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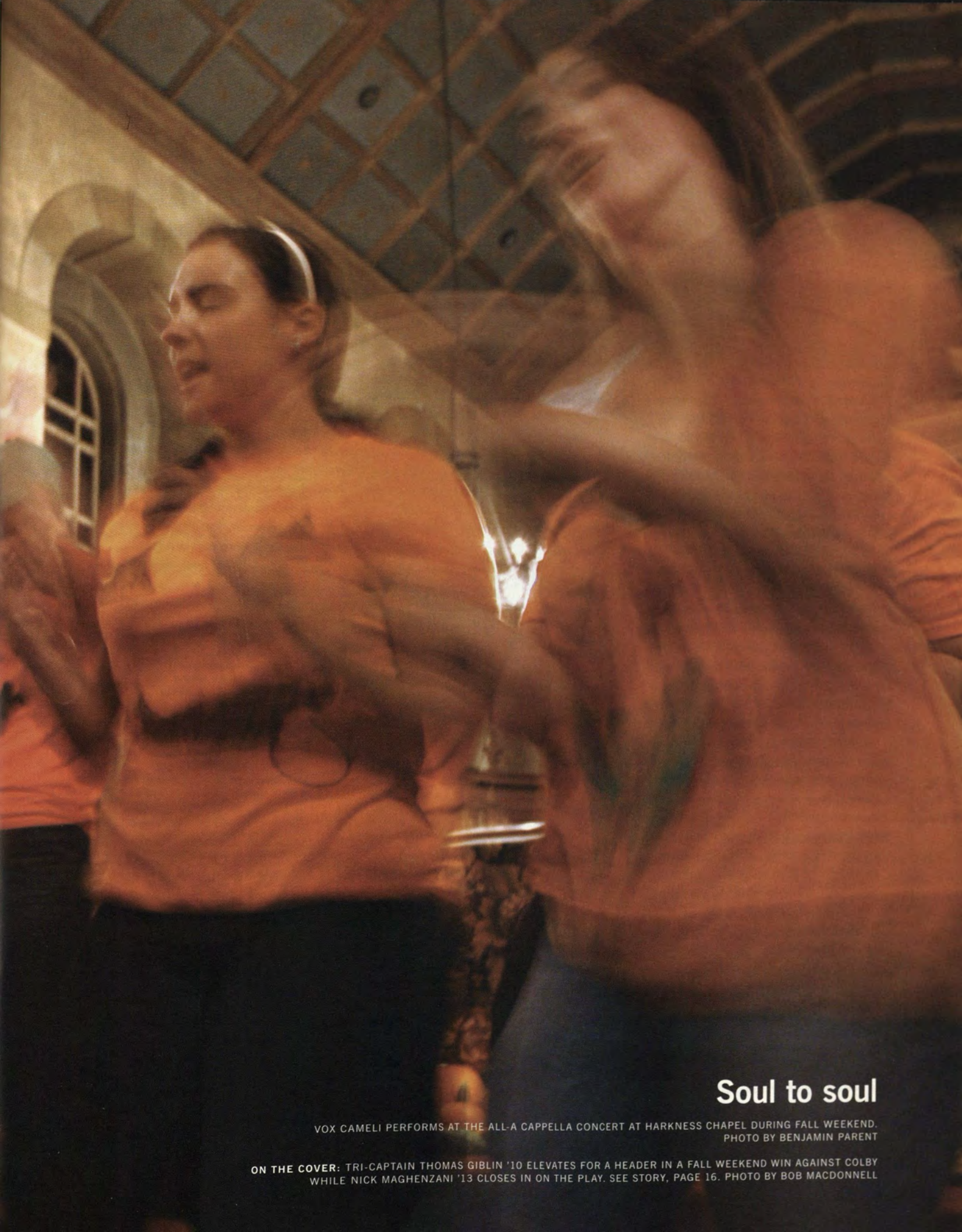

Soul to soul

VOX CAMELI PERFORMS AT THE ALL-A CAPPELLA CONCERT AT HARKNESS CHAPEL DURING FALL WEEKEND. PHOTO BY BENJAMIN PARENT

ON THE COVER: TRI-CAPTAIN THOMAS GIBLIN '10 ELEVATES FOR A HEADER IN A FALL WEEKEND WIN AGAINST COLBY WHILE NICK MAGHENZANI '13 CLOSES IN ON THE PLAY. SEE STORY, PAGE 16. PHOTO BY BOB MACDONNELL

›letters, etc.

To the Editor:

Myles Green's harsh portrayal of Thomas Miner (Fall 2009) as villainously spirited in the exploitation of Native Americans and in the general execution of his responsibilities as a citizen of Pawcatuck (now Stonington) seems seriously overdrawn. That we take a different view of treatment of Native Americans does not change the facts as revealed by the circumstances of Miner's era.

Certainly a man of his times, Thomas Miner was given those responsibilities by his peers. In service to his town, at various times, Miner was selectman, town treasurer, town recorder, the brander of horses and in charge of the county militia. Many descendants of Thomas Miner are dedicated to his memory.

In April 2008 several dozen members of the Thomas Miner Society went to England to celebrate his 400th birthday in the church where he was baptized. He is regarded as a successful émigré, whose courage carried him through the rigors of leaving home at 21, and, after living for some years in the area of the Puritan Massachusetts Bay Colony, of finally finding his niche in Pawcatuck at 44.

It might even seem a little unfair to damn the very ancestor whose presence originated the existence of those who followed, even to the 10th generation.

Janet Ahlborn Roberts '56
Orleans, Mass.

I was delighted to see the article on Allison Hooper '81's Vermont Butter & Cheese Co. in the Fall issue. I didn't meet Allison at CC, since she graduated a few months before I arrived. I met her years later in Vermont when her company was young and my marketing company was handling the campaign for her husband Don's run for secretary of state. We became good friends, and only later learned of our CC connection. Allison is an amazing person both in business and as an individual. She was also one of the founders of Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility, and she has been an inspiration for many people.

Kristen Smith '86
Bethel, Vt.

This is just a note to say how much I enjoy the magazine. The articles are very interesting and the photographs are fantastic. Thank you so much for a reading treat.

Carol H. Shasha MAT'76
Boynton Beach, Fla.

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Who's who?

In the Fall issue, we asked for your help identifying the alumni in several old photos. Dozens of you wrote in to help. The photos, with most of the names, are online. Check them out and see if you can help us complete the captions!

In this photo, from left: Earl Holman '76, Ilona Staton '77, Carmen Perez Dickson '78 and William Butler '77.

- "Making the College New — and Old — Again" Professor Catherine McNicol Stock's Convocation speech on the importance of the College's history as a women's school.
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Engaged alumni are keystones of our learning community

Leo I. Higdon, Jr.

I am always so impressed with the generosity of our alumni who share their time, experience and many talents with our students. This generosity was evident throughout the campus on Fall Weekend when a number of alumni returned to take part in events and activities. As I made my way around campus, visiting with alumni, parents and students, I was pleased to hear from students how much this involvement means to them and how much they value their interactions with graduates.

Jay Lauf '86, publisher of *The Atlantic*, and Board Chair Jim Berrien '74, president and COO of Mother Nature Network (or, as he puts it, "the CNN of environmental news"), were joined by Paul Leavitt P'10, former reporter and editor at *USA Today*, in a panel discussion about the media and how online resources have revolutionized the way people get and share news. The event drew a full house and when it ended, many people were still discussing the issues as they walked out the door.

At a small lunch preceding the panel, Lilah Raptopoulos '11, managing editor of *The College Voice*, was deep in conversation with Fernando Espuelas '88, a new media entrepreneur who served as *Voice* editor for three years. Lilah, a self-designed "new media" major, said that talking with someone who went through Connecticut College with interests similar to her own and has been successful in her field is "motivating."

Over in the Chu reading room, Lauren Shadford '01, an art history major and CISLA scholar, regaled parents and students with stories about alumni connections, one of which secured her a job at Sotheby's. She said, "My connections from Conn are incredible. We get business from one another and we have an awesome network." That, and the knowledge that art history majors DO get real jobs, seemed to be comforting to most parents in the room.

On Sunday, nearly all of the theater majors from the Class of 2009, and a number from '08 and '07, were on hand to see "The Tempest." Kristin Kerr '11, stage manager for the production, said the alumni were "very supportive and were happy to see all the new talent the freshmen bring to 'our' department." She said talking with alumni who are working in the field helps her realize that there are many options and career pathways available to theater majors.

Estella Johnson '75, director of economic development in Cambridge, Mass., told a group that had gathered to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Unity House, "Your education is not just what you learn in books, but it is also about how to get along with people."

Getting along with people — or learning to be a productive citizen in a global society — is one of the key things this liberal arts education teaches our students. When they study a broad range of subjects, explore their passions, analyze and synthesize ideas, and apply theories learned in the classroom to real-world situations, Connecticut College students are prepared for personal and professional success in any arena.

As an institution of higher education, we take this responsibility very seriously. And we know that by providing opportunities for our students and alumni to connect, we are adding to the value of this Connecticut College education.

As I met with parents and alumni through the weekend, I got my share of questions, too — about the cost of education, about how we are preparing students for the world after college, about where Connecticut College stands in the rankings. Hard questions — but questions ultimately with answers in the rich range of intellectual activities and interactions taking place all across campus and within the alumni body every day.

This is an expensive form of education — a student-faculty ratio of 9:1, a 750-acre campus, the technological infrastructure that supports learning — all these are costly but necessary parts of the Connecticut College experience. And in fact, the comprehensive fee covers a little over 80 percent of the cost to educate each student. The difference is paid for with funds from the College's annual fund and endowment spending. In return, however, students have access to an incredible range of opportunities, including an alumni network that keeps gaining in value.

I encourage every alumna and alumnus who can to become more involved with our students. You can contact me, or Bridget McShane, the College's director of alumni relations. We — and our students — look forward to seeing you soon.

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BRANDON W. MOSLEY

Historical insight into timely issues

›DAVID CANTON, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, has been named director of the College's Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity. Canton specializes in African-American urban history, civil rights and northern race relations. His book, *Raymond Pace Alexander: A New Negro Lawyer Fights for Civil Rights in Philadelphia*, will be published this year. "As a historian, I provide my students with a comparative historical approach to race and ethnicity, and this is an opportunity for me to share my ideas and concepts in the classroom with the entire campus," he says.

Economy of words

›INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN economist Jeffrey Sachs will be the keynote speaker at the 2010 Commencement. Sachs is director of The Earth Institute at Columbia University and special adviser to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Named among the world's 100 most influential leaders by *Time* magazine, Sachs is one of the leading voices for combining economic development with environmental sustainability.

Teamwork!

A. VINCENT SCARANO

›ULYSSES HAMMOND, VICE PRESIDENT for administration; President Lee Higdon; Director of Athletics Fran Shields; Erin Davey '10; and Dean of the Faculty Roger Brooks, left to right, cut the ribbon for the College's new $8 million fitness center on the first day of classes. The state-of-the-art facility was paid for entirely by donations and is the first to meet the College's green building policy.

Hot school for transfers

A. VINCENT SCARANO

›NOT ALL THE NEW faces on campus this fall were freshmen. A record 32 transfer students joined the community in August, gathering on the front steps of Blaustein for a "class photo" during Orientation.

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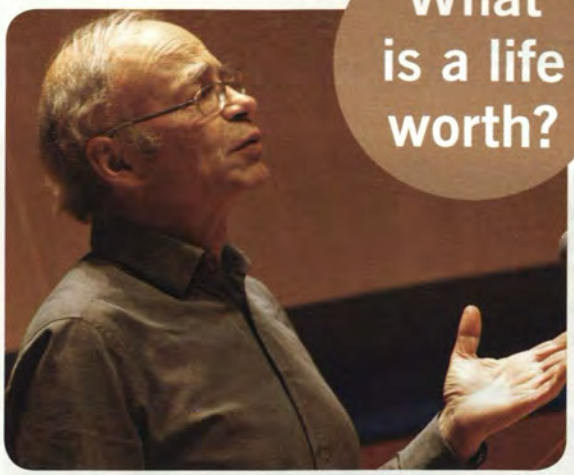
What is a life worth?



BRANDON W. MOSLEY

›IF A CHILD FALLS INTO A POND, and you are the only person who can save her, would you — even if you ruined your expensive shoes? Peter Singer, professor of bioethics at Princeton University and author of *The Life You Can Save*, argued to a packed Evans Hall in October that every child living in poverty is the equivalent of that drowning child, and that the developed world has a moral obligation to save them. If citizens of wealthy countries each donate at least 1 percent of their incomes, Singer said, we could end world poverty — and prevent the deaths of 24,000 children every day. "You can save a child's life, possibly for the cost of the most expensive pair of shoes," he said. "If you're not doing that, you're allowing children to die."

Dessert and dialogue

BOB MACDONNELL

›ALEX HYBEL, THE SUSAN ECKERT LYNCH '62 Professor of Government, above right, leads an after-dinner discussion about international politics with 25 students in the common room of Freeman House. Hybel is one of the College's 11 Residential Education Fellows, part of a new initiative to increase the faculty presence in residence halls and encourage intellectual conversations and programs.

Remembering Matthew Shepard

›A FEW MEMBERS OF THE CAST read through the script of "The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later — An Epilogue" while Leigh Fondakowski, center, a member of the Tectonic Theater Project, which wrote the play, listens in. The play examines how the murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay student at the University of Wyoming, has affected the town of Laramie over the past decade. It was performed by faculty, staff and students on Oct. 12, the 11th anniversary of Shepard's death, in conjunction with 150 theaters around the world.

A. VINCENT SCARANO

A passionate alum and advocate

Catching up with new Board Chair Jim Berrien '74

Jim Berrien '74, the new chair of the College's Board of Trustees, recently sat down to answer a few questions for CC: Connecticut College Magazine *about the College's future and past. President and chief operating officer of Mother Nature Network, an environmental news Web site, he is the former president and publisher of the Forbes Magazine Group.*

Q. In your opinion, how has the College changed fundamentally since your student days?

A. I think it has even a greater sense of purpose than it did, in terms of our identity, what our DNA is. It has a much higher profile. Programmatically the curriculum is always becoming richer and more evolved. And from a facilities standpoint, there's been huge growth. That's the view from the 50,000-foot level, but closer to the ground you see other important factors such as a much more diverse student body. What hasn't changed is the nature of the College; it's a place that values relationships between faculty and students.

Q. What were your years as a student here like in the early 1970s?

A. The interesting thing about when I was here is that there were only about 100 of us men, and so the College was just feeling its way on how to accommodate us. As a matter of fact, some of us had to live down the road where the fitness center is now. Everybody knew everybody. There were only two sports for men, soccer and basketball, and we drove to Wesleyan to play hockey.

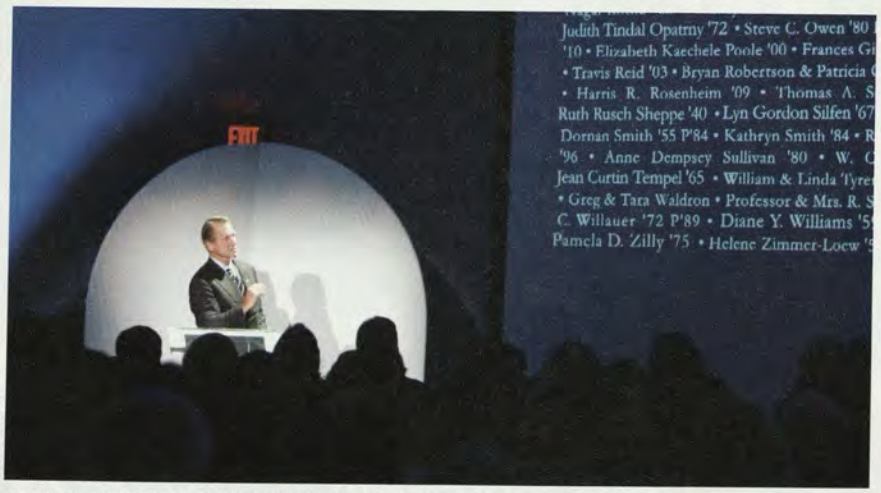
The Vietnam War was about three-quarters over but was still a very serous factor in all of our lives. I remember getting my draft number my senior year when the war was winding down. There had been the Bobby Seale trials in New Haven, lots of other campus moratoriums and unrest. And a lot of the professors were involved in what was going on politically, so it was all around us. Let's say it was a little less structured. In general, people were pushing a lot on what had been standards. I learned a great deal, and I also had a wonderful time. I was away for my junior year; I was a French major and went to study in France.

"Every time I met with the students I became more involved. It just sort of took me by the heart."

Q. You've been a longtime volunteer and supporter, serving as trustee since 2000. What made you want to give back in such a big way?

A. Well, my larger notion of giving back started with other charitable causes, such as world hunger, which I'm still involved in. My commitment to the College was born as a result of my re-involvement with the school as a trustee. Every time I came back I got more excited and I enjoyed working with the other Board members. Every time I met with the students I became more involved. It just sort of took me by the heart.

When I made my major gift to the capital Campaign I told others that you have to stretch for what you believe in. This was a big step for me. I was following the example of some outstanding leaders on the Board, such as Jean Tempel, Carolyn Holleran, Barbara Kohn, Ann Johnson, Susan Lynch and others.



ART DURITY '84

BERRIEN ADDRESSES THE CROWD AT A CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF EVENT LAST YEAR.

BELOW: BERRIEN, RIGHT, FOLLOWS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF BOARD CHAIR BARBARA KOHN '72, SHOWN WITH PRESIDENT HIGDON.

JON CRISPIN

Q. Tell us something you learned from the previous Board chair, Barbara Shattuck Kohn '72.

A. Barbara led the Board in an incredibly thoughtful way. I took her open-minded approach as something I wanted to emulate.

Q. What are your priorities as chair?

A. Like all colleges and universities we are operating in an economically challenging environment. It's especially important for me to be a good sounding board for Lee Higdon and the administration. From an institutional standpoint I want to continue to build engagement and financial support not only from the Board, but also from alumni and parents to help the College reach its goals.

Q. How has your liberal arts degree shaped your life?

A. For me, a liberal arts education is about learning to understand and sort data, to compose it in a way that makes sense. In my career, the things that have helped me the most are the abilities to think critically and express ideas. Something I talk about all the time with my kids is how you get grounded in a lot of different topics. I'm reminded of this virtually every day. As just one example, the other day when I saw the film "Bright Star," about the poet John Keats, I remember sitting in a classroom studying his poetry. It stays with you.

Q. What do you most want to celebrate as the College prepares to turn 100?

A. Connecticut College has become a force to be reckoned with as a leading liberal arts college. We are managing to maintain momentum in an unbelievably difficult time. I give a big tip of the hat to the faculty and administration. I've been on the Board for nine years, and there's a clearer sense of purpose here about what makes this school great.

Q. Is there one particular initiative in the Campaign for Connecticut College that you're passionate about?

A. Financial aid is very important to us, especially in this economic climate, to bring the best mix of the brightest students to the College.

Q. Tell us about how you became interested in Mother Nature News (www.mnn.com) and became its president.

A. Joel Babbitt, a brilliant guy in the advertising business, realized that there was a dearth of comprehensive information on the Web about how to live a more sustainable, environmentally responsible life. Now, as you know, these issues have really become mainstream. The company was co-founded by Chuck Leavell, the long-time keyboardist for the Rolling Stones who is involved in many environmental issues. We saw a great need and set out to become the leading environmental news presence on the Web. Initially, there was a white space on the Web where environmental stories should have been. Now, we're trying to answer a lot of the questions that need to be answered.

At the time I was recruited to lead the company, I was looking to get back to things in my life that needed more attention. Whatever I was looking for, I knew it had to fulfill three requirements. It had to matter. I had to own it. And I wouldn't have to commute! This position fulfilled all three. ■

A. VINCENT SCARANO

"Connecticut College has become a force to be reckoned with as a leading liberal arts college."

Magical mystery tour

ILLUSTRATIONS BY JEFF HIMMELMAN. PHOTO BY RICK SCANLAN

PROFESSOR MAUREEN McCABE ASSEMBLES HER FAIRY DWELLING EXHIBIT, LEFT. THE DWELLING BELOW WAS MADE BY ADJUNCT PROFESSOR DAVID RAU.

PHOEBE HALL

>A LITTLE GIRL WITH A PIXIE haircut bounded across the lawn of the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme, Conn., leaves stuck to her green wool coat. She was searching for fairy dwellings, in gardens, under shrubs, even in trees, and now she squealed with joy: She had found the secret workshop of the fairy Lyra — complete with miniature ladders and portraits and even a tiny chainsaw — tucked behind a basement window.

The diminutive dwelling, one of more than two dozen on an enchanted trail that wound through the museum grounds for three weeks this fall, was created by Christopher Steiner, the Lucy C. McDannel '22 Professor of Art History. Steiner, in turn, was one of several members of the Connecticut College community who brought this exhibition from fantasy to reality.

"Lyme Art Colony's Wee Faerie Village" was the brainchild of David Rau, the museum's director of education and outreach and an adjunct professor of art history at the College. "It seemed like a fanciful way to talk about where artists get their ideas from," he said. The fairies were creative muses to the artists who made the Lyme Art Colony a galvanizing force in American impressionism at the turn of the 20th century, and their dwellings held clues about the historical artists they inspired.

The first two artists Rau asked to participate in "Wee Faerie Village" were Steiner and Maureen McCabe, the Joanne Toor Cummings '50 Professor of Art. "They were so optimistic and excited about possibilities," Rau said. Matthew Greene '08, the museum's manager of visitor relations, and Rau were "architects," too. Behind the scenes, museum interns Grace Astrove '10, Danielle Canter '10 and Sarah Haspiel '10, as well as museum fellow Amanda Burdan, an adjunct professor at the College, contributed their time and talents. "People in this economy are looking for something magical, escapist," Rau said. For visitors and artists alike, "This fits that bill."

— *Phoebe Hall*

See an online gallery of the fairies' houses at http://cconline.conncoll.edu

Postdoctoral fellows enrich the College's centers

›FIVE NEW FACES IN THE College's academic centers are drawing on their unique expertise to help students explore issues across traditional disciplinary boundaries.

Each of the Mellon Postdoctoral Fellows is completing a two-year fellowship with one of the College's five interdisciplinary centers. The program, launched last year with an $800,000 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant, introduces the young scholars to the dynamic work of an interdisciplinary community of faculty. They, in turn, are exposing professors and students to emerging fields and areas of research.

"Before I started, no one at the College specialized in both race relations and anthropology," says Shanshan Lan, a Chinese native who began her fellowship with the Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity this fall. Her expertise is enabling her students to study race relations in a completely new context.

Lan already understands the benefits of teaching at a small liberal arts school. "Connecticut College's close-knit community facilitates faculty-student mentoring relationships, and I am looking forward to nurturing my students' intellectual curiosity," she says.

Wei Ying Wong, who is completing her fellowship with the Goodwin-Niering Center for Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies, agrees. "The College's close community is an extraordinary and rare quality," she says.

Last year, Wong advised Tyler Dunham '09 as he completed an independent study on green marketing — her specialty. "There were no courses on this particular topic, so Tyler and I developed a practical and informational project for him," Wong says.

At the Ammerman Center for Arts & Technology, film and media scholar Allison de Fren uses her background to show students how to make connections between media and arts and technology and how to bridge theory with practice.

"I am guiding my senior students through their theses, and showing them how to create rich interactive mediums that audiences want to explore," de Fren says.

Though Syed Nauman Naqvi, the fellow at the Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts, does not begin teaching until the spring, he is surveying the CISLA course "New Perspectives on Modern Global Society." "The intelligence and maturity of the students already astonishes me," says Naqvi, who aims to demystify Islamic culture and the politics of the Middle East in his teaching.

Working with her students in the Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy, Jessica Mulligan is impacting not just the campus but also the greater New London community.

"My students produced an educational documentary that details the health services provided by a local health center," says Mulligan, an expert in health policy and community learning. "Now they are collecting research on the local community's discrepancies in access to health care."

While the fellows come from very diverse backgrounds, they share one commonality: They selected Connecticut College because of the unique academic opportunity that the centers offer.

"Most undergraduate colleges do not have programs that blend theory with practice," de Fren says. "The fact that Connecticut College has five specialized academic centers is unique and remarkable." — *Caroline Gransee '09*

FROM LEFT: JESSICA MULLIGAN, WEI YING WONG, SHANSHAN LAN, NAUMAN NAQVI AND ALLISON DE FREN.

BRANDON W. MOSLEY

COMING SOON!

A new look for a new century

Visual identity renewal will help the College stand out

›IN TODAY'S INCREASINGLY competitive college admission arena, it is important that Connecticut College presents a consistent image in its communications. As it approaches its Centennial year in 2011, the College is developing a fresh new look to strengthen its visual identity.

The project, led by College Relations, will provide additional graphic tools for visually representing "Connecticut College" to the world — in print, on the Web and for many other uses.

"We are working toward a stronger, more consistent use of our most basic tools for recognition: the name of our institution and the way it appears in type or combined with the College seal," says Patricia Carey, vice president for College Relations.

The project includes a new logo for uses that are less formal than those requiring the seal, a stronger type treatment for the College's name, a new official blue that is slightly darker than the current version, clearer guidelines for use of the existing seal, and a new athletic camel and other athletic branding.

A survey will be e-mailed this month asking alumni, students, parents and the campus community what characteristics the new camel should represent.

Earlier this year Terry Flannery, an expert on higher education branding and marketing, reviewed the College's identity guidelines and how they are used. Concluding that a stronger and more unified graphic identity could help the institution stand out among competing liberal arts colleges, she made specific recommendations for improvement.

The new look and athletic camel will be introduced April 5, 2010, the College's 99th birthday. — *Lisa Brownell*

Learning to 'dig a little deeper'

College's J-Day helps train the next generation of journalists

›AMANDA JONES '13 HAS always been passionate about journalism. The only problem? Her high school in Ohio didn't have a newspaper.

During her first week at Connecticut College, Jones jumped at the chance to join the staff of *The College Voice*, the student-run newspaper. And thanks to Journalism Day, or J-Day, in September, a program sponsored by the paper and the Office of College Relations, she has already started learning about newspaper writing and production.

"This program is a great way to work on your communication skills, something that will come in handy throughout life," Jones said.

At J-Day, about 40 students heard from media professionals who have decades of experience as reporters, editors and photographers.

Jefferson Singer, a professor of psychology who wrote for Amherst College's student newspaper as an undergrad, told the students that curiosity is very important for reporters.

"You may think you understand a topic, but then you'll dig a little deeper in that next interview," he told students. "You want to look for that next layer. That's your job."

Singer, who has been quoted and featured in many newspapers and other publications across the country, said it's important to be prepared before interviewing.

"It makes it more of a conversation," he said. If you make the experience less awkward and more comfortable, he added, your subject is more likely to give you the information you're looking for.

During breakout sessions, students focused on topics such as writing news, sports, and arts and entertainment, in addition to photography. Lisa Brownell, editor of *CC: Connecticut College Magazine*, spoke with students about feature writing and wrote a blog entry about her experience (http://recc.conncoll.edu).

Rebecca Reel '11 joined the copyediting group since she is editing stories for *The College Voice* this year. Reel isn't sure if she'll pursue writing after graduation but is passionate about her role on the paper.

"Even if I don't go into journalism, writing is such a marketable skill for any job I'd go into," she said. — *Rachel Harrington*

AMY MARTIN

'Obesity warrior' speaks on campus

›NEVER BUY ANY FOOD with more than five ingredients. Never buy anything with ingredients you can't pronounce. Never buy anything with a cartoon on the packaging. According to self-proclaimed "obesity warrior" Marion Nestle, these are some surefire tips to avoid unhealthy processed foods.

Nestle, who spoke at the College in September in a Sound Lab Series lecture on "What to Eat: Personal Responsibility versus Social Responsibility," is the Paulette Goddard Professor in the Department of Nutrition, Food Studies and Public Health at New York University. A three-time James Beard Award winner and the subject of a *Food Snob's Dictionary* entry, she integrates the fields of agriculture, nutrition and public health in her work.

While the food industry encourages individual responsibility, Nestle said, "The public health approach is to change society and policy." She said obesity rates began rising in the early 1980s as changing agricultural policies resulted in "mountains of corn and a sea of farm subsidies." This surplus of food led to a surplus in available daily calories — about 4,000 calories per person today. "There is no evidence that people are moving less, they are just eating more," she added, noting the concurrent rise in related chronic health problems like diabetes.

Our "eat more" culture, as Nestle calls it, manifests itself in industry promotions like the "Smart Choices" label that made headlines this fall when it appeared on boxes of Froot Loops. "We don't really have a food safety watchdog" who is looking out for the consumer, Nestle said. Industry-devised programs such as "Smart Choices" attempt to pre-empt federal regulation of food labeling that might otherwise hurt sales of junk food, she said.

Nonetheless, more Americans are beginning to pay more attention to what they eat. "We are in the midst of a food revolution in which we are growing democracy as well as food," Nestle said. Michael Pollan, author of *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, and first lady Michelle Obama promote local foods and balanced diets. Organic is in. The calorie counts on menu boards are "changing consumption and production habits," Nestle added.

She applauded student and institutional efforts on campus, such as Sprout!, the organic gardening club, which provides fresh produce to the dining halls; the use of free-range eggs; and Freeman, the vegan and vegetarian dining hall, which Nestle hailed as "consciousness-raising and progressive."

While consumers can bring about change when they shop, they can get the word out by sending letters to Congress and even joining the movement to revolutionize public health policy. "Organize," Nestle said. "Get together and make your voices heard." — *Arielle Shipper '10*

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The value (of) conversation

›THE COLLEGE'S FACEBOOK page has become a hub for conversations and connections among more than 2,700 fans, made up of alumni, faculty, staff, parents, and current and prospective students.

An oft-discussed issue in these tough times is the cost — and value — of a college education. A recent Payscale.com report ranking Connecticut College in the top 20 liberal arts schools in terms of salary potential for graduates sparked a lively discussion across the College's network.

"Seems that this is where our 'values' are now," wrote one alumna. "Salary wasn't something that was emphasized when I was at Connecticut College. Weren't we there to learn how we could help make the world a better place?"

