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THE PROFESSOR, THE GODDESS AND THE TIGER

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BY HAROLD SHAPIRO

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To the Editor:

It seems like just yesterday. I was reading *The New York Times* in study hall on a Thursday morning in January during my senior year in high school and saw the short blurb about "CoCo's" decision to begin to admit men. A few days later I was in New London interviewing with Jane Bredeson. And the rest is history.

Anyway, here's one camel who wants to shout across the ages that the CoCo Trustees and Charles Shain made a good call 40 years ago this month.

Cheers from one of the original "co-eds."

Dave Clark '73
Seattle, Wash.

I have just read the entire Winter issue and want to comment on several articles.

I loved the photo by the pond in fall!

"Taking aim at 'whatever'" was thought-provoking. "Whatever," in the current usage, seems to mean "think what you will." It's an invitation to openness, not that nothing matters.

"A lifetime of learning" was a reminder that we are all of a piece: who we are and what we do. Excellent. I wish I were in his class!

And lastly, I went to the store and purchased the five pantry staples that Chef Daniel Stern '92 mentioned, in addition to his ideas for quick company fare. A practical touch to the magazine.

Thanks for the excellent publication. We receive several college magazines and CC's is the best!

Nancy Harvey Jones '65
Friday Harbor, Wash.



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I remember the Hurricane of 1938 (CC: Magazine, Winter 2008) very well. We came out of chemistry class and saw slate flying off roofs and heard glass cracking on the greenhouse.

Miriam Cooper '39 and I looked down and saw New London burning. We both said, "How are we getting home?" President Blunt soon announced, "All day students go to Knowlton House to spend the night." About 15 of us had dinner and slept on cots that were set up for us for the night. I am still grateful.

I hope to attend Reunion in May.

Mary Devlin '39
Phillipsburg, N.J.

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Inspired by our students

Leo I. Higdon, Jr.

»LAST NIGHT, I HAD THE

pleasure of visiting with students in Katharine Blunt House. The fire was blazing in the common room fireplace, a chocolate fondue — complete with strawberries, marshmallows and little cakes for dipping — was set up in the corner, and students from all of the central campus residences dropped in to chat.

It sounds almost artificially idyllic, but this is the kind of scene our students can and do create on this beautiful, historic campus. They had invited me in to meet with them informally, and I will be doing similar visits with students in the north and south campus residences as well.

While I often see students on campus — at events or in passing on the way to classes, meetings, shows and games — I consider gatherings in the residence halls a wonderful opportunity to meet students on a purely social basis, with them acting as hosts, and with no agenda except to get to know each other better.

Our students really are fascinating individuals. When I talk with them, I'm encouraged and inspired — by all that they have accomplished and all that they have ahead of them. Yet even as they recognize the value of this comprehensive liberal arts education, many of them are expressing uncertainty about life after college. They're not concerned about getting into graduate or professional schools — most students know Connecticut College has an excellent record of preparing students for success at the top graduate schools

in the country. Today's students, very simply, are concerned about finding jobs in this uncertain economic environment.

With that in mind, and knowing the economy is impacting so many people, we have expanded the programs and services available to both current students and alumni to help them prepare for life after college and to connect them with people within our global network of alumni who can be important resources.

Fortunately, many of our students take advantage of our unique funded internship program. Through internship experiences, they apply the skills they've learned in the classroom to a wide range of workplaces. And those internship experiences are helping them now in the job market. In fact, several seniors have already received job offers that are a direct result of relationships developed during their College-funded internships. In addition, many juniors have told me that the funded internship has given them a tremendous advantage this year in securing summer positions that will provide hands-on experience in their area of interest.

The counselors in our Career Enhancing Life Skills (CELS) office are very good at helping students package their interests with their academic and co-curricular experiences in a compelling way. They know our students well and provide a wide range of assistance in planning and preparing for life after college. I encourage all students to get involved with CELS.

The Office of Alumni Relations is

working closely with CELS to provide opportunities for students to interact with alumni in a variety of careers, and arranges one-on-one career counseling for students through job shadowing and mentoring programs.

As our resources allow, we continue to be a resource for alumni long after they graduate. I encourage all alumni to check the College's Web site frequently for College-sponsored networking opportunities and other career-related services — both here on campus and in venues across the country. Earlier this month, I visited with alumni and parents at events in Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia. At both events, I was encouraged by the enthusiasm for the College and commitment to our goals.

Just after this magazine goes to press, I will speak at Burdick House's "Dessert and Dialogue." Students there have invited me to talk about how I got started in my career on Wall Street, and to give them advice they could use as they pursue their own post-graduate plans.

I plan to encourage them to take advantage of every opportunity Connecticut College has to offer, including CELS, internships, summer research and alumni career panels, and to get to know people in our vast network of alumni who have successful careers in fields that interest them. The current job market is obviously very challenging, but I feel confident that our students will thrive — following in the impressive footsteps of their alumni predecessors.



PRESIDENT HIGDON TALKS WITH STUDENTS IN THE KATHARINE BLUNT COMMON ROOM.

BRANDON W. MOSELEY

»president's page

The clues are in the mud

Professor's microscopic discoveries solve crimes, offer insight into climate change

›IF THE LONG-FORGOTTEN

remains of an undiscovered dinosaur were found hidden in the Pocono Mountains, the story would run looped on every 24-hour news station in the country. But when a whole new genus of microscopic organism that existed in the time of the dinosaurs is found, the world doesn't blink an eye.

But it is these creatures — so tiny that just a sliver of mud can hold thousands of species — that hold the key to understanding the past, present and future of the climate of our planet.

Peter Siver, the Charles & Sarah P. Becker '27 Professor of Botany and director of the Environmental Studies Program, studies diatoms and chrysophytes — photosynthetic microorganisms found in lakes, oceans and other water sources that hold the

clues to understanding climate change dating back millions and millions of years.

Over the past 20 years, Siver has discovered 60 new species and one new diatom genus made of finely detailed glass of its own making. His work on the subject has taken him across North America, from the Atlantic Coastal Plain of North Carolina to the Northwest Territories of Canada and to hundreds of lakes from Florida to Newfoundland. Botanist admirers have named more than one species after Siver: *Eunotia siveri*, a diatom originally described in Brazil; *Neidium siveri*, another diatom originally described from Paraguay; and *Mallomonas matvienkoae* var. *siverii*, a scaled chrysophyte originally described from India.

These tiny organisms help solve other mysteries, too. Detectives across the country frequently call upon Siver to solve crimes, in which the only clue may be a smudge of mud on a shoe. By observing the diatoms inside that mud, Siver is able to pinpoint the kind of water body where that mud originated, providing important evidence in a crime. "These little guys have been used to solve murder cases," Siver says.

Using a tube of mud less than a meter long, Siver can also learn things about the environment dating back hundreds of years. The deeper down in the mud he is able to go, the further back in history he can go. Deep in the cold tundra of northern Canada, where it is dark much of the year, Siver recently had the opportunity to sample mud dating back 48 million years, where it lay deep in the bowels of a diamond mine under 150 feet of glacial material covering the remains of an ancient lake. Viewing the mud sample under an electron microscope, Siver discovered a microorganism identical to those that today exist in the tropics. These tiny organisms instantly proved that the area was once warm and tropical.

"By knowing the different species and being able to tell them apart, we can better tell how water bodies are being affected and changing. This has huge implications for understanding climate change," Siver says. — Julie Wernau



‘Extreme’ generosity

College community helps build a family’s new home after tragedy struck twice

›WHEN THOM GIRARD,

a computer technician at Connecticut College, lost his house to a fire in 2007, the College community collected donations to help him and his family through a difficult time. Then, in June 2008, when Thom and his 18-year-old son died in a tragic drowning accident, the College community rallied to help his wife and her four remaining children.

In December, the College came together again, this time to help ABC’s “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” build this deserving family a new home.

The Girards’ house was built in just 106 hours. Students, staff and faculty were on hand to help with everything from home construction to directing traffic to serving food to the hundreds of on-site volunteers.

Buses took about 60 students to the family’s Voluntown, Conn., property, where they helped get the site ready for the new construction and sorted through old clothes, some of which were damaged by the fire. Another 90 students traveled to the property a week later for “clean-up day.” Kathy Poole, conference and event coordinator at the College, volunteered with the students.

“There’s always somebody out there who needs your help,” Poole told the



local newspaper *The Day*. “And it takes yourself out of yourself, and it puts things in perspective.”

The College offered all employees up to 4.5 days of paid time off for the project, and about 30 people volunteered. Others helped on campus, baking for the workers.

Kevin DiMinno, a computer purchasing and training manager who worked closely with Thom, said he appreciated that the College let employees take paid leave to volunteer.

“It really shows the true nature of

the College that they are willing to let the staff go out there and do this,” he said. “It really shows the commitment to the community.”

DiMinno volunteered countless hours to help secure donations for the project. He was at the build site for four days providing technical support in the VIP area.

“I lost a good friend and co-worker this past summer,” DiMinno said. “This is the least I can do to honor Thom and his family.” — *Rachel Harrington*

New program brings professors to the students outside of class

➤ **A NEW COLLEGE** program will enhance students' academic and social experiences and deepen connections between faculty and students by bringing them together more often in both formal and informal settings within residence halls.

The Residential Education Fellows program, which will launch this fall, is designed to increase faculty and student interactions outside of the classroom. Professors participating in the program will serve as liaisons and mentors and work closely with the student house fellows and house leaders

to give and sponsor informal talks, plan educational programs and host study breaks.

"The Residential Education Fellows program is part of a larger Connecticut College effort to further integrate academic and residential learning," Dean of the College Community Armando Bengochea says. "At a residential liberal arts college, learning doesn't end when a student leaves the classroom, and this program will deepen the faculty-student engagement so essential to the liberal arts experience."

Eugene V. Gallagher, the Rosemary Park Professor of Religious Studies and the Gibney Faculty Fellow of the Joy Shechtman Mankoff Center for Teaching and Learning, will lead the program.

To begin funding the program, the Board of Trustees voted in October to designate \$1 million of unrestricted endowment funds to support programming and faculty compensation. Additional funding will be provided by gifts through the Campaign for Connecticut College.
— *Amy Martin*

Get ready for Reunion 2009

➤ **NEARLY 1,000 ALUMNI**, family and friends will converge on campus May 29-31 for Reunion 2009, the largest gathering of Connecticut College alumni this year.

It's an opportunity for alumni with class years ending in '4 and '9 to catch up with old friends, visit campus, see what's new at their alma mater and — most importantly — have some fun.

"Reunion Weekend always brings back the greatest of memories. You realize how all this time means nothing at all," says Sarah Fournier, assistant director of reunions. "It's also a chance to experience the College again, feel like a part of our continued progress and learn

firsthand what is on the horizon."

The weekend will kick off Friday with a traditional New England lobster bake on Tempel Green. Saturday's activities include class breakfasts in the residence halls, cocktail parties and dinners, the parade and presentation of alumni awards, and President Lee Higdon's annual State of the College address.

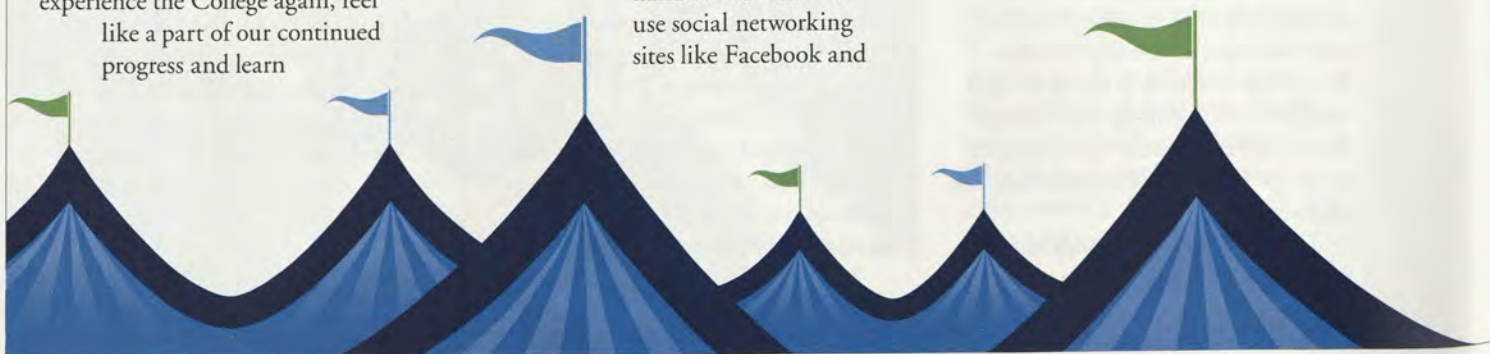
This year will also feature a panel discussion on the Obama administration and tours of the brand-new fitness facilities overlooking the Thames River. Current students will be on

hand to show how to use social networking sites like Facebook and

LinkedIn, as well as the College's Online Community, to get in touch with fellow alums.

Families can face off on the new tennis courts or team up for a game on the green. And the B Willie Smith Band will keep everyone dancing long into the night.

If you plan to attend, please let your classmates know by going to <http://reunion.conncoll.edu> and clicking on "Are you coming back?" More details, along with registration information, will arrive by mail soon. — *Barbara Nagy*



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Are you a fan?

Reconnect with the College on Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube

>DAVID MURPHY '84

hadn't seen Barry Finn '82 or Bernie Weiss '82 in over 20 years, but after he joined LinkedIn, the three college friends reunited in Boston.

"It's been said so many times before, but reconnecting with friends really does bridge the years," Murphy says. "We talked for hours just as we had in college."

Like many alumni, Murphy joined the Connecticut College Group on LinkedIn, where about 650 members are using the site to network and reconnect.

Recently, the College enhanced its presence on social networking sites like Facebook and LinkedIn and even developed its own YouTube channel.

Over the past few weeks, the College has posted new videos, photos and news items.

The pages' fan bases are growing every day as students, prospective students and alumni sign on to show their pride. On LinkedIn, graduates are even talking about their favorite professors.

"Every class I took with Prof.

(George) Willauer was memorable," Linnette Attai '88 wrote. "He used to threaten to stand on his head to get our attention, although it wouldn't have been necessary."

Murphy says sites like LinkedIn are great for networking and sharing work experiences. "Once I signed up, I realized this was an exceptional and subtle way to get reconnected to former colleagues from work, college and social settings," he says.

Alumni can also network with each other through the College's Online Community at www.conncoll.edu/alumni. The online directory lists all alumni and is searchable by job, class year, and city or state.

The offices of College Relations and Alumni Relations have made changes to the Online Community's "Jobs & Careers" section to highlight resources that help alumni connect with each other.

Do you have suggestions of what you'd like to see on these pages? E-mail rharring@conncoll.edu or join the sites and post your ideas.

— Rachel Harrington

Introducing "What's Next?"

The class of 2008 blog

>HEAR ABOUT LIFE AFTER

Connecticut College from seven young alumni from the class of 2008 — Evan Zampella, Sally Pendergast, Nikita Carr, Taylor Katz, Wilson Stiner, Bethany Boles and Mark Sabagereka.

Find out everything from how one alum became a cartoon voice actor to how another found a new pet at "Dogtoberfest" in Arizona during his cross-country move to Los Angeles.

Join the discussion by posting a comment, and sign up for the blog's feed so you'll always know when there's a new posting.



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WADSWORTH ATHENEUM

King and the Prince

Michael King '75, center, interviews Prince Charles for his documentary *The Rescuers: Heroes of the Holocaust*. The film, about non-Jewish diplomats who helped save Jews from the Nazis during World War II, features Charles' grandmother, who hid Jews in her Greek palace. King, who grew up in New London and now lives in Los Angeles, previously directed the film *Rapping with Shakespeare*, about an English teacher who uses hip-hop and rap to introduce his students to the Bard.

College recognized as top Fulbright producer

FOR THE SECOND YEAR

in a row, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* recognized Connecticut College as a top producer of winners of the J. William Fulbright Fellowship among liberal arts colleges.

The five 2008 student Fulbright awards, announced in May, tied 2007's record number at the College, with three seniors and two recent alumni selected to receive Fulbright Student Program grants. The prestigious awards allow the Fulbright scholars to live, teach and conduct research abroad for an academic year.

"These Fulbright Fellows exemplify the academic intellect and civic engagement of Connecticut College students," President Leo I. Higdon, Jr., says. "Through the Fulbright fellowship and other distinctive programs, our students are making a meaningful and very positive impact in the world."

Bridget Baird, professor of mathematics and computer science, was also selected by the Fulbright Scholar Program last year to be one of 800 U.S. faculty and professionals to lecture and conduct research abroad. She is spending spring semester at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador, where she is teaching a math class that focuses on computer applications and a project-based seminar in virtual reality, which will be centered around the development of a multimedia, interactive virtual reality simulation that focuses on an Ecuadorian archaeological site or historical event. — Amy Martin

Charles Chu to be remembered

THE COLLEGE WILL HOLD

a memorial service for Professor Emeritus of Chinese Charles Chi-Jung Chu on Saturday, April 18, at 2:30 p.m. in Harkness Chapel. Chu, who died Oct. 30, was also the founding curator of the College's Chu-Griffis Asian Art Collection. A reception will follow in the Charles Chu Asian Art Reading Room in Shain Library. Chu's paintings will be on exhibit in the Chu Room and at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum. Alumni and friends who plan to attend the service in Harkness Chapel are asked to R.S.V.P. to Kathleen Murphy at 860-439-2666.



A mid-winter night of heavy metal

ANYONE FAMILIAR WITH

Connecticut College's prestigious Evans Hall knows that everything from Mozart concertos to Rachmaninov piano trios have graced its stage. But how about heavy metal?

At the start of the spring semester, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Music Gary Buttery performed a tuba concert, "A Mid-Winter Night of Heavy Metal." Buttery, the principal tubist of the U.S. Coast Guard Band for more than 20 years, says it was an exciting new concert, even for himself.

"The only piece I had ever played before," Buttery says, "was the one with vibraphone. The rest I learned in the fall."

Opening the show with an impressive tuba concerto, Buttery moved on to works that didn't cease to surprise the audience. In "Residue for Tuba

and Vibraphone" Buttery didn't just play the tuba; he hit the edge of his instrument with a drumstick, creating a mini-percussion duet with the vibraphonist. He ended the piece by throwing a beaded necklace inside his horn, allowing the beads to resonate.

Later, in "Quartet 1970," Buttery played the tuba alongside two percussionists and a clarinetist for most of the piece, but got up, left his tuba, and joined the percussionists for the ending.

Buttery says that when he was selecting works for the show, he tried to pick unique selections to create his ideal concert. "The literature I picked for this concert was stuff I've always wanted to do all together," he says.

But Buttery is no stranger to the abstract, having researched the effects of music on humpback whales. "I started working with whales in 1977 up in Newfoundland,"

Buttery says. He says he was interested in whether or not the whales were

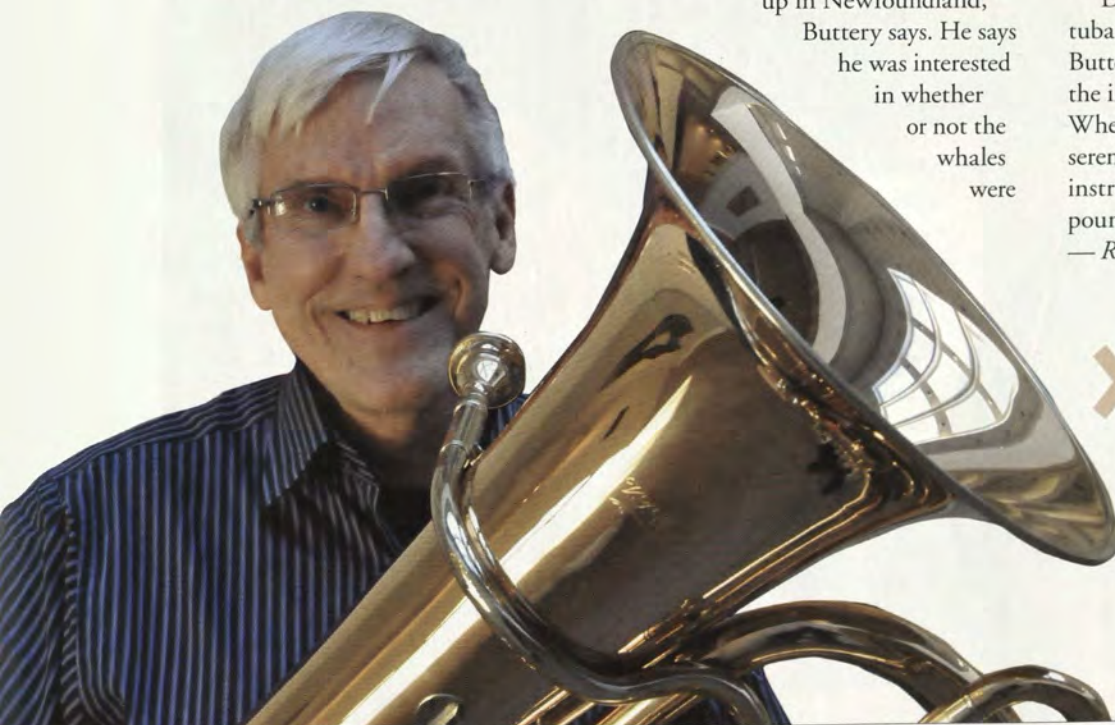
"curious with manmade sound."

At the time, fishermen were encountering problems with humpback whales getting entangled in fishing nets; the only solution was to cut the whales out of the nets. But if the whale was not calm enough, it would be shot. Buttery decided to experiment with music's influence on reducing the whales' stress, hoping it would be "something that could calm the whale down in order to release it."

Using hydrophones that made it possible for the whales to hear the music underwater, Buttery says, "I would sit out there and play on a rubber raft in the middle of Trinity Bay." The humpbacks seemed to enjoy the music, Buttery says, because at times the gentle behemoths would circle his raft. Buttery's experience prompted him to compose "Conversation with Grace," for tuba and humpback whale.

Despite the lack of whale-and-tuba duets at his most recent concert, Buttery was nonetheless able to prove the incredible range of the tuba. Whether playing with a vibraphone or serenading cetaceans, this heavy metal instrument, weighing in at over 30 pounds, is not to be taken lightly.

— Rebecca Crovo '11



> Hear the 'heavy metal' sounds of Gary Buttery at <http://cconline.conncoll.edu>

ADJUNCT ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
OF MUSIC GARY BUTTERY

A. VINCENT SCARANO

Freewheeling

➤JUST TWO YEARS AFTER ITS founding, Spokespeople has “grown exponentially,” says co-director Sara Kruger '10 (below). The club, which collects used bicycles, fixes them up, and then donates them or rents them out on campus, has found an enthusiastic membership among students, staff and faculty. At open shop time each week, in the brightly painted basement of 360 House, members show anyone interested how to fix a donated bike or tune up their own ride. The club organizes group rides to events and the beach and leads tours during campus events like Fall Weekend. And they're joining forces with local groups trying to make New London more bike-friendly. “We're definitely looking to expand more out into the community,” Celia Whitehead '11 says. Donations keep their wheels turning; send bikes, parts, tools, helmets, locks or money to Spokespeople, c/o Celia Whitehead, Box 5081, Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320. — *Phoebe Hall*



CONSTRUCTION IS ACCELERATING ON THE COLLEGE'S NEW 6,500-SQUARE-FOOT FITNESS CENTER, WHICH WILL OFFER A SWEEPING VIEW OF THE THAMES RIVER AND SILFEN TRACK AND FIELD. THE \$8 MILLION PROJECT IS FINANCED COMPLETELY THROUGH FUNDRAISING, INCLUDING A \$3.5 MILLION GIFT AND A \$2 MILLION GIFT. THE FACILITY WILL OPEN ITS DOORS IN TIME FOR THE START OF THE FALL SEMESTER.

LISA BROWNELL

Annual award honors four who uphold Dr. King's legacy

➤THREE MEMBERS OF the College community and a local seventh-grader were honored with the College's Martin Luther King Jr. Service Award on Jan. 30.

The annual award is given to honor those who uphold the legacy of Dr. King's work. This year's recipients are Heather Day '09, Associate Professor of Human Development Sunil Bhatia, Vice President for Administration Ulysses Hammond, and seventh-grader Taylor Pierce of the Dual Language Arts Academy in New London.

Day, an American studies major and scholar in the College's Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy, is committed to working for social justice and racial equality. A native of Williamsburg, Mass., Day has focused her efforts on working with children and adolescents through organizations like the Southeastern Connecticut Women's Center, as a tutor with

the Upward Bound Program and as a trained PeaceJam mentor.

Bhatia, director of the Holleran Center, was honored for his passionate work to end oppression and discrimination. In addition to serving as an adviser, mentor and role model to his students, Bhatia has helped raise \$40,000 to build sanitation facilities for the most underserved communities in India through his work with Shelter Associates.

Hammond, president of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund and co-founder of the Tutoring for Success/Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today program in New London, works to make it possible for all students to pursue higher education and become community leaders.

Pierce, this year's community member award-winner, launched a peer counseling group at her school and initiated a class trip to a Spanish-speaking country. — *Amy Martin*

An afternoon with author Hannah Tinti '94

»AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

Hannah Tinti '94 visited an English class in December to share her invaluable knowledge with a new generation of young writers, leaving her own mark on the school where she found her calling.

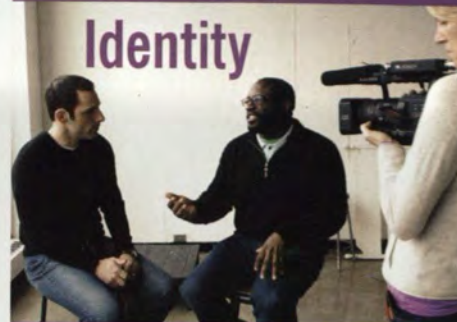
Tinti, who won the prestigious John Sargent Sr. First Novel prize for her critically acclaimed book *The Good Thief*, returned to her alma mater to give a reading and teach as a guest lecturer for the English Seminar in Fiction. She was joined by visiting professor Anne Stameshkin '00, along with Roman S. and Tatiana Weller Professor of English Blanche Boyd, who inspired Tinti to give up her original major, biology, and take up writing.

Tinti broke the ice with jokes

before explaining how a good story can be broken into five parts: the setup, the propelling event, the rising action, the climax and the conclusion. To demonstrate her point, she then read the Dr. Seuss classic *The Cat in the Hat*.

"One of the reasons that this story has endured in the canon of children's literature for so long is because it perfectly follows the plot structure that I just described," she told the class. She also read Raymond Carver's *Cathedral*, explaining this short story succeeds "not just because of its wonderful, sparse prose, but also because of its immaculate structure." Tinti then took the class through some writing exercises before answering questions about the art of writing and life as a writer. — Christopher Gregory '09

Exploring Identity



»ANDRE ROBERT LEE '89

(above center) and Seth Rigoletti '94 (left) visited campus in December to film a scene for a feature documentary, *The Prep School Negro*, which Lee is directing. The film began as a survey of students of color in prep schools across the U.S. but quickly transformed into a cinematic exploration of identity. It follows Lee, a former prep school student, through dialogue with family and friends about his experience at Germantown Friends School in Philadelphia during the mid '80s.



BRANDON W. MOSLEY



CONNECTICUT COLLEGE'S MEN'S DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP NETWORK, AN ORGANIZATION FORMED TO UNITE STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF OF DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS, HOSTED A DINNER AT THE SMITH IN NEW YORK CITY IN JANUARY. COLLEGE TRUSTEES AND ALUMNI ALSO ATTENDED.

Seminar on Success prepares students for what's next

THE CHALLENGE OF

finding a job during a recession was a main focus of the third annual Seminar on Success, an afternoon dedicated to preparing juniors and seniors for the transition from student to job-seeker. But this year's rigorous program, attended by more than 80 students, offered a variety of resources they can use to their advantage. "The reality of the job process hits hard. It doesn't take just sending out a resume anymore," says Director of Alumni Relations Bridget McShane, whose department organized the January event.

Keynote speaker Frances Cole Jones '86, a corporate coach and

author, reminded her young audience that *what* they say at a job interview is as important as *how* they say it, and to be mindful of body language and tone. During a question-and-answer session with an alumni panel, Neil Maniar '94, who works in community health at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, offered comforting advice: "There are a lot of paths to get where you want to go, and where I am is not where I thought I'd be 15 years ago. You find your way." The other alumni on the panel — Michael Müller '00, Brooke Kennedy '01 and Jessica Nowak '04 — echoed this sentiment, and said the critical thinking they learned at Connecticut

College, the small class sizes and supportive atmosphere all were instrumental to their success in the working world. Müller, a corporate attorney, cited another advantage of their alma mater: "It really means something (to other alumni) that you both went to Conn, and they care. That's why my boss hired me — his wife went to Conn."

Brooke Smith '09 says the Seminar on Success made her feel "empowered," adding, "It gave me a sense of how much of a team we are, as opposed to competing with one another, and how much of a support system we have." — *Arielle Shipper '10*



They are the champions

Four Camels join Hall of Fame

>THE CONNECTICUT

College Athletic Hall of Fame welcomed four new inductees in a special ceremony last month.

