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THE COLLEGE’S CENTENNIAL seemed far off that August day in 2007 when I welcomed the Class of 2011 to campus. As all presidents do, I advised the new students to take full advantage of all the opportunities they would find here. I knew they would be shaped and transformed by this experience.

On May 22, as I handed diplomas to each member of the Centennial Class, I reflected on how much these students accomplished in four years — and how they, like each class that preceded them, have left their mark on the College.

Connecticut College today offers an education that reaches students to cross boundaries between different areas of study and solve complex problems by using the tools and perspectives of multiple disciplines. Just as important, this education takes place within a residential setting in which students experience firsthand how their personal choices and contributions affect the entire community.

The members of the Class of 2011 have made the most of this education: 132 completed the requirements for more than one major; 62 earned a certificate from one of our interdisciplinary centers. They have excelled on the stage, in the studio and on the athletic fields. They have earned recognition through fellowships from Goldwater, Fulbright and the National Science Foundation, among others. They have studied economics in Argentina, cultural identity in Peru and gender-based violence in Guatemala. They have become activists and advocates with initiatives that range from threatened indigenous populations to education policy to a re-evaluation of the College’s venerable Honor Code.

Our newest graduates have impressed me with their intelligence, their talent, and their passion for engaging important issues on campus and in the world. They are privileged to have completed a Connecticut College education, and I hope they will use it to help others — wherever they go and whatever they do next.

Connecticut College graduates are capable of anything. In this Centennial year, dozens of alumni have come to campus to share their varied experiences with students. Jonathan McBride ’92 talked about how the College prepared him for life as a White House staffer. Attorney Lauren Burke ’06 explained how her study of Mandarin led to helping youth trafficked from China. And financial analyst Carl Prather ’04 said his close relationships with faculty gave him the confidence he needed to succeed in the international equities market.

In her Founders Day keynote address, historian Linda Eisenmann ’75, parent of two Connecticut College graduates, summed up the life-changing experience of this education: “It’s the place where my own scholarly inclinations were nurtured and my intellectual perspectives developed.”

The impact of Connecticut College is, indeed, important and far-reaching. Our graduates’ success shows the value of this degree, and I look forward to seeing how the Centennial Class of 2011 will put their liberal arts education into action in the years ahead.

I hope to see our newest graduates and many more alumni at our culminating Centennial celebration, which will take place Oct. 21-23, 2011. This Fall Weekend will include a multimedia production featuring the stories of inspiring alumni, professors and students along with a host of other events and activities. More details can be found on page 10 and at http://centennial.conncoll.edu. Please join us for a once-in-100-years celebration of Connecticut College’s Great Beginnings — and your own.
To the Editor:

My mother, Anne, my aunt Beth and I — all Conn alumnae — made some (delicious!) Mystery Mocha courtesy of Esty Wood-Satran ’92’s recipe in the Winter 2010 issue (“Ask a Camel”).

We love getting our alumni magazines — keep up the great work!

Lela Butts ’06
Stanfordville, N.Y.

A belated “thank you” for the articles in the Winter 2010 issue featuring the meaningful work done by Penney Jade Beaubrun ’11, Christina Burrell ’11 and Eric LeFlore ’11 during their funded summer internships and experiences studying abroad.

These students, and so many others, take the best of Connecticut College with them as they move beyond campus boundaries — energy, dedication and enthusiasm not only for advancing their own experiences and educations but for helping and improving the lives of others as they do so.

The College truly provides a “student experience without equal.” Thank you!

Bonnie G. LeFlore P’11
Marblethwa, Mass.

I enjoyed the many groups that you covered in your “Century of Song” article (Winter 2010), but wanted to remind you that formal choral music also played a role in the musical life of the College. Between 1968 and 1972, while the College was still in transition to co-education, I served as accomplishe Manager for the Connecticut College Chorus, first under the leadership of Professor James Armstrong and then under Professor Paul Althouse. In addition to singing challenging repertoire for women’s chorus, the group planned an annual concert with a men’s college choir and a concert called “Music for the Performing Arts” featuring music for mixed voices, and toured with the Yale Apollo Glee Club over spring breaks. My love of choral music was formed and nurtured at Conn, and I now try to pass that along to the high school women’s choirs I direct. (I also recall the calculation of how much Cold Duck we would need to buy for the Yale Apollo Glee Club overspring breaks.

I was surprised that with the photo of Eleanor Roosevelt on page 32, you did not identify the student beside her as Jean Wallace Douglas ’43, daughter of then-vice president of the United States, Henry Wallace. Nor was she listed as one of the prominent speakers — he was Commencement speaker when Jean graduated. At the time “Democrat” was a four-letter word on campus; I trust that’s no longer true!

Jean was an attractive and bright young person in her own right. Since, she has headed up her family’s foundation.

Margaret Woodhouse Becker
Baltic, Conn.

I enjoyed reading Linda J. Lear’s article, “Those Extraordinary Hamilton Sisters,” in the Spring 2011 issue. However, the article left out one piece of Edith and Alice’s lives that has a special importance for Connecticut College alumni. Alice’s namesake and great-niece, and Edith’s granddaughter, is none other than our own Alice Reid Abbott ’69. I know Alice has a rich fund of information regarding the Connecticut College Chorus, first under the leadership of Professor James Armstrong and then under Professor Paul Althouse. In addition to singing challenging repertoire for women’s chorus, the group planned an annual concert with a men’s college choir and a concert called “Music for the Performing Arts” featuring music for mixed voices, and toured with the Yale Apollo Glee Club over spring breaks. My love of choral music was formed and nurtured at Conn, and I now try to pass that along to the high school women’s choirs I direct. (I also recall the calculation of how much Cold Duck we would need to buy for our banquet in order to have fully spent our budget for the year!)

Kathleen Vadala ‘72
Director of Choral Music
Elizabeth Seton High School
Bladenburg, Md.

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lives of these two esteemed ladies. Alice and I were roommates our sophomore year and friends throughout our years at CC. It is of interest to note that my grandfather was a beneficiary of Jane Addams’ Hull House as a small boy in Chicago. The fact that granddaughters of two families, from different ends of the social spectrum, could eventually become college roommates, with no such conditions as Alice and Edith Hamilton faced as women in their college careers, was characteristic of the possibilities provided by this nation’s policies during the 20th century, as well as through the contribution of all three of these wonderful women.

Nancy Oskow-Schoenbrod ’69
Somers, N.Y.

I very much enjoyed the article about “Those Extraordinary Hamilton Sisters.” My grandfather was hired in the early 1950s to tend their coal furnace, which he did until Alice died, in 1970. My grandfather died less than a year later, at 80. I was born in 1959 and remember as a little girl going with grandpa to the Hamiltons’ home to tend the furnace or bring the mail. In exchange for his work he was allowed to live in William Gillette’s secretary’s home on the Connecticut River, next door to the ladies. Those 20 years of retirement after farming were the best in my grandparents’ life and it was fun for the grandchildren to stay with them for a few days by the river. The article brought back many fond memories.

Gail Manning Hanson ’82
Higganum, Conn.

The beautiful Centennial calendar’s July 2011 photo speaks of science grads going on to careers in medicine, biology and chemistry. Lois Webster Ricklin ’44’s chemistry degree led to her getting a research job in the same lab where I worked as a chemical engineer, which was a great reward for me since it led to her being my wife for 64 years. The photo must be from back in my wife’s time since the student is not wearing protective clothing or eyewear — a no-no nowadays.

Saul Ricklin
Bristol, R.I.

CORRECTION: In “100 years, hundreds of reasons” (Spring 2011), Tamnie Clayton Reid ’01’s name was misspelled. CC: Magazine regrets the error.
Dubai calling

"NEW LONDON CALLING," a 10-minute film that follows dozens of children playing games throughout the city, resonates with film festival audiences around the U.S. and the world. Rob Richter '82, the College's director of arts programming, got to make this observation firsthand at the 4th Gulf Film Festival in Dubai in April. "There's a universal aspect to the film," said Richter, who produced the film and presented it at the festival. "There's no dialogue — it's just kids being kids." Kinodance Co., a Boston-based artist collaborative, made "New London Calling" as part of the College's 2009-10 Dayton Artist-in-Residence Program and submitted it to festivals around the world; it's won awards from Newark, N.J., to Bologna, Italy. The film's message, lamenting the loss of spontaneous, creative play by today's kids, is international. In Dubai, Richter said, "Everybody seemed to enjoy the film."

Fantastic faculty

PROFESSORS Joseph Schroeder, Jennifer Fredricks and Candace Howes, left to right, received the College's highest faculty awards for 2011 at a ceremony in April. Schroeder, assistant professor of neuroscience, received the John S. King Memorial Teaching Award; Fredricks, associate professor of human development, received the Nancy Batson Nisbet Rash Research Award; and Howes, the Barbara Hogate Ferrin '43 Professor of Economics Education, received the Helen B. Regan Faculty Leadership Award.

Borrow a bike

SPOKESPEOPLE, the campus bicycle cooperative, launched a bike-share program, called CC Cruisers, in April. Anyone with a Connecticut College library card can check out one of the brightly painted bikes, which were donated to Spokespeople and fixed up by its student members, to use for the day. Spokespeople maintains the bikes and even provides helmets.
**Algae with answers**

*THE COLLEGE'S BOATHOUSE* is home to boats, of course — but also the world's most extensive chrysohyte collection. For more than 30 years, Peter Siver, the Charles & Sarah P. Becker '27 Professor of Botany, has collected and meticulously preserved thousands of algae specimens from water bodies around the world. Chrysophytes, though tiny — one sliver of mud can hold hundreds of species — have been used to solve murders and help us understand climate change. To make Siver's vast collection more accessible to other scientists, the National Science Foundation awarded him $149,813 to assemble, catalog and archive his samples and data. "Vast chrysohyte collections simply don't exist, primarily because the samples are difficult to preserve," Siver said; with a slight change in temperature or pH, the tiny organisms will literally explode. "With these collections, we will be able to compare data and answer a lot of remaining questions."

**SCIENCE FOCUS**

**A boon for cancer research**

*THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE* awarded $419,375 to Professor of Biology Martha J. Grossel to support her ovarian cancer research. Grossel investigates what causes the unchecked cellular division that is associated with cancer. She and her team, including undergraduate students, will use the grant to study the interaction of a specific cell cycle regulatory protein and transcription factor. "An understanding of how these proteins influence differentiation and cell proliferation is crucial to the biology of cancer stem cells and development and may advance our understanding of ovarian cancer," Grossel said.