A current student agreed, writing: "Walking home with a good paycheck is not exactly the focus of my time here. That doesn't mean it isn't reassuring to know that I will be able to get a solid job when I graduate, though."

Some were more encouraged by the report. One alumna wrote, "Earning a good salary and making the world a better place needn't be mutually exclusive."

A parent added that it was "essential to get a good paying job to pay back the loans!"

Even a prospective student weighed in: "It's great to hear that. … I am going to apply to Connecticut this year."
— *Franz Ritt*

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Invisible immigrants

Multidisciplinary conference brings more than 300 experts to campus

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›AN ESTIMATED 12 MILLION UNDOCUMENTED immigrants live in the U.S. Many risk their lives to come, and spend years separated from their families. Some pay taxes, and some do not. Some find paths to legal citizenship; others live for years in fear of deportation.

Undocumented immigration has long interested Frank Graziano, the John D. MacArthur Professor of Hispanic Studies and chair of Hispanic studies department. To tackle this complex issue, he brought more than 300 scholars, health and social-service providers, attorneys, educators, immigrants, and government personnel to campus for an unprecedented three-day conference in October.

Presenters spoke about everything from the effects of U.S. economic and immigration policies on undocumented migration to the daily life of immigrants. Topics ranged from the dangers of border crossing to the psychological effects suffered by children left behind in their parents' home countries.

The conference provided a unique learning opportunity for students, especially those taking one of 11 courses this fall that address issues of undocumented immigration. Liz Barnett '11, a history major with a concentration in Latin American studies, said she jumped at the chance to take history Professor Leo Garofalo's "Latin American Immigration and Migration."

"Many of the themes that we are focusing on in the course corresponded directly with the topics and themes of the conference panel discussions," Barnett said.

Barnett added that the class was required to read books and articles written by scholars who presented at the conference. "That made it possible for us to have engaging conversations with the scholars and ask them specific questions relating directly to their research," she said.

Lawrence Hoyt '10, an international relations and Latin American studies double major, enrolled in Garofalo's course as well as "Undocumented Hispanic Migration" with Graziano and "The Politics of Refugees" with government Professor Tristan Borer.

"The issues of undocumented immigration are a huge part of the relationship between the U.S. and Latin America," Hoyt said. "The conference was great because it allowed students in my seminar to learn about immigration issues from a variety of scholars and activists."

Hispanic studies major Kenneth Torsey '10, who hopes to become a Spanish language teacher, took Graziano's course and attended the conference to get an idea of the situations his future students might come from.

Torsey said his favorite conference event was a talk by Leo Chavez, professor of anthropology at the University of California, Irvine, titled, "The Latino Threat and Media Construction of a Nation."

"I found his study of the pervasive nature of our

The conference in 140 characters or less...

Connecticut College used Twitter to document the conference. Below are excerpts from the College's Twitter feed, http://twitter.com/conncollege

@conncollege will be tweeting live from the Undocumented Hispanic Migration conference all weekend. Look for the #CCimmigration hash tag!
1:38 PM Oct 15th from web

Coast Guard teaches cadets to treat immigrants humanely and enforce the policies of the United States #ccimmigration
9:30 AM Oct 16th from TwitterBerry

Brown Prof. Peter Andreas: We can't 'regain' control of a border that was never under control in the first place. #ccimmigration
12:37 PM Oct 16th from web

Sandra, who came to the US by walking across the border, says she got an education in the US that she is very grateful for. #ccimmigration
2:43 PM Oct 16th from TwitterBerry

Prof Linda Bosniak, Rutgers Law, asks: Does it change the amnesty argument if we COULD keep all undocumented immigrants out? #ccimmigration
8:32 AM Oct 17th from TwitterBerry

390 bodies of migrants found in the borderlands in 2008. 25% will never be identified. #ccimmigration
1:33 PM Oct 17th from TwitterBerry

misconceptions created through media and governmental policy to be particularly interesting and even surprising," he said.

That talk also sparked the interest of Susana Salazar '10, a Latin American studies, Hispanic studies and anthropology triple major. "The subject interested me so much that I am currently working on 'The Media Portrayal of Immigration' as the topic of my final paper for the 'Undocumented Hispanic Immigration' seminar," Salazar said. — *Amy Martin*

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When history isn't history

Janet Tso '12 is still fighting to end slavery

›A NEW HISTORY COURSE at the College has one student rethinking her activism.

Janet Tso '12, who since age 13 has been educating and organizing her peers to end modern-day slavery, got something of a reality check this year in Ann Marie Davis's upper-level seminar on the history of prostitution and sex slavery in Asia, Europe and the U.S. "Slavery has been (part of human society) forever," Tso says. "I'm afraid it will never end." But that awareness only energizes her: "I love being challenged."

Davis, an assistant professor of history, doesn't have a textbook ("It's a new kind of class," she says), so she uses primary and secondary sources to examine the role international feminist organizations played in trying to eradicate prostitution in England, the U.S. and their colonies. She also presents case studies of young Japanese girls traveling in the Pacific Rim, sometimes involuntarily, to become prostitutes.

"Human trafficking was nothing new, but people weren't interested in it politically until the mid-19th century," Davis says. "The feminist movement borrowed a lot of the language of the abolitionists." Initially concerned that prostitution laws still allowed their husbands to have sex with other women, feminists' arguments "evolved to use the language of victims."

BRANDON W. MOSLEY

JANET TSO '12

Slavery, as Tso learned in ninth grade, did not end with the Emancipation Proclamation. According to the group Free the Slaves, there are more slaves in the world today — about 27 million — than at any time in history. Many are sex slaves, and many of them are young children. In high school Tso started a student abolitionist group and spoke at conferences around the world, with the goal of ending slavery.

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But now that she has a historical perspective on the pervasive nature of human trafficking, her primary mission is educating others that slaves are still out there — and that they need our help.

"Professor Davis has given me the leeway to use history to help others understand what's happening today, in 2009," says Tso, who is researching the history of prostitution in New London for Davis's course. She wants to continue working with trafficking victims through a local anti-slavery group, the Barnaba Institute, and by her senior year she hopes to organize a conference at the College on human trafficking. "I love to inspire," Tso says. "Conn is the perfect place to do that." — *Phoebe Hall*

WILLIAM WUYKE

A. VINCENT SCARANO

Olympic achievement

›WILLIAM WUYKE, DIRECTOR OF THE FITNESS CENTER and coordinator of the strength and conditioning program, was inducted into the Venezuela Athletic Federation Hall of Fame in October. A two-time Olympian in the 800 meters, Wuyke holds the longest-running track and field record in Venezuela. At the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, he served as Venezuela's representative for the World Olympian's Organization and is a frequent guest at numerous athletic conferences and panels around the world. "Every athlete's dream is to make the Olympic Games," Wuyke said. "This is another tremendous achievement to be recognized by my home country."

fall '09 camel REWIND

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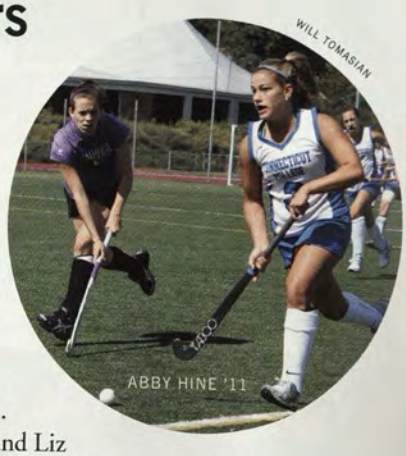
Fielding honors

›THE FIELD HOCKEY TEAM (5-10) collected huge home wins this season against nationally ranked Amherst and Colby. Forward Abby Hine '11 was named first team All-NESCAC after leading the Camels with nine goals, six assists and 24 points. She has moved into fifth place on the all-time scoring list and will enter her final season with 70 points, just 20 points shy of the school record. Kristen Dirmaier '10, Jess Lewis '11 and Liz Rosenfeld '12 anchored the defensive backfield as seasoned stoppers for head coach Debbie Lavignes's squad. Net-minder Steph Quinn '10 provided some spectacular stops while finishing third in the NESCAC with eight saves per game.



ABBY HINE '11

WILL TOMASIAN

23 Academic all-stars

›TWENTY-THREE CAMEL STUDENT-athletes were named to the NESCAC All-Academic Team this season. To be honored, a student-athlete must be a junior or senior and a varsity letter-winner with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.35.

DOUG WRIGHT '12 FINISHED 26TH IN THE NESCAC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP THIS FALL.

JOHN NAREWSKI

BOB HANDELMAN

Sailing away

›THE SAILING TEAM HAD A STRONG SHOWING in fall regattas. All-America skipper Maggie Shea '11 and Kelly Arabia '10 led the ninth-ranked women's team to a second-place finish in the Victorian Coffee Urn Regatta at Harvard. Meanwhile, Matt Sterett '11 and the coed team have climbed to 19th place in the national rankings.

CO-CAPTAINS LAUREN WISE '10, LEFT, AND MEG CHRISTMAN '10.

JOHN NAREWSKI

Dynamic duo

Under co-captains' leadership, volleyball serves up another terrific season

›NO ONE CAN DENY THAT volleyball head coach Josh Edmed has stocked his roster with talent. Under his direction, the Camels set a program record with eight NESCAC wins, reaching the semifinal round of the conference championship with a record of 22-6.

But it is the "Edmed Ethos" that exists both on and off the court that put the team over the top.

"Our culture is identified with a strong set of values and expectations for everyone in the program," Edmed says. "This year's team embraced these values and expectations immediately and continued to develop this culture for the benefit of the program for years to come."

Edmed's teams seem to mirror his personality. They are never completely satisfied with their play after a win and they never get too low after a tough loss. Players talk about controlling what they can on the court and not becoming consumed with another team's strengths or talent level.

WISE GOES FOR THE KILL IN THE CAMELS' 3-2 VICTORY OVER WESLEYAN OCT. 30.

JOHN NAREWSKI

Co-captains Lauren Wise '10 and Meg Christman '10 challenged their teammates at the end of the 2008 season and that leadership carried forward through the year. Together, this talented tandem won 70 percent of its matches with a career mark of 80-35, reaching the NESCAC Semifinal Round in three out of the past four years.

Wise is just the second player in program history to eclipse 1,000 kills and digs in a career, amassing 1,109 kills, 1,235 digs, 110 blocks and 152 aces. Racking up wins and impressive stats has been fun, but it's the special bond between teammates and friends of the program that Wise says she'll reflect on when she looks back on her prolific playing career.

"Every girl that has passed through the program is an exceptional and gifted human being," Wise says. "I have built friendships with them that I hope I never lose."

Christman piled up 842 kills and 320 blocks while anchoring the front line for the Camels. Her presence in the middle invoked fear in the eyes of the opposition.

"Meg's intensity and competitive drive raises the level of play of everyone on the court," Edmed says. "We have been fortunate to have a player of her caliber."

Edmed continues to raise the level of competition at all positions on the court. Amy Newman '12 capped off a sensational season by making first team All-NESCAC. She has emerged as one of the most powerful outside hitters in the country, ranking second in the conference with 4.17 kills per set.

Marissa DeMais '11, a 2008 and 2009 All-NESCAC setter, has dished out 2,605 assists as the facilitator for the Camel offense. Rachel Schroff '13 made an immediate impact on the right side, leading the NESCAC with a .326 hitting percentage and receiving the conference's Player of the Week accolade Oct. 12.

"For the next couple of years I only see this program getting stronger and more competitive," DeMais says. "We have really strong underclassmen, which is always a good sign for the future."

Christman appreciates her experience as a NESCAC student-athlete and anticipates an exciting future for Camel volleyball fans.

"I will definitely look back with pride as having graduated tied with Lauren for the most NESCAC wins of any athlete in the school's history," Christman says. "It is a true testament to the strength of our program." — *Will Tomasian*

They're back!

Men's soccer celebrates their best season in over 10 years

›UNDER THE DIRECTION OF first-year head coach Kenny Murphy, the men's soccer team posted their first winning season in over a decade and finished above .500 in the NESCAC for the first time.

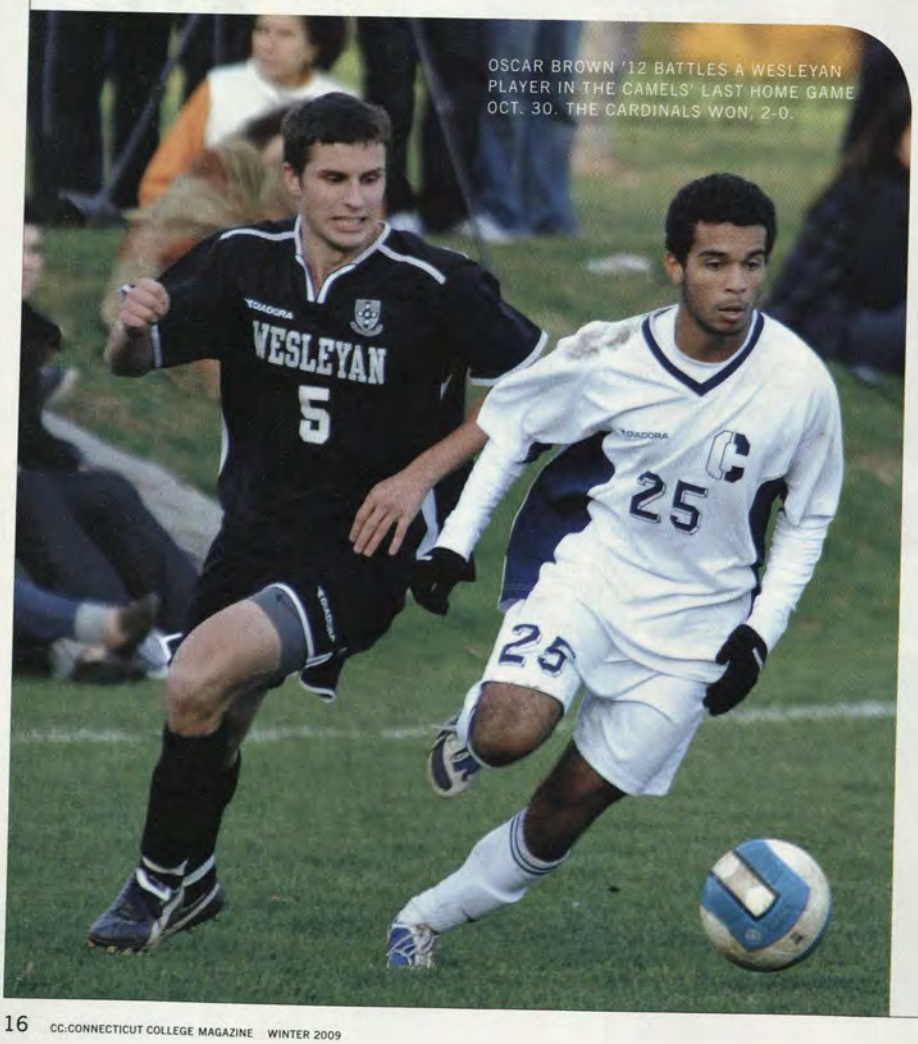
Stunning early victories against powerhouses like Amherst galvanized the team and their fans and set the Camels up for the thrilling season. "Murph" was pleased with the team's effort from day one.

"Our kids really bought into what we were trying to accomplish," Murphy says. "Their attitude was excellent. We try to improve every day and they were willing to commit themselves."

Mickey Lenzi '10, a 2009 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District performer, and Thomas Giblin '10 and Matt Addison '10 played an integral role in the team's transition to a new coach as tri-captains.

"It was an honor to be a captain of this team," Lenzi says. "The group really came together and worked hard to achieve the success we enjoyed this year. This team has shown great resiliency, responding with results in the games after a loss."

Everyone had a hand in the team's success. Alex Martland '10 posted five shutouts in his first full season as starting goalkeeper. Trevor Prophet '11, Oscar Brown '12 and Brian Morgan '12 made up a formidable trio of forwards who pressured opposing defenses with precision passing and sharp shooting. Prophet was named first team All-NESCAC for the second straight year while Brown was a second team selection.



OSCAR BROWN '12 BATTLES A WESLEYAN PLAYER IN THE CAMELS' LAST HOME GAME OCT. 30. THE CARDINALS WON, 2-0.

JOHN NAREWSKI

Prophet is looking ahead to what should be an exciting era for the team.

"We can take a lot of positives away from this year and we are very optimistic about next year," he says. "With a great coach and a new fitness center to take advantage of, we have given our team the best chance to succeed. It's exciting to think about next year and we are looking forward to taking our team to the next level in the NESCAC."

The Camels completed their successful season with a record of 8-6-1, falling to eventual NESCAC champion Williams College in the quarterfinal round of the conference playoffs. But what they gained with their post-season experience should prove to be invaluable as they continue to work toward their ultimate goal of reaching the NCAA Championship Tournament in the years to come.

"We want to be consistently in the top half of NESCAC," Murphy says. "From a student-athlete standpoint, we want to develop individuals with strong leadership skills."

Murphy and assistant coach Steve Sawyer have been working hard on the recruiting trails to bring the team to an even more competitive level. The program also welcomed the return of a familiar face as Peter Carli rejoined the program as an assistant coach.

Lenzi and the six members of the Class of 2010 will be revered as leaders of one of the most successful men's soccer teams to take to the field at the College.

"I couldn't have asked for a better result for my senior year as a Camel," Lenzi says. — *Will Tomasian*

ask a camel

by Joanna Gillia '07

In just a little over two years, Alexis Meisels '07 has established herself in the fast-paced New York City event-planning world. As the special events and marketing coordinator at the Municipal Art Society of New York, a nonprofit devoted to intelligent urban planning and preservation, she organizes awards ceremonies, exhibit openings and member events.

At Connecticut College, Meisels majored in English, minored in film and raced for the ski team. Armed with a liberal arts background, varied internship experiences at small fashion and film companies, and the ever-handy CELS job listings, she found her niche at MAS. She loves working in the nonprofit world: "I've always enjoyed working for the underdog — making big waves with limited resources. Also, working in small environments has allowed me to wear many hats, which is one thing I enjoy most about my job."

Q: How can I plan an amazing holiday party on a budget?

Alexis Meisels '07, special events and marketing coordinator at the Municipal Art Society of New York, has the answer.

A: 1: Forget costly paper invitations. Set the tone with a charismatic e-mail, which is more environmentally friendly and cost-effective. An e-mail is more personal than Facebook and you can be more creative, design-wise. If you have a particularly enthusiastic group of friends or coworkers, consider using the invite to introduce a theme party. Encourage your guests to dress up as their favorite holiday movie character from movies like *Bad Santa*, *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and *Elf*.

2: When gathering beverages and spirits, don't be afraid to play "let's make a deal." Stop by your local liquor or grocery store and ask if they'd consider discounting your purchase if you buy in bulk, or offer to promote their store for free delivery. If you make it worth their while, they will make you a deal.

3: You don't have to skimp on food or decorations when you're on a budget! Making everything at home is cheaper than buying prepared food. I recommend cookstr.com for food and drink recipes. For kitschy décor, check out www.orientaltrading.com. If you like to keep things simple, tea candles and holiday lights are classy, festive and inexpensive.

4: Don't hesitate to delegate! Ask a guest to make a music playlist and let them be D.J. Ask a few people to use your camera to take shots throughout the party. This is particularly fun if it's a costumed theme party. Ask another friend to play bartender. You deserve to have fun at your own party, and you can't be everywhere at once!

5: If you're paying for everything, don't be shy about putting out a donation jar. After all, you did a lot of legwork to make sure everyone could get together and celebrate, so chances are your guests are more than willing to throw a couple of dollars your way. Asking in a humorous way always helps!

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First Person:

Reforming America's health care system

›I TOOK AN ACTIVE ROLE in the most historic election in our nation's history, but I never imagined I would be involved with the most ambitious legislative proposal of our time: health care reform.

After graduating with a degree in government, I knew I wanted to be involved in the 2008 political election season. Thanks to the advice, mentoring and direction of Professors Borrelli and James and Cheryl Banker '06, my adviser in the Office of Career Enhancing Life Skills, I landed a job with the New Hampshire Democratic Party. I began as a field organizer for the campaign of U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen. Since New Hampshire was a swing state and home of the "first-in-the-nation primary," I knew daily life there would be exciting and fast-paced. Listening to presidential candidates speak in living rooms, at town fairs and in debates, it was a political junkie's dream come true.

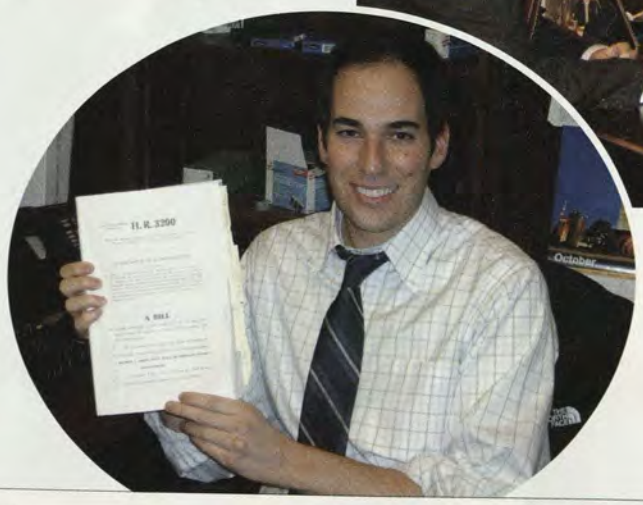
Later in the campaign cycle, I moved over to Rep. Carol Shea-Porter's campaign as the "tracker." With a video camera, I followed each and every move of our opponents. When Shea-Porter won the election, I had the opportunity to move to Washington, D.C., and work in the congresswoman's office as a press and legislative assistant.

Our legislative director assigned health care as one of my issue areas, simply because everybody else had an already comprehensive workload. Little did I know that health care would become the central focus of the new administration and Congress. I had to learn everything about our health care system as fast as was humanly possible.

I was two years out of college and thrown into the fire of an issue that affects every single one of us. I met with constituency groups ranging from the American Cancer Society to the American Hospital Association. I sat through countless committee mark-ups and attended many briefings, soaking in all the information and insights. I advised a member of Congress on a 1,100-page bill and suggested enhancements to improve the bill.

I often ask myself, "How did it really all begin?" With my CELS stipend, I lived for a summer in D.C., interning at a political action committee for U.S. Sen. Mark Warner. I saw the inner workings of a campaign firsthand and witnessed how people get elected to public office. CELS allowed me to accept an unpaid internship in an expensive city, and to experience politics and decide whether it was a career field I wanted to explore. And it certainly was. I constantly remind myself that it is the people and the resources at Conn that allowed me to be where I am today.

And as far as what a final health care bill will look like, only time will tell — and quickly, I hope. — *Adam Robbins '07*



ABOVE: ADAM ROBBINS '07 AND REP. CAROL SHEA-PORTER, D-N.H., REVIEW REPORTS IN HER OFFICE ON CAPITOL HILL. **LEFT:** ROBBINS HOLDS A COPY OF "AMERICA'S AFFORDABLE HEALTH CHOICES ACT (H.R.3200)," THE FIRST HEALTH CARE BILL THAT WAS DEBATED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIS FALL.

FALL WEEKEND 2009

Wet but crowded weekend highlights alumni-student connections

Story by Rachel Harrington, Phoebe Hall and Barbara Nagy

October 23-25, 2009

ALUMNI WERE FRONT AND CENTER AT Fall Weekend 2009, giving current students a clear view of the future — and lots of practical advice on how to get there.

Speakers included Jay Lauf '86, vice president and publisher of *The Atlantic*; Jonathan McBride '92, a White House staff member; Frances Cole Jones '86, a corporate employment coach; and tech entrepreneur Fernando Espuelas '88, named a "Leader for the New Millennium" by *Time*.

McBride told students and parents at one session that they shouldn't hesitate to contact alumni for career advice and leads. He said he didn't know of anyone who wouldn't return a call or e-mail from a fellow Camel.

At a meeting of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, Board President Connie Smith Gemmer '80 P'10 emphasized the importance of bringing alumni and students together, in different ways and in different settings.

Alumni headlined panel discussions focusing on current issues, joined students to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Unity House, and helped unveil plaques for the newest members of the Athletic Hall of Fame.

About 90 people crowded into the Chu Room Saturday morning to hear four alumni, all art history majors, share how their education helped them navigate the world of work and graduate studies.

"One skill I learned at Conn was the art of seeing," said Margaret Turner '05. "I use it every day in all my endeavors." She said studying different artists gave her insights into color, composition and presentation. Turner recently authored a book on the art of Belize, a project she started on her funded internship.

Espuelas, who spoke on the topic "Revolution in the Internet Era," described the rapid change brought about by the Internet and the role it can play in mobilizing the public — for good or ill.

Close to 1,500 parents, alumni and friends of the College were on campus for Fall Weekend. Members of the Class of 2009, back for their Half-Year Reunion, got in a game of Frisbee on Tempel Green late Saturday afternoon.

"I miss this place so much," Dana Zichlin '09 said. "Luckily, e-mail and Facebook have kept us all close, and we hope to keep that going."

Elizabeth Cooper-Mullin '10 was one of 12 seniors speaking about their experiences with funded internships. She interned at the Summer Law Institute at Fordham University, where she taught public speaking and study skills to eighth-graders. "It was a wonderful way for me to get involved both with law and teaching," she said.

Another popular panel was "All the News That's Fit to View … Online." Lauf, Paul Leavitt P'10, retired reporter and editor of *USA Today*; and Jim Berrien '74, president and COO of Mother Nature Network, spoke to a packed room about how technology has changed journalism.

While Leavitt believes that ultimately "truth and good ideas win out," Lauf said that he also embraces the skepticism of younger generations who now question what they read and see. Added Berrien, "Liberal arts colleges exist to teach students to examine and understand the issues."

As James Foley P'13 attended the news panel, his wife, Denise, enjoyed an all-campus lunch and met some of the professors teaching their son, Ryan. Their first Fall Weekend became a family event, with Ryan's sister and aunt also making the trip from Wolcott, Conn.

"Ryan loves it here," Denise said, "and we've had a fun time getting a better look at his experience." ■

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ALUMNI (F)ALL STARS

More than 20 alumni and parents of current students participated in panel discussions or spoke at events throughout the weekend.

- **Jim Berrien '74**, president/COO, Mother Nature Network
- **Angela Campbell '02**, photo archive associate, The Frick Collection
- **Bachman Clem '01**, interior designer, Amy Lau Design
- **Glenn Dreyer MA'83**, Charles and Sarah P. Becker '27 Director of the Arboretum, Connecticut College
- **Fernando Espuelas '88**, CEO, VoxGente LLC
- **Elizabeth Friedman '80**, assistant director, Ammerman Center for Arts & Technology, Connecticut College
- **Susan Mabrey Gaud '68 P'07**, retired director of external technology, Kraft Foods Global
- **Estella Johnson '75**, director of economic development, city of Cambridge, Mass.
- **Frances Cole Jones '86**, founder, Cole Media Management; corporate coach and author
- **Jay Lauf '86**, publisher, *The Atlantic*
- **Paul Leavitt P'10**, retired reporter and editor, *USA Today*
- **Jonathan McBride '92**, deputy director of presidential personnel, White House
- **Kim Holliday McElderry '97**, director of admission, Landmark of Ridgefield Academy
- **Anne Mickle '89**, director of college counseling, St. Timothy's School
- **Christopher Morris '96**, director, PricewaterhouseCoopers
- **Sarah Pitt-Del Cristo '86**, physician's assistant, NYU Medical Center
- **Lauren Shadford '01**, senior manager/ museum services and corporate collections, Sotheby's
- **Amelia Gary Simpson '95**, associate, Spencer Stuart
- **Rick Stratton '96**, owner, Feed.Us
- **Margaret Turner '05**, author, *Made in Belize*
- **V. David Watkins '78 P'12**, chief executive officer, White Sky Inc.
- **Robin Wilson '82**, judge, Connecticut Superior Court

WELCOME NEW FACULTY

FROM LEFT, BACK ROW: CHERISE HARRIS, *ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, SOCIOLOGY*; NATHALIE ETOKE, *ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, FRENCH*; HARCOURT FULLER, *VISITING INSTRUCTOR, AFRICAN HISTORY*; JAMES MOYER, *VISITING ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, CHEMISTRY*; MOHAMED DIAGNE '97, *OAKES AMES ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS*; MENGJUN LIU, *VISITING LECTURER, CHINESE*. MIDDLE ROW: ZINNIA MUKHERJEE, *VISITING INSTRUCTOR, ECONOMICS*; SHANSHAN LAN, *CCSRE MELLON FELLOW*; CHRISTINE CHUNG, *JEAN C. TEMPEL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE*; SHANI COLLINS, *VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DANCE*; KAMRAN JAVADIZADEH, *VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, ENGLISH*; DANA WRIGHT,

A. VINCENT SCARANO

THIS FALL, THE COLLEGE WELCOMED NINE NEW tenure-track faculty members, 10 visiting professors and lecturers, two Mellon Postdoctoral Fellows, and two coaches. "This talented group of individuals is extremely diverse in area of study and expertise, as well as in terms of race and ethnicity," Dean of the Faculty Roger Brooks says. "They already are making a major impact on the curriculum and on the campus climate."

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, EDUCATION; KEN MURPHY, *HEAD MEN'S SOCCER COACH*. **FRONT ROW:** DAISY SMALL '03, *VISITING INSTRUCTOR, BOTANY*; ARIANA HAMIDI, *VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, FILM STUDIES*; RON FLORES, *VISITING ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SOCIOLOGY*; CAROLEEN SAYEJ, *ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, GOVERNMENT*; NAUMAN NAQVI, *CISLA MELLON FELLOW*; ANN MARIE DAVIS, *ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, HISTORY*; CHING JEN WANG, *VISITING LECTURER, ARABIC*; BRIAN WILSON, *HEAD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH*. NOT PICTURED: AFSHAN JAFAR, *ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY*, AND PURBA MUKERJI, *ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS*.

SUCCESS IS IN THEIR DNA

Research experience and faculty mentors build high-achieving biological sciences alumni

BY MARY HOWARD

OBSERVATION

What is it, exactly, with alumni of Connecticut College's biological sciences programs? They are achieving success at an astounding rate, earning advanced degrees from highly respected graduate programs and winning competitive grants. They are exploring cutting-edge cancer treatments, looking at innovative ways to cure autoimmune disorders and developing technologies to better understand how infectious diseases are spread.