The class of 2008 inductees are:

- **Caroline Davis '99** (soccer, basketball)
- **The team of Dan Gallagher '81 and Livingston Johnson '79** (rowing)
- **Joan Fluegelman Wexler '53** (field hockey, basketball, softball)

The class was recognized briefly during the halftime of a women's basketball game against Wesleyan that afternoon. In the evening, plaques were unveiled in the Hall of Fame Room off the foyer of the Charles B. Luce Fieldhouse. A dinner honoring the athletes

followed the ceremony.

"We're extremely proud of this year's Athletic Hall of Fame class," says Fran Shields, the Katherine Wenk Christoffers '45 Director of Athletics. "Caroline Davis and the rowing pair of Gallagher and Johnson took their teams to the highest level possible; and Fluegelman Wexler personified the spirit of fitness and wellness in the College's early years. These alumni reaffirm our mission to educate the entire person."

The Athletic Hall of Fame, created in 1989, annually honors individuals who have brought distinction to themselves and the College through commitment, achievement, sportsmanship and leadership in athletics. — *Will Tomasian*



CONNECTICUT COLLEGE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES CAROLINE DAVIS '99, SECOND FROM LEFT, AND LIVINGSTON JOHNSON '79, SECOND FROM RIGHT, POSE WITH KEN KLINE, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS AND DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM, FAR LEFT, AND RIC RICCI, MEN'S ROWING COACH AND WATERFRONT DIRECTOR, AT THE INDUCTION CEREMONY LAST MONTH.



PAUL BRANDON

Tough to beat on home sheet

>AT PRESS TIME, THE

Connecticut College men's hockey team had clinched its third consecutive berth in the NESCAC Championship Tournament with a record of 12-7-3 and an 8-6-3 mark in league play. Head coach Jim Ward's Camels played some of their best hockey on their home ice, holding a 9-2-2 record. The 12 wins are the most for any Camel men's hockey team since the 1997-1998 squad posted a 14-10 record. Co-captain Trevor Bradley '10 leads the team in scoring with eight goals, 13 assists and 21 points. Brett Moore '10 was named a semifinalist for the ninth Joe Concannon Award, presented to the best American-born college hockey player in New England playing at the D-II/III level. He tallied 20 points, seven goals and 13 assists. Co-captain Sean Driscoll '10 tallied eight goals, seven assists and 15 points. Rookie Julien Boutet '12 notched seven goals, eight assists and 15 points. Ryan Howarth '10 amassed eight goals, six assists and 14 points. Greg Parker '10 was fourth in NESCAC save percentage (.924) and sixth in goals against average (2.49). Parker (Dec. 1) and Moore (Jan. 26) garnered NESCAC Player of the Week honors for the Camels during this memorable season. — *Will Tomasian*

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First Person:

A young alum's tribute to her grandmother, who graduated 60 years before her

RECENT GRADUATES OF

Connecticut College may recall that the older dorms had derelict phone booths, made obsolete long ago by phone lines in each student's room (and even more recently by the cell phones nearly every student carries).

While this may not have had any significance to most students, for me it was always a reminder of my grandmother, Elinor Houston Oberlin '44.

It was in one of those very phone booths that my grandfather, David — a Naval officer who, at the time, was on campus to meet friends — first spotted Ellie, then a junior at Connecticut College. Despite the mundane surroundings, he thought she was exceptionally beautiful. Never one to hesitate when he spotted an opportunity, my grandfather pulled her out of the phone booth and kissed her.

But my grandmother was hardly the delicate, helpless beauty that her romantic beginnings with my grandfather imply; in her case, looks came with extraordinary intellect, strength, humor and kindness. David Oberlin was a lucky man indeed, and he knew it.

At the age of 40, Nana

was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, a devastating autoimmune disease that slowly and painfully destroys the joints, and eventually deforms the hands permanently. An accomplished painter for most of her life, she initially found it nearly impossible to paint the way she used

to. But she refused to let her condition foil her. Instead, she decided to change mediums, from oil to pastel and finally to watercolor, until all that was left to her was a thumb.

Over the course of 10 years, with only that thumb and a keyboard, she wrote books of poetry and short stories. (She used to joke that she had a pesky muse who wouldn't let her sleep if she wasn't letting her creativity flow.) She found a way to exercise her mind even when her body wasn't in the mood to cooperate; she started a blog, got a Facebook account, and got her assisted living community involved. There was never any doubt with Nana: She, not her disease, was in control of her life.

Elinor Houston Oberlin '44 passed away last April. She was active until the very last; she was an exemplary graduate. Her life is a story of what it truly means to face adversity with grace and courage. She will be missed. — *Elinor Pisano '04*



ELINOR HOUSTON OBERLIN '44, RIGHT, AND MARY KENT NORTON '44 ON THE STEPS OF HARKNESS.



Just 18 months out of Connecticut College, where he double-majored in history and American studies, Matt Magida '07 was brimming with advice for seniors and young alumni at a luncheon at the College Club of Boston in November. Magida works full-time fundraising for Brandeis University and part-time, on the weekends, at a retail clothing store in Cambridge, Mass. "I needed to get a car so I got the second job to afford that," the 23-year-old explains. "But now it's my rainy-day fund. I live only off my Brandeis salary while the income from the retail job goes into savings, my Roth IRA and for emergencies." Magida recommends that young alums try to save \$100 each month, building toward three months' salary in savings. "I'm working toward my third month of savings now," he says. He's also working toward his MBA at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis. "I enjoy being busy, I really do," he says.

ask a camel

by Phoebe Hall

Q: "What advice would you give first-time job-seekers?"

Matt Magida '07, who is juggling two jobs and MBA classes, offers these tips.

- A:**
1. Send a cover letter with every job application.
 2. Write a thank-you note after every interview.
 3. Negotiate your salary after every job offer.
 4. Be sure to network.
 5. Start saving a small percentage of your paycheck now.
 6. Avoid superfluous spending.
 7. Don't be afraid to get a second job.
 8. It's OK to make mistakes and even fail in your first job.
 9. Have a back-up plan throughout life.
 10. If the job doesn't fit, don't take it.

"I knew some of this when I graduated, like sending a cover letter and a thank-you note. And negotiating your salary — it does put you ahead if you're not afraid to ask. When you get raises your new salary is based on your starting salary, so it adds up in the end.

"I do more networking now, on the job, than when I was in college. You never know who knows who, so it's really important to always be on the lookout and always have your business card.

"I made some poor career decisions immediately after Connecticut College, but in retrospect they were the best mistakes I ever made. I gained so much valuable insight into what I want in a career and in life that now I'm much more prepared for the real world."

THE LADY AND THE TIGER



A NEW FACULTY MEMBER GOES DEEP INTO THE JUNGLE TO ADVANCE
HER THEORY OF HOW GLOBAL RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS EVOLVE

Story by Alex Barnett

Photos by Elisabeth Fahrni Mansur

When Assistant Professor of Religious Studies Sufia Mendez Uddin goes abroad to pursue her research on Islam, she does not go to an air-conditioned archive or an ancient city in the Middle East. Instead, after a 22-hour flight to Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, she boards a smaller plane bound for a town called Jessore, and from there makes a two-hour car trip south along narrow roads teeming with traffic, until she

reaches the edge of the world's largest mangrove forest. This vast expanse of jungle-covered islands and swamps stretches from southern Bangladesh into West Bengal, India. There she boards a small wooden boat that, following the countless channels intersecting the mangroves, motors deep into the forest. Finally she reaches her destination, the tiny villages where the people worship a female deity named Bonbibi — “lady of the forest” — whose purpose is to protect them from tigers.



ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES
SUFIA UDDIN ON THE ROAD IN BANGLADESH.

"THIS MAY NOT LOOK LIKE ISLAM TO US, BUT IT IS."

The mangroves are called the Sundarbans, "the beautiful forests" in the Bengali language, and they are indeed beautiful, says Uddin, who first came here in 2005 as a Fulbright scholar to study Bonbibi veneration. But it is not a place one would likely choose to live. There is virtually no infrastructure — no electricity, no stores and few roads. The people who live here are extremely poor and, in a pattern not much changed since the 18th century, many venture into the forest to collect honey, fish or cut wood. In doing so, they risk attack by the most famous inhabitants of the region, the royal Bengal tigers, which kill dozens of people here each year.

Before entering the forest, both Muslims and Hindus honor Bonbibi, a beautiful woman whose face can be seen painted on clay statues in makeshift shrines in the mangroves. "Work parties will not go into the forest unless they are accompanied by a *fakir* or a *gunin*," ritual specialists who say prayers to invoke Bonbibi's protection from tigers, Uddin says. Five times in the last three years Uddin has come to the Sundarbans to document and study this shared worship.

CHILDHOOD PASSION

Born and raised in Queens by a

Bangladeshi father and Puerto Rican mother, Uddin dates her fascination with South Asia to early childhood, when her father brought the family to live for two months in his home village in Bangladesh. Although she remembers many illnesses and difficulties (including a near-miss with a cobra), Uddin says: "I just fell in love with it. Since then, I have always been passionate about South Asian culture and history and had a strong desire to know it better."

She majored in religion and South Asian studies at Colgate University and then earned a master's degree in international development before pursuing a Ph.D. in Islamic studies at the University of Pennsylvania. There she studied both Arabic literature and South Asian literature and history. Her first book, *Constructing Bangladesh: Religion, Ethnicity, and Language in an Islamic Nation*, was published in 2006. The following year she left her position at the University of Vermont to join the faculty at Connecticut College.

Throughout her career, Uddin's research has focused on Bengali Islam, a distinctive kind of Islam that took root in rural communities, in the Bengali language, in what is now Bangladesh and neighboring parts of India. She wants to challenge the idea, first advanced in the 19th century by Islamic reformers and scholars, that Bengali

Islam is not really Islam at all, but a confused mix of Islam and Hinduism — in the language of scholars, a "syncretic practice."

"I made the case in my first book that what Muslims were doing in Bengal was not syncretism, but rather a Bengali-informed Islam," Uddin says. "I wanted to see if that was still the case here, in the Sundarbans."

FINDING BONBIBI

The Bonbibi cult presents an important opportunity to explore these questions. Because the people of the Sundarbans live on the extreme margins of society, their practices are virtually unknown to scholars, and they have been little affected by Islamic reform movements. And because Bonbibi is venerated by both Muslims and Hindus, the cult presents a perfect test case for examining the syncretism issue.

To understand Bonbibi worship and record the largely oral traditions around the deity, Uddin has developed an innovative research approach combining ethnography and textual studies. Working with a Bangladeshi research assistant, she photographs shrines, videotapes ritual performances, and interviews people about how they honor Bonbibi and why. Uddin travels and lives entirely on the boat, which carries



SINCE 2005, UDDIN HAS TRAVELED TO THE REMOTE MANGROVE FORESTS OF BANGLADESH AND INDIA TO STUDY LOCAL WORSHIP OF BONBIBI, A HINDU GODDESS BELIEVED TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM THE TIGERS THAT LIVE IN THE JUNGLE AND KILL DOZENS OF PEOPLE EVERY YEAR.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS OF BEING MUSLIM.” — SUFIA UDDIN

a week's supply of food and drinking water. Two crew members pilot the boat, cook meals and provide security.

Uddin is finding that Muslims worship Bonbibi quite differently from Hindus; members of both groups fit the deity into larger worldviews. For Muslims, she is a Sufi saint — a woman endowed by God with specific powers, whose protection they seek through the display of red flags and flower garlands; Hindus worship her as a goddess, leaving offerings before clay likenesses. In Uddin's view, the shared worship is not a simple equation but reflects something else: a shared dependence on the forest and a very practical need for protection.

A central element of Bonbibi worship for both Muslims and Hindus is recitation of a poem (belonging to a Bengali Muslim genre known as *puthi*) that tells her story. Uddin tracked down the first recorded version of the poem, printed in the 19th century in an antique form of Bengali, and spent several months translating the 40-page document.

“The *puthi* tells how an Arab Muslim girl named Bonbibi was given the charge by God to go protect the people in the low-lying area to the east from the tiger god,” Uddin says. In the poem, Bonbibi defeats the tiger god, a Hindu deity, in vividly described battles. Yet she allows

the tiger to remain in the forest, under her auspices.

The myth, says Uddin, is a subtle story about how Islam came to the forest and how people of different religious traditions coexist peacefully there. It also has a larger significance, she believes, because it “Islamicizes Bengal, and brings Bengal into the history of Islam.”

DIFFERENT VISION

Uddin plans to publish her translation of the *puthi* next year, as part of a larger work on Bonbibi, and also intends to contribute the many video and audio recordings she has made of Bonbibi worship to the Bangla Academy in Dhaka and the Archives and Research Center for Ethnomusicology in India.

As a scholar, Uddin is skeptical of the concept of syncretism, with its implication of a “pure” or original tradition that has been distorted. Her study of Bengali Islam suggests to her a different vision of how global religious traditions spread and evolve. “When a religion gets brought to a new place, it’s not going to be practiced in the same way. A religious tradition is always going




to be regionally informed.”

The professor is looking forward to incorporating her Bonbibi research into her teaching on religion and Islam and hopes to bring students with her to shared sacred sites in South Asia in the future.

“I love doing this research, because it breaks down assumptions about what Islam is,” she says. “This may not look like Islam to us, but it is. There are many ways of being Muslim.”



THOUGH BOTH MUSLIMS AND HINDUS VENERATE BONBIBI (TOP RIGHT), UDDIN CHALLENGES THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM THAT THE TRADITION IS A CONFUSED MIX OF THE TWO RELIGIONS, INSTEAD ARGUING THAT IT REPRESENTS A PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.



In the glow of Alfred Nobel

His work with green fluorescent protein put **Marc Zimmer**, the Barbara Zaccheo Kohn '72 Professor of Chemistry, among the luminaries of science at the Nobel Prize ceremony in Stockholm in December.

In just a few days, from late November to early December, my wardrobe made a quick transition from shorts and T-shirts to white tie and tails as I went from a field trip in Vieques, Puerto Rico, with 17 of my students to attending the Nobel Award banquet in Stockholm, Sweden.

The road to Stockholm, via Vieques, was paved with serendipity for me. It started in 1995 when Bruce Branchini, my department chair and firefly specialist, invited Douglas Prasher to give a seminar at Connecticut College about green fluorescent protein, which he had just cloned from jellyfish. In his seminar he told us that GFP could be used to show where and when a protein was made in a living organism. At the time, not many scientists were using GFP, and it was a relatively unknown molecule; but it had the potential to be big — very big.

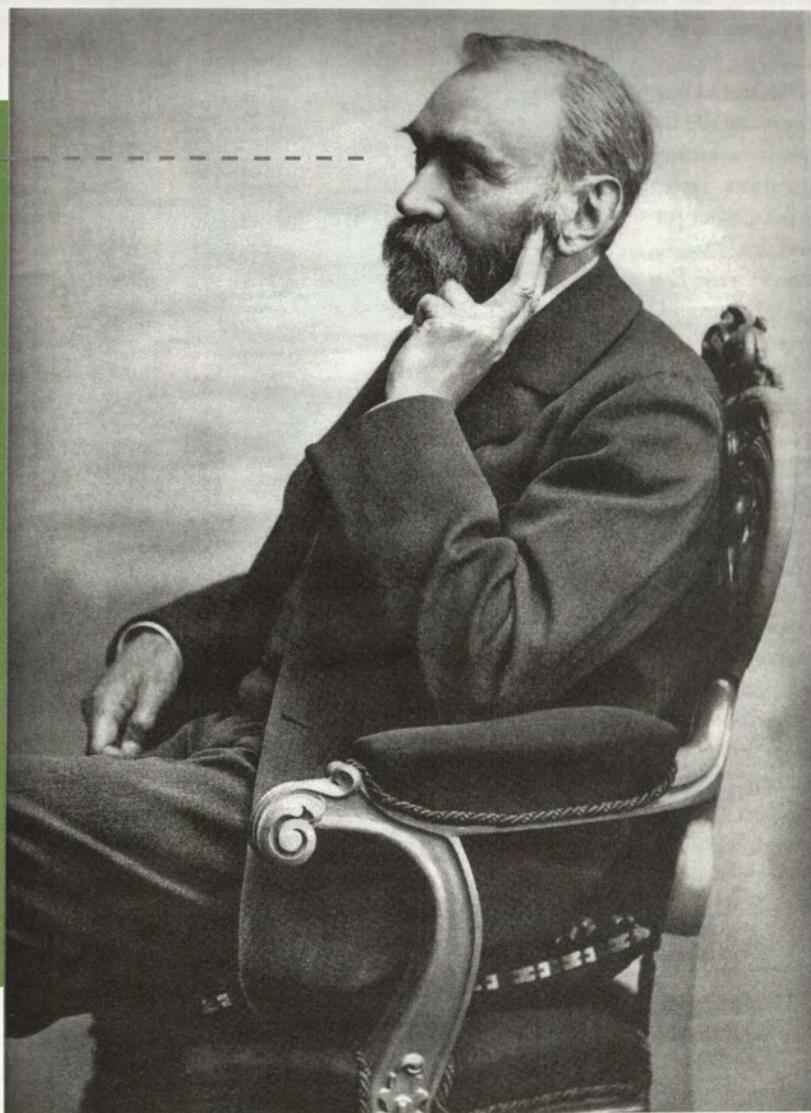
Prasher ended his talk by mentioning something that was puzzling him and the few others studying GFP at that time: exactly how does GFP become fluorescent? Working as a team, John Lusins '96, Amy Nemser '97, Branchini, my computers and I came up with the solution. Since then my students and I have focused our research efforts on GFP.

By 2000, GFP was no longer an unknown jellyfish protein, and more than 10,000 papers had been published concerning GFP. Scientists had used it to

make human tumors glow so they could be followed as they metastasized in a mouse. The GFP gene also had been inserted in bacteria in such a way that they fluoresced when in the presence of anthrax spores.

The time had come for a book about GFP. Since no one else had done it, I took a shot and wrote *Glowing Genes* over the summer in 2003; it was a surprisingly painless birth. Unfortunately it wasn't selling very well, so when Andrew Weber '07, a summer intern in my lab, was waiting for some calculations to finish, I decided we should create a GFP Web site (<http://gfp.conncoll.edu>). The site started small but has since grown, and although it has had nearly a million visitors, it didn't fulfill its function of making a bestseller of my book.

Our Web site became popular with high school teachers and also, apparently, with the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, which invited me to come to Stockholm and talk to them about GFP. The details of my role and their deliberations are secret for the next 50 years. It's a bit like a spy novel; I love it! The only thing I feel comfortable writing is that they never asked me who I thought should get the Nobel Prize if they were going to award it to GFP researchers. The rules of Alfred Nobel's will state that the prize can be awarded to at most three living researchers; in the case of GFP, it could have gone to any of five different people.



*Paris Dec 27 November
1895
Miles Howard Hayes*

My book and Web site led to my teaching a freshman seminar, Glow. It's all about bioluminescent organisms and how the proteins involved in their light production can be used in biology and medicine. This year I had 17 students in the class, all part of the Science Leaders Program (*CC: Magazine*, Winter 2008-2009). On our field trip to Vieques, we swam among dinoflagellates, which light up when touched. The seminar also had some visitors, such as Nicole McNiel '93 — now at the Center for Cancer Research, National Cancer Institute — and Ghia Euskirchen, who was the first person to ever take Prasher's GFP gene and make it fluoresce in an organism other than a jellyfish.

On Oct. 8 the Nobel Foundation was scheduled to announce the chemistry prize, and my class was very excited knowing that there was a real possibility that GFP could be recognized. At 5:30 a.m. my wife and I were in front of the computer watching the live broadcast of the award and heard the exhilarating news: the 2008 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to Osamu Shimomura, Martin Chalfie and Roger Tsien "for the discovery and development of the green fluorescent protein, GFP." Unfortunately Prasher, whose seminar was the impetus of my interest in GFP, was not among the prizewinners.

The Nobel Foundation established a link to my Web site and used it in its announcement. On that day, more than 50,000 people visited the site, and I was interviewed by the journals *Science* and *Nature*. It was the most rewarding day of my academic life, but it was about to get even better: An invitation to attend the Nobel Prize Award Ceremony and Banquet came to my campus mailbox. With it was a major incentive to attend, not that we needed one — a week's accommodation at the elegant Grand Hotel, where together with friends and relatives of

each Nobel laureate we would experience Nobel week in Stockholm. However, the gastronomical and intellectual feasts came at a price: In order to attend I had to kick my eveningwear standards up a couple of notches. To pass muster I would have to rent a tuxedo, shoes, black tie, shirt and cufflinks, as well as white tie and tails.

Nobel week was magical. The December sun sets at 2:45 p.m. in Stockholm, and the paths to the Nordic Museum and the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, sites of some of the receptions, were lit up with flickering torches.

Inside the beautifully decorated halls were equally decorated laureates, their friends and members of the academy. Here we sipped Champagne and enjoyed reindeer pate.

Before coming to Stockholm I knew three of the Nobel laureates. I'd met Luc Montagnier, the discoverer of the AIDS virus, when he was awarded an honorary doctorate at Connecticut College; and I knew Chalfie and Shimomura through our common

interest in GFP. However the laureates were in demand at the receptions, and we spent our time talking with members of the selection committee and GFP friends, including

Euskirchen and Prasher, who were there as Chalfie's guests. Each night after the festivities we would all pass through a line of photographers and journalists before returning to the Grand Hotel and our soft, turned-down beds and heated towels.

The Nobel lectures for physics, chemistry and economics were presented at the University of Stockholm. I attended three chemistry lectures and one economics lecture and was gratified to see some images from our Web site used by the laureates. The unquestionable highlights of the week were the award ceremony and banquet hosted by King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia. It was an intellectual hybrid of the Olympic opening ceremonies and the Academy Awards, and it's broadcast live on Swedish and Japanese television. The menu and the dresses

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worn by the queen and princesses were a well-kept secret until the evening of Dec. 10, the anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death.

The next day they were all over the Internet and on the front page of all the Swedish dailies. Chalfie was seated beside Crown Princess Victoria, while economics laureate Paul Krugman enjoyed the company of her younger sister, Princess Madeleine. Prince Carl Philip had Wendy Tsien, wife of chemist Roger Tsien, as his guest of honor. Not reported in the papers but equally important was the fact that my wife was entertained by the presidents of Uppsala University and the Royal Institute of Technology, while my neighbors were two biochemists from Lund University.

On the morning of the feast, more than 7,000 porcelain pieces, 5,000 glasses and 10,000 pieces of silverware were meticulously laid out on the 470 meters of linen that adorned the banquet's 65 tables. The spectacle surrounding the meal must be part of the reason the Nobel banquet is an annual TV viewing tradition in Sweden. Accompanied by a fanfare, waiters processed down a central staircase balancing the food above their heads.

The king was served first, immediately followed by the queen. The desserts arrived in the dark, each server

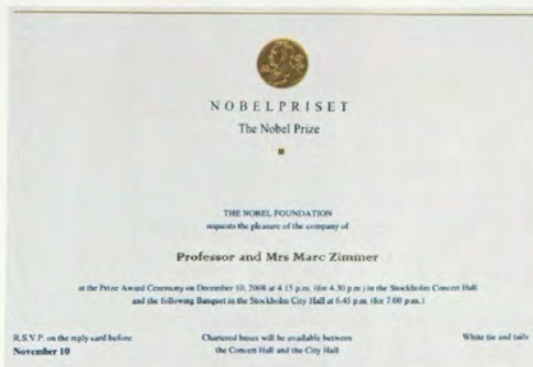
carrying three servings of Pears Hélène with flares shooting out three feet of sparks. But the highlight of

the evening for me was Tsien's banquet speech, which he concluded with, "My final thanks are to both the jellyfish and corals: long may they have intact habitats in which to shine!"

After a week with Nobel laureates and their colleagues, I am convinced that we have a few Connecticut College students with the capabilities and educational background to conduct Nobel-worthy research. But more than intellect and education is required to become a science superstar. He or she must first have the opportunity to start a groundbreaking project and then follow it with near-maniacal passion.

The fact that GFP was the basis of a Nobel Prize in Chemistry, and that I could be part of the excitement associated with its award, was a dream come true. I have always used dreams and goals to get me where I needed to go, whether it is Vieques with a group of potential science superstars from Connecticut College or Stockholm with the science elite. My new dream is that one of my students will be invited to Stockholm one day,

not as a guest of the Nobel Foundation, but as the medicine or chemistry laureate. ■



FROM TOP: WAITERS SERVE FLAMING DISHES OF PEARS HÉLÈNE FOR DESSERT; ZIMMER, RIGHT, POSES WITH JIM REMINGTON, WHO FIRST DISCOVERED THE CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF GFP; ZIMMER'S INVITATION TO THE NOBEL PRIZE AWARD CEREMONY AND BANQUET.



CANCER in the CROSSHAIRS

Ellen Vitetta '64 is targeting cancer with new therapies

by Leslie Rovetti

ELLEN VITETTA '64 says she came to New London to study science at "a time when women didn't do this sort of thing."

But Vitetta did. She was one of 13 zoology majors in her class at what was then an all-women's school in the early 1960s, years before Connecticut College had earned its reputation for a strong undergraduate program in the sciences. At that time she took many courses that focused on the arts and humanities, and while she says those subjects enriched her as a person and served her well in that regard, they left her at a disadvantage when it came to graduate school. When Vitetta enrolled in a graduate program in immunology at New York University, that first year was "a wake-up call." But the challenge proved to be no obstacle for the energetic Vitetta, who graduated and then joined the NYU faculty.

In 1974 she found her way to the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, where she remains today as professor of microbiology, director of the Cancer Immunobiology Center and holder of the Sheryle Simmons Patigan Distinguished Chair in Cancer Immunobiology. Over the decades she has racked up a resume of prestigious awards, written over 500 papers and founded two biotech companies. She is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Science, the Institute of Medicine, the American Academy of Microbiology and the American Academy of Cancer Immunology. She is among the 100 most cited biomedical scientists and the 10 most cited women of the past several decades. In 1997 Connecticut College awarded her the College Medal.

Seek and destroy

Among Vitetta's current projects are targeted cancer therapeutics that direct toxic agents to the cancer cells.

"They seek and destroy, basically," she says. "It's very much like a guided missile approach."

Her targeted therapeutics are an improvement over standard treatments in which the entire body is subject to the toxic agent, such as radiation or chemotherapy.

Another project in her laboratory is a new platform for making vaccines. She has successfully created a ricin vaccine for biodefense, and is working on other vaccines for pathogens that have no vaccine now, such as HIV, hepatitis C and West Nile virus.

She estimates that her research takes up 40 hours every week, and she probably spends another 40 hours looking for funding sources. The National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and other sources have funded her research.

"In the past eight years, it crashed," she says of research funding. "The Bush administration was not very favorable to scientific research. ... A lot of scientists have left the field."

She hopes that aspect of her profession is about to change.

"I think Obama's high on science and technology," she says. "I'm just hoping it will be fixed."

Vitetta is also a professor who teaches and works with graduate students and fellows.

"I like to see them succeed and carry the torch into the future," she says of her graduate fellows. And as for teaching, "It's very rewarding when they finally get it."

Watching her protégés transition into their own successful careers,

and knowing she had a hand in it, is gratifying. One of her former fellows, Linda Buck, won the 2004 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.

"That was very rewarding and very exciting," Vitetta says.

Shattering the Pyrex ceiling

While accomplishing her research goals in Texas, Vitetta noticed a barrier hindering the success of female academics. Not willing to be content with just her own success, she helped found the Women in Science and Medicine Advisory Committee, or WISMAC.

"I have a very large mouth when it comes to these things," she says, laughing.

She took the reins at WISMAC and helped to build a childcare center and establish salary equity among the faculty. After 10 years, she felt she had accomplished enough to step down.

"As long as the neurons are working and the ideas are flowing, I'm good to go."

"Consciousness was raised and things were actually done," she says. Now, "Texas is more open and willing to listen."

There were fights, she says, but all were well worth it.

"It involved a lot of battles," she notes. "I could show you the bruises on my back."

Connecticut College is also looking for ways to achieve gender equality, according to Martha Grossel, associate professor of biology and chair of the department.

"The environment for women has

changed a lot," she says.

Although the attitudes may be different, both Vitetta and Grossel say that most science faculties are not yet half female. Twenty-first-century undergraduate and graduate programs are attracting equal numbers of women — unlike in Vitetta's day — but both say that ratio begins to change after grad school.

"It's a nationwide problem," Grossel says.

Unlimited possibilities

Looking 20 years into the future, Vitetta can see even greater improvements in cancer therapies and vaccinations, but one thing she doesn't see is her own retirement.

"I'm good to go till I fall over," she says. "As long as the neurons are working and the ideas are flowing, I'm good to go."

She sees the field of cancer therapy moving into the realm of custom drugs where treatments are tailored to each individual. Cancer could one day become a chronic illness, one that can be managed. Early detection will be more common, and vaccines may well prevent most types of cancer.

If the targeted therapies she is working on now become the norm, she says the "slash-burn-cut mentality" of today's cancer treatments will be relegated to medical history with leeches, and it will be possible to not "kill the person and the tumor at the same time," as chemotherapy sometimes does now.

