com and Gretchen Shuman, 40 Fleet Street #5, Boston, MA 02109, gshuman7005@yahoo.com

Congratulations to **Eileen Wilde**, who married Jesse Brackenbury in Harwich, MA, on 5/27/06. Alumni at the wedding included **Carrie**

Smith, Theresa Boxall '97, Sarah Hansen '01 and Kara Cicchetti '97.

97 Correspondent: Ann Bevan. Hollos, 1443 Beacon Street # 105, Brookline, MA 02446, annbevan23@yahoo.com

Steve Bartlett and wife Mackenzie proudly announce the birth of Marshall Walker on 10/2/06. Marshall weighed in at 8 lbs., 9 oz.

Congratulations to **Dardy Muldaur Slavin** and Sean on the birth of Quinlan on 3/15/07.

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Reunion '08 May 30-June 1 **Lisa Geraghty Paddock** had a daughter, Hannah Kristin, on 11/20/06 in Cottingham, England, where she lives with her husband. Lisa is enjoying a year's maternity leave from her job in police intelligence. Hannah already has her first CC Camel T-shirt!

On 11/16/06, **Sarah Pinelli Lofgren** and husband David became the proud parents of son Hunter James. Hunter weighed in at 6 lbs., 13 oz., and was 20 inches long. Both Sarah and baby are happy and healthy. Sarah, Dave and Hunter live in beautiful South Lake Tahoe, CA, with their three cats. Sarah is the executive pastry chef at Evan's Restaurant and has her own wedding cake business, www.flourgirlweddingcakes.com. (A far cry from her B.A. in zoology!) She still keeps in close contact with the '98 River Ridge Beavers and enjoyed a visit from **Jane Rudko Kessler**.

Meghan Changelo married Matthew Siket on 6/30/06 at a ceremony in Stowe, VT. Camels in attendance were **Erin McKenna**, **Jayne Roark Wilson**, **Christina Noe Martin**, **Krissy Geishecker Theofanides**, **Tom Betzig**, **Michele Trinidad Betzig**, **Sam Foreman**, **Jessica Sank Ratay** and **Doug Ratay**.

Miller Handy and **Steve Hughes** got married in ME in 9/06. Camels at the wedding included **Ophelia**

Lenz Armengol, **Leah Bicknell**, **Kiki Drukker**, **Mark Dunbrack**, **Carolyn Holliday**, **Pete Grandonico**, **Amy Finkel**, **Sara Meyers**, **Iain Baker**, **Brian LoPiccolo**, **Debbie Swanson Handy** '67, **Barrie Pribyl** '65, **Dani Le Blanc Ruggiero** '99 and **Chris Ruggiero** '96.

Cee Carter lives in Boulder, CO, where she is in graduate school at Naropa U. for transpersonal counseling psychology, which is therapy that includes a spiritual element.

Laura Hare married Steve Blayne '99 on 11/25/06 in Gladwyne, PA. Camels who attended were Neil Creales '97, **Neal Sullivan**, **Katherine Koste Sullivan**, **Tara Kern Lawler**, **Anita Mohan**, **Nick Stern** '99, **Stephanie Ross** '98, **Amy Cardace**, **Chris Griffin**, **Deborah Sorrentino Griffin** and **Burke Lewis**.

Emily Fuller moved to a new position within her company, ad agency TracyLocke of Wilton, CT. She has gone from account services, where she worked on the PepsiCo account, to the strategic planning group. It is a long awaited and thrilling move for her. Emily lives in Norwalk, CT, and encourages anyone in the area to drop her a line at: eoful@optonline.net

Since graduating from CC, **Tamika Hughes** has enjoyed jobs in the fields of book publishing, foundation grant-making, social work and general administration. In 5/05, she received a master's of social service degree and a master's of law and social policy degree from Bryn Mawr College. After that, she briefly moved to AZ, but is now back in her hometown of Philadelphia doing work that includes project management, planning and administration.

Holly Hawkins is in her final semester at the North Benner Street School in Boston, where she is becoming a jeweler. She enjoys living in the North End and sampling all of the delicious Italian cuisine at her doorstep. Holly often gets together with **Betsy McStay** when Betsy is home on break from her grueling vet school schedule in VA, as well as **Josh Fasano**, who lives in

Providence, RI. Holly also reports that **Michael Johnson** has recently moved across the ocean to Hong Kong.

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Steve Blayne married Laura Hare '98 on 11/25/06 in Gladwyne, PA. See '98 Notes for more.

00 *Correspondents:* Jami DeSantis, 374 Chestnut Tree Hill Road, Southbury, CT 06488, jldesantis@hotmail.com and Katie Stephenson, 55 Gardner Ave., New London, CT 06320, kste78@hotmail.com

Congratulations to **Aaron Katz** and wife Kelly on the birth of Aiya on 2/7/07. She weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and was 21 inches long. Aaron writes, "She looks just like her mommy except she has her daddy's eyes." The family lives in Santa Monica, CA.