**Not monkeying around**

*THIS SUMMER CHRIS KRUPENYE '11*, a biological sciences major and 2010 Goldwater Scholar, and scientists from Duke University will study the problem-solving abilities of chimpanzees and bonobos at sanctuaries in the Congo Basin. "The intent is to understand divergent evolution in terms of psychology," Krupenye explained. "We want to know, when we shared an ancestor, what was that ancestor's mind like? How did its brain work?" A 2011 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship will support his research, with a $30,000 stipend each year for up to three years. Krupenye is the College's second consecutive winner of this competitive award. He was accepted to Duke's Ph.D. program in evolutionary anthropology as part of the Hominoid Psychology Research Group. "(Apes) are such complex animals, and there is something truly enchanting about their exceptional intellect," he said.
Ready for the world

PABLO TUTILLO '13 IS ONE STEP CLOSER to his dream of becoming a foreign diplomat: The international relations major received a 2011 Institute for International Public Policy fellowship. Valued at nearly $100,000, the five-year program helps talented students from underrepresented groups pursue careers in international affairs through financial aid and career development, including summer policy institutes, a study abroad program, an internship, language study and graduate school. A native of Ecuador, Tutillo is fluent in Spanish and English and is studying French and Arabic; he shares his love of languages as a volunteer tutor at local elementary schools. With a self-designed minor in Middle Eastern studies, he wants to serve as a diplomat in the Middle East, Asia or Latin America. “This fellowship means the world to me — literally,” Tutillo said. “I want to be out there in the world making an effective and lasting difference.”

Award-winning Voice

THE COLLEGE VOICE, the weekly student newspaper, won first prize for general news reporting from the northeast region of the Society of Professional Journalists this spring. The award-winning story, co-authored by Ben Gitkind '10 and Lilah Raptopoulos '11, covered the plagiarism by Peter St. John '09, the student speaker at his Commencement, who was later found to have copied large sections of his talk from a speech by writer Barbara Kingsolver. This is the first such award for The Voice in recent history.

From farm to dining hall

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NEW ENGLAND WINTER, students still could eat local foods on campus, at Harris Refectory’s new local and regional salad bar. Selections change with the seasons; at its February debut the spread included black currant juice from Connecticut; carrots, squash salad and sprouts from Massachusetts; tomatoes from Maine; onions and fresh bread from New York; and cage-free eggs from New Hampshire. “The local salad bar really makes students aware of the efforts of Dining Services to meet the demands of students,” said Taylor Gould ’13.

Looking forward, looking back

TWO CONFERENCES in April examined race and gender through the lens of the College’s Centennial. A symposium on the history and future of diversity at the College, sponsored by the Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity, featured a keynote address by Robert L. Hampton, a former sociology professor and dean of the College. He credited the students who led the Fanning takeover in 1986 with pushing the College to change. “We wouldn’t be here today celebrating this event if it weren’t for those courageous students,” he said. Two weeks later, the gender and women’s studies department hosted Paula J. Giddings, a professor of Afro-American studies at Smith College, who spoke about the College’s founding in the context of the contemporary women’s rights movement. Giddings also joined a panel of faculty who discussed 1911 from the perspective of their disciplines, including Hispanic studies and economics.
They say it's your birthday

Founders Day celebration marks College's Centennial

MUSIC, CAKE, TEA AND LAUGHTER were the key ingredients for a perfect Founders Day celebration on April 5, 2011, the 100th anniversary of the signing of the College charter.

Students, faculty, staff, emeriti professors and other friends of the College sang along with the Chamber Choir at the premiere of the Centennial Song, watched a humorous take on the College’s founding story by the student improv group N2O, signed a giant copy of the College charter to be used at the bicentennial, and heard a keynote speech by Linda Eisenmann ’75 P’03 ’07 about the founding of the College.

“Women who sought college, especially in the decades before 1910, were often quite serious scholars who recognized the unusual opportunity they had been given,” said Eisenmann, provost and professor of education and history at Wheaton College. “But before 1900, there were few respectable options other than teaching for females to earn a living outside their homes.”

Eisenmann said that as a historian of education, she has come to realize just how important the College has been to her own story.

“Conn isn’t just any other school I might study; it’s the place where my own scholarly inclinations were nurtured and my intellectual perspectives developed,” she said. “In fact, I realized much later that I became a historian of women’s education because Conn, and the gift of its scholarship — both intellectual and financial, I might add — completely changed my life’s course.”

After Eisenmann’s lecture, the audience and others from across the campus made their way to Tempel Green where, accompanied by 100 tolls of the Harkness Chapel bell, they assembled in the shape of the number 100.

“It’s an exciting day for Connecticut College,” President Leo L. Higdon, Jr., said at the Founders Day Tea and 100th Birthday Party that followed. “I truly believe that if our founders could be here today and see all that this college has accomplished in 100 years, and the positive future we have ahead, they would be just as proud as I am right now.”

Connie Smith Gemmer ’80 P’10, trustee and chair of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, also addressed the crowd as they sipped tea and munched on sweets. “As an alumna of the College, I couldn’t be more proud of this institution,” she said.

The day concluded with a special dinner in Harris and a performance by Shake the Baron, a band comprised of alumni and a current student.

The College will continue to celebrate the Centennial throughout 2011, and Eisenmann explained why the commemoration is important.

“What value is there in examining our history bit by bit over the course of this wonderful year of recognition?” she asked. “I think my son (Matt ’07) said it best in that we must use the strength of the past as a base for constructing the future.

“There is much power in this history, and I am delighted that we are focusing our lens on it.”
— Eileen Jenkins and Amy Martin
THE COLLEGE HAS A NEW SONG for a new century.

Richard Schenk, a musician and composer in the dance department, and Ann Livingston Schenk M’01, an instructor at a New London magnet school, won the Centennial Song Contest.

The couple co-wrote the lyrics for the Centennial Song, and Richard Schenk composed the music.

“I’ve been a lifelong songwriter,” he said. “I really love taking text and setting it to music. When it works, it is just the greatest thing.”

All students, alumni, and current and former faculty and staff members were invited to write original music and lyrics for a new song, which was performed for the first time by the Chamber Choir at the Founders Day celebration on April 5.

As winners, the Schenks received a $1,500 grand prize.

Their song will be performed at celebrations throughout the Centennial year and into the future.
Fall Weekend is coming, and...

FALL WEEKEND 2011 will be the premier event of the College’s Centennial year, and we’re planning a celebration of historic proportions.

Come to campus Oct. 21-23 to take part in all the traditional Fall Weekend favorites — Harvestfest, an all-group a cappella concert and a picnic on Tempel Green — as well as special events to mark this significant milestone in the history of the College.

Palmer Auditorium is the place to be Saturday, Oct. 22, at 10 a.m. for the culminating event of the Centennial, a multimedia production modeled on the popular TED conferences. The event will feature short, inspirational talks and performances by alumni, faculty, staff and students combined with video and digital content.

Many other special events will pack the weekend schedule: a celebration of the new Science Center at New London Hall, which will be under construction; an alumni post-game party after the men’s soccer team takes on the Coast Guard Academy on Tempel Green; an onStage performance by the Mingus Big Band; and Saturday evening fireworks.

On Friday, Oct. 21, at 4 p.m., Sara Radlinski, former director of the College’s Children’s Program, and Margaret Sheridan ’67, professor emerita, will speak on the history of the College’s human development program, followed by a reception for human development and education alumni. The theater department is planning a special Centennial production, “Foundations, Dreams and Inspirations,” with afternoon and evening performances throughout the weekend.

So mark your calendar and plan to join alumni, parents, students, faculty and staff for the festivities this fall. For more information, visit http://fallweekend.conncoll.edu or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@conncoll.edu.
In nine seasons as head coach of the men’s and women’s swimming and diving team, Marc Benvenuti has enjoyed remarkable success. Under his watch the team has finished in the top echelons of the league in the past few years, and several swimmers have garnered multiple All-America honors.

Nonetheless, this year he decided to try something different. He got rid of captains, and instead all of the seniors formed a leadership group to take ownership of the program.

The experiment paid off. The women finished 14th in the country with 69 points at the NCAA Swimming & Diving Championship in March, while the men were 25th with 33 points. They amassed 16 All-America swims and shattered 11 school records along the way.

“(Benvenuti) recognizes that in order to win and to achieve individual and team goals in swimming, you have to be fearless,” said Sarah Murphy ’11, who garnered All-America honors in five events at the NCAA championship. “You can’t be afraid of winning or losing — and so you must be willing to take risks, even if doing so means risking failure.”

In her most impressive swim, Murphy placed third in the 200-yard butterfly, with a record-setting time of 2:01.35. Benvenuti was amazed by what he witnessed.

“She was just mowing down the field in the last 50 yards,” he said. “At the 100-yard mark, she was sixth. She just kept getting stronger. Everything came together and it was awesome.”

Tim Walsh ’12 accounted for all of the Camel scoring in the men’s championship. He posted a time of 48.99 seconds to finish as the national runner-up in the 100-yard backstroke, just .60 seconds behind the winning pace. In the 200-yard back, Walsh placed third with a record-setting time of 1:47.99. He garnered All-America honors in both events.

“Tim is such a competitor,” Benvenuti said. “He will race whoever he’s in the pool with. From a training standpoint, he is meticulous about how he does things. Anything he does in practice is going to look an awful lot like this in a meet.”

The Camels turned in an impressive performance at the NESCAC Championship as well. The men placed fifth with 756 points, while the women set a program record of 1,144 points en route to their fourth-place finish.

A program-best eight Camels qualified for the NCAA championship: Ryan Dignan ’14 joined Walsh on the men’s team; first-time qualifiers Erika Fernandes ’13, Katie Karlson ’13, Caitlin Munns ’11, Jessica Schanzer ’13 and Julia Pielock ’14 joined Murphy in her third appearance. All six women received All-America recognition.

Murphy appreciates everything Benvenuti has done to push the team to a higher level of success.

“He has taught us not to be afraid of failure by setting the bar high and holding us to an equally high standard,” she said.