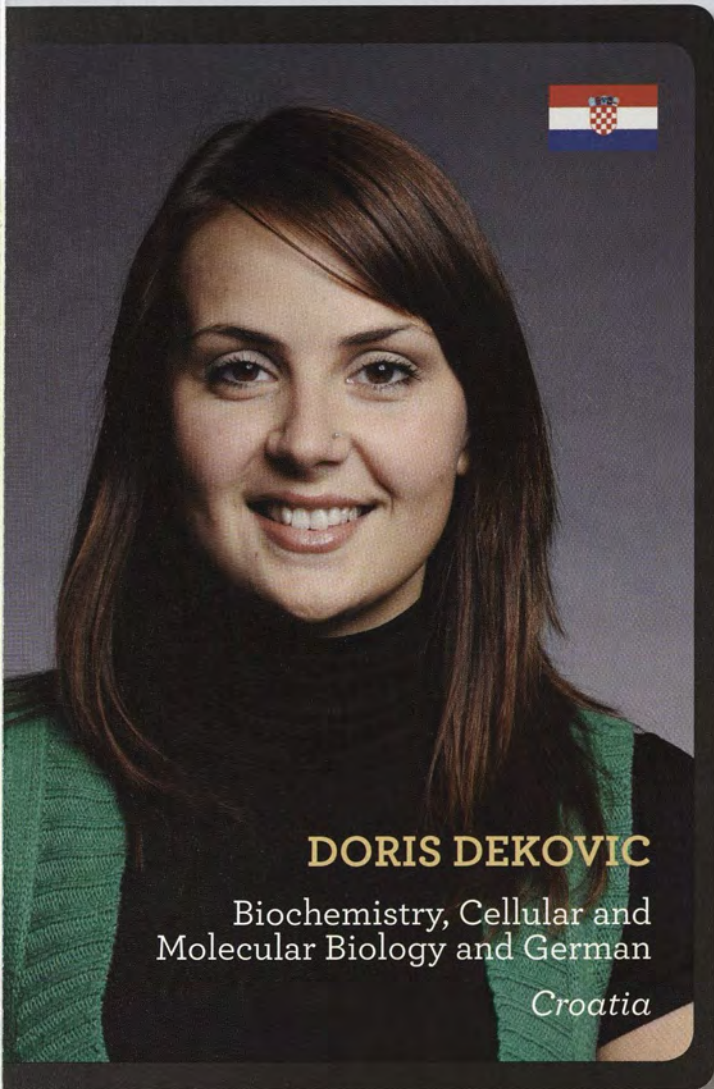
"Everything is about specificity," she says. "There are unlimited possibilities."

When not in her lab or teaching, Vitetta doesn't spend a lot of time with her feet up. She breeds, grows and shows orchids and is a competitive weight lifter. She doesn't own a television.

"I rarely sit still," she says. "I've learned to sleep standing up." ■

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All students benefit from the global



DORIS DEKOVIC

Biochemistry, Cellular and
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Croatia

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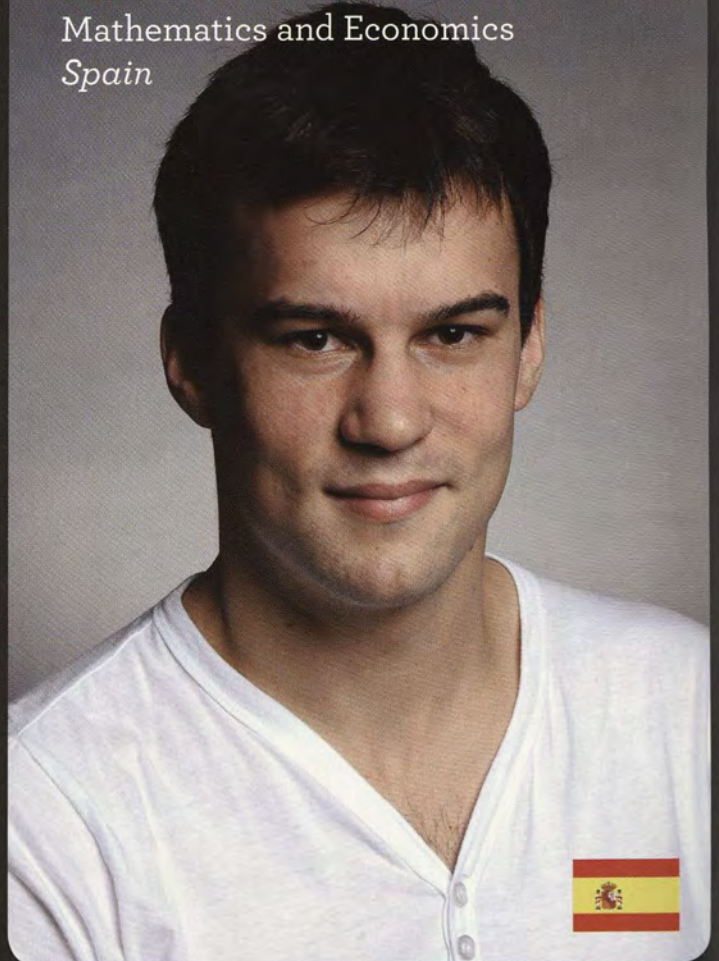
— DORIS DEKOVIC '09, CROATIA

Two years ago, when Dulguun Baasandavaa '07 stepped up to get his diploma on Tempel Green, the economics major from Mongolia earned another distinction: He was the first student to graduate from Connecticut College with financial support from the Davis United World College Scholars Program. Five more followed in 2008, and this year, eight UWC Scholars — the largest cohort yet — will earn their degrees.

Coming from all over the world, these students have at least one thing in common. Each graduated from one of the 12 United World Colleges, unique international high schools

BRAIS LOURO LARIÑO

Mathematics and Economics
Spain



LEDGE

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outlook of the Davis United World Scholars

dedicated to promoting peace and global understanding. "These students bring extraordinary cross-cultural perspectives and experiences to our campus community," says President Leo I. Higdon, Jr. "They deepen our focus on internationalism, and they enrich discussion inside and outside the classroom."

Since 2000, philanthropists Shelby M.C. Davis and Gale W. Davis have been providing financial assistance to UWC graduates attending a select group of U.S. colleges and universities. In 2004, Connecticut College was invited to join the program, and since then the number of UWC students enrolling at Connecticut College has grown rapidly.

The Davis UWC Scholars Program initially provided

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JUN CARLO SUNGLAO

Economics, Mathematics and
Philosophy

Philippines



DOMOINA FRÉDÉRIQUE RAMBELOARISON

Economics and International Relations
Madagascar

“Connecticut College opened many unforeseen doors, redefining my world vision. At a pioneering financial development firm in Peru last summer, I was able to observe the pragmatic use of development economic theories, fundamentally reshaping the way I understood human rights and freedoms.”

— BRAIS LOURO LARIÑO '09, SPAIN

“By appreciating the differences and the fact that my traditions and living standards may be unique to someone else, I have become a more tolerant and prouder citizen of my own country.”

— ZUZANA OZANOVA '09, SLOVAKIA

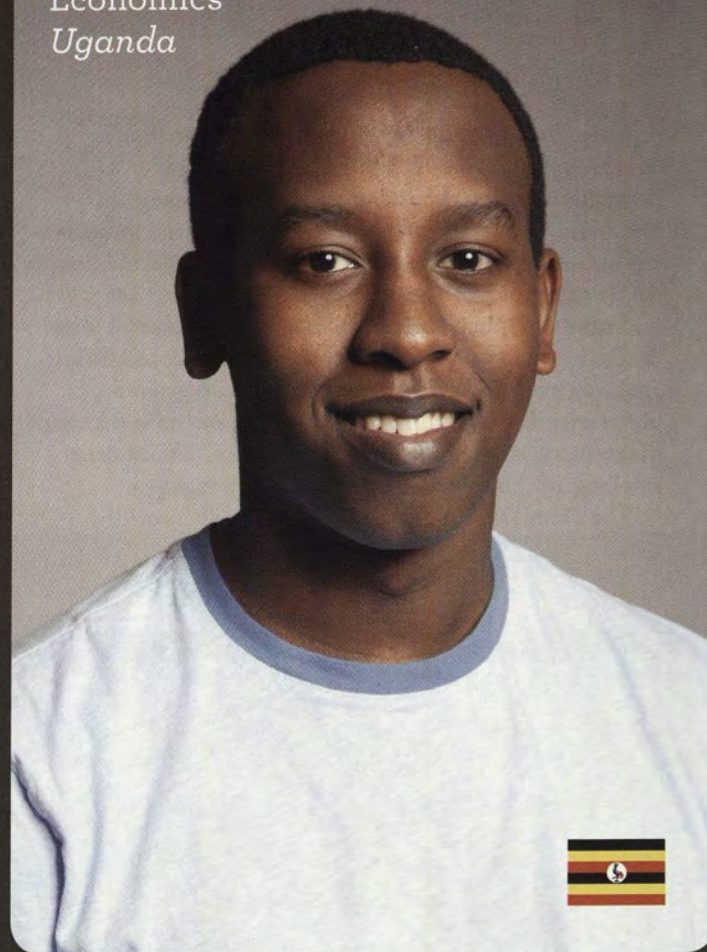
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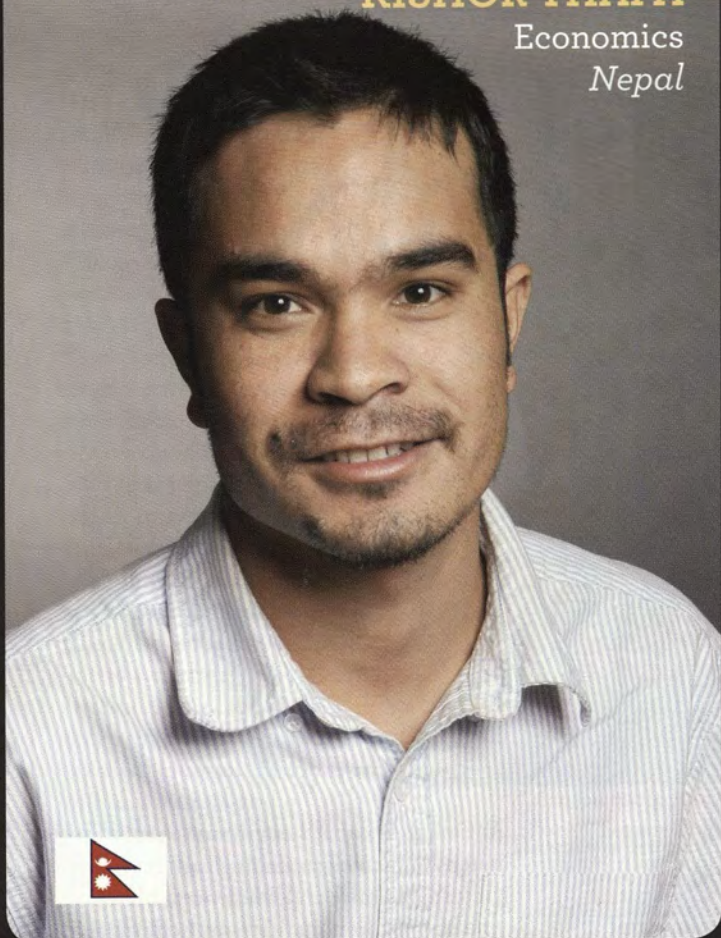
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\$10,000 per year in financial aid for each enrolling UWC student. Beginning with the class of 2012, however, the program has doubled its commitment, awarding \$20,000 per student per year, as long as the College enrolls five or more students. For 2008-2009, the College received \$305,000 in financial aid for 25 UWC graduates here.

Most of the students also receive significant institutional grants from Connecticut College, up to their full demonstrated need. “We use need-based financial aid to provide the

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Economics
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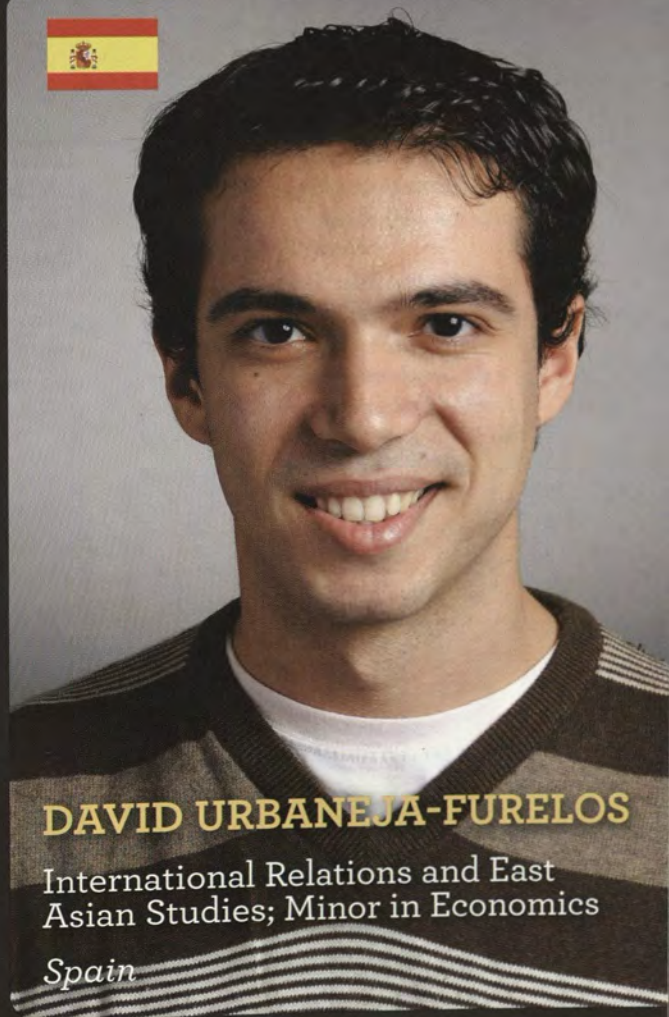


opportunity of a Connecticut College education to outstanding students who could not otherwise afford it," says Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Martha C. Merrill '84. "The Davis UWC program is perfectly aligned with this objective."

While the Davis UWC Scholars are transforming the College, the College is also transforming them. Doris Dekovic '09 of Croatia is a double major in German and biochemistry, cellular and molecular biology. Outside the classroom, she honed her leadership skills as co-chair of the International Club and the German Student Advisory Board. In her last semester, she sums up her experience: "From the moment I opened the Connecticut College Web site I knew this school would change my life — and it did." ■

"Being one of a kind on campus can be challenging, but these challenges made me step out of my comfort zone, accept and respect differences, and create lifelong friendships."

— DOMOINA FRÉDÉRIQUE
RAMBELOARISON '09, MADAGASCAR



DAVID URBANEJA-FURELOS

International Relations and East Asian Studies; Minor in Economics

Spain

{ MONUMENT } { TO LINCOLN }

In 1997, Professor Michael Burlingame signed a contract to deliver a new biography of Abraham Lincoln in time for the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth, Feb. 12, 2009. He just made it: *Abraham Lincoln: A Life* (Johns Hopkins University Press) was published in December. Described by historian Doris Kearns Goodwin as a "profound and masterful portrait," the 2,024-page, two-volume biography is a major contribution to Lincoln scholarship, and a crowning achievement to a long career devoted to the 16th president.

In January, Alex Barnett spoke with the May Buckley Sadowski '19 Professor Emeritus of History about the new book and the enduring legacy of Lincoln.

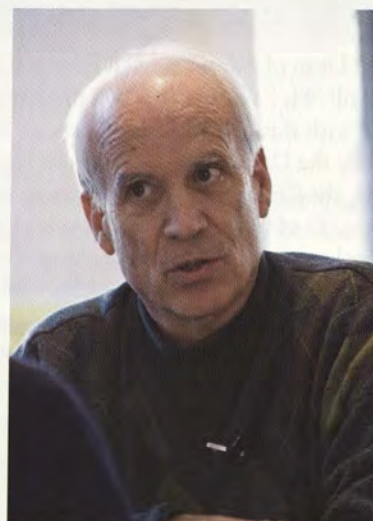
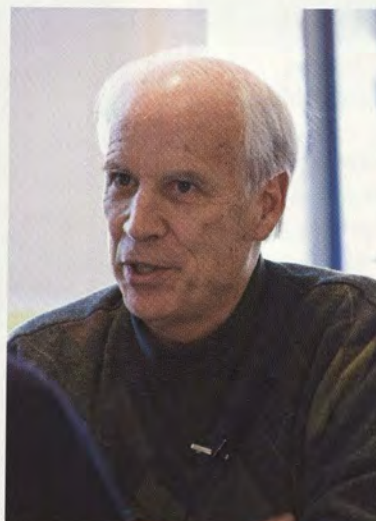
Q: What led you to write a new biography of Lincoln?

A: In 1984 I started a psychological study of Lincoln, which was published as *The Inner World of Abraham Lincoln* in 1994. That was a series of essays dealing with such topics as his marriage, his relations with his parents and his children, his depressions and his midlife crisis. When I began that book I assumed — falsely as it turns out — that everything important about Lincoln had long since been published. As soon as I started looking at unpublished sources, I found new material. I kept on poking around in manuscript collections and old newspapers and eventually discovered an enormous amount of new information. Most revealing were interview notes

taken by the early biographers, who spoke with people who had known Lincoln. Also valuable were scores of anonymous articles in all likelihood written by Lincoln that appeared in a Springfield, Ill., newspaper in the 1830s and 1840s. I thought, somebody really ought to take this new material and incorporate it into a detailed, multi-volume, cradle-to-grave biography.

Q: What have you learned about Lincoln in the process?

A: One theme that I emphasize very much is Lincoln's psychological maturity, balance and wholeness. Lincoln has been traditionally held up as an inspirational figure for people born into poverty. There's a lot of truth in that — Lincoln really was raised in hardscrabble poverty.



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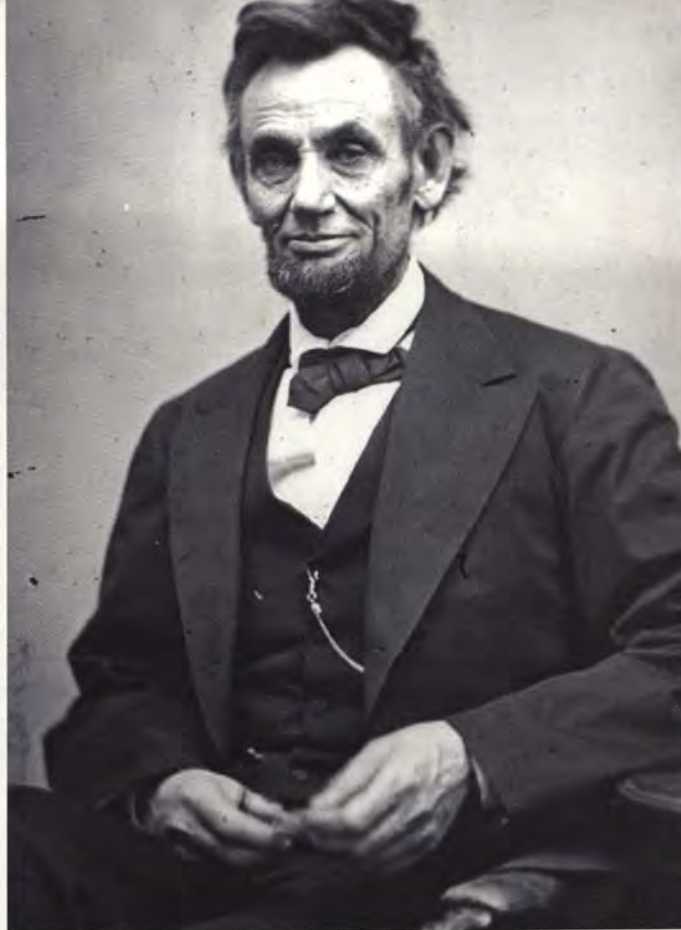
PROFESSOR EMERITUS MICHAEL BURLINGAME TALKS WITH INTERVIEWER ALEX BARNETT. SEE WWW.MICHAELBURLINGAME.COM.

But I think he can also be an inspiration for people who suffer not so much from economic poverty as emotional poverty. When you think of the psychological burdens that Lincoln overcame, it's really remarkable. His mother died under very painful circumstances when he was only 9 years old. His father was an unsympathetic soul, from whom Lincoln was estranged. His two siblings both died, one as a baby and one as a teenager. His sweetheart died when they were engaged to be married. He wrestled with depression, and on two occasions was so depressed that his friends feared that he would commit suicide. He suffered many setbacks and defeats in his career. On top of that, he had a very troubled midlife crisis and a truly woe-filled marriage.

Despite all those difficulties, he evolved not just to become a powerful man and a world-celebrated figure, but he was so psychologically mature, so balanced and whole, that I think he can be an inspiration for everybody. You *can* overcome emotional poverty — if Abraham Lincoln did it, you can do it.

Q: Are there surprises for the general reader in the book?

A: The most controversial aspect of the book, I think, will be the portrait of the marriage. Mary Todd Lincoln is more to be pitied than censured, but it must be acknowledged that she behaved very badly. She physically



abused her husband, she insulted him in public. As first lady she accepted bribes and kickbacks and engaged in expense account padding — all kinds of unethical conduct. Lincoln told one of his closest friends that he was constantly worried that his wife would do something to humiliate him publicly, and she did.

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Q: Many people today draw parallels between Lincoln and Obama. Why is that?

A: They are the only politicians from Illinois ever elected president. They're both tall; they're both gifted writers and eloquent. They both entered the White House with two small children, and they

both took office at a time of national crisis. All of that adds up to a fairly striking set of parallels.

Q: Are there aspects of Lincoln's character that Obama would do well to emulate?

A: Yes. One of Lincoln's greatest strengths as president was his psychological balance, and one of the hallmarks of that balance was his lack of egotism. Most people have a needy ego, and people in politics have particularly needy egos. But Lincoln was able to overcome that: Lincoln didn't have a needy ego. One of the ways that manifested

itself is that he wouldn't take criticism or disagreement personally.

Q: Why is Lincoln still so important?

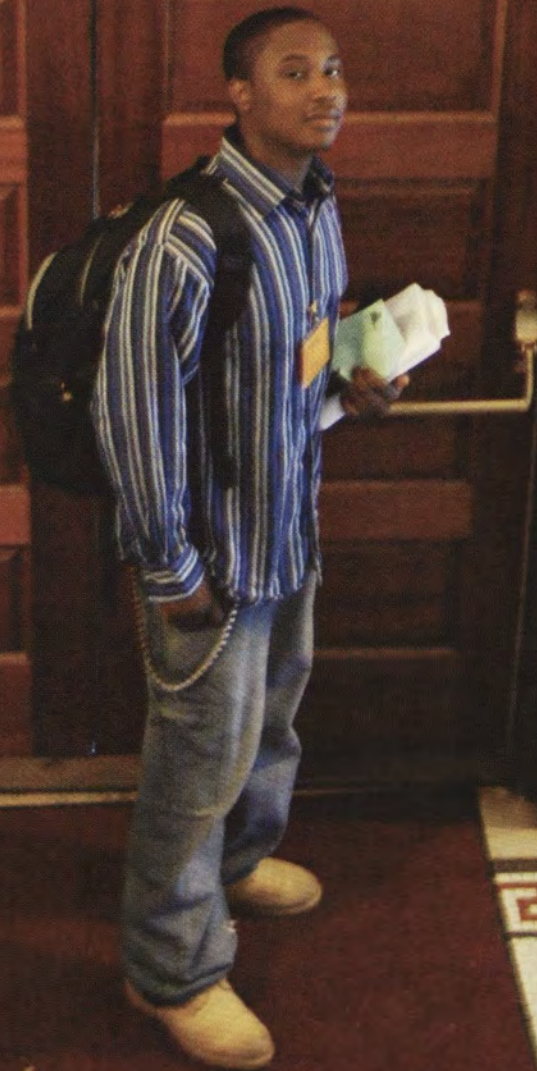
A: I think it's his character and his personality. He's admired and revered for being the savior of the Union, for being the great emancipator and the vindicator of democracy — all of which is true, and extremely important. But I think beyond that, there's something about his character, his magnanimity, his humor, his fundamental decency, his eloquence and his down-to-earthness that endears him. There are figures in American history who are admirable but not entirely lovable; George Washington is a conspicuous example. Lincoln has a lovable quality, because he's so accessible and humorous and decent. I think it's a reflection on our national character that we find someone of that sort so revered. ■

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THE SEARCH FOR HOME

PHOTOS AND ESSAY BY
GABRIELLE KAMINSKY '09





HERBERT RANDOLPH BENNETT JR. '09 FIRST BECAME HOMELESS WHEN HE WAS 4 YEARS OLD.

“One day I was in daycare and my father came to pick me up,” recalls the soft-spoken young man, who prefers to be called Jr. “He had a couple things packed inside the car. He told me we were leaving.”

For his first four years, Bennett had lived with his mother, father, and older half-brother and half-sister in an apartment in the Bronx, N.Y. Now he and his parents found themselves at New York City’s Emergency Assistance Unit, now the Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing Office, which he calls “the gateway to homelessness.” He explains: “When people first become homeless, they must go there to receive housing. It’s not a shelter; it’s an office building. But people sleep there anyway — on the floor, the benches.”

His family moved from shelter to shelter throughout the city before getting an apartment when Bennett was 7. But they stayed there only two years. Bennett says one evening when he was 9, he and his father came home to find a padlock on their door. They had been evicted. For the next few years they lived with friends and family, in an abandoned building, and even spent a few nights riding the train — anything to avoid going back into the shelter system. “I became secretive,” Jr. says. “I would never tell people I was homeless. I just said that I lived on such-and-such avenue.”

By this time, Bennett’s mother was living in a nursing home, due to a rare hereditary disorder called Hicks syndrome. Bennett visited her there until she died, when he was 15.

Bennett and his father went to live with Bennett’s grandmother, in the Bronx. Bennett attended seven different schools between elementary school and

college. But he found some stability volunteering for the Coalition for the Homeless in New York City, helping homeless men, women and children get meals and organizing fundraising events. There Bennett met an advocate, Anne Duggan, whom he calls one of the most influential people in his life. “She made me feel I was important again by asking me to help her with a campaign,” he says. “The coalition pushed me to into believing in myself and made me realize my strengths.”

“(Duggan) hooked me up with the right people to get into Urban Academy, my third high school,” Bennett continues. Through her he also met a college counselor, who in turn introduced him to Martha C. Merrill ’84, dean of admission and financial aid at Connecticut College. Merrill encouraged Bennett to apply and invited him to New London for Explore Weekend. Bennett, now 21, still can’t seem to believe his success: “Honestly, I didn’t think I would get in, but I did.”

It was also through the Coalition for the Homeless that Bennett met the couple he calls his “adopted” parents, Robert Berwitz and Nancy Salamone, of Hull, Mass. Their daughter, Shannon, had worked

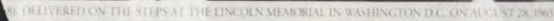


HERBERT BENNETT JR. '09, WHOM EVERYONE CALLS JR., WAS HOMELESS THROUGHOUT MUCH OF HIS CHILDHOOD. NOW HE FINDS PARENTAL SUPPORT IN NANCY SALAMONE AND ROBERT BERWITZ, RIGHT, SHOWN VISITING HIM ON CAMPUS LAST YEAR; AND VOLUNTEERS AT SCHOOLS, SUCH AS THE ISAAC SCHOOL IN NEW LONDON, LEFT.

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Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr.



It is difficult to find a good example of a "strong" metaphor. I have found only a few. I have selected three. I have selected them for the reason that they are good examples of the way in which a metaphor can be used to convey a message. I have selected them for the reason that they are good examples of the way in which a metaphor can be used to convey a message. I have selected them for the reason that they are good examples of the way in which a metaphor can be used to convey a message.

JR. HOPES TO EARN HIS MASTER'S DEGREE TO TEACH ELEMENTARY OR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS. HE HAS FOUND DIRECTION BY SERVING AS A ROLE MODEL TO STRUGGLING STUDENTS LIKE ZIGGY, BELOW RIGHT, AT NEW LONDON'S ISAAC SCHOOL.

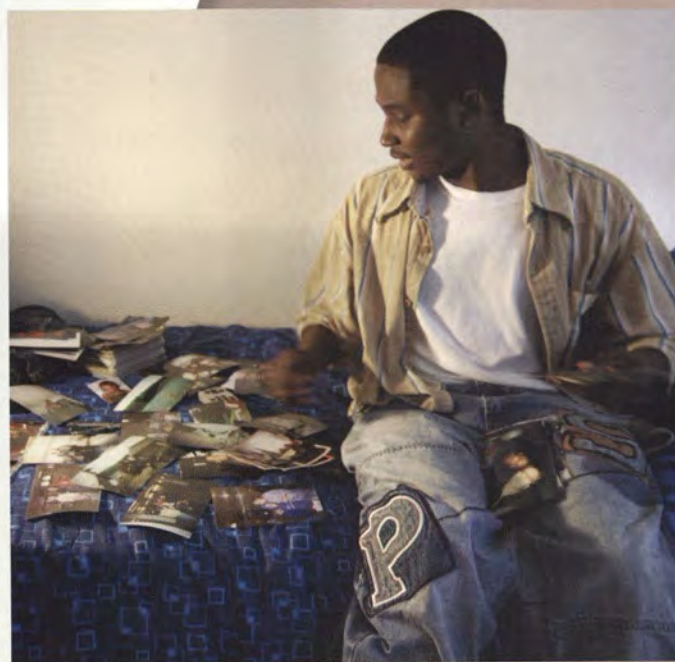
with Bennett at the coalition and told her parents about him. Berwitz and Salamone wanted to meet him and, even before doing so, they began sending him money. They exchanged e-mails for a few months before meeting in person. "They come to the city to help me bring my bike up to Conn every year. They look out for me," Bennett says. "They filled the void my real parents would have, had they been around and able to take care of me. That's why I consider them my adopted parents. They do things for me that I feel a parent would do, even just calling to see how I'm doing. Nancy will even ask me if I need underwear," he laughs.