Nichole Price and **Bill Joyce** were married on 9/30/06 in Thompson, CT. Lots of CC friends enjoyed the "reunion" and open bar. Nichole and Bill live in Santa Barbara, CA. Bill works at Isabelle Greene and Associates, a sustainable landscape architecture firm, as a lead designer and project manager. Nichole is almost finished with her Ph.D. in marine biology and master's degree in statistics at UC-Santa Barbara. She researches the coral reefs in Moorea, Tahiti, every summer.

Dan Berns finished law school at the U. of Miami School of Law in 5/07. He attended a seminar on "Conflict Resolution through Religious Traditions" at Hebrew U. in Jerusalem, Israel, in Jan. While there, he saw Chelsea Hanson '04 (who also took the course) and Howard Poliner '81, who lives and works in Israel. Dan saw **Todd Klarin** over the summer and is in touch with **Evan Cooper** and **Amy Lieb Cooper** '01. He plays ice hockey (yes, in Miami) with Don Kelton '02, who recently moved to south FL.

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Michelle Miller has joined the Peace Corps and is a volunteer in Moldova. In addition to learning the *hora* (a traditional Moldovan dance) she will be the camp director for an all girls summer camp in Northern Moldova.

Congratulations to **Abha Rao** and **Proteep Mallik**, who were married on 12/27/06 in India. **Eunice Kua** and **Mark** and **Allison Bash Neeland** also attended the wedding.

Chris Parks and **Liz Cote** were married on 7/15 in New Haven. Alumni in attendance included Evan Cooper '00, Amy Lieb Cooper '01, **Ross Gobielle**, **Noah Kolodziejski**, **Jessica Lee**, **Jay Briedis**, **Jay Jill** '01, **Jon Schechner**, **Pike Severance** '03, **Rusty Spears** '81, **Will Tollefsen**, **Kurt DeVlyder** '04, **Andrew Longmire** and **Erik Brzozowski** '04. Chris writes, "In Oct, Liz and I bought a house in Plainville, CT. It's a big commitment, but very rewarding. We had a lot of help moving in because alums from as far away as Boston and Providence drove down to help. I finished my MBA at UConn after three years of taking classes part time. Liz has just one more semester at Central Connecticut State U. to get her master's in education. I am a director in research and development at Travelers Insurance in Hartford. Liz teaches third-graders (read hell-raisers) in Waterbury, CT."

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Reunion '08 May 30-June 1 **John Haberland** and **Laura Jonson** were married on 11/25/06 in Seattle, Laura's hometown. John's groomsmen included his brother, **Mark Haberland** '10, **Peter Kolodner** and **Laura's** brother, **George**. **Laura** and **John** met during

their first year at Gonzaga Law School in Spokane, WA, and graduated together in '06 before moving back to CT. Last summer they passed the CT bar exam. John accepted a position with the Army JAG Corps, and they now live in upstate NY.

Megan Angelos married **Christopher Brewer** in St. George, ME, on 4/29/06.

04 *Correspondent:* Kelly McCall, kjmcc@conncoll.edu **Tagg Boyle** lives in Cambridge and works in Boston as the media and design coordinator for the Copley Society of Art on Newbury Street. He keeps in touch with many local alums, and they encourage all their classmates to come visit them in Boston anytime.

Chelsea Hanson attended a law program on "Conflict Resolution through Religious Traditions" at Hebrew U. in Jerusalem during 1/07. While there, she met **Daniel Berns** '00, who was also taking the course. Chelsea will receive her J.D. in 1/08 from Hamline U. School of Law in St. Paul, MN.

Jamie Rogers finished his duties as young alumni trustee in May. He's very thankful to have served his class and he hopes everyone is doing well.

Congratulations to **Lauren Rosebush** and **Benjamin Hilyard**, who were married on 11/12/05 in Palm Beach, FL. Other Camels present included **Katherine Nedelkoff** '02 (bridesmaid), **Rene Thomas** '03 (bridesmaid), **Katherine Hunter**, **Jamie Witherspoon**, **Mary Seaverns Saner** '72 (groom's aunt), **John Stiner** '74 and **Abby Simmons**.

05 *Correspondents:* Cecily Mandl, cecily.mandl@gmail.com and Stephanie Savage, smsav@conncoll.edu

Kacie Hare married **Kirt Linegar** (Coast Guard Academy '04) on 12/30/06 in Denver, CO. In attendance were fellow CC alumni **Stephanie Savage**, **Cecily Mandl**, **Alex Macy** '04, **Lindsey Marshall**, **Mac Furey** '04, **Lindsey Hoehn**, **Nikki Hayes**, **Barbara Silk**, **Meredith Beatty**, **Ellen Folan**, **Lydia Willksy**, **Hillary Rader** and **Eva Sands**. The couple reside in the DC area.

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Obituaries

Roberta Bitgood '28, of Groton, CT, died on April 15. She was 99. Roberta enjoyed a long career in sacred music, serving as minister of music and organist in churches and synagogues throughout the U.S. She published more than 70 choral and organ compositions, including two choral cantatas based on biblical narratives. She became a fellow of the American Guild of Organists in '30 and received a master's ('35) and doctorate ('45) in sacred music from Union Theological Seminary. She received the College Medal in '74 and was elected president of the American Guild of Organists in '75, a position she held until '81. She is survived by her daughter, **Grace Wiersma**.

