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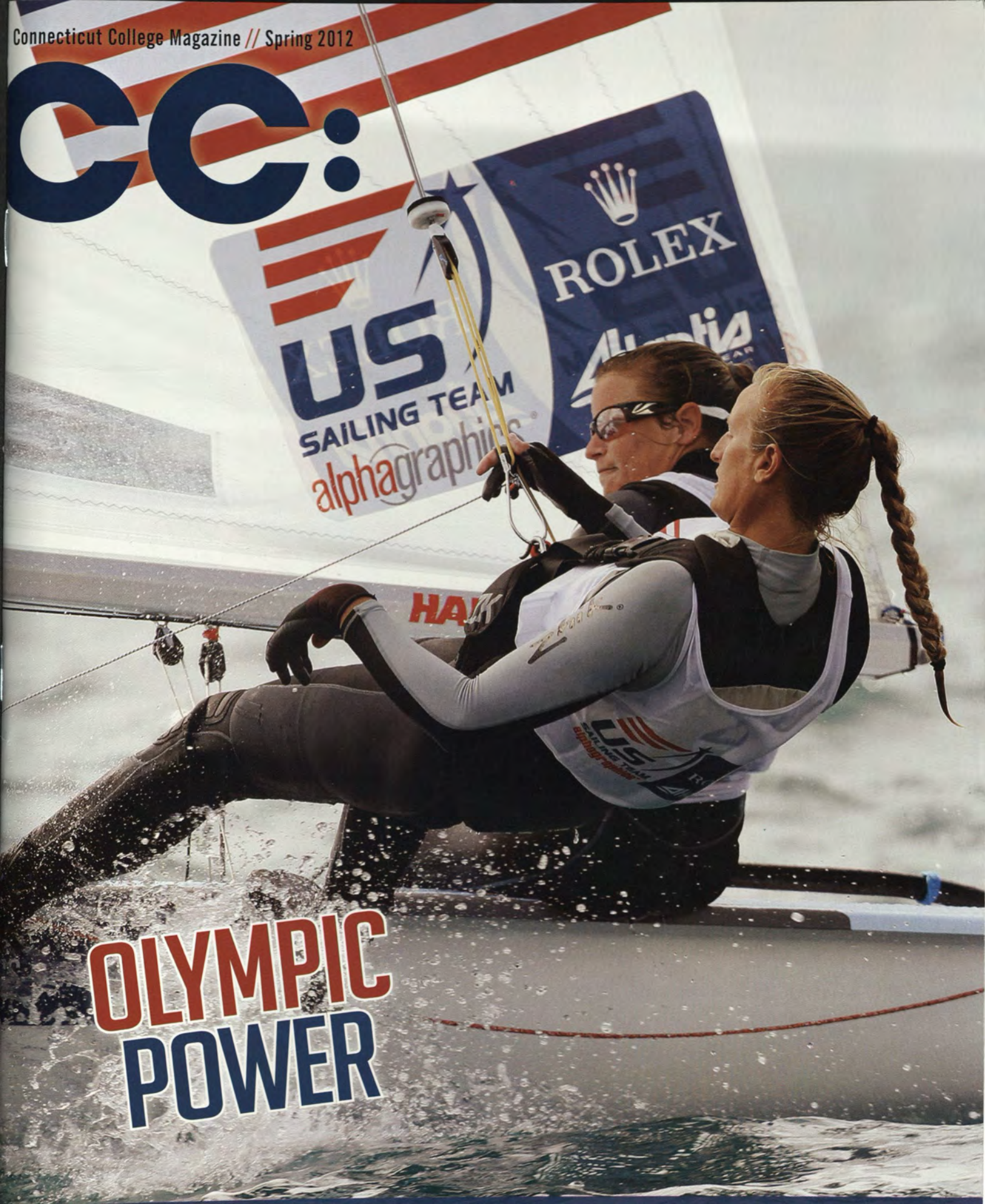
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THIS PAGE: SOPHIA MITROKOSTAS '15 AND BENEDIKT GOTTWALD '15 POSE IN FRONT OF THE ARBORETUM POND LAST FALL FOR A PHOTO SHOOT FOR THELOOK, A NEW STUDENT-RUN, QUARTERLY PUBLICATION THAT FOCUSES ON CAMPUS FASHION, ART, TRENDS AND STYLES. AT RIGHT ARE PHOTOGRAPHER DEVON MCLAUGHLIN '13 AND STYLING DIRECTOR ERIN ROBERTSON '14 HOLDING A LIGHT REFLECTOR. CHECK OUT THEIR FIRST TWO ISSUES AT [HTTP://ISSUU.COM/THELOOKMAG](http://ISSUU.COM/THELOOKMAG). PHOTO BY KIRA TURNBULL '13.

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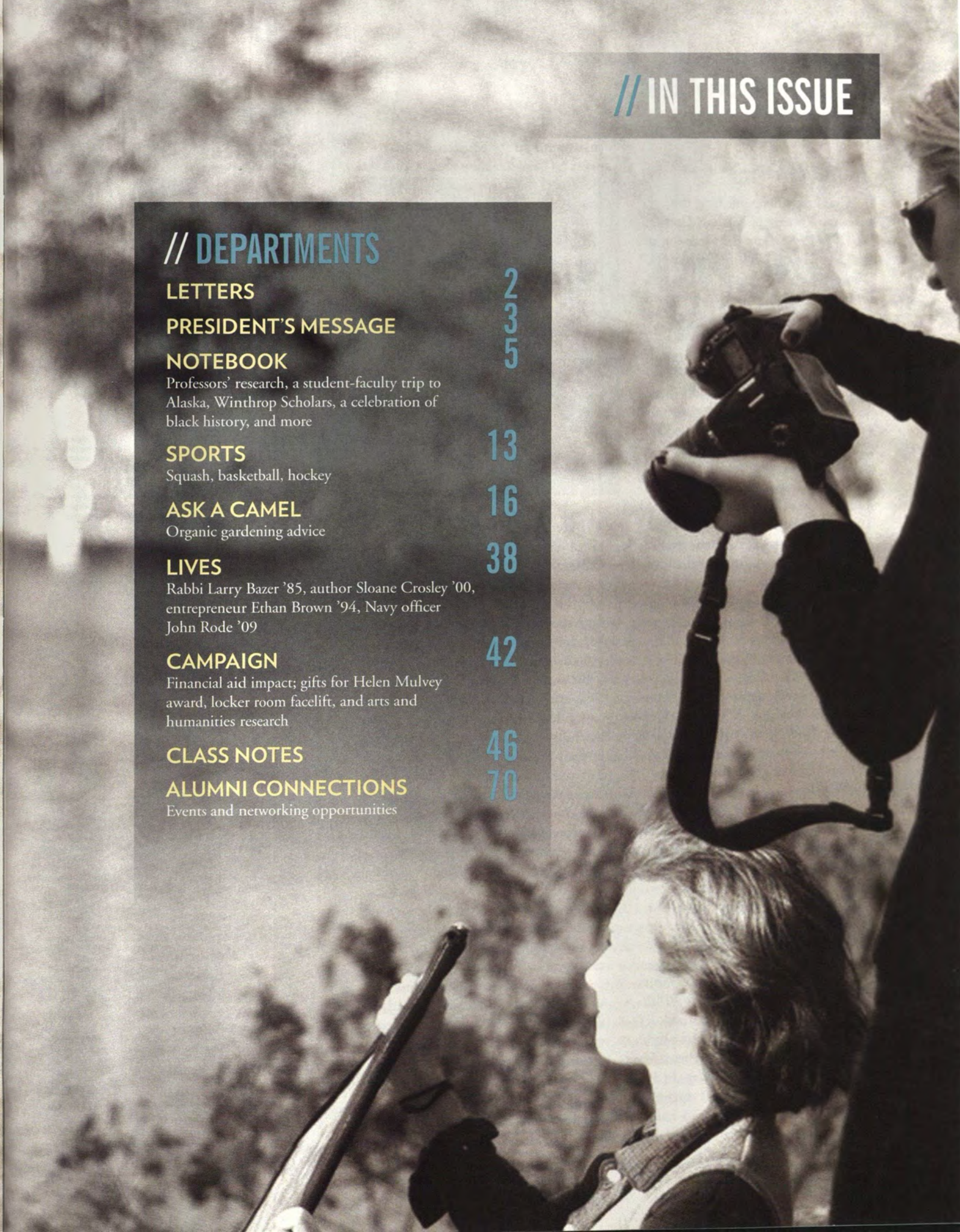
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To the Editor:

Thank you for publishing the wonderful poetry of Michael Collier '76 ("Six Reveries on the Occasion of the Connecticut College Centennial," Winter 2011). His words and images brought back all the rich feelings and memories I have of my own time at Conn. Although Michael and I overlapped in our time on campus, I did not know him, but after reading his poetry I know that he and I share an important connection: loving and valuing the education we received at Conn. (For example, I remember very well the lesson that Professor Cranz taught in European history, using the image of the rabbit/duck, as described in Michael's poem.)

I also want to thank all the English professors I had at Conn for teaching me how to read and appreciate such beautiful poetry.

Amy Cohen '74
East Longmeadow, Mass.

In your article about Florialia founder Tim Scull '79 (Lives, Winter 2011), you note that "a magician performed." That magician was me. I was 18 when I did that, and am delighted I worked the first Florialia.

The real point is, it was the students who executed Tim's avant-garde dream, and I am very proud to have played that gig.

Thanks, Tim.

Ben Robinson '82
New York, N.Y.

I loved the story about Sam Garner '07 ("The Bioethicist," Winter 2011). Interesting that he wasn't even an environmental student and came to his conclusion to not eat meat. I became vegetarian while I was at Conn, in 1991, and have stayed so since, 20 years now. Learning about factory farming and the environmental impacts in Dr. Niering's

environmental studies class, I could never go back to eating meat. Conn was the place I first learned of these issues, and would often gather with friends at Smith for dinner.

I just taught a class on the ethics of eating at a Long Island college, where these issues have yet to take hold. All of this makes me see how progressive Conn College was at the time, and apparently still is.

Thank you for featuring Sam's story. I'm glad to see him spreading the word about this important issue.

Beth Fiteni '93
Oyster Bay, N.Y.
Program Director, Sustainability
Institute at Molloy College

I greatly appreciated your brief historical perspective of Connecticut College's great professors in the Centennial (Fall 2011) issue, all of whom I personally knew. There were one or two glaring omissions, probably because they taught selective courses rather than larger, more general ones.

More troublesome to me was the total omission of the contribution of the psychology department and its longtime head, Otello Desiderato. When he came to the College in 1960, it already had its reputation as a school renowned for close faculty-student relationships. At that time, as President Shain said to me, it was almost completely focused on teaching and not on empirical research. Professor Desiderato quickly changed that. He hired a group of young research-oriented professors and established a graduate program devoted to research that soon caught up the undergraduates as well.

Soon professional publications spewed forth, grants were obtained, and the department needed three secretaries to handle the load. I organized two symposia that featured some of the leading researchers in the country, which were covered each day in multiple-page articles in *The Day*. Indeed the late

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BOB MACDONNELL

A new class takes root

Leo I. Higdon, Jr.

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

The President's House is adjacent to the Connecticut College Arboretum's Native Plant Collection, so my wife, Ann, and I have a bird's-eye view as the season unfolds. On my morning run around campus, I am starting to see daffodils, and the buds on our magnificent azaleas will bloom soon.

Spring is also when our newest class takes shape. All told, more than 4,800 students competed for the 500 spots in the Class of 2016. A record number of students made Connecticut College their first choice by applying for binding early decision.

By mid-February, the Class of 2016 already included an off-Broadway actor, several state swimming champions, the co-founder of a national service initiative to raise awareness of childhood poverty, a science student who has been working in a genetics research lab, and a young man who climbed the U.K.'s three tallest peaks in 24 hours — plus many other fascinating future Camels.

As students make the decision about where to spend these critical four years of their lives, they and their families often ask how the College will prepare them for life after graduation.

One answer I can offer is to share the latest research. Since 2006, the College has been one of 30 colleges and universities in the most comprehensive ever evaluation of liberal arts outcomes. Conducted by the Center of Inquiry at Wabash College, the study has given us hard data on how a Connecticut College education teaches

students to think critically, reason morally, analyze and solve complex problems, thrive in a diverse community, and develop as leaders.

But another answer is simply to talk to our alumni about what they're doing now and how it connects to their education. A few examples:

- Steel industry executive Priyanka Gupta '06 draws on gender and women's studies to understand and manage difficult business interactions (page 17).
- Rabbi Larry Bazer '85 recently served as a military chaplain in Afghanistan; the zoology major says he's using the critical thinking and interview skills he learned here (page 38).
- Author Sloane Crosley '00 is sharing her comic wit worldwide and using what she learned about writing from Blanche Boyd, the Roman and Tatiana Weller Professor of English, to teach others how to find a voice (page 39).
- Entrepreneur Ethan Brown '94 says philosophy Professor Larry Vogel's environmental ethics class helped him develop a pragmatic approach to sustainability; now he's bringing to market a cost-effective new meat substitute (page 40).

It's no accident that many alumni can cite the impact of specific courses and professors. Small classes and close faculty-student relationships are the hallmarks of the Connecticut College experience. I look forward to seeing how our newest students will discover new interests and passions — and use this education to shape successful and meaningful lives. ■

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Ernest Schlesinger, professor of mathematics, remarked to me, "You have put Connecticut College on the intellectual map of the country."

The department did not initiate research at the College, but the scale of its research and student involvement forever changed the perception of professors and the requirements expected of them. Thus, by 1988, President Gaudiani could speak of our professors as "teacher-scholars," which could not have been said a generation earlier. Today, there is so much empirical research and grants distributed among departments that it is hard to imagine that when I arrived here in 1963, ordering books for the library for research and not for instructional purposes was forbidden by the Library-Faculty Committee.

Bernard I. Murstein

May Buckley Sadowski '19 Emeritus
Professor of Psychology
Waterford, Conn.

I enjoyed the Centennial issue with its delightful photos and great story about CC's beginnings.

However, in your Great Teachers features, I was distressed by the omission of Rosemond Tuve, who was almost certainly the most extensively published scholar on the faculty in the late '50s. She had written two highly respected, widely reviewed books before my arrival at CC, including the influential "Elizabethan and Metaphysical Imagery" published by the University of Chicago; a third on Milton appeared in my student days, a fourth from Princeton shortly after. She communicated the values of study and hard work in delightful ways and inspired me and many others to become English majors through her intense love of literature.

Her publications earned her a year at Harvard, a Fulbright to Oxford, a year at Princeton, and

eventually a position at the University of Pennsylvania, where she was the first woman to be offered a tenured professorship. Yet her home base from 1934-1962 — 28 years — was Connecticut College. My first class with her was freshman composition; she read our papers with great care and shaped individual writing styles with her sensitive criticism. She cared deeply about our work but also about us as individual women; her graduate school reference for me was highly detailed and individualized.

She inspired me to become a professor of literature and ultimately to write scholarly books, although mine were far less dense and brilliant than hers. More important, she was a trailblazer: The "big Ivies" where she was invited to teach for a semester or a year had no women appointed permanently to their English departments. She seemed glad to be back from Harvard in 1956, even though Harvard gave her more time for scholarly pursuits. The courage that it took her to go to Penn inspired us all. Courage and confidence were qualities that women badly needed in the '50s and early '60s.

Swimming pools and gyms are good, but aren't scholarship and teaching the ultimate value of a liberal arts college?

Katherine Usher Henderson '59

Novato, Calif.
Director, Osher Lifelong Learning
Institute, Dominican University of
California
President Emeritus, Point Park
University

You stated in the Centennial issue that the first computer showed up on campus in the late '70s. The first computer arrived in about 1971. However, you were very correct in that there was no fanfare. I had heard it was an alumni gift, and Jerry Lamb, who

worked at the Navy Underwater Sound Lab at the time, was instrumental in getting an IBM 1130 with a 2311 external disk drive, along with a card reader, printer and two-key punch machines.

I was hired shortly after to run the data center and start computerizing all the administrative offices. At first it was a very difficult task since in those days no one really knew or cared about computers or was very comfortable with their manual systems. The late Bob Rhyne, the registrar at the time, was the first to let me show him what could be done. After creating programs that generated his class lists, grade reports, etc., many offices followed suit.

I was a one-man shop since the College did not want to spend any money on the center. Stan Wertheimer, now professor emeritus of mathematics, started involving his students with the computer. So we split the day, half for administration functions and half for education. I was there from about 1971 to 1978. When I left, almost every office had some kind of involvement with the data center.

Wayne Ingersoll '79 P'91

Chocowinity, N.C.

Editor's Note: Thank you to the almost 1,900 alumnae and alumni who filled out our online magazine survey. As this issue goes to press, we are still tabulating your responses. One trend is already emerging: Even in the age of Facebook, almost everyone wants more Class Notes. So please, send an update to your class correspondent today. (Contact information is listed under your class year in the notes section, which begins on page 46.) Photos of alumni are encouraged. And stay tuned for an in-depth report on the survey results. In the meantime, if you want to share your opinions on this issue, email us at ccmag@conncoll.edu.

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Mind over matter

FOR FRIGGATRISKAIDEKAPHOBICS, 2012 poses a triple threat: three Friday the 13ths in one year. But fear not, says Professor of Psychology Stuart Vyse, author of “Believing in Magic: The Psychology of Superstition.” On Friday, Jan. 13, Vyse told viewers of “CBS This Morning” that this phobia, which dates to 19th-century England, can be overcome. To prove it’s just like any other day, on April 13 — or July 13, if you won’t be ready that soon — “experiment with maybe doing one thing that might seem a little iffy otherwise,” Vyse suggested. Except skydiving, which he doesn’t recommend on any day.



Living King’s legacy

ABOVE, FROM LEFT: MAB SEGREST, THE FULLER-MAATHAI PROFESSOR OF GENDER AND WOMEN’S STUDIES; KIESHA HENRY, STAFF ASSISTANT FOR THE OFFICE OF VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AND THE HOLLERAN CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ACTION AND PUBLIC POLICY; AND JAZMIN LONG ’12 ARE THE 2012 RECIPIENTS OF THE COLLEGE’S DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SERVICE AWARDS.



AMBASSADOR LOUIS B. SUSMAN P’84 AND HIS DAUGHTER, SALLY SUSMAN ’84, AT HIS SWEARING-IN CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., IN JULY 2009.

Diplomatic ties

THE HONORABLE LOUIS B. SUSMAN P’84, U.S. Ambassador to the Court of St.

James in London, will be the keynote speaker at the College’s 94th Commencement on May 20. A former lawyer in St. Louis and investment banker at Salomon Brothers — where he became friends with President Higdon — Susman has been active in public service for decades and speaks often about the important role of young people in social change. His daughter is Sally Susman ’84, executive vice president at Pfizer Inc. and a former trustee of the College.

Got a minute?

FROM MARSHMALLOW ROASTS to

dances to home games, student videographers are capturing College life in minute-long bursts for the Student Minute Contest. Any student with a video-enabled phone or camera can make a video of 60 seconds or less and post it on YouTube. Everyone is encouraged to vote in the form of “likes,” views and retweets. Go to www.youtube.com/studentminutecontest to see what’s been posted so far — and yes, like any good Web phenomenon, there’s even a cat video.





FIFTEEN SENIORS WERE NAMED 2011-12 WINTHROP SCHOLARS, THE HIGHEST ACADEMIC HONOR BESTOWED BY THE COLLEGE, IN DECEMBER. THEY ARE, FROM LEFT: MORGAN GRIFFIN, CHARLOTTE ROSEN, ERIN IANNOTTI, AMY SMITH, LISETTE ROMAN, CAROLINE ABBOTT, MICHAEL DOOLEY, SAVITRI ARVEY, DANIEL WERNICK, LAUREN MANNING, AJJEN JOSHI, CAROLYN WESNOUSKY, JASON FISHMAN AND SHUANG SONG. NOT PICTURED: KATHERINE SHABB.

Students tap alumni for career advice

IN FEBRUARY, **MICHAEL STRYKER '86** AND **DWAYNE STALLINGS '99** of Merrill Lynch in New London gave students from the College's Peggotty Investment Club a tour of their office and led a discussion on careers in financial services.

Stallings, who played basketball on the 1998-99 Division III Final Four team at Connecticut College, encouraged students to explore different interests and see what works for them. Before finding his home in the financial world, Stallings played basketball overseas.

Stryker, who advises the investment club and has arranged more than 60 funded internships at Merrill Lynch, offered words of encouragement for those students who don't yet know exactly what their path may be. A job that doesn't seem perfect can still teach you a lot about your field and yourself, he said.

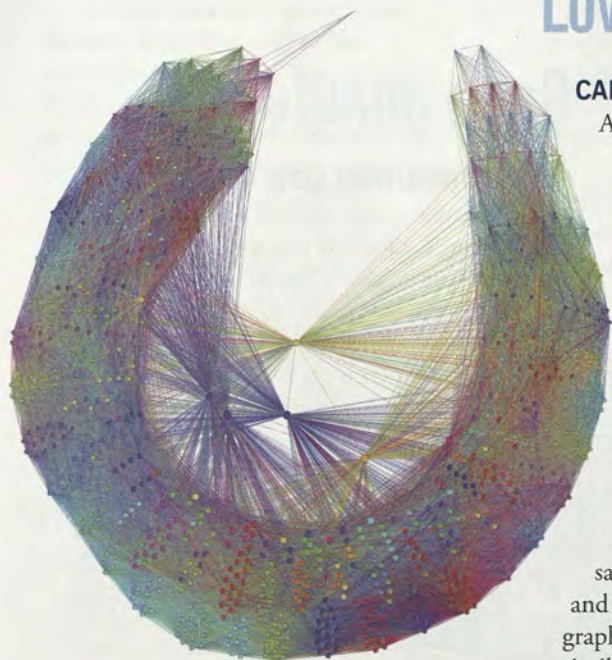
Love is ... a well-designed graph

CAITLIN SPRAGUE '13 WAS ONE OF 12 STUDENTS in the Ammerman Center for Arts & Technology who, for their Designing Visual Information course last fall, created eye-catching graphs to represent complex data.

The course was funded through a new Ammerman Center initiative that develops multidisciplinary courses related to arts and technology, combining the theoretical with hands-on applications. Professor of Art Andrea Wollensak taught the students rules of visual perception and form and how to apply those rules to meaningfully represent data, while Professor of Computer Science Bridget Baird introduced them to computer programs such as Gephi that they used to create their final projects.

Sprague, an art major and human development minor, graphed the College's 725 alumni couples, each represented by a node.

"Clusters of like-colored nodes represent couples who graduated the same year," she explains, while "couples in the center are far apart in age and in some cases graduated as many as 20 years apart." Other students graphed topics such as carbon dioxide emissions by country and the similarities among painters' self-portraits over the past 500 years.



Science center project moves forward

WHILE STUDENTS WERE ENJOYING WINTER BREAK, construction work on the new science center kept right on going. The \$25-million renovation and addition to New London Hall will provide a state-of-the-art facility for the biological sciences, computer science and mathematics.

December and January saw the installation of exterior metal stud framing, bright green protective sheathing and a roof underlayment, all of which help shield the interior from the elements. A temporary heating system was installed so that work can continue inside the building through the winter.

By the end of January, all concrete slabs were in place, and the interior walls were 85 percent framed. Work continues on the mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire-suppression systems and the new slate roof.

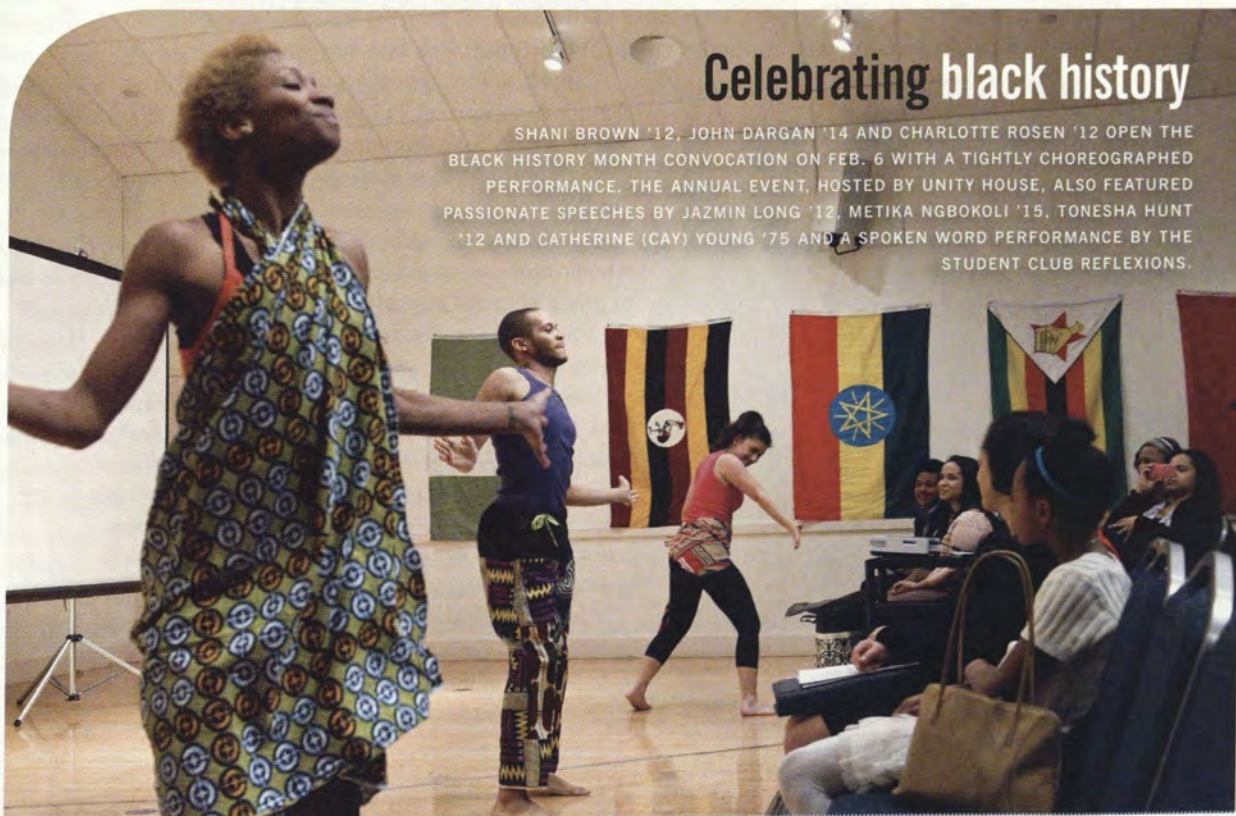
The geothermal wells that will heat and cool the new building have been drilled deep under Tempel Green, and work continues on the piping network that leads from the wells to the building. The project has been helped by the relatively mild winter in southeastern Connecticut.

The facility was designed to support the most up-to-date approaches to teaching and collaborative research in the sciences. The building is on schedule to open for classes in Fall 2012.

Watch the construction progress in real time via webcam at <http://sciencecam.conncoll.edu>.



BARBARA NACY



Celebrating black history

SHANI BROWN '12, JOHN DARGAN '14 AND CHARLOTTE ROSEN '12 OPEN THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONVOCATION ON FEB. 6 WITH A TIGHTLY CHOREOGRAPHED PERFORMANCE. THE ANNUAL EVENT, HOSTED BY UNITY HOUSE, ALSO FEATURED PASSIONATE SPEECHES BY JAZMIN LONG '12, METIKA NGBOKOLI '15, TONESHA HUNT '12 AND CATHERINE (CAY) YOUNG '75 AND A SPOKEN WORD PERFORMANCE BY THE STUDENT CLUB REFLEXIONS.

BOB MACDONNELL

Professor wins Du Bois Book Prize

HISTORY PROFESSOR DAVID CANTON'S RECENT BOOK, "Raymond Pace Alexander: A New Negro Lawyer Fights for Civil Rights in Philadelphia," received the 2011 W.E.B. Du Bois Book Prize from the Northeast Black Studies Association.

The prize, named for the esteemed scholar-activist and Massachusetts native, is awarded annually to the most outstanding academic book published by a scholar in New England or New York whose work focuses on African-American studies.

Canton, associate professor of history and director of the Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity, was honored at a December ceremony at the University of Connecticut.

"Raymond Pace Alexander" (University Press of Mississippi, 2010) is the first biography about the influential lawyer who fought de facto segregation in housing, education, public accommodations and the workplace in Philadelphia from 1923 to the 1960s. The work sheds light on Alexander's significant — and largely unheralded — contributions to the civil rights movement and helps readers better understand the importance of the civil rights struggle in the North.

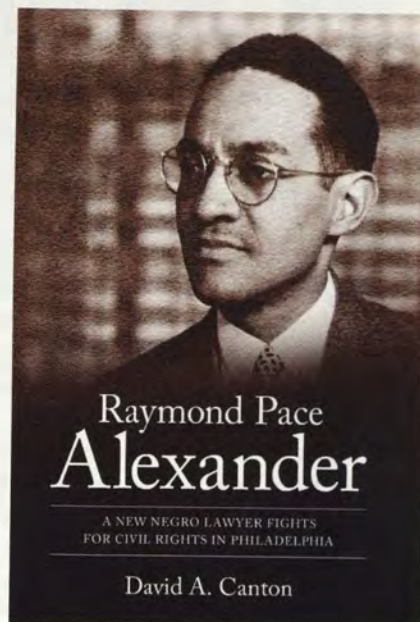
"Canton's masterful scholarly excavation of the life of civil rights attorney Raymond Pace Alexander breaks new ground in the arena of historical biography," a reviewer for the Du Bois prize wrote. "(It's) deserving of scholarly recognition for its contribution to our understanding of the long black freedom struggle."

Canton, whose specializations include 20th-century American social history, the civil rights movement, and hip hop music and black culture, says he's honored to win an award named for Du Bois.

"Du Bois is the eminent African-American scholar, and this award represents the book's ability to give a nuanced impression of Alexander's life and the role black lawyers have played in society," he says.

Future lawyers may benefit from the work as well. Canton says he was excited to learn that Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, chair of African and African American studies at Harvard University, assigned the book to her Duke University law students last year and planned to use it again this spring. Canton will give a talk at Harvard this semester.

Canton is now working on a book of memoirs of Joe Madison, an influential African-American radio talk-show host and activist whose career spans more than three decades. — *Amy Martin*



The legacy of a spill

BP grant will fund biology professor's study of oil's impact on Louisiana salt marshes

WITH A \$202,902 GRANT from the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative, biology Professor Anne Bernhard will work with a team of researchers to explore the effects of the April 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill on the salt marshes that line the Louisiana coast.

Bernhard is one of two dozen researchers, led by the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, who will examine for the next three years how the spill impacted the state's coastal ecosystems.

"A lot of research done after the spill was focused on the open ocean," says Bernhard, the George and Carol Milne Associate Professor of Biology. "We are focusing on the coastline, and specifically on the salt marshes. We want to understand what happens to these critical ecosystems after an oil spill, find the most vulnerable communities, and identify steps we might be able to take in the future to mitigate the damages."