The challenges have continued for Bennett since he matriculated at Connecticut College. His father went to prison on drug charges, getting out last summer. A few months later, Bennett's grandmother died. But he has found new connections in his responsibilities on campus. As co-coordinator of ALANA Sisters and Brothers last year, he helped first-year students of color adjust to college. "Being in this leadership role made me feel as though I'd be ready to take on a larger role," he says. Now Bennett works as housefellow of Lambdin House, where 67 students live.

Community volunteering remains an important part of his life. He started visiting the Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication in New London as a sophomore. What began as extracurricular work for an education class became more meaningful. "I felt I could relate to some of the students," he says. "I didn't have anyone to look up to. I want to be just that for these kids. Many are viewed as outcasts, and I still feel like I'm an outcast, so I want to look out for those who tend to be ignored. The kids stamped with a label that they're bad ... those are the ones I want to help."


One sixth-grader, Ziggy, really opened Bennett's eyes. "Kids like Ziggy made me want to go back (to ISAAC School) even after my class ended, because he told me that he wasn't going to college. This little boy already set his heart on playing basketball." But when he found out Bennett was in college, Ziggy reconsidered his chosen path.

A sociology-based human relations major, Bennett has applied to become an NYC Teaching Fellow after graduation and wants to earn his master's degree in elementary or special education. "I think Ziggy looks at me as a role model and that's a nice thought." When Bennett smiles, his eyes crinkle in the corners. "For me to have any influence on anyone's life is not something I can take lightly." 🏠



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Charles Chu and I were Arboretum neighbors, and when I walk there, I share the moment with him. When I take photographs there, he helps frame this world.

Charles spent years painting in the Arboretum, just as I have spent years photographing its seasons. His paintings stand as sure models of the confidence of hand and eye, each a lesson in perceiving the thicket precisely and in detail.

But his influence casts far beyond the art of composition; it is Charles who reminds me each time I return to truly be there.

All who knew Charles remember his quick laugh and quick tears, his flash from joy to sorrow and back. He saw each moment as

distinct from the next, and to be near him was an object lesson in being fully involved.

I return to the Arboretum week after week, year after year, and each time I better see it anew, always new and always changing.

Charles's power as an artist was to focus fully on a single branch, then a single stroke. He missed nothing.

That is what Charles taught me about photography: to notice what is happening right now. A single leaf can define a tree, just as a single moment can define a day.

To seize the moment of that leaf is the lesson. ■

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WHAT **CHARLES CHU** TAUGHT ME

*Photographer Milton Moore reflects on Charles Chu,
professor emeritus of Chinese, 1918-2008.*





Eyewitness to History Covering the Inauguration

Imagine a torchlight political parade out of the 19th century, when dusk settles as gold and crimson painting the buildings, streets and cars. Imagine the electricity of the moment, heating a frost-bitten wind-blown day, as the new president and first lady walked down Pennsylvania Avenue waving to a euphoric crowd. And at that moment, it dawned on me how the history of our past connected to the present. As someone hardened by the realities of Washington politics, I still felt a lump in my throat. *"Oh my God, there are the president and first lady."*

I have never had this feeling, even though I've met or been present before three other chief executives. I realized that because history was being made right in front of me.

A month before the inauguration the Associated Press's television division contacted me and asked if I would serve on their anchor desk on the parade route, as commentator for the presidential inaugural. My first instinct was to say "no." After all, I was a seasoned political person who had been to an inaugural before: I knew I could watch it more carefully within the comfort of my 68-degree home with a cup of Starbucks coffee in my hands. Moreover, unlike the years when I was a junior faculty member at American University, I no longer had the urge to run in front of the television cameras to show my face to colleagues and relatives alike. In recent years, my ego had been gently

placed back inside the contours of my cranium. Furthermore, the amount of preparation for a 10- to 12-hour broadcast, was, frankly, more work than I needed.

Yet this inaugural was different. I wanted to accept the Associated Press's invitation not out of partisanship but rather to witness history; to help capture the moment as an eyewitness for people at home.

The Associated Press is not only a wire service but one of the largest providers of Internet television coverage in the world.

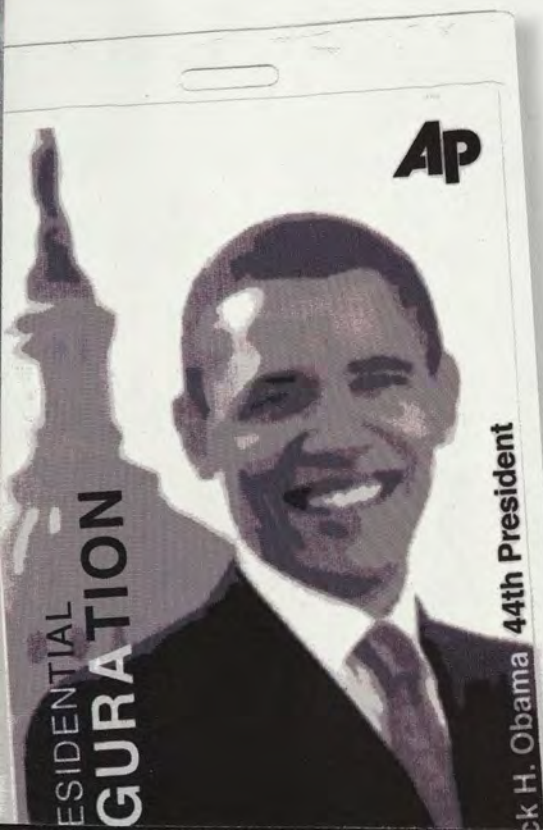
The evening before the inaugural the AP sent a town car to take me to a D.C. hotel for the evening.

As of 2 a.m., all the bridges with traffic heading into the nation's capital would

be shut down. Entering the hotel lobby, I was in a sea of inaugural attendees who had come from all over the country.

The next morning I met the AP anchor, Jason Bronis, in the lobby at 6:15 a.m. We walked three-quarters

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of a mile to the White House to enter the press gate. When we finally passed through and entered our press gallery, which resembled a three-story parking garage in Lafayette Park, directly across the street from the president's reviewing stand in front of the White House, it provided a great view. Jason and I were bundled up from the waist down in a way that would have impressed Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer. The camera was shooting us waist up. We covered the events at the Capitol, including the swearing-in ceremony — fortunately I knew the names of nearly all the dignitaries, having studied the new names and faces in preparation.

Seeing nearly 2 million people on the mall, with hundreds of thousands waving American flags, sent chills up my spine. What struck me most about the entire day was seeing the camaraderie between President Obama and President Bush. The two men clearly like each other. I have to tell you that in American politics, you might be surprised, but some of the best friendships are across the aisle: Ted Kennedy and Orrin Hatch, Hillary Clinton and John McCain, Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush. This was the most seamless transition across party lines. Even the miscues between the new president and the chief justice had an air of jocular.

President Obama's inaugural address was much like the one delivered by Franklin Delano Roosevelt at

his first inaugural. It had less lofty rhetoric than normally found in one of Obama's speeches. Obama wanted his listeners to pay less attention to the rhetoric and more attention to the staggering economic crisis stifling the nation — possibly the worst since the Great Depression. A sobering and direct speech, it was very workman-like, and intended to appeal to voters in the heartland of the country where the manufacturing base of the post-World War II boom is now mired in a deepening depression.

But the *pièce de résistance* was the parade that followed the inaugural and joint congressional luncheon. The slow, serpentine motorcade slid slowly up Pennsylvania Avenue as throngs of well-wishers, four deep, greeted the new president and first family. When the president and first lady and the vice president and Mrs. Biden

(no one calls her the second lady) stepped out of their cars and walked two segments of the parade route, the egalitarian nature of the Declaration of Independence flashed before me — that finally, today, the truth of the words “all men are created equal.” And that thought, without partisan feelings, warmed my soul on that frigid but memorable day. ★

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As soon as you walk into the room, hearing the gentle *whoosh* of the glass door close behind you, you know you are in an extraordinary place. The silence envelops you, immediate and unexpected after the bustling activity on the first floor of the Charles E. Shain Library. You involuntarily inhale as you take in the attractive surroundings: children's books in illuminated glass cases, colorful oil paintings, clean research tables and comfortable chairs. Welcome to the Linda Lear Center for Special Collections and Archives, the newly renovated facility dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the College's historical records and artifacts.

Linda Lear '62, an environmental historian, has written two biographies — *Rachel Carson: Witness for Nature* (1997), which has been translated into eight foreign languages, and the award-winning biography *Beatrix Potter: A Life in Nature* (2007). Lear says when she finished the Carson biography she had a vast collection of original materials that needed a home.

"The material I had fit in nicely with the environmental emphasis at Connecticut College, and I knew it would help round out the College's collection," Lear says. "When I told

A NEW SETTING FOR OLD TREASURES

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Brian (Rogers, College librarian emeritus) about it, he was so excited that he drove down to Maryland, put 48 boxes of material in his trunk and drove back to Connecticut."

Today, the Lear/Carson collection is an extensive archive of documents and photographs; the Lear book collection

includes books about Carson and the early environmental movement. It is one of the premier sources for information about the renowned writer and

ecologist and her work. Lear is also planning to donate her collection on Beatrix Potter, adding to the Helen O. Gildersleeve Collection of children's literature.

Her interest in primary sources began as an undergraduate. She first came into contact with original materials when she was all but living in a cubicle on the third floor of the old Palmer Library.

"The librarian seemed to always have a rare book in her hands," Lear recalls. "When she showed them to me, I realized that the regular books in the stacks weren't the limit of what I could use for research."

Richard Lowitt, a former associate professor of American history, also broadened Lear's concept of research.

"Dr. Lowitt believed undergraduate education should begin with original texts, not end with them in graduate school," Lear says. "He gathered primary sources on the state's regional,

political, intellectual and environmental history, and built his seminars and his students' research around them."

An increasing interest in the study of original materials soon rendered their designated area in the library inadequate, according to Lear. She dreamed of making the cramped space not only large enough to accommodate an expanding collection but also faculty, students and researchers. In May 2008 — after much discussion, planning and careful consideration — she knew her dream would come true.

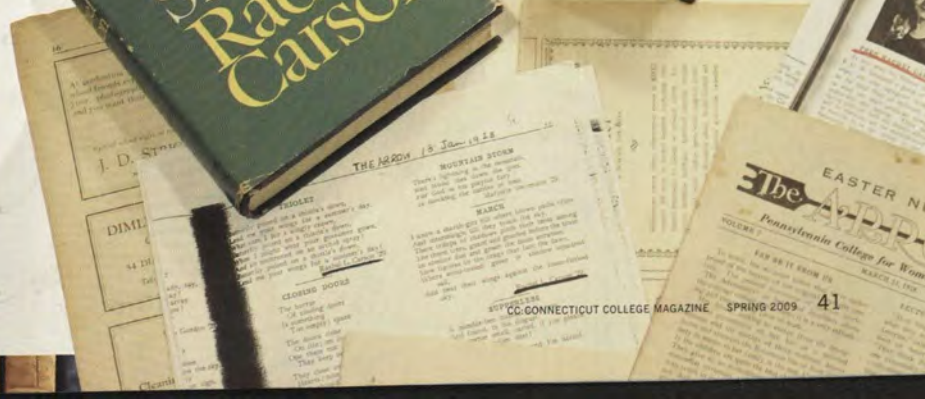
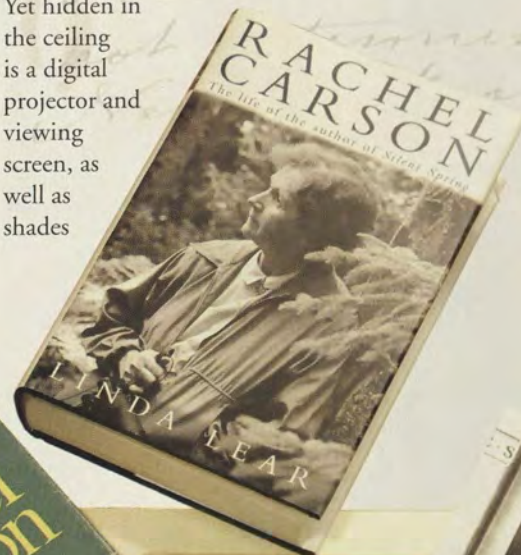
The project began the day after Commencement. Preparations included moving thousands of books and hundreds of boxes and other items that were previously housed in Special Collections. Everything was securely stored in the air-conditioned Haines Room on the second floor of the

library, temporarily inaccessible to staff and researchers until it was moved into the new quarters at the end of August.

Those new quarters feature the

latest technology, practical partner to the aesthetically pleasing design. It's hard to look beyond the beautiful reading room, with its handcrafted oak tables and chairs, brass lamps, local artwork, and upholstered lounge chairs. But closer inspection reveals hidden outlets in those tables for laptops, so researchers can not only record their findings but also access the campus's wireless network. Similarly dazzling is the Palmer Room, with its refinished walnut parquet floor and wood paneling. Yet hidden in the ceiling is a digital projector and viewing screen, as well as shades

*The Linda Lear
Center for Special
Collections and Archives
opens the door on
new opportunities
for research*





that can be lowered along the glass wall that separates the Palmer Room from the reading room to screen out light or provide privacy.

"It's an incredible space," says Laurie Deredita, who retired as director of Special Collections in December after more than 25 years. "It doubles the physical footprint of the old space, so the College's Special Collections and Archives can be in one place, as they should be. And we can accommodate



many more people. None of this would have been possible without Linda."

Lear's work is housed, along with everything else in Special Collections and Archives, in a temperature- and humidity-controlled area. Half of the storage area has regular fixed stacks, including folio shelves for large books. The other half features new compact shelving, movable shelves without aisles separating them. This shelving, which operates manually, has doubled the center's storage capacity.

The new center also includes expanded offices, a collection processing area, and — as further precaution against possible damage to the valuable collections — a fire-prevention system and a separate air-conditioning unit on the library roof.

"Humidity is bad for books,"

Deredita explains on a tour of the storage area. "This controlled environment keeps everything in pristine condition and slows the aging process."

The renovation lasted throughout last summer and into early fall. By the end of September, the new furniture had arrived and the Lear Center was fully operational.

"The College community uses the Special Collections much more than previously because students are now taught in a different way," Deredita says. "The trend in the last 20 years has been to do something with this resource — to make it available to the public and to the students. Some professors require their students to use the Special Collections and Archives material. Now they can bring their classes to the Lear Center. It's a wonderful place to work." ■



ABOVE: A DROP-DOWN DIGITAL PROJECTOR AND SCREEN EXPAND THE UTILITY OF THE PALMER ROOM.

LEFT: BEN PANCIERA WILL SUCCEED LAURIE DEREDITA AS DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES.

Dear Prudence

The College's Special Collections and Archives — more than 50,000 volumes, artifacts and boxed records — started in the 1920s with a gift of rare books from the George Palmer family. From there it grew into an eclectic compilation of fine private press books, children's literature, art books, local history and environmental advocacy material, and one of the finest Eugene O'Neill collections in the world. It also includes papers by and about prominent American women like Alice Hamilton, Frances Perkins, Belle Moskowitz and Prudence Crandall.

Crandall taught in Canterbury, Conn., at a school for girls she was asked to organize in 1831. Successful at first, she was soon immersed in controversy for her decision to admit Sarah Harris, the daughter of a prosperous African-American family, in 1832. White families withdrew their children from the school, prompting Crandall to announce that her school was going to be a teacher-training institute for African-

Americans. She recruited young black women from as far away as Boston, New York City and Philadelphia; she was subsequently shunned by her community and church.

In 1833 the state passed the "Black Law," which prohibited any Connecticut school to admit students from outside the state. Crandall ignored the legislation and was arrested and convicted. The case was dismissed, due to a technicality, in 1834, but the continued attacks on the school forced Crandall to close it before the end of the year. Crandall then married the Rev. Calvin Philleo, but in 1842 set out on her own to Troy Grove, Ill., where she opened the Philleo Academy. There she continued to be an outspoken champion for equality of education and the rights of women. By the end of her life she was living in poverty; Mark Twain was instrumental in convincing the Connecticut legislature to award her an annual pension of \$400 in 1886.

"Prudence Crandall is an important part of our American

Women's Collection," says Laurie Deredita, recently retired director of special collections. "Quite a few researchers have pored over her letters. Our students, too — especially those in American history or gender and women's studies classes — come to see the papers."

The Prudence Crandall collection, which comprises personal correspondence, newspaper articles, periodicals and photographs, was donated to the College in 1951 by Helen Earle Sellers, a former member of the state legislature, poet and children's author. She was working on a biography of Crandall at the time of her death, at age 47.

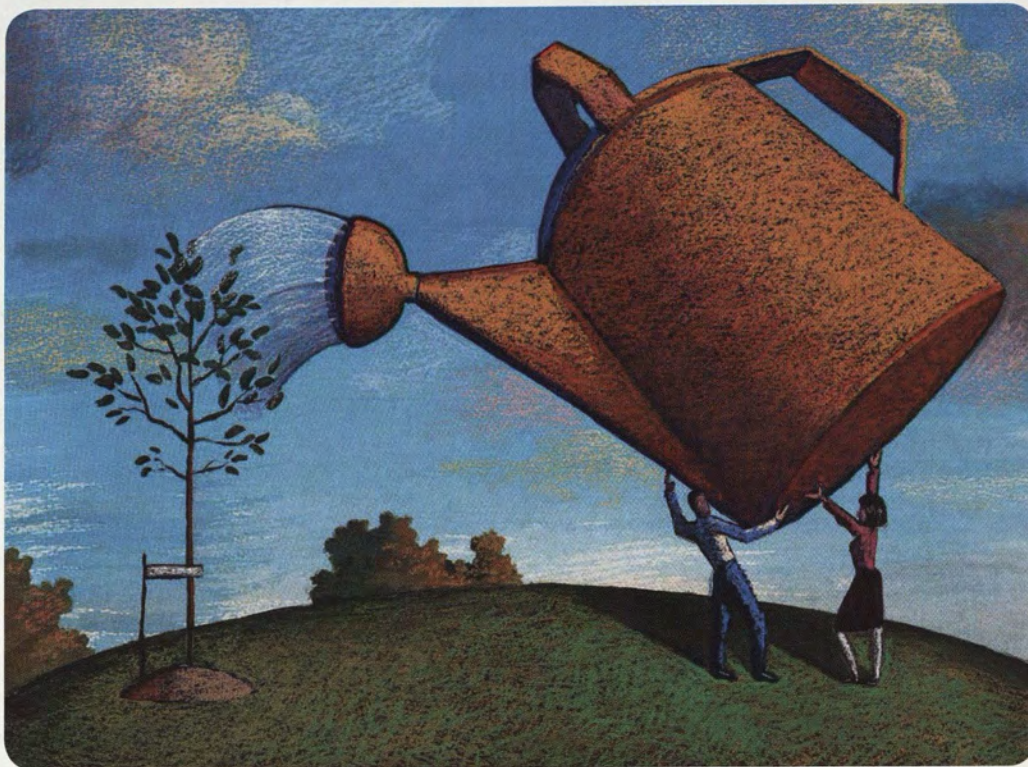
"The Prudence Crandall collection, like our entire collection, is a link to the past," Deredita says. "People don't get hand-written letters anymore, so they are fascinated by them. Working with these collections is like a jolt of electricity for me. I think a lot of people feel this way when they hold these materials in their hands."

— Susan Kietzman '82



PRUDENCE CRANDALL'S HISTORY COMES TO LIFE THROUGH HER LETTERS AND OTHER HISTORIC RECORDS.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR CONNECTICUT COLLEGE



GIVING BACK

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*Annual Fund donors are giving where
and when the need is greatest*

by Barbara Nagy and Rachel Harrington

The past year has been tough. Gail Rosenberg Ludvigson '64 knows that firsthand: she was a vice president at Bear Stearns in California when it failed last spring and was acquired by JPMorgan Chase. She kept her job, but sees the financial crisis rippling through the economy, pushing people out of jobs, threatening nest eggs and making college-bound students wonder if they should downscale their aspirations.

So Ludvigson nearly doubled her gift to the College this year, to \$8,600.

"The need is greater, and we have to give what we can," she says. The gift also honors her 45th Reunion this year.

Ludvigson is not as unusual as you might think. Many of the College's supporters are making it a priority this year to keep giving back — and to give whatever they can.

"I think the recession has made people more aware that Connecticut College is important to them," says Ellen Anderson, director of annual giving programs. For some, giving what they can means giving less. For others it means giving as much as last year, or more.

"Some people tell us they are giving more because they know others are giving less," Anderson says. "It's humbling to see that people are so committed to the College and the education we offer."

Annual Fund gifts cover current-year expenses, which is particularly important in years like this. The recession puts pressure on the College's finances in many ways — including an increase in requests for financial aid.

As of Jan. 23, the Annual Fund raised \$2.6 million since the start of the current fiscal year, July 1, 2008. That's down 15 percent from a year ago. But it's better than some of the College's peers, and Anderson is guardedly optimistic about the outlook for the year — in large part because of the commitment she sees among the College's supporters.

Nate Borgelt '07, a financial consultant at AXA Advisors in New York, pledged \$200, up from last year's gift of \$20.07 (a popular gift level when members of that class graduated). He knows that nonprofits and schools have been hit hard as their supporters cut back. He also wanted to be a member of the new Synergy Society, which recognizes leadership giving by younger alumni.

"Moving into the financial world, especially at this time, has given me a new light for what we need to do for institutions like Conn," Borgelt says. "It doesn't hurt to give a little more, and individually I want to give back for the success Conn College gave me."

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Like Ludvigson, Daniel B. Hirschhorn '79, chief executive officer of American Trading and Production Corp. in Baltimore, increased his gift this year, to \$25,000, because of his 30th Reunion. "I've always felt that it's important to support the organizations that have been important to me," he says. "I got an excellent education." Reunion is the time to focus a little more on that and make an extra effort to give back, Hirschhorn says.

Carolyn H. Mitchell '59 is also giving more — in part because of her uncertainty about how the economy will

affect her investments.

"I wanted to give as much as I could now, in case my investments don't live up to my hopes," says Mitchell, a retired educational consultant who lives in Palo Alto, Calif. Her passion for teaching and learning was ignited by Connecticut College professors who encouraged her to go to Harvard for a master's.

She's celebrating her 50th Reunion this year and wanted to make a special gift to the College. Her husband also felt it was important that her gift be as generous as the gift he made to his alma mater for his 50th. So she increased her Annual Fund support — from \$1,000 last year to \$10,000 this year for financial aid.

"I wanted to make my check as large as I could because I know that helping a current student is an excellent investment," Mitchell says. "I was fortunate to graduate debt free, not an option for many parents and students today."

Richard L. Wechsler '75 of Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., knows the pain of the recession because friends and family members have lost their jobs. But his direct marketing business, Lockard & Wechsler, continues to grow, and Wechsler wanted to continue giving. He has always believed in philanthropy and gives to charities and institutions that really matter to him.

"When times are tough, it's more important for those who are able to step up, to dig a little deeper and give a little more," he says. "In that sense, the economy affected my decision to give more." He increased his gift by a third this year.

Wechsler found his studies at Connecticut College to be challenging, but made it through with the help of his professors. "The College stuck with me. I would not be as fortunate today had I not gone to Conn," he says. "By giving to the Annual Fund this year and every year, I hope that Conn will continue to provide a similar opportunity to current students." ●

\$1 million gift will enhance College's international programs

Connecticut College received a \$1 million gift from an anonymous donor to advance the internationalization of campus curricula and to support faculty in international research opportunities.

"In today's increasingly global marketplace, it is essential that college graduates enter the workplace with a broad perspective. This very generous gift supports our comprehensive strategy designed to infuse a cross-cultural perspective into our curriculum, programs and campus culture," President Leo I. Higdon, Jr., says. "A gift like this in times like these speaks

to the strength and commitment of the Connecticut College community and our educational mission."

The College is currently pursuing a major initiative to develop an International Commons that would bring an international dimension to every discipline and impart a global perspective to all faculty teaching and research.

"This gift will have a direct and very meaningful impact on students and faculty by helping to establish an endowed fund for new curricular approaches to foreign language acquisition and study of global issues



BRANDON W. MOSLEY

through team-taught courses," says Dean of the Faculty Roger Brooks. "It will enable the College to design courses that bridge traditional divides among disciplines in the exploration of transnational issues and to forge closer working relationships between foreign language faculty and their colleagues in other disciplines."

The grant will also support faculty who pursue research opportunities overseas. — *Deborah P. MacDonnell*

Senior giving kickoff a big success



A. VINCENT SCARANO

THE CLASS OF 2009 CAME TOGETHER IN DECEMBER TO LAUNCH THIS YEAR'S SENIOR GIVING DRIVE WITH A PARTY. THE SENIORS ARE NOW WELL ON THEIR WAY TO BREAKING THE CURRENT PARTICIPATION RECORD OF 96 PERCENT. HARRIS ROSENHEIM '09, RIGHT, ACCEPTS PLEDGES FROM HIS CLASSMATES.

Why I Give

TO CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

You have always supported education. Why?

Education is so important! It's the key to our survival as a civilization. It's vital for our society to have the best-educated people possible. I work with and support a lot of different educational programs, institutions and scholarships because I think it's important.

Why scholarships?

Scholarships give everyone a chance to get an education, not just those who can afford to pay. Everyone gets a shot at it. Those who can afford to pay, that's great. They should understand that they benefit from having others in the classroom too. People learn from each other. It's a two-way street.

You've traveled extensively, and your gifts to the College include \$3 million in 2005 for study-away programs.

Young people should see as much of the world as possible. I have met with students who were studying in Cape Town and also in Hanoi. It's an eye-opening experience for them to face another culture, to meet people who live very different lives and sometimes have very different values from theirs. It can be transforming to a young person to experience and deal with that.

Alex Hybel holds the chair you endowed in the government department in 1995. He dedicated one of his books to you.

Studying government exposes students to how systems work here and in other places. Alex has the dedication and the passion that a good teacher needs, and he expresses himself very well. His enthusiasm transmits to the students.

You're also unfailing in your commitment to the Annual Fund.

It's the general support for the current operations of the campus. It can't be neglected. When I was on the Board of Trustees, we used to say, "That's what keeps the lights on." It's true!

Why should others give?

They owe Connecticut College for becoming who they are. It's only fair to say thank you and to give someone else the opportunity to follow in their footsteps.



Susan Eckert Lynch '62

Member of the Steering Committee for the Campaign for Connecticut College

Connecticut College Trustee Emerita

Susan Lynch has endowed several funds in support of travel abroad, professorships and scholarships. She is an active volunteer and an outspoken advocate of the College.

New & Selected Poems

by Professor of English and Poet-in-Residence **Charles O. Hartman**, 2008, Ashanta Press, 220 pages, poetry

"Maybe for some poets reviewing three or four decades of work is revisiting earlier selves, like paging through a family photo album or a box of old letter carbons," Hartman writes. "For me it has meant bumping into a crowd of people just as strange and provocative as when I first met them."

Hartman's newest book spans four decades, containing poems from previous collections as well as 30 new works.

With this selection, Hartman establishes himself as one of the best poets of his generation, says Charles Altieri, professor of English at the University of California, Berkeley, and author of *The Art of 20th-Century American Poetry*. "It takes a large collection to reveal the range, depth, intricacy, and inventive playfulness of his very fine sensibility."

Hartman has published six collections of poems and three critical books, *Free Verse*, *Jazz Text* and *Virtual Muse*. He also plays jazz guitar.

Saving Biological Diversity: Balancing Protection of Endangered Species and Ecosystems

edited by Professor of Biology and Director of the Goodwin-Niering Center for Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies **Robert Askins**, Charles and Sarah P. Becker '27 Director of the Arboretum and Executive Director of the Goodwin-Niering Center **Glenn Dreyer**, Professor of Economics and Associate Director of the Goodwin-Niering Center



Gerald Visgilio, and Associate Director of the Goodwin-Niering Center **Diana Whitelaw**, 2008, Springer Science + Business Media, 228 pages, nonfiction

"If we are to save biological diversity, there is clearly much work to do at many levels, and plenty of room for those with varied interests, training and skills to join in," Dreyer writes in the introduction to *Saving Biological Diversity*. With 16 essays from conservation biologists, economists, political scientists, lawyers, philosophers and resource managers, the book seeks to present a pragmatic approach to preserving the diversity of Earth's species and ecosystems.