Jeanette Bradley Brooks '28, of Greensboro, NC, died on Feb. 19. She was 101. Jean is survived by one daughter, one son, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Richard**, in '86.

Isabel Gilbert Greenwood '30, of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, died on March 13. She was 99. In '35, she was the only woman in her class to graduate from McGill U. with a degree in medicine. She and her husband, the Rev. **Tom Greenwood**, worked as missionaries in Canada's Northwest Territory. Isabel worked as a medical doctor to the Dene native community. She was predeceased by her husband and one son. Survivors include one son, three daughters, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Ruth Griswold Lauchheim '31, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, died on March 5. She leaves one daughter, three grandsons and five great-grandchildren. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, **Henry**, and a daughter, **Ann Henderson** '55.

Muriel Williams '31, of Montclair, NJ, died on March

10. After graduating from CC, she earned her master's degree in library science from Columbia U. She spent many years as chief librarian for Phoenix Mutual Insurance Company in Hartford, CT, retiring in '64. Survivors include one niece and one nephew.

Serena Blodgett Mowry '34, of Groton, CT, died on Feb. 2. A longtime teacher in public education in CT, she retired from Ledyard High School in '72. She leaves a son.

Vera Warbasse Spooner '35, of Rocky River, OH, died on March 3. After graduating from CC, she received a master's degree in microbiology from Columbia U. She served on the Rocky River City Council from '61-73 and was president of local chapters of Planned Parenthood and the League of Women Voters. Her husband, C. Willett, died in '93. She leaves two daughters and one son.

Ranice Birch Crosby '37, of Baltimore, MD, died on Feb. 18. She was 91. She was an accomplished medical illustrator and the first woman to be a department head at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. She started her career after graduating from CC, and by '40 was running the Art as Applied to Medicine Department at Johns Hopkins. Ranice stepped down as department head in '83, but continued to teach in the department for 22 years. She received an honorary doctorate from Johns Hopkins in '02. She leaves one daughter.

Bernice (Bunny) Wheeler '37, professor emeritus of zoology, of Niantic, CT, died on Feb. 24. She was 91. After earning a master's degree from Smith College and a Ph.D. from Yale, Bunny taught at Smith, Yale and Westbrook Junior College before joining the CC faculty as a professor of zoology in '47. She retired in '80. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Genetics Society, Society of Developmental Biology and the Ecology Society of America. Bunny leaves two nieces. She was preceded in

death by a sister and nephew.

Hannah Andersen Griswold '39, of Athens, GA, died on March 4. Hannah taught high-school Spanish in Wethersfield, CT, for 21 years. She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society and treasurer of the Alpha Kappa state chapter. In '70, Hannah was honored with the establishment of the Hannah Griswold Grant, a scholarship given annually to a minority student who plans a career in teaching. She was the widow of Wilber (Bill) Griswold, who died in '98. Hannah leaves two daughters and three grandchildren.

Eleanor Geisheimer '39, retired order librarian, of Norwich, CT, died on Feb. 22. Eleanor worked as a librarian at the College for 30 years, retiring in '81. Bernard Murstein, May Buckley Sadowski Professor Emeritus of Psychology, and his wife Nelly Murstein, Hanna Hafkesbrink Professor Emeritus of French & Italian, created the Murstein Fund to Honor Librarians from Eleanor Geisheimer to Today, in honor of Eleanor. To make a donation to the fund, which is for library acquisitions, contact Karen Cordero in the advancement office at 860-439-2439 or kacor@conncoll.edu.

Elizabeth Jordan '39, of Storrs, CT, died on Feb. 25. In addition to her B.A. from CC, she received a B.S. from Simmons College and a master's from NYU. She taught in the Hamden, CT, school system for 15 years and spent 15 years at E.O. Smith High School in Storrs until her retirement in '77. She is survived by two sisters, five nieces and nephews and six great-nieces and great-nephews.

Jeanne Ormrod Kelley '40, of San Francisco, died on March 2. She is survived by one daughter, two sons, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Barbara Berman Levy '41, of West Newton, MA, died on March 12.*

Mary Jane Tracey Mann '41, of Peterborough, NH, died on Feb. 19. The widow of Dr. Richard Mann, she is survived by two daughters, one son and four grandchildren.

Barbara Yohe Williams '41, of Brentwood, TN, died on March 18.*

June Morse '42, of Marblehead, MA, died on March 11. She held a master's degree from Salem State College and taught mathematics in Brookline, MA. She was the director of the Independent School Testing Service for 25 years. She leaves one sister, several nieces, a nephew and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

Jean Staats Lorish '42, of Hilton Head Island, NC, died on March 6. She was the wife of the late Professor Robert Lorish, who was chair of the government department. She leaves two sons and two daughters, including Nancy Lorish '72.

Elizabeth Swartz McCartney '42, of Wayzata, MN, died in April. The widow of William McCartney, she leaves one daughter, two sons and five grandchildren.