Bernhard specializes in microbial ecology of estuaries and salt marshes. She will work with Anne Giblin, a scientist with the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass., and Brian Roberts of the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium to study how the oil spill affected the marshes' microbial populations.

Bernhard says little such research has been done on these microorganisms that, while tiny, play a vital role in the recycling of nutrients that support entire ecosystems.

"It is easy to see that a bird is covered in oil, but we don't really know what happens when oil settles on the floor of these marshes," Bernhard says.

Her group is one of eight that received a total of \$112.5 million in grants from the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative Research Board, an independent body established by BP to administer the company's 10-year, \$500-million commitment to independent research into the effects of the oil spill.

The funding will allow Bernhard to analyze samples from the Louisiana coastline and provide for two undergraduate student researchers to work with her each summer during the three-year project. Bernhard also plans to have students in her molecular ecology classes analyze the samples she collects to maximize student exposure to this critical and timely research.

"This project is something that students can relate to," Bernhard says. "They watched the oil spill unfold, and this

will help them see first-hand the relevance of this type of research."

The project is a natural extension of Bernhard's previous research on the nitrogen cycle in salt marshes and the factors that affect it.

"One of the reasons we study these processes is to be able to predict what might happen if the ecosystem is disturbed, and one of the things that can disturb it is an oil spill," she says.

Bernhard is also in the planning phase of another research project with Stephen Loomis, the Jean C. Tempel '65 Professor of Biology, and Chad Jones, assistant professor of botany, to examine the effects of climate change on salt marshes.

Bernhard is excited to be a part of the consortium working on the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative.

"This grant is a really great opportunity for me and my students to work with some of the biggest names in coastal ecology — people whose work I am familiar with, but whom I've never had the privilege of meeting in person," she says. — *Amy Martin*



Moose, trout and bears ... oh my

Before presenting their joint research at an Anchorage conference, a computer science professor takes his students to enjoy the great outdoors

WHAT DO YOU NEED for a computer science conference in Alaska? William Tarimo '12 learned that if the trip involves two days of fishing and hiking with Professor Gary Parker, bear spray is a must.

"We hiked some of the beautiful mountains, and my favorite part was how nervous we were about encountering grizzly bears. We each had bear pepper spray hanging by our belts," says Tarimo, a computer science and mathematics double-major from Tanzania.

While they didn't run into any grizzlies, Tarimo, Parker and James O'Connor '13 did get up close and personal with moose, watched mountain goats from afar, and caught big rainbow and Dolly Varden trout in the Kenai/Russian River Confluence — all before presenting cutting-edge robotics research at the 2011 IEEE International Conference on Systems, Man and Cybernetics in Anchorage last fall.

Tarimo presented research he conducted with Parker, associate professor of computer science and chair of the department, on the use of Cyclic Genetic Algorithms (CGA) for legged-robot gait generation. Tarimo and Parker applied CGAs previously developed by Parker to a new gait generation problem of a four-legged, three-degrees-of-freedom-per-leg robot (developed by Michael Cantor '05) to evolve the walking robot's gait.

O'Connor, a computer science major from Wyckoff, N.J.,

JAMES O'CONNOR '13 AND WILLIAM TARIMO '12 COMMUNE WITH THE LOCAL WILDLIFE BEFORE PRESENTING RESEARCH AT A COMPUTER SCIENCE CONFERENCE IN ALASKA.

presented work he did with Parker to extend the use of Anytime Learning with Fitness Biasing to evolve the controller for a robot learning a box-pushing task.

"Both students worked hard with me in this faculty-student collaboration to test our methods for solving difficult problems in robotics, and they gained significant results," Parker says.

The research projects were submitted for peer review and accepted for presentation, a rare honor for undergraduates. Parker surmises that most of the conference attendees assumed Tarimo and O'Connor were graduate students.

"They were both thoroughly prepared, gave professional presentations and did well answering all questions," Parker says. "It's a major achievement for graduate students to get published at these conferences; people don't expect to see undergraduates."

In addition to presenting, the students had the opportunity to attend plenary talks, technical sessions and tutorials, and to socialize with researchers from around the world.

"There are a lot of interesting technologies being developed," says Tarimo, who hopes to pursue a Ph.D. in computer science. "My academic and career horizons were just blown away."

The mid-October conference happened to align with the College's fall break, so Parker invited the students and his son to go early to explore Alaska. Parker tries to make these informal experiences with students part of every conference he attends. In the past he has taken students to tour castles and stay in the highlands of Scotland, visit historic cities in Japan, explore a wildlife preserve in Australia, and scuba dive with giant mantas in Hawaii.

"Going to fish with my professor was like a father-sons adventure," Tarimo says. "I feel so lucky to have developed such a close friendship with Professor Parker in and outside of class." — *Amy Martin*



TARIMO TRIES HIS HAND AT TROUT FISHING.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF GARY PARKER



PROFESSOR GARY PARKER WITH TARIMO AND O'CONNOR.

Internship fuels a career

An aspiring doctor finds her calling in the lab

ROBIN EDWARDS '11 HAD ALWAYS planned to go to medical school and work in a hospital, so it surprised her just how much she enjoys conducting high-pressure shock experiments on synthetic jet fuel.

Edwards interned last summer and fall at Aerodyne Research Inc., a Massachusetts research and consulting firm that specializes in environmental issues and national defense. She landed the position with the help of Professor David Lewis, an affiliated researcher for the company, and quickly became an important part of the Aerodyne team.

"Robin became so deeply involved in an ongoing Aerodyne project, and demonstrated such skill and motivation, that Aerodyne offered her a staff scientist position at the end of August," says Lewis, the Margaret W. Kelly Professor of Chemistry.

Edwards, who majored in physics and minored in chemistry and math, now works for the company and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's chemical engineering lab.

"The experience has been terrific," Edwards says. "I am often able to directly apply knowledge I acquired at Connecticut College to what I am doing at Aerodyne."

The experience inspired her to pursue research-based medicine, and she has applied to medical school and Ph.D. programs in medical physics for the fall.

Lewis, who recently received the American Chemical Society's Award for Research at an Undergraduate Institution, has helped many students like Edwards get research experience with internships at Aerodyne and in his lab at the College.

"Interning at Aerodyne provides opportunities for students to perform research in an industrial setting, complementing their experiences in the College's academic laboratories," Lewis says.



ROBIN EDWARDS '11
WITH CHEMISTRY PROFESSOR
DAVID LEWIS

Several of his former Aerodyne interns are still affiliated with the company, including Jon Franklin '09, who works for the company full time, and Eben Cross '03, a postdoctoral research fellow at MIT who is conducting research there.

Edwards says her transformative experience at Aerodyne would not have been possible without Lewis, whom she called a "great mentor."

"He has really helped me in the transition from the academic world to the professional one," she says.

Edwards encourages all students to build similar relationships with faculty.

"Get to know your professors and don't hesitate to ask them for help," she advises. "That's one of the advantages of a small school." — *Laura Marengi '12*

Playing hardball

Squash teams finesse their game as they move up the rankings

EVEN ON THE TIGHT-KNIT Connecticut College campus, the members of the men's and women's squash teams feel they are among the more inconspicuous Camel student-athletes.

"I don't think most of the campus knows that we're a varsity sport," co-captain Caleb Garza '13 says.

Garza and his teammates on both the men's and women's sides admit they play a quirky, obscure sport commonly associated with posh athletic clubs.

When the teams aren't spending winter weekends at away matches around New England, they can be found training in courts hidden in the basement of the Charles B. Luce Field House, while the more visible basketball and lacrosse teams practice upstairs.

But this year, the squash teams are causing something of a racket on campus.

The men's team is having its best season in years, rising as high as 18th in the nation in the Dunlop College Squash Association rankings and dispatching NESCAC rivals such as Bowdoin and Tufts.

And although the women's team is unlikely to have a winning record this season, they have shown improvement and all signs point to a brighter future.

"We're starting to see more interest from top-tier players," women's head coach Chris O'Brien says.

Men's head coach Barry Ward says the 2011-12 season has had a twin emphasis, equal parts fitness and finesse.

Before the season, both teams underwent a vigorous exercise regimen designed to ensure the Camels could better handle the frenetic pace and spasmodic, stop-start nature of squash

matches.

"You have to have fitness; you can't compete without it," Ward says. "It's the easiest and first part you should solve and we did."

Once there, Ward and O'Brien schooled their players in the chess-like aspect of squash and even employed a sports psychologist to help the team.

"College squash at our level, (players) try to hit the ball hard and don't focus on finesse," Ward says. "You have to decide what shot you're going to hit, and if you can hit it."

Brittany Badik '12, who like several Camels took up squash after first playing tennis, says the mental aspect of the game is part of its appeal.

"You have to really think about what you're doing," Badik says. "There's a lot of strategy."

Squash, which evolved from the 19th-century English game of racquets, is played these days with tear-shaped rackets made from light composite materials, which are smaller than the ones used in racquetball.

A squash ball is smaller than a racquetball, measuring

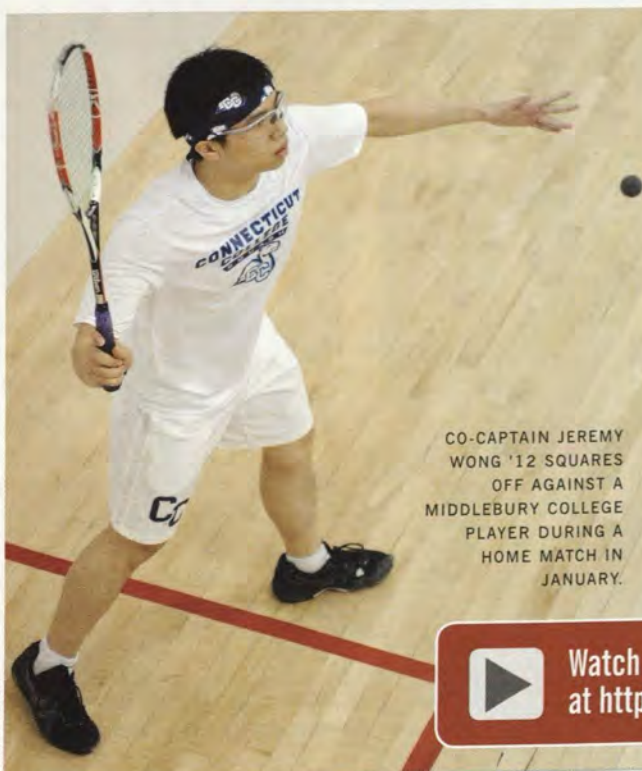
between 39.5 and 40.5 millimeters in diameter and weighing about 24 grams. And it caroms less quickly than a racquetball, meaning players must attack the ball instead of waiting for it.

Beyond the court, both coaches and players are working to bolster their sport at the school.

Laura Abrams '12 says the team is part of a "tight-knit community."

"We're reconnecting with a lot of squash alumni," she says. "Hopefully, they can help the sport grow."

— Stephen Chupaska



CO-CAPTAIN JEREMY WONG '12 SQUARES OFF AGAINST A MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE PLAYER DURING A HOME MATCH IN JANUARY.

JOHN NAREWSKI



Watch a video on Camel squash at <http://cconline.conncoll.edu>

Full-court press

On offense and defense, women's hoops enjoys one of its best seasons yet

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL head coach Brian Wilson, now in his third season, led the Camels to their first NESCAC playoff berth since the conference moved to its current championship format in 2001. After dropping their NESCAC quarterfinal game to second-seeded Tufts, the Camels finished the season 16-7.

Guard Kacie Quick '13 played a critical role in the team's preparedness and overall chemistry on and off the court.

"We place an emphasis on leadership being about character and influence," Wilson says. "A lot of programs automatically make seniors or leading scorers captains. We want Connecticut College women's basketball captains

to be about more than just age or minutes played. Kacie is a woman of tremendous character. I know that Kacie represents women's basketball in an honorable manner on and off the court."

All 16 team members contributed to the Camels' success, but Wilson received consistent production from two game-changing players, guard Jenn Shinall '12 and forward Tara Gabelman '14.

Shinall, a 5-foot-2-inch sharpshooter who can knock down a three-point shot with the slightest bit of daylight, flourished in an offense that featured a much larger, physical front court that created space for a perimeter player.

The Redding, Conn., native netted her 1,000th career point in a victory against Mitchell College in December, becoming just the 12th women's basketball player at the College to reach the four-digit milestone and the first since Katy Serafin '08 hit the mark in 2007.

"I could not have accomplished this without the support of my teammates, friends and family," Shinall said after the win over Mitchell. "Everyone throughout my career has always believed in me and I am truly thankful for that. My teammates did a great job finding me on the floor tonight and I was very thankful for the support they showed me."

Wilson extols Shinall's accomplishments as well as her conscientiousness.

"I'm honored to have had the opportunity to coach Jennifer during these three years. She is as competitive and works as hard as any player I have ever coached," he says. "Scoring 1,000 points is a testament not only to her natural talent but to her incredible work ethic. Jennifer is constantly in the gym, in season and out, working on her game, finding ways to improve."

A month later, Shinall poured in a career-high 30 points in a victory against 18th-ranked Williams College and by the end of the season had moved into seventh place on the team's all-time scoring list with 1,216 points.

Gabelman, of Irvington, N.Y., was a destructive force in the post, pulling down 9.4 rebounds per game to lead the NESCAC; she ranked second in scoring with 14.9 points per game. She hauled in a career-best 23 rebounds in the victory against Williams to tie a single-game school record set in 1990 by Esty Wood-Satran '92. — Will Tomasian



JOHN NAREWSKI

POINT GUARD CARLEE SMITH '15 WAS NAMED MVP IN THE EMERSON TIP-OFF TOURNAMENT IN BOSTON IN NOVEMBER.

Going green

Hockey game raises awareness for violence-prevention program

THE MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM may have lost their Feb. 4 game against Tufts University, but they won more awareness of a campus initiative to prevent power-based personal violence.

In honor of the national Green Dot program, Dayton Arena went green for the night, with players wearing bright green laces in their skates and many fans donning Green Dot T-shirts. Volunteers led fundraising efforts during the game and even the Zamboni was outfitted with a Green Dot banner. A Green Dot logo placed in the ice will remain for the season.

"Preventing sexual assault and other violence is an important issue on our campus and at colleges across the country," co-captain Sean Curran '12 says. "The team thought it would be a good idea to take a stand and show our support for this program."

The College is currently the only institution in the state that has implemented the Green Dot program, created several years ago at the University of Kentucky. Through the program, students, faculty and staff are

trained to help prevent power-based personal violence, which includes sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

The program is part of the College's Think S.A.F.E. Project, which offers prevention and response training and education and enhanced victim services.

"The Green Dot program is about changing the culture, so students feel empowered to do something when they see warning signs that a friend or fellow student may need help," says Darcie Folsom, coordinator of the project. "In the training, we talk about reactive and proactive approaches — and it is great to see the hockey team taking this proactive approach."

Head coach Jim Ward, who has supported many team outreach projects over the years, adds: "We have a great group of guys who understand the importance of something like this. They want to promote it, and I can't think of a better way to do it than to have everyone down on a Saturday night for a hockey game."

— Amy Martin



BOB MACDONNELL

THE CONNECTICUT COLLEGE AND TUFTS UNIVERSITY MEN'S HOCKEY TEAMS STAND FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BEFORE THE GAME.

ask a camel

Q: What is a good, useful flower to plant in my vegetable garden?

ZOE MADDEN '12, ORGANIC GARDENER AND BLOGGER, HAS THE ANSWER

A: *How about sunflowers? They're not only beautiful; they offer a host of other benefits:*

- 1. Help the pollinators.** Sunflowers attract and provide food for pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, increasing your crop yields.
- 2. Feed the birds.** As your sunflowers mature, you will get to see birds, such as goldfinches, performing brave acrobatic feats to pluck the seeds.
- 3. Feed yourself.** If the birds don't get to them first, sunflower seeds are a great snack for humans, too — rich in protein and fiber, plus vitamin E, selenium, copper, zinc, folate, iron and phytochemicals. Hint: To save a few from the birds, cover the heads with brown paper bags while they are maturing.
- 4. Decontaminate toxic soil.** Sunflowers can remove many toxic metals from the soil, such as lead, arsenic and uranium, in a process known as bioremediation. To clean

the soil, grow the sunflowers, harvest all parts of the plant and bring them to a proper facility for disposal.

5. Support climbing plants. If you give sunflowers a head start of 1-2 weeks, they can support vines such as pole beans and cucumbers.

6. They're easy to grow. Sunflowers only require 6-8 hours of full sun and well-drained soil to grow successfully, and they can be grown in most regions of the world.

7. They kill weeds. Sunflowers are allelopathic: All parts of the plant emit chemicals that are harmful to many species of weeds but won't harm most other food crops.

8. They come in almost every color. You don't have to stop at classic yellow; orange and red varieties are also available. Sunflowers range in color from a very dark, nearly black burgundy to a very pale, nearly white yellow. Bicolor variations also occur, such as red on the outside of the petals with a ring of yellow near the inside of the petals.

9. They look amazing. Some varieties of sunflowers, grown in ideal conditions, will reach truly impressive heights. The world record for the tallest sunflower is over 25 feet.



ZOE MADDEN is a botany and environmental studies major and co-president of Sprout!, a six-year-old student organization that works to promote sustainable food and agriculture.

She started gardening as a child with her parents in their Longmeadow, Mass., backyard, and joined Sprout! in the first week of her freshman year.

Last summer, Madden worked on campus as manager of the Sprout! garden, which produced a bumper crop of beans, beets, potatoes, carrots, kale, corn, tomatoes, yellow squash, winter squash, gourds, pumpkins, raspberries and zucchini. After graduation, she hopes to return to the manager position for a year and help relocate the garden to south campus near the historic steel house, which is being restored as a center for sustainability programs and initiatives. Madden's career goal is to promote healthy foods and organic, sustainable agriculture.

Read the Sprout! blog at
<http://sproutgarden.blogspot.com>





WOMAN OF STEEL

**PRIYANKA GUPTA '06 BREAKS
DOWN GENDER BARRIERS
AS SHE BUILDS INDIA'S
INFRASTRUCTURE**

BY ELIZABETH HAMILTON

AT A STEEL SUMMIT IN INDIA in 2008, Priyanka Gupta '06 realized that she was the only woman in the room of 300 participants — and she seemed to be invisible.

“During the entire summit, no one spoke to me or discussed anything with me. I wasn’t even given a program or a feedback form,” says Gupta, who is one of two executive directors of MPIL Steel Structures Ltd. in Mumbai.

Not only are there few women in India’s steel industry, but Gupta was just 24 at the time. Today, at 27, she is a rising star in her field. MPIL, founded by her father,

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PRIYANKA GUPTA '06, AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MPIL STEEL STRUCTURES, HAS INCREASED THE MUMBAI COMPANY'S FEMALE EMPLOYMENT BY 25 PERCENT SINCE 2008.

Ashwani Gupta, manufactures structural steel and metal building systems for airports, bridges, buildings and factories. His daughter oversees all day-to-day operations, financial planning and business development. In the three years since she joined the company, sales have increased by 500 percent. MPIL enjoys the highest ranking of financial stability from CRISIL, India's largest rating agency, and is expanding with a new plant in Karnataka.

Gupta was recently named one of the country's top five female entrepreneurs — she is No. 3 — by ET Now, the television channel of India's Economic Times. In February, her company won additional awards for manufacturing and green enterprises at a ceremony in Delhi.

Gupta's success doesn't surprise those who know her at Connecticut College. She "packs more power per inch than anyone I know," says Mab Segrest, the Fuller-Maathai Professor of Gender and Women's Studies. "I think people find out pretty fast that she is the one who is in charge," she adds. "She has an incredible ability to focus."

And to persevere.

After sitting patiently through that steel summit three years ago, Gupta worked up the nerve to raise her hand during the question-and-answer session — and the other attendees took notice. "At the end of the conference men came over and introduced themselves, gave me their business cards, and wanted to meet me and discuss business opportunities," she recalls. "I figured that my asking a pertinent question immediately established myself as an equal."

At the College, Gupta completed three majors — economics, international relations, and gender and women's studies. She spent a semester studying at Oxford University, graduated summa cum laude, and

completed an honors thesis on economic liberalization and the empowerment of gays and lesbians in India.

She credits her education with teaching her to look at problems and people from multiple perspectives. Her major in gender and women's studies, in particular, "lets me think of the various forces at play when I'm dealing with people," she says. "Behavior is such a part of your personal identity, based on so many power differentials that you have to understand when you're working with different people."

In addition to her studies, Gupta held several campus jobs, including operating the campus phone switchboard and serving as an administrative assistant in the gender and women's studies department — a position rarely held by a student. "She really helped me run the department," Segrest says. "She has more executive capacity than just about anyone I've ever met."

In her senior year, Gupta helped revamp the school's celebration of Diwali, the Indian Festival of Lights. She and a friend had costumes made with fabric they ordered from India, taught everyone the dances, put on skits, and served Indian food. Tickets to the two-night production sold out.

After graduation, Gupta enrolled in a master's degree program in public policy at New York University. As she was finishing up, her father asked

her to return to India to help run and expand MPIL, a medium-sized company in the Indian steel sector. "I wanted to come home and India was booming," she says. "I felt like there were so many things I could do."

Gupta's father started early preparing Priyanka and her brother, Alok, 31, for leadership roles in the family business. "While other kids were going to theme parks, we were visiting steel plants and answering questions about production," she recalls.



"WHILE OTHER KIDS WERE GOING TO THEME PARKS, WE WERE VISITING STEEL PLANTS AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT PRODUCTION."

— PRIYANKA GUPTA '06



DAVID KAHN '05

IN HER SENIOR YEAR, GUPTA HELPED REVAMP THE COLLEGE'S DIWALI FESTIVAL.

"We understood how work gets done in India from a very young age."

Today, as managing director, Ashwani Gupta focuses on project sales and marketing. Alok, who is a lawyer as well as an MPIL executive director, splits his time between the company's new solar structures subsidiary and his private law practice.

Priyanka Gupta is proud of MPIL's direction toward making energy-efficient buildings, which she believes is central to its future growth. MPIL is the only company in India manufacturing steel for solar panel mounting structures, and was the first in the country to use solar panels, on the roofs of its plant in Tarapur, Maharashtra.

She is also interested in the impact of development policies on women and minorities in the Indian workplace. Gupta says her father broke new ground by hiring rural women and training them to operate heavy logistics and mining equipment at a time when women

did not hold such jobs.

"These women quickly became the finest machinery operators and led the way for women to have non-traditional employment in Indian steel plants," Gupta says. Today, she is not only hiring women to operate heavy machinery and drive forklifts and hydraulic cranes, she's increased the company's female employee base by 25 percent since 2008.

These days, Gupta is more focused on work than anything else, but she makes time to read, travel and ride her bike 25 miles every morning, rising at 5:30 a.m. to beat the Mumbai heat.

Judy Schofield, her supervisor on the campus switchboard, describes Gupta as someone who could tackle any challenge. "She's one of the best students I ever met," says Schofield, who has hired scores of students over the past 14 years. "She's one that sticks in your heart and your mind." ■



LIVE FROM RUSSIA

A TEAM-TAUGHT CLASS PROVIDES A LESSON IN CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION

By Amy Martin

Photos by Bob MacDonnell

Sitting with her students at a conference table in Shain Library, Andrea Lanoux repeats an assertion from a video they have just watched: Americans are exposed to up to 3,000 ads a day. Then she turns to a large, flat-screen television. “Does that describe your experience in Russia as well?” she asks.

“Yes,” says a Russian student sitting in an auditorium of St. Petersburg’s National Research University Higher School of Economics. “I’ve actually seen some of the ads in the film.”

The response sparks a class discussion via videoconference — with 10 students in New London and 14 in St. Petersburg — about how young people consume and

respond to advertising in the U.S. and in Russia.

This conversation, for Lanoux, is a dream more than four years in the making. An associate professor of Slavic studies and faculty coordinator of the Mellon Initiative on Foreign Languages (see “Enhanced Language Programs,” page 23), she is a passionate advocate for integrating culture into language study.

“When I began teaching Russian nearly 20 years ago, we would spend most of our time drilling students on grammar and teaching them to be able to talk about themselves,” says Lanoux, who joined the College in 1999. “Now, we teach students to communicate — not necessarily perfectly and not necessarily about themselves — by understanding cultural contexts.”

This change — and the rapidly expanding availability of technology — started Lanoux thinking about team-teaching with a Russian colleague. Over the past four years, thanks to three trips to St. Petersburg with Connecticut College students in her Russian 101 classes, Lanoux developed a relationship with Irina Shchemeleva, a professor of English at the Higher School of Economics. Together they developed the College's first team-taught class via videoconference: a discussion-based course on youth culture in Russia and the U.S.

"The Net Generation: Contemporary Russian and American Youth Cultures" launched last fall with 13 Russian sociology majors and 11 American Slavic studies majors (one of the American students, Nathaniel Pope '12, attended the class in St. Petersburg, where he was studying abroad for the semester). They met via teleconference for 90 minutes each Tuesday; on Thursdays, Shchemeleva and Lanoux led separate discussion sections with their own students. The class was conducted primarily in English — in part because Shchemeleva could not get approval to teach it otherwise — but included a bilingual online discussion board in both English and Russian.

Jyoti Arvey '14 describes the class as a "clash of cultures" that taught the students to be more critical of common stereotypes. Alexandra Wolf '12 adds, "Americans don't have access to a lot of Russian culture, so we have many preconceived notions. It's great to be able to ask them, 'Is this true?'"

For Lanoux, the mix of students and cultures created a new dynamic in the classroom. Rather than just lecturing, she found herself helping students analyze and understand the viewpoints expressed by their Russian peers. And with Russians in the room, she could not generalize about their culture without being challenged. "I may believe that the majority of Russians think a certain way," she says, "but now we actually have people in the room representing other opinions."

Pope enjoyed getting a Russian perspective on articles written by Western scholars and journalists about Russia. One such article portrayed a pro-Putin youth group, Nashi, as a powerful and wide-reaching social force.

"But when we discussed the piece with our Russian peers, they were pretty amazed that the



"THE NET GENERATION," TAUGHT BY ANDREA LANOUX AND A COLLEAGUE IN ST. PETERSBURG, LAUNCHED IN FALL 2011 WITH 11 SLAVIC STUDIES MAJORS AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE AND 13 RUSSIAN SOCIOLOGY MAJORS, LINKED BY VIDEOCONFERENCE.



"WE HAVE MANY PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS.
IT'S GREAT TO BE ABLE TO ASK THEM,
'IS THIS TRUE?'"

— ALEXANDRA WOLF '12



STUDENTS ENJOYED GETTING A FIRST-PERSON PERSPECTIVE ON CULTURAL ISSUES FROM THEIR PEERS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.



THE CLASS WAS A DREAM FOUR YEARS IN THE MAKING FOR ANDREA LANOUX, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SLAVIC STUDIES.

group had garnered so much attention in the American media," Pope says. "Not a single one of them knew anyone involved in the group, and they indicated that the group's political presence was fairly weak."

For the Russian students, American-style education was its own surprise. The discussion-based course, with assignments requiring independent analysis and comparison, was completely foreign to students in an educational system based on lectures and memorization.

"I had thought language or the technology would be the real barrier, but it turned out the real barrier was culture," Lanoux says.

The final presentation, a group research project, required the students to explore complex topics like teen



suicide and racism and racial identity in Russia and the U.S. Each group included at least one Russian and one American student.

"At times, the students experienced real miscommunication," Lanoux says. "It was a very valuable exercise in cross-cultural dialogue."

Shchemeleva says that Russian and American students were surprised to learn how little they knew about their foreign peers' beliefs and values, and how they live, study and spend their free time.

"Our discussions showed that though we are considered to live in a 'global village with a global culture,' we are still very different," she says. ■



ENHANCED LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

A THREE-YEAR, \$375,000 GRANT from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation is helping the College integrate more technology into language learning and integrate language study with other disciplines.

In addition to Professor Andrea Lanoux's "Net Generation," interdisciplinary classes like "The Japanese Tea Ceremony: Warriors, Merchants and Monks," "Art, Entertainment and Propaganda: German Culture Through Film," and "Latin American Immigration and Migration" are taught primarily in English with optional foreign-language sections to allow students from all disciplines to participate.

The College offers Arabic, French, German, Japanese, Italian, Mandarin Chinese, Russian and Spanish, along with Latin, Greek, beginning Hebrew and linguistics.

// OBJECT LESSON

Medieval Manuscript

EVERY PAGE TELLS A STORY

PHOTOS BY BRANDON W. MOSLEY

THIS MEDIEVAL TREASURE

is a **processional** — a book of music and prayers used for liturgical processions. Donated to the College shortly after its founding, the book was long thought to have been stolen in the 1950s. Recently, it was rediscovered in a Shain Library storage area and restored to its rightful place, as an object of research and reverence, in the Linda Lear Center for Special Collections and Archives.

CC: Magazine's Phoebe Hall interviewed medievalist Ben Panciera, the Ruth Rusch Sheppe '40 Director of Special Collections, about the book's provenance and the characteristics that make it both representative of its era and a unique resource for the College.

The processional, probably produced between 1525 and 1550, was written on vellum, a painstakingly prepared skin of a young mammal, in this case likely a lamb or kid. The finest quality **vellum** was made from the skins of fetal animals; the Lear Center has a page from a Paris Bible, circa 1240, written on so-called uterine vellum, a material so delicate it's nearly translucent.

Though paper was widely available by the 1300s, it was typically used for documents that didn't need to last. Durability, tradition and luxury value ensured the continued use of costly vellum in religious books. Today, vellum is almost universally made from cotton.

BETTER
THAN
PAPER

THE TITLE PAGE

indicates that the processional was from France. Though written in Latin, many pages include French rubrics, or headings written in red, that offer additional instruction for those who could not read Latin. For example, on this page, below IHS (an abbreviation for Jesus), it reads, in French: "First Sunday of Advent. First response," and then in Latin: "The Angel Gabriel was sent to the Virgin Mary ..."

The symbols that resemble music notes are called **neumes**, which signify relative tones. Composers were using five-line staves by the 1300s, and it is unclear why these scribes used the archaic, four-line form.



HAND-PAINTED GOLD-LEAF LETTERS

Several pages are adorned with **inhabited** or **historiated** initials, with gold leaf and small illustrations of flowers, animals and other flourishes. Because the book was meant for regular use, it's not as elaborate as other illuminated texts that characterize the time period, and indeed, the pages and ink show much wear.

The text on the page with the "D" (far left) describes the washing of feet on Holy Thursday, an inclusion that distinguishes processionals, because many of the rituals are different from regular church services.

There appears to be no relationship between the intricacy of a historiated initial and the importance of the feast or service described.



FEAST DAY

This page, describing the Feast of Antoninus of Florence, offers further insight into the book's origins. St. Antoninus, a 15th-century Dominican friar, was canonized in 1523 and is the most recent saint mentioned in the processional. The inclusion of his feast day — which celebrates the day he died — establishes the earliest possible date for the manuscript.



LA MANIERE

De donner le Voile a vne
Religieuse

Après la Messe du saint Esprit
& la predication, la Chantre solo
Commence l'antienne

Veni sponsa Christi.