Several essays ask basic questions, such as "How should biodiversity be defined?" and "How do we determine what is most important to save?" Other chapters focus on placing an economic value on biological diversity or present case studies on efforts to protect particular species or ecosystems. Harvard Forest director David Foster '77 contributes an essay on conservation efforts in New England.

The editors conclude that a wide range of approaches to conversation is needed to maintain diverse and ecologically functioning natural systems.

The Master Planets

by **Donald Gallinger** '75, 2008, Kunati Inc., 321 pages, fiction
Just as Peter Jameson is about to achieve headliner status with his rock band, The Master Planets, his mother's body is pulled from the waters near their Long Island home; her death is ruled

a suicide. She's rumored to have murdered an elderly man, a former Nazi commander. Peter becomes so obsessed with finding the truth about his mother's life that his band mates drift away and his chances for fame fade.

"(Gallinger) has a real feel for describing the creative process and the enthusiastic give-and-take of rock concerts, and yet he can also render the unspeakable brutality of the Nazis with chilling realism," writes *Booklist* reviewer Joanne Wilkinson.

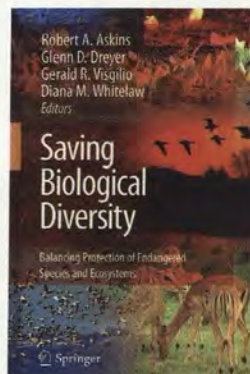
This is Gallinger's third novel. Actor Miles Chapin optioned his novel *Ain't No Sin to Rock and Roll* for film.

The MagiCIAn: John Mulholland's Secret Life

by **Ben Robinson** '82, 2008, Lybrary.com, 262 pages, biography

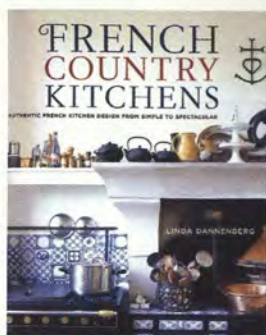
Considered "The World's Master Magician," John Mulholland (1898-1970) performed in 42 countries and wrote 10 books. He presented at the Roosevelt White House eight times.

Mulholland edited the magician's magazine *The Sphinx* for 23 years before becoming a consultant to the then-new CIA. He cracked codes, researched ESP



and LSD use, and was involved in MK-ULTRA, the counterintelligence program that aimed to control human behavior. This is the first biography on Mulholland.

Robinson, a magician himself, has written several books, including *Twelve Have Died: Bullet Catching, The Story and Secrets*.



French Country Kitchens

by **Linda Dannenberg '68**, 2008, Clarkson Potter Publishers, 224 pages, home design

"When I think back on all the homes I've visited in the French countryside ... it is almost always the kitchens I remember most clearly and recall with the most affection," Dannenberg writes in the introduction. A leading authority on French style, she focuses here on the heart and soul of the French home.

With photographs by Guy Bouchet, Dannenberg presents more than 65 kitchens, from the rustic to the opulent. Each chapter also contains a recipe, from French pumpkin soup to Provençal stuffed peppers.

Dannenberg has written numerous books on French design and cuisine. She also contributes to many publications, including *Town and Country* and *Travel + Leisure*.

Ordinary People, Turbulent Times

by **Alice Dreifuss Goldstein '53**, 2008, AuthorHouse, 126 pages, autobiography

Growing up Jewish in rural, southwest Germany ("land of the Black Forest,

Grimm fairytales and cuckoo clocks"), Goldstein enjoyed an idyllic childhood. Life was good for her parents, who ran a successful business. But when Hitler came to power in 1933, the family's fortunes changed. "Life began to unravel, slowly at first, then with increasing speed and menace," Goldstein writes. "The happy, contented expressions in the early pictures of the young couple were replaced by the haunted look of hunted people."

Goldstein tells how her family fled Germany to a new life in the U.S. "I am overwhelmed by the ability of my parents to begin new lives in the United States without bitterness or hate, and to remain optimists when events demanded pessimism."

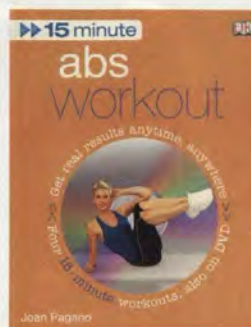
Goldstein speaks in public schools as a Holocaust survivor for the Holocaust Education and Resource Center in Rhode Island. This is her first book.



The Puppet Master

by **Jan Coffey (Nikoo and Jim McGoldrick '77)**, 2009, MIRABooks, 390 pages, fiction

A brilliant NASA scientist is devastated by her fiancé's death in a fishing accident, but he is spotted six months later in Silicon Valley. After spending time in jail for breaking into NASA's mainframe computer, a hacker is ready to start his life over. A once successful CFO can't afford the treatments for his daughter's rare kidney disease. One by one, these three individuals are contacted by an unknown person and offered a deal they can't refuse.



Like the McGoldricks' last novel, *The Deadliest Strain* (2008), their newest book is nearly impossible to put down. The couple, writing under three different pseudonyms, has 26 novels in print.

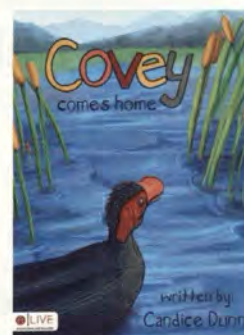
15 Minute Abs Workout

by **Joan Pekoc Pagano '68**, 2009, DK Publishing, 128 pages, health and fitness

In her latest book, fitness specialist and author Pagano shows readers how to strengthen and tone their midsection in just 15 minutes a day. The book comes with a DVD that demonstrates four different routines.

Covey Comes Home

by **Candice Dunn '91**, 2008, Tate Publishing, 22 pages, children's fiction

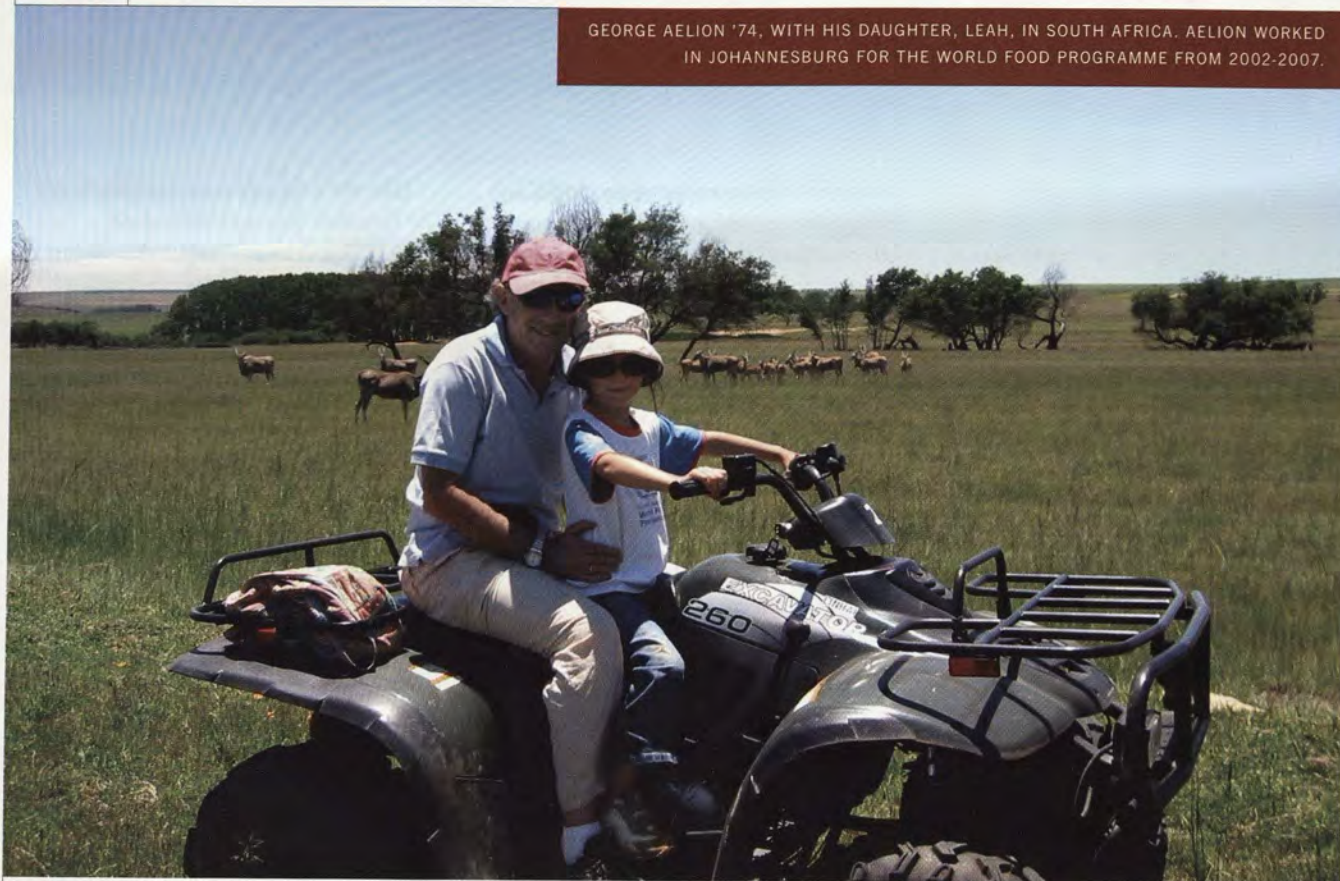


When a Muscovy duckling appears alone on Dunby Pond, Grandpa asks his grandchildren Casey and Dana to help him bring the orphan to the Wildlife Conservation Association. The book is based on a true story.

Dunn holds a Ph.D. in special education. She uses literature and hands-on science to teach first- and second-graders about nature.

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GEORGE AELION '74, WITH HIS DAUGHTER, LEAH, IN SOUTH AFRICA. AELION WORKED IN JOHANNESBURG FOR THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME FROM 2002-2007.



George Aelion '74

Former Peace Corps volunteer works with the U.N. to feed world's hungry

GEORGE AELION '74 has seen the devastation of hunger.

Seven years ago, drought, floods and economic instability ravaged large parts of southern Africa. Those most affected and vulnerable were young children and the ill, who were fighting for survival.

Aelion, who works with the United Nations' World Food Programme (WFP), witnessed the crisis firsthand when he was sent to Johannesburg, South Africa, in 2002 as the senior regional programme advisor.

The challenge of feeding more than 11 million people in six countries was daunting.

"Many families were struggling with illnesses, particularly HIV and AIDS, and in some cases with the resulting deaths of primary wage earners, leaving mothers to care for children on their

own and children becoming both parents and orphans at a young age," he says.

The WFP, established in 1963, is the world's largest humanitarian agency, providing food to an average of 90 million people a year. To promote self-reliance, the WFP leaves a country once conditions improve.

"What has amazed me about working at the WFP is that it is possible to respond to a crisis, no matter how complex, and to make a difference and save lives," Aelion says.

Aelion has worked with the WFP since 1992 in human resources and donor relations, as well as working in humanitarian response and development operations in Kosovo, India and southern Africa.

He stayed in South Africa until 2007, when he was reassigned to

Rome to work at WFP headquarters as a senior donor relations officer. The money raised helps the WFP respond to humanitarian crises and, more recently, to high food and fuel prices.

While at Connecticut College, Aelion, a French and government major, studied in France his junior year. The experience enhanced his interest in international affairs.

"Conn College promoted independent thinking, and there were no preconceptions on what should be the ideal career path," he says. Encouraged to follow his interests, he joined the Peace Corps after graduation.

"I have always had an interest in working in the international arena and have been lucky enough to do that for my entire career," he says. — *Rachel Harrington*

Susana Hancock '07

Rhodes Scholar finalist is well versed in Slavic fiction, the cello — and alligator handling



›**SUSANA HANCOCK '07** is never afraid of a challenge. She's fluent in four languages — Russian, Czech, Icelandic and Norwegian — and also knows some French.

A linguistics and Slavic studies major at Connecticut College, she then studied at Universitetet i Tromsø in Norway's Center for Advanced Study in Theoretical Linguistics and the Institute for Social Anthropology.

Outside the world of academia, Hancock's knowledge is widespread, too. She played cello in a regional Norwegian orchestra. She can fly planes, sail, figure skate, make maple syrup, and handle alligators, a skill she learned as an undergraduate while volunteering at the Mystic Aquarium.

While her many hobbies and academic interests may seem

overwhelming, Hancock, who once took 10 classes in one semester, couldn't see life any other way.

"I need to feel that I'm balanced, and sometimes that means doing more to get that personal satisfaction," she says.

True to character, Hancock was a little preoccupied when she found out Nov. 4 that she was a Rhodes Scholar finalist. Not only was she paying close attention to election night coverage, she was also playing cello in a symphony orchestra concert.

"The next day, though, my step became a little bouncy," she says. "All of a sudden I needed a suit and an evening gown for the interview process. It was very exciting."

Hancock says the interviewers, who included six Rhodes Scholars,

challenged her to defend the relevancy of linguistics and history in today's world. "Many of the questions were meant to show how you think and whether you're able to support your ideas," she says.

Though she didn't earn a Rhodes scholarship this year, Hancock is continuing to pursue her academic interests. She lives in Maine and is applying to graduate schools, planning to earn her Ph.D. in linguistics.

Eventually she wants to apply her studies to international journalism. Through writing, she hopes to improve communication throughout the world and learn about others' points of view.

"When I learn something, I want to share it," she says. "I want to use linguistics as a tool to really understand people." — *Rachel Harrington*



›**THOUGH LESLIE LEEMING**

Flynn '84 and Cathy Leeming Andersen '84 love tennis, they rarely get to compete against each other. As twins, most of their teams naturally pair them as doubles partners.

Leslie and Cathy are nearly inseparable off the court too. Both majored in economics and started their careers at IBM together. They even live in the same town — Norwalk, Conn.

"Anyone who remembers us knows

Why I Volunteer

Leslie Leeming Flynn '84 and Cathy Leeming Andersen '84

that we like to travel in twos," Leslie says.

The sisters also give back together, serving as Class Agent Chairs. They volunteer to stay connected and say they're grateful for how much the College gave them.

"Paying for college with money earned from summer jobs combined with financial aid made us keenly aware of how much each class cost," Cathy says.

One alum whose name they never knew paid their financial aid for an entire semester.

"Without this gift, Leslie and I would not have the multitude of fond memories," Cathy says.

Leslie and Cathy credit the College

for leading them toward their first jobs, which have since opened many doors.

"Fueled with a wide range of course experiences made starting a career at IBM and institutional financial sales very easy," Cathy says.

Today Leslie is a vice president at Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. Cathy was a vice president at Northern Trust before taking on motherhood full time. She has two children — Topher, 6, and Ceci, 3.

Despite busy schedules, both women find time to volunteer and believe it's important to help others in the same position they were 25 years ago.

"It can be challenging, but like with anything you really want to do, you'll find time to make it happen," Leslie says.

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Together Again

Former ConnChords members Kate Owens Eckstein '05, Laura Abineri '00, Kate Benard '04, Lily Kruskal Leahy '02 and Emily Getnick Cooper '00, left to right, formed the EnChords about four years ago. What began as an unofficial, Boston-area alumnae a cappella group has turned into a close-knit group of friends who love singing together and sharing each others' lives. They have performed at nursing homes, children's hospitals, soup kitchens and office holiday parties, and have even thrown concert parties for family and friends.

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Reunion '09 May 29-31

35 Correspondent: Sabrina (Subby) Burr Sanders, 33 Mill St., Unit 4E, Wethersfield, CT 06109
The Class regrets the death of Audrey LaCourse Parsons, my roommate sophomore year at an off-campus house. We enjoyed one another always, even though I went to bed at 10 p.m. while she was still working hard at her courses. I appreciated that she occasionally wrote to me with news for the magazine and sent pictures from a reunion. Her humor and caring were special always.

Merion (Joey) Ferris Ritter spoke of her sister, Fay; her grandsons and their trips to stay with her; and attending family weddings. She appreciates her doctor's comments on how well and young she looks. Don't we all! Basically, our concentration is on self-preservation until the 2010 Reunion. Wish us luck!

Mabel Spencer Porter is fairly well, relaxing in assisted-living arrangements, where she leads a quiet life.

My husband, Harry, and I are

well, looking good on the outside and disintegrating on the inside. We now live in a 40-unit condo building and enjoy the residents we meet and play bridge with. In the summer, Harry runs one golf tournament a week and plays golf twice a week. I am a bridge enthusiast. Fortunately for us, our four sons live nearby, and we can enjoy our grandchildren often.

May you all keep well and enjoy your later years.

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Mary Fisher McWilliams has been at an independent-living facility in Brunswick, ME, for 14 years. She celebrated her 90th birthday recently, and until three years ago, she traveled yearly to visit her son in Barcelona, Spain.

She plays bridge, goes to concerts and lectures, and can audit classes at Bowdoin College, which is one mile away. Her grandson is on his second tour of duty in Iraq. She is in touch with Ann Antell.

Sybil Bindloss Sim and her husband celebrated 50 years of marriage recently. They sold their house on Prince Edward Island and live in a retirement community in South Yarmouth, MA. Sybil is editor of a quarterly publication there, is on the residents' council and is involved in the library management. She has interviewed members of the Boston and Chicago symphonies and opera singers for the articles she's written.

Laeita Pollock Israelite lost her husband of 67 years, Norman. She still lives at Norumbega in Weston, MA.

Margaret Dunn Blanchard is recuperating from a fall at her home in Portland, OR. Four great-grandchildren live nearby and she enjoys having her son living with her, as he's a great fixer-upper for household needs. She is happy she can still drive her car.

Miriam Brooks Butterworth has company in her home. Her granddaughter and husband — plus 10-month-old son, one dog and two cats — have moved in, and she is loving it.

The ladies of the club

By chance, women with College connections fill the ranks of a Connecticut book group

MEMBERS OF THE BOOK GROUP,

which meets across southeastern Connecticut, pride themselves on the focus and depth of their discussions — whether they're talking about contemporary novels like *The Namesake* or classics like *To Kill a Mockingbird*. But recently Christine Hammond led the women a bit off-topic.

Once the members found out that Hammond's husband, Ulysses, is vice president for administration at the College, others began to chat about their own Connecticut College connections.

Though The Book Group had been meeting since 1965, it was only then that members realized just how many of them are linked to the school.

"The connections are really coincidental," Dorothy "Dot" Shaw '52 said.

The 12-member, all-woman group includes five alumnae — Kay Ferraro Whritner MA'76, Judith Read Tucker '78, Mary-Zita Flaherty Smith '53, Sylvia Gundersen Dorsey '52 and Shaw — Professor Emeritus of Economics Ruby Turner Morris, and other women who have either worked at the College or are tied to it through family.

Over the years, Connecticut College



FROM LEFT, DOROTHY "DOT" SHAW '52; PAULA GORMAN, WHOSE SISTER WAS A COLLEGE DEAN; AND RUBY TURNER MORRIS, PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF ECONOMICS, PARTICIPATE IN A DISCUSSION OF *LIFE IS SO GOOD* AT A MEETING OF THE BOOK GROUP IN NIANITIC, CONN.

has often been at the center of member recruitment. Morris became a member of the club in the 1980s at the recommendation of Sandy Austin, a former College employee who taught her how to use computers. And Shaw joined the group at the recommendation of her classmate Dorsey. Both women credit professors like F. Edward Cranz and Chester McArthur Destler for teaching them to read critically.

"I have frequently described Connecticut College as a life-changing event," Shaw said.

"We were very lucky to have such wonderful professors," Dorsey added.

The Book Group discusses everything from classics like *The Great Gatsby* and *1984* to recent novels like *The Kite Runner* and *Atonement*.

Over the years, the books have served as a timeline for the group. While members don't always remember the year they joined, they do remember the first book they read and the first time they led a discussion. Paula

Gorman, who co-founded the group with Carolyn Sosnoski, keeps track of each of the more than 500 book titles.

Their story brings to mind *And Ladies of the Club*, Helen Hooven Santmyer's 1982 classic about the intertwining lives of the women in a small-town Ohio book club.

Many of the Connecticut group's early members initially used the group as a break from motherhood.

"I remember looking out from a pile of diapers and thinking I wanted to do something more," Gorman said. Incidentally, her sister, the late Joan King, was an associate dean and instructor of French at the College. Though she wasn't officially a member, she did lead a discussion once a year.

Other members like Whritner joined the group after trying out other book clubs that were less organized.

"Here, we really focus on a book," she said. "The group is very well run and everyone comes in prepared." — Rachel Harrington



SYLVIA GUNDERSEN DORSEY '52, LEFT, AND JUDITH READ TUCKER '78 LISTEN IN ON A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE BOOK *LIFE IS SO GOOD*. MANY MEMBERS OF THE ALL-WOMAN GROUP COINCIDENTALLY HAVE CONNECTICUT COLLEGE TIES.

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Carolyn Seeley Scott attended CC for her sophomore year only, but her mother, Emetta Weed '19, was in the first class to graduate from the school. After Carolyn's freshman year at Duke, she transferred to CC and then back to Duke for her junior and senior years. After graduation, she married and lived in Rock Hill, SC. Now a widow, she has moved to the Forest at Duke, a retirement facility in Durham, NC. She says she felt like she was returning home and has even found that some of her high-school friends are in her complex. She was a career librarian and is now librarian for the Forest. She also works in the gift shop. Carolyn has five children, nine grandchildren and one great-grand. One daughter lives 20 minutes away. Carolyn takes writing and poetry courses and mentioned lots of educational courses available at Duke. Carolyn remembers two friends in particular, **Emmy Bonner Innes** and **Joan Purington Davenport**, from her year (in Winthrop) at CC.

Emmy Bonner Innes has been a widow four years but has stayed in her own home in Thomaston, CT (which she shares with her two Yorkies), because it's "convenient and comfortable." She plays bridge with friends and goes to exercise classes. She stopped line dancing when her friend fell and broke her hip. Emmy has three sons and two daughters, who have provided her with 10 grands (six boys and four girls) and two great-



Kevin Ramos-Glew '97 shows his Camel pride while visiting the Great Wall of China on a recent admissions and development trip for Kimball Union Academy.

grands, who live an hour away. She is still driving, "very carefully." She visits the Lyman Allyn Art Museum, next to the College, and has been to picnics on Block Island. She says time is passing too quickly. Amen to that. She was thrilled to hear about Carolyn and planned to get back in touch.

Cathy Elias Moore has two stepsons. Last year she traveled to Scotland and England with Stephen's wife, Joy. They enjoyed an elegant meal with business friends of Cathy's at Rules, a famous London restaurant opened in 1798. On the queen's birthday, they watched the festivities on TV and then, as they sat on their hotel balcony at lunch, were amazed to watch the Air Force doing their formations right above them. Cathy also visited a friend's daughters whom she had not seen for 40 years. And, as a professional numismatist, she was privileged to view a Scottish coin of James VI (son of Mary, Queen of Scots), of which only one other is known. Cathy lives in an apartment in Wynnewood, PA, and has an office on Walnut St. in Philadelphia, about 30 minutes away, to which she commutes five days a week, except when she is away at coin conventions. She also has a one-bedroom apartment in NYC. She has been a widow since '01. She will soon be heading for a coin convention in Baltimore. She hopes some of us will be around for our 70th Reunion.

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Barbara (Bobby) Barlow Schaefer lives in CT near two of her three children and spends 4-5 months in FL each year. She still volunteers at Case Memorial Library. She and her husband just celebrated their 75th anniversary — 75 months, that is!

Suzie Harbert Boice and **Nels** are busy in their Winter Park retirement home, among 10



Marge Erickson Albertson '51, Murray Albertson, Jus Shepherd Freud '51 and Don Freud visit the Alamo in San Antonio in Sept. 2008.

family members, 50 years of friends and daily swims.

Margaret (Peg) Carpenter Evans is happy being upright and enjoying the VT seasons. Her children come to visit, and she can still go visit, so she is holding on to her home as long as possible.

Barbara (Corky) McCorkindale Curtis is in Loomis Village, a retirement home in South Hadley, MA. Her three sons live nearby. She keeps busy with daily exercise classes and bike riding, reading, knitting and doing crossword puzzles. She loves to visit siblings on the Cape.

Nancy Troland Cushman and husband have celebrated their 62nd anniversary (the same for many of us fortunate ones). They have stopped traveling, but five daughters and two sons visit, and they love welcoming another great-grandchild every year. She's learning "computer-ese" to keep up and sends cheers to all her CC friends.

Peggy Decker McKee writes: "Our daughter has moved into our home in the country and we into a condo in town — a perfect swap for all. Our health is fairly good, considering bouncing back from cancer, a stroke and a severe blood disorder."

Phyllis Miller Hurley is in good health, continuing her volunteer work and playing with great-grandchildren. She took a driving trip to CO this summer, "seeing the country from the land instead of the sky."

Ann Hoag Peirce's recent move to a senior-living community is working out well. She is completely independent except for going to the dining room for dinner. She still drives, so she can

keep up with outside activities. Grandson Kyle graduated from Johns Hopkins and is at grad school at Georgia Tech. (Note: Ann has been a faithful Annual Fund worker for many years.)

Ellie Abrahams Josephson misses her Neil terribly, of course, but has a positive attitude, knowing it's better to be in a retirement facility with many helpful friends. She has had successful carpal tunnel surgery.

Jeanne Jacques Kleinschmidt and husband took three children and spouses on a "Voyage of the Glaciers" cruise in AK, which was "wonderful!" They have eight grandchildren and three great-grand. One grandson has served in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Instead of downsizing, **Priscilla Martin Laubenstein** is upsizing. She added a morning room to her home and rescued a Brittany spaniel. She went to Bermuda to participate in a regional bridge tournament and hoped to go to Tuscany in Oct.

Edie Miller Kerrigan and family had their 13th family reunion in ME, not at their usual rustic cottage in Tenants Harbor but at a restored farmhouse on Lake Nequisticook, in the Camden hills. Edie is happy to have her grandson at McGill in Montreal instead of across the Atlantic.

Lois Hanlon Ward is very happy to be in a senior community after a fall two years ago. "I'm not so agile anymore." (You are one among the many of us.) She's on several committees and enjoys a discussion group on political issues.

Bridget Bridgewater Hewes was in the midst of physical therapy after knee replacement surgery. "By the time you read this I'll

be rehabbed." Bill helped with the rehab and the Class Notes. They enjoyed Thanksgiving in Chicago with daughter Nancy Hewes Tommaso '72.

45 Correspondent: Ann LeLievre Hermann, 1803 Turban Court, Ft. Myers, FL 33908, alhermph@embarqmail.com

Harriet Babcock Brown's husband of 56 years died in '04; she has a daughter, son and three grandkids, in France, FL and OR. They all gathered for Christmas in FL. Harriet lives independently in a Mystic, CT, condo with wonderful neighbors. After teaching English for 30 years, she spent 12 winters in Spain, where she learned Spanish. Now she is teaching two Colombian housekeepers enough English to attend community college. Harriet also works with a local third-grader. Both tasks give her a wonderful challenge and feeling of accomplishment.

Joanna Dimock Norris lives in New London, near the lighthouse, on her own beach. She cares for her sister, who is in poor health and lives nearby. Joanna will try to get to our next reunion!

Ann (Acec) Barnett Wolgin and her husband sold their home up north and now live year-round in Boca Raton. They enjoy their condo community, friends, going out for dinner and fun activities, and most of all are grateful to have and enjoy each other! She will try to get to our 2010 Reunion.

Mariechen Wilder Smith and Kirk had an interesting and fun barge cruise down the Ohio River, from Pittsburgh to Louisville. **Marjorie Lawrence Weidig** visited Raleigh to be with daughter Jane for Thanksgiving, so she and Mariechen had their annual lunch the Monday after. Mariechen also enjoys the friendship of two younger CC alums in this area, Martha Hutt '64 and Christine Thetford '98.

Elizabeth (Trim) Trimble Crosman's eldest daughter, Margot, and her husband, Dave, moved in with her in Sept. '07 until their new home was completed in March '08. "It worked out exceedingly well." Trim retired in Dec. '07 at age 84 and seven months — "did not make it to 85!" Since spring, Margot has visited HI (with Margot and Dave) and Los Angeles (to see grandson Miles Crosman, son of Peter, per-

form in his last high-school play), and spent two summer weeks in South China, ME. "Reunion 2010 is definitely on the agenda!"

Kate Swift visited campus in Nov. for the annual state convention of the National Organization for Women, held at Crozier-Williams. CT-NOW has been working with other civil rights groups to protect the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their families. Kate has been a volunteer lobbyist for the organization Love Makes a Family, which won over enough legislators to pass a civil union bill three years ago. After more effort, the movement won a major victory on 10/10, when the CT Supreme Court ruled that same-sex partners have the right to marry in this state. "I am truly proud to be a citizen of the Constitution State and am equally proud of CC for its strong commitment to diversity and equity. I hope our classmates feel the same way!"

A philosophical **Suzanne (Suki) Porter Wilkins** is happy to be "still on her own two feet and enjoying each day waking up without an ache or pain." She worries about the younger generations in this "mixed-up world on the verge of the kind of difficulties we knew about long ago." She suggests we hope for the best and make the best of what we have.