Mary Anne Bove Kelly '43, of Waterford, CT, died on Feb. 17. After CC, Mary Anne graduated from the Yale School of Nursing and worked for many years for the former Connecticut General and Hartford Hospitals, retiring in '86. She was the wife of the late Michael Kelly and is survived by one sister and two brothers.

Margaret Grout Tambke '43, of Hilton Head, SC, died on May 4. She enlisted in the Navy after two years at CC and served as a WAVE, teaching air navigation and instrument flight. She is survived by two daughters and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, W. Thompson.

Katharine Johnson Anders '43, of Medford, NJ, died on March 10. From '72-75, she was the director of volunteer services at the Morris County Welfare Board. From '77-87, she was the executive director of the Southeast Morris Chapter of the Red Cross. Following her retirement in '87, she volunteered on the board of the Grace Counseling Center and with the Volunteer Action Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harley Anders. Survivors include one

son, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Nancy Bennett Howell '44, of Willow Street, PA, died on Jan. 4. She graduated from CC Phi Beta Kappa. Prior to her retirement in '87, Nancy was an accounting supervisor with Georgia-Pacific Corporation. She is survived by one son and one granddaughter.

Nancy Wyman Homfeld '44, of St. Michaels MD, died on March 20. She loved sailing, knitting, spinning and weaving and was a docent at the Greenfield Village in MI. She leaves three daughters, one son, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Max Homfeld.

Joan Magnus Turner '45, of St. Louis, MO, died on Feb. 17. She was the widow of Edward (Buddy) Turner. Survivors include two sons and two grandchildren.

Katherine Williams Flannery '45, of Bloomfield Hills, MI, died on April 10. The widow of Richard Flannery, she leaves two daughters, 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one brother. She was preceded in death by a son, one brother and a sister.

Jean Balderston Wilcox '48, of Ft. Washington, MD, died on March 5.

Jeanne Ellard Hibner '48, of Huntington Station, NY, died on April 25.*

Irene Lemanski Mallick '48, of Bridgeport, CT, died on Oct. 27.*

Mary Lou McCredie Appar '48, of Westfield, NJ, died on Feb. 28. Mary Lou received a MSW from Kean College in '66, and worked as a school social worker with the Westfield Special Services, retiring in '75. Mary Lou leaves one son, one daughter and five grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Irving.

Phyllis Clark Nininger '50, of Woodbury, CT, died on March 27. She was the widow of Charles Nininger, who died in '85. She leaves three sons, two daughters and eight grandchildren.

Mary-Haven Healy Hayden '50, of Rochester, NY, died on 8/9/05.*†

Catherine Baldwin Hebert '50, of Kingwood, TX, died on May 6. She is survived by two daughters and one grandson.

Nancy (Terry) Munger '50, of Middlebury, CT, died on March 26. She received her master's in library science from UCLA in '65 and had a 28-year career in advertising, retiring in '86 as vice president and manager of information services at the J. Walther Thompson Co. in NYC. She leaves her sister, Barbara (Bobbie) Munger '55, and several cousins.

Ann Dygert Brady '54, of Panama City Beach, FL, died on May 19. She moved to FL in '68, where she was active in education and historic preservation. When she lived in DC, she assisted the ABC Nightly News anchors, including Peter Jennings and Barbara Walters. For several years, she was co-correspondent for *CC: Magazine*. Survivors include two daughters, two sons and seven grandchildren.

Barbara Dailey Kniffin '54, of Maplewood, NJ, died on March 19. She was a sales associate with Lord and Taylor from '83 until her retirement in '05. She leaves her husband, David, one son and a daughter.

Mary Jane (Mimi) Dreier Berkowitz '55, of Norwalk, CT, died on March 11. Mimi was class correspondent for *CC: Magazine*. She was the assistant director of the Darien Historical Society for 10 years. An advocate for children, she was one of the founders of the Norwalk Communities and Schools program, a before- and after-school service. In addition to her husband, Harry, she leaves three sons, one daughter, three grandchildren and a sister.

Sally Ann Young Howard '55, of Hamilton, NJ, died on Feb. 16. She is survived by two daughters, two sons, eight grandchildren and one brother.

Joan Peterson Thompson '59, of Portola Valley, CA died on Feb. 2.*

Yvonne Richardson Farley '67, of Morristown, NJ, died on March 25. Yvonne earned her MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson U., and became a certified public accountant. Most recently, she was employed by Smolin Lupin & Co.

in Fairfield, NJ. She is survived by her husband, John; a sister, one son and one daughter.

Joyce Todd O'Connor '68, of Pittsburgh, PA, died on May 11, from a brain aneurysm. Until '05, she was an executive director of Founder's Trust, a private foundation that was devoted to distributing grants to organizations specializing in the treatment and education of at-risk or drug-addicted teens. She is survived by her husband, Donald 'Connor; two stepsons; two stepdaughters and nine stepgrandchildren.

Wendy Wade Costello '73, of Chatham, MA, died on March 14 of cancer. She earned a master's in education from the U. of Wisconsin. After volunteering for the Eldredge Public Library, she joined the staff there, working mostly in the Youth Services Department, until the time of her illness. She is survived by her husband, Richard; her mother, Jane Wade; and four brothers and their families.