Ce que le Prestre la face tournée
vers le conuent repete par trois
fois. la premiere estant sur les
marches de l'autel. la seconde au
milieu de l'eglise. & la troisieme
dans le chœur.

VEILED ANSWER

The inclusion of this ceremony, for nuns taking the veil, coupled with the French rubrics and celebrations of Dominican saints' feast days, indicates that a French order of Dominican nuns owned the processional. It may be from Rouen, the historic capital of Normandy, because the book also contains the feast of the city's patron, St. Romain. There was only one Dominican convent, Saint Mathieu dit les Emmurées, in Rouen during the period when the book was presumably written.

MISTAKES HAPPEN

As pages were completed, a proofreader would review them, comparing the original text to the new. The + in the penultimate stave (see inset) tells the reader to skip to the left margin, where text was inserted vertically after the page was completed. This was likely a copying error — the scribe's eye skipped a line in the text. But the cost of materials, not to mention the time-consuming nature of the task, precluded tossing out the page and starting fresh.

l'office pour donner
pendant qu'on chante cette antienne
la Sœur qui doit prendre le voile
se met a genoux. au lieu destiné
puis on dit le psaume **Eructavit**
lequel fini le prestre recommence
l'ant. **Veni sponsa xpi. & le chœur**
continue **Acipe coronam &c.**
l'antienne **acheuee le prestre dit les**
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præualui aduersus eam.
V. Audi orationem meam.
R. Ne quando dicat inimicus eius
præualui aduersus eam.





A GHOSTLY SKULL marks the funeral service, or “procession of the dead.” The illuminator painted around the skull, which is simply unpainted vellum; the ink was rubbed away over time due to the heavy use of the book — and this page.

EYE STRAIN AND FATIGUE

Medieval scribes and illuminators labored long hours in unheated, dimly lit rooms, work that took such a toll on their eyesight that they rarely stayed in the profession for more than a few years. This book, like most manuscripts, was probably written by several scribes — either monks or professionals — who had all received similar training. An illuminator would then have painted the historiated initials after the text was completed. As printing became common, and scribes and illuminators left the field, the illuminated manuscript business died out.

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IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

HOW JEFF BRESNAHAN BUILDS A WINNING TEAM

by Franz Ritt

TWO MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S SAILING TEAM PRACTICE ON THE THAMES RIVER.
THE TEAM ENTERS THE SPRING SEASON RANKED FIFTH IN THE NATION.



FROM LEFT, KIM BOLICK '15, ELIZA PRICE '14, GRACE MEDLEY '15, ATLANTIC BRUGMAN '13, CLAIRE SACCO '13, ALIX ISRAEL '15, BITSY WHIPPLE '12 AND HEAD COACH JEFFREY BRESNAHAN CELEBRATE THE WOMEN'S SAILING TEAM'S VICTORY AT THE MRS. HURST BOWL AT DARTMOUTH IN SEPTEMBER.

Going into the first regatta of the fall season, sailing head coach Jeff Bresnahan didn't know what to expect. The prior spring, starting skipper Maggie Shea '11, a government major from Wilmette, Ill., led the women's team to a second-place finish in the national championship — and then she graduated. "I didn't know how we were going to replace her, and a lot of the other roles were going to have to be filled with freshmen," Bresnahan says.

The regatta was the Mrs. Hurst Bowl at Dartmouth, an event the Camels had won the previous fall with Shea and Atlantic Brugman '13. Both of the team's two-person boats were racing with a new line-up — a challenge for the sailors and the coach. "It was our first chance to see the 'new-look' Camels, and we won the event," Bresnahan says.

Keeping a college team competitive is never easy. Seniors graduate, new students are recruited, and everyone needs time and opportunity to develop. But Bresnahan, who is in his 20th year of coaching at the College, seems to have figured out the formula. Under

his direction the women's team regularly ranks among the top 20 in the nation. Last year was his program's best-ever finish in a team championship — both the women's and coed teams qualified for the nationals — and the New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association named him coach of the year. Of the 16 U.S. sailors competing in the London Olympics this year, two are former Camels who sailed for him (see "London Calling," page 31).

Bresnahan comes from a competitive background, having campaigned for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics in the Star class. As head coach, he works hard to help sailors find the right balance between sailing, academics and being an active part of the campus community. "We have a lot of kids who want to do well in school, sail well and do other things, but you can only do so many things at once," he says. "We've had a

lot of Olympians and a lot of kids who go off to do the Olympics.

I tell the team, 'Don't spread yourself out too far. Get the experience of being at Conn. It's something that you'll think about the rest of your life.'"

The College's waterfront location helps. Because they practice on the Thames River, the sailors can walk



SKIPPER KEVIN MARTLAND '14 AND CREW ELIZABETH WILSTERMAN '12 SAIL COED TANDEM FOR THE CAMELS.



SKIPPER BEN BAINBRIDGE '12, LEFT, AND CREW HARRY YATES '14 SAIL FOR THE COLLEGE'S COED TEAM.

ROB MIGLIACCIO

to the boats in minutes. By contrast, one of the team's closest competitors, the University of Rhode Island, has a 15-minute drive to their sailing site. "We're able to get a lot of things done in a day," Bresnahan says. "If you're at a bigger school and going from one thing to another, you get to practice and it's the end of your day. Here it's just part of it."

Another advantage is the College's two-week spring break. This year, both teams will train in Maryland and Boston during break to position themselves for the national championship in May, hosted by the University of Texas. "We're one of the few colleges left that still has two weeks of break," Bresnahan says. "We really see the benefit of going on the road together for the extra week to just train."

Throughout the fall and spring, the teams practice four days a week and compete most weekends. Spending so much time together creates a tight bond on and off the water. "There is a social aspect, which is wonderful," says Elizabeth "Bitsy" Whipple '12, an architectural studies major and art minor from Plandome, N.Y. "When I think about my team I consider us practically family."

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— JEFF BRESNAHAN

Both teams train together, and even if they qualify for just one of the three spring national championships, they all still practice together to prepare. "It adds support to our starters," Whipple says, "but it also adds great competition to our practices and helps the team as a whole improve."

Brugman is one of the most experienced sailors on the team. The Barcelona native came to the College with significant international sailing experience and was named an All-American last year. She's also typical of the well-rounded student profile that Bresnahan seeks; in addition to sailing and schoolwork, the international relations major volunteers at the Regional Multicultural Magnet School in New London and works at the student-run Coffee Grounds.

At the Mrs. Hurst Bowl this fall, Brugman competed along with Whipple, Grace Medley '15 of Portsmouth, R.I., and Kim Bolick '15 of Hopkinton, Mass. "Winning made us confident in the skills of the team and our possibilities at other regattas," Brugman says.

After the win at Dartmouth, the Camels began melding even more as a unit. By the end of October, the women picked up a third-place finish at the Victorian Urn Regatta at Harvard and were ranked second in the nation behind Yale. But they couldn't keep that run going, especially after several mid-season events were canceled. At the Women's Atlantic Coast Championship in mid-November, they finished sixth of 18. "We just didn't have enough time to get everyone enough experience," Bresnahan says.

Now he's focused on the spring — and his sailors are getting stronger every day. Medley and Bolick have a semester behind them now; Brugman and Whipple are working well together. "We know we can win on a weekend basis," Bresnahan says. "It's a matter of a lot of things coming together to win a national championship. ... We were second in the women's national rankings for most of the first semester. I think with a little more time we can be there." 



LONDON CALLING

MICK ANDERSON/US SAILING



SKIPPER AMANDA CLARK '05, RIGHT, AND HER CREW, SARAH LIHAN, QUALIFY FOR THE 2012 OLYMPICS IN PERTH, AUSTRALIA, IN DECEMBER.

OF THE 16 AMERICANS SAILORS who will compete in the 2012 Olympics, two are Connecticut College alumni.

Amanda Clark '05 and Bob Willis '09 were both underdogs during their qualification campaigns for the London Games. As Olympic sailing events allow each country just one entry per class of boat, qualifying means having to beat every other American contender.

Clark finished 12th in the 2008 Beijing Olympics in the International 470 class, so-called because the boat is 470 centimeters long. She first qualified for the U.S. Sailing Team at age 15; in 2001 she won the Women's Singlehanded Championship while racing for the College, where she majored in studio art.

She heads to London with a new crew, Sarah Lihan. Since they began racing together last year, their results have steadily improved, besting their closest American competition in the final Olympic qualifier in Perth, Australia, in December. They are sixth in the world 470 rankings.

"This time I actually feel quite good about saying we're in the hunt for the medals," Clark says. "This is my 11th year of Olympic campaigning and I feel like I've learned more in the last year than I have in all that time combined."

The rest of the road to the Olympics is just that: the road. Clark and Lihan will be traveling, training and racing until they arrive in Weymouth, England, where sailing events will be held.

"Just under 200 days to the Games," Clark said in January. "We're going to be on the road 145 of them."

Willis, who sailed for the College, took a leave of absence as a sophomore to compete for the 2008 Olympics in the RS:X windsurfer class. After missing qualification for Beijing, he completed his economics degree and returned to training, finally beating longtime rival Ben Barger at the 2011 Miami Olympic Class Regatta. He hasn't looked back since.

"That was the first time I had beaten Ben at a big event," Willis says. "I had faith in myself, but until then he was consistently beating me. It was huge confidence boost."

Willis arrived at Perth with a significant lead on Barger in the qualification standings and turned in a solid performance to punch his ticket for his first Olympics.

"It felt really good to be at a lower level and work hard enough to see myself progress up the pecking order," says Willis, who will race almost non-stop until he gets to Weymouth in May, when he'll start training in earnest. — *Franz Ritt*

A PROGRAM WITH A PEDIGREE

OLYMPIANS AMANDA CLARK '05 AND BOB WILLIS '09 join a family of elite sailing alumni. Adam Werblow '88, who qualified for the U.S. Sailing Team in the Flying Dutchman class, is head coach of one of the most competitive college teams in the country, St. Mary's College of Maryland, a program he's led to 15 national championships and scores of All-Americans.

Meg Gaillard Myles '95 represented the U.S. at the 2004 Athens Olympics in the Europe class, as did Carol Cronin '86, who competed in the Yngling class.

Two Camels share the venerable Johnstone name. Jeff Johnstone '82 is president of J/Boats, one of the top racing sailboat manufacturers in the world. His cousin, Peter Johnstone '88, was an All-American in college and has been a major part of numerous boatbuilding ventures, including Johnstone One Design, Sunfish Laser and Gunboat. — *F.R.*



BOB WILLIS '09, WHO SAILED FOR THE CAMELS, WILL COMPETE IN LONDON IN THE WINDSURFER CLASS.

MICK ANDERSON/US SAILING

THE COLLEGE'S

first course catalog announcement, from 1915, listed five art courses students could elect: Principles of Design, Freehand Drawing and Painting, Mechanical Drawing, Ceramics and Photography. Over the decades, the offerings varied, but always affirmed an unwavering commitment to the visual arts, recognizing their ability to actively foster creative solutions, both to problems in the present and to those not yet conceived.

In celebration of the Centennial, in January and February the Department of Art presented an exhibition of six distinguished alumni artists. All continued their studies beyond their "Great Beginnings" at Connecticut College to earn advanced degrees and establish professional practices in their fields.

Art students at the College learn in a rich and varied intellectual environment while engaging broad curricular requirements. The work of these alumni artists does not fall into neat compartments or categories; it exhibits instead the kind of porous boundaries one sees when many and diverse ideas come together in the creative mind. The artists are curious, intellectually nimble, unafraid to question and test boundaries. Not one of these artists has produced art like their teachers'. They have not emulated a style; they have been influenced by the process of artistic inquiry to produce their own distinctive, engaging work, the product of logic, emotion, intuition, craftsmanship and creative leaps of faith. — *Ted Hendrickson, Associate Professor of Art*

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"ANSEL ADAMS' DEVELOPER TRAY," 2011, ARCHIVAL PIGMENT PRINT



JOHN CYR '03

MAJOR AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE: ART
M.F.A., SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS, 2010

- Adjunct faculty member, International Center of Photography, New York
- Owner and operator, Silver 68 silver gelatin printing studio, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- Photographer, master printer, educator

"The countless hours that I spent in Cummings as an undergrad helped spark the artistic interests that I have today. After graduation, the skills that I had learned prepared me to start my own business as a professional printer and photographer in Brooklyn, N.Y."

ARTIST HEADSHOTS BY BOB MACDONNELL

BRUSH WITH THE PAST

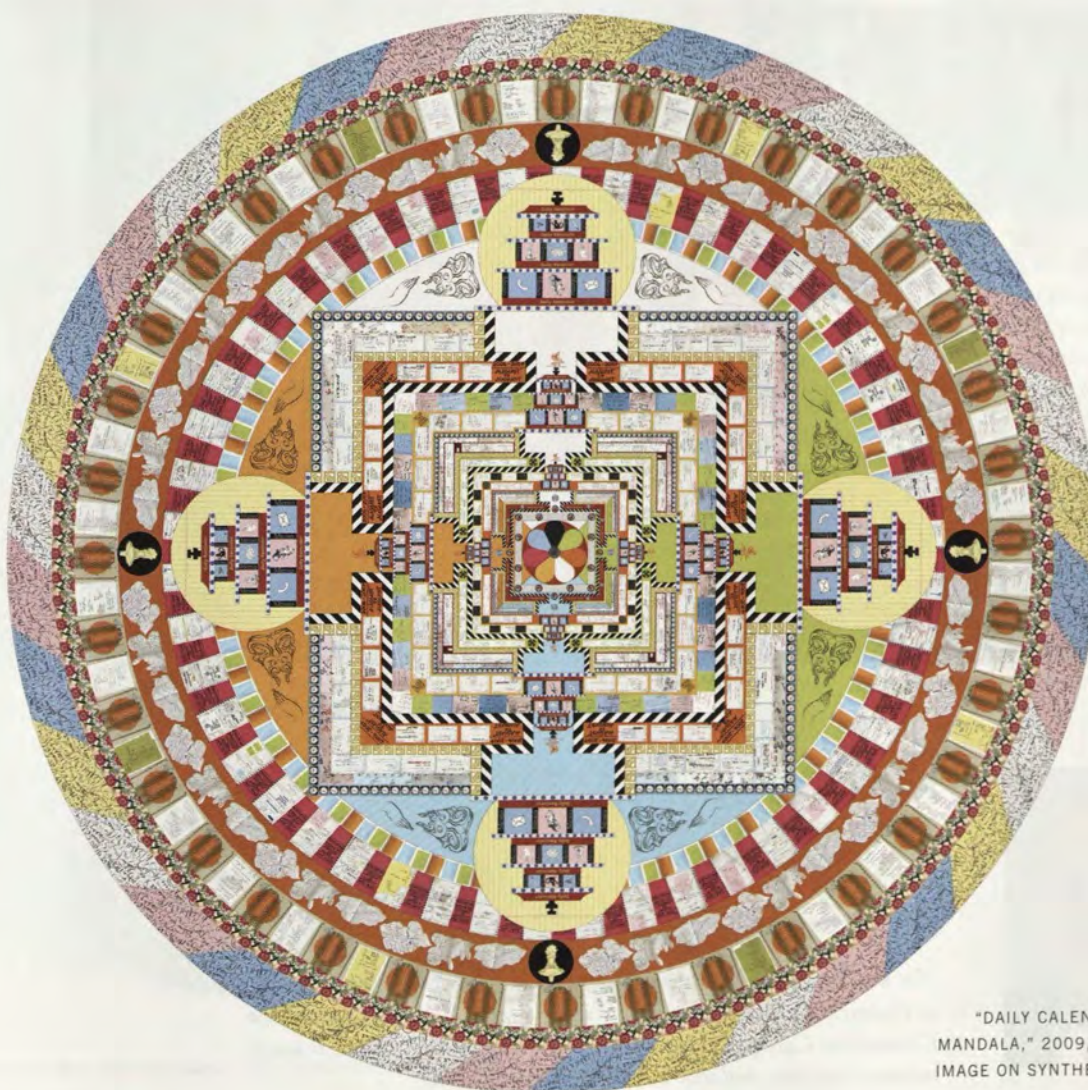
Alumni artists reflect on their College experience in Centennial exhibition

SHEILA GALLAGHER '89

MAJOR AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE: ART HISTORY
M.F.A., SCHOOL OF THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON, 1996

- Professional artist, represented by the Dodge Gallery, New York City
- Associate Professor of Fine Arts, Boston College
- Co-director of the Becker Archive, Boston College

"The faculty modeled what it was like to devote your life to making, and they treated the majors more like young artists rather than undergraduate students. They knew us, they knew our work, and they weren't shy to tell us what they thought."



"DAILY CALENDAR
MANDALA," 2009, DIGITAL
IMAGE ON SYNTHETIC SILK



MARGARET FOX

"WOODY BLOSSOM (PLATANUS NEBULOSUS)," 2010, STEEL, WATER, COPPER, PUMP



MATTHEW GELLER '76

MAJOR AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE: ART
M.F.A., UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, 1978

■ Artist

"Art was something that always interested me, but it wasn't until going to Connecticut College that I could imagine it as a life-long pursuit. At Connecticut College, art wasn't just an extracurricular subject, it was a serious discipline, and that was exhilarating."



TERESA LATTANZIO PHOTOGRAPHY

"MEDIUM STACKED FLOWER VASE," 2011, MID-RANGE PORCELAIN, CARVED AND GLAZED



KATHY KING '90

MAJOR AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE: ART
M.F.A., UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, 1998

- Assistant to the Director at the Ceramics Program, Office for the Arts, Harvard University
- Visiting Faculty, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

"The wider perspective I gained from taking top-notch art history courses was invaluable and gave me the confidence to find my own voice within the process of art making. I am certain I would never have walked this path without being encouraged so early on by my professors at Connecticut College."

**King also was a visiting faculty member at Connecticut College in Fall 1998.

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"FRONT ELEVATION," 2011, INK JET PRINT



EMILY LUCE '97

MAJOR AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE: ART
M.F.A., NOVA SCOTIA COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN, 2000

- Assistant Professor, Department of New Media, University of Lethbridge
- President, DesignInquiry
- Artist and designer

"The liberal arts curriculum, combined with a generous and knowledgeable set of professors, fostered a love of research and writing and a fluency in moving between mediums as well as specific preparation in our chosen area. Now that I'm out in the world, I feel most comfortable moving between disciplines, and can thank my undergraduate education for that."



"THE PRICE OF DOING BUSINESS (2ND STATE)," 2010, URETHANE PLASTIC, NAILS, PAINT, WOOD

JEDEDIAH MORFIT '96

MAJOR AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE: RELIGIOUS STUDIES
M.F.A., RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN, 2005

■ Associate Professor, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

"The longer I am in the field, the more convinced I become that a liberal arts education is exactly what a young artist needs. At Conn, everything I learned in the studio was complemented and informed by what I was learning everywhere else."



The only **rabbi** in Afghanistan

IN HIS "NORMAL LIFE," Larry Bazer '85 serves as rabbi of Temple Beth Sholom in Framingham, Mass. He's married with two children. He likes to watch movies, read books and go scuba diving when he can.

But normalcy was put on hold last August, when Bazer deployed to Afghanistan as a chaplain with the Massachusetts Army National Guard's 26th "Yankee" Brigade, stationed at Camp Phoenix outside Kabul. It was his first deployment since joining the military as a chaplain in 1989 during his post-graduate rabbinical studies. He was drawn to enlist for the experiences unavailable at seminary. "And I've always had a love of the military," he added in a Skype interview from his military housing in December. "I guess I see myself sort of as G.I. Jew."

At Camp Phoenix, Bazer was chaplain to his brigade and led Friday-night Jewish services. But as a lieutenant colonel he was also senior chaplain of the region — "a chaplain to my chaplains" who oversaw religious activities for more than 10,000 soldiers at several bases.

The only rabbi in Afghanistan, Bazer assumed leadership of the Jewish military community. He helped form Congregation B'nai Kabul with about 15 members, and donned body armor to travel throughout the region offering services during the High Holy Days and Hanukkah, for which the military flew in extra rabbis.

Though most of his job was administrative, Bazer provided counsel when needed. In October, when a bomb destroyed a bus in Kabul carrying soldiers and civilian military employees, some of whom Bazer knew, he offered counseling and led the memorial service. "Those are reminders that it can be very dangerous here," he said.

Bazer went "outside the wire" fairly often, giving him a chance to see what people at home often do not. "As the military, we're out there not just to

get bad guys and the Taliban or the insurgents who want to disrupt the way of life here," he said. "A huge piece of what the U.S. military does is help strengthen and secure Afghanistan. That I feel very proud to be a part of."

On the way back from one such trip to a rural community where his unit was building a school, Bazer looked out the window of his armored vehicle and saw a caravan of camels. "Automatically I thought of Connecticut College," he said.

Bazer, who majored in zoology, credits his professors with teaching him to think critically, a skill that "became invaluable both as a rabbi and my work as a military chaplain." He used interview techniques he gleaned as a student admission associate to help prepare homeward-bound soldiers for their impending job search. "I learned skills that have remained with me my entire life, and I owe that to Connecticut College," he said.

On the 10th anniversary of 9/11, Bazer led a service on his base. A decade earlier he had been a rabbi on Long Island and chaplain for the New York National Guard and the FBI's state offices. He spent several days at Ground Zero after the towers fell. "So that has weighed very heavily on my mind — of the awesomeness of what it means to be part of this for 10 years," he said. "It's come very much full circle."

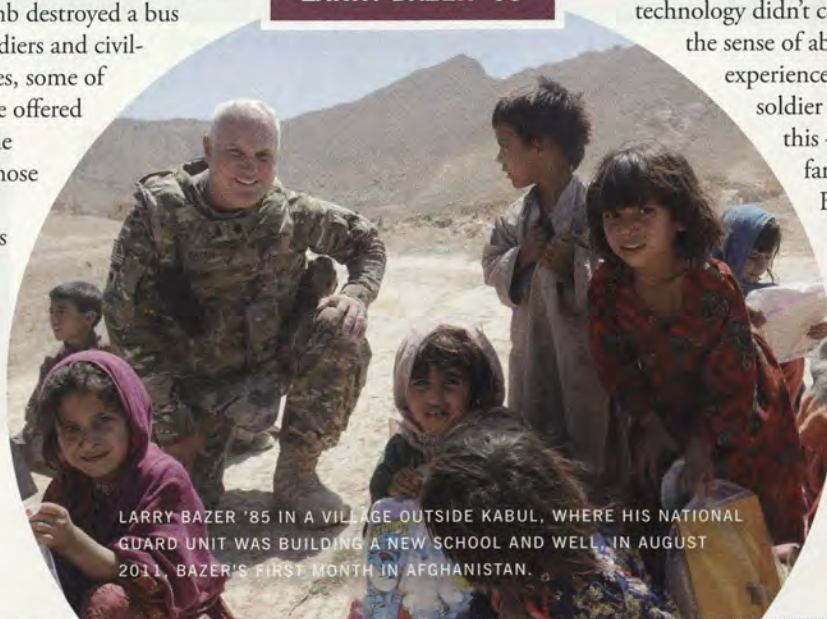
His deployment, which ended in February, wasn't without sacrifice. He missed both his children's birthdays and his

wedding anniversary. Though Skype allowed him to chat with his family most evenings, technology didn't completely ameliorate the sense of absence. "The hardest experience — and I think every soldier in my unit would say this — is being away from family and friends,"

Bazer said. "But my family is very proud of me. And my congregation is proud that their rabbi is serving our nation, and making a difference here."

— Whit Richardson '02

LARRY BAZER '85



LARRY BAZER '85 IN A VILLAGE OUTSIDE KABUL, WHERE HIS NATIONAL GUARD UNIT WAS BUILDING A NEW SCHOOL AND WELL, IN AUGUST 2011, BAZER'S FIRST MONTH IN AFGHANISTAN.

Scaling mountains and bestseller lists

IF NOT FOR THE BLUNT ADVICE of her immovable mentor Blanche McCrary Boyd, Sloane Crosley '00 might still be writing bad bloodbath psycho killer suburban revenge stories instead of social satire and hilarious, bestselling essays about mountaintop survival.

"She asked to see me after class and I remember climbing up to her office in Blaustein, and it was so beautiful and bright in that stairwell. I felt like I was ascending to a place of approval," Crosley recalls of her first, freshman-year meeting with Boyd, the Roman and Tatiana Weller Professor of English and Writer-in-Residence, after turning in a "very bloody" piece with "a lot of dead bodies in it."

In her signature Southern accent that Crosley says "can make anything sound more profound," Boyd told her student that, indeed, somebody "up there" had given her a talent — but this wasn't what she was supposed to be doing with it.

"I was a psyched little puppy, and she just rolled up a newspaper and hit me on the nose with it," says Crosley, her grin audible through the phone line.

Crosley — now the bestselling author of two essay collections, "I Was Told There'd Be Cake" and "How Did You Get This Number," and a contributor to the New York Times, GQ and NPR — maintains a relationship with her former teacher. Boyd traveled to the New York Public Library in November to attend Crosley's sold-out live interview with Joan Didion, an author Boyd asks her students to model in terms of understanding "voice" in writing.

"It meant the world to me, it really did, that she came," Crosley says.

When she thinks back on her time at Connecticut College, Crosley says she recognizes the progress she has made as a writer since her days publishing columns in *The College Voice* about the etiquette of saving tables at Harris.

"I am grateful for the trajectory of the Internet. It narrowly missed me. You can't find them (the columns) online," Crosley says, in the same self-deprecating style her fans so admire in her writing.

Crosley, the editor of last year's "Best American Travel Writing," most recently released "Up the Down Volcano" as a Kindle Single, part of Amazon's latest venture into e-publishing. Reading the essay, about a mountain in Ecuador that she learned, too late, she wasn't prepared to climb, is like having a conversation with Crosley herself: authentic, uncomfortable at times, wry and laugh-out-loud funny.

Boyd says Crosley was like many of the students she's



KIRSTEN LUCE

SLOANE CROSELY '00

taught over the years and watched grow into powerful writers: a fish who didn't know she was in water. Boyd says her job is to help them see the aquarium.

"I tell my students, 'You are the only instance of you ever in the universe at this place in time,'" Boyd says. "A lot of what I did with Sloane is what I do with everyone: encourage the students to have a voice."

Last year, Crosley made the difficult decision to leave her longtime job as a publicity director at Knopf to focus on her writing.

"Writing is such a struggle. If you're doing it right, everything you are is wrapped up in it," she says.

And this spring, she's trying her hand at helping others find their voices, teaching narrative nonfiction to M.F.A. students at Columbia University.

"If I feel the need to produce nuggets of wisdom, (the students are) going to wonder why they're being delivered in a Southern accent," she says. — Julie Wernau

The **vegan** entrepreneur

IT DOESN'T JUST TASTE LIKE CHICKEN. It looks and cooks like it, too.

That's what Ethan Brown '94 says about "Veggie Chicken," which replicates the fibrous structure of animal tissue and can substitute for meat in any dish. But fooling the palate is only one of Brown's objectives. The 40-year-old entrepreneur also aims eventually to dramatically underprice meat.

Many of the meat substitutes available at grocery stores today are viewed by consumers as being inferior to and costing more than the real thing, according to Brown. The soy- and pea-protein-based products he's developing are his answer to a question he started asking himself about three years ago: What if meat substitutes that were healthier for the consumer — and for the environment — were available at a lower cost than animal protein?

Brown, who majored in government and history, came up with his concept while working in business development for the fuel-cell company Ballard Power Systems. He regularly attended conferences where "people would literally be wringing their hands" trying to figure out how to use renewable energy to address climate change. Yet, often, they would be eating steak, known for its energy-intensive production process. "How difficult is it to change what you eat for dinner?" Brown asks. "Logistically, it's easy."

He left his staff position at Ballard in 2009 (while staying on as a consultant until last year) and began investigating meat substitutes. His research led him to Fu-hung Hsieh, a professor of biological engineering and food science at the University of Missouri who had been working for a decade on using plant-based proteins to mimic animal tissue.

Armed with the exclusive license to the university's patent on the creation of "muscle-like tissue" from plants, Brown formed Cumberland, Md.-based Savage River Farms. He initially raised money from friends and family, followed by a round of funding from Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, a venture capital firm. A second round of funding, he says, came from an investor group led by Twitter cofounders Biz Stone and Evan Williams.

Savage River Farms expects to roll out its chicken alternative at Whole Foods and other retail outlets this year, and it's working on ersatz beef. So far, the products still cost more than meat, but less than some other meat alternatives. Brown continues to partner with the University of Missouri on research and with the University of Maryland on product development.

Chris Kerr, entrepreneur-in-residence at the Humane Society of the United States, says Savage River Farms is "absolutely at the forefront in terms of innovation."

Brown, who has been a vegan for more than a decade, says he learned to have confidence in his own convictions from classes with government Professor William Frasure and history Professor Bruce Kirmmse (now emeritus). An environmental ethics course with philosophy Professor Lawrence Vogel helped shape his pragmatic approach to sustainability.

Vogel says, "The focus of environmental ethics really ought to be pragmatic. ... It's an anti-philosophy position."

After graduating from Connecticut College, Brown earned an MBA at Columbia University and worked in energy and electricity restructuring. His long-term goal: to become the next Perdue or Tyson Foods. Without the chickens, of course.

— David A. Brensilver



ETHAN BROWN '94

BOB MACDONNELL

Fighting pirates

WHEN THE USS KIDD RESCUED 13 Iranian fishermen from Somali pirates in January, a philosophy and economics major who graduated from Connecticut College in 2009 was part of the action.

It was all in a day's work for Ensign John B. Rode, the Kidd's main propulsion officer.

You might think that job is a far cry from his student days in New London, but to hear Rode tell it, it's not all that different. "One of the great aspects of the Navy is being exposed to so many different things that I wouldn't otherwise be able to be a part of," he says. "In that way, my time onboard the destroyer the USS Kidd is much like my time at the College."

The rescue in January drew international headlines. Officers aboard the Kidd received a distress call from the Iranian fishing boat's captain saying pirates were holding the ship hostage in the North Arabian Sea. A crew from the Kidd boarded the vessel and took 15 pirates into custody. The fishermen, who had been held against their will for nearly six weeks, were given food and medical attention and returned safely to their vessel.

Rode is scheduled to remain at sea through the winter. The Kidd is assigned to a larger task force that is working to provide security and humanitarian aid across the globe. Though life at sea can be challenging, Rode revels in the excitement.

"I wish I could summarize in one sentence all the things a junior officer in the Navy is responsible for, but you are

always running from one task to the next, 24 hours a day," he says. "I'll put it this way: Sleep and time to relax are in short supply.

"The second half of our deployment has been focused on counter-piracy," he continues. "Along with other coalition forces in the Middle East, we provide security and aid to merchant vessels in one of the highest-trafficked sea lanes in the world."

Rode, whose family has a long history of military service, visited a variety of schools, including the Naval Academy, before choosing Connecticut College. The former competitive swimmer was drawn to the challenge of a liberal arts education after sitting in on a philosophy class taught by Professor Andrew Pessin.