Florence (Murph) Murphy Gorman and her daughter enjoyed a hot-air balloon ride over Charlottesville, VA. "It was great fun and very interesting — and who was in the basket with us but a CC graduate, class of '77! He and his wife were visiting colleges with their 17-year-old son." Murph traveled to MA for the funeral and later for the interment of her remarkable 96-year-old sister.



From left, Cheri Kamen Targoff, Connie Wormser Mitchell and Marilyn Silton Khoury, all class of '67, at the ice rink in Greenport, on Long Island, in Jan. '08.

I, **Ann Hermann**, had a great year and feel so blessed! Al and I enjoyed a week of river cruising in Holland, Europe, in April. In June we drove to Holland, MI, which was home until late Oct., except for two weeks in OR, two weeks in OH-MA-ME-NH, and two foliage trips to northern MI and to Minneapolis and Vernon Hills, IL. We drove back to Fort Myers in time to vote "early" and to get this column on its way by Halloween!

Don't forget, mark your calendar for 2010 Reunion. Also, please send news! I so appreciate hearing from you!

I'm sorry to report that **Constance Barnes Mermann** died at home in Guilford, CT, on 9/7. We share our condolences with her four daughters, a sister and other family members. Happily, shortly before her death, Connie enjoyed being with the family at the beach wedding of her oldest, and first to be married, granddaughter.

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In Aug., **Mary (Tawi) Eastburn Biggin** and **Mary-Nairn Hayssen Hartman** went on a 10-day Elderhostel trip to three different locations in Nova Scotia. Tawi wrote, "Even though we had only seen each other twice in 62 years, we agreed that it was a rousing success, and we really hadn't changed. Mary-Nairn said that she supposed it was a gamble, but we won." Needless to say, they never ran out of conversation about college days and the many years since. They had great weather, with only one drizzly day, and learned a lot, ate well, and enjoyed the other interesting

Elderhostelers.

Miriam (Mimi) Steinberg Edlin and **Alfred** have moved from a house in Longboat Key to a Sarasota apartment after 140 cumulative years of house-keeping and collecting. They're having trouble fitting in all their "treasures." Can you relate?

Pat Smith Brown was in NH much of the summer, with grandchildren coming and going. "Lots of downpours and thunderstorms to dodge," she wrote.

We are sorry to hear that **Evelyn Black Weibel's** husband passed away in July. They had been married almost 61 years. He had Parkinson's for 13 years and had managed well until the very last month. Evelyn has enjoyed having one of her sons stay with her and help for a while.

The class sends sympathy to the family of **Louise Murphy Taylor**, who died 6/14. She leaves three children, one daughter-in-law and four grandchildren. She will be remembered for the joy she gave to her many friends at CC.

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Barbara Himmell Springer and **Nat** were at **Jennifer Judge Howes'** wonderful 80th birthday party at the Howes' summer home in Roxbury, CT, on 7/12. **Marion Luce Butler**, **Lydia (Kips) Mershon Johnson**, **Mary Lou Strassburger Treat**, and **Jean Carroll Siefke** and her husband were there, along with Jen's children, grandchildren and many other friends. In Oct., Jen, Mary Lou and Barbara saw **Estelle Parsons** starring in "August, Osage County," which received wonderful reviews.

Bob Treat, Mary Lou's husband, died in June from heart failure. Jen said that the memorial service was beautiful — their grandson, age 14, played a piano composition he had written in his grandfather's honor. Mary Lou, the class sends

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Anita L. DeFrantz '74 was inducted into the

International Women's Forum Hall of Fame last fall. Also in the fall, the California Women's Law Center presented DeFrantz with the annual Abby J. Leibman Pursuit of Justice Award for her work making athletics more accessible to everyone and, in particular, creating previously unimaginable opportunities for children, women and minorities in sports. DeFrantz is president of the LA84 Foundation, a senior member of the International Olympic Committee in the United States and an Olympic medalist in rowing.

Nick Burlingham '88, a legal counsel for Columbia Air Services headquartered at the Groton-New London Airport, was named employee of the year in December. Burlingham, who is married to Camille Lamont Burlingham '85, earned his law degree from the University of Connecticut. He lives in Pawcatuck, Conn.

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sympathy to you and your family.

I received a letter from Jarvis Freymann, husband of **Alice Fletcher Freymann**, who wrote: "I regret to inform you that your classmate, Alice Fletcher Freymann '49, died of pneumonia on Aug. 9, at the age of 80. Although she was diagnosed as having early Alzheimer's as long ago as '02 and suffered some memory loss over the ensuing years, she was spared any hint of personality change and remained very much her same wonderful self — always bright, cheerful and a great booster of her alma mater — to the very end. For the last two years, she and I, her husband of 54 years, lived very happily here at the Collington Life Care Community in MD after moving from MA in '06. All three of our fabulously supportive children and five grandchildren were here to preside over a small but heartfelt celebration of her life on Aug. 15." Jarvis, the class of '49 thanks you for writing and sends condolences to you and your family.

Mildred (Mid) Weber Whedon has moved to San Rafael, CA, to an apartment just three minutes from husband John's assisted-living facility, where he receives care for Alzheimer's. Mid's new address and phone number are available through the alumni office at 800-888-7549, ext. 2300. Mid felt lucky to have the help of her three daughters during the chaotic move.

While Estelle is starring on Broadway, I'm playing golf with a 21 handicap, cutting vines and mowing the lawn. My son sent me a *Minneapolis Star Tribune* theater review of Estelle's show: "The Tony and Pulitzer say it better than I ever could, but this is the best show on Broadway." Wow! Estelle, we're so proud of you!

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Correspondent: Ruth Kaplan, 82 Halcyon Road, Newton Center, MA 02459, rlkaplan@rcn.com
First, some financial information: For the College fiscal year ending June 30, the class of '50 achieved 71% participation. Of 142 solicitable members, 101 donated a total of \$31,812. The percentage donating was slightly above the previous year, but the total donated was down. Class Agent Chair **Marilyn Packard Ham** reminds us all that this fiscal year ends 6/30/09. If you have not yet made your contribution,



Vicki Chesler '79 and husband Matt Kovner, left, joined Mark McLaughlin '79 and wife Daphne Northrop, right, to cheer on the women's crew team at the Head of the Charles races in Boston last October.

today would be an excellent day to do so. Marilyn recently moved to the Baltimore area and is eager to hear from classmates who live nearby. You can get her current address from the alumni office.

Class President **Christine Holt Kurtz-White** recently moved into an apartment in a former motel that was redesigned for senior citizens. She remains active on the political scene, having twice run for the NH state legislature and once for county commissioner. Although she was not successful, she did make a respectable showing, especially for someone who had migrated north from FL, where many of her family still live. She also contributes a weekly column, "Manners and More," to her local newspaper. Chris has five children, 12 grandchildren (one of whom is on the ice hockey team at Colby College, despite her southern background) and three great-grandchildren. She hopes to see classmates at Reunion 2010.

Elaine Title Lowengard was enthusiastic about her trip last summer to Zambia. She went with an alumni group from Vassar, which Elaine had attended before seeing the light and moving up to CC. Elaine describes Zambia as plagued by disease, but peaceful. In a relatively brief trip, the group covered a lot of ground and saw some awesome sights, notably Victoria Falls, and, on early-morning game drives, exotic animals in their natural habitats. Elaine's mother, Franchon Hartman Title '20, faithfully kept a scrapbook/diary during her four years at CC, and Elaine recently had the pleasure of donating it to the College. Elaine has five children, six grandchildren and

a new great-grandchild. She is not as active in Girl Scouts as she used to be but gladly serves as an adviser and cherished resource.

Anne McLearn Fussell and husband Howard have lived in the same house for 50 years and have no plans to leave it! They have three children and five grandchildren scattered from coast to coast. She is retired from a long-held position as head of a social services agency affiliated with the United Way.

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In Aug., **Helen (Pavy) Pavlovich Twomey**, inspired by Professor Kasem-Beg to visit his country someday, took a river cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg, Russia. On her first night aboard, she fell and injured her shoulder. After a painful night, she was escorted to a hospital in Moscow, where she spent the first day of the tour undergoing X-rays and being treated. For the rest of the trip her arm was in a sling, but she persevered, enjoying the many towns, visits with Russian university students, the Hermitage with its vast works of art, and St. Petersburg with its domed churches and castles. At home, she had an operation on her shoulder and is now receiving therapy at the same hospital where she has volunteered for many years as an occupational therapist.

Pavy hears from **Peggy Park Mautner** frequently, and they get together often in NYC for the concerts at Lincoln Center. Peggy still dances competitively.

In early Oct., **Kathy Parker Stell** and I were at a woman's club

meeting together. Kathy is doing well in Kensington, MD. She keeps in touch with **Mary-Stuart Parker Cosby**, who now lives in Christiansburg, VA. Mary-Stuart is enjoying the swing on her porch overlooking her front lawn, now converted into a beautiful garden.

Class president **Justine Shepherd Freud** and Don and Marge **Erickson Albertson** and Murray at an Elderhostel in San Antonio, TX, in Sept. and thoroughly enjoyed the city, visiting the Alamo and other historic spots. Earlier in the summer, Marge and Murray visited **Mary Pennywitt Lester** and Skip in their summer home in Topsham, ME.

Jane Keltie spent her usual summer week in July in ME with family and friends.

Frank and Phyll Hoffmann Driscoll made an early summer visit to NH for granddaughter Megan's graduation from high school. In addition to being an honor student, Megan is an avid softball player and was named Class I Player of the Year by the NH Coaches Association. Before returning to Hilton Head, the Driscolls visited with **Nancy Libby Peterson** and Karl at their summer place on Lake Cobbosseecontee, ME.

Roldah Northup Haeckel reports that **Alex and Dorrie Cramer Maitland** have moved from their lovely home on Sunset Summit in Asheville to a retirement community in Deerfield. **Alice Kinberg Green** lives in the same community. Roldah had dinner with **Sugar Sessions Spratley** in Nov.

Ginny Eason Weinmann and Jack have finally recovered from Hurricane Katrina; they moved downstairs after 2½ years of living on the second floor. It was quite an adjustment moving from the kitchenette to a family-sized kitchen, with the need for all new kitchen equipment, dishes, pans, etc. Ginny was expecting the family over Labor Day when Hurricane Gustav arrived, and they had to evacuate. Although the house suffered damage, mainly to the roof, flashing and awnings (probably due to a small tornado within the hurricane), Ginny was ready for family to arrive for Christmas. And she has never second-guessed their decision to rebuild and stay in New Orleans.

Mary Martha Suckling Sherts took an awesome 7,000-mile

train trip across Siberia in June with daughter Amy. Although reported to be colder than any other place on earth, M.M. found the country beautiful and green, with temperatures in the mid-70s. Two Yale professors provided reading material and lectures for the tour, which included 800 miles across Mongolia.

In Oct., **Elizabeth Babbott Conant** and Camille traveled to Bhutan, the small Buddhist kingdom between India and the Tibetan part of China.

Last column, I shared the CC legacies from our class. Another one is **Mona Gustafson Affinito's** sister, **Thelma Gustafson Wyland '43**. Mona is still active in her psychology office and writes an informative blog at www.forgivenessoptions.com.

In late Sept., Bob and I enjoyed a week on the *American Queen*, traveling down the Mississippi River from St. Paul to St. Louis, stopping each day at different ports in WI, IA, IL and MO. The river was still high from the recent hurricanes, and some of the bridges were damaged, but it was a relaxing trip. We were amazed by all the American eagles and white pelicans!

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53 Correspondent: Lydia Richards Boyer, 5701 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807-1311, lydiaboyer@aol.com
 Congratulations to **Joan (Flugy) Fluegelman Wexler**, who has been elected to the Connecticut College Sports Hall of Fame.



Amelia "Mimi" Gary '95 married John Simpson on 6/21/08 on Fishers Island.

She was inducted in a ceremony on 2/7. Flugy was head of the College Athletic Association our senior year. We remember not only her athletic prowess but her enthusiasm and teamwork. Flugy, we are proud of you!

Elisabeth (Liz) Gallogly Bacon and John could win an award for their extensive travel and wide-ranging interests. They went to Argentina for John's 80th birthday, going fly-fishing and touring Cape Horn; did an Elderhostel in Burgundy to experience the famous cuisine and wines; visited a son in Ireland; and attended grandparents' weekend at CC with grandson Sam Bacon '09.

Betty Mott writes of a more serene life. She now lives on the ocean in Ogunquit, ME, and extols the beautiful scenery and relaxed way of life. She says ME is "the Way Life Should Be" (the state motto). I can attest to this, having spent a lot of time in ME with our son and his family before they moved to New Zealand. We have stepped up to the challenge of lengthy travel and visit them from time to time, including Christmas '08.

Leta Weiss Marks is involved in many volunteer activities since she is no longer teaching at the U. of Hartford. She is a docent at the Wadsworth Athenaeum and works as a literacy volunteer. This is combined with a trip to visit son Jonathan Marks '76 in Moscow, where he is posted with the Foreign Service. She has returned from trips to Morocco and Vietnam and anticipates visiting grandchildren in Seattle and Boston.

Alice Dreifuss Goldstein has achieved distinction with the publication of *Ordinary People, Turbulent Times*, a family memoir of the '30s and '40s, beginning in Nazi Germany. The book tells of an aspect of the Holocaust not usually studied and provides insights for us today. It's available at Amazon.com. Alice has spoken to young-adult and adult groups about her experiences and has had a number of book signings.

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Tracy Cashman '92 was promoted in October to general

manager of Winter, Wyman's New England Information Technology division from partner of the same division. Cashman, who lives in Boston, majored in English at Connecticut College and began working at Winter, Wyman, a staffing firm serving New England and the metropolitan New York area, after graduation.



Marc D. Freiberger '92 was appointed co-chair of the

Massachusetts Bar Association's newly created Immigration Law Section for the 2008-09 year. Freiberger is a founding partner of Yarashus, Wagner, Cook, Freiberger & Washienko LLC in Boston, and specializes in employment law focusing on contract negotiation, litigation and corporate immigration law. A member of the Labor & Employment Section of the Boston Bar

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Association and Croation American Bar Association, Freiburger is proficient in Croatian and Danish.

Michael Dell'Angelo '94 was named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer – Rising Star in 2008, for the second consecutive year. The honor is conferred upon only the top 2.5 percent of attorneys in Pennsylvania who are 40 or younger. Dell'Angelo specializes in antitrust, securities and complex litigation at Berger & Montague, P.C., in Philadelphia.

Timothy Martin '95

was named a partner in Child & Family Psychological Services Inc. of Massachusetts in December. Martin, a pediatric neuropsychologist who also serves as associate director and psychological testing program director for the practice, which has offices in Norwood, Boston and Holliston, received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Suffolk University and completed his fellowship training at Yale University Medical School. He is married to Amy Siekman Martin '95.



Ann Heagney Weimer again arranged for classmates to meet in Barnstable on the Cape in Aug. Jan Rowe Dugan, Jeanne Knisel Walker, and I, Loie Keating Learned, joined them, along with Diane Gibson '50. Besides discussing our families, the lovely weather and some ideas for our 55th reunion, we marveled over the long election season, but avoided political discussions. Jeanne and I spent an enjoyable night with Ann at her delightful home in Chatham. She spent the winter in FL visiting family and friends. Sally and Bob sailed to Nantucket later in Aug.; the trip was all they had anticipated. Jan had been visiting her daughter in NH and her mother near Boston before returning to her home in Sarasota, FL. Jeanne lives in Kenilworth, CT, and keeps busy with a garden, volunteering at the local library, and visiting with her family — her son and his family live in NJ, and a niece lives nearby.

Nancy Powell Beaver and I do a bit of e-mailing. We were in elementary school together and met again at CC, but were in different dorms and took different classes. We enjoy catching up now, in our senior years. She and Bill drove from VA to the Outer Banks. "Oct. is a delightful time to go beaching."

Pam Maddux Harlow, who lives in Falls Church, VA, with her son, Evan, continues to enjoy regular ballroom dancing at a nearby Arthur Murray Studio and winning gold prizes. Maybe we'll see her on "Dancing with the Stars"!

Irene Ball Barrack is back in New Canaan, CT, after spending some of the summer on Martha's Vineyard, and three weeks of the fall in Richmond while daughter Liz and her husband, Hank, took a business trip to Italy. Irene shared some thoughts I'm sure will touch many of us who are widowed: "I am coming to grips more and more with the fact that I really do not have to worry about Bill any longer. I do miss that and the fact that he is no longer able to reward me with a smile, but it will get better. At least he is no longer suffering with the knowledge that he was wasting away so quickly and so devastatingly. We almost made it to 55 years, but not quite. The children have been wonderful, but still some days are not as good as others. All I can say is it is a hell of a way to get more

closet space; I'd rather have stayed crowded." She visited with Ann Marcuse Raymond this summer and found it a "treat to relax with an old friend with whom I didn't need to build a history — that may be the greatest gift of all."

Gretchen Taylor Kingman has moved into smaller quarters in Wrentham, MA. She keeps up with her family and last spring traveled to Italy with daughter Sarah, who lives in VA.

Enid Sivigny Gorvine has moved to Conway, AK, near son Bill Gorvine '91 and his wife. She's renting for a year and has her Punta Gorda, FL, home up for sale. Fortunately she's renting it out while she's away.

Judy Yankauer Astrove and I had a pleasant phone chat recently. She keeps up with her ever-growing family and had a lovely time at granddaughter Daisy's wedding in the Astrove's backyard in Larchmont, NY, as well as at a grandson's wedding upstate. She also keeps in touch with members of the classes of '51 and '52, as she was in their dorms her first two years at CC. The husband of Betty Blaustein '52 and Judy's husband, George, went to high school together. The world gets smaller every day!

Do keep up the e-mails, letters and phone calls.

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Correspondents: Jan Ahlborn Roberts, P.O. Box 221, East Orleans, MA 02643, jar.jrr@comcast.net While touring Moscow and St.

Petersburg on an Elderhostel trip to Russia last spring. Libby Crawford Meyer ran into Nancy Keith LeFevre '57, who was a fellow traveler. Someone mentioned New London, and "we took off from there." Following a cataract operation and seeing "as well as I ever could," Libby is "busy with house and garden, an occasional editorial job (though I am getting used to considering myself retired at last), and pottery. And, not least, dear friends, including Angie Arcudi McKelvey and Lee."

Geneva Grimes de Labry and Gerry spend summers in outdoor pursuits: fishing and gardening for him, tennis and golf for her, and biking and beaching for both. In cold weather they hike and ski. Family (13 grandchildren) fills in the gaps. Geneva is in touch with Joan Mikkelsen Etzel by phone and Cindy Stone Bell by e-mail and sees Bill and Suzy Johnston Grainger at home, where, among other activities, they picnicked by the Connecticut River en route to a performance at the Goodspeed Opera House.

From Joan Gaddy Ahrens: "Our big news is that our daughter, Laura, was elected Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Church in the State of Connecticut last year. She is the first woman bishop to serve in the Diocese of Connecticut and the 14th woman bishop in the Episcopal Church. Some of you may meet her as she travels around the state visiting Episcopal churches in the Diocese. Needless to say, we are very proud of her."

In addition to her part-time psychotherapy practice from her home, where she deals with a wide range of concerns (grief,



Scott Hafner '80, Kelsey Sullivan '06 and Philip Frankl '80 at a picking party at Hafner Vineyard in Healdsburg, CA, over Labor Day weekend.

illness, aging, relationship issues, depression and anxiety). **Judith Gregory Bowes** sings in her church choir and serves on the Episcopal Senior Ministries board. "I enjoy having my son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons in the area, and I love being in touch with my CC friends."

Debby Gutman Fehervary and **Jane Haynes DuPlessis** exchanged "royal tours" in '08: Debby visited Janie in San Diego; in NM, Janie and Debby toured Taos, the Rio Grande Gorge ("where you hold onto the railing not to get agoraphobia"), and the Santa Fe Ski Basin to view the aspen, "and, of course, talked over all the world's problems." Debby visits her daughter Kriszti and family; Kriszti teaches anthropology at the U. of Michigan. Son Andras visited from Brussels.

While still practicing law part-time from her office at home, **Anne Godsey Stinnett** has bought a vacation house in NC, where she and two recently adopted canine companions ("rescue dogs — the best kind") retreat regularly. "It is 'Plan B' for when the expense of living in Sarasota becomes too great, due to astronomically high homeowners insurance and real estate taxes."

The election impassioned many, including **Mary Ann Hinsch Meanwell**: "People who have never worked in political campaigns are really fired up." She was lucky enough to be given a pass to be near the podium at a rally for Obama in Cincinnati. "The whole day was electrified by the excitement, the beautiful park setting and the 15,000 who were there. I was not in the first row but close enough to make my toes curl."

Jean Harris Whitney teaches English as a Second Language, and she doesn't remember when she has ever had such a rewarding volunteer job. "Right now, my class of three (women) consists of one who is a citizen and two who want to be, so our class has evolved into a civics class, spurred on by the election." They also learn health issues, parenting and a host of other subjects as they write and talk as a class, and the students have begun reading to their children every night. "I highly recommend this to everyone; you will never be sorry you spent the time teaching women literacy and helping them to be better able to support their families."



Samuel Matson, born 7/19/08 to Amy Sleeper Matson '97 and Scott Matson.

57 *Correspondent:* Elaine Diamond Berman, 72 Stanton Lane, Pawcatuck, CT 06379, elainedberman@comcast.net I heard from **Joan Heller Winokur** recently: "As I recall, I was one of the first in our class to have a child. That child's first-born (Ariel) has just entered Yale. My son's firstborn (Laine) has also started college this fall — she's at Mt. Holyoke. I can't believe that I have two grandchildren in college! Needless to say, I'm really proud of them." Joan has just had her 10th poem accepted for publication in the literary journal *Main Channel Voices*. She is also taking salsa lessons, which makes her want to learn Spanish. "It's a whole new world," she says.

Diana Witherspoon Mann-Schnake and husband George drove to Tucson in Nov. for the winter with her 9-month-old Burmese kittens in tow. Diana says the kittens have added lots of laughs to their lives. "All in our blended family of five have busy, full and healthy lives, but we manage a get-together each year." Diana's big news is that she and her husband will soon be great-grandparents. Anyone else in our class have great-grandchildren?

Joan Gilbert Segall went to Indochina with her sister and closest friend in the fall. She adores travel and is always anticipating the next trip to an exotic locale. After getting a pacemaker, Joan says, "Mostly, I seem to be back to normal — whatever normal is for a woman in her eighth decade."

Gwen Evans Jensen, who had a long and distinguished career in education — culminating in the presidency of Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA — is working on her first book of poems.

Richard and I had dinner with **Nancy Pollak Beres** recently, while she was visiting her brother in Stonington. Nancy and

Joan Schwartz Buehler traveled to Moscow and St. Petersburg in Oct. and had a wonderful experience.

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Reunion '09 May 29-31

One, two: Reunion's for you!

Three, four: I promise it won't be a bore.

Five, six: Learning, sharing, talking: a nice mix.

Seven, eight: Make plans with your roommate.

Nine, ten: We really want to see you again!

In a few months we gather to celebrate our 50 years of milestones, challenges and blessings. So get in gear and find a way to New London and our beautiful campus. I have a little news to share with you.

Margaret (Peggy) Brown Gunness' children have interesting pursuits. Her daughter is director of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail, which follows a settlers' route from the ocean northeast to Canada. She also raises yaks! One son and his wife are in MT and have over 300 sheep, along with sheepdogs to assist them. Peggy reports the sheep do a great job of cutting the grass. Her other son is a financial adviser in RI and works "virtually" from his home.

Emily Hodge Brasfield's daughters are in the medical field in Cleveland. Julie is a physician's assistant, and Sally works in the orthopedic department of the Cleveland Clinic.

Speaking of the medical area, **Virginia (Ginger) Reed Levick's** family has utilized the services. Daughter Carolee shattered her elbow and has been rehabbed, and her husband had blood clots in his lungs that were dissolved, happily. Carolee is a volunteer and cares for two young girls; her husband works for Google, and they live in a close-knit neighborhood and grow pumpkins on an old mari-

juana plot! Son Reed is director of a pulmonary services company and has a 2-year-old daughter. His wife does consulting work from home for a nonprofit Hispanic group. Daughter Debbie has a "don't worry, be happy" view of life and enjoys sports, skiing and a drama class. Ginger's husband, Doug, is co-chairing the launch of an Outward Bound urban center in the Bay Area to bring new experiences to inner-city middle- and high-school students. He also coaches high-school lacrosse and is working on Princeton's 50th reunion. Ginger is taking music courses, which she then teaches to elementary school children prior to going to the San Francisco symphony. She still leads cancer groups and is organizing disaster preparedness teams in her neighborhood. Trips along the OR coast and to WA, Canada, AZ and CO have kept her busy, along with visits to NY, VT and FL.

I had a great time on campus (despite having to hobble around due to a knee problem that has since been scoped and is now healing). It was fun to see the changes and the places we will be in May for Reunion. The students were happy, friendly and interested in talking about life on campus. I am energized by the wonderful program being planned and am looking forward to seeing all of you in person (and not just seeing your names on paper)! Our Reunion is really special because, as women, we share so many similar life experiences, and because of this, we blend together so well. You have to be there to share in this camaraderie.

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Carolyn Holleran had a busy summer traveling to AK with three 11-year-old grandchildren, visiting family and friends in Canada, and tasting wine in OR. They are in the process of building a "green" home near Reading, PA. "Learning how to implement processes and products that conserve and sustain energy, water and heat has been challenging and very rewarding."

It is time to focus on our 50th reunion, scheduled for June 4-6, 2010. Please mark your calendars, as you will not want to miss this opportunity to visit our beautifully restored CC campus,

reminisce with classmates and enjoy many entertaining activities.

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Carol Chaykin still lives on Manhattan's West Side, but her position at SIAC (NYSE's automation subsidiary) was eliminated after NYSE merged with Archipelago Exchange and Euronext. After 20 years at SIAC, Carol wants to take stock and explore new directions. She's also taking advantage of NYC's fantastic cultural life. "I've been brushing up on my French — taking courses first at the French Institute Alliance Française, and now at NYU for a certificate in transla-

tion." In June, she began volunteering as an IT consultant at the Women's Center for Education and Career Advancement, "a wonderful organization" that publishes the Self-Sufficiency Standard for NYC and provides the Self-Sufficiency Calculator to social service agencies to help determine entitlements.

Lois Maclellan Klee and **Betsey Staples Harding**, your co-correspondents, have attempted to contact, during the past couple of years, every classmate with a listed e-mail address or phone number. Sometimes we have few or no responses — this submission was one of those times. We encourage every classmate to think of her most special friends connected with CC, whether you knew them while attending or became friends later at reunions and other events. Submit a note indicating what's important to you, what your activities and interests are, what your friends would like to know, and what recent connections you've made with your friends. Think of how interesting, and often inspirational, it is to read what others are doing, and send us a note to include in an upcoming issue (e-mail and snail-mail addresses are above). Please help us in our jobs! Thanks.

67 *Correspondent:* Jackie King Donnelly, P.O. Box 250, Macatawa, MI 49434, jackiedonnelly@chartermi.net

Rita York married Lee Fogal on 10/10. Congratulations! The new Mrs. Fogal continues to work at State Street Corp. in Boston; Mr. Fogal works for Hewlett Packard. Son Josh is a graphic designer in Boston. Rita is also an active volunteer for the Boston Ballet.

Lauren Levinson Pohn is happily ensconced in Delavan, WI



Keith A. Snow '98 and wife Barbara welcomed Jillian Alice on 9/8/08. Pictured with the baby are her siblings, from left, Rhys, Ryan and Jason.

(about 90 minutes from Chicago), and is still teaching yoga and doing Life Between Lives hypnotherapy. She recently wrote a chapter in a Life Between Lives book, *Memories of the Afterlife*, which is due out next fall. She invites anyone in the area, or whoever would like to stop by, to contact her at pohn@sbcglobal.net.

On 9/20, **Carol Cohen Freifelder**, **Carol Morosky Belli**, **Nancy Taylor Hunt** and **Debbie Gammons '68** had a "grand reunion" for the marriage of Carol Belli's daughter, Quinn, to Pete! It was the first time in 40 years they were all together.

Lynn Hand lives a quiet life in Lafayette, CO, with her 5-year-old granddaughter, Mia. Mia is in preschool and loves swimming. They go to the local indoor pool almost every day.

Peg Meehan enjoys working on the Prestwick House National Curriculum Advisory Board, reviewing new educational materials being considered for publication.

Your scribe, **Jackie Donnelly**, has recently gone through some dramatic life changes, all good. She and husband Patrick sold their family home in MI, bought a condo and moved to Chicago. They went around the world, stopping in Singapore to meet their new granddaughter. Jackie continues to present methods of teaching world languages around the country when not wintering in Mexico.

Connie Wormser Mitchell and **Cheri Kamen Targoff** attended their 40th reunion in '07 and enjoyed it so much that they were inspired to meet again last Jan. By chance, the innkeeper at their B&B, the Harbor Knoll Inn, is the parent of a CC alumnus. Connie moved to the Lake

Country west of Milwaukee in '06. She is retired from her social work practice, and husband Michael now works with their son at Children's Hospital of Wis. They moved from Seattle to be closer to their children and grandchildren. They bought a century-old home on Pine Lake built for the grandparents of two CC students, Diane Goes Vogel '44 and June Goes Seaman '48.