Suzanne Zolper '74, of Louisville, KY, died on April 2. She earned an MBA from Wharton and was product manager at Brown and Williamson in Louisville for 13 years. After receiving her law degree from the U. of Louisville, she held an executive position at Humana Insurance. A longtime member of the Louisville sailing club, she started an outreach program that gave underprivileged children opportunities to sail. Suzanne leaves her parents, Ted and Doris Zolper, and her brother, Stephen.

Carol Darling Grant '81, of Medfield, MA, died on Jan. 15. She transferred from CC to Smith, receiving her B.A. in '81. She earned an MBA from Sloan School at MIT in '83 and worked for Bank of New England and Coopers & Lybrand. She was vice president at State Street Corporation from '96-03. Survivors include her husband, Christopher; her father, Dana Darling; one daughter, one son, two brothers and several nieces and nephews.

Dorothea Kardys RTC '84, of Waterford, CT, died on March 12. She was 85. She was a former executive secretary in

William Meredith, 1919-2007

WILLIAM MEREDITH, HENRY B. PLANT Professor Emeritus of English, passed away on May 30. He was 88.

One of the most influential contemporary American poets, Meredith was a professor of English at Connecticut College from 1955 to 1983. He was awarded an honorary doctoral degree from the College in 1988 and the College Medal, the College's highest honor, in 1996.

Meredith graduated magna cum laude from Princeton in 1940. His first book of poems, "Love Letter from an Impossible Land," was published in 1944.

In 1987 he won the Los Angeles Times Book Award, and in 1988 won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry for his collection *Partial Accounts*. He won the National Book Award for Poetry in 1997 for his collection *Effort at Speech*. The poet won these awards after suffering a stroke in 1983 that limited his ability to speak and write.

The author of 11 collections of poetry, a prose collection, and more than 100 appearances in anthologies and journals, Meredith served as poetry consultant/poet laureate at the Library of Congress in Washington in the late 1970s.

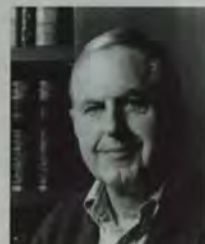
President Leo I. Higdon, Jr. said, "In Connecticut College's history there are a handful of great public intellectuals who have been associated with the College. William Meredith is certainly in that very select group."

Meredith joined the U.S. Army Air Force in 1941 and served as a carrier pilot for the U.S. Navy, achieving the rank of lieutenant. In the service he received two Air Medals.

In 1996 the College created the William Meredith Endowed Professorship at Connecticut College. David Dorfman, professor of dance, currently holds that professorship.

Also in 1996 Meredith, and his partner Richard Harteis, were granted honorary Bulgarian citizenship, and in 1999 Meredith was awarded the highest honor that Bulgaria bestows to foreigners.

For more information regarding William Meredith's life and work, visit www.conncoll.edu/meredith/ and the alumni homepage, www.conncoll.edu/alumni.



the CT governor's office and at Electric Boat. She is survived by her husband, Joseph, two sons, one daughter and four grandchildren.

Angela Gesualdi DiPilato '85, of Wilton, CT, died on March 13 after a lengthy illness. She was 44. Angela received her master's degree from the U. of Bridgeport and was treasurer for Gesualdi Construction. She leaves her husband, Michael DiPilato; her parents, Sam and Rose Gesualdi; one son, one daughter, two brothers and one sister.

Dominique Blakely '09, of Stockbridge, MA, died on May 13. Dominique was a singer in the College's jazz band and sang with an cappella group.

She is survived by her mother, Nicole rowning; her stepfather, Steve Rifkin; her father, Michael Blakely; a brother and sister and her maternal grandparents. She is also survived by several aunts and uncles and many cousins.

Ann White, former assistant professor of Hispanic studies at the College, died on March 3. She earned her Ph.D. from the U. of Pittsburgh and taught at Michigan State, CC and Virginia Commonwealth U. She leaves one brother.

* Full obituary unavailable at time of publication.

† The College only recently learned of this death.



Children of Sean Curry '92 and Dianne Cisneros Curry '92: Ronan, 2 (middle), and twin brothers Declan (left) and Doyle, 4.



Jasper, 1, and Francesca, 5, children of Gina Breuer Hadley '91 and husband Eric



Miller Handy '98 and Steve Hughes '98 were married in Maine last September. See '98 notes for more.



Abha Rao '02 and Proteep Mallik were married on 12/27/06. See '02 notes for more.



Megan Angelos '03 married Christopher Brewer in St. George, Maine on 4/29/06.



Bob Berhrens '87, married Meghan Fitzpatrick (center) in June '06. Here, they visit with Maggie Hug '87, shortly before the wedding.



Kristin Lofblad '90 after paragliding in La Jolla, CA.



Laura Rowe '02 rode a camel while working on a UNICEF child-survival project in Rajasthan, India, last summer.



A group of Camels gathered on a windy, winter day in San Francisco. From left, Joseph Ramos '06, Osten Bernardez '03, Elli Nagai-Rothe '03, Nicole Lew '05 and Teal Butterworth '05.