"I was completely blown away by the lesson material, as well as the depth of critical thinking and level of engagement the students displayed," Rode says.

Today Rode, who graduated from Navy Officer Candidate School in 2010, draws on his liberal arts background in all aspects of his career. He credits the unwavering support of the faculty and staff as a true inspiration.

"I received a lot of help, especially from (Associate Professor of Philosophy Kristin) Pfefferkorn, regarding what I could do beyond college that would enable me to accomplish my goals," he says. "The more we talked, the more I knew that I wanted to get out of the classroom and start making a difference in whatever way I could."

For Rode, that meant giving his time and knowledge to serve his country.

"Even though it's a lot of responsibility, it's extremely rewarding. I can truly say I'm proud to be part of the best navy in the world," he says. — *Melissa Bennett*



A TEAM FROM THE USS KIDD RESCUED 13 IRANIAN FISHERMEN WHO HAD BEEN HELD CAPTIVE BY PIRATES IN THE NORTH ARABIAN SEA IN JANUARY.

U.S. NAVY

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With scholarship support, these students make a difference

WILLIAM TARIMO '12 is already doing graduate-level computer research and plans to pursue a Ph.D.

Catherine Alves '13 wants to join the Peace Corps and give others some of the blessings she's enjoyed in life.

Kelsey Burke '13 was in Kenya last fall researching the link between women's empowerment and access to water. She envisions a career in global development.

Scholarships are providing life-changing opportunities like these to hundreds of Connecticut College students — students who couldn't otherwise have enrolled — and touching the lives of the people they work with around the world.

Alumni, parents and friends of the College make it possible by supporting scholarships with endowed gifts and through the Annual Fund. The College's spending on financial aid has risen more than 40 percent in the past six years, thanks in large part to this support.

What's the impact of a scholarship gift? The unique stories of five students will give you an idea.



Kelsey Burke '13
Hometown: San Diego, Calif.
Major: Economics

My first college research project: I looked at the problems immigrants have in getting small business loans from banks. I interviewed local bankers and then researched how immigrants manage to start sustainable businesses even when they can't get loans. I learned so much, I was eager to do more. I spent last fall in Kenya and started my second project: an independent study on how access to water affects women's empowerment.

Other activities: I am intrigued by the issues of global economic development and have brought my personal interest in water and sanitation issues to the campus community. Last spring I created a student organization with two Conn friends that is raising money and awareness about the global water crisis.

Favorite sport: Women's lacrosse. I love being a member of the team and pushing myself to keep

improving. My teammates are some of my best friends and I am so grateful to be able to work with such supportive people.



William Tarimo '12
Hometown: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Majors: Computer science and mathematics

My research: I worked with Associate Professor of Computer Science Gary Parker to develop algorithms that use modeled simulations and evolutionary computation to help robots learn to walk. I also researched the effects of greedy-selection on the performance of genetic algorithms. We have published and presented three research papers and I am now in the final stages of implementing an actual PAL (Punctuated Anytime Learning) system for mobile robots. Only a few students do this type of serious research at an undergraduate level. It has been a great opportunity.

Other activities: I'm a member of STAFF (Students Taking Action to Fight Fistula) and the African Students Union.

What I am learning: The opportunities at Connecticut College have changed my life forever. This will have a positive impact on other people's lives, too. Not only have I benefited from the academics, the clubs and the diverse community, I have attended international research conferences that have been an immeasurable help to my academics and career dreams.

Cecilia Cuevas '12
Hometown: Monterrey, Mexico
Majors: Hispanic studies and art history

My research: I began two years ago with an interest in foreign art in Mexico early in the 20th century and won research funding through the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship program. My current work is on how 20th-century Mexican art was influenced by xenophobia and xenophilia.



Other activities: As a board member of the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán, I enjoy telling others about the history and culture of Mexico. We have recently become more politically aware and active. That has opened my eyes to the issues Mexicans face in the United States today.

I heard about Connecticut College from an aunt who lives on Long Island. Where I grew up, women are expected to marry young and many abandon their careers early on. Careers in the arts and humanities are seen as a waste of time. I am grateful to be getting a top-notch education and studying in a field that would have otherwise been out of my reach entirely.



Catherine Alves '13

Hometown: Narragansett, R.I.

Major: Biological sciences

Favorite professor: Jean C. Tempel '65 Professor of Biology Steve Loomis

has shown me the importance of loving what you do, constantly seeking knowledge and always being positive.

What I like best about Connecticut College: I've made friends from all over the country and world and learn from them every day. Their experiences and stories make me more aware of our global community.

Future plans: I want to join the Peace Corps. I'd like to help people in other countries before I settle down and attend graduate or medical school. There are so many problems in the world. By being part of the Peace Corps, I can work to help solve some of them. Growing up in America, I sometimes take for granted certain luxuries of

which I know others only dream. I look forward to being humbled while also giving others the opportunity to experience some of the blessings of life.



Ryan Dillon '13

Hometown: Boxford, Mass.

Majors: Economics and international relations

My most rewarding academic experience: Being a scholar in the Toor Cummings Center for International

Studies and the Liberal Arts. It has introduced me to a world (literally!) of interests and experiences. For example, we went to the United Nations and had the fortune to meet with the Israeli and Iranian delegations.

Other activities: Last year I was president of the Arabic Culture Club and co-chair of Enlightenment through Books, which is raising money to build a school in Pakistan. I teach Arabic at one of the New London magnet schools. I also love playing club hockey.

What I am learning: I am becoming a global citizen and have really grown as a person. Last semester I studied in Jordan and immersed myself in the politics of the Middle East. I look forward to returning this summer to research the effects of the second Iraq War on the Jordanian economy. I have had so many opportunities and am trying to take full advantage of them.

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Athletic Center to receive \$1.6 million facelift

THE COLLEGE RECEIVED \$1.6 MILLION in gifts to upgrade locker room and training room facilities and add lights to its turf field.

President Leo I. Higdon, Jr., thanked Karen and Rob Hale '88 and two anonymous donors for supporting the project.

"The improvements will benefit many students at this highly selective liberal arts college, where athletics, physical fitness and co-curricular programming are integrated with rigorous academics," he said.

The project, to be completed this summer, is characteristic of the transformation Connecticut College has undergone over the last several years as it has restored historic buildings, renovated student residences and enhanced the natural beauty of its 750-acre arboretum campus. With critical support from alumni and parents, athletics facilities have been an important part of this transformation.

"We are extremely fortunate to have dedicated parents and alumni who understand the vital role athletics and overall fitness play in this education," said Francis J. Shields, the Katherine Wenk Christoffers '45 Director of Athletics.

"With their support, we have built a new fitness center, installed the artificial turf at David and Lyn Silfen Track & Field, completely rebuilt our tennis competition site and sailing venue, and made significant renovations to the Charles B. Luce Field House and Dayton Arena," Shields added.

In the Luce Field House, the College will enlarge and renovate the men's lacrosse and soccer locker room to accommodate the growing rosters in these sports; reconfigure and upgrade the training room; and reconfigure and upgrade additional locker rooms for field hockey, women's lacrosse and soccer, men's and women's basketball, squash and track and field, coed and women's sailing, and women's volleyball.

Outside, new lights on the artificial turf field will give more varsity teams, club sports and other groups opportunities to use the all-weather field for night games, practices and events.

Dave Cornell, men's lacrosse head coach and the 2010 NESCAC and New England Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Coach of the Year, said his players are very excited about the Athletic Center improvements.

"The entire team is incredibly grateful for this generous support," Cornell said. "With the new facilities, all our athletes will have what they need to focus on playing their best in our highly competitive New England Small College Athletic Conference."

Alumni will help implement new Mellon program

A \$400,000 GRANT from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation will help students strengthen their research in the arts and humanities and connect it to careers — with help from alumni in related fields.

"This new program opens new doors of opportunity for our students to apply their education in real-world situations and truly understand the impact they can have on the world," said President Leo I. Higdon, Jr. "Our strong arts and humanities programs will be further enhanced with this generous grant from the Mellon Foundation."

The four-year grant will support curricular development, sophomore research seminars and summer research internships, all in arts and humanities. Through advanced research, students will build connections between their education and arts- and humanities-focused careers. These students, with interests ranging from history and literature to painting and philosophy, have fewer opportunities than their peers in the sciences to undertake original research.

This spring a program director from the College will lead six faculty members and six alumni in creating syllabi for the sophomore research seminars. They will also develop ideas for research partnerships for summer internships.

The sophomore research seminars will build on the experience of freshman seminars taken by all students. They will teach up to 96 students annually the fundamentals of conducting research: developing research questions; finding secondary sources and assessing their usefulness; locating and analyzing primary sources; crafting compelling interpretations of those sources; and developing innovative formats for communicating those interpretations to others.

The seminar topics will help students see the reach of interdisciplinary arts and humanities research, both within the academic environment and as it applies to career and life goals.

The research experience students gain in the

sophomore seminars will prepare them for the program's summer research internship, as well as for research and internship opportunities available through the College's honors program, the interdisciplinary academic centers and the career office.

Students who pursue a summer of funded research through the new program will work with two mentors: a Connecticut College professor and an alumna/us who will help guide the student and keep the research grounded in practical applications. The Office of Alumni Relations is identifying possible mentors.

An architectural history professor might pair with a city planner on an internship that has a student produce a history of a particular building or zone. An English professor and a lawyer might ask a student to research censorship. Or a historian and a filmmaker might work with a student filmmaker on a documentary.

"This program strengthens the teaching of research at Connecticut College, adds intellectual force to our internship program, and teaches students to connect their academic knowledge to real-world issues," Dean of the Faculty Roger Brooks said.

Sophomore research seminars are scheduled for the fall semesters of 2012, 2013 and 2014. The first summer research internships through this program will be in 2013.

New faculty award honors Mulvey's love of teaching

HELEN MULVEY had one great passion.

"I wanted to learn," she said. "And I discovered that the best way to learn is to teach."

Alumni are honoring her commitment by endowing an annual award for the faculty member who embodies Mulvey's legendary commitment to engaging students intellectually and teaching them to love learning.

The fund was launched with a leadership gift from an anonymous alumna who wants to honor a remarkable teacher and mentor. The Helen Mulvey Faculty Award will be presented during the spring faculty recognition dinner and the winner will be recognized during Convocation in September. Recipients will receive a special stipend for research.

Gifts from other alumni and friends are welcome. You can give online at <http://giving.conncoll.edu> (note that your gift is for the Helen Mulvey Faculty Award) or by contacting Cameron Jones in the Office of

College Advancement at 860-439-5395 or cameron.jones@conncoll.edu.

As a girl in Providence, R.I., Mulvey loved learning. She knew from watching her teachers that she wanted to teach, too. They and her parents, who had no education beyond high school, encouraged her to apply to Brown University. She attended nearly tuition-free on the basis of her academic record, graduating in 1933 with a fellowship to study French history at Columbia.

For seven years Mulvey taught high school in East Providence and lived at home to save money. She enrolled in the Ph.D. program at Radcliffe in 1941, arriving two months before Pearl Harbor. Her research interest evolved to British imperial history and, from there, to Irish history.

She took a one-year post at Connecticut College in 1946 while working on her thesis — and stayed 37 years, retiring in 1983 as the Brigida Pacchiani Ardenghi Professor Emeritus of History.

The faculty included some remarkable teachers: Marjorie R. Dilley in government, Richard H. Goodwin in botany, and Jane W. Smyser, Rosemond Tuve and Robert E.L. Strider in English. "(They) all took an interest in how I was teaching and what I was doing," Mulvey said in an interview several years ago. She thrived in that atmosphere.

Mulvey was feisty, passionate and demanding. She could tell a story and make her students feel as if they were part of it. She encouraged many to pursue their studies at the graduate level.

And she passed on to them her love of learning.

When Mulvey died in March 2010, at the age of 97, dozens of alumni (including one who keeps a picture of her on his desk) sent notes and recollections to the College.

"She was a terrific teacher and one of my inspirations in continuing on to graduate school," one alumna wrote. "It was," another former student wrote, "a joy and privilege to sit in her classroom."



class notes



A CENTENNIAL FALL WEEKEND MINI-REUNION. From left: Ventrice Shillingford-Cole '93, Associate Dean for Community Learning Tracee Reiser, Annie Scott '84, Trustee Frank Tuitt '87, Doriel Larrier '90 and Trustee Kevon Copeland '76. Annie writes about the weekend in her class note on page 64.

1935

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1937 REUNION

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1940

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Jean Moran Gaffey and her husband, Joe, have had medical problems and continue to get treatments. Neither one is able to drive anymore, so they depend on their children for transportation. Luckily, they are able to stay in their own home and enjoy their surroundings.

Apphia (Muffie) Hack Hensley still lives on her own but has given up her bridge

games because her friends have passed away. She relies on drivers from a nonprofit St. Louis agency to take her shopping and to appointments.

Margaret Schultz Marr is still in her home in Duxbury, MA. One of her daughters lives nearby; the other is in Winchester, MA. Margaret is in good health and loves to read, which occupies much of her time.

Kay (Krin) Meili Anderton still drives but only to a nearby farm market and to medical appointments. She has difficulty walking, but with the help of two canes, she manages to get up and down the stairs in her home — four flights from bedroom to cellar! She has been troubled with eye, back and heart problems. Despite that, she gets to two book clubs and a women's college club in Ridgewood. There is a pool in her condo development, but her condition keeps her from swimming, which she misses very much.

Florence McKemie Glass is still in southern IL and is very busy with the Mitchell Museum at Cedarhurst. It was established by John R. Mitchell, who entrusted 25 people to oversee

his art collection. Florence is one of those people. It is now a large institution, employing 150 people, and they now have a \$7 million addition with an administrator and curator. Florence regularly attends symphony concerts and loves having younger friends. Her children are not nearby — one is in Chapel Hill and one is in Seattle.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Ethel Failey Holt**. We only learned recently of her death, on 8/7/08.

1941

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Since I wrote my last column, the East Coast had the threat of another hurricane, which fortunately was not as severe as feared.

Around the same time, I received a newsy letter from **Natalie Sherman Kleinkauf**, sharing her memories of the College. She has developed a speech problem, and her daughter helped her write. Natalie reported that she still has her yearbook, scrapbooks

and photo albums, and, speaking of hurricanes, she wrote: "Remember the Great New England Hurricane of '38? Naming hurricanes apparently did not start until WWII years. We walked downtown to see the damage, never mind the fallen wires. The railroad tracks were flooded, and some washed completely off the beds. We lost power, but the College coped."

"I lived in Humphrey the first year and shared a first-floor bedroom and a small closet with **Edie Patton Cranshaw**. I understand the building is no longer there. We trundled down the hill to Thames Hall for meals. Next door was the Village Inn, where the department stores from NY had clothes on display to order. Some did the rounds in the dorm with snacks, such as apples for five cents. The Coast Guard was a short walk down the street, and we braved the winter winds to go to their pool for our required sport exercise. The next year, I was in Branford, and the last two I was in Jane Addams, with a view of the tennis courts and the Sound. Harkness Chapel opened nearby, as well as the auditorium, where

we had noted speakers, dances and music. Finally, Bill Hall held our graduation, the first class to use it. Love to all."

Cathy Elias Moore has a younger friend, Betty Shamas, who came to Reunion with her. Betty lives in St. Petersburg, FL, and noticed **Phyllis Walters Williams** on the CC roster. Betty knew her! So Cathy flew to St. Pete on Labor Day weekend, where Betty had arranged a luncheon with Cathy, Phyllis and a friend from Scotland. They had a great time. Phyllis was in North Cottage her freshman year, which she enjoyed so much. They had a great gang. She remembered **Janet Bunyan Kramer** and Jane (Chicky) Bellack Wray '44. Phyllis was in Plant her sophomore year and in Jane Addams until the middle of her junior year, when she left to get married. She told Cathy that she thought about going to Reunion, but thought no one would remember her. She is twice widowed. Cathy said she looked great.

Happy Halloween birthday to **Priscilla (Dux) Duxbury Westcott**. I have a picture of her holding up a sign for the trick-or-treaters last year that

read, "Trick or Treat. Today is my birthday."

Janice Heffernan Whiting lives in Norfolk, VA, where she moved when she married a U.S. Navy man.

On a sad note, the class sends sympathy to the family of **Ann Rubinstein Husch** on her recent death. I vividly remember her as Minnehaha in our class pageant, "Hiawatha."

1942 REUNION

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Our 70th Reunion is fast approaching — Friday, June 1, to Sunday, June 3, 2012! Save the weekend, call your best friend and make plans to be at our beloved College. We will enjoy the usual supper on the Green, the alumni parade, a talk by President Lee Higdon, and perhaps a tour of the newly renovated and expanded New London Hall — and much more! It promises to be an "amazing, remarkable, inspiring, educational, unforgettable and extraordinary" weekend. **Barry Beach Alter, Justine Clark and Franny Hyde Forde** also plan to be there, and we all urge you to attend. We've always been known as the class that was "in with the blow and out with the draft," and now we're "hanging on for our 70th!"

Barry moved to New Horizons, a retirement community in Marlborough, MA, to be near her daughter, Marty Alter Chen '65, but she is rarely there since she travels so much. She goes to India nearly every year. It's been 30 years since she and Jim moved back to the States after years of living in India, and she still misses it. Son Tom lives there, along with Barry's grandson, Aaron Moses Alter, a Yale graduate who grew up in Africa and spends summers in India conducting high-altitude fishing trips for tourists. Aaron is the son of Barry's second son, John. John and wife Bett live in Urbanna, VA, where John is head of the English department in an Episcopal boarding school and Bett is the administrator of the girls' residence building. John leads two student tours to India annually. Barry's daughter Marty has a daughter, Alexis, who lives close to Barry, in Lexington,

Volunteer spotlight

Frank Suher '89

FOR FRANK SUHER '89, the decision to attend Connecticut College happened over the course of one afternoon.

"Ironically, Conn was the last of the NESCAC schools I visited and I really knew very little about it. But as soon as I drove on campus I had a visceral feeling that I belonged here," he says. Suher, who played soccer in high school, had an interview, toured the campus, met with coach Bill Lessig and watched a soccer game on Tempel Green.

"By the time I left campus, it was my first choice," Suher says.

He easily adjusted to life at the College by creating a vast social network filled with students from all walks of life. The years, he says, were magical.

As an undergraduate, the varsity soccer player served on the Athletic Advisory Board, where he worked with Charles Luce, then-director of athletics, to evaluate coaches by interviewing players and former athletes.

"Charlie was amazing," Suher recalls. "He engaged every member of that board and genuinely solicited feedback from each of us." He says Luce created such a positive experience that it prompted him to get involved with other committees and activities.

"I found out early that volunteering on almost any level is rewarding and, looking back, I think those early experiences were the impetus for my desire to volunteer after graduation," he says.

Almost 25 years later, Suher is still involved. From his days as a student tour guide to his current work with the alumni association, he continues to advocate for his alma mater. Since graduation, he has volunteered as a class agent chair and a member of his reunion committee.

Suher says the work is mutually beneficial. He takes much delight in his lasting



association with the College, and loves seeing the strong bonds he built as an undergraduate continue through his years of service. He uses the opportunity to stay in touch with friends and classmates while he shares news of the changes and improvements happening on campus.

Married to Hilary Schacher Suher '90, Suher lives in Massachusetts and is vice president of E-S Sports, a manufacturer of custom-decorated apparel and promotional products.

"I think I owe Conn something for all that it has given me," he says. "I loved my time on campus. I made lifelong friends, had experiences I will treasure forever, and most importantly, I met my wife there. So, given the incredibly positive experiences I enjoyed, I think it would be almost selfish if I didn't give back."

Suher's volunteer role keeps growing as a recent appointee to the Alumni Board of Directors. He is particularly interested in planning alumni activities and intends to host a few events himself.

"I am very excited about having the opportunity to be active with the alumni board," Suher says. "I have always been a big cheerleader for Conn, and now I just do it as part of a more formal group. I love Connecticut College and I am thrilled to have an opportunity to help promote all that the school has to offer." — *Melissa Bennett*

“ I think I owe Conn something for all that it has given me. ”

MA, with her three children, Isaiah, Rebecca and Caleb. Marty's husband, Lincoln, works in China, but gets home every month. Barry has a good friend, Elizabeth DeLucia, a fellow resident of New Horizons, whose sister was Mary Hall '41. Barry missed the Centennial celebration at the College due to a hairline fracture in her shoulder, which required several months of rehabilitation before she could move her right hand. Barry doesn't use a computer, and the injury made writing impossible, but now she can finally write again. Barry keeps up with **Peggy Keagy Whittemore**, who lives in a retirement center on the Cape. Peggy has had a stroke, but she is able to get around with a walker. Barry says, "Please make the effort to go to Reunion next June!"

Justine Clark is back to playing golf after a long session with spinal stenosis. She has a good friend who shares her golfing passion. For the 11th year running, they drove 99 miles from Newington, CT, to Sunny Hill, a golf resort in Greenhold, NY, 30 miles south of Albany.

Justine lived in Woodbury, CT, when we were in college. Her parents moved to Newington to be closer to Justine's sister Merl, who has since died. Justine lives in the same house her parents moved to way back then. She does her own cooking and cleaning, although she admits she eats out two or three times a week. A close neighbor enjoys taking care of her lawn in the summer and sidewalks in the winter and repairs things whenever necessary. When she isn't playing golf, Justine plays bridge with several different groups, and she is "reasonably active" in her church. Justine says, "Let's have a great turnout of '42ers next June."

Franny Hyde Forde recalled our big "blow," the Hurricane of '38, last Aug. when she had to be evacuated from her cottage on the shore of the Long Island Sound at Westbrook, CT, during Tropical Storm Irene. She has spent her summers at the cottage for many years. The water rose to the top of her steps but did not flood the house, fortunately, although there was some damage to her roof. Her daughter, Nancy Forde

Lewandowski '76, came to her rescue, as she frequently does, Franny says. Nancy married a '76 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, Marion "Lew" Lewandowski. He retired as a commander, and they live in Old Saybrook. They have two daughters, Kate and Anne, who are Yale and Harvard graduates, respectively. Kate worked in Washington for several years and is now at Harvard, working on her master's degree in public health. Anne is looking at graduate schools but hasn't decided where to go to get her MBA. The girls took Franny to a Yale-Harvard football game, and the question was which team to root for. They solved it by providing Franny with two pennants, one for Yale, the other for Harvard! Franny went to the Centennial celebration with Nancy, whose class was celebrating their 35th Reunion. Franny was pleased to see **Connie Hughes McBrien**, who lives in Portland, CT. Franny plans to go our 70th with Nancy and "urges all of our classmates to make the effort."

I am one of those very fortunate women whose

husbands are still with them after 67 years. We live in Vinson Hall, a wonderful retirement community in northern VA, only 8 miles from the White House. It is for retired military officers and senior government retirees and their families. Our hobby is genealogy, although Paul is also into picture framing. He is still president of his Class of '45 at the CGA and is planning a reunion at Disney World this April. Last year we went to Muskingum U. in New Concord, OH, for the dedication of a new music building that our daughter, Marty Peak '75, and her husband, Frank Helman, gave through their Otto and Fran Walter Foundation. We had the pleasure of meeting John and Annie Glenn there; they are both Muskingum alums, as is Frank. We also took an Elderhostel trip on a ship on Lake Michigan, going from Chicago as far north as Sault Ste. Marie and back. And finally, we flew to Seattle to attend the four Peak brothers' reunion and followed that with several days in Denver, where we had lived for 15 years after Paul's retirement from the Coast Guard.

Paul and I plan to attend Reunion also, so there will be at least four of us classmates. We would love to be part of a large group. How about a dozen, or even two dozen of us, in New London in June? Bring a husband or a daughter or a friend for help — goodness knows, at our age we need all the help we can get! We will be able to stay in a dorm, and transportation from one building to another will be provided for us. Let's show that old "can-do" spirit that we showed the first day of classes during the Hurricane of '38, when we survived the "storm of the century" with no electric power, trees blown down all over campus, the smokestack toppled and the roof of Knowlton peeled off. We were always an exceptional class, so let's show them that we can still do it — come to our 70th Reunion, even though we are in our 90s!

1943

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Editor's Note: If you are interested in serving as class



Bradley Wray '07 and Kevin Cooke '07 were married 8/6 in Dedham, MA. Front: Walt Wright '08, Kristen Van Slyke '08, Justin Morrow '07, Molly McRoskey '10, Patrick Heffernan '07, Matt Magida '07, Jen Cohen '08, Chris Carter '08. Middle: Evan Piekara '07, Katrina Kennett '08, Lindsay Graff '07, Kathryn Hyde '07, Arielle Patton '07, Kristi Post '07, the bride, Alex Maybury '07, Emma Haritos '07, Joseph Higgins '06. Back: Kip Doble '07, Craig Audin '08, Jackie Bryant '08, Ashley Faber '08, Alex Hoyt '06, Hunter Patton '05, Jamil Bradshaw '07, the groom, Sean Duddy '07, Alex Lanstein '07 and Stefanie Weiss '07.



Benjamin Duclos '08, Elizabeth Duclos-Orsello '95 and Joshua Duclos '04, left to right, at their brother's wedding in July 2011. All three are former Fulbright scholars.



Bob MacGregor, Mona Gustafson Affinito '51 and Harriet Bassett MacGregor '51 in Maine.

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1944

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Priscilla Martin Laubenstein went to Italy in Oct.: Florence, Chianti and Rome. She enjoyed a special exhibit in Tuscany of art produced in Orleans, MA, a collection sponsored by the Church of the Transfiguration. Her daughter, Linda, sadly deceased, was honored by the Broadway production, "The Normal Heart," written as a tribute to her.

Mona Friedman Jacobson has a new address. Please contact the Alumni Relations office at 860-439-2400 for more information. Mona celebrated an eighth great-grandchild, born in Sept., and her own 89th birthday in Oct.

Doris (Dody) Campbell Safford spent two years at CC and two and a half years in the Navy. She then attended the U. of Maine and the U. of St. Lawrence (NY), and finally worked as a writer for radio. She now is

widowed, lives in a retirement home in ME, and keeps busy as a librarian, art student and gardener.

Tina DiMaggio continues as a member of Beacon Hill Village, taking advantage of its exercise program, outings and cultural events. In the summer, she escapes Boston for her house in New London, and in the winter, she visits her sister's home in Dunedin.

Elie Abrahams Josephson continues to check in: "I still use my walker but am otherwise independent and wish the same, or even better, for all '44ers."

Lois Webster Ricklin writes of her granddaughter's wedding in July on her waterfront yard in Bristol, CT. A happy occasion for grandmother and bride!

Sally Stewart Parker lives in San Francisco, in a French chateau amongst eucalyptus trees and redwoods. Her children are scattered in Paris, Coronado and Los Angeles, but she sees them often. Sally recently had the fun of meeting an old high-school friend and remembering back 65 years ago.

Peggy Roe Fischer is in a senior living facility in Topsham,

ME, and says Marie Little '47 and Ann Oxnard Hatch '45 live there as well. Once a year, she and **Nan Grindle Amstutz** are entertained by **Marion (Teke) Drasher Berry** with a lobster lunch at Teke's senior home in Damariscotta. Peggy plays "noncompetitive golf" when she's not volunteering at the Mid Coast Hospital.

Bridget Bridgwater Hewes is excited to report that she, at 90, has advanced to the next age bracket, and in the same month of Sept., she and Bill celebrated their 65th!

1945

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Greetings classmates! Time passes, and happily, I have goodies to share with you.

In early Sept., **Elizabeth (Trim) Trimble Crosman** wrote a really chatty letter. She had come east to Boston and on to ME for two weeks in her family cabin. It was a lovely trip for her, except she was sorry that she missed both of **Kate Swift's** memorial services in CT and

in Georgetown, ME. I was in Five Islands, ME, in early July and also missed both Kate's memorials and getting together with Trim and Kate, as we have done in years past.

Trim wrote of her recollection of 10 years earlier when, on 9/11 at 6 a.m. PDT, she was sitting at an HP terminal in the Hall of Justice on Bryant St. in San Francisco, distributing the daily court calendar, when a young man behind her said "a New York Twin Tower just got hit by an airplane!" She was 78 years old, jumped up and ran to his desk to see! "I cannot believe where the years have gone since! Like every one of us still plugging on, I am fortunate to be alive and still driving myself around. However, instead of always being early ... then being 'on time' ... I am now continually late. I somehow lose track of time!" Trim was reading Katharine Graham's "Personal History," a fabulous book, and had recently been reading about women's liberation, when she found this quote: "Liz Peer '57 was one of the exceptions. Having just graduated from Connecticut College, she applied to Newsweek in 1959 and was

told not even to bother if what she had in mind was a writing position. She persisted, however, and took a job on the mail desk, running copy for Oz Elliott on Friday nights as (one of) what were known as 'Elliott Girls.' Liz was the ONLY woman given a writing tryout at Newsweek between the years 1961 and 1989." GO LIZ!!!

In late Aug., I heard from **Pat Feldman Whitestone** that **Beverly Bonfig Cody** had died. Pat suggested I contact **Marjorie (Marje) Lawrence Weidig**, who gave me more details. Marje was instrumental in arranging for Bev's memorial service to be held in her Orleans Congregational Church, which was large enough to hold Bev's many friends. She also housed six of Bev's family members; that was especially enjoyable, as they had known each other growing up on the Cape.

Marje sounded wonderful. She has recuperated fully from her nasty fall a couple of years ago and is thoroughly enjoying the results of her more recent hip replacement. "Dynamite! Marvelous!" she described her joy. Her advice to anyone



Barbara Thompson Stabile '51 celebrated two diamond anniversaries in June: her 60th Reunion and the 60th anniversary of her marriage to Benedict Stabile. They were married 6/10/51 in Harkness Chapel.



Julia Harnett '10 and Mickey Lenzi '10 married at Harkness Chapel 11/19/11.

debating if or when to have hip surgery is to "GO FOR IT!!!" — the sooner the better.

Marje had a long phone chat with **Nat Bigelow Barlow**, who is doing well and managing to stay in her home. She also had chatted with **Ethel Schall Gooch's** daughter, Diane, who is living in the family home, close to her mother, who is doing well in a nearby care facility.

Marje spent Thanksgiving in Raleigh, NC, with Jane. She spent Christmas with son Blair, his wife and their three children. One is a junior in college, the next is a junior in high school and the youngest is a "junior" in middle school; all are highly capable and doing beautifully.

I, **Ann LeLievre Hermann**, will close with a few personal tidbits. Yes, Al Park and I are still a twosome; we have sold his MI condo and are now full-time FL residents who travel to and from Fort Myers. What blessings that we are still able to do so! Last summer, we spent two weeks with parts of my family on our beautiful island in ME. A month later, we flew to Portland, OR, for the wedding of Al's oldest granddaughter, which attracted

many of his family members. On the way home, we spent six days in Boulder, CO, with more of my family, and, lastly, spent more days in MN and WI with two of Al's sons and their families. Over Thanksgiving, we took a 10-day Caribbean cruise aboard a Princess Line ship; it was a first experience for both of us on a large cruise ship with thousands of other passengers.