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Dinmore Fulton and husband **Leo Cohen** returned full time to northern VT from Charlottesville, VA. While in VA, they formed a new company to make loans to insurance agencies. CFG now has a staff of 12, and they fly to Charlottesville in their plane several times a month to oversee activities. Their children and grandchildren live on both coasts, and family reunions are major events in VT. "Semi-retirement suits us both, as there seem to be many more interesting things to do than time to do them!"

Polly Leonard Keener is still drawing her cartoon strip, "Hamster Ally," and a puzzle feature, "Mystery Mosaic," for DBR Media, which syndicates them to newspapers that publish weekly editions. Husband Bob teaches history at Akron U. and does genealogy and civil work. Son Ted decided on a medical career and is working on his RN degree. Daughter Whitney is coming into the homestretch on her master's in clinical psychology. She is also a registered dietician.

Jane Goodman says hello from Washington, DC. She is still manager of employee communications for the FAA, overseeing news service and other employee communications vehicles. She lives downtown and walks to work. Short commute! She has a small place in Charlottesville, VA, which she hopes will be home if she ever gets to retire. DCers, please call!

Susan Feigl O'Donnell and **Larry** are fortunate to have three living parents in good health and six children who have produced seven wonderful, incomparable grandchildren! All of the children, save one, live nearby (the one exception lives in San Francisco). "We get to see them fairly frequently because they all love to

From left, Ruth Taylor-Kiakidis '88, women's rowing coach Eva Kovach, Michael Kiakidis '88 and son Stefanos on the Kiakidises' rental property in Kea, Greece, in summer 2008.



visit us in St. Barth's during the winters and Cape May, NJ, during the summers!" Susan and Larry have also seen some CC friends in those venues when they've visited — **Lila Gault**, **Cathy Hull** and **Gale Rawson '69**. Larry does not practice law anymore, so they are free to travel whenever possible. They're active in many local charity organizations, so between family, friends, travel and obligations, the O'Donnells are busy.

Gretchen Ferguson Garcia is a media specialist in a K-5 school. Son **Todd**, a dentist, and his wife, **Alena**, an orthodontist, live in Cary, NC, with their children, **Courtney**, 2, and **Ethan**, 1. Son **Mike**, a dental representative, and wife **Tracy**, a dental student, live in Lincoln, NE, with **Mason**, age 1. Daughter **Katie**, a dental student, also lives in Lincoln, and daughter **Liz**, a dental assistant, lives in Raleigh, NC.

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Jeanne Brooks-Gunn's son, **Remy**, is a freshman at St. Lawrence U. Jeanne is still a professor at Columbia U., doing child and family policy research (www.policyforchildren.org).

Susan Cannon is coaching childcare-center directors part-time with the Promoting Resilient Children project in Cincinnati. She also spends time with grandchildren and pursues other interests. Last winter Susan went to Italy to study the Reggio Emilia schools.

Gail Cunningham Morgan and her husband are retired and living on Amelia Island, FL. Daughter **Nicole** was married in Carmel, CA, last Oct. to **David Mordy '93**. "We were joined by my sister, **Noel Cunningham Aureguy '72**. Several of David's classmates also attended, so we had a great group, spanning from our all-girl class to the co-ed."

Joan Dimow is thinking about retirement, although they "have no specific plans." They are taking a long-planned trip to Panama and Costa Rica this spring.

Tim and Christina Downs Dondero celebrated their 40th anniversary the day after their fourth and youngest daughter's wedding in July. Only their son

is unmarried. They all live in Athens, GA, and Christina helps care for their four grandchildren. They own **Donderos' Kitchen**, an international market and deli. **Tim** is the executive chef while still working full time at the CDC. **Christina** is an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church and enjoys working with marginalized international people. "My life is a happy balance."

When **Dr. Evelyn Marienberg-Miceli** was in L.A. for the annual national meeting of radiation oncologists, she spent time with **Judge Rita (Sunny) Miller**. Sunny is a judge in the Superior Court of L.A. Evelyn is a clinical assistant professor at SUNY Downstate and was featured in the spring '08 magazine article "A Check-up for Physicians." Daughter **Lauren** is "12 going on 20."

After 20 years of librarianship, **Jill Monchik Farrer** retired from the Westfield (NJ) Memorial Library. Jill is a docent at the Visual Arts Center in Summit, NJ. Bill still works, but they have more flexibility now. Son **David** enjoys school in CA.

After **Ellen Robinson Epstein** lost both parents just five weeks apart in early '07, two of her daughters-in-law gave birth two weeks apart in spring '08, "a girl for my mother and a boy for my father." In Nov. '07, son **Barak** married **Rebecca**, who is in her final year of rabbinic school in NY, and this Nov. daughter **Dina**, who is in Georgetown U. Law School, married **Eitan Levisohn**, who works for the Justice Department.

Jack and Sally Rowe Heckscher have been married 39 years, "each pursuing our favorite interests (rocks, gems and minerals vs. gardening, painting, genealogy and volunteering), which keeps us busy and lively." They've been in the same house in Cincinnati for 37 years. Children **Kim** and **Pete** are both married, and two grandchildren are nearby. The family vacationed at the beach in RI last July. "Can't wait to see everyone, and hope some faces will appear whom we haven't seen the last few reunions."

Catherine Schwalm Pollack married **Leon Pollack** last summer. She wrote while on a "wonderful trip to South Africa and Botswana."

In NY, **Sue Sigal Denison** is managing director of the media and entertainment practice



Gretchen Spear '02 married Ryan Stewart on 8/31/08 in San Francisco. Camels in attendance from left: Trinity Broderick '02, Mike Brennan '02, Kate Keene '02, Rachel Blumberg '02, Gretchen, Margoe Honigbaum '02, Isabelle Stransky '02, Giovanna Torchio '02, Dana Brigham '02 and Lindsay Andresen.

for an executive search/M&A advisory company and serves on the boards of two publicly held corporations and one early-stage private company. She and her husband purchased a condo in Sarasota, FL, in anticipation of phasing into semi-retirement. They traveled extensively in '08.

In Montevideo, **Maria Varela Berchesi's** work at St. George's School keeps her busy and happy. Family are all doing well, including her first grandchild in CA. "I still visit some CC friends when I go to the States, both in CA and in the east, and remember fondly the years spent at CC, which were very important for me."

Martha Walton's son **Nathanial** celebrated his graduation from Bates College with a road trip through 45 states, and she got to join him between Portland, OR, and NM. Daughter **Alethea**, who lives nearby with her family, presented her with a seventh grandchild. Sons **Nicholas** and **Ken** (and family) also live nearby.

Marilyn Weast Rorick, **Liz Tobin Mueller**, **Hannah Leavitt** and their husbands have gotten together each fall for the last few years. Hannah is an appellate court judge in PA, while Liz and Marilyn retired from teaching in June. Liz is assisting Korean elementary-school teachers, and Marilyn is a math tutor.

Your loyal correspondent and husband fulfilled one of Giovanni's wishes, adding a cruise to Greece and a visit with friends in Spain onto the usual "friends-and-family" Italy trip. We're looking forward to combining our 40th Reunion trip with visits to family in the Northeast, and we hope we'll also be seeing many of you.

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During these troubling and unsettling times, please try to stay in touch, and send your updates. Hopefully, by the time these Notes appear in the Spring issue, the news and the state of our country have significantly improved.

In IL, **Karen Blickwede Knowlton's** husband retired in May '07. Although the retirement came three years earlier than originally planned, "he is sure enjoying the lack of daily stress from his work." They are still adjusting to their new lifestyle. "With a new travel trailer, we have enjoyed some good month-long camping trips to various parts of the country." Karen continues to run a part-time travel consulting business from her home, though work has slowed in the weak economy. Her parents, both in their 80s, remained in their Houston apartment during Hurricane Ike. "They sweated through 12 days without power, managing to maintain good humor through most of it. No damage to their apartment building, thankfully."



Hadassah (Haddie) Ruth Jones, born to Denise Whittemore Jones '00 and Mark Jones on 8/18/08, with big brother Isaac.



Liz Bergin '06 married Kyle Wallace 11/17/07 in Long Beach Island, NJ. From left: Sarah Whittington '06, Javier Bernard '06, Katelyn Nelson '06, Liz, Kyle, Julia Jacobson '06, Morgan Maeder '06 and Lauren Schultz '06.

Mary-Jane Atwater, who lives in VA, continues to run her public relations business, Atwater Communications. "Most of my work has been on water and solid waste issues, but I'm also communications director for a nonprofit that focuses on U.S.-Asia relations." Older daughter Emily works for an asset management firm in Boston; younger daughter Gillian completed a yearlong fellowship researching the genetics of cleft lip and cleft palate in Honduran children. She is now a fourth-year medical student at Columbia. To celebrate their 30th anniversary, Mary-Jane and her husband enjoyed 11 days in Venice and Croatia. Still, Mary-Jane noted that "some of my happiest moments are spent at our weekend lake house in central VA, where I have expanded the perennial beds and kayaked almost every weekend."

Gina Imber Kruse and husband Dan, who live in AZ, are both retired, yet incredibly busy! Gina volunteers at the Food Conspiracy Co-op and cuddles babies at Tucson Medical Center. She also takes yoga classes, teaches infant massage, takes daily walks on the Rillito River path, and sings with the University Community Chorus. In addition, she co-organized and participates in a women's group in their co-housing community. Dan plays drums and tours with The Original Wildcat Jazz Band (www.wildcatjazz.com). He started playing with a pop/jazz/Latin/folk/funk band, Kristen Chandler and Thousand Gathered, which performs regularly around Tucson, and also began studying the tabla, the traditional hand drums of northern India. Both love to travel; in recent years, they've been

to Munich and northern Italy and visited Southern CA in an RV. Older daughter Lillie completed a 14-month accelerated program at the U. of Arizona Nursing School. She received an academic excellence award. Younger daughter Charlotte is a busy costume designer in L.A. who has worked on "a variety of independent feature films, spending lots of time on location on the East Coast and in the deserts of CA. She's now eligible to join the Costume Designer's Guild, a significant professional step."

As for the Goldsteins, our book, *Your Best Medicine*, was finally published in hardback in May '08. For months, it has only been available as a direct-mail book from rodalstore.com. It's scheduled to be published in March as a trade paperback. It will be sold at bookstores and online and is already on Amazon. I continue to work on our Web site, Doing Good, While Doing Business, at www.changethemold.com. Our biggest excitement is our new role as grandparents to Aidan Zev, born 2/8/08. He is simply pure joy.

Now, please e-mail your news. Or dig out your holiday letter, and send me a copy. I need your help!

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Sandy Warner married for the first time in '02, to Bill Pontius, retired from a career in the financial services industry and moved from Atlanta, GA, to Crossville, TN. She has never been busier or happier! She stays in touch with **Linda Simsarian** and **Carol Nordbeck Blazar**,

among others in our class.

After a long career as deputy secretary of the DE Department of Labor, **Deborah Wiggin Neff** works with Nemours Health and Prevention Services, developing and promoting policies on healthful eating and physical activity to reduce obesity in children. Daughter **Adrienne Neff '03** graduated from Cornell Law and works in Manhattan at Dechert LLP. Son **Garrett (Bucknell '07)** fell into modeling by a fluke and has been on billboards all over the world in Calvin Klein jeans, CK Man fragrance and underwear ads. Deborah would love to hear from classmates.

Reva Korim Castaline retired in June after 34 rewarding years as a school social worker in her hometown of Brockton, MA. Husband Alan retired three years ago from his position as chief planning officer at the MBTA and continues to consult. Son **Dan (Harvard '04)** works in Manhattan, and daughter **Emily** recently graduated from the U. of New Hampshire.

Stephanie (Stevi) Young Blanchette's son, Harvey, married last year, and he and wife Cate have just become homeowners. ("No small feat in today's market!") Stevi's daughter, **Aimee Blanchette '98**, teaches public high-school history.

Susan Katz, a professor of international and multicultural education at the U. of San Francisco, feels that her interest in historical and cultural studies was profoundly shaped by her major in Asian studies at CC. "I just cannot believe that, 40 years later, we are

once again trapped in a seemingly endless, senseless war." Susan ran into **Katie See '70** at the American Sociological Association conference recently and reports that she has done great work, as expected. Susan's daughter, **Julia Weinberg**, is a Pilates instructor and Web designer in San Francisco.

Sharon Welsh Butler works as the director of quality assurance at the Denver office of Oracle. She and her husband love Denver but miss the ocean, so they head to the coast of ME for summer vacations, with their two married children when possible.

Maria Kondon lives in Salem, MA, and works at Salem State College. She gets together often with **Margo Reynolds Steiner '72**, who also works at Salem State.

Susie Pool Moses enjoys retirement. She volunteered to be cruise captain for the local Navy Yacht Club, so she is in charge of arranging port visits. She even has her own flag! Last summer, she and husband Dale headed north to Desolation Sound in their new 41-foot trawler, and this summer they hope to head to AK.

Heidi Crosier has lived in ME for 26 years. She and husband Robert Syptkowski packed their IN house into a ¾-ton Ford pick-up in '81 and went without jobs to the state where "life is as it should be." Heidi relaxes from her private practice in clinical social work by taking piano lessons, meditating with her *sangha* from the UU church, gardening, reading with her book clubs, and enjoying family and friends. Her son, **Eben**, works at Bates College



Kristen Bell '00 married **Tucker Farman '99** on 7/26/08. From left, front row: **Dan Saccardi '00**, **Kristyn McLeod '00**, **Karen Roses '00**, **Emily Getnick Cooper '00**, **Emily Shield '00**, **Kristen and Tucker, Brit Adams '99**, **Ben Bing '99**, **Yoko Shimada '99**, **Becca O'Malley '99**, **Kim Bender '00**, **Nancy Kern '00**, **Brendan Harney '01**. Back row: **Chuck Halsey '00**, **Mandy Bowles '00**, **Tom Richardson '00**, **Peter Fisher '00**, **Wyatt Courtney '99**, **Jesse Wadeson '99**, **Dave Schragger '99**, **Collin Keeney '98**, **Jay O'Malley '99**, **Jon Roses '00**.

in the biology department doing research on bloodworms. Heidi and her husband love having him in state.

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Dearest ALL, I need more of you to report in, especially those lurking outside reading but not writing, and those wondering why the same people always write in. Please send me an e-mail update for the next issue. (The next deadline is mid-April for the Fall issue.) We really find we have so much in common at this stage of our lives. We have survived. Our Class Notes are an affirmation of that. Let me know how you are doing. E-mail me at solivier@rochester.rr.com.

Ted Chapin reports that in addition to the Rogers & Hammerstein job, he is chairman of the board of the American Theatre Wing, the organization that owns the Tony Award. He and I (Sam MacLaughlin Olivier) got together to reminisce in April this year when Ted was in Rochester to judge the Lotte Lenya Competition at the Eastman School of Music.

Nancy Townshend-Vess and husband Karl are in their third year of managing the Old Kirby Place, a 10-room lodge in Cameron, MT. It is an all-inclusive lodge with three upscale meals a day. They are also the chefs. The famed "blue ribbon" Madison River runs through the property. Doreen Chen Allen and Charlie spent a wonderful week with them two years ago. Nancy writes, "We are travelers. This past winter we spent time in the Florida Keys. The winter before we went to India ... what an eye-opening experience that was! Karl had spent a year backpacking in India so he was a pro at navigating the traffic, people, customs, smells, tastes and noises. I, on the other hand, was totally overwhelmed by the sensations of India. It was truly a journey rather than a vacation." They still live (part time) in their home on Cape Cod with their elderly Great Dane, Deakin. They rent their Harwich Port house out in the summer. Daughter Tiffany is in Boston working for Clark's Shoes corporate. Son Tyler has moved to Sacramento in a transfer



David, Robert and Emma Stoddard, children of Amy and Eric Stoddard '96.

with Dewberry & Davis.

For Kathleen Cooper Vadala the CC (then women's) Chorus was pretty much the center of her four years at the College. One of the pieces she liked best was a challenging a cappella setting of "O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song" by Charles Shackford, then chair of the music department. She is now the choral director at an all-girls' high school, and her top choir just performed this piece at a festival celebrating music for women's choirs. The 26 choir members voted it their favorite piece in their current repertoire! She hopes her classmates will remember it with fondness.

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Nina Davit moved to Seattle in '06 after three years in Chapel Hill, NC, where she cared for her mother before she passed away. Nina and Jim Hamill '74 married in '74 and divorced in '01. Jim is doing well and lives in New Milford, CT. In NC, Nina met Greg Gittins. He works for Nordstrom and was transferred to their corporate headquarters in Seattle. She moved to be with him and "because it is a wonderful place to live." She is looking for work as an independent HR consultant. She still loves theater and ballet. Her three kids are all grown, and she and Jim have two grandchildren. "I just ran into David Clark, who sat next to me at freshman orientation, and he says I still look the same. Now that is either comforting (I have aged well) or depressing (my style is still circa 1969). Anyway, it was great to find an old friend out here in the Pacific Northwest. By

the way, he still looks the same too!" Nina would love to hear from any friends from CC days, especially if you are out in Seattle!

Joseph Srednicki regrets missing Reunion; he was in Montreal planning for a new arrival: a seven-rank, tracker-action pipe organ made by Juget-Sinclair of Montreal. It was installed in his house in July. "If you come to Boston or live in the area, you are welcome to visit and hear the instrument. You can see more at www.juget-sinclair.com/new_instruments.html." Joe works in the securities industry as a manager at Omgeo LLC in Boston, but he resumed music as an alternate career several years ago.

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In Oct. '07, David Sanjek was appointed a professor of music and director of the Popular Music Research Centre at the U. of Salford in the U.K. He is currently living in Manchester, the adjacent city. He has a doctorate in American literature from Washington U. ('85), but in subsequent years amassed a body of work and public reputation as a scholar of American popular music, among other fields. He is widely published and is currently reading two books for publication: *Always On My Mind: Music, Memory and Money* and *Stories We Could Tell: Putting Words to American Popular Music*. E-mail him at dsanjek@gmail.com.

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I received a note from Mildred (M'Lee) Catledge Sampson '54, in response to the obituary on our classmate, Ruth Pulda, in the Fall '08 magazine. For those who missed it, it spoke of Ruth's career as a lawyer and how she used her advocacy skills to get legislation passed to allow for insurance reimbursement for wigs for cancer patients. While a main purpose of M'Lee's letter was to clarify that Ruth's efforts only apply at this point to private insurance and not Medicare patients, it also got me thinking about the legacies we leave behind. I was struck by how Ruth took the most devastating of circumstances that can hit anyone and turned it into something that will live long after her death. As someone who has had to deal with illness and disability during my life, and who has heard from people how much I inspire them as I face different health and physical challenges, I've thought about where that strength comes from. For me, it seems to be a combination of upbringing, spiritual beliefs and the self-reliance I developed at CC, where I lived



Clara May was born 5/19/08 to proud parents Allison Bash Neeland '02 and Mark Neeland.

away from home for the first time. What inspires you, and as we've entered the second half-century of our lives, what is your legacy to your family or the world? Please share your thoughts on this topic or anything else on your mind.

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Co-class correspondent **Vicki Chesler** enjoys life in the Catskills near Woodstock, where she's lived for 20 years with husband Matt Kovner. "We still keep a place in the city, which is a great way to get a bit of both worlds." After selling their publishing business in '99 and taking a year off to travel around the world with the kids, they now do marketing consulting with clients in the city (www.highpointventures.net), as well as real estate renovation and restoration projects locally. They enjoy skiing, sailing, tennis, hiking, painting and golf, and they celebrated their 25th anniversary last 7/24.

Vicki is in touch with many CC pals. **Mark McLaughlin** and wife Daphne Northrop live in Boston. Son Phil is at Bowdoin, while daughter Amelia is still holding down the fort at home. **Amanda Marshall Zingg** and husband Chris Zingg '77 live in Providence. Son Marshall and daughter Emma are still a few years away from the college search. **Martha Rago** and husband Howie Bernstein '76 live in Westchester. Daughter Emily, 16, was doing

humanitarian work in Tanzania last summer, while son Nick was at camp. **Jamie Marshall** and husband Greg Wicander live in CT. **Anne Garrison** and husband David Hewitt live in San Diego and continue with their outstanding architectural photography work. They and their three kids are doing well and survived the recent San Diego fires.

Cindy Price Stevens lives in Clinton, CT, where she has owned and operated Snow's Block Frame Gallery for 18 years, and she's working at becoming an oil painting artist. She and Gary have been married 28 years. Son Jeff is 26 and works with Gary in his excavating business. Amy is 23 and works in a preschool in Brighton, MA. Cindy sends packages to servicemen in Iraq and Afghanistan through the local women's club.

Beth Kukla Hamilton lives and works in Danbury, CT, at the Wooster School, although after 18 years as head of the lower school, she is taking a year off. Her husband is director of studies at the school, and daughters Grace, Paige and Blair attend.

Leigh Anderson lives on Whidbey Island near Seattle. She completed an MBA in June '07 at Seattle U. and works in community development with her own firm, Integrated Solutions LLC, focusing on real estate development, infrastructure development and affordable housing development. Daughters Andrea and Emily, 15 and 11, are doing well ... both taller than their mom!

Debra Daigle switched careers to public relations after 24 years in broadcast journalism. She



Leah Talatinian '02 married Eric Green in Winchester, MA, 10/12/08. CC alums in attendance included, from left: Giovanna Torchio, Grace Albinson, Nicole Mancevice, Karen Gillo and Ericka Temple, all class of 2002.

is a media relations specialist/account coordinator with Montagne Communications in Manchester, NH, where she lives. "I am single with no children, but I have enough animals to keep me hopping!"

Barbara Hricko Wait and **John Wait** had an Aug. seaside get-together with **Barbara Spiess Miller** and **Bill Miller** '80 and family in MA. Son Andrew Wait enjoys high-school cross-country running, rowing and hiking. Barbara is involved in Andover schools, having served as head of the local PAC at the high-, middle- and elementary-school levels. The elementary school principal is also a CC alum and former rower with Coach Ric Ricci. John rode 114 miles on 8/2 to support the Pan Mass Challenge to raise funds for Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Alice Solorow lives in Watertown, MA, teaching photography and graphic design at Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School, a private high school in Waltham, where she is also the 11th-grade dean. She is also a cantorial soloist, licensed massage therapist and a performer with the Boston Jazz Voices. She stays in touch with Libby Friedman '80, Nancy Heaton Lonstein '78, Jeff Lonstein '78, **Vance Gilbert** (who has a very successful singing career — www.vancegilbert.com) and Paula Fotopoulos '81.

Amy Biderman left Washington, DC, after almost 30 years and returned to her native Boston to become director of communications in the College of Arts and Sciences at Boston U. She rekindled an old romance and will be getting married next year. She and fiancé Mark are looking for a home that will be large enough for their "blended" family: Mark's two kids and a dog, and Amy's three cats. "It's been a whirlwind, but it's great to be back in the Red Sox Nation." Reach Amy at

amyjb57@aol.com.

Dick Belshaw received an M.Div. from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA, and is one step away from being ordained as an Episcopal priest. He is looking at job possibilities, perhaps as a college chaplain.

Mark Teschner is in his 19th year as the casting director for *General Hospital* on ABC. He recently won his third Emmy, for Outstanding Achievement in Casting for a Daytime Drama.

Rutrell Yasin climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, trekking up the Machame Route, in July '07. He and wife Khadija made it to the top after a grueling, five-day hike. Rutrell wrote about his adventures trekking up the mountain with a laptop for Government Computer News.

David Rosenberg celebrated his 50th by riding his bike from Pittsburgh to DC along trails to raise money for the IADC Foundation. He's celebrating 25 years of marriage and has two children: Sarah, who transferred from U. of Colorado to Chatham U., and Max, a high-school junior.

Anne Currier Furey is an interior decorator. Last year, her family's house burned to the ground, but they rebuilt and are still living in Mansfield, MA. She and her husband celebrated their 26th anniversary by sailing around the Greek islands and Turkish coast. Son Chad is a senior at Syracuse, and Gillian is a junior at Endicott. Anne sees **Lee Sullivan Gardner**.

Susan Schulman and husband **Larry Eyink's** daughter, Adria, is a freshman at Williams. She is in touch with **Dina Catani**, **Luisa Franchini**, **Nina Korelitz Matza**, **Lucy Sloman**, **Jill Quirk Vernon** and **Marina Moscovici**. Susan and Larry still live in NYC, where she is a private art dealer and Larry is a director at ING. They celebrated their 30th anniversary in Nov.

Wisner Murray's son, Francis



Emily Shield-Cunnane '00 and Chris Cunnane were married on 11/11/07 in MA. Back row, from left: Garrett Scheck '00, Lisa Friedman Scheck '00, Tucker Farman '98, Jon Roses '00; middle row: Sylvia Hammerman '69, Elizabeth Ethridge McGann '00, Kristen Bell Farman '00, Kim Bender '00, Emily Getnick Cooper '00, Emily Pappas '00; front row: Kristan Lennon '99, Emily Shield and Chris, Karen Kirley Roses '00.

Murray '11, had a great first year at CC! He survived a quad in the basement of Branford and is in Larabee this year. He has joined the CoCo Beaux, the all-male a cappella group. "It is great fun thinking of him on campus with the offspring of our classmates Wright, Musser, Flint, Clothier, etc. Best to all!"

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81 *Correspondent:* Jacqueline Zuckerman Tynan, 431 Elm St., Monroe, CT 06468, jmtynan@yahoo.com In Sept., **Tom Allen**, **Joel Gengras** and **Robert (Rusty) Spears** met for the first time since graduation. The event was in celebration of Tom's business trip from his home in Thessaloniki, Greece, to the area. He owns a student travel service in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria. The multi-day festivities included a trip to campus, visits with former and current faculty, the meeting of family members, and lots of reminiscing and catching up. Planning is underway for a similar event next year in Greece in celebration of the trio's foray into the second half-century of life.

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Diane Doyle Foster is teaching middle-school math at ISAAC School in New London and enjoying empty-nesting with husband Mark. Both children graduated from college in '08, and there is time to get back to performing in local theaters. She found **Mike Reder** on Facebook, and they only live a few miles apart!

Suzanne Muri Bright is enjoying life in the Raleigh, NC, area. Her four children (attending three different schools!) keep her busy. The oldest, **Laura**, started middle school this year; twins **Tommy** and **Kelly** are in fourth grade; and **Eric** is in preschool a few days a week. "With theater, sports, music lessons, etc., I have considered trading in our minivan for an RV. We're never home anyway, and at least I could get meals started while waiting for soccer practice to end! Unfortunately, we don't get back to New England as much as we'd like — hmm, could it be making the choice between a 14-hour car ride with four kids or flying with six people that scares us off the idea? If you find yourself in the Triangle area, feel free to get in touch!" Reach her at bright.mom@mac.com.

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Andy Alcosser sends a big "hello" from Fairfield, CT, where he works in radio sales with Cox Radio and STAR 99.9 as the local sales manager. He lives with his wife, **Rachel**, daughter **Rebecca**, 13, and son **Sam**, 9. Andy is doing plenty of running ("Hello to Mitch and his Green Mountain Relay Crew!") and hopes to do the NYC Marathon in '09. Andy is looking for running buddies!

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Jennifer Harvey Olivetti and



Lauren Bergen Pryor '02 and Chris Pryor were married 4/19/08 in Bluffton, SC. Alums in attendance included Tim Wood '01, Sylvia Szczerbicki Kane '00, Kate Ruckdeschel Fishbein '01, Mike Schollaert '00, Joanna de Velasco '02, James Kohnstamm '00, Abby Meyer '04 and Christina Minehart '04.

CC friends scoped out dorm rooms for the next generation of CC students this past summer. **Jon Kateman** and **Millie Lerner Kateman**, with kids **Joshua**, **Benjamin** and **Samantha**; **Dana McAlister Zohar** and husband **Erez**; and **Jerry Olivetti** '89 and **Jennifer**, with kids **Posy** and **Miles**, all met at CC and visited their old rooms in JA. This mini-reunion ended up at Fred's Shanty for lunch. Jennifer also went to L.A. to visit **Andrea Squibb** and **Rachel Mass**. Andrea just bought a mountain retreat in Topanga, and Rachel has a new baby boy named **Asher**. "We are still living in Wellesley, MA, and spend our summers in Groton Long Point. Jerry owns his own investment advisory firm, and I'm at home with the kids. Our son, **Miles**, just started first grade and is in the same class as **Christopher Althoff**, son of **Jay Althoff** and **Ashley Roosevelt Althoff**. We also see **Jonathan Schwarz** '89 frequently, as we are addicted to the amazing pizza he serves at his restaurant, **Stone Hearth Pizza**."

Stefanie Zdravec McWatters' play "Honey Brown Eyes," about the war in Bosnia, was presented last fall in Washington, DC, at Theater J, one of the country's top theaters for world premieres. The play was a finalist for the Smith Prize, a semifinalist for the Princess Grace award and was nominated for the Susan Smith Blackburn Award.