Chris Parks '02 and Liz Cote were married on 7/15/06 in New Haven. See '02 notes for more.



Jack, born 1/23/07, is the son of Chris Bradbury '83 and wife Lisa.



Carter, son of Sarah Pratt '89, was born on 7/19/06.



Marshall (Walker), was born on 10/2/06 to Steve Bartlett '97



Noah Lennox, son of Lance and Kimberly Senior Baker '95, was born on 9/12/06.

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Eileen Wilde '96 married Jesse Brackenbury in Harwich, Mass., on 5/27/06. See '96 notes for more.



Megan Keith '99 and Peter Chenot '00 were married on 8/11/06 in Narragansett, R.I.



Daniel Berns '00 and Chelsea Hanson '04 attended a law program on "Conflict Resolution through Religious Traditions" at Hebrew University in Jerusalem in January. See Class Notes for more.



Members of the Class of '62 met, unexpectedly, in Vero Beach, Fla. From left, Carolyn Phillips Brown, Margery Shaw, Mimi Lippincott Mather and Debbie Brown Pillorgé. The group is standing outside the Riverside Theater in Vero Beach, where Margery was starring in "Driving Miss Daisy."



Hunter James, born on 11/16/06 to Sarah Pinelli '98 and David Lofgren.



Future Camels Rose, 4 (pink hat) and Lucy, 8, are the children of Garett and John Knapp '89.



Members of the Class of '64 in Vail, Colo., last July. From left, Ann Weatherby Gruner, Marcia Silcox Crockett, Sue Hackenburg Trethewey, Donna Richmond Carleton and Platt Townend Arnold.



Members of the Class of '85 got together at the home of Carol Spencer Wipper and Scott Wipper last summer. Front row from left, Carol, Linda Cusack Libbey, Kimberley Knutson McMahon and Dawn Geiser. Back row, from left: Scott, Steven Geiser and Michael McMahon.



Lauren Rosebush and Benjamin Hilyard, both Class of '04, were married on 11/12/05 in Palm Beach, Fla. See '04 notes for more details.



John Haberland '03 and Laura Jonson were married on 11/25/06 in Seattle. See '03 notes for more.



From left, DeEtte Chirgwin Brown '74, Adele Stern Gray '58 and Helaine Shoag Greenburg '59. The three are involved with the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and are pictured, above, at one of the school's events.



Emma-Sofia Wipper (daughter of Carol Spencer Wipper '85 and Scott Wipper '85) and Jackson Johnson (son of Jennifer Hartley Johnson '92 and Larison Johnson) were in the same kindergarten class at the Thoreau School in Concord, Mass. Also pictured is Jen's pre-school daughter, Sofie.



Adrian James was born on 10/19/06 to Claudia Bachman-Bouchard '02.



Noah Gabriel, born September '05, is the son of Gina Abbott '91 and Michael Sussal.

Thank You!

The Office of Alumni Relations would like to thank the following alumni for the time and effort they contributed to events on and off campus during the spring semester:

Nancy MacMillan '67, Roberta Slone Smith '63, James Moran '92, Christy Burke '93, Paul Greeley '79, Nancy Schoefer Sanders '63, Carol Blake Boyd '72, Josh Galper '92, Matt Smith '01, Robert Hale '88, Marinell Yoders Rousmaniere '01, Sue Schwartz Gorham '56, Christopher Tobin '89, Anne (Bennett) White Swingle '66, Usman Khosa '04, Erika Berlinghof '04, James Susman '74, Sally Susman '84, Ann Werner Johnson '68, Judith Dern '71, Mark Fiskio '79, Gail Finnerty Fiskio '78, Nancy Lefkowitz '92, Andre Lee '93, Mark Iger '75, Cathy Kaufman Iger '75, Farzin Azarm '92, Kurt Brown '03, Abby Simmons '04, Mike Hausenauer '03, Page Diamond '05, J.T. Kelley '98, Molly Carrott Taylor '98, Alex Fiorillo '03, Ted Chapin '72, Ianthe Hensman '06, Elizabeth Taich '04, Shatika Martin '94, Aighleann McKiernan '04, Lauren Cashel '04, Mary Shane McCoy '95, Kimberly Carron '03, Linas Krisciunas '05, Milada Hejtmanek '04, Elisabeth Rohrbach '06, Ford Bell P'02, Jennie Bell '02, Philip Smith P'08 '10, Alexander Meleny P'08, Mark Fiskio '79, Gail Fiskio '78, James Berrien '74, Jeffrey Idelson '86, Zoe Klein '99, Prescott Hafner '80, Amy Gross '63, Michael Nally P'10, Helen Fricke Matteson '52 and John and Heidi Niblack P '98.



On Saturday, April 21, close to 50 juniors and seniors gathered for a Seminar on Success sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations. The new program was launched to help students succeed after college and ease their transitions into the working world. The day-long series of workshops included discussions with professional coaches on topics such as "The Unwritten Rules of the Workplace" and "How to Professionally and Politely Navigate a Business Luncheon." The day concluded with a panel discussion from four successful young alumni who have made the transition. Thanks to Farzin Azarm '92, Kurt Brown '03, Mike Hasenauer '03, Professor Michael Reeder '86 and Abby Simmons '04 and guest speakers Dede Bartlett, university lecturer, and Amy Dorn Kopelan P'07, executive director of COACH ME, Inc.