— Will Tomasian
Sailing to second place

A LATE RALLY ON THE FINAL DAY of competition landed the women’s sailing team in second place in the Sperry Top-Sider/ICSA National Championship at Cascade Locks, Ore., in May. Strong performances by Atlantic Brugman ’13, Elizabeth Wilsterman ’12 and Lucy Wallace ’13 in the A division and Maggie Shea ’11 and Steph Kapinos ’13 in the B division secured the Camels’ second-place finish, out of 18 teams. “Our philosophy was to keep calm and sail on,” Shea said. “It was a really strong effort.”

CAMELS SPRING SPORTS ROUNDPUP

70 CAMELS named to NESCAC All-Academic Team

LACROSSE ALL-NESCAC HONORS

Men: Clay Hillyer ’12 — first team
Mark Mangano ’11, Chuck Czerkawski ’12 — second team

Women: Katelyn Driscoll ’12 — second team

Dynamic duo

WOMEN’S WATER POLO placed sixth at the Division III Championship. Emily Hunter ’12 (43 goals) and Kristin Lampley ’13 (59) made a formidable offensive duo for the Camels to build on in the future. Both were named to the Division III All-Tournament second team; Hunter also made All-Conference.

Buoyant season

THE CAMELS ROWED to victory at the New England Rowing Championship in April. The women’s varsity four posted the second-fastest time in championship history (7:36) to bring home the gold; the women’s team also won one other gold medal and a bronze. The men won gold in the novice four regatta.

Bouncing back

WOMEN’S TENNIS won four of their last five matches to finish 3-5 in league play, their best in recent years. Cassie Smith ’13 and Jen Herbert ’13 continued to improve as key cogs in the starting lineup. Becca Heupel ’11 and Caroline Barone ’11 closed out their careers with wins in their final match against Hamilton.

Led by Craig Stanton ’11 and Trevor Prophet ’11 (left), the men finished 12-10. Jeff Weisberger ’12 had a huge spring at No. 2 singles, and George King ’13 is developing into one of the top talents in the conference at No. 3.

MIKE LEDUC ’14 CAPPED OFF A MEMORABLE ROOKIE SEASON WITH A SIXTH-PLACE FINISH IN THE 3,000-METER STEEPLECHASE AT THE NCAA DIVISION III OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP IN MAY. THE CANTON, CONN., FRESHMAN MADE THE ALL-NESCAC MEN’S TRACK & FIELD TEAM AND GARNERED ALL-NEW ENGLAND DIVISION III HONORS EARLIER THIS SEASON. LAST FALL, HE WAS NAMED THE NESCAC MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY ROOKIE OF THE YEAR.
Connections was the theme of the College's 93rd Commencement — connections to history, to each other, and, as keynote speaker Cynthia Enloe '60 pointed out, to the world at large.

Enloe, research professor of International Development, Community and Environment at Clark University, told the 452 members of the Centennial Class that connections come with responsibility.

"There've always been connections between labor and education, between gender and class," she said, "but actually thinking about the connections ... should make us uneasy, because it brings a sense of responsibility."

Enloe drew connections between the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire and the founding of Connecticut College in the same year. The pioneering women and men who chartered the College just two weeks after the fire would be thinking about their shirtwaists and fashionable clothing and wondering who made them and at what cost, Enloe said. She urged the graduates to look at their own clothing labels and think about their connections to garment workers all over the world.

"May you thrive," she told the graduates. "... But may you thrive in a way that enhances the justice and the safety and the dignity of every person who has made the clothes that you are wearing today."

Earlier in the ceremony, President Leo I. Higdon, Jr., presented Enloe with an honorary doctorate of humane letters. During his remarks, Higdon said the Centennial Class will always have a special connection to the College's history.

"You have the unique experience of graduating when the College is celebrating its 100th anniversary," Higdon said. "Every commencement is an opportunity to look back and to look ahead. Your commencement is special because the whole college is looking with you."

Class speaker Charles Lincoln Wesley '11 of Spokane, Wash., spoke about how the College prepared him and his classmates to meet the challenges of a quickly changing world.

"We will all have to adapt to new ways of life, new social norms, new technologies, shifts in the global power balance and perhaps significant changes in our earth's environment," he said. "The Class of 2011 — the Centennial Class — is ready to not only accept whatever change comes our way, but to manage that change, influence it and turn it into a positive experience, just like we have been doing for the past four years of our lives."

"Be ambitious," Wesley advised his classmates. "Don't shy away from the future. ... Never forget that it belongs to us."
Story by Amy Martin | Photos by Jon Crispin

GRAND TRADITIONS

HONORS & AWARDS

Connecticut College Medal
Sylvia Pasternack Marx '57
John Niblack P'98

Honorary Degree
Cynthia Enloe ‘60

Oakes and Louise Ames Prize
Erin Margaret Wilson '11

Anna Lord Strauss Medal
Celia C. Whitehead '11

Davis Projects for Peace Grant
Brigid Dewitt O’Gorman '11

Fulbright Grant for Teaching
Matea Ilic '11
Michael Scharf '11
Kristen Lee Tamburro '11

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship
Christopher Nicholas Krupenye '11
Kelsey Patricia Taylor '11

National Science Foundation
Graduate Research Fellowship
Christopher Nicholas Krupenye '11
2011 BY THE NUMBERS

Graduates
452 Bachelor of Arts degrees
3 Master of Arts degrees

Students with multiple majors
131 double majors
1 triple major

Latin honors
51 Summa cum laude
74 Magna cum laude
92 Cum laude

Departmental honors
13 honors study in the major
41 honors study and distinction in the major
166 distinction in the major field

Certificates earned
Ammerman Center for Arts & Technology: 3
Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment: 11
Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy: 18
Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts: 30
Museum Studies: 4
Connecticut Teacher Certification Program: 11

30 states represented
21 international graduates, from 15 countries
248 students studied abroad
323 participated in community learning and service
98% gave to the College through the senior giving program (a new record)

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PEACE CORPS
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE:
A SHARED HISTORY OF GLOBAL SERVICE
BY ELIZABETH HAMILTON

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER LORI SCHIPPERS '08 SERVED IN NAMIBIA FROM 2008 TO AS A SCHOOLTEACHER. SHE RETURNED TO CAMPUS LAST WINTER WITH JONATHAN MCLEAN '08 (KENYA, 2006-10) TO TALK ABOUT THEIR PEACE CORPS EXPERIENCE WITH CURRENT STUDENTS. READ MORE AT HTTP://CCONLINE.CONNCOLEU.
SINCE THE FOUNDING of the Peace Corps 50 years ago, more than 200 Connecticut College alumni have served in its ranks. Both the College and the Peace Corps have changed considerably over the course of a half century, but what haven't changed are the core values shared by both organizations.

These values — service to others, global citizenship and the pursuit of personal growth — have helped make Connecticut College one of the Peace Corps' top volunteer-producing schools in the country, ranked at No. 13 among small colleges and universities.

Eighteen Connecticut College alumni are currently serving in the Peace Corps, bringing the total to 211 since 1961, according to Vinnie Wickes, northeast regional manager for the Corps. Wickes credits the College's top-down support for the program, starting with President Leo I. Higdon Jr., himself a former volunteer. Peace Corps recruiters appreciate the support provided by the College's career counselors and the "progressive, intelligent and enthusiastic student body," Wickes says.

Although each one has a unique background and motivation, volunteers from Connecticut College tend to share some common traits. In interviews about their Peace Corps experience, they often cite curiosity about the world around them, a love of travel and a desire to help others. Most also say that their time at the College — whether they graduated last year or 40 years ago — honed their instincts for service and learning in a direct, hands-on way.

More recent graduates, particularly, have been influenced by the many opportunities for studying abroad and the College's emphasis on public service. "Conn is such a huge feeder for the Peace Corps that it was almost expected that you would do something like that, because Conn really fostered a love for being interested in all things international," says Mariko Wilcox '99, who volunteered in Ghana from 1999-2001.

"I guess you could say Conn encouraged me to be a world citizen."

Wilcox participated in the College's first Study Away Teach Away program in Vietnam and took advantage of other opportunities. Now head of the reference section of the Jefferson County Public Library in Colorado, she has visited at least 15 countries since leaving the Corps — a lust for travel she attributes to her time in Africa.

For older graduates, especially those who attended the College before the 1969 transition to coeducation, the impetus more often came from outside the College. President John F. Kennedy's call to public service inspired many, as did the civil rights movement.

"I'd been very active in the civil rights movement. I was down South a lot in the 1960s and I think that's what made me want to go to Africa," says Karin Kunstler Goldman '65, who served in Senegal from 1966-68 with her husband, Neal Goldman.

Goldman, a daughter of the civil rights lawyer William Kunstler, is a section chief in the charities division of the New York State Attorney General's office.
Deborah Nichols Losse ’66 was in high school when Kennedy took office. Like so many other young people, she responded to his idea of the Peace Corps and his challenge to serve their country. She and her husband, John Losse, got married on a Tuesday and joined the Peace Corps the following Saturday; they taught together at an all-male secondary school in Katsina, Nigeria.

Losse, who recently retired as dean of humanities in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Arizona State University, remembers the “spirit of activism that was bubbling up at Conn and elsewhere.”

“It was just in the air,” she says.

For Phoebe Goodwin ’94, who served in Gambia from 1994-96, the decision to join the Peace Corps stemmed in part from a desire to better understand herself.

“I wanted to know what part of my values were really my true values regardless of what culture I was in, and what would change when I was in a different culture,” says Goodwin, who now teaches high school math and chemistry in Arizona. “I discovered that a lot of the values I have are really core values that don’t change.”

Jonathan McLean ’08, who recently returned from a two-year stint in Kenya and is now a software consultant in Singapore, says opportunities at Connecticut College, such as spending part of his junior year studying in Australia, led him to the Peace Corps.

“I really attribute a lot of my personal growth to my years at Conn,” McLean says. “There were so many opportunities to become a bigger person and extend your thoughts beyond your own personal sphere.”

McLean joined the Corps at the same time as his friend Adrian Stover ’08, a French and music major who taught English for two years in the Angkor Chum district of Cambodia. Stover graduated with a certificate from the Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts. He spent his CISLA summer internship in Morocco, working for a music festival.