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Hilary Silver-Carreras Fox-Mills writes: "My four kids have opened a baking company. They sell to

the neighbors and take e-mail and phone orders from anyone in our town in need of yummy home-made-from-scratch baked goods. The children do all the baking themselves (of course, I watch them). They were featured in *Real Simple* magazine a few months ago and will be in *Cookie and Domino*. It is all about sustainable baking. **Ariel Apte** designed their Web site: www.fox-mills.com."

David Webster and **Stephanie Syrop Webster** and their three girls (ages 3, 5 and 8) are officially East Coasters again! They moved back from Seattle this summer after spending seven years out West. David is still working remotely for Microsoft. "We are really happy to be back near our families and have reconnected with many CC alumni, including **Jon Lawlor** and **Deb Garrett Lawlor**, **Caroline Prymas Black**, **Kristen Martin**, and **Stephen Cornick** '90. We've hosted many a brunch in Westport, CT, for our college buddies. It was great to be back in time for the fall foliage."

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Evelyn McCarthy and husband **Patrick** decided to move out to the country to a timber-frame home in Russell Township, OH. "We are surrounded by fields and farms. It is very peaceful and is perfect inspiration for my large-scale abstract landscapes, which I continue to be passionate about making. Our daughters, **Catherine**, 8, and **Annie**, 7, keep us grateful and busy!"

Kimberly Elliott and **Rik Silverman** were married on

10/13/07 in Boston and honeymooned in Costa Rica. The couple resides in Washington, where Kimberly is a licensed architect with Smith Group, Washington, and Rik is an editor with The Motley Fool.

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Elizabeth (Liza) Wallace Becker and Frank announce the arrival of Matthew Wallace (Wally) Becker on 5/24. He joins big brother Frank, 7, and big sister Katherine, 4. "They can't get enough of him! I am still working part time, which is getting harder to manage, but I love being a school counselor. Frank works in the lower school at Collegiate School. We see Heather D'Auria whenever we can get her down to Richmond." Heather works for Yale University Press in the publicity department.

Jennifer Lapan Mann and Chris announce the arrival of son Davis Henry on 6/25/07 and the arrival of daughter Tenley Catherine on 6/28/08. Jen and Beth Horner Farquharson and their families got together at Jen's house in Oct. '07. Beth's daughter, Sydney, is four days older than Jen's son, Davis. They had a great time playing together!

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Amelia "Mimi" Gary married John Simpson on 6/21/08 on Fishers Island. Alums in attendance were Diana Pulling, Martha Maher Sharp, Rebecca Rosen Shapiro, Danielle Honig, Sara Becton Ardrey,

Matthew Wallace "Wally" Becker was born 5/24/08 to Elizabeth "Liza" Wallace Becker '94. He joins brother Frank J., 7½, and sister Katherine, 4.



Rob Erda, Andrea Fisher Erda '96, Bryan North-Clauss, Josh Rosen '94, Mark Rooney, Eliza Alsop '96, Jonathan Hanes '96, Allison Hanes Ryan '94, Kate Milliken '94 and Heather Ferguson Burnham '96. "We are still living in NYC and I am now working at Spencer Stuart in the executive search business in the Financial Officers Practice."

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Darrin Bronfman and Kristen Bronfman announce the arrival of their daughter, Audrey Renee Bronfman, on 8/11. She was welcomed by proud big brother Ethan, 4.

Audrey Mae Williams was born to Sarah Sansom Williams and Scott Williams '97 on 9/5 at 1:16 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 21 inches. She and Sarah are doing quite well. Scott and Sarah's oldest daughter, Drew, loves being a big sister, and their son, Sam, is getting used to the idea of being a big brother.

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Ella Jean Irwin was born on 8/9 to Julie Sayer and Ryan Irwin in Boston. The family is doing well and happily living in Arlington, MA. Julie had a baby shower in June attended by Allie Kurker, Jen Carnes Wright, Carter Page Catalano, Dardy Muldaur Slavin and Ann Bevan Hollos. Ella and her parents met up with Dardy and her son, Quinlan, at Ann's house in Sept. Before Ella's birth, Holly Doyle flew from her home in AZ to go to Nantucket with Julie.

Monique Thomas Burckhart married Ben Burckhart in St. Barts in July '07. Alums in attendance



Stephanie Nothem Tutulli '88 and son Tony.

included Sarah Ono, Meridith Rankin and Julie Sayer. Monique and Ben live and work in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Gina Pastore married Michael Humling on 8/23 in VT. CC alums in attendance included Jessica Aguiar Mack, Tara Davignon Levine, Dardy Muldaur Slavin and Ann Bevan Hollos. Gina and Michael moved to WA with their dog, Oakie, in Oct.

Christopher Charlesworth married Jennifer Lauren Lackow on 5/16 in Westchester, NY. Chris is a financial systems manager with DIAGEO and Jen is associate director of research at Teacher's College, Columbia U. The couple is living in Stamford, CT, while Chris attends the MBA program at NYU Stern School of Business and Jen completes a master's degree in art education at Columbia.

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Joseph Krol recently accepted a position as head of marketing at AVEVA in Houston. He spends about two weeks a month in Houston with a new company in the energy markets. "I would

love to catch up with any alumni in the Houston area."

Lindsay Clark and Danijel Medic were married on 9/6 in Chicago. Alumni at the wedding included Sarah Scully Kettner and Elizabeth Dixon Neilson. Lindsay is an addictions counselor, and Danijel is head of operations and technology at USFE, a futures exchange. They live in Chicago.

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On 7/26, Kristen Bell married Tucker Farman '99 at the Coast Guard Academy with a reception in Stonington. Camels in attendance included Emily Shield, Karen Kirley Roses and Jonathan Roses, Tom Richardson, Chuck Halsey, Peter Fisher, Dan Saccardi, Mandy Bowles, Emily Getnick Cooper, Nancy Kern, Kim Bender, Kristyn McLeod, Brit Adams '99, Ben Bing '99, Wyatt Courtney '99, Sam Dvorchik '99, Jay O'Malley '99 and Becca Lysaght O'Malley '99, Dave Schragger '99, Jesse Wadeson '99, Yoko Shimada '99, Collin Keeney '98, Brendan Harney '01 and Pam Larrabee '68.

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Kim Hillenbrand and Jessie Vangrofsky '03 were married 10/18 in Washington, DC. Jessie is the marketing specialist at Arxan Technologies, a computer software security company in Bethesda, MD, and Kim is a consultant on transportation and utilities at Snavey King Majoros O'Connor & Bedell, an economic consulting firm in Washington.

02

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Lauren Bergen and Chris Pryor were married on 4/19 at the Inn at Palmetto Bluff, in Bluffton, SC. CC alumni at the wedding included Tim Wood '01, Sylvia Szczerbicki Kane '00, Kate Ruckdeschel Fishbein '01, Mike Schollaert '00, Joanna de Velasco, James Kohnstamm '00, Abby Meyer '04 and Christina



Chris Freeman '04 and Chia-Li Chang '04 in Kashgar, Xinjiang Autonomous Region, China, May 2008.

Minehart '04. Lauren is an attorney with K&L Gates in DC, and they live in Arlington, VA.

Leah Talatinian married Eric Green in Winchester, MA, on 10/12. Alums in attendance included Giovanna Torchio, Grace Albinson, Nicole Mancevice, Karen Gillo and Ericka Temple. They live in NYC, where Leah is a grad student at NYU and works at a PR agency and Eric works in the film and TV industry.

03

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Peter Alexander Oliver and Blair Elizabeth Kingsbury were married 8/9 in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Peter is an officer in the U.S. Navy stationed in Norfolk, VA.

Jessie Vangrofsky married Kim Hillenbrand '01 10/18 in Washington, DC. Jessie is the marketing specialist at Arxan Technologies, a computer software security company in Bethesda, MD, and Kim is a consultant on transportation and utilities at Snively King Majoros O'Connor & Bedell, a firm in DC.

04

Correspondent: Kelly McCall, kjmcc@conncoll.edu

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Andrea Lodico and Andy Welshons married on 8/30 in Scotia, NY, and honeymooned on Italy's Amalfi Coast. Andrea works in development for City Park Foundation, a nonprofit organization, and Andy is an analyst for Analytic Partners,

a marketing research firm in Manhattan. The couple lives in the Murray Hill section of NYC.

Nicholas Vealitzek and Shannon Snow married 9/20 in Boise, ID. They live in Boise, and Nick is employed by Pak-Sense.

Jennifer Anne Peters married Daniel James Ragan on 7/12 in Lake Placid, NY. Jennifer is completing a yearlong internship in Massena and Madrid-Waddington schools, before graduating with a master's degree in school psychology from the U. of Rhode Island. Daniel is a pharmacist for Kinney Drugs. They live in Canton, NY.

05

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Formerly a freelance photographer in NYC, Morrigan McCarthy recently founded Project Tandem with fellow photographer Alan Winslow. They will bike around the country for one year (11,000-plus miles, which started in Sept.) recording the stories of people in small towns doing good things for the environment. They roll into a new town every week, where they photograph and do audio interviews of a local individual who is making changes to his/her life to help combat global warming. The final product will be displayed in a multimedia piece for the Web and a traveling exhibition. Check it out at www.projecttandem.org.

06

Correspondent: Erin Riley, esriley@gmail.com

It all started in Nov. 2005 when Kyle Wallace, a sailor at the Groton sub base, walked Liz Bergin home from a party in KB.

On 11/17/07 they gathered with friends and family to celebrate their marriage in Long Beach Island, NJ. Camels in attendance were Javier Bernard, Julia Jacobson, Morgan Maeder, Katey Nelson, Lauren Schulz and Sarah Whittington. The Wallaces now live outside Seattle, where Kyle is stationed with the Navy.

Katharine Davidson RN is currently in the master's program at Simmons College in Boston to obtain her nurse practitioner degree. She works at Children's Hospital and is grateful for her CISLA experience, where she became fluent in Spanish. This has been a fantastic asset for working in a city hospital with a large Spanish-speaking population.

07

Correspondent: Chris Reilly, crei@conncoll.edu

Ga-Nesha Hamilton's son, Elijah, is now a 1-year-old walking around the house, and she's a full-time working mother and part-time student as of 8/26. Ga-Nesha is earning her MSW and Elijah attends childcare, "so we are both just learning away." Ga-Nesha hopes all is well with everyone.

Matt Magida moved to Cambridge, MA, in Jan. after a short stint in New Haven immediately following graduation. He works for Brandeis U. in the same department as Merrill Swig '06 and Judy Rottenberg '78. He recently went to a Red Sox game with Alex Maybury and Pat Heffernan. Matt keeps in touch with Tyler Youngblood, Evan Piekara and Lauren Burke '06. Former Christie's staffer Nate Borgelt has moved into the field of investments and has been a stockbroker since Oct. He still lives in NYC's Upper East Side.

In Philadelphia, Sam Garner recently completed his studies at the U. of Pennsylvania, earning a master's degree in bioethics. He hopes to begin work researching military human subjects or protections, or to work with a think tank, and he aims to eventually become a professor.

Joanna Gillia has relocated from NYC to southeastern CT, where she works in the College Relations office at CC as the communications associate. She also hopes to eventually become a professor.

New Jerseyite Melissa Skolnick is now living in Williamsburg in Brooklyn, NY, and is a registrar at Sotheby's. Melissa enjoys the job and NYC, but hopes to eventually relocate to Santa Fe, though she doesn't hope to eventually become a professor.

In Sept. '07, Italian major Caroline Webb moved to Italy, where she teaches English. After working for nine months in Udine, Italy, Caroline began a new job at Speak and Mind, an English Language School in Verona, in Sept. During vacations, Caroline has traveled in Italy and to Slovenia and Austria. She would enjoy hearing from other *cammelli* in Italy at clwebb@conncoll.edu.

08

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Last summer Sarah F. Noble biked from Providence to Seattle with Bike & Build, a nonprofit affordable housing organization. She writes, "If anyone is interested in participating (you have to be 18-25) let me know — it's a great experience and I couldn't be happier with my summer." Visit www.bikeandbuild.org for more, including journals, pictures and her route.



Class of 2002 friends enjoy summer fun together in Ann Arbor, MI. From left, Darin Ramsay, Allison Bash Neeland, Lauren Briere, Eden Hommes (with Allison's baby, Clara), Rachael Towers and Darren Dlugo.

Obituaries

Barbara "Barbie" Johnson Stearns '34, of New London, N.H., died Dec. 25. She had a strong connection to Colby-Sawyer College, where she served as a trustee from 1957 to 1973 and was named a Life Trustee Emerita in 1974. She received several awards from the college, including the 2008 Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service. She also served as secretary of the Alumni Association Board of Directors at Connecticut College. She was predeceased by her husband and son. She leaves a daughter, Ruth Stearns Santos '64; son-in-law; daughter-in-law; five grandchildren and their spouses; three great-grandchildren; and many dear friends.

Janet Sherman Lockwood '36, of Hartford, Conn., died Jan. 7. As a child, Janet spent summers in Sebago Lake, Maine, a cherished tradition that continued until recent years. She was known for her easygoing manner, impeccable attire and good-natured tricks. She loved bridge, knitting, late-night television and her dogs. She was predeceased by her husband, Boardman F. "Woody" Lockwood. She leaves her daughter, son-in-law, loving caregivers and devoted dog.

Margaret Irwin Langborgh '38, of Cherry Hill, N.J., died Oct. 8. She was a member of the American Association of University Women, Spray Beach Yacht Club, Boosters for Southern Ocean County Hospital and AARP. Margaret was also a supporter of Eyes for the Needy. She was predeceased by Howard Victor Langborgh. She leaves three sons and their wives, nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, a sister-in-law, and four nephews and their families.

Virginia Walton Magee '39, of Washington, D.C., died Nov. 25. In the 1930s, Virginia worked as a radio broadcaster. She later married Marine Corps Col. James Carre Magee Jr. and traveled with him to his posts, where she volunteered for the American Red Cross and Navy Relief Society. When they settled

in Washington in 1966, she joined the women's committee at The Textile Museum and eventually organized its docent program. She was predeceased by her husband and leaves two children.

Jeannette "Ginnie" Bell Winters '40, of Silver Spring, Md., died Dec. 10. Ginnie married Harold F. Winters and moved to Puerto Rico, where she learned to speak fluent Spanish. A nature enthusiast, she identified an extensive collection of seashells and was active in the Women's Book Club. After her husband was transferred to Maryland, Ginnie became president of the Hillandale Women's Club and often raised money for charities. She also worked for the Maryland Book Exchange, retiring in 1981. She was predeceased by two siblings and leaves her husband, two children, a son-in-law and two grandsons.

Janet "Sesh" Sessions Beach '43, originally of Bristol, Conn., died June 6 in Hackettstown, N.J. She devoted her life to children — her own, as well as young people in New Jersey and New Hampshire. Janet earned her M.A. in teaching, volunteered as a librarian, and was a board member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Keene, N.H. She served the College as a Class Treasurer. She was predeceased by her husband, Warren H. "Gus" Beach. She leaves four children including Sally D. Beach '72; three granddaughters; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Sessions Morier '52.

Anne Gilbert Williamson '45, of Naples, Fla., died Jan. 2. Known for her love of literature, for many years Anne owned a bookstore in Longmeadow, Mass.; after she was declared legally blind, she listened to audio books and organized a book club. She was involved in politics, serving on Eugene McCarthy's national presidential committee. She was predeceased by two husbands, George Gundersdorf and George Williamson. She leaves two children and their spouses; five grandchildren, including Caroline Gundersdorf '95, and their two spouses; and two great-grandchildren.

Nancy Faulkner Hine '46, of

Siesta Key, Fla., died Jan. 6. Nancy graduated Phi Beta Kappa. After marrying Jack Hine in 1947, she moved to Cuba, where she was active in theater and music. After the Cuban revolution, she and her family resettled in Siesta Key where she became head of the education department at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, a position she held for 21 years. Though she frequently traveled abroad, her favorite spot was Spofford Lake, N.H., where her family returned annually. She was predeceased by her husband and parents. She leaves three children, seven grandchildren, two sisters and cousin Bruce Faulkner '75.

Jeanne Harold Oler '47, of Old Greenwich, Conn., died Oct. 26. Jeanne majored in music and co-founded the Shwiffs, an all-female a cappella group that is still going strong. She was well known for her painted Christmas ornaments that have decorated trees around the world. She leaves her husband, William Oler; four children; a daughter-in-law; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Jean Gregory Ince '48, of Madison, Va., died Jan. 12. She married Rear Adm. Eugene St. Clair Ince Jr. in 1949 after his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy; the story of their engagement was featured in *Gourmet* magazine in 1978. She served as president of Navy wives' clubs in Japan, the U.K. and Washington, D.C. In 1999, she received a letter of commendation from the Secretary of the Navy for boosting the morale of Navy families during her 31 years as a Navy wife. She was predeceased by a daughter. She leaves her husband, four children, 13 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and sister Ann Gregory '51.

Joanne Brown Zink '48, of Mount Joy, Pa., died Dec. 30. After marrying Franklin B. Zink in 1954, she helped him establish his insurance and real estate business. From 1973-1993, Joanne owned and operated Donegal Mills Plantation, a historic Pennsylvania landmark. She began by offering guided tours and eventually added a bed and breakfast, restaurant, and banquet facilities. Joanne loved tennis,

music, antiques and horseback riding. She was predeceased by her husband, daughter and brother. She leaves four children, two sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Alice Fletcher Freymann '49, of Mitchellville, Md., died Aug. 9. An active College volunteer, she previously served as a Class Agent and Class Agent Chair. She leaves her cousins Ellis Kitchell Bliss '46 and Dorothy Kitchell Brandt '42.*

Marjorie Stutz Turner '49, of Warrenton, Va., died Oct. 9.*

Gail Sumner '58, of East Harwich, Mass., died Jan. 8. After graduating, she worked as a consultant with Mercer Inc. and later as a vice president of the Bank of New England in Boston. As Chair of her 50th Reunion in 2008, Gail helped lead her class to an astounding 100-percent participation in Annual Fund giving. Gail also volunteered as a Class Agent and Class Treasurer. She was predeceased by her grandfather. She leaves her sister, Joan Sumner Oster '61; brother-in-law; two nephews and their wives; a grandniece; and a grandnephew.

Barbara Hawes '70, of Needham, Mass., and Long Lake, N.Y., died Nov. 10. For almost 40 years, she worked tirelessly with people with disabilities. Barbara previously served as the deputy commissioner of the New York State Office of Mental Retardation, the director of Sunmount Developmental Center in Tupper Lake, N.Y., and principal of Seaside Regional Center in Waterford, Conn. She was predeceased by her father and a brother. She leaves her mother, four siblings, 12 nieces and nephews, one grandnephew, and longtime friend Nils Howard.

Stacie Sue Mitnik '72, of Gloucester, Mass., died Nov. 25. Stacie Sue was a modern arts painter who exhibited in many galleries on Cape Ann. Her most recent show was at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. She was predeceased by her mother and daughter. She leaves her father, two brothers, a sister-in-law, four nephews and a niece.

Naomi Chernoff '75, of Syracuse, N.Y., died Dec. 30. She earned her Ph.D. from New York Medical College and served her residency in the department of psychiatry at SUNY Upstate Medical Center, where she became chief resident. She went on to teach at SUNY and the University of Arizona, where she earned the professor of the year award. Naomi was also a fiber artist who created award-winning quilts and fabric sculptures. She was predeceased by her father. She leaves her two daughters, former husband, mother, sister, four brothers and four sisters-in-law.

Daniel Gilman '84, of Norwich, Conn., died Jan. 20. He was a government relations consultant for The Kowalski Group of Hartford, Conn., and owned Daniel J. Gilman LLC. With over 30 years of experience in local, state and federal government, Daniel also worked for the Connecticut General Assembly, U.S. Rep. Sam Gejdenson and Sen. Christopher J. Dodd. An avid golfer, he recently played at Pebble Beach in California. He died on the same day as his brother, Robert Gilman. He leaves his longtime companion, Carol McNamara; three siblings, two sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law, godmother, aunt, niece, five nephews and many cousins.

Debra Leffingwell '85, of East Lyme, Conn., died Dec. 20. Majoring in psychology and child development, Debra graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the College. She leaves her parents, two children, two nieces and a sister.

Alejandro Sicre '96, of Fairfield, Conn., died in November.*

Dr. Linda Kosturko, of Guilford, Conn., died Aug. 11. At Connecticut College, she was an associate professor of zoology. Well respected in her field, Linda was awarded research grants from groups like the National Science Foundation and authored 19 scientific journal articles and 25 scientific abstracts. She leaves her husband, William Kosturko; mother; two children; and daughter-in-law.

* Full obituary unavailable at the time of publication.

Cristina Nardone '04, 1982-2008

Humanitarian strove to make a lasting impact on the world

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

of Cristina Nardone '04 knew her as a generous young woman who wanted to make a difference in the world.

A former Peace Corps volunteer, Nardone worked in Mali as a project manager for the Academy for Educational Development, a nonprofit organization that focuses on health, education and economic development.

But on Dec. 2, 2008, a water tower collapsed at a construction site she was visiting, killing her. Nardone had helped raise money for the project.

Nardone leaves her parents, four siblings, and her fiancé, Daniel DiFranco, whom she met in the Peace Corps.

Her youngest sibling, Jackie Nardone, said that while Cristina's life was short, she still had a profound impact on many.

"She had something really special about her," Jackie said. "She was always looking out for the best of others."

Jackie co-created a Facebook group that serves as both a memorial and tribute to her sister. More than 350 people joined to share their photos and stories about Cristina, describing her as warm, intelligent and courageous.

Leila Lakhsassi '03



CRISTINA NARDONE '04 TEACHES WOMEN HOW TO MAKE SOAP IN SANGHA, MALI, A SKILL SHE LEARNED IN THE PEACE CORPS.

said that Sarah Jacobs '04, Nardone and she were "inseparable" at Connecticut College.

Since their friend's death, Jacobs and Lakhsassi have been sharing their memories — including the time Nardone convinced them to drive back to campus from New York City in a snowstorm just to attend Festivus, the College's annual holiday party.

"We had some scary moments in the car but still managed to laugh at how ridiculous the whole situation was," Lakhsassi recalled.

Jacobs said the friends had remained close since college. A week before Nardone's death, Jacobs had asked her to be a bridesmaid in her wedding.

"Even though she was in Mali all of these years, she was still just an e-mail away

when I needed to share," Jacobs said.

No one was surprised when Nardone decided to join the Peace Corps after college, a job that eventually led her to the Academy for Educational Development.

"She loved her work with the Peace Corps," Lakhsassi said. "She missed home, but she kept pushing her return date because her work was so important to her."

Later this year, Nardone's family will see the impact of her work firsthand when they travel to Mali, where President Amadou Tourmani Touré will posthumously bestow Nardone with the prestigious Malian Decoration.

"Your daughter has left a lasting mark in this country, and she has inspired everyone she touched to try to be worthy of her ideals and her ultimate sacrifice," Gillian Milovanovic, the U.S. ambassador to Mali, wrote in a letter to her family.

Nardone wanted to have a lasting impact on the world even before she graduated.

"My education has been profoundly valuable," she wrote in a journal before joining the Peace Corps, "but it is time for me to apply all that I have learned and at the same time fulfill my personal desire to help and serve those that need it the most." — *Rachel Harrington*



I.H. "Chip" Clothier '79 P'10 and his daughter, Christie Clothier '10, pose with President Leo I. Higdon, Jr., at a cocktail reception at The Merion Cricket Club in Haverford, Pa. Chip co-hosted the event with Cordelia "Cordy" Ettl Clement '52. A second presidential reception hosted by Trustee Emeritus Ford Bell P'02 took place in Washington, D.C. To see more photos, go to <http://www.conncoll.edu/advancement/dcp Philly>.



Top 10 reasons to visit the Alumni Online Community

10. Get your classmates' e-mail addresses so you can invite them to join your Facebook group.
9. Looking for a job? Contact other alumni in your field.
8. Browse class notes to see what old friends are up to.
7. Who else has a degree from the grad school you want to apply to?
6. See if any alumni own restaurants near you.
5. Let everyone know you've gotten married ... or divorced.
4. Look for Camels who live in your neighborhood.
3. Dreaming of making it in Manhattan? Find out who's already there.
2. What ever happened to your freshman roommate?
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Making a career change?

The College is a great resource for alumni

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the economy has you looking for work, changing jobs or making difficult career choices, the College has programs and services that could help.

"We want to be a relevant and timely resource," says Bridget McShane, director of Alumni Relations. "We offer more than I think most people realize." Some examples:

Alumni employment newsletters

The Office of Career Enhancing Life Skills (CELS) produces an alumni employment newsletter that's included in the alumni e-newsletter each month. You can view archived copies at www.conncoll.edu/alumni.

Jobs & Careers

This section of the alumni Web site is being reorganized to provide more information and better links to CELS information for alumni.

Alumni Online Community

The online community includes the alumni directory and class notes. Both are great for networking. You can search the directory by career or job title, name, class year and geographic location. Get there by going to www.conncoll.edu/alumni.

Distinguished Speaker Series

Currently taking place in New York City, this program allows small groups of alumni to hear from a notable alumnus/a who talks about his/her career path. There are plans to expand this series to Boston and Washington, D.C.

C.A.M.E.L. Events

This informal network-

ing program (Camel Alumni: Meet, Exchange, Libate!) brings alumni together regionally, most recently in Boston and New York. Fairfield/Westchester counties and Washington, D.C., are in the works.

Other alumni events

Watch your mail and e-mail for invitations to receptions and other gatherings near you. They're a great way to meet other alumni.

Real World

Executive recruiter Sarah Marks '72 offers this career-counseling session for current students and recent graduates each January in New York City.

Seminar on Success

Corporate coach Frances Cole Jones '86 spent a day with current students preparing them for interviews and networking. Five other alumni spoke with the group about their careers.

Bridges Mentoring Program

Alumni mentor students; pairings are based on career interests.

Alumni Career Panels

The College sponsors four or five panels on campus each year. Academic departments also invite alumni back to campus to speak about their work lives. Check the College calendar at <http://calendar.conncoll.edu> for listings.

Job shadowing

Students can shadow an alumnus/a in a field of their choosing.

For more info, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@conncoll.edu.



Cici Simon Holbrook '70, left, Candace Howes, associate professor of economics, center, and Meg Lewis Moore '53 at a cocktail party hosted by Liz Buell Labrot '55 in Howes' honor in January. Earlier that day Howes gave a presentation on U.S. long-term care policy at the Denver College for a Day Conference. On behalf of the Connecticut College Club of Colorado, Holbrook and Moore gave Howes a book of Colorado landscape photography.

Do you plan to make a gift of stock or mutual fund shares?

A gift of appreciated stock or mutual fund shares could provide you with significant tax savings. As of Jan. 23, 2009, the College's agent for transfers is Bank of New York Mellon.

For more information and to ensure proper crediting of your gift, please contact Judy Poirier, Office of College Advancement, at Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320; 860-439-2422 or 800-888-7549; or judy.poirier@conncoll.edu.

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Alumni Travel Abroad: Island Life: Ancient Greece Oct. 4-12, 2009

Join us for a 9-day cruise to ancient and historic sites on mainland Turkey and the Greek Islands.

Charles Hartman, professor of English, poet-in-residence and co-director of the Creative Writing Program, will accompany you on your voyage of cultural and historical discovery as you visit Istanbul, Canakkale (Troy), Kusadasi, Ephesus, Patmos, Rhodes, Santorini, Delos, Mykonos and Athens.

Guided excursions, lectures, and an opportunity to meet local residents of Patmos at a village forum will enhance your experience.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2

Presidential Reception in Minneapolis

Watch your mail for details.

April 4

Connecticut College Asian-Asian American Student Association (CCASA) Campus Luncheon with Alumni

Watch your e-mail for details.

April 5

Major Dilemma: Young Alumni Show What's Possible

Young alumni will speak to students about applying their majors to the real world.

April 8

Panel Discussion: "The State of American Museums"

Sponsored by Elizabeth McGuire Enders '62.

April 18

The College gathers to remember Charles Chu, Professor Emeritus of Chinese

Harkness Chapel. 2:30 p.m.

April 18

Eclipse Show

For details please contact CCAC member Yeslan Hernandez '07 at yeslan.hernandez@gmail.com.

May 16

One Year Out Reunion for the Class of 2008

Watch your e-mail for details.

May 17

91st Commencement

With speaker Martha Nussbaum, a leading American philosopher. Tempel Green. 10 a.m.

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Reunion 2009

Oct. 23-25

Fall Weekend

For more information about any of these events, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-888-7549 or alumni@conncoll.edu.



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under Programs & Events.



Jumping for joy

LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO PERFORMS AT PALMER AUDITORIUM IN FEBRUARY AS PART OF ONSTAGE AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE'S 2008-2009 SEASON.

PHOTO BY HAROLD SHAPIRO



Reunion

A stylized illustration of a night sky with a dark blue background filled with small white stars. A white crescent moon is positioned in the upper right. Below the sky, a row of colorful tents (blue, green, and yellow) with flags on top is visible. The tents are set against a dark blue background. The overall design is simple and festive.

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