Please use the addresses above to either write or email me. Your news and chit-chat about your daily lives (who plays bridge, Mah Jongg, hopscotch? reads? whatever?) will make the next column interesting for all of us to read!

1946

Correspondent: Janet Kennedy Murdock, 801 Yale Ave., Apt. 819, Swarthmore, PA 19081, janetmurdock@comcast.net

I thank all who gave me news of your doings and/or answered my query about where we find joy. The prime answer to that was what **Evelyn Black Weibel** called "associations" — the family, friends, people we engage with in all our activities.

Juana Guruceta Flagg said about her garden, "A garden is always about the future — hopeful and expectant." Despite losing a dozen large trees to Hurricane Irene, Juana looks forward to next spring's surprises from nature.

I talked to **Eleanor Tobias Gardner** in State College, PA. Her son, owner of a contemporary art gallery in Santa Fe, sends her boxes of interesting books, usually nonfiction, and she reads them all. Her latest read is a biography of Prince Philip, which she reports "is surprisingly very interesting."

Lygia De Freitas Charlton and Jim live in Windsor, in the wine country, 60 miles from San Francisco. After volunteering in the Windsor Art Council, she became a principal starter of big projects there: building four bright new galleries, enlarging membership, creating classes and activities, and helping to make the gallery a major focus in the town of 25,000. Her heart is full of joy because of this wonderful infusion of art into her life. I hope you noticed a tiny bottom-of-the-page photo of Lygia with her newborn twin great-grandchildren in the Fall 2011 issue.

Deane Austin Smigrod wrote she was about to leave on a Caribbean cruise, that her two sons live in Brisbane, Australia, and Atlanta, and that she had recently talked to **Mimi Steinberg Edlin** and **Joan Weissman Burness** and both were fine.

Mary Robinson Sive said that as an adult she took up hiking and exploring many beautiful areas in NY. Now she enjoys the feeling of wellbeing from regular exercise — walking and swimming.

Lucy Eaton Holcombe answered, "A walk in our woods with out little dog is a joy. There is nothing like the silence of the forest."

Jean Mount Bussard in Lenox, MA, used to teach silver jewelry-making. Recently, she began reworking some of her own old silver pieces, enjoying the new creations made from the old ones.

There is sad news to report: the deaths of **Vi Eagan Candee**; **Mary Lee Minter Goode's** husband, Dick; and **Mary Margaret Topping's** husband, Ed DeYoe. We send sympathy to Vi's family and to Lee and Topper.

Let's make sure there is '46 class news in all four issues in

2012. Tell us about your trips, books, opinions, suggestions for staying sane in this political year ahead, and any other news you dream up. Cheers!

1947 REUNION

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1949

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Helen-Mae Knafl Askin and her husband have downsized to a smaller house in Greenwich, CT.

Judy Kuhn Johnson, living in Somers, NY, continues working in



Rob Richter '82 receives the Guirlande d'Honneur at a Milan film festival last fall for the film "New London Calling," which he produced.



Caitlin Ruane '04 and Matthew Bard were married 9/17 in Danvers, MA. From left: Kendra Mitchell '04, Whit Richardson '02, Eleni Kotsonis '03, Jill Eisenpress '04, Lauren Cashel '04, Molly Ahrens Hirschel '04, Lauren Carter Ledbetter '01, Eliza Winograd Rhodes '04, the bride and groom, and Amy Todd '04.

Lydia (Kips) Mershon Johnson

'49 gave the Convocation Address in May at St.

Lawrence College, which awarded her an honorary diploma. Johnson, who majored in physics at Connecticut College, retired in 2008 as chairman of C-Tech Ltd., a sonar company she started with her husband in Cornwall, Ontario, in 1969.



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her own real estate firm. She is an accomplished dancer, and she enjoys visiting family in the West.

Joan Lambert McPhee of Potomac, MD, is an active member of the Smithsonian Women's Committee. She recently returned from a trip to Paris, where she visited Noelle Mercanton D'Aulnay '50.

Betty Leslie Hahn, who lost her husband earlier last year, is helping her son edit script for the film production company he owns and operates in Nashville, TN. She spends time in summers

in Clinton, CT, still plays tennis and is writing a memoir of the first 12 years of her life.

Polly Lishon Cowen, who has lived in the shore community of Cohasset, MA, since '57, claims that she is "enjoying life!"

Marion Luce Butler has lived in a "cottage with a yard" in a continuing-care community in West Grove, PA, for four years. Her daughter, who lives nearby, works with large animals, specializing in equine cardiology and ultrasonography. Marion visits regularly with **Jennifer Judge Howes**, **Mary Lou (Taffy) Strassburger Treat** and **Lydia (Kips) Mershon Johnson**.

Grace Lurton Miller celebrated her 14th wedding anniversary. She became a bride at age 69 in Madison, CT, and she and her husband live in a retirement community in Naples, FL.

Gloria Mariana Richards still lives in her home in Waterford, CT. She claims she is not a "joiner," but she does play bridge, and she enjoys visits from her two sons, one in RI and one in NC.

Marian Markle Pool loves her apartment in the Waverly Heights retirement home in Gladwyne,

PA. She spends four and a half months in her home in the Poconos and some time in FL. In Gladwyne, she works in the library. Of her five grandchildren, three are in the service and one in Afghanistan.

Estelle Markovits Schwartz attended bat mitzvahs of two granddaughters; she also traveled to Los Angeles for another family gathering. Markie belongs to the Council on Aging, trains driver education instructors, serves at a local food bank, and teaches sewing and knitting one-on-one.

Jean McMillen Houck spent one year at CC but enjoys getting our magazine.

Barbara Mead Timm and husband spend six months in ME, where they recently had lunch with **Carol Young Pomeroy** and her husband, who were visiting the area. All three Timm children live in ME. One son is a dentist; a daughter is president of Bank of America-Maine. Grandchildren visit often.

Lydia (Kips) Mershon Johnson has one daughter and a granddaughter in Sweden, a son in Boston, and five grandchildren in other parts of the world. Many of her family returned to celebrate

Canadian Thanksgiving at Kips' large home on the St. Lawrence River. Kips swims often. In May, she gave the Convocation Address at St. Lawrence College, where she was awarded an honorary diploma for Lifetime Achievement in Business.

Barbara Miller Smachetti and her husband recently moved to an apartment in a retirement community. Both are well. Bobby sings with a choral group and volunteers with Meals on Wheels and in the women's group at church. She keeps in touch with **Irma Klein Schachter**. Three Smachetti children are in CA but returned for a great family reunion at a brother's home in RI.

Maureen Murphy Pace is trying to put her life back together after the death of her husband of 54 years in Nov. '10. We were saddened by this news. Of Maureen's six children, four live in her area and are a great comfort. Also, Maureen has resumed playing golf.

Mary Sue Nankervis Lamont and her husband of nine years moved to a retirement community. Sue works on the newsletter for residents and also in the resale shop, where proceeds go to help

residents low on funds. Sue is in touch with **Mary Lou (Taffy) Strassburger Treat**, **Muriel (Moo) Phipps Smith** and **Cynthia Carey Taylor**. She looks back on her CC days with joy.

The Class of '49 sends condolences to the family and friends of **Ruth Katz Webber**, who died 8/13.

1950

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Recently I spoke with **Dorothy (Dan) Warren White**. She and her husband are enjoying life in a retirement community in Cary, NC, west of Raleigh, thus relieving some responsibility from their three children.

Gaby Nosworthy Morris writes: "I have not even done much in plain correspondence with CC classmates, which is why I love the Class Notes so much!" She and **Sue Little Adamson** live near each other and stay in touch. Sue is a dedicated book and rummage



Above: Welbith Mota '10, Mickey Lenzi '10, Julia Harnett Lenzi '10, Harris Rosenheim '09, Susannah Matthews '10, Peter Friedrichs '10, Kevin Bergin '10, Katie Sugg '10, Heather Ward '10, Mike Gardner '10, Jenny Bush '10, Phoebe Bakanas '10, Samantha McCracking '10 and Grace Astrove '10 celebrate the holidays.



Michael Conti '06 and Priyanka Gupta '06 in Mumbai with Michael's favorite bag.



Left: Helen Egan '06 with her fiancé, Andrew Martin, and their daughter, Fireese Mae Martin, at Fireese's baptism, 10/16/11.

sale organizer and church supporter. Gaby participates, too. They both occasionally meet Polly Amrein '48 and Nancy Morrow Nee '48 for lunch.

Holly Barrett leads a relaxed life exercising in a heated pool and doing much reading. She has seven great-grandchildren and is thankful she does not have to deal with babies!

Dorothy Hyman Roberts is still very active working in the family business (Echo Design) three or four days a week. You may be buying Echo Design products in Chico's, Ann Taylor Loft, Talbots, J.C. Penney, etc. The business also sells to museum shops and has broadened its line to include cold-weather hats, gloves and handbags. We owe Dot a big thank you for our lovely Reunion scarves. She sees **Dossie Abrutyn Turtz** and her husband every month or so. Dot's husband is going to be 91, and despite having had dementia for seven years, he still knows his family. They have nine grandchildren.

Jan Pinney Shea returned from a trip to Scotland with English friends. She was grateful she did not have to drive! Her step-grandson, Jake, is a junior at CC.

Roberta Trager Cohen has lived in Bethesda, MD, for the last 55 years. Now widowed, she spends winters in CA and walks two miles most days. She has three great-grandchildren.

A chat with **Peggy MacDermid Davis** revealed that she has been struggling with polymyalgia rheumatica, making walking difficult. She and her husband hope to remain in their home in Storrs, CT, by making interior improvements and employing more household help. She was able to attend a grandson's wedding in Dover, NH, recently.

Mimi Woodbridge Thompson, our class president, reported on Centennial Weekend: "One hundred years of new beginnings, a wonderful weekend celebration. **Diane Roberts Gibson**, **Elaine Title Lowengard**, **Alice Hess Crowell**, **Artemis Blessis Ramaker** and I were there. The main program can be seen at <http://bigevent.conncoll.edu>. The new Science Center is under construction, and we were able to sign one of the beams." Mimi also reports that the College had a reception on Cape Cod, attended by **Diane Roberts Gibson**, **Joan**

Pine Davis and herself.

Our Class of '50 Scholarship recipient, **Meredith Byrne '13**, was named New Yorker of the Week by the New York News for establishing a community garden in a Staten Island neighborhood lived in by many Liberian refugees.

Those of you who were economics majors may remember Professor Emeritus Ruby Turner Morris, who became New London's first woman mayor in '75. Sadly, she died last summer.

The Class of '50 sends sympathy to the family and friends of **Nancy King Wandrisco**, who died 9/4, and **Nancy Lee Hicks Heinrich**, who also died in Sept.

1951

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Greetings! Reflecting upon the beauty of the campus and the good spirits of our returning classmates at our 60th Reunion, **Sue Askin Wolman** only regrets the lack of time to talk with everyone. During the summer, Sue enjoyed a wonderful trip to Normandy with son Paul and his wife, visiting the beaches, American cemeteries and museums. A day and half in Paris was a special treat.

Jane Swett Lonsdale praised the College for all the Centennial events at Reunion; she especially loved revisiting "old" friends and getting to know other classmates better. She and Adrian happily share the news of the birth of their first great-granddaughter, Ava Grace Stewart, in May. They are in Fort Myers Beach, FL, for the winter.

Prior to Reunion, **Jan Young Witter** and Bob attended grandson Lysle's graduation from Southern Methodist U., in Dallas. In Sept., they hosted a picnic for the CC men's water polo team when the team was in Annapolis to play against the Naval Academy. Their grandson, Clayton Witter '13, is the CC goalie. Then they were back in New London to celebrate Bob's 60th reunion at the Coast

Guard Academy. In Dec., they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

And congratulations to **Bobbie Thompson Stabile** and Ben, who celebrated their 60th anniversary immediately following Reunion. Eighteen family members gathered in the Poconos, including a granddaughter, who brought her fiancé for the family to meet. Ben's vocal rendition of "I Love You Truly" was a highlight of the festivities. Ben graduated from the CGA in June '50 and spent 36 years as a Coast Guard officer, culminating as a vice admiral and vice commandant for his final four years, and retiring in June '86. Bobbie and Ben were married in the CC chapel on 6/10/51.

Sally Buck Thompson returned from Reunion with two of everything to share with **Fran Wilson**. An illness delayed her delivery, and it was Dec. before Bucky and Fran got together. Fran arrived in a brand-new Buick, an 80+ birthday present to herself. Bucky's grandson, Clint, entered West Virginia U.'s School of Engineering this fall.

A note from **Helen Pavlovich Twomey** finds her happily situated in the Health Care Facility at Fellowship Village in Basking Ridge, NJ, but sorry to have missed Reunion. She is near her children, except for Barry Twomey '81, who lives in Austin, TX.

Roldah Northup Cameron Pavy's new neighbor. She moved into an independent unit at Fellowship Village in Sept. After Reunion, Bob and I had a very chatty visit with Roldah in Bethany Beach at her summer home in Rehoboth, DE.

Jo Pelkey Shepard is "among the elderly handicapped and not liking it one bit." Last summer, Jo was attacked by her neighbor's German shepherds, and in the attempt to get away, she fell and broke her hip. She is recuperating with a walker and canes and reports that she can drive. Best wishes to Jo and all of our classmates who may be recovering from hip and knee replacements or other incapacitations.

Jeanne Tucker Zenker sends greetings to all. She and Dave are in Vero Beach, FL, for the winter after celebrating the holidays with family up north.

In late summer, **Claire Goldschmidt Katz** spotted an

article in the Hartford Courant by a "fairly prominent local lawyer" that mentioned **Constance Kelley Mellen**. It seems Connie was the author's high-school Latin teacher, and he was praising sage advice she had given his class so many years ago.

Claire Gaudiani '66, CC president, '88-'01, was the keynote speaker for a special leadership weekend at Bob's alma mater, Gettysburg College, which he and I attended in late Sept. We were both impressed with her dynamic presentation on the role of philanthropy in our capitalist society, and we had a chance to chat with her and her husband before lunch.

In Oct., class President **Mona Gustafson Affinito** spent a week with class Vice President **Harriet Bassett MacGregor** and Bob in New Gloucester, ME, "constructing the president's letter to classmates," which you will probably have received by the time you read these notes. They also visited **Joan Campbell Phillips** and Doc on that trip.

Our sympathies go to Karl Peterson on the death of his wife, **Nancy Libby Peterson**. Also, our sympathies go to **Nancy Clapp Miller** on the death of her husband, Walter, in late Oct.

Jus and I are always happy to hear from you. **Rennie Aschaffenburg Christensen** is also helping with the Class Notes, so be in touch with one of us.

1952 REUNION

Correspondent: **Class Notes Editor**, CC: Magazine, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320, ccmag@conncoll.edu

This is the last column that we, **Mary Ann Allen Marcus** and **Beverly Quinn O'Connell**, wrote for this magazine. We want you to know how much we have enjoyed reconnecting with the accomplished group of women you, our classmates, have become.

At Reunion a new class correspondent will be chosen. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Class Notes Coordinator **Karen Laskey** at the address above.

Speaking of Reunion, keep June 1-3, 2012, open for our 60th. We have had some great reunions in the past — let's make this another one!

Louise Durfee '52 was named chairwoman of the Rhode Island Judicial Nominating Commission. Durfee directed the state Department of Environmental Management under Gov. Bruce G. Sundlun and for more than 20 years was a partner at Tillinghast, Collins & Graham. She has served on the Tiverton Town Council since the 1970s.

Jean Hewitt Thomas's story is an inspiring one. Jean is still working full time in the Department of Reproductive Medicine at the Weill Cornell Medical Center in NYC. When that department first opened, she was one of only three employees. One of the benefits of her job, she says, has been the opportunity to meet many outstanding people from all over the world. Jean maintains an apartment on 59th St. in Manhattan and walks to and from work at 70th St. on most days. She does this in spite of five heart surgeries, including the implantation of a pacemaker in Dec. 2010. Jean spends weekends in Darien, CT, at the home she shared with her late husband, Dick. She especially likes spending time with her two grandchildren there.

1953

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Please note the change of my address for our class notes. David and I have followed the lead of many of our classmates and moved to a retirement community. The move has been arduous, as many of you know, but the new cottage has a very snazzy modern kitchen and space for David and me to do some gardening. There is a guest bedroom for our New Zealand granddaughter, Kate, to visit, as she is coming to Princeton (a long way from her Kiwi home).

Pat Browne Hunter is the first classmate to announce the arrival of a great-grandchild. Besides her great-grandson, she has three children and seven grandchildren. She has been recovering from a serious fall but still lives alone, and enjoyed all her family

and many friends at a large celebration for her 80th birthday.

Another great-grandson was part of the celebration for **Joan Fluegelman Wexler** and Jerry's 80th birthdays. They had 28 family members together at a beach hotel in Sarasota. A great time was had by all.

Nan Clark Anderson is living in a retirement community in Mystic, CT, where there are several other CC professors and graduates. Dexter and she like their new life, but also enjoyed a visit from **Janet Roesch Frauentfelder**, when they spent two days laughing about old times — very rejuvenating.

Accidents are a bane of our age group and **Allie O'Brien Bates** suffered a severe one. She has recovered to travel to Tuscany, the UK and Provence with her friend Nick Neve. She has grown grandchildren scattered around the country, another chance for her to travel widely.

Jane Graham Pemberton has been busy celebrating the wedding of her youngest daughter, Nancy Louise Barker '87. The bride wore Jane's wedding gown with her grandmother's lace.

Joan Rudberg Lavin and Bob attended the 100th anniversary celebration at the College. They enjoyed the "Big Event" greatly, a picnic lunch and the deans' seminars. The campus looked lovely. Recently she has visited with **Sue Manley Price** and **Jeanne Garrett Miller**.

All this news reveals an important fact. The age of 80 has become politically correct. Generally, we are adapting very well. Let's hear about it.

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1955

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1956

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Peg Thorp Tumicki of Stonington, CT, went straight from CC to marriage and six children. She became a travel agent and tour escort at age 40. Her trips throughout the world inspired one daughter to live in Ireland. Another daughter taught for years in Saudi Arabia and now teaches in Oman. Peg led her 50th tour to Ireland in '11, concentrating on the Aran Islands. Retirement?

Ellie Wineman Jacobs and **Kenneth** have eight grandchildren. Ellie sold her travel agency after 27 years, and she is now a consultant with time to explore what she missed while working. **Kenneth** has retired from his career in surgery.

Ellie, **Fran Freedman Jacobson** and **Judy Rosoff Shore**

and their spouses have celebrated 14 New Year's Eves at the La Jolla home of **Joy Shechtman Mankoff** and her husband. What a wonderful tradition!

Sheila Walsh Bankhead went to England in '11 for a literary festival. Then she and her husband took an Alaskan cruise, visited MI and attended a Bankhead family reunion in MO. Two children and five grandchildren enjoyed summer fun in Aug. at Sheila and Mal's Panama City home. Sheila recalls Ruby Turner Morris writing a poem for her when she married in '55.

I. Betty Ann Smith Tylaska, traveled to the Andes and Patagonia in Jan. '11 and spent 20 days in eastern Turkey in Sept. A badly fractured finger and stitches in my forehead were mementos of a fall, which occurred when I tried to stop Turkish children from hitting a dog. Once a teacher, always a teacher!

Shaun and Millicent Kavanagh Ruddy attended the Class of '11 graduation, and Millicent presented their grandson, Kevin Lau-Hansen '11, with his diploma. Kevin works in Saigon for the same firm at which he interned for a semester during his junior year.

Apart from a stint working for the NY Philharmonic, **Carole Awad Hunt** has concentrated her volunteering on education, serving as chairman of Spence School; on the board of Learning Leaders, which trains tutors for public-school children; and by promoting lecturers and speakers in several venues. She has successfully promoted members to boards of directors, including that of CC, and is doing the same for the Adirondack Museum and for the Museum of the City of NY. "Jim and I spend a good deal of our time helping young people with their schools, apartments, clubs, etc., and it is our favorite pastime, other than frolicking with our grandchildren."

Having grandchildren on two coasts keeps **Gale Anthony Clifford** "busy and out of mischief," visiting and attending their sports events whenever she can, while at home she pursues a self-styled fitness program. Tutoring her Colombian ESL student and good friend is especially important to Gale, as their goal is to achieve U.S.

citizenship for the woman. Gale had a delightful visit with **Gayle Greenlaw Litwin** and her husband in Naples, FL. They made tentative plans to meet again mid-winter.

Helen Cary Whitney regretfully missed Reunion, as she was busy taking husband Bob "to myriad cancer treatment appointments. After many months, he is now finished, with very good results." They have lifted their spirits by singing in a large church choir and attending classical concerts.

Soldiering away at the Valentine Richmond History Center, where she has volunteered for 54 years, **Elise Hofheimer Wright** is redoing the accessioning system to create a file for each donation. This is an extremely long-term effort, "but I enjoy it so much and can use my institutional memory to figure out the many muddles." Elise's husband is retired but volunteers mostly for educational institutions. Their daughter, Elise, lives near Lambertville, NJ, and in ME, and their son and his family live in Queens. Elise's two loves are visiting her 9- and 6-year-old grandsons and spending summers in VA Beach in her childhood home, built by her father in the modernist style in '36.

Genealogy "disease" has hit **Jean Harris Whitney** as she and her daughter work on the family tree, "and it is a wonderful exercise! We were working on two computers on her dining room table, and it was great fun. We take two steps forward and one step back. I cannot imagine how people did this without the Internet." Who else is doing this? It's exciting when there's a breakthrough at last!

1957 REUNION

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It was great to talk with **Sally Ballantyne Hatch** after so many years. She has kept up with **Sue Adam Myers**, and they have exchanged visits, especially during the three months when Sally moves from her home in Bethesda, MD, to her summer home in NH, which has been in the family for more than 100 years. Sally lost her husband,

Norman, a geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, in '91. They spent the early years in KY and at Harvard and then moved to Bethesda in '65. Sally was a church volunteer for 25 years, until she decided to give it up when she reached 70. She keeps busy with gardening and theater, both longtime passions. Her son, Andrew, and his wife are social therapists at Camphill at Heartbeet Lifesharing in VT. They have six children — two of hers, two of his and two young adopted kids. Sally's goddaughter, Sarah Hitchcock '14, loves CC.

Wendy Allen Wheeler writes, "We've moved! No longer in New Haven, sadly, but happily ensconced in a lovely apartment in Hingham, MA, in a continuing-care place called Linden Ponds. We are much closer now to two of our children and six of our grandchildren. So much easier to see them, go to games, etc., so it's a good move. It was hard to move from a wonderful old home where we'd been very happy for 27 years, but this is the right place for us to be. Also, the Boston area was home to us years ago, so it feels a little like we've 'come home to roost.'"

Sue Krim Greene had a fabulous trip in Sept. to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. You can follow her route and adventures on her blog: <http://travelcentralasia2011.blogspot.com>. It makes marvelous reading, and her photos greatly enhance the blog!

Sue Adam Myers, Richard and I had a wonderful visit to the Clark Museum in Williamstown, MA, last summer. We all thoroughly enjoyed the Pissarro exhibit. Sue's son, Adam, and his wife, Karen, have recently set up a new business, Our Pleasure 2 Help. It is a suburban Boston-based company that offers personal services in the areas of life organization, local transportation and residential upkeep to seniors, busy families and individuals seeking to make their lives less hectic and stressful. Check out www.ourpleasure2help.com.

And from **Judy Hartt Acker**: "It has been a fun time to live near the College. I stood in the rain with many alums, staff and faculty forming '100' on Harkness Green on Founders Day last April. The photographer was

President Obama appoints two alumnae to serve on U.S. panels

Patricia McGowan Wald '48 was nominated to the Member, Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board. Wald served from 1979-99 on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, including five years as chief judge. Since then, she has served in various capacities, including as a judge on the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

Sondra Gelb Myers '55, senior fellow for international, civic and cultural projects at the University of Scranton and the director of its Schemel Forum, was appointed to the Commission on Presidential Scholars. The author of numerous books, including "The New Rwanda: Prosperity and the Public Good," Myers was appointed in 1980 by President Carter to the U.S. Commission on Fine Arts.



Members of the College community, including Judy Hartt Acker '57, formed a 100 on Founders Day 2011.

in a window on the top floor of Harkness dorm, and the picture was on the front page of *The New London Day*. A new, very singable song has been written in honor of this special year. I serve as an alumni representative to the Athletic Hall of Fame committee and have enjoyed getting to know some other alumni, coaches and faculty and some incredible honorees. I also served on the history subcommittee of the Centennial Committee. Because of our love of music, Al and I often attend student and faculty musical presentations. Several

faculty members and alums play in Dixieland bands that we follow. I look forward to seeing classmates at Reunion."

We all look forward to seeing classmates at Reunion, the weekend of June 1-3, 2012. If you are going, please contact a classmate and encourage her to come, too. There are lots of exciting plans in the making, and it's certain to be a warm and wonderful weekend.

Our condolences to the family of **Joan Goodson Ruef**, who passed away in Sept. from complications of diabetes and

heart disease. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Dr. John Ruef of Rochester, NY, and her daughters, Susan Ruef-Statt of Rochester, and Karen Meagher and Mary Olofsson of Charleston, SC. She also leaves seven grandsons. Born and raised in Brooklyn Heights, NY, Joan worked as a secretary for a professor at Harvard Law School following college. After getting married, she moved with her husband to Rochester, where she lived for the remainder of her life. She was active in the Junior League of Rochester, and she

enjoyed tennis and paddle tennis until her health deteriorated. The obituary from the Rochester newspaper says, "Her sense of humor, dry wit, indomitable spirit and love of family will be deeply missed." That is the way we remember her, too.

1958

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1959

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1960

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Tommie Saunders is a volunteer kindergarten aide five days a week in Niantic, CT, and thoroughly enjoys her young charges — much easier than tracking down teenagers in

boarding school! Also, she enjoys being near a river so she can fish for blues and bass in her 12-foot dory. She also canoes, and with the right wind, she sails her Sunfish — not a bad summer!

Maureen (Mo) Mehls Kiernan continues part time as the town treasurer in Ridgefield, CT. She recently terminated the floral business she had owned for 33 years. One of Mo's two daughters moved to Jamaica with her husband and Mo's 5-year-old twin granddaughters; she continues her work with UNICEF. With this change of venue, family visits will become easier — their previous home was in Pakistan. Additionally, Mo reports that classmate **Polly Kurtz Baynum** has moved farther south, to Charlotte, NC.

Bonnie Davis Hall was inspired to get in touch by **Frankie Gillmore Pratt's** recent letter. Bonnie would have loved to attend the 100th celebratory weekend in New London in Oct., but she, her husband and their younger son were in an all-day rehearsal for the 41st Christmas Revels, which was held at Harvard U.'s Sanders Theatre in Dec. There were 16 performances — "a lot of work,



Alumni and their families in Fairfield, CT, in July 2011: the Gefens (Howard '84, Lauren and Jackson), the Esmonds (Robert '87, Audrey Franks '85, Alec and Else), the Hamsons (Steve '85, Nancy, Jack and Will) and the Gorlicks (Ron '84, Anke Bosel, Marcel and Hannah).



Capt. Trevor Jones '73 and Capt. Gail Hathaway after the Change of Command ceremony in Hawaii in 2010, at which Trevor handed over command of the U.S. NAMRU-2.



Barbara Drexel Lockhart, Connie Cross, Bonnie Campbell Billings and Roberta Slone Smith, all Class of 1963, celebrate the Centennial at Fall Weekend.

Carolyn McGonigle Holleran '60 GP'07 and her husband, T. Jerome Holleran GP'07, received the 2012 Individual Award for Philanthropy from the Council of Independent Colleges in January in recognition of their support for higher education, including Connecticut College. "The Hollerans are role models, heroes and good friends of private higher education," CIC President Richard Ekman said.

The couple endowed the Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy and take an active interest in the scholars at the center. They also have generously supported the College's athletes and athletic programs. "Their investments have been transformational for our campus and our students," President Higdon said. "The Hollerans lead by example, and their example is inspiring others — particularly young people — to be engaged in the world and make it a better place through community action,



public service and sustainability."

The Hollerans live in Reading, Pa., where they are longtime supporters of Alvernia University. They also have generously supported Jerry Holleran's alma mater, Carnegie Mellon University. The CIC award honors exemplary service, support and inspiration to independent higher education. Previous recipients include comedian Bill Cosby, mutual fund pioneer John Templeton, and Alan Pifer, longtime leader of the Carnegie Corp.

but a fabulous experience." Bonnie and her family had attended the Revels every year since they moved to MA in '79. "Our younger son was in the '08 show, and he encouraged us to audition last year, and we all got in. This year we were very fortunate to be selected again." Last spring, they were part of the chorus, which made a new CD for the Revels, called "Sing Noel." "It is a genuine thrill to be able to claim this accomplishment."

Bonnie and Ross attended the Cape Cod CC gathering in Aug: "Alas, no one else from the Class of '60 was there. It was nice to see and speak with President Higdon, who lives just a few blocks away from us in the summer. We walk along his beach several times a week all year long." Bonnie sends her warmest greetings to her classmates.

In Sept., **Linda Maiuzzo Budd** and husband Ross visited **Carol Reponen Hilley** and husband

George for a long weekend at their home in Danvers, MA. "We had great food and lots of fun talking and remembering our days together at CC."

Fifty years after our graduation weekend, **Nancy Osterweis Alderman** has sent in Class Notes! And no grass has grown under Nancy's feet. In the future, we may read more about Nancy's accomplishments in this magazine! In her own words, here is a brief synopsis of Nancy's

significant achievements of the last 17 years: "I went back to CC and received my B.A. in '94 and earned my M.E.S. degree from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies in '97. I started a nonprofit called Environment and Human Health, Inc. (EHHI), to be able to research where the environment was harming health and then to bring about policy changes that would better protect health. EHHI works in CT, but only takes on issues that have statewide and national importance and that can be replicated in other states." Visit www.ehhi.org. Nancy and Myles continue to live in North Haven, CT. After working at the Nature Conservancy and the Connecticut Fund for the Environment, Myles is now a consultant with the Farmland Trust, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting CT farms.

1961

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1962 REUNION

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1963

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Life in Breckenridge, CO, is good for **Debbie Morris Kullby** and husband Roy. Debbie continues to enjoy skiing and biking. She is in several book groups and on the boards of a local singing group and the Breckenridge Music Festival. Between the active winter and summer seasons, they travel in Europe and around the country, visiting friends and family. Debbie's daughter is an actress in L.A. and is mother of grandson Max, 7; Debbie's son is in the financial business in NYC.

Debbie has visited classmates **Linda Osborne** in Santa Fe, **Susan Hall Veccia** in Annapolis, and **Lonnie Jones Schorer** in VA and NH. And she is looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th Reunion.

Ruth Roney McMullin regrets having lost track of her CC classmates but encourages any who find their way to Savannah or Hilton Head to get in touch. She and husband Tom would love



Above, from left, Valerie Zucker Holt, Cynthia Howard Harvell, Mary-Jane Atwater, Rachel Sherbourne Cooney, Lucy Thomson and Nancy Pierce Morgan gather for a Class of 1970 mini-reunion at Mary-Jane's house in Alexandria, VA.