Before applying for the Peace
Corps, Stover consulted a number of people, including Higdon, who volunteered for the Peace Corps with his wife, Ann, in a remote village in Malawi in the late 1960s. Today, Stover works in Washington, D.C., for the Asia Society and has been accepted into a master's program at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

"For a long time, Conn has had a strong study-abroad program and an international focus," Stover says. "Even before I did CISLA, I used to eat in the international dining hall, hang out at the Turkish table, and practice my French at the French table. It was great."

Mary Devins, associate director of CISLA, says students in the certificate program are a "natural fit" for the Peace Corps. "(The Peace Corps) is not just a journey of observing," Devins says. "In most cases it really is tied into giving back, looking at developing countries and populations less fortunate than they are. And it always changes their lives, no matter where they go."

For Alissa Wantman '07, now volunteering in a remote village in western Ethiopia, the Peace Corps was a logical next step after spending a semester in Vietnam with other Connecticut College students and faculty.

"I wanted to challenge myself," Wantman says. "I had studied abroad, but living with a host family for three months, being immersed in a completely different culture and language, and then navigating a rural town by yourself as the only white person for two years is a completely different experience. I've grown a lot, having to fend for myself and figure everything out on my own."

Ethan Budiansky '99, a zoology major, tells a similar story. He studied abroad his junior year in a Kenyan wildlife management program.

"That experience really opened my eyes," says Budiansky, who served as an agroforestry volunteer in Senegal from 2002-04. "There's no sense trying to protect the habitat of the cheetah unless you deal with the human aspect of the problem. Through that, you protect the environment."

International experiences also led Seth Stulen '07 and Katlyn Morris '02 to the Peace Corps.
THE PEACE CORPS IS NOT JUST A JOURNEY OF OBSERVING. **...IT ALWAYS CHANGES THEIR LIVES, NO MATTER WHERE THEY GO.** — MARY DEVINS, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CISLA

Corps. Stulen, an international relations major, studied in Spain his junior year. With funding from the College's Career Enhancing Life Skills (CELS) program, he interned for six weeks in an indigenous community in the Andes. Today, he is spending his third year in Panama as regional coordinator for the Peace Corps.

Morris, who served in Guatemala from 2003-05, majored in environmental studies and Hispanic studies and also studied in Spain. She credits Associate Professor of Ethnobotany Manuel Lizarralde with sparking her fascination with Latin America; she is now at the University of Vermont, earning a Ph.D. in agricology and rural livelihoods in Central America.

“Professor Lizarralde was a big influence,” Morris says. “I also went to some motivational interviews with some alumni through career services (CELS) my senior year. A bunch of them said I should try the Peace Corps, and it just reminded me that was a dream I'd had.”

None of these accounts surprises the CELS career counselors, who have helped some of the College's best and brightest undertake the lengthy Peace Corps application process.

“This college leans toward service learning,” says Lori Balantic, an associate director of CELS. “Students who come here typically want to study abroad and do internships. They have that sense of challenge and adventure.”
MAKING WAVES

Jay Lauf ’86

CHARTS A NEW COURSE FOR THE ATLANTIC

BY WHIT RICHARDSON ’02
When he graduated from Connecticut College in 1986, Jay Lauf dreamed of becoming a writer at a news magazine like Time, which he respected for its role in the national conversation. But, after a year trying to make it as a journalist in Washington, D.C., Lauf moved home to Connecticut. There he had a job interview that would lead him to a corner office above Manhattan's Madison Avenue and straight to the heart of that national conversation.

Tall and slim, Lauf looks younger than his 46 years, but deep lines under his eyes hint at the 60- to 70-hour weeks he regularly puts in as publisher and vice president of The Atlantic. Founded in 1857 by Ralph Waldo Emerson and a cadre of contemporary New England intellectuals, the magazine is regaining its position in the intellectual forum.

On the cover of The Atlantic's April 2011 issue, a raised fist grips an iPhone, symbolizing technology's role in revolutions in the Middle East and elsewhere. It could also symbolize what brought Lauf to where he is today: the power of connections. Back in 1987, Lauf interviewed at Sumner Communications, which publishes trade magazines, for what he thought was a writing job, but the company's owner offered him a job in ad sales instead.

"I took the job on the spot," Lauf recalls. "I thought, I'll soil my hands with this dirty ad sales business for six months to get back on my feet, and then I'll go back to my writing." Twenty-two years later, I never went back. "I felt fortunate every day that he worked for me," owner Scott Sumner says. "He is — to this day — the hardest-working guy I ever had here at Sumner Communications, and the most dedicated, and as honest as anyone else I've ever come across."

Lauf himself has no regrets about his choice. "I'm an English and history major, and I'm working now for a magazine that's the first place Ernest Hemingway was ever published. Nathaniel Hawthorne, Mark Twain, Nabokov have all written for this magazine. That's a pretty linear path," he says.

Despite its storied history, by April 2008, when Lauf became publisher, The Atlantic had fallen on hard times. The magazine was losing at least $5 million a year. Its website was stagnant. It wasn't evolving with the changing media landscape.

Lauf already knew how to resuscitate a magazine. He'd come to The Atlantic from Wired, where he was hired as advertising director in 2001, right after the dot-com bubble burst. Drew Schutte, Wired's publisher at the time, said Lauf was a good fit. "Wired is a magazine about ideas," says Schutte, now chief revenue officer at Condé Nast. "(Lauf) is very curious, and that curiosity gives him a genuine interest in new ideas."

As Lauf moved up Wired's ladder — he became publisher in 2006 — the magazine bounced back from an abyss that had already swallowed many other technology publications. He rallied a team around the brand and found himself with "the coolest job in publishing."

As a publishing executive, Lauf often relies on the analytical and critical thinking skills he acquired in college. "I have to be able to take what is often an arcane subject matter and articulate that to an advertising audience," he says. "...That's a bit of skill set and muscle memory that I probably flex every day."

Those skills were a moveable feast, of course, and he brought them along to The Atlantic. He led the publication into the 21st century by emphasizing a "digital first" strategy for news and integrating his sales team to handle print and digital advertising, something not yet typical in the industry.

Last year, The Atlantic turned a profit for the first time in decades. Ninety percent of the content on theatlantic.com is original to the site. Its "unique visitors" grew from 500,000 in the month of January 2007 to 5.1 million in January 2011, while digital ad revenue doubled.

The magazine's turnaround has not been lost on industry insiders. Advertising Age magazine named Lauf — along with Justin Smith, president of Atlantic Media Co. — Publishing Executives of the Year in 2010.

Lauf still works long hours but balances his family life — he has a wife and two children — with the demands of his job by being "very, very protective of weekends," he says. "Because, in the end, my family is more important to me than any job would be."

But Lauf says he's not going anywhere anytime soon: "There are still challenges ahead for The Atlantic that I think will be interesting and intriguing for some time to come."
TEACHING

OUTSIDE THE BOX
"MY TEACHING AT THE COLLEGE

has been like a giant collage/assemblage with multiple, changing parts — newly enrolling students, evolving curriculum, and varied lectures and activities, all of which have informed my art and life," observes Professor Maureen McCabe, who retired this spring. "In fact, if you change the 'e' to an 'a' in college, you have collage!"

"Swan Song," an exhibit in Cummings Arts Center this winter, featured a retrospective of McCabe's work from each of the four decades she taught at Connecticut College. Now the Joanne Toor Cummings '50 Professor Emeritus of Art, McCabe creates her works from disparate materials — including drawn images, toys, prints, coins, tokens, cards and countless found objects — that are woven into complex narratives of ancient mythology, Celtic history and popular American culture. McCabe personally selected a few of these works for this CC: Magazine feature, choosing some of her favorites from each decade.

There are other important "works" in McCabe's portfolio, however, that cannot be hung on a wall or exhibited. While creating her own art she has helped to determine the direction her students have taken, as artists and in many other fields. The tributes from her former students, and a selection of their work, formed a major component of the professor's final exhibit on campus. The shared memories from more than 40 alumni and students proved without a doubt that there will never be a "swan song" for the free-spirited McCabe or those she inspires.

MAUREEN MCCAIBE
SINGS HER SWAN SONG

ABOVE: "TOPAZ WOMAN," 1986, RIGHT: "TOPAZ WOMAN" (DETAIL)
ALUMNI REMEMBER PROFESSOR MCCABE

HER DAZZLING PERSONALITY and ageless joie de vivre made it impossible to avoid being drawn into her lessons. Her classes were like another world. She noticed meanings and connections in art that others so often missed. To this day I don’t know how she manages to give some critiques with a straight face, especially during life drawing when she would circle around the room making side-splitting comments like “Eric, have you ever drawn a breast before? You’ve gotta give it some weight!” I remember going to New York City to see a show and Suki Baynton and I were walking arm in arm on the way to the gallery when suddenly a cheeky bird swooped in and dropped a deuce on both of us. Much to our surprise, Professor McCabe was thrilled and exclaimed with fervor, “Girls, this will bring yeears of good luck!” Such was the nature of this feisty woman. — Andrea Packard ’07

PROFESSOR MAUREEN MCCABE became my art mom. She was my evidence I didn’t have to “grow out of it.” With her encouragement, I decided to grow into it. McCabe showed me the way and suddenly, everything that I was, collected, lived, made sense. She glued together the elements of Jenn Collins the way she taught me how to use the appropriate adhesives, calculating archival appropriateness. In her I saw a reflection, and she supported my growth creatively. I was given the gift of self-confidence and validation that only an amazing teacher and incredible artist can give to her student. — Jenn Collins ’98

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PROFESSOR MAUREEN MCCABE, who joined the faculty in 1971, earned her B.F.A. from the Rhode Island School of Design and her M.F.A. from Cranbrook Academy of Art. She has an extensive record of museum and gallery exhibitions in the Americas and Europe. Hollis Taggart Galleries in New York represents her work and featured her in a major 2009 exhibition and publication, “The Image in the Box: From Cornell to Contemporary.” She has received many grants and awards including from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation. For excellence in teaching, Connecticut College gave her the 1997-98 John S. King Memorial Teaching Award.
WALLS ARE COMING DOWN, old mechanical systems are coming out and the steel beams for the soaring new addition will soon be on their way.

Construction of the Science Center at New London Hall moved into high gear after a groundbreaking on May 21, the day before Commencement.

Science faculty, alumni and parent leaders, and College officials donned hardhats and grabbed shovels to begin the work with some energetic — if ceremonial — shoveling outside the building’s east entrance.