Between 1997 and 2006, alumni earned 250 Ph.D.s, and almost a quarter of those were in the life sciences. Martha Grossel, associate professor of biology and department chair, says this places the College ahead of many of its peer schools.

HYPOTHESIS

So what's behind this success? Grossel and her colleagues say it's the College's hands-on approach to teaching and close faculty-student research collaborations.

A large number of biological sciences students who go on to competitive graduate programs leave campus with original research experience under their belts. "We do an amazing job with students who do research with us," Grossel says.

Recently two alumnae, Emily Elliott '05 and Morgan Maeder '06, won grants from the National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program, given to promising graduate students at the beginning of their careers. More than one-third of the graduates who have done research in Grossel's lab have earned or are enrolled in Ph.D. programs. One-fourth have gone on to earn M.D.s or D.V.M.s.

Marylynn Fallon, a lecturer in biology and the College's pre-medical adviser, says medical schools want students who can solve problems. "We do a good job with this because of our philosophy of teaching hands-on problem-solving," she says. Fallon sees student-faculty research as vital to student success in medical and veterinary school. "You just don't get that at a big university." Approximately 85 percent of Connecticut College students who apply to medical schools are accepted, Fallon says — even though the College does not pre-screen applicants. "All students who are interested in a medical career get our support," she says.

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EXPERIMENT

Science majors everywhere are required to spend time in a lab, but not all undergraduates have the opportunity to conduct their own experiments alongside their professors. "We're not talking about canned experiments where the results are already known. This isn't adding A to B and getting C," Grossel says. "They're really being scientists."

Each semester, professors in the biological sciences, like Deborah Eastman, associate professor of biology, work with two to five students on original research that will, ideally, contribute to their fields. Eastman's main focus of study is on developmental gene expression — how genes are involved in the specialization of cells. "We're looking at why a cell becomes a nerve cell and not, say, a skin cell," she says.

"That scientific process that they go through, it's important," Eastman adds. "Learning how to research a question and design an experiment gives them an understanding of what it means to be a scientist."

The students are "part owners" in the research, Eastman says. Some, like Morgan Maeder '06, a cell and molecular biology major, publish academic papers with their professors. As an undergraduate, Maeder, who studied gene expression during fruit fly development in Eastman's lab, published with her mentor in *Nature*, the world's most frequently cited interdisciplinary science journal, and in *Genetics*, a top-tier journal in the field. "It was pretty amazing having two papers published as an undergraduate," Maeder says.

Grossel says the College's small size and its philosophy of hands-on science makes this type of research possible. "There's no graduate student between me and my researchers," she says. "These students get their hands right on the fancy equipment."

That fancy equipment includes the $350,000 transmission electron microscope (TEM) that Emily Elliott '05 used to do her undergraduate research with Page Owen, associate professor of botany and department chair. A cell and molecular biology major, Elliott spent two years and one summer examining how cell-cycle proteins affect cell shape. Much of that time was spent learning the intricacies of transmission electron microscopy. "I spent a lot of time learning how to fix samples," which are embedded in plastic resin and then cut into slices 60 nanometers thick.

"The purpose of graduate school is learning how to think like a scientist," Elliott says. "My work at Connecticut College took away a lot of that learning curve. It wasn't all brand new to me."

Vasilena Gocheva '04 had no prior research experience when she took a summer internship with Grossel, studying the function of cell-cycle proteins. "I loved the experience I had with Marty in the lab so much, I decided to pursue science over medicine," says Gocheva, a Bulgarian native who comes from a family of medical doctors.

Professors receive no teaching credits or other compensation for mentoring a student, and the process often creates more work for these very busy academics. "I have to check their work," Grossel says. But working with students in the lab is the most rewarding part of her job, she says. "You take an average, or slightly above-average student, and you get them into the lab, and all of a sudden something happens. Their grades go up. They're making connections."

"I enjoy seeing a student get excited about their own discoveries," Owen agrees. "It makes it a better experience for me."

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CONCLUSION

Again and again, biological sciences alumni credit their undergraduate institution with getting them where they are now. "I'm sure I wouldn't have gotten into graduate school without the research experience I had at Conn," says Maeder, who is working on her Ph.D. at Harvard Medical School, where she's examining ways to correct — at a DNA level — the genetic mutations that cause diseases like sickle-cell anemia.

Elliott, who as a Ph.D. student at University of California, San Francisco, is researching immunology as it relates to rheumatoid arthritis, says she is the only person in her class who had used a TEM: "It's not common, even at the graduate level." The experience, she says, definitely made her stand out from the crowd.

Gocheva agrees. "Without my (undergraduate) research experience I would not have had a chance in graduate school," she says. Now she's researching treatments that target pancreatic cancer as a Ph.D. candidate at Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

Owen says hands-on learning gives his students a leg up in graduate school and in the workplace as well. Some of the

honors theses that have crossed his desk since he joined the faculty in 1992 would meet requirements for a master's thesis, he says. "These students are well prepared. They know about independent research."

But it may be the role of mentor that Connecticut College faculty take most seriously, and the close teacher-student collaborations that this role fosters is another important reason for these students' success. "Maybe my biggest contribution to science is sending these kids off into the world," Grossel says.

Gocheva says of her internship with Grossel, "Marty gave me a lot of autonomy, but she was always there to help if I had a problem" — even coming in on weekends from her home in Rhode Island to assist Gocheva in the lab.

Laura Fahey '03, a biology major, was a research assistant with Owen for two and a half years. "I became close to his entire family. I babysat for his children," she says.

Fahey used the transmission electron microscope to investigate the reassembly of the Golgi apparatus in *Zinnia elegans* mesophyll cells. "I remember calling Page during dinner to tell him about an exciting finding in my research. I would never do something like that now."

Raynal Squires '99 was an overwhelmed freshman when he met zoology professor Linda Kosturko. Though he had an excellent education in his native Barbados, two years in an inner-city high school in New York left him feeling ill-prepared for college. "Linda took me under her wing and channeled my interests in science and nature," he says of Kosturko, who died in 2008. "I looked up to her and wanted to do whatever she did."

Squires earned his Ph.D. from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Now a postdoctoral fellow at Yale, he studies mechanisms that allow bacteria to move from cell to cell. "It was through research in Linda's lab that I began to see what my future could be like. All I really needed was someone to set an example."

Chuck Halsey '00 found a mentor in Grossel, even though she joined the faculty during his senior year. "Studying biological sciences in a small liberal arts school is, in my opinion, the best learning environment for an undergraduate student," says Halsey, a zoology major. "The low faculty-to-student ratio allows for maximum interaction between the student and faculty member, who very quickly becomes more of a mentor than a lecturer. That's difficult to find in a large university."

Halsey received his M.S. in biochemistry and D.V.M. from Auburn University and is now completing his residency in pathology and a Ph.D. in veterinary cancer research at Colorado State University. "Marty and I have stayed in touch after graduation. She was as helpful in developing my career and critical thinking skills as if we'd had four years together," he says.

Fahey, a postdoctoral fellow at UCLA, says Owen helped her decide which graduate school to attend — her Ph.D. is from the University of Southern California — and he has remained a touchstone throughout her career. "He taught me that I can really do this, that I can discover my own answers to my own questions." ■

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MORGAN MAEDER '06

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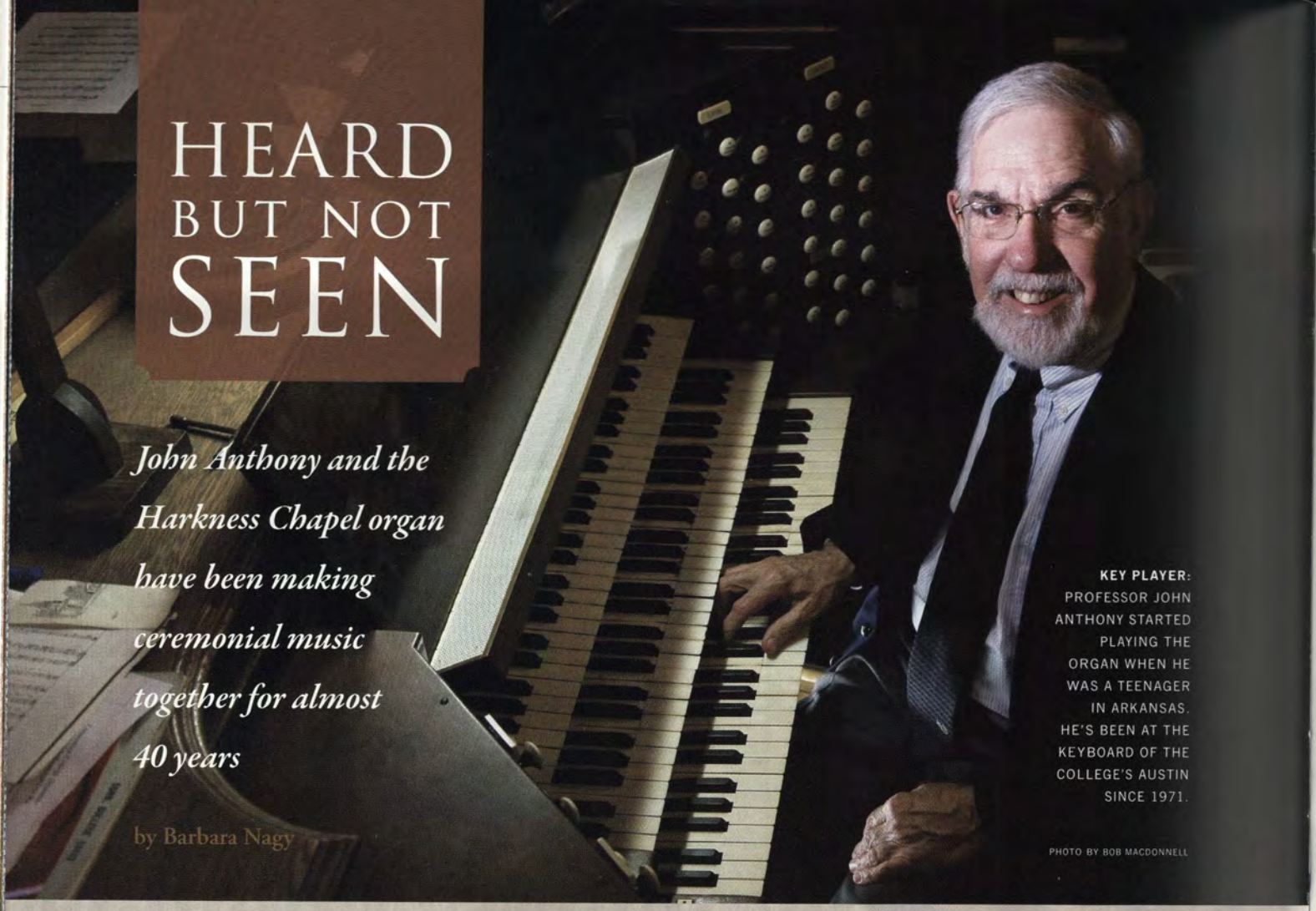
HEARD BUT NOT SEEN

John Anthony and the Harkness Chapel organ have been making ceremonial music together for almost 40 years

by Barbara Nagy



KEY PLAYER: PROFESSOR JOHN ANTHONY STARTED PLAYING THE ORGAN WHEN HE WAS A TEENAGER IN ARKANSAS. HE'S BEEN AT THE KEYBOARD OF THE COLLEGE'S AUSTIN SINCE 1971.

PHOTO BY BOB MACDONNELL

The April sun streamed in the west windows of Harkness Chapel, and cherry blossoms — cut fresh from the Arboretum to frame the altar — seemed to glow.

Some 350 friends and family members had gathered on this Saturday to remember Professor Emeritus of Chinese Charles Chu. The din grew steadily as they reached across pews to exchange greetings and hugs.

No one noticed when Professor of Music and College Organist John P. Anthony slipped into the organ pit behind the altar. As the majestic strains of Bach's Fugue in E-flat Major filled the Chapel, the voices quieted and people found their seats.

The remembrance had begun.

The scene is repeated many times through the year: The organ, almost always with Anthony at the keys, sets a dignified tone for events ranging from memorial services to weddings (Anthony estimates he's played at 700 in the Chapel).

Anthony is only the College's fourth organist in 70 years.

The first was J. Lawrence Erb, a professor of music when the Chapel was built in 1939. The Austin Organ Co. of Hartford designed, built and installed the organ in consultation with Erb.

"Afternoons he may be found happily immersed in the organ pit in the chapel luring the soul from the fine Austin," the College alumni magazine reported in spring 1942 when Erb retired.

Erb's successor, Arthur W. Quimby, is believed to be the first person to perform the entire Bach catalogue on an Austin organ. The concerts spanned three years and helped entertain New London-area residents during the difficult years of World War II.

James Dendy became College organist when Quimby left for a magnificent organ at the Cleveland Museum of Art in 1964, and served until 1971. He was succeeded by Anthony, then a Yale Ph.D. candidate.

HIDDEN MUSIC: MOST OF THE ORGAN'S 2,000 PIPES ARE HIDDEN FROM VIEW. THESE SOARING PIPES BEHIND THE ALTAR ARE ACTUALLY JUST DECORATIVE.

John Anthony had wanted to be an organist since he was a boy growing up in Arkansas, mesmerized by the organ at his grandmother's church.

"It's what everybody recognizes about the organ. It can be very powerful. It can make a lot of sound," Anthony says. "It can be inspiring, very dominating." He was also amazed that the organ could sound like different instruments, from a flute to a bassoon, depending on which stops were pulled out.

Anthony and his twin brother, James, now a professor of music at Towson University in Maryland, started playing the piano at 8 and the organ as teenagers.

Anthony wasn't crazy about the Austin when he arrived at Connecticut College. His training was in the mellow, romantic baroque style, and the Austin was built at a time when organs were in transition to a sound that was clearer and louder — more faithful, some music historians thought, to the instruments Bach would have heard when he was composing in central Germany 300 years ago.

But Anthony's tastes have changed, partly because of what he learned about music while traveling in Europe. "I have tried to open my mind, rather than close it," he says, laughing.

He finds the Harkness organ to be neither too baroque nor too modern; a wide range of pieces can be performed reasonably well on it. The sound is clear and bright.

The organ, one of two that were intended to showcase Austin's new style, has 47 stops controlling almost 2,000 pipes arranged in 40 rows. The wind chest under the pipes and the belows, located in the basement, keep air under pressure and release it through the pipes when the organist depresses a key. Each stop controls a row of pipes; pull out two stops and the organist is sounding two pipes for each key he or she depresses.

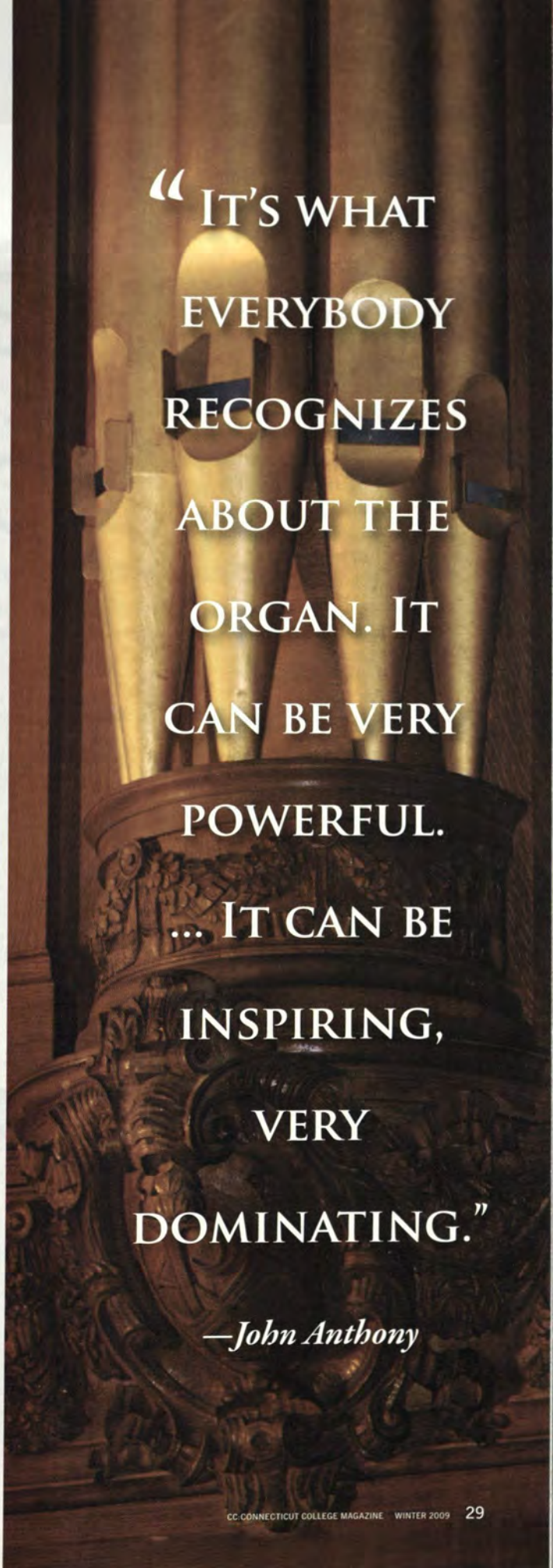
The organ gets regular use for choral concerts, organ recitals, weddings and services — and of course student lessons. Many students have gone on to teach at colleges and universities, and they play in churches across the United States.

But Anthony sees fewer organ students these days. Most organists are pianists first, and interest in the piano is declining as young people discover other instruments. In addition, fewer are exposed to the sound of a pipe organ in church — a traditional path for developing interest.

But how hard is it to play the organ?

Anthony pauses. "To play any instrument well is difficult," he says. "In that sense the organ is no harder than any other." But the organist's feet and hands are constantly moving, which requires more balance and coordination.

"You learn it just like you learn anything else," Anthony says. "You gradually learn to ride a bike and you gradually learn the coordination of playing the organ." ■



LISA BROWNELL

WITH HELP FROM SAM BOTTUM '89, CHICAGO STUDENTS

read more grow more

by Julie Werneau

INSIDE CHICAGO'S public shools, where teachers are screaming against a backdrop of poverty and even violence, it is easy for teachers to feel isolated from their peers.

"I would have thought I would die on the vine if I hadn't met other like-minded teachers," says Michelle Gunderson, who teaches third grade at Nettelhorst School, a fine and performing arts magnet school.

Gunderson has developed a cadre of friends and positive professional relationships by taking part in a reading group with other teachers through a program called Boundless Readers, a Chicago-based nonprofit led by chief operating officer Sam Bottum '89. The organization provides professional development programs and resources to teachers in the city's public schools.

Since leaving Connecticut College, Bottum has co-founded two civic engagement organizations and held leadership roles in at least five other socially minded ventures.

"In our world, there are endless needs and voids to be addressed," Bottum says.

Bottum considers himself lucky to have had more mentors and role models at Connecticut College than he can count on his "hands and feet." But in school systems like Chicago's, the very teachers who are expected to be mentors can lack mentors themselves. Negativity and burnout are very real and the system is hemorrhaging teachers.

"Frankly, a big part of what we do at Boundless Readers is raise the expectations of what children are capable of and what teachers are capable of," says Bottum, who has two sons himself: Henry, 3, and Joe, 1.

Boundless Readers works with up to 400 elementary school teachers in about 90 schools throughout the city, reaching as many as 12,000 mostly low-income students. Teachers apply to be a part of Boundless Readers and, if accepted, says Gunderson, "They work us pretty hard."

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Before they can receive an $800 grant to purchase books for the classroom, teachers must take a course called "Teachers as Readers" that encourages the same lifelong learning in teachers that they hope to instill in their students. Grant recipients then choose two classes from a professional development course catalog with titles like, "Being a Boy: Encouraging and Helping Boys to Read" and "Picturing Justice: Teaching Social Justice Through Picture Books."

Gunderson, who has taught for 24 years in Chicago Public Schools, says one of the best parts about Boundless Readers is having the chance to choose the books specifically for the students in her classroom — to get away from the one-size-fits-all mentality that can pervade large school systems.

Gunderson says the $100 yearly classroom stipend assigned by the district to each teacher is barely enough to cover her "sticker budget," making programs like Boundless Readers indispensable.

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Gregoire Klees-Johnson '89 and Bottum have followed similar paths since college — both attended the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, and Klees-Johnson is now a board member at Boundless Readers.

"Both of us are entrepreneurs: I'm an educational entrepreneur and Sam is a social entrepreneur," says Klees-Johnson, who with his wife, Kristine, co-founded Bubbles Academy, an early childhood education center in Chicago.

A former class president, Klees-Johnson lauds his alma mater for empowering students to "govern themselves," which he believes directly contributes to the development of

effective leaders. He says Bottum's leadership has helped Boundless Readers become a national model that has received the support of President Barack Obama and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, the former CEO of Chicago Public Schools.

"It's really hard to grasp the idea of a school where children often don't have access to books," Klees-Johnson says. "But that is a reality in far too many children's lives here in Chicago and in other major cities across the country."

On a recent visit to a Boundless Readers teacher's classroom in a tough neighborhood on the South Side of Chicago, Klees-Johnson found a classroom filled with books — 80 percent from Boundless Readers, the rest from the teacher's own savings. The school couldn't afford to pay a librarian, he says.

When he asked the students in that class to tell him about their favorite books, one child immediately pulled out a book about Benjamin Banneker, an African-American mathematician and astronomer famous for creating some of America's very first almanacs.

"The enthusiasm of these children comes from the teacher's enthusiasm about reading and books," Klees-Johnson says, adding that a year ago that teacher had considered quitting because she was disillusioned by the public school system.

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In order to reach teachers and, in turn, children, Bottum believes in nurturing the whole person — which means giving them ample opportunity to learn, grow and collaborate in various arenas.

"In our world, there are endless needs and voids to be addressed."

— Sam Bottum '89

When Bottum was at Connecticut College, he had the chance to learn and grow in many different directions. He was an activist, helping to raise money to send non-white students in South Africa to college at the height of apartheid. He was a house president, a volunteer at New London's B.P. Learned Center, and a champion for greater student responsibility in academic leadership: He helped establish an SGA Chair of Academic Affairs.

"I think what's great about Connecticut College is it's about the whole person, inside and outside the classroom," he says.

While at the Kellogg School, Bottum and three classmates co-founded a civic engagement organization called Kellogg Corps that continues to help international NGOs to this day. He also co-chaired Kellogg's community service organization, Business With a Heart, and went on to work at General Mills, where he co-founded Community Capital Alliance, with a core mission of educating and engaging young professionals about and with nonprofits in the community.

Today, in addition to his work at Boundless Readers, he serves on the board of Thresholds, one of the nation's most successful and respected providers of services for people with severe mental illness.

Bottum says in all his ventures his strength comes through collaborating with others. It's the same philosophy he brings to his role at Boundless Readers.

"A big part of what we are building in schools is effective professional community and collaboration among educators," Bottum says.

He originally began at Boundless Readers as a board member and fell in love with the organization.

"The children in the Chicago Public Schools should have the same opportunities as you and I have had," Bottum says, "to become lifelong readers, learners and thinkers, and to be able to attend the Connecticut Colleges of the world and lead successful lives — academically, socially, economically." •

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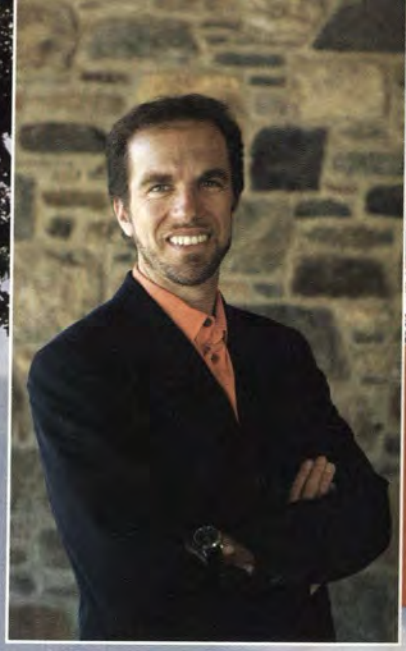
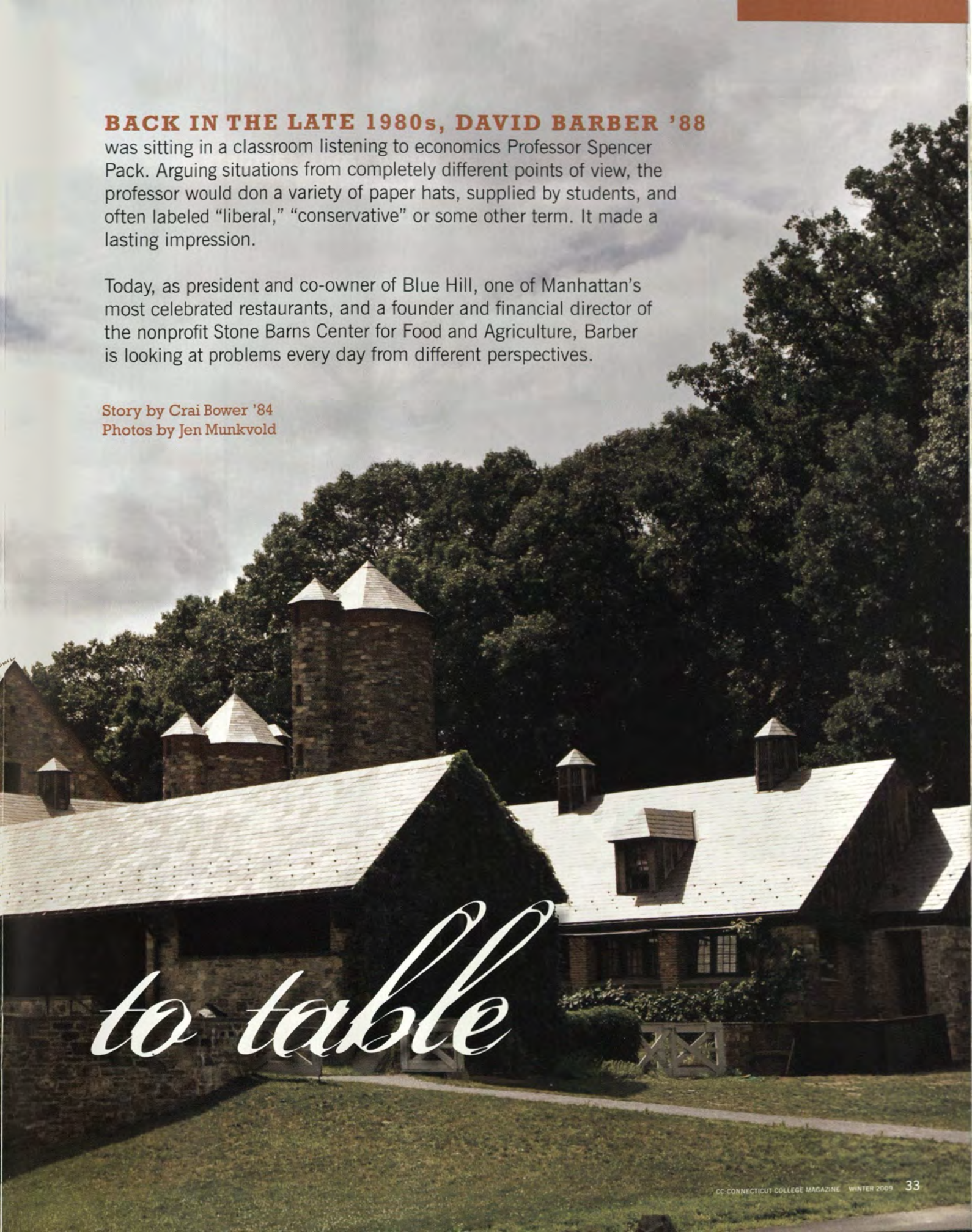
SAM BOTTUM '89, COO OF BOUNDLESS READERS, WITH JALEN, CHRISHON, TANIA AND JULIA, CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO BENEFIT FROM HIS EFFORTS TO INSPIRE A LOVE OF READING.



DAVID BARBER '88 tills macroeconomics lessons into the new food movement

From farm



to table

BACK IN THE LATE 1980s, DAVID BARBER '88 was sitting in a classroom listening to economics Professor Spencer Pack. Arguing situations from completely different points of view, the professor would don a variety of paper hats, supplied by students, and often labeled "liberal," "conservative" or some other term. It made a lasting impression.

Today, as president and co-owner of Blue Hill, one of Manhattan's most celebrated restaurants, and a founder and financial director of the nonprofit Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture, Barber is looking at problems every day from different perspectives.

Story by Crai Bower '84
Photos by Jen Munkvold

"Watching how all these small farmers had to change their livelihoods as they went out of business influenced us greatly." *— David Barber '88*

BLUE HILL AT STONE BARNS OFFERS A DINING EXPERIENCE WITH EVERYTHING BUT A MENU: DINERS SELECT FROM A LIST OF INGREDIENTS OF THE "BEST OFFERINGS FROM FIELD AND MARKET."

WHILE DAVID BARBER'S college classmates took off to New York City and Boston for weekend getaways, he'd invite some friends to his late grandmother's Blue Hill Farm in the Berkshire Mountains. Barber and his brother, Dan, had spent summers on the farm, working with a neighboring farmer who leased their pastures to raise Black Angus cattle.

Barber became so enamored of the agrarian lifestyle he moved there upon graduation, though a lack of peers in the rural community led him back to his native New York. When he and Dan decided to open a restaurant in lower Manhattan, choosing the name was obvious. Today, Blue Hill, a beacon in the farm-to-table culinary movement, has carried the Barbers back to the gentlewoman's farm at the top of Blue Hill Road — and beyond.

"Our memories of working (with the neighboring farmers) gave my brother and me a level of comfort in going into business with one another," Barber says. "Watching how all these small farmers had to change their livelihoods as they went out of business also influenced us greatly."

The brothers first collaborated when Dan decided to move his catering business from their father's Manhattan apartment ("The co-op board had tired of food trays flying through the lobby," David laughs) to a downtown restaurant where Dan could cook and showcase his food by serving dinner to potential clients. Blue Hill was born.

"I'd moved back to New York to work for a corporate productions business but left when it became clear the catering business and restaurant would require a business manager," says David, who majored in economics.