Olivia Stephanie Tacelli DeWolfe '92 with her husband, Chuck DeWolfe, and children Edie Rose and Josiah.



From left, Danielle McCarthy Ward '02, Melanie Klein Courtemanche '00 and Lauren LaPaglia Romano '00 with their future Camels, Addison Ward, Madeline and Aneliese Courtemanche, and Alivia Romano.

to show you around. They play lots of tennis and golf, and bike, kayak, ski and travel. Ruth started out as a secretarial trainee at McGraw-Hill and ended her career as president and CEO of Harvard Business School Publishing. In between, she had a son, David, got an MBA at Yale, and held other executive positions. She's been a director of several publicly traded companies.

Anne (Annabel) Partington Wilson lives in Cleveland with husband Hugh. Older daughter Amy and two grandsons live nearby. Two more grandchildren, an infant and a 3-year-old, live in Detroit with Anne's other daughter. Anne retired in '02 but subbed as a reference librarian at her local library until last year; she now volunteers with the Friends of the Library ongoing book sale. An active gardener in the summer, Anne also raises and releases monarch butterflies.

I, **Bonnie Campbell Billings**, had another wonderful three-month summer of sailing in Newfoundland with my husband, Joe Wauters. I enjoyed helping **Helen Frisk Buzyna** plan

her and her husband's trip to Newfoundland last summer — she was as enchanted with the province as we are. In Sept., she continued a many-year tradition of mini-reunions with **Barbara Drexler Lockhart**, **Ginny Olds Goshdigian**, **Susan Young**, **Connie Cross** and **Chantal LeHouerou**. Barbara was surprised to run into **Nancy Allen Waterfill** at a nursery in CT. Nancy was visiting on a bus trip from Atlanta!

Our fall drive back to VT took us through ME, where we had a wonderful visit with **Elana Brown Anderson** and husband Bill, who were soon leaving for London to meet the newest of their four grandchildren. Bill and Elana have lived in Seattle for the last 12 years. A little place in Mexico provides winter sun. Deer Isle, ME, is the place that "still pulls our family together," she says. Elana is retired from a career in nursing. Son Jake teaches delinquent felons in MA; daughter Eliza teaches Spanish and French at Westminster School in CT; daughter Maysie is a headhunter in Wilmington, NC; and son

Spencer is a journalist with Thomson-Reuters in London.

Tina Savell Treadwell attended an alumni gathering this summer in Portland, ME, where she saw photographer **Connie Cross**. Tina has kept in touch with **Nathalie Taft Andrews**, who summers in ME and continues as director of the Portland Museum in Louisville, KY, which she has "nurtured since its earliest days."

Tina is very close to **Nancy Goode Treadwell**, the widow of Tina's husband's brother. Nancy is retired from an active career working with senior citizens. She lives in Liverpool, NY, near her grandchildren. Tina is retired from a career working as a speech-language pathologist in Concord, MA. Tina and David moved to Brunswick, ME, in '02, where they are active in the community and enjoy the many advantages of living in a college town.

The class sends wishes for a speedy recovery from a stroke to **Alice Orndorff Gordon**, whose husband, Don, wrote that they expect her to have a full

recovery. They live in Madison, CT.

The class also sends sympathy to **Cynny Nichols Travers**, whose husband, John, passed away.

Connie Cross, **Barbara Drexler Lockhart**, **Roberta Slone Smith** and I (with our husbands) attended a spectacular celebration of the College's Centennial in Oct. What an impressive legacy and promising future! We are proud.

Thanks so much to the classmates who have responded to my pleas for news. I'm hoping to hear from many more of you. And, of course, I hope you are all planning to return to campus for our 50th Reunion.

1964

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Greetings to all! Please keep your news items coming. Everyone has commented on how much it means to be able to read about our classmates, so remember, whatever you submit

will be greatly appreciated.

For once, I can report on something: a wonderful lunch with **Carol Fairfax Bullard**, Worth and a good friend of theirs during their recent visit to Chicago and Springfield, the Land of Lincoln. Carol looks really great and is keeping very busy after retirement with many pro bono causes in Albany. And they are looking forward to more travel opportunities, as well as pursuing their many mutual cultural interests. And if any of you are planning to venture out this way, please let me know. I would love to see you!

Flora Barth Wolf retired at the end of July, which turned out to be more of an undertaking than she'd imagined. "I'd been a judge for more than 19 years and spent the last eight or nine in Family Court, hearing cases concerning abused and neglected kids. Not only did I have to empty my office — a gargantuan task accomplished mostly by my secretary — but I had to let go of all sorts of projects and unfinished cases. ... I do miss the work, the people,



Aigheann McKiernan '04 married Josh Posner '06 on 9/18/11 in St. Paul, MN. Back row, from left: Annie Tselikis '04, Kate Walsh, Suzie Mattke-Robinson '04, Chelsea Hanson '04, Katherine Merseth '04, the bride and groom, Timna Trajman Molberger '06, Victoria Portsmore '06, Merritt Haswell '06, Chris Ferrantino '06, David DiGiammarino '06, Ryan Harnedy '07, and Chris Mastellone '05. Front row: Seth Tinkham '04, Matt Molberger '06, Emily Goldberg James '05, Emily Serrell Smith '04 and Laura Pollak '04.

maybe even the stress and pressure." Flora finds she can sleep endlessly, she loves her new Kindle and her garden, and after being honored at a number of most enjoyable retirement parties, she planned a trip to India in Nov. I am sure that you are greatly missed at work, Flora, but congratulations!

Pam Goodwin Binks and husband David live in Australia and welcomed their first grandchild, Caspar, born in Nov. '10 to older daughter Alison, who lives in Melbourne. Second daughter Kathy was married in Jan. '11. "David has retired from active yacht-building but still keeps his finger on the pulse of our retail business, Binks Marine, which sells yacht fittings, sails, spars, and boating clothes and equipment, as well as fishing tackle. . . . We have sailed our 41-foot yacht from Adelaide to Queensland to reach the Whitsunday Islands area inside the Great Barrier Reef and also taken a number of additional amazing voyages. There were lovely moments and there were some white-

knuckle times," but all in all, very enjoyable journeys. Pam concludes that "being retired and less tied to home is great, but it is hard to organize time away from our various commitments here. Once you realize you can't do everything, the problem is solved!"

Platt Townend Arnold has good news to share. Her husband David's illness appears to be in remission, with no discernible evidence of activity in the remaining areas of cancer. Check-ups and reassessments are now scheduled further and further apart, and "so we wait and watch and carry on with our lives, ever grateful for each day and our friends and family near and far." We join you both in hoping for the best!

Hope everyone's start of the New Year has been positive and that many good times are in store for all. Best wishes to everyone!

1965

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1966

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Olga Christiansen Karman is retired and loving it. She lives in the heart of Buffalo's waterfront. She's busy going to lectures and plays, and she has joined Silver Sneakers, a wonderful exercise program. She has been studying French at the Alliance Française de Buffalo, and she is looking for a place to rent in or near Paris in late spring '12 while she attends French classes and lives among Parisians. If anyone has information about classes for foreigners and/or a place to stay, please contact her.

Betsy Creedon retired from GM and then worked with Worldwide Documentaries on a unique distribution plan for the film "Not My Life," a documentary on the global scourge of human trafficking and modern slavery, which aired as part of the CNN Freedom Project. Betsy has taken on a new position with BOOM! The New Economy, a collaborative program that enables adults

Patt Dale '66, a theatrical press agent, was recognized in September for her 35 years with Broadway's theater community. The recognition was part of the annual "Broadway Salutes" tribute to artists, technicians and craftspeople.



over the age of 50 to engage in southeast MI's new economy. BOOM! The New Economy is located in the former Chevrolet Creative Services building, an Albert Kahn building that GM donated to TechTown, Detroit's research and technology park. Betsy is excited to be part of this innovative effort and to be back in downtown Detroit among the energetic people of TechTown.

Now retired from teaching children with visual impairments, **Betsy Greenberg Feinberg** serves on several boards in the metro DC area — the board of Aid Association for the Blind, the advisory board of the Columbia

Lighthouse for the Blind and the education committee of Washington Performing Arts Society — and she records books for Learning Ally (formerly Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic). Betsy and husband Bob spend almost half the year in France. When stateside, they attend concerts several times a week and also visit their daughter in Boston whenever possible. Having survived cancer twice, Betsy feels immensely lucky to enjoy "a full and beautiful existence" and makes a special effort to keep up with friends. Betsy and Bob's mutual interest in Japanese



Above: Class of 1973 alumnae Perri Orenstein Courtheoux, Marcia Asquith Kaufman, Kathy Knox Moore, Sue Krebs, Nancy Voyer, Martha "Meg" Gifford and Jean Mayshar LaVecchia got together for a joint 60th birthday celebration at the Riverside Yacht Club in CT.

Right: Larry Corwin '77 and Kevin Box were married in May 2011 in Washington, DC. From left: Larry and Kevin, Vedat Gashi '01, Patricia Goldman Corwin '47 and Amy Haskell '00.



Chuck Painchaud '83 with the drag queen Inga at his 50th birthday celebration — and Class of 1983 mini-reunion — in Key West, FL.



From left, Erica Bos Callahan '92, Suzanne Walker Buck '93, Francis Ryan '88, Welbith Mota '11, Joan Edwards '87 and Booth Kyle '93 at the annual meeting of the Secondary School Admission Testing Board in Phoenix in September.

Save the Date and call a friend

Reunion 2012 is June 1-3

CATCH UP WITH YOUR CLASS

on Facebook and reminisce about the years that have passed.

Watch your mail for registration details so you and your best friends can have rooms next door to each other again.

And find some memorabilia to bring back — maybe the treasured Koiné from your senior year or the Camel bobblehead you found at Harvestfest.

Reunion is June 1-3 for classes ending in a 2 or 7, and yes — it's time to get ready.

The weekend will include lots of class social time (you'll never believe how fast the memories come back), an al fresco lobsterbake on Tempel Green overlooking Long Island Sound, and the annual Parade of Classes — when everyone shows their silly side. You'll get the latest updates from President Higdon, cheer on your classmates as they win alumni awards and go back to class with your favorite professors.

The Sykes Society Luncheon, for alumni who have celebrated their 50th reunion, will honor the newest members: the Class of 1962. Linda J. Lear '62, known for her definitive biography, "Rachel Carson: Witness for Nature," and most recently for "Beatrix Potter: A Life in Nature," will be the speaker.

Alex Hybel, the Susan Eckert Lynch '62 Professor of Government, will deliver the

keynote address for the weekend at 8 p.m. Friday. His topic is the Arab Spring, based on experience from a trip to Egypt last year. The title of his presentation is "Be Careful What You Wish."

Hybel, a native of Argentina, is the author of six books. He has led two Connecticut College study-away programs, in South Africa and Spain, and in 2007-08 was a visiting professor at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center in Nanjing, China.

Visit <http://reunion.conncoll.edu> to let your friends know you're planning to come, make a reunion gift, check the schedule and find a list of class Facebook pages. The information is updated regularly, so check back often for the latest details.

Getting ready for Reunion 2013

Alumni from classes ending in 3 and 8 will be on campus for Insights the Friday and Saturday of Reunion to get ideas for their own reunion next year.

For more information, or to sign up for the weekend, visit <http://insights.conncoll.edu>.



art — especially paintings and screens of the Edo period and contemporary ceramics — has provided challenge and the opportunity to make friends all over the world.

Pam Mendelsohn continues to divide her time between Emeryville, CA (Bay Area), where she is on the board of its Celebration of the Arts, and Arcata (five hours north). Pam also travels to NY frequently to visit daughter Rebekah, who was married in June and has landed a position as a collections management associate in the drawing and prints department of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Pam also reports that her dog, Max, is doing great — for a 14-year-old corgi.

Barbara Metzger, author of more than 40 historical romances, is now writing fantasy under the name Celia Jerome. Her third book in the Willow Tate series, "Fire Works in the Hamptons," was published by DAW Books (Penguin) in Nov. — following "Trolls in the Hamptons" and "Night Mares in the Hamptons." Another new beginning!

Nancy Newell Jones is about to begin what she calls Chapter Six in her life journey. She has had five very different careers, including a stint as an information officer in the U.S. Air Force and 19 years as a consultant serving the nonprofit world, mostly on the East Coast. Chapter Six entails freelance writing. Nancy admits this might be risky, but most of her careers have had uncertain revenue projections. If someone needs help writing a book, just contact her.

Liane Stearns Gowen has been working at the registration desk of Wing Memorial Hospital's ER for nearly 30 years. Her husband, Richard, a retired social studies teacher, had a successful heart valve replacement last year. They continue to live in Palmer, MA, where Liane completed another five years as a trustee for the Palmer Public Library and where Richard is involved in Advocacy Network for the mentally and physically handicapped. They are very involved with their children and six granddaughters, and their favorite week of the year is in July, when all 14 family

members gather for vacation on Cape Cod.

We look forward to hearing from you at ccnotes66@gmail.com; please send us your submissions!

1967 REUNION

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Hi, dear classmates! Before you peruse the Class Notes, please make the commitment to attend our rocking 45th Reunion next June. If you went last time, you know how fun it was jiving to great tunes in the former stacks of the library — not to mention how sweet it was to be back at the College, so filled with memories of our good (and tough) times together ... ah, forget those blue books! Please be there!

Deb Benjamin is retired and spends half of her life on Lake Sunapee, NH, and the other half in Vero Beach, FL. Tough duty full of tennis, golf and a lot of volunteer work.

Wendy Willson Allen, professor of French and chair of the Romance language department at St. Olaf College, had a wildly busy fall semester and taught in Paris for the month of Jan.

Robin Frost Bessin splits time between Southport, CT, and Vero Beach, FL. Between their families, she and husband Steve have six grandchildren in WY, MA, NY and FL. Baby Archer Shay Bessin, the biological child of Geoffrey Bessin and his wife, Shannon, was born in Feb. '11 to a surrogate in Mumbai and brought home to Rockport, MA. Robin's daughter, Alexandra Dawson, and her husband, Greg Gricus, of Jackson Hole, created their own 106-minute documentary, "Wild Horse, Wild Ride," produced, directed and written by her and filmed by him. It made the film festival circuit and won Audience Favorite awards across the country and in Canada. Son Christopher Dawson, a photographer, was featured in the exhibit "Crime Unseen" at Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Photography. When not bursting with pride over their children, Steve and Robin can be found slugging away on the golf course!

Lauren Levinson Pohn and her partner, Dave Kilkenny, bought 30 virgin acres in the Intag, Ecuador (an area with ecological preserves and organic coffee production). It's a breathtaking natural setting and a bit remote. Their land begins in the center of a rushing river (with an island and trout) and ends at the top of the mountain. Idyllic! Lauren reports that her Spanish is picking up, and she made many good friends from Ecuador and abroad. She decided to cut to the chase, get off the "hamster wheel" and live her dream. Her first grandchild, Charlotte Sinclair Pohn, was born only one and a half hours after Lauren's birthday. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, Lauren was in Guatemala, working and enjoying visiting a new country.

Marjory Dressler loves living in South Beach, FL, and does not at all miss Manhattan, where she lived for more than 30 years. Occasionally, she ventures to East Hampton to see old friends. Seven years ago, when she moved, she switched careers and became a Realtor at the beginning of the real estate boom. She is happy to report that buyers have come back into the market, and she is having her most successful year in the business. She would love to hear from classmates at mdress44@aol.com.

Ruth Berkholtz Ciriacks found that leaving a career in civil service to become a small business owner these past seven years was one of the best decisions she ever made. Aaron's retired now too, so they are traveling together more, plus she gets to create even bigger "honey-do" lists for him. Their kids sent them to France and Greece to celebrate their 40th anniversary in '09, a phenomenal opportunity to see truly ancient sites that have always intrigued them. They were also able to spend more time with their three kids, their spouses and all six grandchildren, a true blessing in countless ways. Ruth enjoys fly-fishing the stream at their cabin and float-boat fishing in style on the Flathead River in MT with her oldest son, Greg.

Lynn Hand is a member of the Women's Caucus for Art, NH Chapter, and participates in all of

their shows. She joined a Virtual Yacht Club sponsored by Meetup in NH and has met many people who enjoy sailing. One of her friends has a 30-foot Catalina in which she has sailed to the Isles of Shoals off of Portsmouth, NH. Lynn is also volunteering for her granddaughter's second-grade class and participated in a science center field trip right after our Oct. nor'easter blizzard dropped 22 inches on Concord, NH.

Jackie King Donnelly loves her busy retirement lifestyle in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, where she is involved in charity work, golf, writing, Spanish classes and just having fun. Jackie and Patrick traveled through India en route to Singapore, where they spent the Christmas holidays with their son, daughter-in-law and three grandchildren. They will return to Chicago for the spring and summer to be near their newlywed daughter and son-in-law, Jim.

1968

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Ellen Townes Anderson is a professor of neurology and neuroscience at NJ Medical School. She teaches medical and graduate students, does research on the diseases of the retina, and holds several administrative positions. She, along with several other female professors, filed a legal action against the U. of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ for salary inequity — yes, it still goes on! She hopes to retire in a few years. Her husband has already retired after serving in several New England churches as minister, and her two sons are happy; one is an artist, the other a junior in college.

The class sends sympathy to the family and friends of **Leslie Levin Dangel Roosevelt**, who died last spring.

My husband, Bruce, and I, **Mary Clarkeson Phillips**, took a trip to the Grand Canyon, Glenn Canyon, Bryce and Zion in the fall; it was our first time in the area and was magnificent and very different from what we are used to in the Northeast. Please keep your news coming; we all love to know what is happening

in the lives of our friends from CC.

1969

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John and Linda Abel

Fosseen's travel schedule to visit friends and relatives in New England enabled them to attend part of the Centennial Fall Weekend on campus. "I was especially excited to attend, since I wasn't able to make our 40th Reunion. This is all part of a busy travel year in anticipation of a heavy schedule of new grandparent duties in 2012. It might even be that my sabbatical year from teaching will turn into retirement!"

Mary Whitney Hoch retired from teaching in NY, moved to Amherst, MA, 9 years ago to help her husband with a cellulose insulation manufacturing business, National Fiber, and gets back to CT-NY-DC as often as possible to see grandchildren and married kids.

Prudence Barton's son, Adam (Wesleyan '04), invited a group of friends to visit their farm for an early fall weekend. "I learned that one of the girls, Marissa, is the daughter of **Catherine Schwalm Pollack**. How fun is that!! Small world."

Cordalie Benoit has joined the board of the Friends of Grove Street Cemetery, the first chartered burial ground in the U.S. If you are in New Haven, she can arrange a personal tour: www.grovestreetcemetery.org.

Babette Gabriel Thompson notes that the motto of Whidbey Island, their home in the Pacific Northwest, is "come here and do nothing." She writes, "If that is so, why are we always so busy? I'd say we have become fat and lazy in retirement, but only the fat part is accurate. The island is practically a retirement community for active seniors. Everyone gardens, serves on boards of nonprofits, belongs to at least two book clubs, takes Audubon classes, and tries to impress each other with unique ways to prepare and serve the fruits of our gardening."

Traveling from their home in the Dominican Republic, German and **Donna Hicks Perez-Mera**

enjoyed a summer vacation visiting her parents in CT and driving through New England, "visiting old friends and old haunts at our grad school, U. of MA-Amherst, and then the southern coast of ME. On the home front, we continue to live quietly in our orchid-filled garden, running our translation agency, SD Language Solutions (www.sdlanguagesolutions.com), and enjoying our beloved Rottweilers and 'Dominican Classics,' Morena and Tammy. It was surreal to be sitting here in the Caribbean watching television images of Hurricane Irene's devastation in New England, where we had been visiting just a few short weeks before."

Christina Pemmerl Burnham started a new business, Harmonious Transitions — life coaching for people who are facing changes in their lives. "I help people who have retired find their life purpose and then help them put it into practice. I am still mediating family issues, like custody, divorce and elder issues, too."

Giovanni and I enjoyed a different kind of Italy visit in Sept., staying in one place for 17 days and treating it as a vacation, instead of a trip to see all our family and friends scattered throughout the boot. We returned to last year's rental cabin in Piedmont and felt very at home. While we especially missed seeing some of the family in the south, I found this both restorative and encouraging, as we continue to contemplate establishing a summertime home there.

The Class of '69 extends heartfelt condolences to the family of our dear friend and former class officer, **Evelyn (Lynne) Cooper Sitton**, who died 11/4.

1970

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Writing from Tucson, where she has lived for many years, **Regina Imber Kruse** continues to "cuddle babies in the nursery of Tucson Medical Center and teach infant massage to parents." She also spends lots of time working in the cohousing community,

Stones Curves, where she lives with her husband of 37 years, Dan. "I'm a member of a women's group that has been meeting here for five years and a member of an Elder Circle. I sing with the University Community Chorus at the U. of Arizona (and) am currently working on some painted chairs and various other art projects." Regina reports that she reads at least one book per week and combines various types of exercise — walking, weight training yoga, and t'ai chi. Dan has a part-time job with NPR as the local host of "All Things Considered." He is also enrolled in a master's degree program in ethnomusicology at the University of Arizona. Their older daughter, Charlotte, owns and operates her own business, Sweet Evie (www.sweetevie.com). She is engaged to be married in 2012. Younger daughter Lillie has been married for seven years. She is a pulmonary hypertension nurse and clinical coordinator at the U. of Arizona Medical Center and is studying to become a nurse practitioner. Regina and Dan have a Chihuahua terrier mix named Biden. "We got him the day Obama named Biden as his running mate. Life is good."

Karin Lerner Lechner and her husband of 41 years live in Lafayette, CA. They have two sons who have brought them "two daughters, two grandchildren and five granddogs." For 17 years, Karin has owned her own design firm, HomeStyle. Two years ago, she "turned a hobby into a second business, Serendipity Jewels" (www.etsy.com/shop/serendipityjewelsca). She creates one-of-a-kind necklaces ranging from "big and bold" to those that are more "traditionally proportioned." According to Karin, she designs in the same way that she decorates — "using my love of color, gathering great elements and putting them together to make a distinctive whole." After years of working, she has concluded that "creativity is both a gift and a curse ... it's fun and exciting, but never turns off!" Her ideas "seem to have no end and can lead to overload. Having two businesses makes me crazy at times, but I love them both." Last Oct., **Pam Brooks**

Perraud, who lives in TX and Switzerland with her husband, Jean-Marc, visited Plymouth, MA, the site where her Pilgrim ancestors first landed in America. Along with Jean-Marc and their daughter, Pam visited the Mayflower Society, which is headquartered in the home of her ancestors. A local museum contained a small Dutch cradle, one of the few remaining relics of the Pilgrims' voyage.

And, after 32 years of living in the northern suburbs of Chicago, **Karen Blickwede Knowlton** and her husband moved to Pocatello, ID. "Pocatello has everything we need: the perfect-size town (about 50,000), new hospital and good medical facilities, a (small) university, a beautiful performing arts center in which to enjoy all sorts of concerts, plenty of shopping (about all that's missing are Olive Garden and Kohl's), beautiful scenery, and it's only three hours from Yellowstone!"

As for the Goldsteins, our daughter, Samantha, gave birth to Milo Adlai on 8/9/11, in San Francisco. And, just as I was about to submit our class notes, our daughter-in-law went into

labor with her third child. Erin Abigail, our fourth grandchild, was born 12/29/11. And, we even have another book. By the time these notes appear, "Healthy Herbs: Fact versus Fiction" should be available.

Now, please send me your updates.

1971

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More news from our 40th Reunion: **Sue Nelson Brewster** retired after 18 years as a kindergarten teacher in the Franklin, MA, public schools. She is spending her time traveling — to New Zealand, Chile, Italy, Greece, Scotland and CO (the last to visit her 30-year-old son); singing with Masterworks Chorale, the Berkshire Choral Festival and an a cappella group in Boston; and gardening. Sue "loved the reunion bus tour of New London that **An-Ming Sze Truxes** organized" and thought "Plant House was an excellent location for our base on campus." She also remarked, "Now that we're all approaching

retirement (or already there), it would be neat to see who's doing what, traveling where, how their lives are going."

Clara Montero also recently retired from a wonderful teaching career. She lives in Niskayuna, NY, and has three children and one granddaughter. She says she is "keeping up with many interests and wondering: 'Where is **Donna Micklus-Ciccalone**?'"

Daryl Davies Davis is still in Hastings-on-Hudson. Daughter Adrienne is in her second year of Columbia U. School of International and Public Affairs and was married in Aug. on the day before Daryl and Martin's 40th wedding anniversary. Son Schuyler just graduated from Harper, and Daryl says, "If anyone knows of a 'starter' job, we are all ears!"

Glenna Mathes Moalli still works at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital as a social worker with HIV patients. Her husband is a semiretired neurologist at the hospital. Since Glenna now has Fridays off, they enjoy long weekends together. They are having fun with their 10 grandchildren, ages 4-19, and skiing at Okemo Mountain

as often as they can. Glenna commented on the beautiful weather we had for Reunion and how much she enjoyed seeing the campus changes. She also hopes that more people will attend our next reunion.

Rosemary Bonser Johnson has taught English and freshman composition courses at Mitchell College in New London for 26 years. Her husband, Kenneth, MAT '73, retired after 37 years of teaching in public school. Son Matthew, 31, received a Ph.D. from Yale in '09, with research areas in neurogenetics and autism. Daughter Emily, 29, received a B.A. from Trinity College in '04 and began an M.A. program in public health at Boston U. in Sept.

Anne Maxwell Livingston, who attended Reunion with her charming and witty husband, was named chair of the RI Coastal Resources Management Council.

Susie Pool Moses lives in Port Townsend, WA, where she is involved in the American Association of University Women. She and her husband boat year-round in the San Juan Islands and the Canadian Gulf

Islands. Their son does computer networking for a company in Seattle, and their daughter is a physician assistant with the U.S. Navy in San Diego. Susie "loved Reunion — great fireworks, food, camaraderie."

Pia Gille O'Connell also enjoyed Reunion. Daughter Caralina graduated from Wheaton College in '10 and is enrolled in a master's in human resources program in Gothenburg, Sweden. Younger daughter Stephanie graduated from Johns Hopkins in '11 and is in the Teach for America program in Phoenix.

Linda Lidstrom Spellacy and husband Bourke "loved the whole Reunion — absolutely loved the fireworks and the camaraderie." She said they would definitely be back for the 45th.

Terry Swayne Brooks has been a visiting nurse for 20 years, is married to Byron and has successfully launched two sons. She says the best parts of Reunion for her were being there with her son, Bobby Brooks '06, and his fiancée, Chelsea Consul '06, who were attending their fifth-year Reunion, and "seeing



Left: Gretchen Lacouture '00 and Jay Frederick Kosegarten '01 were married 9/17 in Exeter, RI. From left: Jaclyn Ortiz '99, Damian Morse '99, Lincoln Tracy '00, Jason Ipe '00, the bride and groom, Adam Halterman '00, and Jamie Hunter '00.

Below: Serena Johnson '03 and Julien Gervreau '03 married 7/16/11 in Healdsburg, CA. From left: Ted Morse '03, Jared Carter '03, Wyley Scherr '03, Alex Fiorillo '03, Allison Gorsuch '03, Will Dubiel '03, Maritza Smith Snyder '03 and Meredith Friedman '14.



Ali McDonald '05 married Gabe Ziskin '04 on 9/24/11 in Minneapolis. Alumni in attendance included, from left, Roberto Rhett '04, Chris Meissner '04, Sarah Davis '06 and Claire Burnside '05.



old (not really O-L-D!) friends." Terry attended Reunion with her CC roommate and sister-in-law, **Lynda Brooks Crowley**, who remarked, "Reunion was a hoot! Wish more people had come, but those who did have enriched my life. Thank you!"

Susie Chadwick Pokress lives in Andover, MA, with her "old, original husband of 40 years, Bob." They have two grown children and five "grands." Susie is still working as a travel agent and says there is no retirement in sight for them. She also commented, "Reunion has been great. I've talked with so many women whom I was not fortunate to know while I was at school. The tour of New London was wonderful. Kudos to **An-Ming Sze Truxes** for all her hard work!"

I'll give the last word to **Lois Olcott Price**, who observed what "smart, impressive women" we had gone to school with. I agree. More Reunion news in the next issue (but send more news of your own!).

1972 REUNION

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1973

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After completing his education (Ph.D. at Duke, postdoc at Yale), **Trevor Jones** joined the Navy and spent his career studying malaria. His last tour was as the Commanding Officer of U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit-2 (NAMRU-2), a research lab operating in several countries in Southeast Asia. "I retired from the Navy on 7/1, after 26 years, 8 months and 24 days of active service. I have returned to Indonesia, where I spent 10 years of my career. I am a widower. My 20-year-old daughter is doing well in college. I am happy to be retired and can be reached at alamat.jones@gmail.com."

Elizabeth Mory and son Alec thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality provided by **Janine Masaitis Cerasale** and husband Jerry at their Eastham, Cape Cod, home. "We even survived the battering of Coast Guard Beach waves! We all moved to VA after graduation

and also share a love of Cape Cod." The Cerasales are counting the days until they retire there.

Perri Orenstein Courtheoux, **Marcia Asquith Kaufman**, **Kathy Knox Moore**, **Sue Krebs**, **Nancy Voyer**, **Martha (Meg) Gifford** and **Jean Mayshar LaVecchia** got together for a joint 60th birthday celebration at the Riverside Yacht Club in CT. Their spouses and many of their children joined in the fun! After lunch, Nancy hosted the group at her beautiful home in Riverside and passed around a platter of her family's famous cookie brittle, fondly remembered from CC exam week care packages.

Steve and Jane Barbo Gabriel live in Colorado Springs, CO. Last July, they marked the 20th anniversary of son Jonathan's death from leukemia. "Jon was 5 years old when he died, and we miss him every day, but our work with a support group for bereaved parents gives us a chance to do something special in his memory." Jane has also become a "gym rat," climbing back into a normal life after successful treatment for a brain tumor. Younger son Jason is an aerospace engineer at Kirtland

Air Force Base in Albuquerque, NM, and a pilot. Steve and Jane also enjoy a winter home in Delray Beach, FL. Jane stays in touch with **Janet Shannon Farrell** and **Caroline Kelley Swart**.

Karen Hartigan Whiting has been swamped this year with her husband's cancer, but she continues her writing and is working on her 17th and 18th books! You can watch her book trailer at www.youtube.com/watch?v=1rbSWZB7_m0.

Marcia Wallace is in her 14th year of teaching at the U. of AR Community College at Batesville. Last summer, she visited **Lee Mills Appelbaum**, **Ellen Leich Moon** and **Caroleen Frey**. She also saw **Maureen McCabe**, "the only female studio art instructor I had in my college career. It was a month of art, performances, hiking and swimming."

Tim Dahlgren and **Bobbie Chappell Dahlgren** live in Durham, NC, and continue teaching at Durham Academy. "We have been here since '76. Our first grandchild, Milly, was born 5/16 — a real joy. We see **Sukie Pennink Ream** and her husband, Bruce, who live

in Providence, RI, almost every year."