The state-of-the-art labs and classrooms in the new center are important to the academic program for all students and will help the College continue to attract the best students and faculty, said President Leo I. Higdon, Jr.

The project is also important to the College as a community, he added. New London Hall was built in 1914-15 to be the new college’s science building, but for many years it provided the only academic space.

“New London Hall connects us to our past more tangibly than any other place on campus. This is where our first students met their professors for classes, where they practiced music, where clubs gathered, where convocations were held,” Higdon said.

Now, he said, “New London Hall doesn’t just embody our history. It embodies our future.”

The $20 million-plus project will transform the building into a center for the life sciences — biology and botany — and computer science. A 4,600-square-foot addition will expand the amount of space for research and teaching by 28 percent. The center will anchor a “Science Triangle” with the nearby E.W. Olin Science Center and Hale Laboratory, which house most of the College’s other science programs.

The work is funded through the Campaign for Connecticut College with a grant from the Sherman Fairchild Foundation and by leadership support from several alumni and parents (see sidebar, next page).

Dean of the Faculty Roger Brooks recalled the early planning phases for the building. A visiting team from a foundation had just toured New London Hall.

“They commented to me during their exit interview..."
that the science being pursued by our faculty and their students was incredible, absolutely first-rate,” Brooks said, pausing briefly, “despite the condition of the facilities.

“One of them said to me, ‘Imagine what your faculty and students will do when you build this.’ ” Brooks smiled broadly. “Well, we’re building it now.”

The Science Center is scheduled to open in September 2012. While the building is off-line in 2011-12, classes and labs that would have been in New London Hall will instead be held in the Arboretum building that once housed the Science Center of Eastern Connecticut.

Ground breakers

THE $20 MILLION-PLUS PROJECT to transform New London Hall into a state-of-the-art center for the life sciences and computer science is funded through the Campaign for Connecticut College with a grant from the Sherman Fairchild Foundation and by leadership support from these alumni and parents:

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The fiscal year closes June 30, and the Annual Fund is poised to raise a record $5 million. “If all the people who gave last year renewed their gift, we would beat 50 percent participation,” Sargent says. “It would be such a great accomplishment in the Centennial year, but most importantly it would make a great impact for today’s students.”

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Helen Fricke Mathieson ’52

Major: Economics

Helen Fricke Mathieson ’52 is an avid environmentalist and a longstanding supporter of the College’s science and environmental programs. In 2007 she was awarded the College Medal in recognition of her commitment to the College. She is an emeritus trustee.

Tell us about your life today.
I’m one of the luckiest people I know. I play golf with birds and alligators during the winter in Florida and in summers I enjoy long walks with Moses, my golden retriever, near our house in New Hampshire. I have three children and nine grandchildren.

Why did you choose Connecticut College?
I really liked the College; it was my favorite. I loved the size of the school and it had the classes that I was interested in. It just felt more like home to me.

What drew you to study economics?
I actually started out studying home economics. I wanted to own an inn in New Hampshire. Midway through school, I switched my major to economics, which included classes in retail. I was able to intern at G. Fox during my sophomore and junior year.

What did you like most about Connecticut College?
I loved the accessibility of the staff and the faculty. The feeling of family was very strong on campus and I always felt like I was an integral part of everything that was happening.

Do you have a favorite memory from your time on campus?
I vividly remember all the time I spent in New London Hall. My freshman year I took nutrition and health in that building. My connection to that part of the campus is one of the reasons why I decided to support the Science Center renovation. I know what it once was, and I have a unique perspective to see all that it can be.

How do you feel about the plans for transforming New London Hall?
Delighted! Thrilled to pieces!

Why do you feel it’s important to give back to the College?
I give back to the College because it makes me feel good. My father taught us about social responsibility. Giving back is one of the most rewarding things I’ve been able to accomplish in my life. I think others would benefit from the feeling of well being you gain from supporting such a wonderful institution.
A QUIET HERO: CARL KIMMONS ’73

Now 91 years old, this former history teacher made history himself as one of the first African-American naval officers and a WWII hero.
only billet open to him as a black recruit was that of mess attendant-officer cook and steward, a position in which black men (and some Filipinos) served as waiters, butlers and cooks for white officers.

After the Pearl Harbor attack, following an open request, he was able to volunteer for submarine duty and was trained in all the operations of a diesel sub. He made seven war patrols, experiencing multiple depth charges and attacks by the Japanese Navy. His boat, the USS Parche, conducted a nighttime surface attack on a Japanese convoy. The battle is famous in Navy lore, earning Cmdr. Lawson Ramage the Medal of Honor and his crew members — including Kimmons — the Presidential Unit Citation for bravery.

After the war, Kimmons was able to change his rate and become a yeoman. Ultimately he was promoted through every enlisted pay grade and finally became a commissioned officer — one of the very first black officers in the submarine service. But his battle with discrimination did not stop. Some white sailors would cross the street rather than have to salute a black officer. Today, when he is on the base, he notes that it’s not uncommon to see African-Americans who are officers, captains — even an occasional admiral. “We’ve come a long way,” he says.

Kimmons all the way through May 1973, when he graduated magna cum laude with a degree in history. He went on to earn his master’s in history from the University of Connecticut and his sixth-year certificate from Southern Connecticut State University. He taught at Waterford Junior and Senior High Schools for 22 years.

“I was a tough teacher too, I guess because of my military background,” he says with a smile. “In study halls I told them ‘Either study or fake it!’ But many of my old students thank me now and say I really taught them how to study.”

The veteran continues to serve his community by volunteering at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, the AARP and the Retired Activities Office on the Submarine Base in Groton. In 1987 the Booker T. Washington Community Center of Hamilton, Ohio, awarded him the Hall of Fame Award.

For three decades Kimmons and his wife of 68 years, Thelma Jean, would vacation in Hawaii, where they had honeymooned. On one of their trips they decided to visit the World War II museum at Pearl Harbor, where, to his surprise, he discovered that he was one of the sailors depicted in an exhibit. It was fitting proof that the war hero was now a part of history. — Charles Levandoski ’73

When Charles Levandoski ’73 enrolled as a first-year student at Connecticut College he was a recent veteran of the Vietnam era and 10 years older than a typical first-year student. Associate Director of Admission Jane Bredeson helped open doors for him and prepare him for the challenges ahead.

He found a good friend in classmate Carl Kimmons ’73. “Being veterans brought us together,” says Levandoski, who served as a submariner. At a time when anti-war sentiments ran high on college campuses, the two sometimes found themselves under ideological attack from other students, but they took it in stride as part of the learning experience.

Unlike Kimmons, who found his calling in the study of history, Levandoski was always changing majors as his interests shifted. He finally settled on the newly created major of human ecology, one of the first environmental studies programs in the country.

One day Kimmons, a private pilot who owned his own plane for 20 years, invited the younger man to come out to an airfield in Waterford, Conn. “I took him flying, and that was it,” says Kimmons. Levandoski took to the skies himself and has flown for nearly four decades, serving as a flight instructor in Groton and Westerly, R.I.

At a recent meeting in Kimmons’ apartment in a retirement community in Waterford, the two men joke about the years of eating powdered eggs and the much-despised concoction most servicemen refer to simply by the acronym SOS. They laugh thinking about how they banded together to wash cars to raise a little cash when they attended Connecticut College. But most of all they enjoy each other’s company, knowing they share a common bond. — Lisa Brownell.
1935
Correspondent: Sabrina (Sobby) Burr Saunders, 33 Mill St., Unit 4E, Wethersfield, CT 06109

In her fascinating and moving reminiscences of a long and active life, we are treated to a cultural and political history of the 20th century. Call me for info on obtaining the book.

Dorothy Rowand Rapp lived in Washington, DC, for many years but moved to Charlottesville, VA, to be near her daughter. She has a view of mountains and woods from her apartment. She still drives locally and in good weather enjoys playing tennis and gardening. She wrote and published a book called "Don't Say I Can't," about a friend who conquered many obstacles.

1938
Correspondent: Mary Caroline (M.C.) Jenkins, 855 Central Ave., Apt. 404, Needham, MA 02492

Martha Young Youngquist still lives alone in Dallas but has a daughter nearby. One son lives in MD and another in Midland, MI. She spends her summers near Lake Superior.

1940
Correspondent: Frances Sears Baratz, 87 Plant St., New London, CT 06320, f.baratz@sbcglobal.net

Betty Viis Hedblom has lived in the same apartment for many years, with children nearby. It overlooks Lake Michigan. She keeps busy with church and book clubs. The 2/11 blizzard kept her up 'til 3 a.m. watching the traffic problems on Lake Shore Drive.

1941
Correspondent: Ethel Mae Wills, PO. Box 443, Northwood, NH 03607, e-wills@sbcglobal.net

Claire Haines Fairley moved from Pittsburgh to AL after her marriage and, at 93, is living in the house she and her husband bought 30 years ago. She has no children, but good help, nephews and nieces check in on her.

Theresa Lynn Siegel is just fine and denies that she could possibly be 90. She sounded great and had good memories of her college days. She has a son and daughter, who live close by, and three grandchildren.

Lynn Lesniak Needle ‘81, founder and artistic director of Art of Motion, a performing arts center in Ridgewood, NJ, and Kent Lindemer, former principal at Pilobolus Dance Theater, with dance students in the College’s Martha Myers Studio, where they recently taught master classes honoring the Nikolaus Centennial and Pilobolus.
"The great part of volunteering for a place like Connecticut College is that there's something for everyone."

Volunteer spotlight

Stuart Sadick '77

When Stuart Sadick '77 stepped on campus for the first time during his junior year of high school, he felt immediately at home. He knew this was where he wanted to go to college.

"I was very fortunate, because what I found — in the quality of education, in the extraordinarily talented faculty, and the feeling of community among the students — later proved that I had made the right choice," he says.

As an alumnus, Sadick has volunteered as a class agent chair, a member of his Reunion Planning Committee and a director of the Alumni Association Board. Sadick, a partner at Heidrick & Struggles, a global leadership consulting firm, also spoke to fellow Connecticut College graduates at a recent Distinguished Alumni Speakers Luncheon in Boston.

It all started when he was an undergraduate and volunteered to lead prospective students and parents on campus tours.

"I felt it was the least I could do, to return the favor for the positive experience I’d had when touring the school," he says. "This inspired me to continue to find ways that I might support Connecticut College as a volunteer."