Founded in 2000, the Greenwich Village restaurant generated a buzz that escalated quickly. Diners praised Dan's culinary innovations like This Morning's Farm Egg and farm-to-table celebrations such as Hudson Valley Duck. The brothers also assumed greater roles within the growing locavore movement. Pioneered by Alice Waters, the philosophy places emphasis on organic ingredients cultivated by local, family farms.

One frequent Blue Hill diner was David Rockefeller, whose wife, Peggy, advocated for small farms until her death in 1996. Like the Barbers, the Rockefeller patriarch relished his respites outside the city at his family's Westchester County estate, which included the Stone Barns, a small dairy farm built to provide milk to the main house. Peggy Rockefeller cherished the Norman-styled barns, but they were in limbo when her widower approached the brothers.

"Mr. Rockefeller worried the barns would be torn down if he deeded them to the adjacent Rockefeller State Park Preserve," David Barber recalls. "But the cost to renovate for the sole sake of saving pretty buildings proved prohibitive. He was looking for a worthy reason to justify the investment. He also knew he wanted to include a restaurant if he saved the buildings, so he approached us. We were given a shot to spell out our vision of the working farm-to-table education center, and he liked what he heard."

Though working with Rockefeller held obvious appeal, Barber remained concerned about the business model.

"We were definitely worried we'd get lost in this project," he says. "But to create an agricultural education center upon a sacred piece of land within 30 minutes of 30 million people was too amazing an opportunity to pass up."

AT LEAST 50 PERCENT of restaurants fail, often due to poor business practices, and competition in New York City may be the fiercest on Earth. Yet in just five years, Barber transformed his brother's catering business into a preeminent Manhattan restaurant (the Obamas chose Blue Hill for their New York "date night" last spring) and opened another restaurant, Blue Hill at Stone Barns. He also became a founding board member of the nonprofit Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture.

Transitioning from competitive restaurateur to nonprofit adviser appears overwhelming at first glance, but this new hat fits Barber well. He credits Spencer Pack with teaching him to study every business situation from several perspectives.

"The Stone Barns was a very challenging proposition, as I wasn't ready to head a nonprofit," Barber says. "I wanted to develop the Blue Hill Farm national brand, but I trace my greater understanding of the situation back to Professor Pack's lessons.

"Pack would teach the same subject matter or policy problem from several angles," Barber adds. "He would literally put on different hats to teach from a supply-side view or a demand-side view. He would then convincingly argue that one view was the path to take until both sides sounded right. Because of his methodology, I developed the ability to look at a problem and understand the different angles."

Today, Stone Barns' farmers sell their harvest directly to Blue Hill, which commits to buying any produce that goes unsold at local farmer's markets. Children arrive at the center by the busload, where they pick their food and prepare it in the Blue Hill kitchen. Adult classes are growing like zucchini as well.

"On a personal level, we are going back to Blue Hill Farm with tons of ideas about how to renew our family farm, where we now have an active dairy farm, and also how to engage the Great Barrington community," Barber says. "We still have national ambitions as a brand, but the heart and soul of our company resides on 140 acres off Blue Hill Road." ■

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in TUNE

THREE ALUMNI FIND THEIR LIFE'S WORK IN MUSIC

Singing cabaret in New York nightclubs. Teaching music students at a university, conducting big bands and playing with symphonies. Writing songs that take a stand for the environment and against destructive mining practices. Meet three very different Connecticut College alumni who have built their careers and their lives around music.

1 ANDREW MCKNIGHT '89

Singer, songwriter, guitarist
www.andrewmcknight.net

Driving home to Virginia's Shenandoah Valley from a gig in Asheville, N.C., Andrew McKnight '89 found himself contemplating the links between his major at Connecticut College and his compulsion to write songs about the Earth.

"I didn't major in chemistry to become a chemist," McKnight says. "I knew I wanted to be an environmental engineer and saw chemistry as a springboard to that."

While working at an environmental consulting engineering firm, McKnight began building a following, one listener at a time, for his Appalachian-flavored folk. Affecting listeners with his songs — about love, fatherhood, the future of the planet — proved to be so satisfying that McKnight decided to make a go of a full-time music career in 1996.

Organizations like the Charlotte Folk Society praise his "ability to mix history, traditional themes and environmental concerns in an evocative, rootsy musical blend."

McKnight is speaking out — or singing out — against mountaintop removal coal mining, in part through "Made by Hand," written by McKnight and band mate Les Thompson, a founder of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. The song is featured on "Still Moving Mountains: The Journey Home," a compilation CD released this year to publicize the devastating environmental effects of mountaintop removal.

McKnight, who released his latest CD, "Something Worth Standing For," in 2008, relishes an intimate house concert performing for two dozen attentive listeners as much as a standing-room-only gig before hundreds at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage.

"I am a pretty lucky guy who writes songs about the crazy times we live in," he says.

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2 CHRIS VADALA MA'73

Professor of music, saxophonist, conductor, http://chrisvadala.com

Chris Vadala MA'73 found himself on tour with jazz musician Chuck Mangione shortly after his graduation. He stayed on for 13 years of international touring, garnering two Grammy awards, an Emmy and even a Golden Globe with the band.

Traveling the globe with Mangione, whose 1978 hit "Feels So Good" introduced legions of listeners to contemporary jazz, and sharing the stage with such greats as Dizzy Gillespie, Aretha Franklin and Placido Domingo, Vadala played everything from piccolo to baritone saxophone.

"I had a teacher who thought it was important for saxophone players to also play the clarinet and the flute because of the performance opportunities (those skills) would open up," Vadala says.

As a music professor at the University of Maryland, College Park, where he also conducts three big bands, Vadala requires the same of his students.

Teaching and performing have always been complementary and essential components of Vadala's art. "I teach sax and woodwind lessons, conduct, oversee the jazz studies program and take part in faculty meetings," he says, describing a typical week. From Thursday night through Sunday he performs with groups such as the Smithsonian Masterworks Jazz Orchestra and the Syracuse Symphony.

Vadala, whose wife is Kathleen Cooper Vadala '72, seeks to ground his students in the music business as well as foster their understanding of the jazz genre. Fielding requests from across the university and beyond for musicians to play at various functions, he farms out these gigs to students, who value the chance to perform.

"Sure, you hear that the economy has nailed the arts as hard as anything else, but I have students who are working (gigs) all weekend," he says.

3 MARY FOSTER CONKLIN '79

Singer, www.maryfosterconklin.com

I was a lazy actor, but I'm a pretty happy singer," says jazz singer Mary Foster Conklin '79, who majored in theater and minored in English.

Other than a stint performing with a student punk band called Vacant Lot, Conklin was more apt to be found during her years in New London in a dramaturgy class with Linda Herr than singing behind a microphone. Later, "I realized I preferred singing standards to punk, because you could hear the lyrics," she says with a chuckle.

These days, Conklin — a New York-based performer whom *The New York Times* describes as "a highly creative singer whose style blends cabaret and jazz so thoroughly as to defy any easy categorization" — studies the Great American Songbook, whose composers range from George Gershwin to Matt Dennis.

"I had a lot of stage fright in acting, but none (while singing) in clubs," says Conklin, a Tenafly, N.J., native whose mother and grandmother are alumnae. Still, there's no small amount of theater in Conklin's shows as she interprets the songs of decades past.

Conklin relishes the search for old material almost as much as she enjoys performing. Her most recent CD, "Blues for Breakfast: Remembering Matt Dennis," is a tribute to a songwriter whose body of work threatens to be lost forever as publishers overlook his little-known gems in favor of hits like 1953's "Angel Eyes."

"I went to the Library of Congress and found a box of Dennis's material," she says, recalling the discovery as a Christmas morning-like rush. "Making that recording was such a joy."

BURKE HEFFNER

by Amy Rogers Nazarov '97

Faculty research shines

Professors have won more than $7.4 million in grants since the start of the Campaign

BRUCE BRANCHINI

BOB MACDONNELL

›HOW DO ROBOTS LEARN?

What types of after-school activities benefit high school students most?

How does cancer metastasize?

Since the start of the Campaign for Connecticut College, faculty have won more than $7.4 million to research questions like these in the sciences, humanities and arts.

The 82 awards — including more than $1.6 million since the beginning of summer 2009 — have gone to professors in virtually every one of the College's academic departments.

The funding has come from both public and private sources, such as the National Science Foundation, NASA, the National Institutes of Health, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the state of Connecticut.

"The scope of these awards speaks to the excellence of our faculty members, who are on the cutting edge of research in their fields and bring their expertise into the classroom every day," President Lee Higdon says. "These grants also complement our long-standing practice of offering students opportunities for real, meaningful research with professors."

Research also shapes and changes the way professors teach, says Roger Brooks, dean of the faculty. "The resonations of faculty research in the classroom affect every student on campus," he says. "This is every bit as true in the humanities, social sciences and arts as it is in the sciences."

Some examples of research awards:

Bruce Branchini, the Hans and Ella McCollum '21 Vahlteich Professor of Chemistry, is studying the feasibility of using bioluminescent materials, like those found in fireflies and jellyfish, in military applications. The naturally occurring enzymes — no batteries required — could theoretically be used, for example, to temporarily mark a landing strip with biodegradable materials.

Martha Grossel, associate professor of biology, is researching unchecked cellular division that is associated with cancer. Her awards have included one from the National Institutes of Health to study a particular protein that may be a factor in the development and spread of tumors that cause brain cancer.

For the NIH grant, Grossel studied a protein that might play a role in blocking cell specialization. "It turns out this is important not only for development but also in the disease of cancer, where tumor cells are often undifferentiated," she says.

Robots designed and built by the students of **Gary Parker**, associate professor of computer science and chair of the department, are helping researchers understand how computers "learn" to adapt to their environment.

Parker's student researchers co-authored 21 papers on robotics between 2004 and 2009. Working in the lab, said Basar Gulcu '08, "was like a dream come true, but I hadn't dreamed this far. … We have the opportunity to apply what we have learned in the courses to do graduate level research."

Two history professors, **Eileen Kane** and **Sarah Queen**, won National Endowment for the Humanities fellowships this summer: Queen is translating and interpreting an ancient Chinese text and Kane will be on sabbatical in 2010 to finish a book on the Russian hajj, a first-ever history of the Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca in tsarist Russia. — *Barbara Nagy*

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Tanaha Simon '13

First recipient of Soderberg Scholarship

›IN THE MIDDLE OF A stressful day at school in Osgood, Ind., last spring, Tanaha Simon '13 got the call from her mother.

A letter had arrived from Connecticut College.

Simon was excited but nervous — and not eager to hear what the contents might be. Then her mother told her that "The Fat Envelope" was printed on the outside.

"I got in!" Simon exclaimed, wiping tears from her eyes and hugging a confused friend who could hear only half of the conversation.

Simon is the first four-year recipient of a scholarship created last year with a $1.5 million gift from Elsa Allyn Soderberg '67. The endowed fund supports outstanding students who could not otherwise afford to enroll at Connecticut College.

Soderberg lives in Batesville, Ind., with her husband, Peter Soderberg, the president and CEO of Hill-Rom Co. The endowed scholarship gives first priority to students whose parents work at Hill-Rom and to students from Indiana, especially Batesville and Oldenberg. Simon's mother, Janice Simon, is an employee in the company's marketing department.

When Janice Simon heard about the scholarship, she suggested that her daughter research the College. Looking online, Tanaha Simon was impressed by the College's selectivity in admitting students — and by the campus. "That's really pretty," she told her mother as they looked at photos.

Until then, Simon figured she'd go to Ball State University. But Connecticut College looked like a great opportunity.

She met with an admission rep who came to Indiana and then spent a weekend on campus in November, staying overnight in a residence hall, talking with students and faculty, and attending a play.

Simon loved it. The campus felt right. "It was beautiful," she said. "It looked exactly like the pictures."

Simon drove to Connecticut with her parents for Orientation. She's enjoying her classes, including a first-year seminar, "Moving through Gender and Race," with Adele Meyers. After her undergraduate work — Simon is leaning toward majoring in English — she might go to law school.

She doesn't expect to get home often, but that's OK. She's ready to be on her own and glad to be at Connecticut College. She's also looking forward to meeting Soderberg.

"This is something I never thought would happen," Simon says. "I'm so happy!" — *Barbara Nagy*

BARBARA NAGY

Kohn is new Campaign chair

›WHEN BARBARA SHATTUCK KOHN '72 retired as chair of the Board of Trustees in June, she said she wanted to stay involved with her alma mater.

The College was quick to take notice and asked Kohn to fill a new role: chairing the Campaign for Connecticut College.

"Connecticut College has always been near to my heart. It was exciting to see the College advance as chair of the Board," Kohn says. "As chair of the Campaign I look forward to having a more direct role in that aspect of the College's governance."

Kohn succeeds James S. Berrien '74, who became chair of the Trustees July 1.

Berrien says Kohn's strong experience, her knowledge of the College and her loyalty to her alma mater make her an ideal Campaign chair. She is a tireless volunteer and a generous supporter.

"Barbara believes in the institution and always has the best interests of the College at heart," President Lee Higdon says. "She was a very strong leader as chair of the Board and she will be an inspiring leader for the Campaign."

Kohn has supported the College with gifts for the Goodwin-Niering Center for Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies, the Barbara Zaccheo Kohn '72 Professorship, science initiatives and the Annual Fund.

When she retired from the Board of Trustees after 13 years of service, Kohn was lauded for her integrity and for being fair, tough-minded and thoughtful.

The Campaign, launched publicly in October 2008, seeks to raise $200 million by 2013. — *Barbara Nagy*

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Jean Tempel '65 endows scholarship in honor of Barbara Kohn '72

›JEAN CURTIN TEMPEL '65, former vice chair of the Board of Trustees, has donated $500,000 to endow a scholarship in honor of Barbara Shattuck Kohn '72, immediate past chair of the Board.

"This scholarship is to recognize Barbara Kohn's tremendous leadership, under which the College has strengthened and flourished," Tempel said. "Her enthusiasm and supportive style recognized the efforts of trustees, faculty, administration, alumni and students and she rallied everyone together. Connecticut College is fortunate to have had such a strong, affirmative and engaged board chair."

The Kohn Scholarship will be given to a student who is involved in community service, displays strong leadership skills and demonstrates an interest in the sciences.

"Connecticut College is dedicated to expanding access for deserving students through financial aid, and we are very grateful for Jean Tempel's support and generous gift," said Martha Merrill '84, dean of admission and financial aid.

Students eligible for the Kohn Scholarship include those accepted into the Science Leaders Program. Launched in 2007 with a National Science Foundation grant, the program is designed to increase the number of women and minority students graduating from Connecticut College with a degree and research experience in the sciences. Students admitted to the program benefit from additional mentoring and support, career preparation and counseling, and assistance applying to graduate and medical school. — *Amy Martin*

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- *You must be at least 70½ on the date of transfer*
- *Your gift must be outright (not to a deferred plan, such as an annuity)*
- *Your gift must be transferred directly from your IRA administrator to the College*
- *You pay no income tax on the withdrawal, but also can't take a charitable deduction*
- *The transfer counts toward your reunion gift or your Annual Fund gift*

FOR MORE INFO: Contact Bill O'Neil, director of major gifts and planned giving, at 860-439-2414 or william.oneil@conncoll.edu. Or go to www.conncoll.planyourlegacy.org

Thank-you note sparks an unexpected friendship

Joan Robertson '38 and Erin Osborn '10 are new pen pals

›IN A TIME WHEN E-MAIL and Facebook make letter-writing seem like a dying art, Joan Robertson '38 found a new pen pal in the Twitter generation: Erin Osborn '10, who exchanges letters with her almost every other week.

Their friendship started before Osborn spent her summer abroad in Spain, an experience that was funded by the Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts (CISLA).

Before CISLA students left the country, each was asked to write a thank-you note to one of the donors who helped make their internships possible. Osborn was given the address of Robertson, who had started the Robertson Endowed International Studies Fund in 1998.

"We couldn't take these trips without the help of the donors, so I was happy to thank one," Osborn says. "What surprised me was when Joan wrote back."

Osborn and Robertson quickly became friends over mail. Robertson wrote about her family and sent a photo of them. She told Osborn about her grandson, who had spent time in Spain as an exchange student, and Osborn wound up having lunch with his host mother. "It was really sweet of Joan to put me in touch with her," Osborn says.

Meanwhile, Osborn sent postcards of Plaza Mayor, where she stayed in Madrid; wrote about the friends she made abroad; and discussed her internship at Presencia Gitana, where she worked to ensure equal rights for Gypsies, also called Roma.

"It was fascinating to read about that," Robertson says. "Erin was very empathetic to their causes."

When Osborn arrived in Spain, she was shocked by the prejudice Europeans hold toward Roma — and the rights the Roma weren't aware they had. Even though Roma had access to health care, they didn't feel like they could take advantage of it.

"A big part of our work was Gypsy outreach," Osborn says. "We hoped to make them feel more comfortable and educate them about programs such as health care."

Robertson, who is very passionate about international affairs and equal rights, says it's great that Osborn took advantage of an opportunity to study abroad.

"I've done a lot of traveling through Rotary International, and your eyes really open on those trips," Robertson says.

When her classmate Florence McConnell Knudsen '38 suggested more than a decade ago that Robertson give back to the College by helping to fund CISLA programs, Robertson jumped at the chance. As an international affairs enthusiast — Robertson remembers 1945 as not just the year she married but also the year the Charter of the United Nations was signed — Robertson was glad to support the center.

"Coming east to Connecticut College from Milwaukee was a great and different experience for me," says Robertson, who loved learning from scholars like Catherine Oakes, associate professor of English. "You appreciate more and more what the school has done for you as the years go on."

Thanks to her CISLA internship, Osborn, who plans to apply to medical school in two years, has a job offer to work at Presencia Gitana next year.

"I haven't decided if I'll go back yet, but it was a really great place to work," Osborn says. "My coworkers really appreciated their successes and were so excited about their jobs. It really made me want to be happy in my career, too."

Robertson and Osborn continue to communicate solely through letters for now, but Robertson has extended an open invitation to her pen pal to visit her in Milwaukee, which Osborn hopes to take her up on one day. — *Rachel Harrington*

ERIN OSBORN '10, SHOWN HERE IN SEGOVIA, SPAIN, COMPLETED A CISLA INTERNSHIP IN MADRID LAST SUMMER. ABOVE: JOAN ROBERTSON '38

Why I Give

TO CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Richard H. Goodwin (1910-2007)

Katharine Blunt Professor Emeritus of Botany

A beloved professor and longtime supporter of Connecticut College, Richard H. Goodwin joined the faculty in 1944 and was active on campus as a teacher and mentor for more than 60 years. He was 96 when he died in 2007.

Professor Goodwin was also a longtime supporter of the College. The College recently received his bequest of $250,000 to support the library and the Arboretum endowment.

A lifelong love of botany: During a trip across the United States in 1924, Goodwin was struck by Minnesota's bleak deforested landscape and decided to go into forestry. "I loved the outdoors and wild places and had thought that by entering that field I might be able to contribute toward the rehabilitation of devastated country," he wrote later. The interest led to a career melding botany and land conservation.

Education: B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard. His doctoral dissertation was on the morphology of goldenrod.

A national leader in land preservation: Goodwin was a pioneering conservationist, an accomplished botanist and a founding member of The Nature Conservancy, serving twice as its president.

The Connecticut College connection: President Katharine Blunt, who created the Arboretum as a research lab for students in 1931, recruited Goodwin to the faculty 12 years later as its second director. He was intrigued by the possibilities and said yes.

Goodwin quadrupled the size of the Arboretum, recognizing land ownership as the most effective method of preservation. He and his wife, Esther, frequently contributed their own money for these purchases and purchases that expanded other Connecticut preserves. Goodwin also was instrumental in establishing the College's environmental studies program — one of the first of its kind nationally at an undergraduate institution.

The most pressing global environmental issues: Goodwin believed overpopulation, nuclear energy, global warming and the water supply were most critical. "We think in terms of the next 25 years," he said. "We don't think of the next 25,000 years."

What can we do? Live more simply, Goodwin said.

Why the bequest? Goodwin was passionate about conservation and wanted to help the College preserve the Arboretum, which now encompasses 750 acres. He informed the College in a 1986 letter that he intended to make the gift. "The Arboretum," he said, "has become one of the College's truly unique educational and aesthetic assets."

AS CO-EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF A REALITY PROGRAM, ALEX KATZ '96 TURNS HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF FOOTAGE INTO WEEKLY EPISODES ON NBC.

Alex Katz '96

Nine million people see his work on 'The Biggest Loser'

›LIKE THE PARTICIPANTS IN HIS REALITY SHOW, Alex Katz '96 is always working to trim down.

As co-executive producer of the popular reality show "The Biggest Loser," Katz condenses hundreds of hours of footage into 83-minute episodes to bring out the sometimes emotional, often-inspiring stories of the contestants competing to lose weight. He oversees the editing of up to five shows at a time.

"The feedback for this show is different from others I've worked on," Katz says. "People will tell me that they're losing weight or joining weight-loss groups because of it. It's very rewarding."

Katz was already well-known in the reality TV circuit, working on shows like "Hell's Kitchen," "The Bachelor" and "Beauty and the Geek," when he got the chance to become co-executive producer of "The Biggest Loser."

"I really wanted to work on a show with a greater purpose and found that here," he says. "It's not your typical reality show."

Part of what makes "The Biggest Loser" unique is how involved the audience is. Episodes offer healthy tips on losing weight for viewers at home; for example, chewing gum can help prevent food cravings. Fans have started their own Biggest Loser clubs in an effort to live healthier lifestyles — even 3 Ball Productions, the production company Katz works for, has one — and still others visit the show's Web site for recipes and training advice.

Katz, an English and theater major, found his first job in the television and film industry as an undergrad, working with a production company in New York City he found through the College's career center, the Office of Career Enhancing Life Skills.

Even though Connecticut College didn't offer a film major while Katz was a student (a film studies major is now available), he says he's no less enthusiastic about his education. He adds that students can go to a small liberal arts college and still be successful in television.

"I didn't get lost in the masses and was able to get really involved early on," he says. "I couldn't have asked for anything more."

Though it can be difficult to get started in the film and television industry, Katz says the theory of getting a big break is a myth. "Something I picked up at Connecticut College was that if you put in the time, you can move up, just like anything else in life," he says.

Co-executive producer Todd Lubin can attest to Katz's work ethic. On the set of "The Biggest Loser," Katz is known for his organizational skills. Lubin says the crew often comments on the board in Katz's office showing the schedules of the many editors he oversees, joking that Katz looks like he's planning a military operation, not a TV show.

"Many would say that the most important part of reality television is editing," Lubin says. "Alex has an extremely difficult job, but he keeps his head on straight and does great work." — *Rachel Harrington*

Cathy Layne Frank '64

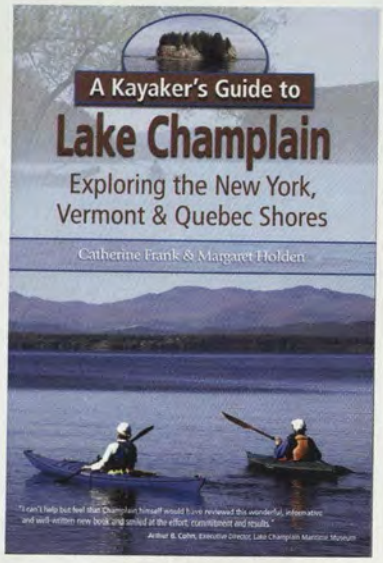
She kayaked Lake Champlain — and with her book, she hopes to save it

›SINCE 1974, CATHY LAYNE Frank '64 has summered on Grand Isle, Vt., in Lake Champlain. An avid cyclist, cross-country skier and hiker, it was only a matter of time until she took up kayaking. "When you have something as gorgeous as Lake Champlain at your doorstep it's hard not to do," she says.

A few years ago Frank decided to kayak around her island, a distance of over 40 miles. While at the grocery store buying supplies for the first of several day trips, she ran into Margy Holden, a fellow island resident, who recalls saying, "'That sounds like fun. Can I join you?' One island led to another and we didn't want to stop."

More than 700 miles and three years later, Frank and Holden had circumnavigated the lake's major islands and finally the lake itself. Along the way they started blogging about their experience for the Lake Champlain Land Trust, of which Frank was chair. Peter Espenshade, the executive director of the land trust at the time, read every post. "The genius of the blog was it didn't focus on anything — it was about everything. It presented a multifaceted picture of the lake," he says. He encouraged the women to write a book. Holden says, "I think he thought we would just put our blog in a book, but we had more grandiose ideas."

Frank is the first to admit that the title of the book, *A Kayaker's Guide to Lake Champlain* (Black Dome Press, 2009), "is a marketing thing.



A kayaker's guide will get buyers." Their true mission was to write about the lake itself — its history, ecology and geology — and convince readers to support its conservation. Espenshade says the authors succeeded. "(Frank and Holden) really find a way to capture the entirety of Lake Champlain in a very full way that is very deeply satisfying," he says.

The guide includes descriptions of 50 paddles, all day trips ranging from 5 to 22 miles, each written by Frank or Holden. They are much more than instructions of how to get from point A to point B. With each chapter, the retelling of their journey reads like a conversation as their personalities shine through — like Frank's droll accounts of her partner's attire (Wellies that make her look "like Mary Poppins with a paddle") or her own (a sodden life jacket in a nice restaurant).

Frank, a computer consultant and Web site designer, says she never saw herself as a writer, and had "no idea how hard it would be" to write a book. But she and Holden "discovered that our background knowledge complemented each other. … She's a better naturalist, I picked up on geology.

CATHY FRANK '64, LEFT, AND MARGY HOLDEN PADDLED 750 MILES OVER THREE SUMMERS TO WRITE *A KAYAKER'S GUIDE TO LAKE CHAMPLAIN.*

(As we wrote) we traded off on what we got good at." Now they are eager to do it all again. This fall they started their next project, kayaking all the navigable rivers and creeks that feed into the lake.

While *A Kayaker's Guide to Lake Champlain* will entertain the armchair adventurer, it will inspire most readers to get on the water, like the 77-year-old woman who told Frank she kayaked for the first time because of the book. "It made my day," Frank says.
— *Phoebe Hall*

www.kayakinglakechamplain.com

Charles E. Roberts '76

'Book nut' turns his passion into a business

›EVERY FORMER ENGLISH MAJOR LIKES TO KEEP a small library on hand — usually on crowded bookshelves and an ever-present stack by the bedside. But how many can say they own more than 6 million books?

Chuck Roberts '76's collection is so huge that it moves by forklift. As president of Wonder Book, a company that buys and sells millions of new and used books each year, Roberts' life is all about books.

"I was a book nut as a kid. It all started in elementary school when I began buying from the Scholastic Book Club," he recalls.

He says Connecticut College fueled his love of books. "For me a liberal arts education worked very well because I know a little bit about a lot of things."

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In 1980, when Wonder Book started in a small retail store, Roberts had one employee: himself. In 1997 he started selling books on the Internet. He now has three retail locations and 54,000 square feet of books in his warehouse in Frederick, Md. Sometimes he moves books by the foot, selling to recreate libraries on movie sets or a Broadway stage. Large orders get shipped to literacy efforts overseas. At other times he fills orders for rare collectibles.

So what is Roberts' prediction for the future of books? They're going to be around for a very long time. — *Lisa Brownell*

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Behan Fravel Gifford '92

She and her family are sailing into the great blue yonder

›THEY SOLD THEIR FURNITURE, GAVE FAMILY photos to parents to store, rented out their house on Bainbridge Island near Seattle, and quit their jobs.

Then they took the big leap.

Behan Fravel Gifford '92, her husband, Jamie Gifford, and their three children set off in a 47-foot sloop for a years-long trip down the West Coast, across the Pacific and then to who knows where.

They're moored in the Sea of Cortes, inside the Baja California peninsula, waiting for hurricane season to pass. In March they'll cross 2,800 nautical miles from La Cruz, Mexico, to the Marquesas at the eastern end of French Polynesia.

The Giffords don't know exactly where they'll go after that, how long they'll be gone or when they'll come back. Those decisions, Behan Gifford says, will depend largely on the needs and interests of the children — ages 5, 7 and 10.

To call this the trip of a lifetime misses the point. "This is not a vacation. It is a lifestyle choice," Jamie Gifford says.

The couple met locally: He grew up sailing in Mystic; she was on the sailing team at Connecticut College. They always dreamed of cruising but their plans were deferred by work — he started a business manufacturing and distributing medical equipment for children with special needs and she was an account director at Razorfish.

And it was easy to stay in the Puget Sound area. She has family there, the water and mountains were beautiful, the kids were settled in and the house was comfortable.

"But you kind of wake up one day and — whoa! Where did it all go?" Jamie Gifford says. "You start to realize that nothing's permanent. Why not do this now? Things might not work out later."

It took six years of planning, rearranging lives, selling possessions, finding the right boat, divesting Jamie's business and saving money. But the family moved onto their sloop, Totem, on May 31, 2008, and set off Aug. 21 of that year.

Giving up possessions — jobs, furniture, cars, toys and especially books — was initially hard. "But you kind of get over this hurdle and then it's easy," Behan Gifford says. "It's very liberating."

> **"This is not a vacation. It is a lifestyle choice."**

After San Francisco Bay, the family sailed to Santa Barbara and Ventura before heading to Mexico. Their days are taken up with chores — from doing the laundry to scraping barnacles — watching fish, snorkeling, tracking the weather and enjoying the passage of time. They have a microscope and tools for basic research.

The kids are learning about the world in part from the seas they sail and the ports they visit. Behan Gifford says they are grasping the interdependence of different organisms and elements in ways they never could in a conventional classroom. They understand waste in a new way, for example, because it's hard to get rid of garbage on the boat. They also have to conserve water and have learned they don't need as much "stuff" as they used to have.

"It's some of the best education we can give them right now," she says. — *Barbara Nagy*

www.sv-totem.com

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Blind Eye

Jan Coffey (Nikoo and **Jim McGoldrick** '77)
2009, MIRA Books, $7.99
It's a race against time to stop a Chernobyl-scale disaster in the latest thriller by husband-and-wife team Jan Coffey.

The Case for Congress: Separation of Powers and the War on Terror

Victor M. Hansen and **Lawrence Friedman '89**
2009, Ashgate Publishing Ltd., $89.95
The authors, both New England School of Law professors, argue that Congress failed to exercise its legitimate authority after Sept. 11.