Sheila Erlich Pruzansky and husband Mark live in NYC. She is a psychoanalyst and psychotherapist; he is an orthopedic hand surgeon. Son Jason is married and going into the same field as Mark. Their daughter is a clinical social worker in Reno, NV.

Pamela Shorter McKinney completed the Nike Women's Half Marathon in San Francisco. Pamela's dad died from leukemia, and she ran in his honor with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society team members. After 31 years, she has retired from the VA Beach City Schools.

Carol Proctor McCurdy and husband Bruce's son, Michael, is a research scientist at NASA working on the Mars missions. Daughter Megan works for a ship brokerage firm and travels the world, most recently to Ecuador. They had a mini-reunion last year with **Nancy DeGumbia Bullock** and **Peggie Ford Cosgrove** during trips to Old Saybrook, CT.

After a long career in journalism, including as editor



Lauren Luciano '03 and Matt Tirrell were married 8/7/10. From left: Tucker McGrath '03, Laura Knisely Geisel '02, Kent Geisel '01, Eric Olson '97, Lindsay Kravitz '03, Liesl Bauer Judah '03, Tara Adam Noeth '03, the groom and bride, Kevin Burke '03, Erin MacPherson Larivee '03, Lauren Sinclair Scherr '03, and Wyley Scherr '03.

of this magazine, teaching journalism at CC and as an editor at The New London Day, **Vivian Segall** became a teacher. She's in her 10th year at Masuk High School in Monroe, CT. Vivian is in touch with Leslie Wilker Manfredonia and Lucy Boswell Siegel '72. She and her husband, Paul Baumann, have three children: Nick, 27, a news editor at Mother Jones magazine in Washington, DC; Sarah Baumann '08, 25, who graduated from CC in art education; and Rachel, 19, a sophomore at Bates.

Nina Davit had an amazing dinner with **Seth Cummins** in NYC and hopes to see him soon.

1974

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Sherry Alpert's short play, "Have a Nice Evening" (part of "Single Again"), was performed at the June 2011 Playwrights' Platform Summer Festival at Boston U.'s Boston Playwrights' Theatre. She won Audience Favorite for comedy. Sherry lives in Canton, MA.

1975

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1976

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1977 REUNION

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Holy smokes! Our 35th Reunion! That doesn't make us "old," does it? Just in case, be sure to write the date in your calendar: June 1-3. I just need to remember where I left my calendar.

Since our last reunion, **Lisa Podoloff Boles** had the thrill of handing her daughter, Bethany, her diploma as she graduated

cum laude from Conn in May '08. Lisa also appeared as a contestant on "Jeopardy!" Husband Howard is an engineer with Nuance Communications, and younger daughter Natalie is a high school junior and beginning to think about college (CC Class of '17??). Lisa continues to work in the Boston area producing video and multimedia programs for a diverse set of clients. Thanks for your work on the upcoming Reunion, Lisa!

Linda Sittenfeld is still working at CNBC as a television producer and legal writer for the website. She spent New Year's Eve with Leslie Whitcomb '76 and Susan Gallant '76. She also attended the Centennial celebration with Barry Wohl '76, where the fireworks were just fantastic and the band was terrific!

Sheila Saunders was deported to Sydney, Australia, last Jan., but escaped to Hong Kong and China in Aug., and then sneaked back into San Francisco in Oct. OK, not exactly true, but she went to those places. Taught Family Constellations, the therapy that she has been facilitating for the past 10 years. Sheila always stays in touch with **Dave Sargent**, **Annie Rumage Fritschner**, **Tom Howland**, **Jeff Oshen** '76, **Michael Tulin** and others. She's been working her tail off for our Reunion — partying at the Class of '76 Reunion last June. Work continues as charge nurse in an in-patient women's psychiatric unit in addition to her private practice. At the time of this writing, she was providing hospice care for her 18-year-old kitty, Punkin, and feeling grateful to have had his love and company for so many years.

Kimberly Reynolds-Pellerino writes, "Hey, ciao from Italy." She's doing great, learning Italian (language and cooking). Loving every minute. We expect nothing less from you, Kim. You are still our idol!

Hurray! Finally, we get this into the notes!! **Larry Corwin** was married (see the wedding photo with spouse Kevin Boxx, Conn College pals and Mom!). Larry is a member of the Senior Foreign Service (promoted a few years ago), on assignment at the State Department in DC since leaving

Kosovo, where he ran one of our main academic exchange programs. He's now looking to work at an embassy overseas starting next summer. Kevin is a pastry chef, which should be a good skill set to have wherever they end up. Larry has served at U.S. missions in Brussels, Karachi, Barbados, Haiti, Cuba, Colombia and Kosovo, mostly in public diplomacy assignments (press and information or educational and cultural exchanges). Of course, now that we know this, he'll have to kill us.

Henry Gitenstein and wife Harriet celebrated our 30th anniversary with an Alaskan cruise. Ate too much, which is, we're told, required. Oldest son Eric is engaged, working as the executive chef for an investment group and runs four restaurants. The newest one, Bliss, was named one of the hottest restaurants in town by Phoenix Magazine. Younger son Max is a landscape architect in Phoenix. For his first project out of college he is part of a team that is redesigning the landscaping and bus shelters for Centennial Way, by the state capital. Henry also sent some kind of disclaimer about not knowing "how we got two such creative and artistic children." We'll give Harriet some credit. He also described his 12 years with Oracle as solution architect. Summary: work, work, travel, travel, travel, vacation, work, work. Somehow finds time for bike racing — 1,000-mile road races.

Clare Watlington Russell is doing well in Bermuda, married to husband Martin almost 18 years. Her unnamed son, 16, has just entered G11 at Lakeside College School in Ontario. (Clare, he's 16... it's time you gave him a name!) She gets to the U.S. occasionally to visit her sister in the Weston/Concord, MA, area. Clare saw Connie Smith Gemmer '80 in Bermuda recently, as well as Harry Curtis '80 with wife Nancy Stark Curtis '80, who goes there too. "Always nice to see them."

Connie Kiachif Helms and husband Dale sold their house of 10 years, lived in a two-story cabin for 11 months, and built a 950 sq. ft. house next to Dale's furniture shop. Kids are all doing awesome — as we would expect

of such a loving mom, Connie! Connie travels as a remedial consultant to Waldorf schools in New England and the South, and sees clients in VT. She keeps in touch with **Margy Erdman Becker**, **Margaret Bradley Felton**, **Amy Grossman**, **Wendy Crandall** and **Lorri Cohen Rich** '78. They manage to get together on occasion "and it feels wonderful!"

Rick Bernardo is committed to getting Spirit Road Radio — a fun, theater-of-the-mind road trip traveling various crossroads of spirituality and social change — back on the air, weekly and syndicated, after 3 years of special monthly broadcasts in the Twin Cities. In his spare time he teaches cybertech ethics at St. Mary's U. of MN, does communications/development for nonprofits, chairs MN's chapter of the Network of Spiritual Progressives, works out, and plays keyboard and sings with a grunge rock band for Spirit Garage worship services.

Annie Rumage Fritschner is in touch with **Stuart Sadick**, who is disgustingly happy and well balanced and a great dad to son Christian.

Well, that's it. This is the last Class Notes that we (**Annie Rumage Fritschner** and **Jim McGoldrick**) will be doing, and we're looking for some stalwart souls to step up and take over. It's been fun — especially knowing that our old friends still don't take themselves too seriously. We know that because we have received not even one notice of a lawsuit... and very little hate mail. So thanks for sending in your news. Don't forget to go to our Facebook page as well for more recent updates. What a great and accomplished group of individuals! We're guessing that more than a few of our parents looked askance at us during our college years, despairing about the future of the planet. Somehow, we're still muddling through. Hope to see EVERYONE at the Reunion! Thank you to everyone who is working on it! In June, let's raise a glass, toast our 35th Reunion... and then go steal the wheels off the walkers of the Class of '72!

1978

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Steven A. Certilman '78

was appointed adjunct professor of law at Fordham University School of Law. He will teach international arbitration to J.D. and L.L.M. students at the Lincoln Center campus. Certilman practices corporate and commercial law and commercial litigation and is a speaker, trainer and author in the field of alternate dispute resolution.

1979

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1980

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Martin Alperen has started a new career as a homeland security consultant. Marty's new book, "Foundations of Homeland Security, Law and Policy," was published by Wiley and Sons in April.

Tina Reich Hass moved to Providence and is now **Wendyll Brown's** neighbor. Tina's daughter Cara is graduating from Conn this year and son Peter has broken with a long family tradition and will be going to Dickinson College in the fall.

Cathy Sweet Heide is about to see her third child graduate from college and is happy to have written that last tuition check! She keeps in touch with **Steve McElheny** and **Campbell Seamans**. She is a photographer and works in office management.

Herb Kenny and **Barb Marino Kenny** moved to a little town on the Jersey Shore not long ago. They had a nice visit with **Nancy Hagan** when their son played baseball down in NC last year. And they also saw recently saw **Chris Gifford** '81, creator of *Dora the Explorer*.

In the path of Hurricane



The Class of
1942 is ready
for Reunion!

DEAR CLASS OF 1942:

Can you believe it has been nearly 70 years since we graduated from CC? Yes, our 70th Reunion will be held at the College from Friday, June 1, to Sunday, June 3, 2012.

There will be a lot of things going on, all aimed at giving us a great time, showing us all that is new at the College, and providing opportunities for us to reconnect with friends of long ago and places that meant so much to us during the four years we lived on campus.

Registration materials will be mailed in a few weeks. I'm hoping we can have a large number from our class. We always were an exceptional class; let's show the younger alums how special we are, with a huge turnout!

Sincerely,

Jane "Woodie" Worley Peak '42

Class Correspondent & Reunion Planning Committee Member



Are you? Register now at
<http://reunion.conncoll.edu>



Irene, **Bates Childress** and his partner, Eric, moved to Woodstock, VT, from Lake George, NY, in Sept. due to Eric's job at the Woodstock Inn. Bates continues to look for the perfect employment opportunity in VT but also plans to commute to Lake George on weekends in the warmer months.

Dawn Shapiro Ringel was recently promoted to senior VP for Warner Communications, an integrated marketing communications agency outside of Boston. She has been in PR for more than 20 years and earned her M.S. in public relations from Boston U.'s College of Communication. In Dec., Dawn also enjoyed a mini-reunion with several Conn friends in Orlando, FL, including **Sue Taylor Farnsworth**, who hosted the gathering, and **Veronica Wilding-White**, **Helen Wheeler**, **Sue Pollak '79** and **Liz Rapp Isenberg '79**.

Josh Lyons, who has an investment advisory business, recently opened up an office in Savannah, GA, to get away from the Mystic, CT, winters. Josh's stepdaughter lives in the Savannah area, so he bought a condo there a few years ago and is spending more time living and working in the warmer climate. Josh invites fellow classmates to get in touch if they're in the area.

We can add **Kim Bowden Peckham** to our list of West Coast classmates! She recently took a job as director of admissions and financial aid at The Bishop's School in La Jolla, CA, a wonderful school a block from the beach. She has two sons: one a student at Middlebury; the other living in Hong Kong, where he opened an art gallery and with whom she just spent Christmas.

1981

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1982 REUNION

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Rob Richter was at the 29th Milan International FICTS (Federation Internationale Cinema Television Sportifs) Festival with "New London Calling," a film he produced

as the community outreach component of the College's Dayton Artist-in-Residence Program. It beat out six other nominated films to win the Guirlande d'Honneur, the top prize in its category. Rob is director of arts programming at the College.

1983

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Last March, **Loren Shapiro**, **Jocelyn Taylor Dezell** and **Herb Holtz** helped fete **Chuck Painchaud's** 50th birthday in Key West, FL. Herb writes, "Helping Chuck ring in his next half century was Inga, one of Key West's most prominent drag queens (otherwise known as Roger). At 50, Chuck wisely is not turning away options! Our mini-reunion was a blast!"

1984

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Annie Scott writes: "Conn College celebrated 100 years and I was there for the Big Event! Reconnecting, re-engaging, re-entering the world that played a huge role in shaping who I am was refreshing! I liked the transformation of Palmer Auditorium into a TED-like setting. Thank you to Theresa Ammirati for keeping my retreat on Bloomingdale Road welcoming so that I could easily decide to extend my visit well beyond the afternoon, catching up over coffee at the new Harkness Café. Thank you, Doriell Larrier '90, for sticking around all weekend so we could also catch up. Thank you, Debo Adegbile '91, for calling out my name at the CCAC luncheon. I recruited him and he is now arguing cases for the NAACP in front of the Supreme Court! It's heart-warming to be acknowledged as a mentor and to see the fruit of many pioneers' labor. Other sightings and thanks to: Fr. Larry LaPointe, Cay Young '75, Kevon Copeland '76, Robin Wilson '82, Frank Tuitt '87, Eduardo Castell '87, Ventrice Shillingford-Cole '93,

and former fellow housefellow, 'bff!' **Jane McKee Douglas** — what a pleasant surprise! When I worked in Admission 1984-87 and for a few years beyond, I was on campus ALL THE TIME; in the past 10 years, not so much. I did attend my 25th Reunion in 2009, but this was a Big Event — THE Big Event — so it was particularly invigorating to step back on the Green and see what's been going on. I did not intend to stay all day, let alone into the late afternoon, but in the end stayed overnight at Casa Ammirati — just like old times! So glad I got over my inertia. Oh, to be a student/student leader in these next 100 years! Awe inspiring. I felt I owed it to CC past, present and future (my cousin Cannea Ferguson is Class of 2014) AND to myself to come back. And I'm glad I made the time."

1985

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Lisa Hearst-Hagerman

'85 was named a director of The Hearst Corp. and elected a testamentary trustee of the trust established under the will of William Randolph Hearst, her great-grandfather. Hearst-Hagerman succeeds her father, the late John R. Hearst Jr., in both positions. She is an associate editor of *House Beautiful* and has worked as a promotion coordinator at County Living.

Actress and poet **Judy Prescott** published a book of poetry in Nov., "Searching for Cecy: Reflections on Alzheimer's." The book tracks her mother's unexpected journey through the rough seas of Alzheimer's and Judy's own struggle to find peace. Each poem is paired with artwork contributed by members of the Prescott family. Judy has a website, www.judyprescott.com, and a Facebook page named for the book title can be accessed through the site.

Paula McDonald Fischetti

writes: "Well, I finally have some news for the class notes. It's only been about 15 years. My son Nick was accepted to the Class of 2016! Yay! It will be nice to get back on campus more often. While I felt fortunate during my time at Conn, I am jealous of the new facilities and opportunities these kids have today! We've been living in Groton, MA (the 'other' Groton), for 11 years. I have two younger kids, Matt, 15, and Cara, 12, and we have been blessed that all has been well. I recommend anyone with college-bound children to attend the Alumni Sons and Daughters program, even if your child is not interested in Conn. It is very informative." (Editor's note: For more about the program, visit www.conncoll.edu/alumni/12165.htm.)

1986

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1987 REUNION

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May (Janet) Hall has lived on Chebeague Island in ME since '99 with her two children, Cassidy, 17, and Beatrice, 8. She works from home as an editor, but since last winter her passion has been the Slow Bell Cafe, a farm-to-table concept restaurant on the island. She is looking forward to our 25th Reunion.

Brad Dinerman still lives in Ashland, MA, with wife **Davida** and children **Abby**, 14, and **Ari**, 11. He has his own business, **Fieldbrook Solutions**, which provides IT and security consulting services. "I am also the founder and president of the National Information Security Group, a nonprofit organization with chapters around the country. As a result, I've been awarded the designation of Microsoft MVP in Enterprise Security for nine years running.

"However, life's not all business, so I just started an online humor column called

Uber and Under. I also try to play a bit of softball and volleyball when the snaps and pops from my bones allow me to. I had a chance to bring Abby to visit CC this past Oct. It was my first time there in nearly five years and her first time ever. We took a nice photo in front of Blackstone House, and I was pleasantly surprised to find that a crack in the sidewalk that I had created after hurling a 16-pound bowling ball off my balcony during senior year was still there! I guess I made an impression on the campus."

Michael Schadick continues to serve as the rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Grand Rapids, MI, the fifth-oldest Reform Temple in America, founded in 1857. His daughter, **Shira**, is 11. Mike and wife **Susan** are planning to lead a 12-day trip to Israel in Dec., and they would love for CC classmates to join the group. Mike can be reached at the Temple.

All is well with **Jonathan Rosenson**, who lives happily in Berkeley, CA, with wife **Rebecca** and daughter **Sarah**, 4. After graduation, he moved to CA and worked as a counselor in the juvenile justice system in San Francisco, "putting my new psychology degree to work." Then Jonathan worked as an EMT in San Francisco and Oakland. In '90, he began working full time as an instructor at the National Outdoor Leadership School, leading mountaineering courses in AK, Canada, WA, the Himalayas and the southern Andes. After almost 200 weeks in the field working for NOLS, Jonathan went back to school for medicine, earning a medical degree at the U. of CA-San Francisco and doing a residency in emergency medicine at Highland Hospital in Oakland. He has worked as an ER doctor since. "I have great memories of CC and am always impressed when I get the updates on how well the school is doing now. Would love to hear from any former Camels!"

Andrea Didisheim lives in Princeton, NJ, with her husband and two teenagers. She is a pediatric physical therapist at the NJ School for the Deaf and works in a small private practice, treating adults. She also recently become a certified parent

educator.

Nancy Northrop White lives in Lexington, MA, with husband Chris and sons Sam, 12, and Max, 9. She is a tax partner with PWC and works three days a week. In the last year, Nancy has visited with **Debbie Tullio Brooks**, **Brian Rosenberg**, **Leslie Griffin Siraco** and **Pam Weiner**.

Lisey Good still works as an interior designer in Boston. She lives in the city with husband Lenny and two mutts. Lisey is frequently in touch with **Diana Zimmerman Mahaney** and **Kasia Wandycz**, and she sees **Stephen Lane** and **Caroline Samsen Mueller** from time to time.

Helen Murdoch is the teacher librarian at San Marcos High School in Santa Barbara, CA. Helen and daughter Sophia, 11, spend their time traveling, reading and organizing their lives around Sophia's dancing. Helen has a blog at <http://helensbookblog.com>.

Brooke Kennington Kelly is married to Kirk Kelly '88 and lives in western NY. They have three boys: Thomas, John and Patrick. Brooke enjoys wakesurfing and snowboarding, depending on the season. She is medical director of an inpatient medical rehabilitation unit and sees outpatients as part of a spine and sports medicine practice.

Jill Perlman Pienkos lives in Newington, CT, with her husband, Henry, and 6-year-old son, Shane. She still works in unemployment compensation at the CT Dept. of Labor, where she is now a supervisor in the overpayments unit. She stays in close contact with **Lisa Prezioso Ultan**, **Elaine Brenner**, **Ruth Taylor-Kiakidis** '88, **Marla Rieser Aboulafia** '88 and **Cheryl Delacono Bondar** '88. "Keep those class notes coming! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion!"

If you are still hanging on to the postcard that you received back in Oct. asking for your news, don't let it hit the trash! It's not too late to write a quick update and send it along. If you have given up on snail mail, then please take a minute to email your news to us. We would love to hear from you.

See you at Reunion!

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Your classmates would love to hear from you. The fastest way to share your news is through the Alumni Online Community, www.conncoll.edu/alumni, where your notes and photos are posted instantly. CC: Magazine does not publish pregnancy and engagement announcements, but you may submit these online.

To submit your news to CC: Magazine, send notes and digital photos to your class correspondent. If no correspondent is listed for your class, please email or mail your notes and photos to us at the addresses below.

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➤ Class Notes, CC: Connecticut College Magazine, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320

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1988

Correspondent: **Nancy Beaney**, 4059 McLaughlin Ave., Apt. 8, Los Angeles, CA 90066, nbeaney@aol.com

Bienvenido V. Tantoco

III '88, president of Rustan Supercenters Inc., was recognized as the Innovation Entrepreneur at the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Philippines 2011 awards banquet in October. He was selected "for turning around and growing his company through exceptional change management skills."

1989

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

More than 20 years after graduating, **Gabrielle Antoniadis** has "returned," with her husband and two daughters! Her husband, **Norm Riker**, took the job as the head women's soccer coach at CC, and they moved to the area last summer. Gabrielle is able to continue her work as a freelance fundraising and marketing writer. She says, "It has been great (and a little weird!) to be on campus, and it was fun to take my girls (9 and 11) to the Centennial celebration."

John Burke and **Marc Mestanas** bumped heads in Chicago in Nov. at a hockey tournament, where their 10-year-old sons were battling it out on the ice. **Mike Moccia** was in attendance for the early-morning face-off,

accompanied by his son, 11, who also plays hockey. In between games, the boys got to know each other a bit while "Marco, Burkey and Moche" spent some time together and caught up on old times.

1990

Correspondent: **Class Notes Editor**, CC: Magazine, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320, ccmag@conncoll.edu

Eric Barnes has a short story in "The Best American Mystery Stories 2011." He writes: "The story, 'Something Pretty, Something Beautiful,' isn't actually a mystery and neither are many in the anthology. It's really a collection of dark stories."

We are still looking for a new class correspondent. Please contact Class Notes Coordinator **Karen Laskey** at the address above if you would like to volunteer.

1991

Correspondent: **Amy Lebowitz Rosman**, 120 Round Hill Road, East Hills, NY 11577, rosman5@live.com

In late Sept., **Evan Lewis** posted on Facebook to say that he attended his stepsister's 50th birthday. In his own words: "'Yawn,' you say, 'Why do I care about that, Evan?' Because, my aging friends, my stepsister's aunt is married to a gentleman named Oakes." "Well that's funny," you say, "because the president of my College when I was a freshman, and the icon, in fact, for this very Facebook group, is a gentleman named Oakes Ames." And so it comes full circle. That's right, I partied with Oakes Ames on Saturday night in Queens!! And needless

to say, what happens in Queens stays in Queens."

Tracie Luther thought it was great to see everyone at Reunion!

1992 REUNION

Correspondent: **Class Notes Editor**, CC: Magazine, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320, ccmag@conncoll.edu

Olivia Stephanie Tacelli DeWolfe lives with her husband, **Chuck DeWolfe**, and children **Edie Rose**, 6, and **Josiah**, 4, in Brattleboro, VT.

After four years of service as class correspondent, **Lisa Friedrich Becker** is stepping down. Thank you, Lisa, for your generous contributions to your class and the College.

Now the class needs a new correspondent. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Class Notes Coordinator at the address above.

1993

Correspondent: **Michael Carson**, P.O. Box 914, East Orleans, MA 02643, carson.michael@comcast.net

Garth Ross '93 was named vice president of Community Engagement at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Prior to the promotion, Ross, a singer-songwriter, was director of Performing Arts for Everyone, which

produces a daily free performance at the Kennedy Center.



MARGOT SCHULMAN

1994

Correspondent: **Tika Martin**, 3221 Carter Ave., Unit 116, Marina del Rey, CA, tikamartin@yahoo.com

1995

Correspondent: **Stephanie Wilson Mendez**, 5328 Oliver Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN, 55419, swilson@bazoamer.com

1996

Correspondents: **Lisa Paone**, P.O. Box 643, Nantucket, MA 02554, paone96@yahoo.com; **Gretchen Shuman Platt**, 28 Nash Place #1, Burlington, VT 05401, gshuman7005@yahoo.com

Ben Taylor '96 and his soul band, **JC Brooks & the Uptown Sound**, were personally invited by Chicago Mayor **Rahm Emanuel** to play his inauguration celebration. Taylor plays bass and vocals in the band, which recently released their second album, "Want More," and scored a viral hit with their cover of Wilco's "I Am Trying to Break Your Heart," even performing the song live with Wilco's **Jeff Tweedy**.



1997 REUNION

Correspondent: Ann Bevan Hollos, 1443 Beacon St. #105, Brookline, MA 02446, annbevan23@gmail.com

Amy Tuckett Howell

'97 is the general counsel at the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities. The first female commissioner of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice, she joined the agency in 2005 as the Legal Services director and was appointed deputy commissioner a year later. Howell also was appointed to the Advisory Committee for Georgia's Office of the Child Advocate.

Melanie Klein Courtemanche and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of their second daughter, Aneliese Eyva, on 11/17/10. Aneliese joins big sister Madeline, 3.

Lauren LaPaglia and her husband, Scott Romano, announce the birth of their daughter, Alivia Clare, on 5/12.

2001

Correspondents: John Battista, 5225 Skillman Ave., Apt. 2C, Woodside, NY 11377, igbat@hotmail.com; Jordana Gustafson, jordana6@gmail.com

Gretchen Lacouture '00 and Dr. Jay Frederick Kosegarten were married 9/17 in Exeter, RI. Please see the 2000 Class Notes column for more details.

2002 REUNION

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1998

Correspondents: Alec Todd, 1045 N. Utah St., Arlington, VA 22201, artod4789@yahoo.com; Abby Clark, 532 6th Ave. #3L, Brooklyn, NY 11215, abigailbclark@hotmail.com

Michael Steinberg recently started a new job and is now a mediator for the Bureau of Special Education Appeals, doing his best to make the world a better place. He hopes to be in this position for a while. He lives in Somerville, MA, and has a spare room if anyone wants to visit. He gives a special Camel discount.

1999

Correspondents: Megan Tepper-Rasmussen Sokolnicki, Kent School, 1 Macedonia Road, Kent, CT 06757, sokolnickim@kent-school.edu; Danielle LeBlanc Ruggiero, danielle_ruggiero@yahoo.com

Leslie A. Rosen '02, an associate at the law firm of Paul Hastings LLP, was honored in November at the Above & Beyond Pro Bono Achievement Awards & Benefit in New York City for her unwavering commitment to her clients and inspiring leadership. The annual ceremony honors members of the legal community who have gone "above and beyond" on behalf of victims of domestic violence and sex trafficking.

Danielle McCarthy Ward and her husband, Joe, announce the birth of their daughter, Addison McCarthy, on 12/2/10.

2003

Correspondents: Melissa Higgins, 15 Clark St. #3, Boston, MA 02109, melissa_higgins13@hotmail.com; Leslie Kalka, 418 W. 49th St., Apt. 4A, New York, NY 10019, lj319@hotmail.com

Serena Johnson and Julien Gervreau married on 7/16/11 in Healdsburg, CA, where they live. Camels in attendance included

Ted Morse, Jared Carter, Wyley Scherr, Alex Fiorillo, Allison Gorsuch, Will Dubiel, Maritza Smith Snyder, Meredith Friedman '14, Jessie Cheitlin '07 and Eric Carlson '81. Serena is a clinical research specialist for Medtronic, working on a hypertension trial. Julien is in his final year of business school, focusing on sustainable management, with an emphasis in water reuse and renewable energy.

2004

Correspondent: Kelly McCall, mccall.kelly@gmail.com

Caitlin Ruane and Matthew Bard were married 9/17 in Danvers, MA. The reception was held at the Myopia Hunt Club in Hamilton. Among the guests were eight alumni, including bridesmaids Lauren Cashel and Eleni Kotsonis '03. Caitlin works at Fidelity Investments and Matthew works at National Grid, both in Boston.

2005

Correspondents: Cecily Mandl Macy, cecily.mandl@gmail.com; Stephanie Savage Flynn, stephaniesavageflynn@gmail.com

Morrigan McCarthy '05 received a 2012 Artists' Fellowship Award, given to advance the careers of Maine artists and promote public awareness regarding the creative sector in Maine. McCarthy, a documentarian, writer and multimedia producer, will receive a \$13,000 grant. She is a graduate of the Salt Institute for Documentary Studies in Portland, where she studied photography and audio production.

Ross Morin has joined the CC faculty. Ross is an assistant professor of theater (film studies). He received his B.A. in film studies from the College and his M.F.A. in film and video production from Ohio U. He was most recently assistant professor in the TV/film program at DeSales U.

Andrew McCullough and Katie Coppens were married on 6/4 in Freeport, ME. The couple met while working for an Audubon

Ecology Camp on Hog Island, ME. They are both teachers in ME.

Ali McDonald married Gabe Ziskin '04 on 9/24/11 in Minneapolis. Alumni in attendance included Roberto Rhett '04, Chris Meissner, Sarah Davis '06 and Claire Burnside '05, along with 150 of the couple's closest friends and family. The couple lives in Milwaukee.

After getting engaged at Harkness Beach at his 5-year reunion, Glenn Stevens and Cori Rotsko '06 got married on a gorgeous fall weekend 10/09/11 in Newburyport, MA. Camels in the wedding party included Justin Korinis '04, James Frank, Topher Grossman, Andy Shopneck, Dave Schwartz, Jennie Bargman '06, Shayna Crowell '06, Christina Koerte '06, Gabrielle Zandan '06 and maid-of-honor Callie Rotsko '08. It was as much fun as a tent dance!

2006

Correspondent: Julia Printz Jacobson, julia.jacobson@gmail.com

Kathy Butler-Reyes and her husband, Felix Reyes, welcomed their daughter, Sofia Elise Reyes, weighing 6 lbs., 3 oz, on 8/3.

Julie Freese Cooney and Owen Cooney are happy to announce the birth of their son on 4/22. Cian Benjamin Cooney weighed in at 7 lbs. and measured 19 inches.

Helen Egan and her fiancé, Andrew Martin, welcomed their daughter, Fireese Mae Martin, on 11/9/10. Helen and Andrew live in North Windham, CT, and Helen is a fourth-grade teacher in a dual-language program. She is also working toward her sixth-year certificate in bilingual and multicultural education from U. of CT, which she will finish in May.

Max Bush received his VMD from U. of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine last spring. He is now an intern at Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston. He lives with his dog, Banjo, in Jamaica Plain.

Abbi Kuch married Zach Reynolds on 5/29 in their hometown of Clearwater, FL. They were joined by family and friends, including fellow alums. Those in attendance included maid of honor Maggie Driscoll, bridesmaid Ashley Kenerson,

bridesmaid Caite McNeil, vocalist Abby Geller, vocalist Sarah Davis, Molly Kawachi, Kelley Mooney, Caitlin Connolly, Kelsey Sullivan and Perri Lawrie.

Aighleann McKiernan '04 married Josh Posner on 9/18/11 in St. Paul, MN. Along with many family and friends there were 17 Camels in attendance to celebrate on the banks of the Mississippi River. The couple honeymooned in Chilean Patagonia.

Michael Conti traveled to India for two weeks in Jan. for a grad-school friend's wedding in Mumbai. While there he reconnected with Priyanka Gupta. Both are working in the solar industry, and he visited her office at MPIL in Mumbai. He writes, "I suppose it shouldn't come as a surprise that she's doing big things with MPIL, but we were both pleasantly surprised to find the common industry connection." Priyanka wrote of his visit, "We hope in the near future our companies will be doing work together!"

2007 REUNION

Correspondent: Chris Reilly, crei@conncoll.edu

Kate Michaud plays the leading role of the jilted, near-forgotten wife of Herakles in Sean Graney's daring new epic, "These Seven Sicknesses." The play made its NY premiere on 1/19 at The Flea Theater.