Sadick says one of the most important things he learned at Connecticut College is that "learning occurs when we least expect it." It's a lesson that directly translates into his volunteer work (in addition to his work at the College, Sadick has been a Big Brother, the president of a domestic violence organization and past president of a child advocacy group in Boston).

"I firmly believe in volunteering," Sadick says. "I have learned more about myself and leadership from my volunteer roles than I have from most jobs."

Sadick encourages others to get involved as well. "There are so many benefits to volunteering; I can't recommend it highly enough. It's a great way to stay connected to the College, it's a great way to give back and it's also a tremendous learning experience."

"And the great part of volunteering for a place like Connecticut College is that there's something for everyone."

When asked why he includes the College in his efforts, Sadick talks proudly of the place he once called home. "Our ability to give back gives each of us an opportunity to be even prouder of the institution," he says. "The efforts of the entire Connecticut College community — students, faculty, administration and alumni — are what make the College a better school each year." — Melissa Bennett
had some medical problems and is having speech therapy, but we managed to have a chat; I hope to get back to her in the future.

Priscilla Duxbury Wescott-Huber celebrated her 92nd Halloween birthday. She and Joe winter in CA and return to MA in May.

Edythe Van Rees Conlon admits to being our class president, but when I talked to her, she said she doesn’t know what she is supposed to be doing. Which makes two of us.

Cathy was sad to hear of the death of Jane Newman, who passed away peacefully 11/23. Jane lived with Cathy’s family for a time, and Cathy was an attendant at Jane’s wedding. Nan Newman Sanfilippo ’77, Jane’s daughter, sent the news of her death. Please turn to page 68 for a obituary. The Class of ‘41 sends sympathy to Jane’s friends and family.

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Good news from Jeannine Jacques Kleinleuschmidt: she and Roger have moved into larger quarters in a different retirement community, with Roger again in a dementia unit. Jeannine is busy with P.E.O., Colonial Dames, and D.A.R. chapters.

Mary Adelaide Cox Walker still lives in Needham, MA, and reports the arrival of a new great-granddaughter.

Ellie Abrahams Josephson was recently hospitalized, but fortunately for just a brief stay. She’s counting on another Reunion in ’14!

Mary-Jean Moran Hart spent Thanksgiving at Kono Village in HI, bringing her family along.

Barbara Barlow Schaefer spent the winter in Ft. Myers, FL.

Edith Miller Kerrigan had a rough summer last year, recovering from a fall and pneumonia, resulting from “a tainted juice drink,” courtesy of the airlines. She spent the winter in Naples, FL.

Alice Carey Weller and George continue “getting to know CA” from their base at St. Paul’s Tower in Oakland, where George organizes the Saturday night movies.

Bridge Bridgwater Hewes and Bill had a perfect week in Sept. in HI at Hanaelei, Kauai. They had been there 47 years ago, and the beaches and waterfalls are still amazing. They plan to return next year with the family.

We have lost three more classmates and send sympathy to their families: Barbara Jones Allen died on 10/14. She was a teacher for 20 years and also a community volunteer in many organizations.

Frederica Giles Reilly’s son sent notice of Frederica’s death on 7/24, and Trudy Weinstock Shoch’s son wrote that his mother died early this year.

1945

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Greetings, classmates. I write at the end of Jan., and many of you northerners really experienced a cold and snowy winter. We in FL are not jealous!

Mary Watkins Wulfert wrote to me, and I have to commend her for being the very first ‘45 classmate to tell us she is on Facebook! She said she had to get a new e-mail address, all her other, in order to get on Facebook. She has fun keeping us up with the latest and greatest about to travel to Tucson for another winter, which gets to be more difficult every year. “One of these years, we’ll have to face the snow in CO,” which is their real home since they retired there several years ago. In Aug., Mary had revision hip surgery of a replacement done 17 years ago, which improved postoperative edema and the need for compression stockings. Mary’s advice: avoid them if at all possible! Thankfully, Mary and Henry were not involved in the dreadful shooting that occurred in Tucson, and they appreciated how the community pulled together. They did not get to FL this winter, but their son in FL visits CO for family gatherings over the summer.

Marcie (Jo) Faust McNees sent a wonderful Christmas letter telling us of her three trips to CO in ’09. First, she attended her granddaughter’s graduation in May; then she described her joys at our 55th Reunion (and even included a red nose photo); finally she attended Parents/Alumni Weekend and especially enjoyed the fall foliage. She also drove with family to their camp north of Kingston, Ontario, in July, and flew to TX to greet the New Year!

Joyce Stoddard Aronson told of her “quiet year” during which she stayed healthy. All her children and grandkids are doing fine. Joyce enjoys many activities, is doing well, counts her blessings, and only regrets being unable to get to Reunion.

Barbara Avery Jubell experienced many changes this past year, starting with serious surgery requiring lots of follow-up care and therapy. She was able to go to FL to be near her daughter and family while getting the help she needed. She smocked so nicely that she was able to move into her own apartment up there. She continued to improve and recovered enough to go home during the summer to close up her Chagrin Falls condo and make the Vernon Hills, IL, apartment her permanent home! She really enjoys her new location, activities, friends, and having her daughter and grandchildren and their friends as part of her new life.

Elizabeth (Trimm) Trumble Crossman had a good family Christmas in La Canada, near Los Angeles, including wonderful weather as her daughter and she drove down and back. This is to be a fabulous travel year for her family members (India, Belize, London, Africa, and her son Peter on location to film with Denzel Washington). Trim looks forward to traveling to her winter camp in ME. While there, Kate Swift, Trim and I get together if we are fortunate enough to be there at the same time. (Last year we shared lobster on the weigh in Five Islands.)

Lois (Tom) Fenton Tuttle and I have good intentions. We plan to get to Virginia (Ginny) Bowman Corkran and Elsie (Scottie) MacMillan Connell together for lunch. We plan to meet halfway between, so the drive isn’t long for any of us.

In the last column, I presented a REAL CHALLENGE: Write about either what makes your life today so special or how your life has changed in 87 years. I hope that you have started writing a memoir to share with your classmates. Your family will enjoy your efforts too.

MarieneWild Smith was the first to contribute about how her life has changed. She gave a detailed account of her activities in a very lively continuing-care facility in Chapel Hill, NC. Her time is filled with golf, swimming, lectures, fine dining at home or out on the town, and time spent with other CC alums living in her facility and with family in nearby Cary, NC. Due to space constraints, we can’t print Mariene’s whole letter here, but please contact the Alumni Office at 860-439-2300 if you would like to read it. Thank you, Mariene!

In closing, please do address the ideas suggested above or whatever you wish to share with your classmates! Please e-mail or snail-mail your contribution.

1946

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1947

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Lois ‘26 married Lynne Propek 7/10/10 in Edgartown, MA. From left: Kristin Grafton ’01, Shyla Grafton, Chuck Halsey ’00, Day Halsey, Karen Kiriny Roses ’00, Dan Saccardi ’00, Peter Fisher ’00, Claudia Goodrich Bender ’00, Amanda Bowles ’00, the bride, Matt Melter ’00, the groom, Tom Richardson ’00, Alexis Hiebchuk, Amy Lynch ’01, Josh Bender and Jon Roses ’00.
Our class shared senior year with the arrival of Robert E. Lee Strider. He was a young, eager instructor working on his doctorate. He hired me to grade papers for the head of the English department, Dorothy Bethurum, and was paid the princely sum of $1,800 per year, less than the janitor. It was a long time before Spunik, and thus did the U.S. regard its teachers.

We girls loved Bob and his wife, Helen, and vowed for babysitting honors for their little kids. He was a decade older than us and quite willing to pause in a hallway for a conversation that was more the sharing of friends than student and professor. He was a bridge between us English majors and our faculty. We had enormous respect for those formidable ladies, Oakes, Noyes and Tuve, but Bob willingly translated their dictums from on high, which soothed our anxious souls.

When Lee Pope Miller and I wrote our operetta, it was, of course, created for girls, but we needed one man. Bob hesitated when we approached him but laughed and consented. He was really our anchor through rehearsal period. The operetta was set in Victorian times, and a serious conversation ensued about whether the hero should kiss the girl at the end. Our student director was firmly in favor of a chaste peck on the forehead. Some of us viewed the matter differently. Bob settled it on opening night, giving the heroine a fervent embrace. The audience of students, faculty and parents went mad with enthusiasm.

When our class celebrated its 50th Reunion, Bob returned as our guest of honor, and at the 55th, I asked him to be part of the entertainment and sing his operetta song again. He deprecated his abilities, but we had a convivial rehearsal and enjoyed old memories. He received a standing ovation.

Dear Bob, we are sorry you have left us at 93, and we bless your memory for your willing gifts to us.

Pat Dole's grandson, Patrick, will graduate in June from high school, and he shared with her that he and his friends are very concerned about their futures. He is interested in art and photography, and probably many would counsel him that his interests are not dependable. However, it has been the experience of the Roos family that those who don't follow the predictable "safe" path (and also have a little luck) have a better chance than most. If you have a talent and love what you do, you're not so easily downsized or outsourced, because your gift is unique. Excelsior, Patrick!

Jean Ritti Miller, as in previous years, went to her daughter in AZ for the winter. She needs a walker and may stay in warmer climes.

Helen Crumrine Ferguson celebrated a better New Year's Day in '11 than in '10, when she fell on the ice. She had a painful, debilitating litibrium, but thanks to rehab, family and friends, she can drive again and do most of her usual activities. "Many of my friends have moved on to retirement homes or assisted living, but I'm not going anywhere." Joining her in that sentiment is Edie LeWitt Head, who loves her Descon Grant Farm. We agree that old age isn't sissies, but "we're still here!"

Bebe Bates Stone and Aoe are pretty well. He has a bout with lymphoma, but he responded well to treatment. "The rest of our problems are in the nuisance category." She says that Pat Dimmore Reid plays tennis three times a week.

I spoke with Pat Patterson Law. She spent happy holidays in Blue Hill, ME, with her daughter and son-in-law. He is the household chef. They have had exchange students from Vietnam and China, and he accordingly extends his cooking range, much to Pat's delight. She still sings tenor in her church choir and shovels snow at need.