David and Liz: Dancing Through Love

David and **Elizabeth Kruidenier '48**
2007, iUniverse, $24.95
Alternating between two voices, this memoir captures the story of an unlikely love story that lasted nearly 60 years.

Eating for Pregnancy: The Essential Nutrition Guide and Cookbook for Today's Mothers-to-Be

Catherine Grove Jones '86 and Rose Ann Hudson
2009, Da Capo Press, $16.95
This revised and expanded second edition features 150 recipes, each highlighting "What's in this for baby and me?"

In a Cheesemaker's Kitchen

Allison Reisner Hooper '81
2009, The Countryman Press, $19.95
Hooper, cofounder of Vermont Butter & Cheese Co., explains basic cheesemaking and shares recipes from some of today's top chefs.

It's Not All Flowers and Sausages: My Adventures in Second Grade

Mrs. Mimi (**Jennifer Monroe Scoggin '00**)
2009, Kaplan Publishing, $17.95
Scoggin takes on annoying colleagues and kids alike in her entertaining memoir of life as a second-grade teacher in New York City.

Three Splendid Little Wars: The Diary of Joseph K. Taussig, 1898-1901

Edited by **Evelyn M. Cherpak '63**
2009, Naval War College Press, $27
The previously unpublished diaries of this young naval cadet offer unique insight into three turn-of-the-century conflicts.

The Wow Factor

Frances Cole Jones '86
2009, Ballantine Books, $23
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>class notes

Rebecca Anne Serrell '01 and John Edward Cyr '03 married 5/29/09 in Knoxville, TN. More than two dozen Camels, pictured here, attended the wedding.

>KEEP IN TOUCH:

Your classmates would love to hear from you. Send your news to your class correspondent using the deadlines below. If no correspondent is listed for your class, write to Class Notes Editor, *CC: Connecticut College Magazine*, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320, ccmag@conncoll.edu.

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I attended the Sykes Luncheon at Alumni Weekend as the only one from our class. **Harriet Rice Strain and Janet Brown Theroux** had planned to come, but illness prevented them. I counted 68 of our classmates still living, so let's keep on going!

Dorothy Rowand Rapp enjoys living in Charlottesville, near U. of Virginia. Her daughter, Judith Rapp Moss '69, lives nearby with her husband, a retired U.Va. professor. Dorothy is researching former NH politicians at the university's Center for Presidential Affairs. She has published a book, *Don't Say I Can't*, about a cerebral palsy patient. She is impressed with the curriculum offerings at CC.

Shirley Rice Pallucchini lives in the same place in FL and just celebrated her 90th birthday. She has been using a cane or a walker but tries to be active. Although she can't read much because of eye problems, she does enjoy Great Courses on video- and audiotapes. She never enjoyed history in college but now is very interested in learning about the Middle Ages and ancient history.

Florence McKemie Glass is no longer a world traveler but managed a trip to the Mediterranean coast of France last summer. She also took a barge trip and visited many museums and sculpture gardens. She enjoys the opera and theater in St. Louis. One of her children lives in Chapel Hill, and one of her grandsons will be in Oxford and Cambridge with his wife and two children for two years.

Katherine (Krin) Meili Anderton has had heart trouble, undergoing quadruple-bypass surgery and a valve replacement. She still enjoys swimming for exercise. She tried visiting her son in Santa Fe but the altitude made her sick, so she stays in NJ. She still drives and stays active in her community.

Elizabeth Pfeiffer Wilburn moved with her husband to a retirement community in Baltimore, but sadly, he died in '06. There are many planned programs in her community and shopping centers nearby. One son lives in Chevy Chase, another in St. Thomas. Her oldest daughter was married in Jan. Elizabeth celebrated her 90th birthday in Sept.

Evelyn Gilbert Thorner keeps in touch with **Barbara Wynne Secor** and visited her recently. She said all three of her daughters will accompany her to our 70th reunion. (We are looking forward to that!) She was at her grandson's graduation from law school in RI in May and went to Beverly Hills for her oldest grandson's wedding in Aug. A second great-granddaughter arrived in June.

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Many thanks to **Leann Donahue**

'Talk, talk, talk with your fellow alumni'

When job hunting, it helps to network with other Camels

ZACK LOEBEL-FRIED '09 MAY have graduated during an economic recession, but he still found a position working as an analyst for the Manhattan District Attorney's Office only weeks after Commencement. And he gives the College's career office much of the credit.

"They were great in getting information about positions out there," he says.

The Office of Career Enhancing Life Skills (CELS) runs a comprehensive four-year career-development program for students and also offers some services for alumni.

"I receive a steady stream of requests for job search assistance from our alumni, including the desire to connect with other alums for the purpose of networking," says Jack Tinker, senior associate director of CELS. "We always serve a significant number of our graduates, especially those up to five years out, but the volume certainly has increased in this economy." Based on the number of calls and other contacts, this year showed a 13 percent increase.

CELS offers career guidance in many forms, including employment newsletters complete with position listings, access to job search sites, and videos that offer tips on how to interview better or make your resume stand out.

For alumni in particular, the most important thing to do is talk with others, especially other Connecticut College graduates, advises CELS Counselor and Program Coordinator Cheryl Banker '06. Networking can start with the Alumni Online Community (current juniors and seniors also have access) but also includes using sites like LinkedIn and Facebook.

"Talk, talk, talk with your fellow alumni," Banker says. "Remember, you are not directly asking them for a job — they are a resource." Professors, parents and friends also can help, she adds.

During the best of times networking is usually the most effective job search strategy. In an economic downturn, it is essential. A number of graduates who have been laid off are using the Online Community's alumni directory. Job seekers can identify companies they want to work for, and if there are no openings, they can set up an informational interview.

"Having someone inside an organization — who is willing to forward your resume to the appropriate person with a positive recommendation — places you above a person whose resume comes in cold from the outside," Tinker says.

Be creative and stay proactive, Banker adds. One alumna landed a job after striking up a conversation with a woman sitting next to her at an airport. — *Rachel Harrington*

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CAT POON '02, DAWN ELLINGBOE CARLETON '87, JIM FOLGER '05, CAITLIN HABERBERGER '94, JORDANA GUSTAFSON '01, SARAH SCHOELLKOPF '97 AND KNUTE GREGG '94, LEFT TO RIGHT, AT A C.A.M.E.L. NETWORKING EVENT IN SAN FRANCISCO IN OCTOBER.

Alumni value networking

Recent C.A.M.E.L (Camel Alumni: Meet, Exchange, Libate!) networking receptions saw great turnouts in San Francisco, New York City and Boston.

San Francisco's first C.A.M.E.L. event took place Oct. 1 at MR. Barbershop and Urban Lounge. Nearly 40 alumni — from classes of 1971 to 2009 — came to the event, hosted by Alumni Board Director Knute Gregg '94, Jordana Gustafson '01 and Jim Folger '05.

"I thought it was a great success, especially given that it was our first event out here on the West Coast," Gregg said.

In New York, more than 60 alumni met at Legends for a Sept. 16 reception hosted by Alumni Association Director Andrew Bogle '94 and Jennifer Claire Scott '94.

The next night in Boston, about 30 Camels met up at 28 Degrees. "It's nice to see so many people enthusiastic about these events, coming again and valuing the networking," said Alumni Association Director Jamie Bridges '00, who coordinated the gathering with Matt Magida '07.

The attendance continues a trend that started last year, when alumni turned out in droves — up 50 percent from the previous year — for regional events.

Rayburn, who sent the following: "The remarkable U.S. Constitution was ratified on Sept. 17, 1789. In current times, it is often referred to in many political discussions. So, 20 years ago I went to the head of our outstanding two library systems in Shaker Heights, OH, and asked how we could celebrate this ratification and further understand the document. He immediately agreed to move on the idea. So, for the past 20 years, on the Sunday nearest to Sept. 17, we have a public Read Aloud. About 60 of us assemble and we do just that, we read it aloud. In 1939, I was privileged to take Miss Dilley's course on the Constitution, so I am celebrating the document and my splendid Connecticut College education."

Sally Kiskadden McClelland received a response from a letter written to Cameron Moseley some time ago. Sadly, he reports that his wife, **Margaret (Stecky) Stoecker Moseley**, died in '07, not long after the death of their daughter, Peggy. Cameron is in a health facility. Stecky was one of my bridesmaids and I had been trying to locate her for several years. Our belated sympathy to Cameron.

Virginia Chope Richmond recently surprised me with a phone call. She thanked Kay and me for our work on *CC Magazine*. Also, she reported a change of address to an assisted-living facility nearby. Ginny's husband, Paul, died three years ago, and she decided that she did not want to cope with their large house, which needed some repairs. Her next-door neighbor had previously expressed a desire to buy her house if she ever decided it was too much. So, on the day she made that decision, she sold her house! She is still close to the clubs and activities she enjoys.

On a sad note, the College has informed me of the death of two more classmates. **Anne Henry Clark** died on 5/14 and **Thea Dutcher Coburn** on 5/24. We send our sympathy to their friends and families.

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Ann Whitmore Carter of Millsboro, DE, suffered a broken hip in April, so no housekeeping or cooking for her. Her daughter and son live with her and her husband, so they take care of the household chores as well as care for her.

Barbara (Bobbie) Weld McGuire and her husband, a retired professor of engineering at Cornell, have lived in the same house in Ithaca, NY, for 45 years. Bobbie has a breathing problem and is on oxygen.

Billy Mitchell Young lives in a house by herself in Hickory, PA, near Pittsburgh. She has Parkinson's, so it is difficult for her to get around. Meals on Wheels brings her one meal each day, each big enough to make two meals for Billy. Your correspondent got confused about Billy's family, but I think Billy has a daughter who lives "up the street" and keeps an eye on Billy, and sons in Portland, ME, and Rochester, NY. Among her grandchildren are a 33-year-old artist in Seattle who just got her college degree; a grandson in Pittsburgh who specializes in theater lighting and sound effects; and another grandson in Sonoma Valley, CA.

Bunte Mauthe Stone and husband John have been married for 67 years! They live in a condo in Struthers, OH, an old mill town near the PA border, not far from Poland, where Bunte lived before she went off to Connecticut College. Her hobby is knitting scarves for her daughter, who gives them to her kindergarten children as rewards for good behavior — each scarf of a different colored wool and pattern. Bunte has three daughters: one moved into her old home in Poland and has two children; a second lives in Charleston, SC, and has one child; and the schoolteacher is in Baltimore and has three children. The Stones have two great-grandchildren, ages 5 and 7.

When **Ceci Martin Utke-Ramsing**'s widower, Verner, turned 90, their children held a wonderful party for all 200 residents and most of their family at the Navy Marine Corps Coast Guard Retirement Residence in McLean, VA, where we both live. Verner and Ceci were married almost 51 years when she died in '93 while on their boat in Fort Myers, FL. All their children were at Verner's birthday party — Eric, Mark and Sarah. Mark and his wife, Dina, have a son in Holland earning his Ph.D. in renewable energy and a daughter in Wilmington, DE, who makes jewelry and whose husband has a business installing solar panels. They have two little girls, Jade, 8, and Sylvia, a baby named for her grandmother, to Verner's obvious delight. Ceci and Verner's daughter, Sarah, is a high school librarian in Salt Lake City. Her husband is treasurer of a ski resort, and they have two sons, college students in OR and WA.

My husband, Paul, and I meet Verner and four or five other residents in our Vinson Hall swimming pool twice a week for hilarious games of pool volleyball. They are both very good players and can put the ball exactly where they want it to go. I do well just to get it over the net. It is a lot of fun as well as good exercise, both physical and mental, and we laugh and laugh at the funny things that happen.

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Our 65th reunion was truly special. We were happy and thankful to reach such a milestone! We mustered 11 and missed those unable to come. The campus was beautiful — the rhododendrons were at their peak. The Alumni staff went all out in preparation and execution. Michael Burlingame gave an exceptional lecture on his new biography of Abraham Lincoln. The lobster feast was as good as ever, and the class dinner with the Class of '49 was gracious and festive. President Higdon reported the state of the

Kristin Lofblad Sullivan '90 with Matthew Richard Sullivan, born 6/10.

Elsie Vazquez-Long '89 and Colman R. Long '01 married 6/22/08.

Melissa Heggers '01 and Jason Shea '01 with son Robert Connor Shea.

College to be excellent, financially and physically. All in all, there was a mood of excitement and celebration!

Here is news of those at Reunion: **Gellestrina (Tina) DiMaggio** is class president for the next five years — thank you, Tina. She volunteers for Beacon Hill Village, a group that strives to keep people in their homes by providing physical and social assistance.

Mary Jean Moran Hart had been undecided about attending, "but I knew I'd feel sorry not to make the effort to go." She toured all over campus, taking photos everywhere.

Virginia (Passy) Passavant Henderson missed the Sykes Luncheon (featuring a presentation on jazz in American history) but arrived in time for the lobster feast. Passy is still busy as a real estate broker.

Edith (Edie) Miller Kerrigan had been ill but made the effort to come on Saturday. Later in the summer she went to ME for her annual family vacation.

Elise (Ellie) Abrahams Josephson arrived "together with wheeled walker," as she said. She got around nicely to all events with it.

Dorothy (Dottie) Raymond Mead was elected vice president of the class — thank you, Dottie! She came with husband Si, both committed to the College, in part because of the financial aid she received.

Reunion Chair **Frances (Franny) Smith Minshall** had everything running smoothly. We were particularly appreciative that she arranged golf carts and vans to transport us "limping ones" around campus. Thanks, Franny!

Lucretia (Teeto) Lincoln Stanley arrived first thing with that big smile of hers and with her brother, Crawford, and his wife, Ann. Teeto's husband is visually impaired, so he can't drive but otherwise keeps active.

Alice Carey Weller and her husband were with us as part of an eastern trip to visit family and friends. They continued on to AK for family graduations.

Mariana Parcells Wagoner, our "forever pres.," is retiring. We owe her hearty and fond thanks. She has continually worked at keeping us classmates in touch. Her quote: "I've waited days for this 65th!"

Bridget Bridgwater Hewes and Bill were accompanied by daughter Nancy Hewes Tommaso '72; Nancy's girls, Anne and Laura; and Anne's friend, Barry Mothes — all honorary members of Class of '44 for the weekend. It was exciting for Bridget to receive the Agnes Berkeley Leahy Award. She accepted in the name of all '44ers who have given their time and talent to the College.

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In July **Kate Swift** spent two days at **Elizabeth (Trim) Trimble Crosman**'s family summer camp on China Lake, ME, some 50 miles inland from coastal Georgetown, where Kate has spent most summers for 80-plus years. Trim is happily retired from her long-time job with the city of San Francisco. Trim's daughter, Margot, and her husband also visited, as well as son Bob and his children. Trim and Kate agreed to meet again next spring at our 65th Reunion.

Kate volunteers with Equality Maine, working to retain the new law, passed by the state legislature and signed by the governor in May, that gives same-sex couples the right to marry. The law was challenged in Nov. through a referendum funded from out of state, but according to Kate, "ME citizens are fair-minded people, and I think the law will stand."

Marjorie (Marje) Lawrence Weidig had a lovely lunch with **Beverly Bonfig Cody** at **Ethel Schall Gooch**'s beach club. Ethel's daughter is home from Malawi and hopes to find a job on the Cape. Everyone in Bev's family is well. Her granddaughter in Chicago is much relieved to know that her soldier husband is home from Iraq.

Mariechen Wilder Smith and Kirk took a three-week trip, "touching a number of bases," starting with a week's cruise on American Cruise Lines from Providence, RI, to Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Block Island, Newport and environs. (These are nostalgic destinations for your correspondent, since George and I owned several boats on which we cruised to some of these areas.) They also visited Kirk's family and **Marjorie (Marje) Lawrence Weidig** on Cape Cod, followed by visits to Lynnfield, MA, and Burlington, VT, to see Mariechen's nephew at his camp on Lake Champlain. At home in NC, Mariechen plays golf on a nine-hole course, and happily reports that her "golf handicap finally went down, five strokes all at one time."

Joyce Stoddard Aronson is well and keeps very busy with the library, her book club, a Bible study, volunteering in the church office, and enjoying her many friends and social doings at her retirement community.

Patricia (Pat) Feldman Whitestone and Dorsey continue to benefit from having Yale, with its lectures, music, theater and masters' teas, as a neighbor and enjoy living on the CT shoreline. Books, book groups, tennis and committee work are Pat's main activities outside of family doings. She has four children and six grandchildren.

Antoinette (Toni) Fenton Tuttle has two new great-grandchildren! Olivia, named after her grandmother, was born to Tania in June, and Wesley was born to grandson Ryan and wife Meagan in July. They were "inundated with rain in CT — 13 inches in June and more than 17 in July, while you in FL were melting." (I must add that rather than sweltering in FL, I was in MI, where we were setting 100-year records for COLD weather.)

Suzanne (Suki) Porter Wilkins had a BIG family party in late June to celebrate her husband's 90th birthday! Fifty-four family members traveled to Cape Cod for this special event. Suki, we'd love to hear more!

Ruth Veevers Mathieu, who is co-chairing our next reunion with **Frances (Fran) Conover Church**, wrote that our 65th reunion dates are June 4-6, 2010. We all should try to attend while we're still

From left, Elizabeth "Babbie" Babbott Conant, Barbara "Bobby" Thompson Stabile and Sara "Bucky" Buck Thompson, Class of '51.

Matthew Maher '00 married Maura Sullivan in Portland, ME, on 9/6/08.

camels IN THE CROWD

Kathryn Bard '68, associate professor of archaeology at Boston University, had a special exhibition of artifacts and finds from the excavation at the 4,000-year-old seaport of Mersa/Wadi Gawasis, Egypt, open at the Egyptian Museum, Cairo, on Dec. 6. She has been co-directing excavations at the site since 2003. Before that she co-directed a 10-year excavation at the ancient capital of Aksum, Ethiopia. Her book, *An Introduction to the Archaeology of Ancient Egypt*, was published in 2008.

Sally Susman '84, senior vice president and chief communications officer of Pfizer Inc. and a College trustee, was named 2009 Communicator of the Year by the New York Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators. "Her work has helped advance the state of our profession and inspires communicators who

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young — think how old we'll be in another five years! You should be receiving reunion updates from the class planning committee. Specific details will be coming in the spring. You can reach Ruth with questions at rmathieu0868@charter.net, or call the Alumni office at 860-439-2400 for her phone number. Ruth writes, "My grandson, Ben Mathieu, will graduate from CC in 2010 — I think that's pretty cool!"

I, **Ann Lelievre Hermann**, can now report that after downsizing I'm so very happy with my new smaller apartment in the same building and near the same friends ... definitely not a traumatic change. In May, my special friend, Al Park, and I enjoyed a 15-day river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest; it was a memorable, once-in-a-lifetime experience. Most important, we stayed healthy and count our blessings.

Sadly, we have lost another classmate. **Suzanne Steffen Scalabrin** passed away on 2/16. We send our sincere condolences to her family.

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On 2/9, **Peggy Walzer Charren** received a nifty pat on the back from Larry Sidman, head of the Association of Public Television Stations, as part of a luncheon ceremony at the Washington, DC, Ritz-Carlton Hotel. The ceremony was attended by representatives from almost every PBS station in the country. Peggy was named the Public Broadcasting Advocate of the Year. The remarks highlighted Peggy's commitment to public TV and how it serves adult and child audiences, and it featured warm salutes from Sen. Ted Kennedy and Rep. Ed Markey, who had worked with Peggy to promote public broadcasting. Definitely a day to remember! Peggy's granddaughter is Hannah Laurel Charren-Diehl '09, whose recent graduation brought back many memories.

Did you know that the College now invites alumni parents and grandparents to present diplomas to their legacy graduates? In May, **Barbara (Babs) Ayers Herbst** had the pleasure of giving granddaughter Becky Molk '09 her degree. "It was a thrill indeed! One of our daughters, Anne Herbst '82, drove Don and me from our home in Summit, NJ, to CT, and we surely enjoyed having her there also." Babs and Anne were both amazed and impressed by the changes on campus.

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Our 60th reunion is close enough to touch! I hope that by now you have contacted all your old friends and arranged to meet them on campus June 4-6, 2010. You will receive full details from the Alumni Office. Come for the whole weekend if you can, or just for a day, or just for the class banquet, whatever is best for you. But COME. Meet and greet classmates, catch up on life stories, stroll around that beautiful campus. See you there!

Sadly, in recent months we have lost several dearly remembered classmates. The Class of '50 extends sympathy to the families of the following: **Charlene Hodges Byrd** of Baltimore, who died 3/16; **Beth Youman Gleick** of New York City, who died 4/14; **Ida (Timmie) Eighmy Lewis** of Mystic, CT, who died 3/6; **Nancy Allen Roberts** of Concord, MA, who died 1/16; and **Mary Clark Shade** of Woodland, CA, who died 1/12.

Full obituaries of each of these friends can be found in the Summer 2009 issue of the magazine.

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A note from **Janet Witter Young** sadly reported the death of **Carol Burnell Raney** on 6/9. Carol lived in Alexandria, VA, and had taught English for many years in several schools in her community. We send sympathy to her husband and four children.

Janet and Bob still play golf, take continuing education classes and do their daily exercises. Their grandson, Clayton Witter '13, hopes to play goalie on the water polo team.

He will have as a classmate **Nancy Libby Peterson**'s granddaughter, Kathryn Bentley '13. Nancy wrote from ME, where she and **Phyllis Hoffman Driscoll** saw each other in early summer.

In July, **Peggy Park Mautner** competed in three days of ballroom dancing in Reston, VA. Before that competition, she was in Phoenix. Peggy sees **Lois Banks** frequently in NYC and also gets together from time to time with **Helen Pavlovich Twomey**.

Barbara (Bobby) Thompson Stabile had lunch with **Elizabeth (Babbie) Babbott Conant** and **Sally (Bucky) Buck Thompson** at Chautauqua Lake, NY, where Bobby and Ben spend a week each summer with their children. Bucky also visits the resort, taking in the many lectures, concerts and other activities. Babbie, only an hour away, drove to the lake for lunch, but had to hurry back to Buffalo for her Dragon Boat practice prior to a big race! Bobby and Ben celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on 6/10 (Remember? Graduation day, 1951!) in their Willow Valley, PA, community, with Dorothy (Dottie) Pardoe Kaufmann '50 and Constance (Connie) Smith Hall '43.

Joan Andrew White also has alumnae living in her community, along with two retired CC professors, Sally Taylor, botany, and Marion Doro, political science.

Mona Gustafson Affinito enjoyed a "fabulous" 10-day cruise to the Balkans in late June with son Doug, revisiting places in Stockholm and Copenhagen she had seen on previous trips. Particularly thrilling, she writes, "was the visit to the music shell where thousands of Estonians sang their way to freedom from the Russians in '91, and Sibelius' home on a lake in Finland." Mona recalled that she, **Harriet Bassett MacGregor** and **Justine Shepherd Freud** had taken a similar cruise with NSA following graduation in '51.

Mary Martha (M.M.)

Suckling Sherts and daughter Amy experienced a wonderful pilgrimage to Jordan and Jerusalem. "Petra was a highlight." M.M. meets periodically with **Eleanore (Ellie) Whitla Drury**, who lives in New Haven, CT.

Jane Keltie sent news of a wonderful reunion luncheon at Sea Oaks, Vero Beach, FL, last April. In attendance were **Marjorie Erickson Albertson**, **Jeanne Tucker Zenker**, **Margaret (Peggy) Johnson Werber**, **Leda Treskunoff Hirsch**, **Nancy Bohman Rance**, **Joy Karn McCormack** and **Marjorie Weeks Owens**.

Jane reports that Leda has had eight hip replacements — three right and five left — not a record, I am sure, that anyone wants to challenge. But Leda remains very upbeat and is anxious to return to her volunteer work at the Norton Museum in Palm Beach, FL.

After a cruise to Portugal, **Helen (Johnnie) Johnson Haberstroh** sent a picture to be envied. It was of her standing behind a 5-foot-4-inch-tall white cedar tree! She recalled that each attendee at our 50th Reunion had received a 6-inch seedling, and she planted hers in her yard. Did you remember? Johnnie stays busy painting house portraits and exhibiting other paintings in a small Cincinnati art gallery.

Class President **Justine Shepherd Freud** spoke with **Amity Pierce Buxton**, who is still working with the Straight Spouse Network in CA. Jus also spoke with **Dorothy (Dorie) Cramer Maitland** and **Alice Kinberg Green**, both living in the same retirement community in Asheville, NC.

Bob and I celebrated our 56th wedding anniversary in July with three rounds of golf at the Greenbrier in WV. Needless to say, we are not as young as we used to be, but we have survived and still enjoy the game!

Remember to put June 2011 on the calendar. Stay well to celebrate our 60th!

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More than 56 years after graduation, I continue to be amazed at the abilities of our classmates. Many are still making significant contributions to their communities, and others, like me, are still finding enjoyment and rewards in their lives.

Of course, not all is a happy note. **Mary Field Parker** writes that **Caroline (Woofie) Sparks Shafer**'s husband died last spring. We send our condolences to her and her family. Mary says that Woofie has "zillions" of grandchildren. Some live nearby in Meadville, PA. Mary plans to move to Brookhaven, a retirement community in Lexington, MA, just down the road from their home of 48 years.

Pat Mottram Anderson has been unable to travel as much lately due to several injuries that her husband has suffered. They both continue to be active in the Chamber of Commerce, Scouts and parkland projects. He drives the trolleys for two museums. Pat takes photographs for the Shoreline Greenway Trail's Web site. The Greenway involves active participation by federal, state and local governments and requires work on grants, permissions and public relations. Twenty of Pat's photographs of the trail have been exhibited at the Peabody Museum in New Haven, CT. Pat continues to paint and had 29 watercolors in a one-person show at a local bank.

Leta Weiss Marks still serves as a docent at the Wadsworth Atheneum. She is also teaching a memoir-writing course. Travel is an important part of her life. She visited her son in Moscow and she has taken a grandchild on an intergenerational Elderhostel four different times.

Betty Ann (B.A.) Schneider Ottinger has downsized to a condo on Massachusetts Ave. B.A. claims that she has created a stimulus package all by herself designing and decorating her new digs.

Nina Davis Jackson's grandson Samuel Riker Jackson '07 stopped at the campus on a trip north and was impressed with what had taken place since he graduated.

Clark and **Joyce Heissenbuttel Neill** continue to jog, curl, sail and play golf, as well as travel. They were thrilled to welcome their fourth grandchild, Dayton Henry Clark Neill.

Pat Browne Hunter recently visited **Lois Waite Townsend** in MA. **Sue Manley Price** also visited Lois. Pat spent a week in San Francisco with **Audrey Watkins Garbisch**, where they met up with Lulu Mendieta Abortiz '52, who was visiting from Cebu, Philippines. Lulu spent a year with us in Jane Addams.

Loved hearing from you. Keep the news coming!

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New class officers: **Sally Ashkins Churchill**, president; **Jodi Williams Hartley**, vice president; and **Helene Kestenman Handelman**, **Norma Hamady Richards** and **Ann Heagney Weimer**, Reunion committee.

At Reunion, the class had an interesting roundtable discussion about things some of us have accomplished over the years. **Claire Wallach Engle** spoke about the project she and a dedicated committee undertook to restore an abandoned theater in Honolulu. It took quite a while and more money than originally anticipated, but involved the local community and has become a point of pride for the surrounding area. **Sally Ashkins Churchill** also worked with her community, Bass River, MA, on the Cape, to turn an old bank into a community center and an art gallery. **Dorothy (Dorie) Knup Harper** detailed a project she and her family worked on to rebuild a footbridge across a historic canal in northern PA, where her family has had a home for many generations. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough time to hear everyone's thoughts and stimulating ideas about their lives after children and jobs … next time!

Judy Yankauer Astrove and George had brunch with **Cathy Pappas McNamara** and Bill in June. Cathy and Bill missed Reunion, as they had family commitments that weekend.

I had a nice chat with **Martha Flickinger Schroeder**. She visits her sister, **Evans Flickinger Modarai**, regularly at a nearby healthcare facility. Evans is making good progress recovering

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seek to be the best at what they do," the group's president said.

Carol Dailey Fabbri '92, managing partner of Fair Advisors, was named one of the 2009 TIAW World of Difference 100. The award honors women around the world who have contributed to the economic empowerment of women. A financial adviser, Fabbri helps empower women economically by teaching and promoting financial education in the Denver community and beyond. She is also active in several nonprofits, including the Colorado Women's Foundation.

Amy Mass '92 was reappointed chair of the Insurance Staff Counsel Committee of the Ohio State Bar Association. Mass is the managing

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attorney of the Ohio and Indiana staff counsel offices of the Hanover Insurance Group and an adjunct professor of law at Capital University Law School. She serves on several boards and is an active member of the Defense Research Institute and the American Bar Association.

Joshua Green '94, a senior editor for *The Atlantic Monthly*, was named one of the 50 "best and most influential journalists" in Washington, D.C., by *The Washingtonian* in June. The magazine wrote of him, "His insightful postmortem on Hillary Clinton's failed presidential campaign underscored that Green will be a force in political reporting for the next generation."

Kareem Tatum '01, a former All-America guard and all-time leading scorer for the Connecticut College men's basketball program, was selected to the 2009 class of the New England Hall of

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from a stroke, and Martha enjoys the many activities with Evans at the assisted-living center. Martha and Ted's children are close by; Evans' are in VT and Germany.

Jan Parker and I had lunch recently. She's enjoying her retirement from teaching college economics, though she did comment that with all the economic news lately, her subject would be of more interest to students today. She keeps busy volunteering, especially with shut-ins near her home in Brentwood, Long Island.

Nena Cunningham Dahling and Willy live close to Detroit and call what's happening to the auto industry "the pits." I'm sure it's terrible living in such a depressed area. They do manage to get away now and then to a hideaway in Williamsburg, VA. They missed Reunion, as Nena was recovering from her second hip-replacement operation; she's doing fine now.