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upcoming events

- **Connecticut College at the Cape** is expanding. Whether you live at the Cape or are vacationing there, you are welcome to join President Lee and Ann Higdon at their home in Harwichport for a Connecticut College Reception, August 4 from 5-7 p.m. For more information please contact the alumni office at alumni@conncoll.edu.
- **Fall Weekend, September 28-30.** Make plans to come to campus for this fun-filled. Attend a class, go to a soccer game, visit with friends. For more information see www.conncoll.edu/alumni/2488.htm

Keeping in touch! Whether you spend time in the South during the winter or the North during the summer, we would like to make sure you are on our invitation list for any alumni events we hold in your area. Please let us have your seasonal mailing address and phone number together with the start and end dates of your stay so we can keep our records current. Please note, if your start and end dates recur annually, let us know and we will update your records automatically, otherwise, please advise us each year of the dates. Contact: Alumni Relations Office, alumni@conncoll.edu or 860-439-2300.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES LEGACIES IN THE CLASS OF 2007!

Alexandra Smith, daughter of Roger Smith '76 and Frances Sanderson Smith '76 and granddaughter of Headley Mills Smith '53

Brendan Schwartz, son of John Schwartz '73

Caitlin Bresnahan, daughter of Linda Poulos '76

Caitlin Sweet, daughter of Ronald Sweet '74 and Debra Richardson Sweet '74

Catherine Severance, daughter of Nancy Blank Hammonds '75

Concetta Duncan, daughter of Maria Muzio Duncan '76

David Berwind, son of Michael Berwind '77 and Carol Riley Berwind '77

Elaine Weisman, daughter of Ned Weisman '73 and Anne Harding Weisman '73

Elissa Leonard, granddaughter of Mary Varian Leonard '55

Henry Gaud, son of Susan Mabrey Gaud '68

Jennifer Madden, granddaughter of Jean Kohlberger Carter '43

Katherine Williams, granddaughter of Carolyn McGonigle Holleran '60

Margaret Bacon, daughter of Elizabeth Ashforth Bacon '78

Matthew Magida, son of Renee Baumblatt Magida '76

Matthew Ostrach, son of Linda Eisenmann '75

Samuel Jackson, grandson of Nina Davis Jackson '53

Sarah Clausen, daughter of Nancy Heigham Clausen '73

Sarah Felch, daughter of Martha Sloan Felch '70

Zoe Chapin, daughter of Theodore Chapin '72

SLATE OF OFFICERS

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AFTER MUCH CONSIDERATION, the Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of officers for the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association. The candidates named are presented as a single slate according to the bylaws of the Association. Please indicate your support by either calling 1-800-888-7549 or e-mailing the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@conncoll.edu by June 15. If you have any questions about the nominating process, please feel free to contact Bridget McShane, director of alumni relations, 860-439-2300.

We would also welcome nominations for future board openings. All nominations should be mailed to the Office of Alumni Relations.

Thank you,
Alumni Association Board of Directors,
Nominating Committee

- Prescott Hafner '80, Santa Rosa, Calif.
- Anne Mickle '89, Stevenson, Md.
- Kathryn Smith '84, Worcester, Mass.
- Rick Stratton '96, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Robin Wilson '82, New Haven, Conn.

Hildegard (Hildy) Meili Van Deusen '43, Director. Deusen was an English major and member of Phi Beta Kappa as an undergraduate. She was a researcher and writer for Life magazine and Medical Economics and the editor of Al-Anon's magazine, The Forum. Deusen also worked with the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, researching their memoirs. She has volunteered for the College as a class agent, assisting on the magazine and serving as class president. Since retiring, she enjoys travel with her husband, golf, swimming, photography and visits with children and grandchildren.

Ryan Chan '00, Director. An international relations and Chinese language and literature double major, Chan spent the fall of his junior year in China. While at CC, he was chair of the Asian/Asian-American Students Association and was housefellow of Lazarus House. After college, he taught

English in Japan for one year. Chan is now a paralegal in the legal department of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He has helped with his reunion and assists with fundraising for the Annual Fund and conducts interviews with prospective students for the Admission Office.

Tammie Clayton Reid '01, Director. Reid is the recipient of the Anna Lord Strauss Medal. As an undergraduate, she designed her own major, combining sociology, human development and education. After graduation, Reid spent five years at the Williams School as a teacher and administrator. She also served on the New London Board of Education for four years (one of the youngest members ever) and chaired the board for one year. Reid is a consultant for Foundations, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides support for low-income children and youth nationwide. She is involved with the Connecticut College Alumni of Color organization and is married to Travis Reid '03.