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Mabel Brennan Fisher and husband Frank started the year with a family wedding. Stepgrandson Alexander Navia, 2nd Lt. USMC, was married in the chapel of the US Naval Academy with all the fanfare of which the military is capable.

The Class sends condolences to the families and friends of three classmates we have recently lost: Louise Brown Johnson, who died last July; Betty Gottschling DuPont, who died in Dec.; and Joyce Benjamin Goman, who died in Jan.

1950

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A number of classmates have happily relocated to retirement communities. Nancy Whitney DeVoe and Court are at Crosslands, a Quaker-run community in Kennett Square, PA. Josie Frank Zelov lives at Beaumont in Byrn Mawr, PA. John and Dorothy Dan Warren White are at Genese in Cary, NC. Dan enjoys playing piano as background music in one of the dining areas, and two great-grand's bring their family count to 21.

Frances (Sis) Lee Osborne reports that sister-in-law Barbara Meeks Lee is now a year round Florida living in Vero Beach. She and husband Bob limit their travels to their home state, CA.

Nancylee Hcks Henrich has added SFO to her name — standing for the Secular Franciscan Order, which is composed of laypeople who endeavor to live the Gospel spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. She also loves having three grandsons to visit in AL.

Margaret (Peggy) MacDermid Fisher is thrilled that grandson Andrew will be in the CC Class of '15.

Selby Graham Inman is recovering from two fractured vertebrae sustained in a bad fall but manages to keep up with her 12 grandchildren and one great-grand.

Betty Jane Ruele Hedden, who studied with us from '46 to '48, settled in Randolph, NJ, and raised a large family. She still contributes to CC and remains a member of the Emily Abbey group.

Janet Sugnrnan Hill remains in her West Hartford home with son James. She continues to work with a group restoring hiking trails in one of the Hartford parks, which were designed by Frederick Law Olmsted.

Marilyn Malizia Schlegel is the proud grandmother of Christina Schlegel '08, who is a practicing CPA in Boston.

Your correspondent, Alice Hess Crowell, visited with Dick and Polly Heidlund Hall at the Landings in Savannah, where they volunteer, take courses, play bridge, travel, and keep account of nine grandchildren, six granddogs and five grandchildren!

1951

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Special kudos to the Reunion Committee, co-chaired by Rhoda Northup Cameron and Sue Askin Wolman, ably assisted by Class President Jus Shepherd Freud. Vice President M.M. Suckling. Shlota and Class Giving Chair Jeanne Tucker Zenker. Many phone calls, e-mails and letters went out to gather us all together in early June. Joan Andrew White and Bar Nath Hanson were recruited to serve as hospitality suite hostesses, along with Betty Beck Barrett, parade chairman. A full report will be in the next issue.

News from classmates was a little sparse following the Christmas holidays, but one can be most envious of Mona Gustafson Affinito, who spent two weeks with her family in lovely Williamsburg, VA. Now Mona is back in MN working on her memoirs.

Delayed by airport closures, Ben Benenson Gasner spent an extra five days over the New Year's weekend in Mexico, returning home to work on the questionnaire you all received before Reunion.

Claire Goldschmidt Katz reported winter as usual, but not in FL. She was looking forward to lunch with Marilyn Whittum Gehrig (now Kate) when she returned to Tucson, AZ, in mid-December.

A Christmas letter from Sally Cross and the RSVP Program, brought news of a trip to CC with granddaughter Jessica Landers '06. They visited the Writing Center, which the Squirrels had helped fund and where Jessica had worked. The highlight of the day was a short concert in the library's Charles Zhu Room by a deaf student, who was, as Pat quotes, "our" student, thus a really special treat.

How great to hear from Helen (Pary) Pavlovich Towsme. She is so happy at her new home in Fellowship Village in Basking Ridge, NJ, where she enjoys music and choral performances on "campus," as well as cultural trips into NYC.

In the fall, she writes, she was cast in a theatrical production as a food caterer, because "I was the most limber and spry!"

In an e-mail, Sue Askin Wolman said "nothing exceptional has been going on" in her life, but she had traveled to Chicago to attend an art seminar and to Deep Creek Lake in western MD, where the family owns a home — a great summer retreat and a wonderful place for winter skiing. She adds — and I am sure we can all relate — her three children, their spouses and her four grandchildren keep her busy, not to mention her volunteer activities, bridge games and keeping up with many friends.

Bob and I traveled south in late Jan. for a month's stay in Naples, FL, where we caught up with our many friends who have retired there and also got in a few rounds of golf!

Our sympathies to the family and friends of classmate Jane Kelrie, who died in early March. She will be really missed at our reunion, as she was always there! Also, our sympathies to Joan Andrew White on the death of her husband, Henry, in late Nov., and to Kathy Parker Stell on the death of her husband, Ralph, in late Jan.

Best wishes to all. Keep those notes coming.

1952

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Did you notice? The article "A Century of Song," on page 21 of the Winter 2010 issue of this magazine, contains a picture of the Class of '52 competing in the Competitive Sing. If you haven't already seen it, do check it out. Life has slowed down a bit for Pauline Grisch Sundt. She has traveled almost constantly over the past several years. She recently returned from a trip to Scotland and Wales, and every year she attends the Sundt family reunion, held in various parts of the county. She and some of her children and grandchildren went to the family reunion in Philadelphia last summer. She is still deciding where her next trip will take her.

Nancy Day still lives in Acton, MA. After college, she worked for a chemical company for 10 years. She then switched careers and taught chemistry at various schools in eastern MA before retiring 14 years ago. Along the way, she earned two master's degrees. For health reasons, her volunteering days are behind her.

Joan Katz Easton taught for many years before she became director of admissions at Dwight Englewood, a private school in Englewood, NJ. Daughter Buffy is director of Tutorial Leadership, an organization she founded. Son Tom lives in Hong Kong, where he is an editor for The Economist. Joan took her son, his wife and their 15-year-old son to Morocco over the holidays. She is still a guide at the Metropolitan Museum in NYC.

Sara Klein Klein and her husband became great-grandparents with the birth of Alden Jacob Klein.

Last summer 1, Beverly Quinn O'Connell, became a great-grandmother twice. In mid-July, my grandson, Jonathan, and his wife, Lindsay, had Austin Lee Monz. Six weeks later, my granddaughter, Kristen, Jonathan's sister, gave birth to Audrey Elaina Farina. How lucky I am that all of them live nearby!

In early Nov., several members of the Class of '52 who live in the Washington, DC area, met for lunch. Bill O'Neil of the College brought a group of us together: Eleanor Souville Levy, Mary Harrison Beggs, Kathleen O'Doole Rich, Eleanor Hart Condiiffe, Pidge Headley O'Connell and I attended and had a good time.

Bobbi Kate Duke is accelerating life in the retirement community to which she moved from FL. She is in the Boston area, where two of her three children live. She missed the freedom her car gave her, but is adapting to the shopping trips that her community provides to its residents.

Ruth Stupell Weinflash and
husband Bernie moved from their long-time home in Cresskill, NJ, to an apartment in Fort Lee, NJ. Bernie, a spry 90-year-old, commutes into NYC to his job as a stockbroker. Ruth and Bernie have two daughters and a son, who have given them seven grandchildren. They have, at times, taken cruises with their entire family. Ruth has curated some of her activities, but she remains active at the Jewish Community Center near their apartment. Over the years, Ruth has stayed in touch with Joan Berson Mendell and Gloria Jones Borden.

Nancy Lailey Krum, a widow for five years, has become physically active since her rig hip was replaced and she had spinal surgery. She works out every day at a gym and she continues to volunteer at a Montessori school, as she has done for 11 years. Of her three children, two live nearby, which allows her to be quite involved with some of her five grandchildren. She and daughter Kim are planning a cruise along the Dalmatian Coast of Croatia. Elisaenor Souville Levy has no biological children, but she has warm relationships with her stepchildren. She recently returned from a three-week trip to various parts of France, where she visited with the three daughters of her late husband, Paul.

We end this piece on a sad note. Natalie Comen Rubin died last summer in Omaha, NE, where she and her family have lived for many years. Her family has the sympathy of our class.

1953

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The Winter 2010 issue of this magazine has an article about the importance of song at the College. It is an interesting article, but it omits one of the great song events of the school. Our freshman class pulled a real upset victory by winning Competitive Sing hands down. We had been advised that the only real competition to win would be between the junior and senior classes, but we must be good sports and try anyway. Eryn! Did we ever try our best? help Anne Becker Edwards' composition of "Momin' Mr. Sun." What a happy song, and even those of us without a note of musical ability rose to the occasion. Our victory over the upperclassmen was a terrific morale boost and defined our class as a very special group. Annie Becker was our hero. News of our classmates includes Rae Ferguson Reasoner, who writes that she still takes chemo periodically for B-cell lymphoma, but this has not kept her home. She visited a daughter in Colorado Springs, where they rode the daughter's horse. Rae also spent a week in WA and took a Caribbean cruise.

Polly Hume Keck is still living on their farm in Andover, VT. They have sold their livestock (beefalo and others). As they grew older, they wanted to reduce the workload, and they found that rounding up escaped animals was no longer what they wanted to do. Polly has two sons living nearby in VT and a married daughter living in the Caribbean.

Jane Graham Pemberton is busy at her home in the hills outside of Amherst, where she and Jack have active gardens. Jane is active on several committees, and Jack is preparing an exhibition and catalog of African art. Their granddaughter Alice Ivy-Pemberton, 14, has become an accomplished violinist, finishing as a semifinalist at the Yehudi Menuhin International Violin Competition in Oslo, Norway. She played a solo with the Oslo Symphony Orchestra and she has also been a soloist in NYC and in Amherst. We look forward to hearing much more about this young musician in the future.

Let me hear from you!

1954

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Marcia Bernstein Siegel continues to give lectures and workshops — at the Ohio State U. dance department, in NYC at the World Dance Alliance; and in the U.K. at the U. of Chichester. At the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston, she interviewed Bill T. Jones and did a documentary publication about his company's residency there. "I can't believe I've been at this game for over 40 years and I'm not burned out yet!" Laska Huse Lilly and Richard thoroughly enjoy Charleston, SC, where "it's a good town to grow old and where you can walk most places." They enjoyed seeing their children over Christmas.

Ann Reagan Weeks continues a life of travel, including a cruise around Turkey, bird watching in Nome, AK; a trip to Agadir, Morocco, where Arab women wear headscarves and pastel robes; and visiting family on the eastern shores of the U.S.