At Reunion, I was handed two articles about **Joan Molinsky Rivers**. One, "Revenge of a Tramp," was about her work experiences and her philosophy about her jobs, on and off the stage. The other, "Cutup," by Deborah Solomon, was a Q&A interview from the *New York Times*. My favorite quote concerned her daughter, Melissa. "For a mother and daughter, we're amazing. The only time she really cried is when I sat her down and told her she was not adopted." Did you know Joan has written a new book, *Murder at the Academy Awards*? I hope many of you watched her on Donald Trump's TV show, "The Apprentice." What I saw was quite entertaining, and I'm not surprised she won.

I, **Loie Keating Learned**, have been extra busy dismantling my home of 22 years to move to a life-care facility in Southbury, CT. It isn't easy to cut one's possessions by two-thirds to fit into a single-bedroom deluxe apartment. By the time you read this, I expect to be well-established in my new home, near three loving nieces and many friends, and full of advice for those of you who may be thinking of making a similar move!

We send our condolences to **Janet Rowe Dugan** and her family on the passing of her mother, Von Dy Dugan, age 97, on 6/10 in Athol, MA.

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Greetings! Reunion is only a few months away. I realized how time flies when I heard from **Maida Alexander Rahn**, whose grandson has finished college and is working in Beijing. Five years ago Maida and Joel took their grandsons to China. Our local paper carried the news that Maida's son Jeff, a cancer survivor, was honored at Fenway Park for his work on the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge for cancer research. He was one of two selected to ride around Fenway before a game, all in preparation for the 200 miles the group would be traveling between Sturbridge and Provincetown.

Our class travelers include **Julie Evans Doering**, who went to Mongolia to add to her knowledge of Asia, having previously gone to Tibet and Bhutan. She keeps busy at Mystic Seaport and plays tennis, golf and bridge. **Dona Bernard Jensen** has been to Ethiopia and Japan, where she attended a Shinto wedding. Wee and **Jane Dornan Smith** took a break from baseball to travel to Georgia, where their daughter, Beth, heads an international school. There is no direct way to get to Tbilisi, but the hours spent in airports along the way were well worth it.

Mary Rossman Bird continues to live part of the year in FL and part in ME. This year has not been kind, weather-wise, in either place. Pete and **Cindy Russell Rosik** continue to travel — often by train — and to keep up with their competitive sports, Cindy with swimming and Pete with golf. Cindy reported a wild cougar sighted near their home, clearly looking for food and scaring the local rabbits — as well as Cindy. **Elizabeth (Libby) Fiala Trone** traveled to Cancun with her son and family. Her daughter-in-law has since undergone a double mastectomy but is doing well. Libby stayed with them to help care for the children. Meanwhile, Philip and **Ann Fishman Bennet** visited Patagonia and Paris. Back in Bethesda, they enjoy having two children and four grands living near them and keep busy playing tennis, jogging (slowly) and painting.

Beverly Stevens Prakelt enjoyed visiting **Ginger Hoyt Cantarella** and reminded me that the film with Ginger's paintings and drawings is *Away We Go*.

Carolyn Diefendorf Smith is a proud great-grandmother. She moved to Parker, CO, to share daughter Gretchen's home at the Colorado Golf Club, which will be the site of the Senior Open Golf Tournament in May. Gretchen and her husband have two children. Dief has returned to painting, though she doubts she will be the next Grandma Moses. She is grateful to John and **Cynthia Rippey Kendrick** for inspiring her to start painting again and to Hugh and **Dorothy (Dot) Curtice Hartwell** for their support and encouragement.

Sadly, we have lost two classmates after long struggles with cancer. **Ann (Binney) Beck McGeorge** lived in Old Saybrook, where she and husband Bill settled after some years in Roxbury. A botany major who greatly admired Dr. Goodwin, Binney worked for a time in advertising. After their marriage, Bill and she worked in real estate and home building.

Harriette (Happy) McConnel Soule loved working with children and was a very successful teacher before marrying and having three of her own. She said that being the middle of five children taught her special skills; with three brothers she could as easily change a tire as discuss children's literature. Happy taught in CT and OH, worked as a librarian, and is remembered for her lovely singing voice and her innate generosity. She passed away in CO, having moved there from NC to be near her daughter, Susan Blizzard, and grandchildren. Her sons, David and Peter, live in CA and IL.

We hope to see many of you at Reunion, as we gather once more to look out on the glorious view of the Sound. Please come!

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Last year, **Bonye Fisher Norton** took a three-week trip to Australia and New Zealand, where she saw her brother and nieces in Melbourne and an old friend in Sydney. In Jan. '08, she spent two weeks in Tenerife, Canary

Islands, with her British traveling companion. In Jan. '09, they traveled to Egypt, spent a week on a Nile boat sightseeing, and then took a coach to a tourist resort at El Gouna on the Red Sea for a week of utter relaxation. Bonye spent two weeks in Yorkshire last Sept., timed to attend the Alumni Weekend at Cambridge, "from where my traveling companion 'came down,'" and planned to do it again this year. Bonye keeps busy with tai chi lessons, meditation groups, work in a church Nearly New Shop, exercise class, and reading both the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* daily. "I go to Phoenix every Feb. for the annual lecture in Business and Corporate Ethics in memory of our son Charles, who was at Thunderbird when he was killed on his bicycle." Bonye's daughter returned from Malawi, where she was in charge of elementary education in a refugee camp of 5,000. She lived with Bonye for 15 months but has now bought a house nearby. Bonye's son sold his house in Baltimore and moved to Columbia, MD, nearer his work.

Class President **Marge Lewin Ross** invites all within reach — or beyond — to that annual holiday luncheon at the Metropolitan Museum attended by a steady group of '56ers, all enjoying each other and the setting! Contact Marge at marg.ross@gmail.com for details, and then — go. Marge volunteers at the museum each Tuesday; you can look for her in the fourth floor Patrons' Lounge. Her daughters live close by, and she is still advising summer programs for students. Plays tennis and swims, too!

"Five grands" and counting for **Suzanne (Suzi) Rosenhirsch Oppenheimer**, the most recent being Olivia, born in July. Last Jan., Suzi became chair of the NY Senate Education Committee: "much work to be done … holding hearings around the state." Vacation time, much needed, came this fall.

Marilyn Schutt Spencer's business of pen-and-ink renderings of clients' homes, just four years old, has proved very successful. Away from her art, she sees most of her family locally and remains close to her CC roommate, Lynn Twinam Gorman '55. She and Norm take an annual fly-fishing trip to CO from Dallas: "I am a fanatic fly-fisherman (woman!). … The national forest is so beautiful. Nature is restorative to the soul." Her mother, Eve, who moved from afar to be nearby in 2000, died this year at 103. "She led a wonderful, healthy life." Marilyn volunteers for the Salvation Army.

Larry and **Beth Ruderman Levine** "are well and happy." They have nine grandchildren: four in Carmel, three in Houston, two in Chicago, "and we have four grand-dogs." Beth works full time at her Windows of the World travel agency, which she established in '89. Besides visits to family, she and Larry recently toured Santorini, Mykonos and the Amalfi coast. They are big sports fans — the Chicago White Sox and the Bears, "so we have learned patience and humility."

We regret so much the loss of **Carolyn Pfeifer Horchow**. We have such memories of our four years together, as well as knowledge of the impact she made on her community. We send our heartfelt sympathy to her husband and family.

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Helene Zimmer-Loew attended a memorial service for **Joan Gilbert Segall** in June. "The event was very well attended — family, many friends and local folks who knew Joan in her community work. It was a lovely way to remember her."

Kate Crehan Bowman is in her 26th year as a librarian at Lasell College in Newton, MA, where she and her husband have lived (in the same house) for 46 years. When Kate began working at Lasell, it was a women's junior college of 300 students. It is now co-ed, with 1,200 undergrads and a growing graduate school. Kate and her husband make frequent trips to the lakeside octagonal house in ME that he designed and built himself 39 years ago. He is now retired from teaching mathematics at Newton High School, where they met while she also taught math for six years after grad school. One son lives in Newton and has three children, and the other lives about 20 minutes away. "We are blessed having them all nearby." The Bowmans travelled to NH during the summer, where they visited with **Dottie Egan** and **Jean Sangdahl** and then went to Craftsbury, VT, where they saw **Beverly Vahlteich DeLaney**.

Sally Hargrove Harris, her husband, Chris, and **Meg Weller Harkins** and her husband, John, visited with **Eugenia (Nini) Cuyler Worman** in VT in July. Meg and John moved to Seattle in Aug.

Jeri Fluegelman Josephson's husband, Buddy, has been retired from his dental practice for several years but still enjoys running the dental clinic at Westchester Medical Center on Mondays. He plays bridge and golf and enjoys taking baking classes and cooking at home. Jeri still works at the Information Desk of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NY on Tuesdays. She enjoys using her French with the many visitors. Jeri plays tennis and takes exercise classes. Daughter Andrea lives in London with husband Peter. Their children were born there and are now 12 and 15. They attend camp in ME during the summer. Andrea has continued to work for Lehman in London (despite its demise), doing bankruptcy law. Peter is with Citibank, and they are both delighted to have jobs in this economy. Son Stephen is a gastroenterologist, and his wife, Jill, is a gynecologist. They live in Charlotte, NC, and have a daughter, Caroline, 6.

Judy Coghlin El-Shakhs saw **Betsy Hahn Barnston** at her daughter's lovely engagement party in Dec. '08. **Lucie Hoblitzelle Iannotti** was also there. Judy sees **Cynthia (Cdee) White Smith** in Fort Lauderdale every winter. Judy had a hip replacement last Jan. Her children and grandchildren are in Venice, CA, Narberth, PA, and Storrs, CT.

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Gail Sumner, who died 1/8, was remembered 4/18 at the historic Pilgrim Congregational Church in Harwich Port, MA. Gail particularly valued her friends and experiences at this church. In addition to her sister, Joan Sumner Oster '61, and Joan's family, eight from our class were among the large congregation: **Judy Ankarstran Carson**, **Sandy Clark Westerman**, **Helen (Louie) Hibbard Hays**, **Jane Maurey Sargent**, **Edith (Dede) Swain Bullock**, **Emily (Emmy) Tate Rudolph**, **Atheline Wilbur Nixon** and **Betsy Wolfe Biddle**.

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Fame. Considered one of the greatest basketball players in program history, Tatum led the Camels to the pinnacle of college basketball with an appearance in the 1999 NCAA Tournament Final Four. He teaches English and coaches high school basketball in Worcester, Mass.

Cecile Dominguez '04 was selected by Asia Society as one of the Philippines' young "changemakers" for its Philippines 21 Young Leaders initiative. Dominguez is executive director of the nonprofit Conrado and Ladislawa Alcantara Foundation, for which she develops and implements programs in education, health, enterprise development and environment; and convener of Sarangani Youth Forum and YouthVote Philippines-Sarangani and General Santos Chapter. Her work was featured in the August 2009 issue of *Lifestyle Asia* magazine.

Following the service, all were invited to Gail's house, where we could admire the early spring sprouting of her immaculate garden, and reminisce.

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What a great reCONNection we had at our 50th Reunion! About 73 classmates returned. We greeted friends and made new ones, discovering that we share so much: retirements and semi-retirements, sicknesses, deaths of family members, volunteer pursuits, fitness routines, travels, and intellectual and "just fun" pursuits. We were greeted on arrival by three outstanding students, who assisted with any need we had. The dorm was easy to manage with its elevator and connection to a wonderful refectory, where we had great breakfasts. President Higdon attended most of our events and is a delightfully enthusiastic cheerleader for CC. At our class sharing time, organized by **Ann Burdick Hartman** and **Julie Solmssen Steedman**, we enjoyed paintings, photographs, jewelry, music, singing, piano playing, short stories, poetry, stories about life in a different culture, and even an interview with Miss Mulvey. It was truly moving and stimulating — I'm so proud of our classmates' achievements.

Under **Sally Kellogg Goodrich**'s guidance, we sang "America the Beautiful" before we marched in the parade, wearing our white shirts and pants, blue CC vest and red visor and carrying placards that hailed all the major events since '59 — a history lesson for all, and a first for the College. Our own **Diane Williams** received the College Medal for her many contributions through her interest in economics, her mentoring students and her groundbreaking achievement of being the first woman at Merrill Lynch. We are so proud of her recognition. Professor June Macklin joined us at our Saturday dinner, where we thanked everyone for their contribution and where Diane gave us each a gift with the College logo. On the final morning, we gathered in a moving sharing circle to remember the 27 classmates who have died. We took a moment to remember **Elliott Adams Chatelin**, who passed away recently. Our condolences to her family.

Anne Earnshaw Roche and John traveled from New Zealand, **Edie Berkowitz Hargreaves** from England, and many of us from the West Coast. We missed all of you who were not able to make it.

Our thanks to **Lynn Graves Mitchell** and her team, who organized our successful party. Thanks to **Carolyn (Cari) Jones MacDermott**, who put together our memory book with the help of treasurer/historian **Lucy Allen Separk**. Co-presidents **Emily Hodge Brasfield** and **Miriam (Mimsy) Matthews Munro** also assisted with the planning. Thanks to **Pat Chambers Moore**, who was in charge of annual giving and pushed the team to contact everyone. We ended up with 99% participation and almost $2 million of contributions (which includes all the years of giving since our last reunion). Very impressive indeed! **Sandy Sidman Larson** presented us with our new officers: **Julie Solmssen Steedman**, president; **Ann Seidel Craig**, vice president and nominating chair; **Carolyn (Lynn) Graves Mitchell** and yours truly, class correspondents; and **Lucy Allen Separk**, continuing as treasurer/historian. Reunion chairs are **Gail Glidden Goodell** and **Carole Broer Bishop**, who have attended most of the reunions and will know how to do it well. Please e-mail class information to Lynn and me, because we do want to know what you are doing, and please think about attending Reunion in five years!

Katharine (Katty) Lloyd-Rees Miller has moved to the family farm in Charlottesville, VA, where she does a lot of gardening. She still plays tennis and has been involved in Project Smile, which helps children with cleft palates and lips, since '86. Because she is bilingual, she goes to South America for the program; recently she was in Paraguay, and she has been to Morocco, Kenya and India as well. It has been a satisfying volunteer career. She also volunteers at assisted-living homes, talking with residents about their histories and making memory books for them.

Connie Snelling McCreery had a tale of woe after Reunion. On her way back to the Vineyard, she stopped for gas and mistakenly put diesel fuel in her car. She managed to stop just before hitting the water by the ferry. It took two weeks to fix the car, but now she's ready to go.

Elliott Adams Chatelin died 2/21. We offer condolences to her husband, Noel, sons Julien and Guy-Noel, two grandchildren, and sister Jill Bourdais. We offer our sympathy to **Judith Bassin Peknik** on the death of her husband in June. We offer condolences to **Carlotta (Lolly) Espy Barton** on the death of her husband, Bruce.

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Martha (Marty) Guida Young and her husband, John, enjoyed a Danube River cruise, which stopped in Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, Serbia and Hungary. The cruise was followed by a three-day stay in Prague. The trip was a hands-on history lesson of the Eastern European bloc, an area not often studied. The local guides, several of whom had lived through the various regimes that dominated the Eastern bloc, were excellent — quite frank in their discussions of current life and politics. "And we had magnificent weather!"

Dorothy (Dottie) Cleaveland (who has resumed her maiden name post-divorce) had the enormous pleasure of taking her 13-year-old grandson on his first trip outside the U.S. in Feb. and March. They travelled to the Philippines, where Dottie has spent much time over the past 49 years, starting between junior

Alexandra Band '02 married Matt Douglas in New Orleans 4/11/09.

Barbara Goodman Wilson '79 rides Peter in Saugerties, NY, in Sept. '08.

and senior years at CC. (Her first two children went with her at the ages of 4 and 6, respectively, when she did some leprosy work there during the late '70s.) Her middle son joined the party for the last week of the trip, flying to Manila from Phoenix, where he works as a court interpreter. One of the many highlights of the visit was being in Manila on the day President Obama signed the economic stimulus package, one stipulation of which was to pass (after a 64-year delay!) remuneration for the World War II service of Filipino veterans. Dottie frequently sees **Judy Burgess Tarpgaard** and her husband, Peter. They are the godparents of Dottie's fourth and youngest child, Kurt, the director of athletic communications at Harvard.

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Leslie Feely has had a private gallery for over 25 years, and in Oct. '07 she opened a public gallery, Leslie Feely Fine Art at 33 E. 68th St. in NYC. Frank Gehry designed the space for her, and it is beautiful. Contact the alumni office for Leslie's contact information.

Lydia Wohlberg Berrong, who attended CC for only two years, still feels connected with the class. While on safari in Tanzania, she met Bente Swenson '61! Lydia and her husband direct a local food pantry. They enjoy visiting their 5-year-old granddaughter in Durham, NC, and hike in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of NM.

Suzanne Luntz Knecht and husband sold their sailboat, on which they traveled over 50,000 miles of ocean, including a circumnavigation (www.NightWatchTheBook.com). They are building a house and chicken coop in Sonoma County, CA, and plan to do organic farming. They will be closer to daughter Lisa, her husband, David, and their children Azalea, 13, and Ian, 11.

Betsy Reid Creedon is director of business operations for the Public Policy Center at General Motors. Son Reid attends George Washington U. Law School and daughter Parry is a filmmaker in NYC. Betsy just completed a year as senior warden of Christ Church Grosse Pointe. Polly Deming Ledyard '62 and **Anne Wood Birgbauer** are active members and good friends.

Martha Blanchard Twigg and husband Dick played and sailed on Lopez Island, WA, in Aug. Martha heard from **Natalie (Nini) Cooper Buchheim**, who has retired but still volunteers in the South Shore Natural Science Center's aquatic nursery two days a week. Nini looks forward to spending more time with her grandchildren.

Carol Chaykin no longer works at the NYSE automation subsidiary, but is having fun taking classes at NYU to retool her "long-ignored French language skills."

Sara Jane Withers Stone is earning her second master's at U. of Pennsylvania in art history.

Jane Noyes Bancroft and Monk took their granddaughter, 11, to AK. They took their grandson to Tanzania when he was 12. Jane loves living back in northern New England. "My new titanium knees are improving."

Wintering in Naples, FL, **Marian Silber** attended two events of the CC Club of Southwest FL and was joined at both by **Asia Rial Elsbree** and husband Hugh, who relocated to Naples from DC five years ago. Marian e-mailed with **Joan Bucciarelli Yim**, who loves living in Seattle.

Recently Marian spoke with **Eleanor Abdella Doumato**, who lives in Newport. Eleanor's three children are all married, live in RI and visit with the grandchildren frequently. Eleanor does consulting work in her field of Middle Eastern studies and participates in forums and lectures all over the world.

Sharon Myers and **Maureen McCrea** have gotten together on both sides of the country through the years. In June, Sharon catered Maureen's daughter Sarah's wedding in Greenfield, MA. Maureen writes, "We had a great time working together, and she did an absolutely fabulous job." Sarah just started a new job in HI — "looks like Sharon and I will have a new place to get together!" Sharon adds, "The best part in doing this was continuing to weave our lives together." Visit www.sharonmyers.com. Sharon has been in touch with **Janet Matthews Fox**, who does lots of vegetarian cooking.

Olga Karman and husband Owen Bossman live in a condo "cantilevered" over Buffalo Harbor. Retired from D'Youville College, she is working on a new set of short stories, and recently discovered the Calgary Stampede, "which channeled the cowgirl" in her. Olga's third grandson received a full scholarship to Swarthmore.

Ellen Kagan has been involved with healthcare reform since '94. Her show, "Your Health Care: Choice or Chance?", can be heard at www.tvyourhealthcare.org. Contact her at e_kagan@yahoo.com.

Gayle Sanders is deputy chief of the special litigation unit of the NYC law department's tort division. She and husband Charles went to the Canadian Rockies in July. Son Peter graduated cum laude from Albany Law School in May.

Judy Hackstaff took early retirement in '01 from State Street Corp. in Boston and moved to Palm Coast, FL, where she golfs and works with the board as tournament chairman and treasurer of the ladies' league. Judy

Brian Martin, Christina Noe Martin '98 and son Jackson on Cape Cod.

Sharon Myers '66, left, and Maureen McCrea '66, right, at the wedding of McCrea's daughter, Sarah Pautzke. Myers catered and made the wedding cake.

Grace Kennedy Fyrberg, born 11/20/08 to Deke Fyrberg '01 and Kacie Kennedy Fyrberg '02.

has traveled to the Amazon, the Baltic, Greenland and Iceland, with more trips planned. She would love to get together with other CC Floridians.

Elizabeth Hardin retired as principal oboist of a professional orchestra in Boulder, CO, due to an episodic hearing problem. Now she gardens, plays with her Springer spaniel, works on an appraisal for a donation to her former orchestra, and enjoys the company of family. Husband Jay Horowitz practices law in Denver. Daughter Alexandra is an assistant professor of psychology at Barnard; son Damon is a philosophy professor and CTO and co-founder of Aardvark, a social networking application.

Finally, **Bridget Donahue Healy** and **Marian Silber** thank all of our classmates who so generously gave to the Annual Fund.

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Karen Klebe Isaacs has, as her husband, Bob, says, failed at retirement. After retiring in '01, she continued to teach one or more courses at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, CT. Soon she added some classes at U. of New Haven. Last fall, UNH asked her to join the communication faculty on a one-year appointment, which is now stretching to a second year. She and Bob also DJ a radio show on Monday mornings (8:30-11 a.m.) on 88.7 FM or www.wnhu.net; reviewing CT and NYC theater; attending their granddaughters' field hockey and lacrosse games; and doting on their Cavalier King Charles spaniel. They also squeeze in travel as much as possible.

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Stephanie Hirsch Meyer is still senior editor of *Teen Ink* magazine with husband John. Now in its 20th year, the magazine is distributed in schools and is totally reader-supported, with a huge Web site (www.teenink.com). Grandparenthood is also part of Stephi's life, with two exuberant grandsons, Matty, 6, and Tommy, 4, who live in nearby Newton. Trips to London have become a constant, as well as visits to NYC, where son Rob and his fiancée, Kath, live. Rob is a filmmaker whose short, *Aquarium*, snagged an honorable mention at Sundance and could be nominated for an Oscar! Stephi and John are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year! So life is good.

Margaret (Peggy) Oyaas Naumes and her family had a busy year. They welcomed their second grandchild, and husband Bill retired from the U. of New Hampshire. However, both he and Peggy continue to do some teaching, and both continue their involvement with the World Association for Case Method Research and Application. Their big trip for the year was to Scotland, where they ran a case workshop. They are definitely keeping busy!

Joan Pekoc Pagano has very fond memories of our last reunion and enjoyed her little road trip to CT. She travels regularly to OH and FL as well. "Even though my life is in NYC — and has been since graduation — my heart is in OH, visiting my 90-year-old mother (Irene Kennel Pekoc '40) and the rest of my large family as often as possible." In Jan. Joan launched *15-Minute Abs Workout*, the fourth fitness book she's written for DK Publishing. She and partner James purchased a condo in Cape Coral, FL, four years ago, and use it as a getaway from hectic life in the city. "We are situated on a canal with direct access to the Gulf of Mexico and love to take our boat out into the Pine Island Channel to explore barrier islands (we're right near Sanibel and Captiva), spot dolphins and admire a wide variety of birds. The whole experience is marvelous therapy, soothing our minds from the relentless energy of the city and thawing our bones from the northern winter chill!" Check out www.joanpaganofitness.com.

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After four years on campus and 40 more away, classmates returned in record numbers to celebrate our milestone reunion. A total of 68 participated, including first-timers **Audrey Kuh Straight** and **Meg Sahrbeck Sempreora** and long-distance travelers **Venetia Bell Valin** (France), **Maria (Kica) Murillo** (Colombia) and **Amelia Tovar Zarikian** (Venezuela). Transfer-away classmates **Lisa Caldwell Teliska** and **Shelley Carpenter Reynolds** were warmly welcomed back. At every venue there was a high level of interaction and good cheer. We put the living room at Larrabee to its best use, filling it with wide-ranging conversations (along with some great background music, including **Alice Wellington**'s husband's band's CD). We needed additional seating at Friday's lobster feast on the cool and misty green. Saturday was full of highlights: our own panel discussion, featuring **Marjorie Holland**, **Maria Pellegrini**, **Nancy Barry** and **Susan (Ara) Fitzgerald**; our purple swarm in the Parade of Classes; the College honors bestowed on **Ellen Lougee Simmons** and **Cindy Murray Abramson**; and **Nancy Horovitz Bachrach**'s presentation as an alumni author. The day was capped by our class banquet, emceed by outgoing Class President **Ellen Lougee Simmons** and highlighted by having each attendee stand and introduce herself. Kudos to **Cordalie Benoit** and **Linda McGilvray Walker** and their committee for pulling it all together. Check out the pictures at www.nutmeadow.com/ConnColl69Reunion2009, where we have also posted the official photo from our class banquet, and everyone is identified. (If you have additional photos to contribute please contact Alice Wellington at alice@nutmeadow.com.)

Martha Harris Walton's daughter, Alethea, gave birth to her third daughter and continues postdoctoral work at the Harvard School of Public Health. Son Nathaniel is doing research at the Carr Center for Human Rights, part of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and son Nicholas has started a business copying films and slides to DVDs. Summer fun included a trip to HI and sailing with friends in ME.

Stephanie Phillips, whose son, Jeffrey, is a sophomore at Wesleyan, happily announces that daughter Bonnie, a Ph.D. candidate at Berkeley, was married in San Francisco in June. "We spent several days with **Betsy Benner McSherry** and her husband, Bill, before and after the wedding."

Although a business trip to Israel caused her to miss Reunion, **Ellen Robinson Epstein** still loves working full time with her company, Concierge America Inc. She and David now have six grandchildren, as Noa Carmiya was born to son Barak ("Who could have imagined the significance of his name when we named him 32 years ago!") and Rabbi Rebecca Epstein, now settled in New Brunswick, NJ.

Sallie Williams Neubauer wrote from Maui, where she and Bob spent a month enjoying their investment house in Kihei. "We are renting it out, but reserve a two-room *'ohana* for our use." Sallie continues with watercolors; landscape and water are favorite subjects. She is still actively working to keep Elysian Park safe from encroachments, the latest threat being an entertainment complex designed to bring more commercial activity to the L.A. Dodgers property there.

Congratulations to all who joined in our record-breaking campaign for annual giving, putting us over 69% participation and earning the $40,000 challenge match for CC. We hope you will continue the giving habit, endorsing the strengths of the College today and affirming that we are still "the best that you can find!"

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Kristina Nilsson continues to tour Asia and the US as a violinist with the Boston Pops. Her husband, Dean Rhodes, has been living with primary progressive M.S. since their children were young but had a 25-year career as a CPA before going on disability. He and Kristina have two daughters, Hilary, 28, and Erica, 25. Kristina recently met the family of her CC roommate and our sorely missed classmate, **Caroline Knight Ross** (deceased), in Chicago, and saw Caroline's daughter on the East Coast when she was looking at colleges last year.

Beverly Edgar Grady e-mailed from the D.C. Metro, where she and husband Bruce were about to

take their two oldest grandchildren, 9-year-old twins, on a tour of the Capitol. Beverly is the partner in charge of the Fort Myers, FL, office of Roetzel & Andress, practicing government, land use and environmental law. She is in her fifth term on the Water Resource Advisory Commission, a stakeholders group that reviews water resource issues, including the Everglades restoration. Beverly has four children (two in college) and five grandchildren.

For the past two years, **Nancy Bowen** and husband Hathaway Cornelius have enjoyed the warmth of their new winter home in southern AZ. Last summer, **Kathy Condito Paoletti** visited them on the OR coast, and they visited with **Barb Kahn Stewart** and family in Seattle. Nancy retired from a 30-year career with the Federal Reserve Board in '04 and volunteers with The Nature Conservancy in OR and the Friends of Madera Canyon in AZ.

Jane Elliott Drebus is having a hard time with her M.S. after 36 years. Her walking has been affected; she has to use a cane and often has difficulty even in her own home. But she and husband Bill feel fortunate that they were given so much good time before being in this position. Jane and Bill attend most Green Bay Packers games, even though they are nine hours away. Jane enjoys writing poetry and having computer contacts, and she sends her best to all.

Debby Gordon Mullaney and husband Mike are still in Schenectady, NY, and have launched all four of their children. They have four grandchildren, aged just a few months to 3½ years. Mike practices law in the Capital District and Debby is still a "professional" volunteer, serving on her community hospital board and the board of Boys and Girls Clubs.

Sara Draper has lived in TX for almost 30 years, working in healthcare administration. Her happiest pursuits, however, are her horses — one Quarter horse and one Paint: "We muddle through jumping and dressage, do a little showing, but mostly just enjoy ourselves in the almost endless sunshine of TX."

Judy Glassman Duffie retired in Jan. after 20 years of owning and operating Judy's Hallmark Shop in Silver Spring, MD. She's really enjoying not working and traveling instead! She and husband Jon went to Leslie Dahn Sundberg '70's youngest daughter's wedding in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in Jan. Since then, they've been to Mexico and the Bahamas to fish and to FL, Las Vegas, Charleston and the Mediterranean.

Susan Elliott Tradd and husband Alex live in Austin, TX. Alex is an attorney and Susan works with him as office manager and bookkeeper. They also raise longhorn cattle. Daughter Catherine, 26, graduated from U. of Texas, Austin, as a mechanical engineer and works for Caterpillar in Decatur, IL; her work has taken her to Europe and Asia.

Nancy Filbin is happy in Bozeman, MT, where she works in disability services for Montana State U. Both daughters live in town, and she has a 1-year-old grandson, so she and Jim feel very fortunate. They love to ski, fish and go whitewater rafting. She will make it to a Reunion someday but, in the meantime, she sends best wishes to her classmates.

Carol Feinstein Plotsky graduated from UConn Law School in '74 and worked as an assistant attorney general for the state of CT for eight years. She then attended medical school at George Washington U., graduating in '86. She married Jon Plotsky '76 and they trained in Pittsburgh, Carol becoming a pediatrician and Jon an internist. Son Benjamin is a junior at Gettysburg College and daughter Deborah is a sophomore at Emory U. The whole family has been on medical missions to Kenya, Ecuador and Colombia, and all four of them "have found ways to be useful as we learn so much about the needs of the world."