Elli Nagai-Rothe '03, Director. A CISLA scholar, Nagai-Rothe majored in sociology-based human relations with a self-designed focus on race and ethnicity. She received the Anna Lord Strauss College Medal for outstanding public and community service for her work on numerous College committees, including the Presidential Commission for a Pluralistic Community and the Multiculturalism and Diversity Steering Committee. After graduation, she traveled through Turkey, India, Nepal and Pakistan. From 2004-2006, Nagai-Rothe was principal of a small, rural school in southern India, where she worked with a local NGO to build the foundations for a start-up school that served students from marginalized communities. She now works with two nonprofits in San Francisco, serves on the board of directors for the Association of Dispute Resolution of Northern California and will attend graduate school in the fall to study international cross-cultural conflict resolution.



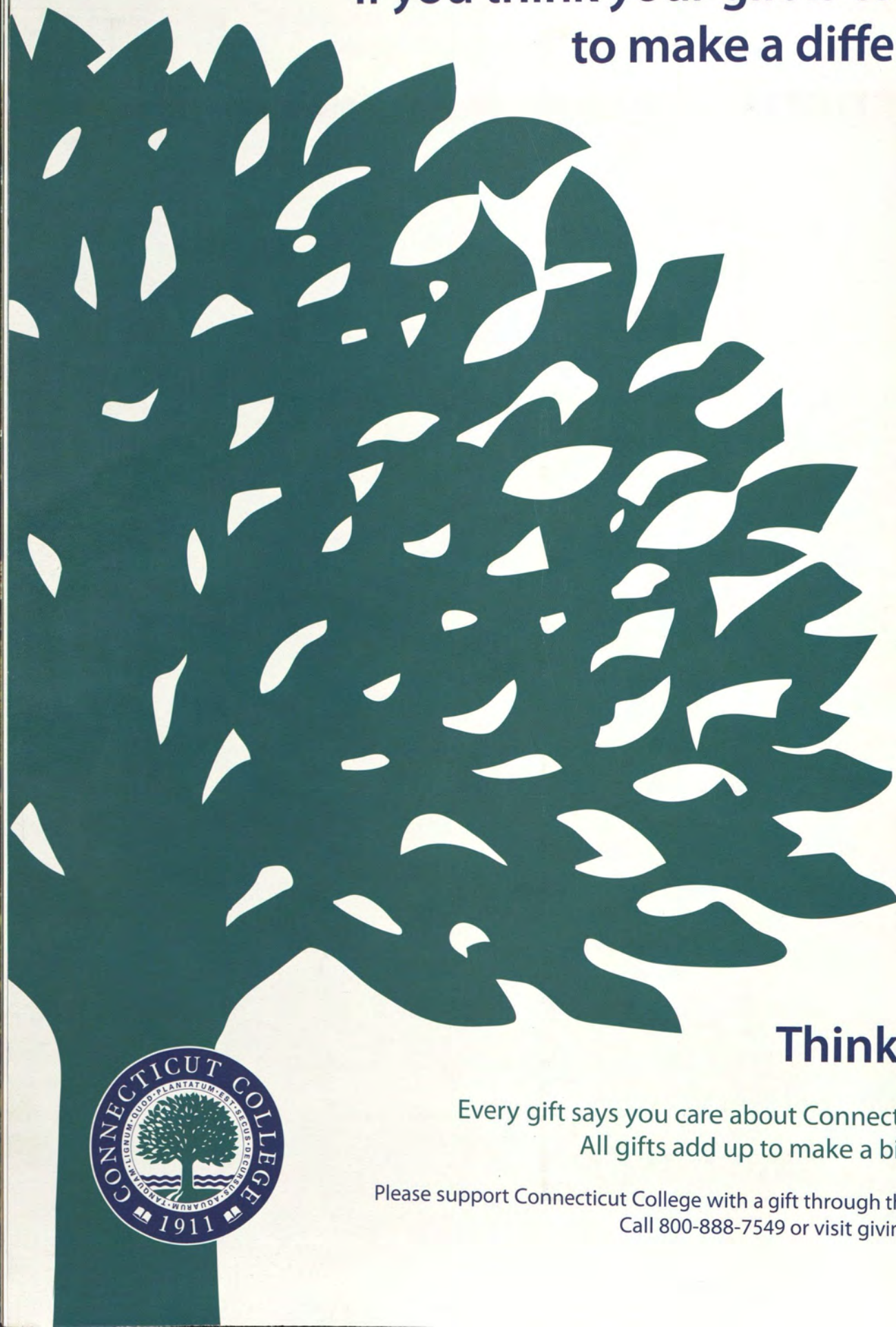


Philanthropist Morton Plant would have been proud.

On May 15, the Class of 2007 celebrated their record gift to the Senior Pledge Program (with a 93 percent participation rate) with an evening hosted by President Higdon and his wife Ann at Branford House at UConn's Avery Point campus in Groton. The 31-room mansion overlooking Fishers Island Sound was the summer home of businessman Morton Plant, the College's first million dollar donor. With architectural features that would be echoed in Plant and Branford House on the Connecticut College campus a decade later, the Groton mansion was built in 1903 with a two-story fireplace, a staircase of Italian marble, and wood-paneled walls elaborately carved by European craftsmen. For the seniors balanced between their past and their future, it couldn't have been a more perfect place to enjoy time with their friends.

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