2008

Correspondent: Sally Pendergast, sallypendergast@gmail.com

2009

Correspondent: Caroline Gransee, caroline.gransee@gmail.com

2010

Correspondent: Erin Osborn, eosborn@conncoll.edu

Razan Khabour completed a graduate program through Deutsche Bank in NY as well as Dusseldorf, Germany, working on credit risk management. She has been living and working in London since Oct., where she continues to work for Deutsche Bank on the Middle East risk desk.

Emily Hanks completed an internship with the U.S. Navy

Marine Mammal Program in San Diego, working with mine-hunting and swimmer-detection dolphins and sea lions Jan.-April '10. Since then she has been working with CA sea lions at Mystic Aquarium in CT. She was offered a permanent position there and looks forward to continuing her work with them.

Mickey Lenzi and **Julia Harnett** were married 11/19/11 at Harkness Chapel; the reception was at Eolia Mansion at Harkness Memorial State Park. Many Camels were in attendance, including the mascot himself! Mickey is an English teacher at Fitch High School in Groton, CT, and Julia teaches Latin at E.O. Smith High School in Storrs, CT. They live in Middletown.

Jeffrey Wexler moved from Washington, DC, to Charlotte, NC, for his new position as executive assistant to the chief operating officer at the Democratic National Convention.

Madeleine (Maddy) Baldwin has been a marketing specialist for the National Basketball Association in the Team Marketing & Business Operations department since June '10. She consults with the NBA, WNBA and Development League teams on every aspect of their business. Last year she attended NBA All-Star Weekend in Los Angeles and WNBA All-Star Weekend in San Antonio. She has

found that "literally EVERYONE is taller in person."

Courtney (Cookie) Smith lives in Dublin, OH, and works for OH Orthopedic Center of Excellence in the physical therapy department. She will be coaching girls' high-school lacrosse in the spring and continues to play ice hockey in an adult men's league.

Erin Osborn worked as a medical assistant at Vail Dermatology in Edwards, CO, for a year. She now attends the U. of Pennsylvania's Post-Baccalaureate Medical Program.

Charles van Rees works at the Hastings Natural History Reserve in Carmel, CA, for the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Claire S. Gould received a professional certificate in copyediting from the U. of CA-San Diego in Dec. She works in Washington, DC, at Burness Communications, a public relations firm that works for healthcare nonprofit groups and foundations.

Xuefeng (Nick) Peng is pursuing a Ph.D. in Princeton's Department of Geosciences, where he studies the nitrogen cycle in oceanic and coastal regions with his adviser, Bess Ward. In April, his group will go on a one-month cruise to the Eastern Tropical North Pacific off the coast of Mexico onboard the U. of WA's R/V Thomas G. Thompson Research Vessel to study the nitrogen cycle in the

water column. He is very excited about and looking forward to the expedition.

Alexis Levegood has been doing marine mammal research, primarily of dolphins and manatees, both domestic and abroad, since graduation. She will head to Mossel Bay, South Africa, this spring to continue her research, focusing on great white sharks as well as dolphins, whales and seals. She plans to attend graduate school in Sept.

Michael Boswell served as an AmeriCorps*VISTA with OVCS at the College from July '10 to July '11. He is now living in Boston serving as the National AmeriCorps*VISTA Leader with Campus Compact, a national coalition of nearly 1,200 college and university presidents (including President Higdon) who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education. Learn more at www.compact.org.

2011

Correspondent: Rachel Jacobsen, rjacobsen@alumni.conncoll.edu

Angela Giordano works at Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine in Portland. She is one of three prevention educators and serves as the agency's volunteer coordinator.

After spending the semester working at CC's dance

department, **Khadija Griffith** is now a rehearsal director for David Dorfman Dance and joined Adele Myers and Dancers, whose newest work, "Einstein's Happiest Thought," will premiere at CC in 2013. Khadija also dances for a Seattle company, Zoe | Juniper, and is the choreographer of the Chorus of Westerly's "The Celebration of 12th Night" in RI.

Rachel Jacobsen spent the fall in Quito, Ecuador, and Antigua, Guatemala. There, she worked with an organization to teach and provide educational opportunities to young, working children in the markets. She is now living in Boston and teaching inner-city youth.

Graduation in May for **Chris Krupenye** was accompanied by myriad upheavals, both physical and perspectival, that landed him, optimistic and enamored, proximate to the capital of NC, studying for a Ph.D. in evolutionary anthropology at Duke. In the Congo this summer, he examined economic decision-making in chimpanzees and bonobos. He is designing new studies to explore social cognition in apes.

Ariella Pasackow is living and working in Bhuj-Kutch in northwest India on a 10-month fellowship through American Jewish World Service. She volunteers for a district network that coordinates 38 NGOs in

the Kutch region to facilitate grassroots development and coordinate disaster mitigation. She just submitted a grant to the UNDEF and is documenting field visits, conducting impact assessments, and designing a magazine for an endogenous tourism project.

Jessie Lasher works in an electrophysiology lab at NYU that studies the neural connections involved in decision-making, using rhesus macaque monkeys. Her job focuses on animal training, animal care and assisting in surgical procedures. She also performs behavioral neurophysiology experiments and develops optogenetic tools through physiological, immunohistochemical and cell culture techniques.

Kevin Ford and **Randy Lovelace** are teaching English to children and teenagers in the Hai Ba Trung district of Hanoi, Vietnam. They look forward to being a camel connection in Southeast Asia for the next year.

Eli Mangold is living in RI. After graduation **Abby Hill** took a job with the English Lacrosse Association and moved across the pond to a town 30 minutes south of London to work at the Royal Alexandra and Albert School, a coed boarding school, ages 7-18. She is primarily running the school's lacrosse program but also helps out in the PE department.



Glenn Stevens '05 and Cori Rotsko '06 married 10/09/11 in Newburyport, MA. Camels in the wedding party included Justin Korinis '04, James Frank '05, Topher Grossman '05, Andy Shopneck '05, Dave Schwartz '05, Jennie Bargman '06, Shayna Crowell '06, Christina Koerte '06, Gabrielle Zandan '06 and maid-of-honor Callie Rotsko '08.

Elizabeth Stuart Kruidenier '48 1926-2011

Elizabeth Stuart Kruidenier '48 of Des Moines, Iowa, an emeritus trustee of the College, died Oct. 19. She was 85.

Liz, a philanthropist and lawyer, and her late husband, David, the former chair and chief executive officer of the Des Moines Register and Tribune Co., helped reshape the cultural fabric and institutions of Des Moines. They made defining gifts to the Central Library, the Des Moines Art Center and the Civic Center of Greater Des Moines.

The Kruideniers' philanthropy



extended to many institutions outside the city, including Connecticut College. Liz, who served as a trustee of the College from 1988 to 1998, endowed a professorship and was especially generous in supporting financial aid.

Liz earned her law degree from Drake University at the age of 47 and went on to become a senior partner in a Des Moines firm. A founding member of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, she was active with Planned Parenthood, the League of Women Voters, the National Organization for Women and many other organizations.

Survivors include her daughter, Lisa Kruidenier, and a sister-in-law, Susan Kruidenier Edwards '45.

include three children, eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and a sister-in-law, Roberta Martin Odell '45.

Margaret Heminway Wells '43 of Milwaukee died Sept. 10. A psychology major, she earned her master's at Marquette and was a therapist at St. Michael's Hospital and the Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital. Peggy stayed on her toes, always looked forward to a good round of tennis, and enjoyed the outdoors — especially hunting with her dogs and fishing for muskies. Survivors include her husband, David, as well as two children, four stepchildren, 12 step-grandchildren, and a sister-in-law, Beverly Sandbach Heminway '53. She was predeceased by her first husband, Richard Owen Jones.

Eleanor Slimmon Gadd '44 of Bloomfield, Conn., died Dec. 16. A child development major, she taught nursery school after graduating. Eleanor enjoyed spending her summers on Martha's Vineyard, fishing, clamming, playing tennis and tending her garden. She was predeceased by her husband, Frank. Survivors include three daughters, two grandsons, and two sisters-in-law, Julie Ann Hovey Slimmon '52 GP '10 and Eleanor Farnsworth Slimmon '47.

Marilyn Keck Kirwin '44 of Park City, Utah, died Aug. 21, 2008. She was predeceased by her husband, John. †

Ruthe Nash Wolverton '44 of Shelburne and Severna Park, Md., died Oct. 15. Ruthe worked as a real estate agent in Huntington, N.Y., and also for the League of Women Voters in Washington. She volunteered for many organizations. A nature lover, she and her husband established a protected nesting area for bald eagles on Eagle Island in Maine. After retiring they wrote two books on national seashores and parks. Ruthe is survived by three children and six grandchildren. Her husband, Walter, died in 2007.

Margery Levy Gross '45 of Larchmont, N.Y., died Jan. 31, 2010. An economics major, her strong convictions fueled a rich life dedicated to progressive politics and social justice. Margery traveled to Mississippi in 1964 as a civil rights organizer. She was later director of Nassau Coalition for Safety and Justice,

OBITUARIES

Myra O'Connell Ross '32 of Sandwich, Mass., died Oct. 24. A math major, she worked for the Social Security Administration in Washington after graduating, then got a master's in education from Boston College and taught high school math. Myra was proud that she turned 100 the same year as her alma mater. She celebrated both milestones with a \$100 gift to the College in 2011. She told CC Magazine she always appreciated the broad education she received. Myra was predeceased by her husband, John. Survivors include four children and several grandchildren.

Selma Sohn Slate '37 of Chestnut Hill, Mass., died Oct. 23. She is survived by her husband, Albert, and two children and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son.

Audrey Krause Maron '38 of Tarzana, Calif., died July 6. A home economics major, she raised seven children with her husband, Hans "HG" Maron, who died in 2010. Audrey volunteered with many groups, including school PTAs and the Encino Women's Club. She is survived by her children, 24 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Parcells Arms '39 P'67 of Marion, Mass., died Oct. 5. An art major, Betsy was active for many years in community organizations in Cleveland. In retirement she volunteered with

the Sippican Historical Society and the Marion Art Center in Massachusetts, as well as the Ocean Reef Art League in Florida. Her passion was drawing and watercolors. Betsy received the Alumni Tribute Award in recognition of her extensive service to the College as a class agent, class officer and reunion chair. Survivors include her husband, Charles; a son; a daughter, Carolyn Arms Young '67; a sister, Mariana Parcells Wagoner '44; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son.

Ethel Failey Holt '40 died Aug. 7, 2008. After graduating, she earned her master's in library science from the University of South Florida and worked as an English teacher and a librarian. Ethel volunteered as a president and treasurer for the Connecticut College Club of Sarasota. †

Edith Patton Cranshaw '41 GP'04 of Exeter, N.H., died Oct. 7. After her children were grown, Edie earned a master's in social work and worked with the poor in Boston for several decades. She was a deacon of the Wellesley Congregational Church and helped establish a partnership with the AME Baptist Church in Roxbury. In honor of her work, she was named a Martin Luther King "Dream Builder" in 2005. Edie served on the Alumni Board of Directors and as a class agent chair.

She was predeceased by her husband, John, and two sisters, Jean Patton Crawford '45 and Elizabeth Patton Warner '39 P'66 '69. Survivors include a grandson,

John D. Cranshaw '04, and nieces Kimberly Warner O'Malley '69 and Wendy Warner Reynes '66.

Miriam Rosnick Dean '41 of Worcester, Mass., died Nov. 23. An economics major, she lived for many years in New London and was a substitute teacher at New London High School. "Mim" was active with Literacy Volunteers and Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, and she served as a class agent chair for many years. She will be remembered for her big heart, easy laugh and ability to find a song for every mood. Survivors include two children, four grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. Mim was predeceased by her husband, Harold.

Shirley Jaeger Millwee '42 of Westport, Conn., died Nov. 3. After graduating, Shirley worked in the engineering departments of Chance Vought and then General Electric Co. She later taught in several school systems, retiring from the town of Monroe. She then became a real estate agent. Shirley was an excellent skier, sailor and swimmer on Long Island Sound. She had a sharp wit, was well read and was good at chess. Survivors include a daughter.

Priscilla E. Barley '43 of Scituate, Mass., died Oct. 27. She worked as a physical therapist for more than three decades, retiring in 1978. Priscilla had a special affection for West Highland white terriers and raised Westies for many years. She enjoyed gardening, traveling, reading and attending dog shows.

Evelyn Silvers Daly '43, a longtime resident of Wilmington, Del., died Dec. 22. A psychology major, "Fliv" worked as a teacher's assistant in the Brandywine School District. She loved swimming and teaching swimming. She volunteered with the Disabled Adults Swimming Program at the YMCA and taught swimming for more than 20 years at a girls' camp in Raymond, Maine. Fliv was predeceased by her husband, Nelson, and a son. Survivors include a daughter and two grandsons.

Jane Geckler Driver '43 of Rocky River, Ohio, died Sept. 29. Jane, an economics major, served on the Maternal Health Board (Planned Parenthood) and volunteered as a class agent on behalf of the College. She enjoyed golf, tennis and traveling. Jane is survived by three children, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Two husbands, Charles Seelbach Jr. and Maier Driver, and an aunt, Flavia Gorton Williams '31, predeceased her.

Nancy Crook Tishler '43 died May 29. Nancy was an avid sailor and an active volunteer for the Boston Symphony and Wang Center. She worked as a docent for many years at the Heritage Museum in Sandwich, Mass., and served on the board of the Cape Cod Conservatory. Nancy was a reunion volunteer and as a young alumna was active with the Connecticut College Club of Pittsburgh. She was predeceased by her husband, Mark, in 1995, and by her longtime companion, Roy Merchant, in 2008. Survivors

director of the Alliance for a Safer New York, and assistant director for race relations and labor with the American Jewish Committee. Margery also served as co-chair of the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union. Survivors include two children and a cousin, Marion Bernstein Walldorf '49. Her husband, Alfred, and another cousin, Arlene Propper Silberman '50, predeceased her. †

Doris Bergmann Schindewolf '45 of Wilmington, Del., died July 29, 2010. Doris, an economics major, worked many years as a sales associate for Boscov's in Lancaster, Pa., and volunteered at the Franklin and Marshall North Museum. She is survived by four children, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson. Her husband, Richard, predeceased her. †

Vi Egan Candee '46 of Campbellsport, Wis., died Oct. 15. Vi, a psychology major, enjoyed cooking, gardening (especially roses) and travel. She was known for the beautiful Norwegian sweaters she knitted. Vi was the manager of Bill's Sporting Goods in Lomira, Wis., for 29 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, and is survived by nine children, 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Corinne Manning Black '47 of Rockville, Md., died Oct. 24. An English major, she taught English, was editor of the College's *Alumnae News*, and worked as an assistant editor in Paris before earning a Ph.D. in anthropology from Rutgers. She held posts at Princeton and Rutgers, then founded Philanthropic Associates, which assisted nonprofits.

Corinne served on the Princeton Joint Commission on Aging and on the board of the Princeton Senior Resource Center. She also volunteered as a member of the Alumni Board, class president and class correspondent. She was predeceased by her husband, Cyril. Survivors include two children and three grandchildren.

Lucia Hollerith Leferts '47 of Darien, Conn., died Dec. 22. She was a medical artist and photographer under Dr. C. Everett Koop after graduating. An art major, "C.C." was an accomplished artist, photographer, videographer and computer "techie." She produced ads for local businesses, ran the AV department at Darien High

School for a time, and produced numerous segments on public access TV. She also enjoyed sailing. C.C. lent her creativity to countless organizations over the years and volunteered as a class agent chair with the College. Survivors include her husband, Gillet, and four children, 16 grandchildren and one great-grandson. She was predeceased by a daughter.

Barbara Rowe Perkins '47 died Sept. 30 in Manchester, N.H. Bobbie, an economics major, was an avid gardener. Her love of children and books found expression in her work for many years as a librarian at a local elementary school. As an administrator for the League of Conservation Voters, she was instrumental in convincing Goffstown, N.H., to institute curbside recycling instead of building an incinerator. She also established a demonstration composting garden at the town dump. Bobbie is survived by three children and five grandchildren.

Joan Williams Sokoloff '48 of Greenwich, Conn., died Oct. 8. Joan, an art major, lived for many years in Greece and Switzerland with her husband, Boris. She is remembered for her warmth, compassion, good humor and adventurous spirit. Survivors include her husband, two children and three grandchildren.

Eleanor Penfield Spencer '48 of Lenox, Mass., died Dec. 22. Penny was active in her church and in schools in Williamstown, where she lived for almost 50 years. In addition to volunteering with the League of Women Voters and at the Wild Oats Co-op, she sang in her church choir and in the Heptones barbershop group. Penny enjoyed bridge and puzzles. She loved spending time with her family on Lake George and harvesting blueberries at their farm in Maine. A chemistry major, Eleanor served on her class Reunion Committee. Survivors include her husband, Guilford, as well as four children and nine grandchildren.

Angela Rubin De Celis Van Acker '48 P'71 of Norwalk, Conn., died Sept. 6. A Hispanic studies major, Angela earned a master's at Fairfield University and taught Spanish at Greens Farms Academy in Westport. She took great pride in her Spanish

heritage and teaching proved to be a wonderful way to share her love. Angela is survived by five children, including Angela Van Acker Mershon '71; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband, Albert.

Nancy Libby Peterson '51 GP'13 of Naples, Fla., and West Gardiner, Maine, died Nov. 9. An economics major, Nancy lived in Newport, R.I., many years. She volunteered with the Children's Home of Newport and eventually became president. In that role she managed a merger to create Child & Family Services of Newport County, which today has 275 employees and serves more than 5,000 people annually. Nancy also served on her class Reunion Committee and enjoyed traveling, cooking and flower arranging. She is survived by her husband, Karl; a daughter; and two granddaughters, including Kathryn Zoia Bentley '13.

Ann Foster Lombardi '52 of Kansas City, Mo., died Nov. 27. Ann returned home to Kansas City after graduating with a degree in psychology. A talented cook, she rolled her own pasta, picked mushrooms for duxelles and set desserts aflame. Ann turned her passion into a profession as a teacher and menu consultant for the premier restaurant at the Nelson-Atkins Museum. Survivors include three sons and two grandsons. She was predeceased by her husband, Neil.

Roseline Marut Costello '53 of Bethesda, Md., died Oct. 10. She and her husband, John, traveled extensively during his career as a Coast Guard officer. She taught English in many elementary schools in towns where he was posted. Roseline volunteered with the Red Cross at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for more than 20 years. Survivors include her husband, two sons and seven grandchildren.

Claire Levine Harrison Ambjor '55, a pioneering San Francisco advertising and public relations executive, died Dec. 5. She established her own firm in 1967, and her clients included Walt Disney/Touchstone Pictures, The Gap, Paramount Pictures, Drexel Heritage Home Furnishings and Ramada Inns. She helped promote and gain national recognition for "Five Easy Pieces,"

"Last Picture Show" and "Easy Rider." In 1994 she began a new career as a marriage and family psychotherapist after earning a doctorate in clinical psychology. Claire volunteered as a Reunion Committee member, class president and career mentor. Her husband, Erik, survives her, along with two children, two stepchildren, three grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Corinne Gentilella Rayburn '59 of Hingham, Mass., died Dec. 14. An English major, she went on to earn a master's in counseling from the University of Massachusetts. Corinne specialized in helping families created by adoption and was known for her compassion, insight, intuition and humor. She was active in her church and used her talents to help others there. Survivors include her husband, Jack, and two daughters and four grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son.

Janet V. Finkelstein '68 died Nov. 25 in Paris. Janet, a government major, was senior adviser to the French minister of defense. She previously was a political analyst with the French National Center of Scientific Research.

Adrienne Hollander Ellis '69 of Point Mountain, W.Va., died Oct. 14. Adrienne, a Russian and East European studies major, also held a master's from Bryn Mawr. She worked as a landlord/tenant mediator for the city of Alexandria, Va., and was an activist for the Fair Housing Commission and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Adrienne enjoyed walking and hiking, meeting new people, and helping others however she could. Survivors include her husband, Robert. She was predeceased by a son.

Evelyn Cooper Sitton '69 P'96 of Tamarac, Fla., died Nov. 4. Known as Lynne or Coop, she was a published writer, poet and illustrator. Lynne served as president of the Coast Guard Wives' Club in Miami, where her husband, Robert, served a tour. She designed the banner for the Class of '69 and served as class president for 10 years. Lynne also was reunion chair, class agent and reunion committee member. Surviving Lynne are her husband; two sons, including Jeffrey E. Sitton '96; four grandchildren; a sister, Barbara Cooper Neeb '72; and a stepdaughter. Lynne

was predeceased by her mother, Marjorie Wicoff Cooper '41 P'69 '72 GP'96.

Alice Krusinski Babik '71 of Jewett City, Conn., died Oct. 21. A human development major, Alice earned a master's in education from Eastern Connecticut State University and taught second grade in Plainfield Elementary School for 22 years. She was active with her church and served as president of VFW 10004 Ladies' Auxiliary. Survivors include her husband, Edward, and two children and a granddaughter.

David L. Sanjek '74 of Manchester, England, died Nov. 29. A distinguished scholar with an international reputation, he was director of the Music Research Centre at the University of Salford. He was previously at New York University, Hunter College, Fordham University and the New School for Social Research. An English and philosophy major, David earned his Ph.D. at Washington University. He was an adviser to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, the Rhythm & Blues Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Center for Black Music Research. He was a member of the board of the Blues Foundation of Memphis for many years and co-chaired the Blues Hall of Fame.

Janice Hynes Chadbourne '75 of Chestnut Hill, Mass., died Sept. 5. Janice was a curator of fine arts for the Boston Public Library for more than 35 years. After graduating with a degree in art history, she earned a master's in library science at Simmons College. Survivors include her husband, Mark, and two sons.

David G. Pettinari '77 of Monroe, Mich., died Nov. 1. A government major, David earned his law degree from the University of Detroit-Mercy and was an attorney with DTE Energy. He was predeceased by his wife, Pamela, and by his parents.

† The College only recently learned of this death.

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.

Help plan your upcoming reunion: Join Insights 2012

Does your class year end in 3 or 8? Join us on campus June 1-2 for Insights 2012 to begin planning your 2013 reunion.

We'll give you everything you need to organize a terrific weekend for your class. You'll get a jump start on the planning process with special sessions where you can discuss the weekend's events, suggest speakers you would like to see on campus and start planning for your class gift. You will also meet with staff and former volunteers to discuss what makes a successful Reunion Committee and what worked well for them, all while you experience Reunion 2012.

It's free and it's a great chance to reconnect with other alumni and the College.

For more information, visit <http://insights.conncoll.edu>. For details on Reunion 2012, see page 58.

Second annual Camels Care event

Camels in cities across the country will join together for a day of volunteering at local nonprofits on April 21. Alumni are coordinating projects in New York, Boston, Washington, D.C., San Francisco and other cities. All members of the College community are welcome to participate. Last year, dozens of alumni and parents worked together cleaning parks and beaches, painting a local shelter, and sorting through clothes for the homeless.

Watch your email for more details or contact Erin Morrissey at erin.morrissey@conncoll.edu.

Network with other alumni

Want to make career connections? Find a friend from your class? Let everyone know what you've been up to? Here are some tips to get you started:

- **Use the alumni directory.** You can find a specific person or get lists of alumni by career field or region. Virtually every alumna/us is listed — far more than you'll find on Facebook or LinkedIn.
- **Make sure we have your email address.** You'll get invitations to alumni events and all of the latest college news and information. Send an update to alumni@conncoll.edu.
- **Update your alumni profile at www.conncoll.edu/alumni.** It's a secure way to give other alumni your current info.
- **Submit a class note** at ccmag@conncoll.edu.
- **Join your class Facebook group** or "like" the page and post something on the wall to get a conversation going. You can find a list of class pages at www.conncoll.edu/alumni.
- **"Like" the College's Facebook page** and join the conversations there.
- **Join a Connecticut College alumni group on LinkedIn** (find the link at www.conncoll.edu/alumni). Follow the conversations, post a job or query other alumni.
- **Attend alumni events.** They range from informal get-togethers for young alumni to receptions, performances and faculty talks. View the calendar of events at www.conncoll.edu/alumni.
- **Volunteer on behalf of your class.** Serve as your class correspondent, help plan your reunion or talk with classmates about supporting the College.
- **Volunteer.** Be a mentor, let a student shadow you on the job, sponsor an internship or speak about your career on campus.
- **Looking for a job or have a job to fill?** Check out the alumni job database at www.conncoll.edu/alumni. View CELS job newsletters and get tips on everything from letters of recommendation to grad-school applications.



Sundays with Alumni

From right, Kathryn Whitney '07, YouTube specialist at Google; Richard Kappler '04, program planning manager at VH1; and Lauren Matison '06, co-founder and editor of *offManhattan.com* share career advice during a Sundays with Alumni panel discussion in December. Moderator Jazmine Hughes '12 is at far left.

Phi Beta Kappa scholarships

The Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa will award scholarships to Connecticut College alumni, including graduating members of the Class of 2012, during the 2011-12 academic year. Alumni wishing to apply for a scholarship can find the requirements as well as an application at www.conncoll.edu/academics/phi-beta-kappa.htm



BOB MACDONNELL

Alice Maggin '91, left, an Emmy-winning producer for ABC's World News Tonight, talks with students about her career. Maggin spoke on campus in December as the final speaker in the "Great Beginnings" Centennial series.



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From left, David Brown '02, Alex Feinstein '07 and Elizabeth Kennedy '04 speak to juniors and seniors during January's Seminar on Success program, an annual event designed to prepare students for job interviews and the workforce.



March mania

Let the games begin! Camels from the classes of 2001 through 2010 are set to go head-to-head in a friendly competition with fellow NESCAC rivals in March.

Graduates of the Last Decade can show their school spirit with a month-long competition to see who can garner the greatest number of Annual Fund gifts. Watch

your email for details on how you can help propel the College to victory.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Faculty presentations

5 p.m., March 21, Naples, Fla.

The CC Club of Southwest Florida will host a cocktail reception followed by a faculty presentation. Visit www.conncoll.edu/alumni for more details.

Noon, March 22, Sarasota, Fla.

The CC Club of Greater Sarasota will host a luncheon and faculty presentation at the Sarasota Yacht Club. Mark your calendars.

Reception with the dean

6 p.m., April 6, Detroit

Attend a reception at the Oakland Hills Country Club with Dean of the Faculty Roger Brooks, hear firsthand what is happening at the College, and connect with other alumni and parents.

Camels Care

April 21, various locations

Camels across the country join together to give back to their local communities. Projects, locations and times vary; check www.conncoll.edu/alumni for details.

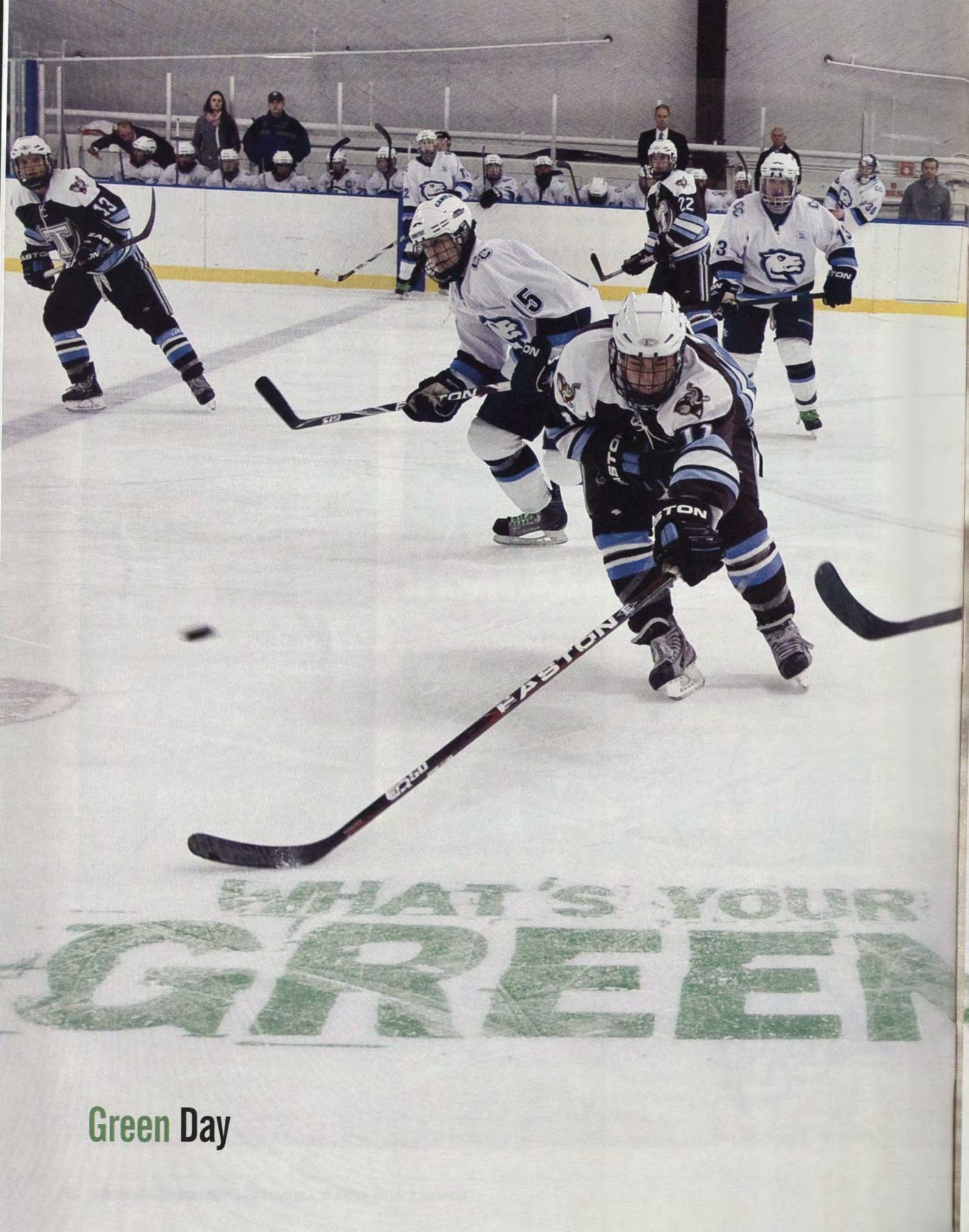
For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-888-7549 or view the calendar at www.conncoll.edu/alumni.

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Do we have your email address?

If we don't, you're missing out on CamelTracks, our monthly alumni newsletter, as well as invitations to regional alumni events.

Update your contact information at www.conncoll.edu/alumni or call 1-800-888-7549.



Green Day



MARC ROPER '15 CLEARS THE PUCK IN THE CAMELS' HOME GAME AGAINST TUFTS UNIVERSITY FEB. 4. ROPER AND HIS TEAMMATES WORE GREEN LACES AT THE GAME AND THE GREEN DOT LOGO WAS PLACED IN THE ICE AT DAYTON ARENA TO SUPPORT THE GREEN DOT PROGRAM, A VIOLENCE-PREVENTION INITIATIVE. SEE STORY, PAGE 15.

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Visit <http://reunion.conncoll.edu> for more information or see page 58 in this magazine.

Above: photos from Reunion 2007.