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Beth Alpert Nakhai has lived in Tucson since '83. Her husband, Farzad, is an architect, and daughter Mandana is a senior at Vassar College. Beth is a professor at U. of Arizona, where she teaches courses on Israel in antiquity, biblical studies, Near Eastern archaeology and women in ancient Israel. "I am in touch with a few good CC friends and look forward to hearing from others."

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Janet Lawler is excited about HarperCollins' publication of *Tyrannoclaus*, her holiday picture book. She calls it her prehistoric manuscript, since she began working on the story in '94. Son Andy, whose love of dinosaurs fueled her creativity, is now 21 and a senior at Washington U. in St. Louis. Daughter Cami, who inspired her first published book, *If Kisses Were Colors*, is in seventh grade. Janet and husband Jeff Coppage had a terrific time at Reunion and especially enjoyed visiting with **Jean Rath Kopp**, **Janet Howland**, Susan Powell Rosstad '75 and **Deette (DeDe) Chirgwin Brown** and spouses. They missed seeing **Holly Rodgers Wescott** and **Thomas Wescott**. In '07 Janet, Jeff and Cami toured Vietnam, Cami's birth country, and while in Hanoi saw Nguyen Quynh Trang, who graduated from CC under the first exchange program with the U. of Hanoi.

DeDe married Anthony Brown on 7/31/05. Tony's daughter, Anne Janney Brown '02, lives in Bryn Mawr, PA.

In June '08 four members of our class had a reunion in Chicago, picked as the most convenient location to meet. **Melissa Fleishman Pruitt** came from Boulder, CO; **Marion Miller Vokey** from Seattle, WA; **Marcia (Didi) Coyle** from Washington, DC; and **Amy Cohen** from western MA. They spent three days catching up, after not being together in 30 years. "Melissa works with older adults, training them on issues such as balance and fitness. Marion and Didi are both elementary-school teachers. I continue to teach law at Western New England College School of Law. So we are all engaged in teaching in one way or another!"

Susanna (Sukey) Stone Farmer still lives on the NH Seacoast. After the real estate title company she worked for dissolved, she was hired to open a new branch office of a ME title company. Husband Charles (Davis) Farmer '75 has a biotech company in Medford, which he started with three Russian scientists, and for which he does a lot of overseas biotech start-up work in New Zealand and the U.K. Their oldest son graduated from U. of Otago in New Zealand; they visited and had a great vacation travelling the south island. Their middle child graduated from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL, after spending a year in Hong Kong. Their youngest is a senior at Exeter High School and is waiting to hear where she will attend college. Sukey ran into Anne Marie (Ammy) Bussman Heiser '75 and Stetson Heiser '75 at a housing conference, and she hears from **Holly Babbit Cobb**.

Ann Taback-Fairman Pasquier retired in '05 after 30 years of teaching. She is enjoying traveling and time for hobbies.

In Oct. '07 **David Sanjek** was appointed professor of music and director of the Popular Music Research Centre at U. of Salford in the U.K. He lives in nearby Manchester. 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. His academic position follows 18 years in the music industry and work for various organizations, as well as TV and radio appearances. He is widely published and is currently readying two books for publication: *Always on My Mind: Music, Memory and Money* and *Stories We Could Tell: Putting Words to American Popular Music*. Reach him at dsanjek@gmail.com.

Caroline Kent is sorry to have missed Reunion, but is now working at CC! After 27 years in Cambridge, she took an early retirement package offered by Harvard and then accepted the position of director of research support and instruction in the Shain Library. "It's wonderful being back, and I'm happy to report that CC is both very much what I remember and terrifically different." On a personal note, Caroline has divorced her husband of 28 years, David Humsey, and is happily engaged to a great guy, Michael Duffey. Son Jack is almost 16 and attends Wilbraham Munson Academy, and daughter Daisy attends Mystic Middle School, right next door to the house Caroline has rented. "Life changes, and I've never been happier! Stop by and

see me if you are on campus."

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Lynda Batter Munro, Ted Romanow, Kevon Copeland and **Dave Palten** are now Trustees. Lynda mentioned that **Louise (Holly) Wise**'s son is Ian Phillips '11, a Holleran Center scholar. Lynda and Holly saw **Sarah Cahoon** in '08 at a memorial service for her dad. The three of them grew up together. Lynda reminds us, "Reunion is coming up again!" To help plan it, e-mail Lynda.munro@jud.ct.gov.

In '08, **Byrle Bombero Lauriat** helped son Chris and family move to Ithaca for a year at Cornell. In IN, daughter Amy is a case manager for teenage girls in a residential facility. Youngest son Jonathan graduated in May from U. of Illinois and found a marketing internship in Chicago. This year, Byrle and husband Dave made their annual trek to Bushnell, IL, for the Cornerstone music festival.

Linda Bordonaro Dwyer's oldest daughter, Tina, married in Aug. '08 and received her master's from U. of Washington. She is now in the doctoral program at U. of California, Santa Cruz. Second daughter Maureen is a senior majoring in physics. Youngest daughter Diane, 16, is an avid dancer and a junior member of the Footworks percussive dance company. Linda is an anthropology lecturer and adjunct in communications at local universities; husband Jim is still with the Port of Baltimore and enjoys playing soccer.

Two years ago, **Michael Cassatly** stopped practicing oral and maxillofacial surgery and began a second career. He completed a graduate program at Columbia in executive business coaching. His company, MedAchieve Inc., focuses on applying business coaching to the healthcare sector. He recently presented a research paper at Columbia, which was then accepted for publication in *The Journal of Medical Practice Management.* He has lived in Jupiter, FL, for 20 years and has two daughters nearing college age. Michael keeps in touch with **Ted Romanow, Dana Sochacki,** David Sargent '77 and **David Alden**.

While packing for a summer vacation in Spain, **David Coleman** wrote that his two new books came out in May: *42 Rules for Successful Collaboration* and *42 Rules for Saving Your House from Foreclosure.*

Pat Dingle was recognized by the Prince George's County (MD) Educators' Association as the 2009 Community Leader of the Year in the Field of Education. She also won the Star Supporter Award from the Bowie Community Media Corp. She produces several TV shows, including "Meditation," "In His Service," "Talking with Imani" and "An Educational Moment." The host for "Talking with Imani" is her 4-year-old grandniece, Imani.

Bill Eldon and **Beth Dolliver Eldon** have been in Long Beach, CA, for nine years. Beth faces furlough days as a faculty member at California State U., Long Beach, and she has taken a sabbatical semester, doing lab research at U. of California, Berkeley. Son Matt is a sophomore at UC-Irvine. Andrew is at UC-Merced, finishing a degree in history and political science. Bill is in the claims training department with Farmers Insurance Group. He sings with and serves on the board of the Long Beach Chorale and Chamber Orchestra.

On 6/24 **Nina George Hacker** was ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Diocese of Albany and installed as rector of St. Christopher's Church in Cobleskill, NY. She and husband Richard, the organist at Grace Episcopal Church in Waterford, NY, moved to Cobleskill in July. Nina is a candidate for a doctor of ministry degree at Trinity School for Ministry.

In NY, **Nancy Hershatter** is performing with a band, The Stringed Cheese Trio, at libraries and festivals in the tri-state area. She plays guitar and sings lead vocals, and also performs solo in libraries and daycare centers. Last Oct., Nancy released her first CD, *For the Love of the Song* (www.musicinearlychildhood.com). Son Jeremy, 20, is in a veterinary assistant program at Northwestern Connecticut Community College.

Ken Kabel's daughter, Grace '12, lived in Branford last year and loved it. Ken enjoyed returning to campus often to see her and the school. He lives in Cincinnati with wife Carol and younger daughter Hope. They travel often and visited **Andy Hemingway** and wife Camilla as well as **Josie Burke** and husband Matt Perl during recent trips east.

Joe Mastrangelo's youngest daughter, Olivia, graduated from Dickinson College in May. She lives in NYC and is looking for a job in the fashion industry.

David Alden is president of Ford ASEAN and Sales & Service, Thailand. He recently saw **Nancy Sisitzky Alderman** and Cynthia Griffin '84 in Bangkok. As Chinese majors, Cynthia and Nancy reminisced about memorable times with professors Charles Chu and Henry Kuo.

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Our class seems to do nothing but travel, travel, travel ... *and* work at interesting careers and pay tuitions. Well, what more could a person ask for in life?

Andy Williams still lives in Stonington, having recently purchased an artist's-type home in the woods near town. He spends time in his garden and works on the house. Not much music anymore, he tells us, and he is looking for a new career. He also stays busy doing woodworking on boats (other people's), but he has been planning to get his own sloop into the harbor. Travel?

Kerri O'Neill '94 married Rick Walter in Greenville, ME, on 7/12/08.

Amy Spain '90 married Tom Kennedy in Sun Valley, ID, in June '08.

Andy recently spent time with **Scott Vokey** in Seattle and also with Trae Andersen '79.

Favorite person **Linda Sittenfeld** recently visited favorite older (not THAT much older!) alum Leslie Whitcomb '76 out in Chatham, NY. They did their usual routine: brunch, an afternoon hike in the woods, a couple of beers, dinner, a movie, and late-night coffee and dessert. The fun part, Linda tells us, is it all happens on the block where Leslie lives. Except the hike.

OK … your class correspondents want to be **Tom Howland** when we grow up. We mentioned before that Tom was chairman of the Festival of European Anglophone Theatrical Societies 2008, an annual amateur theater festival, held that year in Stockholm. In that capacity, Tom hobnobbed with the deputy mayor of Stockholm and the British ambassador to Sweden. And a note from his personals ad: Aside from piña coladas (not really!), Tom enjoys long walks on the glaciers in Patagonia, riding horses on the Pampas and dancing the tango in Buenos Aires (really!). Oh, and when he's not working hard at that, he's also become a skiing enthusiast, enjoying a few trips to the slopes in northern Sweden, followed by a fantastic week in Switzerland in March. Last year, Tom had a mini-Knowlton '75 reunion with Ursula Stengar (German exchange student '74-'75) and Kwan Kwan (Chinese exchange student '74-'75) at Ursula's home in Dusseldorf, Germany. This year he visited Sharon Golec Keniger '78 in Paris and met up with Nadine Earl Carey '76 in Rochester, NY. Whew! Just TRY to keep up with that guy!

And then, some of us travel via the Internet. Recently, **Steve Pitts** found **Wendy Chapman Dusenbury** and **Van Dusenbury** on Facebook. That led to further connections with Dan Dalton '76, **Jon Cohen**, and **Abbe Fabian** and her husband, Richard Primason '76. In June the group converged on Wendy and Van's house in CT. The afternoon was wonderful, Steve writes.

Jim McGoldrick and wife Nikoo are republishing their May McGoldrick historical novels (16 of them) this year, and their 11th Jan Coffey thriller, *Blind Eye*, hit the bookstores in Sept. Older son Cyrus has one more year at Columbia, and younger son Sam is at Tufts (as their dutiful parents stay at home, lighting candles for bestsellers!).

Sheila Saunders is happily working as a nurse in western NC, still going west for rafting trips and to Germany to study and make presentations in family constellation work. We hope Sheila will write again and explain what a family constellation is. (*My* family has very little resemblance to anything stellar!)

But speaking of stellar, our own sparkling **Kimberly Toy Reynolds Huh** married Giorgio Pellerino in June on Isola di Capraia, Italy. Sons Ming and Marcus gave her away, with guests from across the world helping to celebrate. Honeymoon was on a 10-day cruise to Croatia, Greece, Turkey and Sicily. (I take back what I said about Tom … I want to be Kim.)

Meanwhile, **Stuart Sadick** is wondering where all the time goes. Stuart's son, Christian, is 6 (and Stuart is suffering from dementia because he thinks he is not aging a bit … unlike your class correspondents, who are REALLY not aging a bit … well, Annie isn't!).

And speaking of … **Ann Fritschner** is still training folks how to raise money. (How many of us could use a little of THAT skill! Oh, I am informed this is money-raising for worthy causes. What was I thinking?) Seriously, though, demand for her services is increasing in direct proportion to the decline in their desire to pay for this help. Annie drove her stepdaughter to Vassar for her senior year this fall … and she is not at *all* excited to see the light at the end of the tuition tunnel. Yeah, right! Cheers, Annie!

Peace and health, everyone!

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While attending the Sea Music Festival in Mystic, CT, this summer, I caught up with **Talitha Claypoole MacKenzie**, one of the guest performers. Talitha has been living in Scotland for 21 years. She lectures at Edinburgh Napier U. and the Royal Scottish Academy of Music. Talitha has recorded three albums of Gaelic music. Her latest project, *Indian Summer*, explores the connection between Gaelic and Native American cultures.

In other musical happenings, the original members of the band Smatter reunited 30 years after their last public performance to jam and record some new songs in Ashland, OR. Smatter consists of **Scott Calamar**, **Jack Wade**, **Alan Trebat** and Simeon Glaser '77. The reunion was so successful that the band vowed to regroup every 30 years, weather permitting. Alan, Jack and Scott later met to record one "tongue-in-cheek" song as the Rettams. Their music can be found on www.smattermusic.com and myspace/smatterband.

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After resigning from her volunteer work in the development office for our class in '99, **Linnea Richardson** studied at the Florence Academy of Art in Italy. In '02 she and husband Joseph built a log cabin in the Smokey Mountains of NC, where they lived until '07. Linnea broke her knee, saw five doctors and had two operations before all of the broken chips were removed. She is an artist and helps her husband continue his work as a playwright. Joseph has been diagnosed with cancer — "he is truly my hero." Linnea still volunteers, mentoring art students.

Lionel Catlin was named Physician of the Year for North Florida Medical Centers.

Jay Faber enjoyed seeing classmates at Reunion. He attended the bar mitzvah of **Mike Fishman**'s son, Alex, in July. Jay still owns and operates Magnolia Wine Company in Watertown, MA, and is an avid road bike rider. He's in touch with **Mark Fiskio** and Gail Finnerty Fiskio '78, **Vic "The Chick" Chesler**

Laura Williams Gordon '98 with her second child, Lily Kathleen, born 2/9/09.

From left, Steven Certilman '78 and wife Terri at their home in Old Greenwich, CT, with Michael Brettler '79 and wife Danielle; David Fiderer '79 and wife Laura; and Debra Low Mykrantz '80 and Peter Mykrantz '80.

Hayden Redpath Ardrey, born 4/26 to Sara Becton Ardrey '95.

and husband Matt, and many other '70s alumni.

David Fiderer saw **Michael Brettler** and wife Danielle this summer. After six years of heavy business travel, David is (happily) grounded due to the lousy business climate, and loves the time with wife Laura, twins Haley and Jordan, 4, and Jason, 16.

Thomas Fansler and wife Jeanne have been married 27 years. They have lived in MN for the past 20. Their oldest daughter is a musician, stage-named Alison Scott, age 26. Molly, 24, is in medical school at U. of Minnesota, and Sam, 19, is a sophomore at Northwestern. Tom has spent 14 years in technology services (GPS and trucking), cofounding Inter-Tax in '95, which was sold to a division of Ceridian in '07. Now he is involved with a new start-up.

J. Michael Harvey and wife Veronika Shtelmakh left Russia after 15 years to join the State Dept. They spent eight months in DC, where children Jack, 10, Stephen, 8, and Katarina, 4, were introduced to American schools. They are now in Monterrey, Mexico, for two years.

Chip Clothier set up a Class of '79 Facebook page. He encourages all classmates to join! Chip worked on our 30th Reunion and reports that **Wisner Murray** and **Ned Colt** received alumni awards. Chip has worked at HFC Executive Search for nine years. His daughter, Christie '10, placed ninth with the sailing team in the Women's College Nationals in San Francisco. His son is at Franklin & Marshall College and plays squash.

Terry Fairfield lives in Trumbull, CT, with wife Carla and three sons. He enjoyed living in Asia for 11 years, and soon marks 25 years with IBM. Terry gets together with **Kevin Clifton** and Barry Twomey '81 in Las Vegas.

Judy Aley lives in Brooklyn, NY, with husband Paul Ranson and children Nat and Ruby, plus three cats. Judy has been a film researcher for more than 20 years and missed Reunion because she was working on Michael Moore's *Capitalism: a Love Story*. She hopes to make it to our 40th.

Mark Teschner received an Emmy nomination for Outstanding Achievement in Casting (for "General Hospital"). He has won three times before. Mark was sorry to miss Reunion!

Barbara Goodman Wilson is a landscape architect and project manager in Bedford Hills, NY, and commutes from New Canaan, CT. Her true passion is her horse, Peter. Now divorced and with no children, she rides competitively and has taken up ballroom dancing. In '07 she visited Machu Picchu and the Galapagos with her family.

Melanie Kozol and Scott Carney '77 opened Bussaco Restaurant and Wine Bar last Oct. in Brooklyn, NY. Melanie's paintings hang on the walls. Sons Milo, 21, and Theo, 17, help out at the restaurant. In June, Bussaco hosted an informal '70s reunion with **Judy Aley** and several other alumni. **Emily Grabel Miller** visited with her family in the spring. Melanie teaches painting at Pratt Institute and the School of the Arts, 92nd Street Y. Scott lectures on wine around the country with the Court of Master Sommeliers. They look forward to seeing lots more alumni at Bussaco!

Vicki Chesler missed Reunion to attend a three-day music festival near her home in Olivebridge. She saw **Peter Craft** in July for more music in Bridgeport, CT. Daughter Melissa graduated from BU in Jan. and daughter Kelsey is a sophomore at Northeastern. Vicki enjoyed seeing **Ray Negron** at her July 4th party.

Keep those e-mails and photos coming!

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After 25 years in Boston, **Laurie Hoffma** moved to Nashville, TN, in '07. Give her a shout if you're in the neighborhood! She still works in nonprofits, primarily as a grant writer. She has also started a jewelry business, making custom earrings with a pet's photo. "I know, so cute!" Laurie is trying to get in touch with Deborah Aronovici Cavagnetto.

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Cynthia Griffin is the commercial counselor at the U.S. embassy in Bangkok, Thailand. She recently met up with David Alden '76, who also works in Thailand, and Nancy Sisitzky Alderman '76, who was visiting. As Chinese majors, Cynthia and Nancy reminisced about their memorable times with professors Charles Chu and Henry Kuo.

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Jeffrey Kazin was recently named director of the Bang Group, the dance company of which he is a principal dancer (19 years now!). "Please check out www.thebanggroup.com or join our fan page on Facebook. We may be coming to a town near you!"

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Roger Placer and **Andy Karp** did not disappoint, providing great music on Friday. I regret not being there myself, but when soliciting comments from folks for this column, I heard rave reviews for their music and the memories it brought back.

Congratulations to **David Grann** on his book, *The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon*. He had quite a turnout for a book signing on Saturday.

Though not in attendance, **Jonathan Small** hooked us up with some great music for our Saturday night dinner in Cummings. After a cocktail or two (or three) to get the party started, we took a small break for some reunion "business." **Tracy Smith** handed over the presidential reins to **Helen Dewey**; **Mark Howes** was chosen as the 2014 reunion chair; and after mere seconds of deliberation among those in attendance, I was given the opportunity to continue on as class correspondent. A la Martha Stewart, **Chesca Sheldon Mayser** baked and decorated about 150 camel-shaped sugar cookies. While they looked too good to eat, eat them we did! After the Cummings party, many of us hung out in the Smith living room until the not-so-wee hours of the morning. Those of us who stayed on campus discovered that "dorm sounds" (doors closing, toilets flushing, hallway conversations) have not changed much in 20 years, albeit a bit louder due to lack of furniture, rugs, closets full of clothes and other buffering effects we enjoyed during our student years.

In the more solemn moments of the weekend, we remembered several classmates we've lost in the past few years. **Jessica Levinson Kethledge** brought to life the spirit of **Mach Arom** with her heartfelt words at the Alumni Convocation, where an award in

Mach's name was presented to three outstanding young alumni who have given of themselves in the same way Mach did. Thank you, Jessica. You helped those who did not know Mach understand what a great man he was, and you allowed those of us who did know Mach to shed a tear and smile a little as we remembered him through your words. A special thanks also goes out to Sue Adams — Mach's best friend from high school and a frequent visitor at CC — who came to Reunion and stood with Jessica as she spoke.

Elsie Vazquez-Long and Colman Long '01 married 6/22/08 at City Hall in Hartford, CT. See '01 notes for details.

Our class has gained a pretty big following on Facebook, with 150 of us belonging to the Class of '89 page as of this writing. You are all welcome and encouraged to join the group to keep up with news and events. It's a great way to stay in touch between now and '14!

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Kristin Lofblad Sullivan and husband Jim welcomed their first child, Matthew Richard, into the world 6/10. Right before his birth, His Holiness the Dalai Lama blessed the baby in utero during a ceremony at Harvard (seriously!). Matthew is brilliant, handsome, funny and kind. His mother is mildly biased. As a welcome-home gift, his parents bought him a small single-family house in Cambridge so he could have his own room once they let him out of their sight for more than two seconds. Why not buy a house, sell a condo and have a baby all at once, right?

Miles Ladin had an exhibition at the Wolfsonian Museum in Miami Beach, FL, July-Oct. Learn more at http://milesladin.blogspot.com/2009/05/sun-stroke-stimulus.html.

Julie Smith Reinhardt gave birth to her second child, Eloise, last Jan. Big brother Xander, 4, loves making her laugh. While Eloise gestated, Julie wrote her first book, *She-Smoke: A Backyard Barbecue Guide*. It was released in June. She and her husband, Eric, own Smokin' Pete's BBQ in Seattle. *(Sunset Magazine* just ranked Smokin' Pete's as 7th in the West. "Yeehaw!" writes Julie.) Julie recently got together with **Kate Churchill**, **Rachel Arp Ramstad**, **Galen Grossman Hermelee** and **Amanda Geller** to view Kate's amazing new film, *Enlighten Up!*, about one man's journey into the world of yoga. It's a must-see. Thank you, Kate, for bringing the Seattle Camels together.

Chip Callahan's book, *Work and Faith in the Kentucky Coal Fields: Subject to Dust*, came out in Jan. Also, he was granted tenure at U. of Missouri, Columbia.

Laurie Price Hasson and son Jeremy live in Rockville, MD. After sophomore year, Laurie transferred to U. of Pennsylvania, where she received her B.A. in psychology, and then her M.A. in organizational psychology from Teachers College at Columbia. She was a stay-at-home mom for six years before returning to work. She is the human capital manager for RCLCO, a real estate advisory firm. She would love to reconnect through Facebook or e-mail at lauriehasson@gmail.com.

Stefanie Zadravec is the new mother of twin boys, Martin Henry and Colin Keith, born 2/25. Her play, *Honey Brown Eyes*, just won the Helen Hayes Award, the Charles MacArthur Award for Outstanding New Play or Musical.

Eric Barnes' novel, *Shimmer*, came out in July, along with short stories in the literary journals *Raritan*, the *Louisville Review* and *Prairie Schooner*. Learn more on Facebook, Twitter and www.ericbarnes.net.

Amy Spain Kennedy has had quite a busy year! After years of living in Boston, she married longtime boyfriend Tom Kennedy in Sun Valley, ID, in June '08. Attendees included **Melissa Nutant**, **Christie Cobb**, **Heather Gardner Vrentas**, **Geoff Philip**, **Deborah Landon** and, of course, Amy's brother, **Trevor Spain**. Following the wedding, Amy and Tom moved to Whitefish, MT, and on 4/13 Amy gave birth to a son, Will, who was delivered by Dr. Mirna Despalotovic Bowden '92! Amy is thrilled to be living in Whitefish, which is also the home of **Heather Gardner Vrentas** and **Melissa Nutant**. "Whitefish is a beautiful mountain town on the outskirts of Glacier National Park — great hiking in the summer and incredible skiing in the winter!" Amy has enjoyed reconnecting with lots of old friends on Facebook recently and says that if you're ever in MT, look her up!

Trevor Spain lives in Darien, CT, with his wife and three children, Jack, 8, Carter, 5, and Olivia, 1. Though busy with family and work, he always makes time to join **Ray Skoglund** for their annual Red Sox game at Fenway Park.

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Stephanie Braun lives in Chicago and works for Accenture. She is married with two children, a daughter, 1, and a son, 3. She would love to hear from anyone in the Midwest!

Christina Johnson Magardino is going back to school for her M.F.A. in acting at Brooklyn College. She writes, "Life is great!"

Michael Mahoney has been teaching African history at Yale since '00. He specializes in South African history, so he's been there on two separate occasions in the past year.

Evan Lewis lives and works in NYC with his wife and two kids. "Things are great. I love being a father, and I'm one of the owners of the small company where I work, which means I get to spend as much time as possible with my family." Evan would love to hear from old CC friends. Reach him at evanlewis1@gmail.com.

As for me, for the first time in a long time I had an empty house for much of the summer, as all three of my children went to day camp this year. With all this free time I managed to accomplish nothing — not really sure where all the time went! I did run and get the laundry and grocery shopping done — but none of the items on my to-do list were crossed off!

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Russell Yankwitt recently founded Yankwitt & Associates LLC, a full-service litigation law firm in White Plains, NY. Building on what he learned as a law clerk for a federal judge; as a litigation associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP; as an assistant U.S. attorney (SDNY); and, most recently, as counsel to a Westchester-based litigation firm, Russell is excited to open his own law firm. The firm serves large and small businesses and individuals.

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Michele Lachance and **Erica Tucker** met in the White Mountains of NH for their annual hiking get-together. They spent time in the Evans Notch area and would have had terrific views from the mountain summits if it weren't for all the rain and fog! The trip was worth it, however, as they only see each other once a year.

Kerri O'Neill married Rick Walter in Greenville, ME, on 7/12/08. **Rebecca Poulo**, **Miriam Conaway Morrison** and **Karin Weaver Rohn** attended the wedding.

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Sara Becton Ardrey and husband Guy had a baby boy, Hayden Redpath, 4/26 in NYC. Big sister Campbell loves her new brother, and the family is adjusting to life with two!

Elizabeth Duclos-Orsello was recently awarded a Faculty Fulbright fellowship to teach American studies at U. of Luxembourg in the spring of '10. From Feb.-June, she will take a break from her current position as a professor of interdisciplinary studies and American studies at Salem State College. Her plans include developing transnational course materials for use upon returning to the U.S. as well as building academic networks between students in the U.S. and Luxembourg.

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Rosie Tighe completed her Ph.D. in community and regional planning at U. of Texas, Austin. She moved to Boone, NC, in July to begin her new job on the faculty of Appalachian State U., where she plans to continue her research on affordable housing, poverty and community development policy.

Christina Noe Martin, husband Brian and son Jackson live in Westwood, MA. In June they vacationed in Hyannis, Cape Cod, with Christina's parents, brother and in-laws.

Meghan Changelo Siket lives in Cranston, RI, with husband Matt, Labradoodle Chloe and new baby girl Avery Joy, born 3/12. **Christina Noe Martin** threw Meghan a baby shower in Feb., attended by **Erin McKenna**, **Jayme Roark Wilson**, **Doug Ratay**, **Jessica Sank Ratay**, **Michele Trinidad Betzig**, **Tom Betzig**, **Sam Foreman** and **Lisa Geraghty Paddock**.

Laura Williams Gordon and husband Matt welcomed their second child, Lily Kathleen, 2/9. She writes, "Big brother Sam, 3, loves having a captive audience now for his jokes." They live in Brookline, MA.

Sarah Eio Smithson and husband Jeff are thrilled to announce the arrival of their son, Oliver Thomas, on 2/21, weighing in at 6 lbs., 11oz. Ollie is quickly settling into life with them in Mansfield, CT.

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Caroline Mavridis recently accepted a position as a post-doctoral research fellow at U. of Connecticut's Center for the Study of Culture, Health and Human Development in Storrs. She will work on diverse projects: evaluation of a college-readiness program for urban youth, effects of training programs for family service agencies in CT, and parenting ideas and practices in seven countries. "It's a really friendly climate, keeping me just busy enough." She is also doing some exciting travel for her work. Caroline is very happy with how the past 10 years of her life have unfolded. "I'd really like to reconnect with some friends from CC."

In June, **Peggy Sperling Galanty (RTC)** produced another play festival she founded last year, PlayMakers "Shorts!" Play Festival, eight 10-minute plays by CT playwrights, at the Thornton Wilder Auditorium in Hamden, CT. "It's my way of giving back to those who gave me an opportunity with my new plays."

Sara Burns Davis married Matthew Forbes Davis on 1/19/08 at St. Bartholomew's Church in NYC. Sara is a corporate meeting and event planner and never wants to plan another wedding. Matt is director of sales for NYC & Co, the convention and visitor's bureau, and he wholeheartedly agrees. The lone Camel in attendance was **Megan Tepper-Rasmussen Sokolnicki**. Sara says she has not been good about staying in touch. "Following a bagpiper across Park Avenue, with traffic stopping, was a great NYC moment, and although we had told the truth when we said that we were headed to Brooklyn for our honeymoon, the next step was walking onto the Queen Mary II for a Caribbean cruise. Life is never dull with constant travel for both of us, but we're loving NYC."

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Arin Mary Doherty and Jason William Clark married on 8/17/08 in Boothbay Harbor, ME. Arin is an associate veterinarian at Rocky Mountain Small Animal Hospital. Jason is a human factors engineer for Jeppesen, a Boeing company. They live in Evergreen, CO.

Matthew Maher married Maura Sullivan at the Portland Club in Portland, ME, on 9/6/08. **Jay Eno** served as a groomsman, and other attending Camels were **Matthew Cipriano** with wife **Rachel Godfrey**, **Timothy Hanson**, **Erik Gammell**, and **Tomas Burcaw** with wife Amy O'Donnell Burcaw '01. After the wedding, the bride and groom went away for an adventure and moved to San Jose, CA, upon their return.

Thomas Richardson graduated from Rutgers School of Law, Camden, last spring and spent the summer studying for the bar exam. In Sept. he began clerking for a NJ Superior Court judge and moved to Philadelphia. He'd love to hear from fellow '00s and any alum who lives in the Philly/South Jersey area.

Willis Taylor and Katie Bannon were married 6/20 at Stratton Mountain, VT. Willis is a partner at Gagnon Securities in NYC. They live in Metuchen, NJ.

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Eleanor Clair Johnson and Kevin Paul Mastriano were married 6/13 in Washington, CT. Eleanor is a promotions manager for AOL in NYC. Kevin is a financial analyst at McGraw-Hill in NYC.

Peter Wetzel moved to Portland, ME, with his family of four. He works at the Portland Harbor Hotel and says he is "looking forward to seeing some friends from the CC days."

Chris McDowell received his master's in professional psychology in June. He's now halfway through his doctorate program in clinical psychology at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology. "I always love hearing from people who are interested in MSPP, especially CC students and alumni."

Jen Weinberg moved to Boston in '08, "where many other Camels live," she says. "I see Camels … Camels everywhere."

Amber Gervais received her master's in counseling from U. of Southern Maine in Dec. '08. She is now a part-time school

Linnea Richardson '79 and her husband, Joseph Koster.

Cynthia A. Griffin '84 and David Alden '76 in Bangkok.

Laurian Flanagan '01 and Bruce Foster married 10/18/08.

counselor in Yarmouth, ME, and counsels children and adolescents at a mental health agency.

Jennifer Platt is in the midst of a psychiatry residency at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, NJ.

Kevin Wilkinson married Flor de Maria Evangelista Montoya on 7/6/08 at U. of North Carolina's Newman Center in Chapel Hill. Also in attendance were Sara Wilkinson McElroy '03, Theresa DeRose Wilkinson '73, Andrew Wilkinson '74 and Kathryn Wilkinson, who worked in the alumni office in the '60s and '70s. Flor — who is from Trujillo, Peru, known as the Peruvian capital of eternal springtime — is a Ph.D. student at UNC. Kevin works for a small biotech firm in Research Triangle Park. They live in Durham, NC, with their Shih Tzu, Bubu. "It's also worth noting that after spending three weeks in Peru, I have not seen Machu Picchu yet!"

Melissa Heggers Shea and **Jason Shea** welcomed Robert Connor into the world on 3/27. He weighed 8 lbs., 5.5 oz., and was 21¾ inches long. "Jay is hoping for a future basketball player."

Amy Melaugh Fitzpatrick married Michael Fitzpatrick on 8/2/08 in Napa, CA. **Megan Miller** was in attendance. Amy is a corporate litigation attorney and lives in San Francisco with her husband and dog, Maya.

Christine Kennedy Bozarth welcomed her second son, James, on 3/6. He joins older brother Jack at their home in Rockville, MD. Christine is working on her doctorate in environmental science at George Mason U.

Nicole Wilson Hughes started a new position working on government proposals in June. The job is a 10-minute walk from her house (a big improvement from her previous 45-minute commute), and she is excited to have her husband and her dogs join her on her walk to work each day.

Laurian Flanagan married Bruce Foster on 10/18/08 at St. Agnes Church in Reading, MA; the reception was in Belmont, MA, at the Habitat Wildlife Sanctuary. They now live in Burlington, MA.

After eight years of working at the Disney ABC-TV Group and photographing projects like the Oscars, *High School Musical 2*, "Dancing with the Stars" and "General Hospital," **Adam Larkey** has "joined the International Cinematographer's Guild, Local 600, and started my journey into the freelance world." Adam will continue to focus on shooting television and movie production stills, but has started to foray into food, fine art and hospitality photography. Some of his work can be seen at www.larkeyphotography.com.

Brooke Kennedy married Stefan Agersborg on 10/3/08 at Wentworth-by-the-Sea Country Club in Rye, NH. Camels in attendance were Emily Wiederkehr Rothschild '00, **Beth Rudenko Rothschild**, **Megan Morgan** and Leys Bostrom '02. Brooke and Stefan live in Washington, D.C., where she works in international development.

Deke Fyrberg and Kacie Kennedy Fyrberg '02 welcomed their first child, Grace Kennedy Fyrberg, on 11/20/08. Grace weighed in at 5 lbs., 12 oz., and was 19 inches long. They live in Rowley, MA.

Rebecca Serrell and John Cyr '03 married 5/29 in Knoxville, TN. See '03 Notes for more.

Christof Putzel is a correspondent for Current TV. Over the past year he was nominated for three Emmy Awards. He also won an Alfred I. duPont Award, "the broadcast equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize."

Colman Long and Elsie Vazquez-Long '89 married 6/22/08 at City Hall in Hartford, CT. Guests included **Vedat Gashi**, **John Piacquadio**, **Varun Swamy**, **Lauren Shadford**, **Charles Olsher**, Rodey Ortiz '99, Mitzchka Basman '99, Carla Laracuenta '00, Jonathan Musoke '00, Elizabeth Blood '89, Nichola Minott '89, Cheron Morris '89, Andrew Musoke '04 and Osten Bernardez '03. Colman completed his M.S. in school counseling in May. He started work as bilingual counselor at Windham High School (CT) in Sept.

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Alexandra Band married Matt Douglas in New Orleans 4/11/09. **Patricia Sinaiko**, **Trinity Broderick**, **Rachel Blumberg**, **Kate Keene**, **Anna Schmidt** and **Lilia Tyrrell** attended.

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John Cyr married Rebecca Serrell '01 on 5/29 in Knoxville, TN. The couple honeymooned on St. Martin and live in Brooklyn, NY. Rebecca is a dancer and performs with NYC-based companies. John runs a custom photography lab in Brooklyn while completing his M.F.A. in photography at the School of Visual Arts.

After their Sept. '08 wedding, **Katherine Driscoll** and Samarjit Singh Rattan enjoyed a relaxing honeymoon in Costa Rica on the Pacific Ocean. Katherine is a highway planner at the CT Department of Transportation. Samarjit is a systems administrator at *The Day* in New London.

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Matthew Parker graduated from Boston College Law School in May and sat for the RI and MA bar examinations this summer. In Sept., he joined the Providence office of Hinckley Allen & Snyder LLP, where he practices general litigation.

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This summer, **Ben Alander** and Liz Cryan '07 cycled across America to raise money for the BRAD Fund, a childhood cancer research fund. The trip started in Yorktown, VA, and 3,800 miles later ended in San Francisco.

Michele E. Lachance '94 and Erica Tucker '94 at Emerald Pool, NH.

Brooke Kennedy '01 married Stefan Agersborg on 10/3/08.

Nathaniel, left, son of Sara Ewing '97, and Annie, daughter of Jessica Haynes McDaniel '97.

Averaging 70 miles a day, the trip took approximately 54 days. Read their blog at www.bradfund.net.

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Obituaries

Mary Kavanagh Doran '32, of Southington, Conn., died July 11. During World War II, Mary served as a communication officer in the U.S. Navy and was released with the rank of lieutenant. She taught at Meriden High School and worked for the state of Connecticut as director of Middletown Library Service Center. Mary served the College as a class agent. She was predeceased by her husband, Russell P. Doran, two siblings and parents. She leaves two stepchildren, seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a niece.

Louise Phillips Anewalt '36, of Wyomissing, Pa., died Sept. 25. Louise was gracious, generous and known for her ever-cheerful presence and devotion to her family. She was predeceased by her husband, Edward F. Anewalt Jr., and parents. Louise leaves two children, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Beulah Bearse Bush '37, of Sun City, Ariz., died July 30. For many years, Beulah lived in Darien, Conn., with her husband, Walter A. Bush. She worked five years at the Bowery Savings Bank in New York City before leaving to start a family. Beulah enjoyed sailing, golfing, gardening, reading, dancing and traveling. She was an avid bridge player, participating in many tournaments, and spent many hours working with charitable organizations including the Red Cross and Meals on Wheels. She was predeceased by her first husband, William A. West. She leaves her husband, two sons and three grandchildren.

Adelaide Lubchansky Slopak Kahn '38, of Jerusalem, Israel, died Aug. 11. Adelaide studied bookkeeping and became an assistant to an accountant after graduating from Connecticut College. She later became a third-grade teacher. After her first husband, Abe Slopak, passed away, Adelaide moved to Jerusalem, where she learned Hebrew and volunteered through women's organizations like Hadassah, Chug Yovel of Ezrat Nashim and Na'amat. There, she met her second husband, Seymour Khan.

Mary Bishop Catto '39, of Oscoda, Mich., died July 12. During World War II, Mary was a volunteer for the American Red Cross, serving in New Guinea and the Philippines. She and her husband, Martin Catto, founded the Wabun Restaurant and Resort in Oscoda. Mary enjoyed skiing, golf, skeet shooting and tennis. She was a member of many organizations, including St. John's Episcopal Church, Oscoda Yacht Club, and the Shoreline Players, which she helped found. She was predeceased by her husband, parents, son and two brothers. She leaves her daughter-in-law, three grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends and loving caregivers.

Beatrice Dodd Foster '39, of Venice Fla., died Aug. 27. Beatrice previously lived in Scituate, Mass., and Groton Long Point, Conn. She served the College as a class correspondent and class agent. Beatrice was predeceased by her husband, Worth W. Foster, parents and brother. She leaves her two daughters, granddaughter and brother.

Marillyn Maxted Higgins Olmstead '40, of Chestertown, Md., died Sept. 6. Marillyn earned a degree in nutrition from Merritt College in Detroit. She lived with her first husband, Edward Fessenden Higgins, in Pennsylvania before he died in 1962. In 1994, Marillyn married William W. Olmstead, who passed away in 2003. She was known for her indefatigable energy and upbeat temperament. An accomplished birder, Marillyn was a founding member of the Riverbend Environmental Education Center in Gladwyne, Pa., where she served on the board of directors. She was also an active volunteer for the College, serving as a class agent chair and working with the Connecticut College Club of Philadelphia. She leaves four children, six grandchildren and brother.

Marjorie Wicoff Cooper '41, of Moorestown, N.J., died Sept. 19. Marjorie earned her certificate in library science from Simmons College. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a founding member of the Plainsboro Historical Society and donated land where the local fire company was built. Marjorie was predeceased by her husband, Edward W. Cooper. She leaves her two children, Barbara Cooper Neeb '72 and Evelyn Cooper Sitton '69; sister; five grandchildren, including Jeffrey Sitton '96; and three great-grandchildren.

Barbara Weld McGuire '42, of Ithaca, N.Y., died Aug. 29. After graduating, Barbara worked as a medical social worker in the Hartford Hospital and as an executive secretary for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation for Hartford County. After marrying Bill McGuire in 1944, she followed him through his Navy career before moving to Ithaca. There, she was a caseworker for the Ithaca Family Society and was active on the board of the Ithaca Mental Health Association. She leaves her husband; two sons and their wives; brother; sister-in-law; two granddaughters and their husbands; great-grandson; cousin and several nieces and nephews.

Evelyn DePuy Peterson '42, of Appleton, Wis., died Aug. 12. After graduating from the AIB College of Business in Des Moines, Iowa, and became editor of *Look* magazine. Evelyn was a lifelong volunteer for the American Red Cross and was an activist for the Wisconsin Republican Party. She liked to learn something new every day, and her sense of humor earned her friends of all ages. She was predeceased by her parents and husband, Talbot Peterson. She leaves her two children, daughter-in-law, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, brother and brother-in-law.

Mary Louise Stephenson '43, of Marblehead, Mass., died Sept. 26. Mary received her Ph.D. in biochemistry from Harvard Medical School, where she went on to become an associate professor. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Mary was also a research fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital for over 40 years. With her associates, she published more than 30 articles in professional journals. Mary belonged to the Pleon and Eastern Yacht Clubs, the Club of Small Gardens, and the Marblehead Historical Society, where she served as secretary. She leaves her brother, sister-in-law, several nieces and nephew.

Margaret Gibbons Young '43, of Weston, Mass., died July 27. She was predeceased by her husband, George L. Young; parents; and sisters, Barbara Gibbons Wilson '53 and Mary Gibbons Mullen '41. She leaves her two children, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, four grandchildren, sister, brother-in-law and many nieces and nephews, including Sharon Welsh Butler '71.

Muriel Jentz Schulz '44, of Winthrop and Sarasota, Fla., died Aug. 17. While in New London, she met her future husband, Robert Schulz, who was attending the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Muriel was a lifelong member of the Congregational church. She was an avid reader and volunteered in many libraries. Muriel spent much of her time corresponding with friends and giving to

Gertrude McKeon, 1926-2009

GERTRUDE "TRUDE" MCKEON, 83, who taught chemistry at the College from 1952 until 1992, died Aug. 27 at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London.

McKeon, the Margaret W. Kelly Professor of Chemistry, joined the faculty after receiving her Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Yale. She played an integral role in educating many science majors during her 40 years of teaching.

"Trude was a strong, supportive and humble colleague who always worked toward the best interests of Connecticut College, the chemistry department, and its students," the department said in its newsletter.

She was born June 8, 1926, in New Haven. She graduated cum laude from Albertus Magnus College with a bachelor's degree in 1947 before matriculating at Yale, where she earned her master's degree in addition to her doctorate. Her field of specialty was electro-analytic chemistry.

McKeon was a research fellow at Harvard University from 1959 to 1960 under a National Science Foundation fellowship and was elected as a fellow of the American Institute of Chemists in 1970. At Connecticut College, she served as the first chairperson of the Faculty Steering and Conference Committee and chair of the chemistry department three times. She was dean of sophomores from 1963 to 1969 and associate dean of the College for two years.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews, Edward McKeon and his wife, Helen Maureen; George McKeon and his wife, Catherine; James McKeon and his wife, Elaine; and Nancy McKeon Haggerty. She was predeceased by her nephew Russell McKeon.

charities, especially those helping the children and poor. She was a class agent at the College. Muriel was predeceased by her husband. She leaves her two children, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Anne Chandler Hagan '46, of Hulls Cove, Maine, died Aug. 16. Anne worked for Dow Chemical Co. for many years before retiring. She performed microbiology and virology research and held similar positions at Yale University and several Connecticut hospitals. Anne was passionate about maritime history and worked at the Mystic Seaport and Maine Maritime museums during her retirement years. She took pleasure in her Master Gardener certificate and Welsh Corgis. She leaves her brother, nieces, grandnephews and grandniece.

June Hawthorne Sadowski '46, of Skaneateles, N.Y., died Aug. 20. Orphaned when she was 10, June often told vivid stories about growing up in Washington, D.C., with her aunts and sister. June taught special education at the elementary level and was an avid reader and gardener. She enjoyed staying connected with friends, to whom she wrote many letters to throughout her lifetime. For Connecticut College, she served as a class correspondent, vice president, agent and nominating chair. She leaves her husband, Robert Sadowski, four children, daughter-in-law, son-in-law and seven grandchildren.

Marguerite (Margie) Caylor Veil '46, of Wyomissing, Pa., died July 28. Margie's early career included several social work positions before she began working at the Keystone Community Blood Bank. After retirement, she volunteered as a nurse's aide with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center. Margie was also active at the Atonement Lutheran Church, where she read issues of *The Lutheran Magazine* onto audio cassettes that she distributed to visually handicapped people throughout the U.S. Margie loved traveling, reading, gardening, the theater, bridge with friends and her family. She was predeceased by her parents and husband, John W. Veil Jr. She leaves four children, a granddaughter and a brother.

Susannah Johnson Convery '47, of Beaumont, Calif., died Sept. 22. While raising three children, Susannah attended the University of California's Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. She started her own successful practice in Walnut Creek, Calif., where she became a family law specialist over the next 30 years. She was one of only three women in Hastings' class of 1960, one of the first women to clerk for a California Supreme Court justice and one of the first women to work in the Santa Clara District Attorney's office. Susannah is remembered for her love of her family, laughter, passion for politics, loyalty to her friends and dedication to her profession. She was predeceased by her husband, John Henry Convery. She leaves her brother, three children, daughter-in-law, son-in-law and six grandchildren.

Janice Warren Shook '47, of West Lafayette, Ind., died Sept. 5. Janice was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, Thursday Club, the Lafayette Country Club and the Bent Pine Golf Club in Vero Beach, Fla. She was predeceased by her parents. She leaves her husband, James Shook, three children, two daughters-in-law, son-in-law, sister, brother-in-law, 20 grandchildren and four stepchildren and their spouses.

Virginia (Ginny) Rusterholtz Attridge '48, of Plano, Texas, died July 28. A longtime resident of Syracuse, N.Y., with her husband, Walter R. Attridge Jr., Ginny worked at the Addis Co. and Blue Cross. Her interests and career choices always centered on social services, world affairs and improving the Syracuse community. A highlight of her volunteer efforts was representing the Episcopal Diocese of Syracuse at a United Nations Interfaith Council in 1969. She enjoyed politics and was always ready to discuss current events. Ginny never forgot the lessons of the Great Depression and often said, "It's not a bargain if you don't need it." She was predeceased by her parents. She leaves her sister, two children, two sons-in-law and four grandchildren.

Barbara Belle Isle Brailey '48, of Niantic, Conn., died Sept.

20. Barbara was active at the Niantic Community Church, where she taught third grade Sunday school and vacation bible school for many years. Barbara was a PTA president, Cub Scout den mother, member of the East Lyme Women's Club and longtime chairperson of its Beautification Committee. Her passions included her family, dancing and quilting — she was a member of the Clamshell Quilt Guild and the Thames River Quilters. She was predeceased by her husband, Donald W. Brailey. She leaves four sons, three daughters-in-law and six grandchildren.

Jeanne Harris Hansell '49, of Washington, D.C., died Oct. 3. After graduating, Jeanne became a clinical social worker who worked as a supervisor and clinician at the D.C. Institute of Mental Hygiene. She later ran her own private practice as a psychotherapist for young adults. Jeanne was a volunteer at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Wendt Center for Loss and Healing in D.C. She was a member of the All Souls Unitarian Church and helped found Kalorama Village Inc., a not-for-profit organization that aids senior citizens. She leaves her husband, Herbert J. Hansell, three children, two sisters and two grandchildren.

Conaire (Connie) Donnel Ward '53, of Waterford, Conn., died July 31. Connie worked at the Waterford Public Library as head of technical services for many years before retiring in 1994. She loved to sing and was a member of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Chorus and the choir of the All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church. She loved UConn basketball and traveling, and was a lifelong learner, taking classes in drawing and pastels. Connie gave her time as a literacy tutor. She was predeceased by her husband, Donald Ward. She leaves her three children, including Diana Ward Guarino '84; daughter-in-law; son-in-law and two grandsons.

Barbara Rice Kashanski '54, of East Haddam, Conn., died Aug. 25. While living in Waterford, Conn., Barbara was very involved with the former Thames Science Center as a teacher-naturalist, worked as a writer and editor for the Naturalist Notebook, and served as a trustee of the Eugene O'Neill Theater and the Waterford Historical Society. When Barbara moved to East Haddam, she wrote for *The Gazette* and worked with the High Hopes Therapeutic Riding program, the East Haddam Land Trust and The Nature Conservancy. She was a talented birder who participated in numerous bird counts and censuses. At the College, she served as a class agent and reunion committee member. She leaves her husband, John Kashanski, three daughters, two sons-in-law, two grandsons, sister, nieces, nephews, sisters- and brothers-in-law, cousins, neighbors and friends.

Ann Hathaway Sturtevant '56, of Longmeadow, Mass., died July 31. Ann earned her master's degree in education from Springfield College. She worked as a guidance counselor in the Longmeadow school system and volunteered for the College as an alumni admission representative. She was a member of the Atlanta Club, the Century Club and a board member of the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum. She leaves her husband, Brewster Sturtevant, two sons, two siblings and two grandchildren.

Emily Tate Rudolph '58, of Grantham, N.H., died Sept. 18. After a 25-year career in book publishing in Boston and New York, Emily earned her nursing degree from Fairfield University. She then worked as a hospice homecare nurse in Norwalk, Conn., and Fairfield, Conn., before retiring to New Hampshire in 2005. For 19 years, Emily sang with the choir of St. Mark's Church in New Canaan, Conn. Emily volunteered as a class agent and treasurer at the College. She was predeceased by her husband, Frederick Rudolph, and parents. She leaves her two siblings, stepdaughter, several grandchildren, nieces and nephew.

Conde Spaulding Hackbarth '59, of Wilmette, Ill., died June 6. A longtime Illinois resident, Conde grew up in Chicago and Winnetka and raised her family in Kenilworth and Lake Forest. She spent summers at her family cottage in Harbor Beach, Mich., and for the past 10 winters was a resident of Key Largo, Fla. She leaves her husband, Philip Hackbarth, two children, two stepchildren, five grandchildren and brother.

Andrea Thelin Parker '59, of Jeffersonville, Vt., died Aug. 19. An avid golfer, crafter and Scrabble player, Andrea worked at the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory in Groton, Conn. She was an amateur radio operator and held a private pilot license. Her other interests included automobile collecting, camping, music and gardening. She was very active at the College, serving as a class agent, class agent chair and reunion chairwoman. She was predeceased by her parents and sister. Andrea leaves her husband, Jim Parker, two daughters, two siblings, two siblings-in-law, son-in-law, daughter's partner, three grandchildren, two Himalayan cats, a canary, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Josephine Johnson Williams '63, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Jamestown, R.I., died Sept. 26. Josephine was both a licensed real estate broker and published freelance writer. She is remembered for her "tremendous courage, unfailing good spirits and marvelous sense of humor." She leaves her daughter and two sisters.

Barbara Greenleaf Bellin '76, of Delray Beach, Fla., died Aug. 3. Barbara was a certified teacher, and prior to moving to Florida she was a co-owner of Montauk Pharmacy and Bellin's Pharmacy Inc. in New London. She was a lifetime member and president of the New London chapter of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, and a lifelong member of Brandeis Women. Barbara was active in the Soviet resettlement program and helped a number of families learn English and adjust to life in New London. She enjoyed swimming, golf and tennis. She leaves her husband, Samuel Bellin, three children and five grandchildren.

Gerard (Augie) Farrell, of Waterford, Conn., died Sept. 16. Augie worked as a morning cook at Jane Addams and Freeman dining halls. He served the U.S. Navy for 20 years before retiring and joined the College in 1996; he was promoted to cook in 2001. He was a member of the Calvary Chapel in Uncasville, Conn. Augie was predeceased by his father and niece. He leaves his wife, Deborah Gonsalves Farrell, mother, son, four siblings, nieces and nephews.

Karen Nelson, of Westbrook, Conn., died July 18. Karen was previously an adjunct instructor of music at Connecticut College. More recently, she was on the faculty at Brown University and taught at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Conn. Karen also ran her own private studio, where students ranged in age from 5 to 82. She leaves her daughter and two grandchildren.

Alice Schafer, of Lexington, Mass., died Sept. 27. Alice taught mathematics at both Connecticut College and Wellesley College, where she retired in 1980. From 1973-1975, Alice was president of the Association for Women in Mathematics. The organization later named its annual prize for the outstanding woman majoring in mathematics after her. Additionally, she led delegations to China for People to People and was actively involved in the American Mathematical Society and Phi Beta Kappa. In 1998, Alice earned an annual award for distinguished service to mathematics from the Mathematical Association of America. Alice was married to Richard D. Schafer and was a mother of two, grandmother of three and great-grandmother of two.

CC: Magazine requires an official, printed obituary for all death notices listed in the magazine and online. To view extended obituaries or submit information to the College about alumni who have died, visit the class notes section of the Alumni Online Community at www.conncoll.edu/alumni.

Volunteer Spotlight

Eric Kaplan '85

"When something's important, you find time to do it"

›IT'S BEEN MORE THAN 25 years since Eric Kaplan '85, then a senior on a winter internship, sat in the admission office at Wheelock College, interviewing high school students.

Joan Fluegelman Wexler '53 P'79 gave Kaplan this first exposure to admissions work, and he loved it. It's one of the reasons Kaplan has never forgotten his roots and serves the College as a volunteer today.

The opportunity to work with Wexler at Wheelock was life-changing. "Without her I may not have had the experience or clarity to move into that field," Kaplan says. He is now associate secretary at the University of Pennsylvania.

"By working at a university, you see the impact higher education has on students," he says. "You feel like you have the opportunity to shape the lives of young people."

Wexler wasn't surprised that Kaplan decided to pursue a career in higher education. She remembers him as a real self-starter who identified well with other students and didn't need a lot of direction.

"He really wanted to go into admissions and was very serious about his work," she says. "He only worked with us for three weeks, but he felt like one of the staff."

Kaplan says the internship gave him his first look at university leadership and really allowed him to see the valuable work an admission office does.

He has since earned his Ed.M. in administration, planning and social policy from Harvard University and held positions at Brandeis University, Boston University and Lehigh University, where Kaplan was dean of admissions and financial aid.

Additionally, Kaplan serves Connecticut College in many ways, working as a class agent chair, class nominating chair, vice president of his class, alumni admission representative and former member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Kaplan says he makes Connecticut College a priority. "When something's important, you find time to do it," he says. "My education had such an impact on my life, and I want current students to have the same experience I had."

Of great importance to Kaplan is his upcoming 25th reunion. As a member of his reunion committee, he hopes to convince his classmates to come back to campus and give back through the class gift.

"It's a time to celebrate, be nostalgic and see where we and the College have come," he says.

And that's not the only reunion Kaplan is excited about.

By coincidence, Wexler recently reconnected with Kaplan after she saw his name in a college viewbook, brought home by her grandson who is a student at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. The two met up for lunch in November when Wexler visited the Philadelphia campus.

"It's been 25 years and we're still in touch," Kaplan says. "It's these kinds of things that make Connecticut College special and propel me to give back."

— *Rachel Harrington*

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Celebrate the season

Mark your calendars for the annual holiday parties!

New York City
Thursday, Dec. 3, 6-8 p.m.
Christie's
20 Rockefeller Plaza
Hosted by Wendy Lehman Lash '64 and Stephen Lash

Boston
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6:30-8 p.m.
The Algonquin Club, 217 Commonwealth Ave.
Hosted by the Boston-area Trustees

Alumni Board News

The Alumni Board of Directors welcomed new board members **Meg Gifford '73**, **Lucie Hoblitzelle Iannotti '57**, **Mark Iger '75**, **Estella Johnson '75** and **Robin Wilson '82** at their first meeting of the year.

The Board, which met during Fall Weekend, discussed goals for the year and voted to make alumni engagement their focus.

After extensive discussion the directors voted unanimously to incorporate Connecticut College Alumni of Color (CCAC) into the Board structure as a committee.

"All alumni are important to the College, and we will work toward engaging each and every alum, either to the College or to each other," Board President Connie Smith Gemmer '80 P'10 said.

Legacy families enjoy a breakfast hosted by the Alumni Board of Directors during Fall Weekend in Shain Library.

Alumni from the women's cross-country team returned to campus Sept. 26 to honor Coach Ned Bishop '84 for his 25 years of service to the College.

Liz Stone '49, Ben Sheldon '07, Ashley Ryall '09, Katie Bigham '09 and Emily Mond '09, left to right, warm up in the tent Connecticut College shared with Hamilton at the 45th annual Head of the Charles Regatta in Cambridge, Mass., in October. Stone, of Palo Alto, Calif., placed third in the Women's Grand Masters 70+. The Camels finished 10th out of 29 teams in the women's four.

Call for nominations

Are you interested in helping alumni engage in the life of the College? Consider serving on the Alumni Board of Directors.

The Nominating Committee of the Board is accepting nominations. Your input is critical to ensuring a diverse pool of qualified candidates for the Committee's review.

Board members are elected by the alumni body to serve terms of three years. The Board meets three times per year.

To submit your nominations, contact Bridget McShane at bridget.mcshane@conncoll.edu or 1-800-888-7549, ext. 2306.

Understand the college admissions process

Are you the parent of a high school junior preparing for the college admission process? The College's 19th annual Alumni Sons and Daughters Program, Feb. 14-15, 2010, offers advice for students as well as parents.

A postcard with more information will be mailed to you in December. To make sure you receive information on this and future programs, please update your contact information and confirm your child's birth date by e-mailing alumni@conncoll.edu, calling 800-888-7549, ext. 2300, or visiting the Alumni Online Community at www.conncoll.edu/alumni and editing your profile.

For more information, please contact Beth Poole '00 at beth.poole@conncoll.edu. Please note that this program is strictly for high school juniors.

Members of the Class of 1960 gather on campus in September to plan their 50th Reunion. From left: June Salamy Krisch, Carolyn McGonigle Holleran, Frances Gillmore Pratt, Nancy Bald Ripley, Mildred Price Nygren, Lenore Fiskio and Joan Wertheim Carris.

Volunteering for Reunion 2011?

Save the date for Insights 2010. This annual program is designed to inform, involve and inspire volunteers who are gearing up for their reunion. Insights will help you get a jumpstart on your planning. Please set aside Saturday, Feb. 27, and plan to be on campus. Details will be mailed to you shortly. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Sarah Fournier at sarah.fournier@conncoll.edu.

Reunion 2010 is Going Green

The Office of Alumni Relations is working to make Reunion 2010 green! Initiatives include:

- Bringing registration online to eliminate bulky registration packets
- Showcasing student-led green initiatives like the Sprout! organic garden and wind-monitoring project
- Composting meals during the weekend
- Reducing the use of plastic water bottles and paper materials
- Working with local vendors to reduce our carbon footprint

Are you or are any of your classmates living an environmentally friendly lifestyle or forging a green career?
Help us showcase how Connecticut College is making a difference during Reunion. E-mail alumni@conncoll.edu with your ideas.

And don't forget to mark your (digital) calendars for June 4-6, 2010!

No
Hate
Yes
Love

A stand against hate

UNDER THE THREAT OF A PROTEST FROM A RADICAL HATE GROUP, THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER AT A VIGIL ON TEMPEL GREEN SPONSORED BY SPECTRUM, A STUDENT GROUP THAT ADVOCATES FOR LGBTQ RIGHTS. AT THE ANNUAL ALL-CAMPUS VIGIL, MEMBERS OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH HOMOPHOBIA, AND COLLEGE PRESIDENT LEE HIGDON READ AN ACCOUNT OF THE 1998 MURDER OF OPENLY GAY UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING STUDENT MATTHEW SHEPARD IN LARAMIE, WYO. STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF THEN MARCHED FROM THE SUNDIAL TO THE CUMMINGS ARTS CENTER, WHERE "THE LARAMIE PROJECT: 10 YEARS LATER — AN EPILOGUE" WAS STAGED IN EVANS HALL.

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CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

"My professors, the courses I took, and the range of viewpoints, backgrounds and ideas of my fellow students collectively unsettled me, knocked me off balance, pushed me far beyond my comfort zone. It was not good enough to find one answer and accept it. It was necessary to take contradictory evidence and deal with it as I tried to craft a life of the mind and a life of action." — *Elizabeth Duclos-Orsello '95*

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