1956

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Married to Barry for 54 years, Margery Blech Passett worked as a legislative specialist for the U.S. Congress for more than 20 years and later with the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. Recently, Margery volunteers at the Library of Congress and the White House Correspondence Office and, in particular, she volunteers Nissie, then Westie, as a pet therapist working with disturbed children. Margery is also an avid listener when children read to her. "I am well, happy and grateful for the blessings I have" — so writes Faith Guicik about her part-time work in an ophthalmologist's office, her 1732 house (a historical property with continuing restoration projects in various stages of exterior improvement), a newly resident cat ("a household blessing") and a concert series shared with friends. At home in Sandy Hook, CT, we are invited to visit her antique shop, an ongoing business she started for years with her father.

The annual NV holiday lunch was held in Dec., with Marge Lewin Ross, I Long Lehnnich, Prudy Murphy Parris, Joyce Bagley Rheingold, Suzi Rosenhirsch Oppenheimer, Laura Elliman Patrick and Marie Garibaldi in attendance. "Besides enjoying a good meal and camaraderie, we did discuss Reunion and the future of our class leadership," Later, Joyce, Prudy, Jill, Suzi and Margo attended a 40th- strong CC holiday party at the Cosmosatnic Club, where an alumnus from the Class of '64 spoke. The class sends sympathy to the family of Anne Mahoney Makin, who died in early Nov. Anne served as president of her local College Club and also of the New Bedford Day Nursery. We remember her for her reliable warmth and spirit. In our Koiné, her friends applied the term joie de vivre to Anne, and her funeral service attended to that, according to Gale Anthony Clifford, who attended the service, along with Joan Gaddy Ahrens and her husband. "It was a beautiful service... the priest knew her well and gave such a warm, appreciative homage in celebration of her life."
Camels in the Crowd

1957
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Jaynor Johnson Johnston volunteers with the Girls Group in Ann Arbor, a hands-on mentoring organization that helps inner-city kids and their mothers. Although retired from her consulting position, Jaynor continues to work with Claudia, her partner of 31 years, in her environmental law practice. Much of their work is involved with the World Justice Forum and info-tech issues.

Jean Sangahl, who owns and beards horses, rides twice a day. She is also an avid birder and had a “fabulous birthing trip” to CO last April. She participates in bird counts in VT, where she lives, and frequently travels throughout the country on birthing excursions.

I recently had a delightful phone conversation with Judy Allen Summersy. She still sounds full of fun and is busy with so many activities and interests — photography, writing poetry, tutoring little kids, crafts. She continues to be active with political work as well. Her husband, Ed, is an architect, and they have two sons. David, a social worker, lives in MA with his wife and two children, and Andrew lives in NV, Judy summers there.

Dottie Egan continues to enjoy retirement in NH. She delivers food for Meals on Wheels throughout her local area and has made many new friends this way. Dottie’s Dalmatian, Lady Alexandra (known as Alex), is now 16 years old. Dottie sent along an article about Katie Lindsay, an expert horsewoman, who won the prestigious Wofford Cup, a supreme honor in the equestrian community. I am awaiting further information from Katie, which you should see in the next issue.

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Judy attended Den’s 55th high-school reunion in MI and have been two sons keep them busy. Don and Betty’s walk honoring their son and raising money for the cancer center at the hospital where Jon works. He was able to walk with them the entire way and to celebrate at the party afterwards.

I, Carolyn Keele Oakes, volunteer at our University Hospitals and the Emergency Food Center, and our theater complex in Cleveland. I have spent lots of time with grandchildren, too. We had a two-month early baby's granddaughter, who seems to be progressing well, and I have helped with their 4-year-old.

I look forward to hearing from you! Please e-mail me or Lynn Graves Mitchell.

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Nancy Haddell and Barbie Drake Holland keep in touch about skating news. They were to meet up in Sept. at Skate America, but Barbie was unable to attend.

Nancy follows skating and tennis, mostly on TV, but she attends live events when they are nearby, such as the World Figure Skating Championships held last year in L.A. Living in Clinton, WA, Nancy still works part time for Whitby Watershed Stewards, a small environmental nonprofit doing education and stewardship on the Whitby Island off of Seattle. Niece Owen, a student, was in Cairo, so Nancy followed all the news of Egypt closely. She is in touch with Marion Fitz-Randolph Coste in HI and with Nancy Baldwin Ripley.

Last Aug., Betty Moss Burr traveled from her home in San Francisco to La Jolla, CA, for the wedding of her San Diego nephew, who was married on a cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean. When she can, Betty flies to NYC to spend time with her mother, 97, who is still mentally alert and living in Betty’s childhood apartment in Brooklyn. Betty is starting to think about a 100th birthday celebration for her! Betty is currently retrofitting her 60-year-old San Francisco home.

In March, Judy Van Blaylock and Bud joined his business associates for a winter trip to Sun Valley Lodge, ID, for skiing, skating and winter fun. They were then heading for an early April
Please send in your news so we can appear more often!

1963

Correspondent: Bonnie Campbell Billings, bsb22@ao.com

Many thanks to Bonnie Campbell Billings, who has generously volunteered her time to become the new class correspondent, taking over for Class President Roberta Stone Smith. Thank you, Roberta, for filling in for more than a year! Bonnie and her husband, Joe Wauters, spend their summers sailing in Newfoundland and Labrador. This summer will be their 11th in the Canadian Maritimes. They find Newfoundland a "cruising nirvana" and now keep their boat there. Also, the scenery, people, music and culture have completely won them over. They encourage anyone interested in exploring this part of the world to contact them at bsb22@ao.com. Bonnie and Joe spend their winters skiing at home in Stowe, VT, and with their kids in Jackson Hole, WY, and Telluride, CO. In the past year, Bonnie has enjoyed catching up with Roberta, Jane Levy Yosen and Diana Alman.

Patti Keenan Mitchell enjoyed attending the Boston Pops concert, which was a CC event. Over the last 18 years, she has been to China six times to visit her son, who was working there. He works in London as an editor for the Financial Times, so she now has new places to visit.

Debbie Morris Kullby, Carolyn Boymann Raymond, Lonnie Jones Smith, Linda Osborne and Sue Hall Veca are planning a miniature reunion for Aug. in Breckinridge, CO. Marcia Rygh Phillips retired last June from The Literacy Project of Virginia Commonwealth University, where she worked with teacher education and program development in adult education. She will now have more time for travel to see her grandchildren in Atlanta and Boston, and she will begin some kind of volunteer work after the summer. Last fall, she had her second hip replacement and was already back in her Pilates class by Dec.

Last year, Cynthia Hahn traveled to Egypt with an Overseas Adventure Travel group, and also visited Bolivia and Ghana. "It's amazing to see the enormous political changes that are now occurring in Egypt." She still works part time as a clinical field consultant at the U. of Chicago School of Social Service Administration and, in the warmer months, plays golf and tennis.

1964

Correspondent: Jean Klingenstein, 400 M. Ontario St., Apt. 1700, Chicago, IL 60614-7162, jklingenstein@juno.com

To start on a sad yet inspiring note, and for the benefit of the many of us who would have liked to attend but couldn't, I want to share Platt Townend Arnold's observations about the memorial service for Sandy Bannister Dolan, who died 11/22. "Pat Edwards Anderson and I went together and saw Dianne Schmitz Tamill and Doug, Janet Grant. Dianne Hyde Russell, and Sandy's dear friend, Willis Schuster '68. The church was packed. Sandy's son, Brad Dolan '97, gave the eulogy, bringing the house down with his opening observation that, as we all knew, his mother could be a pain in the [***], and going on to remind us of the many ways Sandy was active in our lives. It was wonderful. Brad and his wife have a beautiful little boy, about a year old, named Ray after Sandy's late husband, whose family was there, as was Sandy's sister, Laura. Sandy had spent a lot of time with this beautiful baby. It was heartening to picture her enjoying being a grandmother." Sandy gave so much of herself to our class over so many years, and again, we extend our deepest sympathy to Brad and his family.

Flora Barth Wolf's life at present is indeed full and happy. She was about to attend her oldest grandson's bar mitzvah, and she can't get over how quickly the time has flown, a sentiment shared, I'm sure, by everyone reading this.

Marilynn Elman Buel is excited to report that husband Dick's last major book is being published shortly. They were hoping to travel to Italy in the spring on a trip Marilyn coordinated for the Essex Library, but first she had to resolve some health issues. As class agent, Marilyn is in touch with many of you, and she really keeps us connected. As always, thank you, Marilyn! Hopefully you will be feeling much better by the time this column appears in print.

Sandy Mary Emery lost her husband, Hunter Frangals, in May '08, but she gained her first grandchild a year to the day later.

“My main work for the foreseeable future is to catalyze development of an abandoned gravel mine into a community two miles from the Amanite Falls, TX, city limits... truly a fascinating, frustrating, but mostly exhilarating adventure!” She has three grown children. Daughter Alicia and family live in NYC, where Alicia is finishing medical school; son is also there. Mary's other son lives in Beijing, working and studying Mandarin. "Tai chi is my alter ego. I've been practicing for 15 years, teaching for nine. That keeps me grounded and, so far, healthy. Life is good!"

Judy Sheldon Carberg retired in '01 from "a very happy and fulfilling professional life teaching mostly first grade in Cambridge, MA." She then went to work for Lesley U. but so missed the interactions with the kids that this fall she was back working as a part-time Reading Recovery teacher for the Cambridge Public Schools, and she is happily still there. Daughter Becky, following the family teaching tradition, graduated from Bank Street College and promptly went to work in India, where she met a wonderful man from Chile. Now Judy is headed to Santiago to visit the growing family. She refers to herself as "Gringa Granny!" She sees a lot of Eva Folders and Jane Bigelow over so many years, and again, we extend our sincerest condolences to her family.

1965

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Vetri Nathan '03 will join the faculty at the University of Massachusetts Boston this summer as an assistant professor of Italian studies. A lecturer of Italian at the University of Denver, he received his master's and Ph.D. in Italian at Stanford University. He taught Italian while he was a student at Stanford, where he also designed and taught a course in Italian comedy cinema. He's working on a book that explores major cinematic trends in Italian comedy cinema.

1966

Correspondent: Patricia Dale and
1967

Correspondent: Jackie King Donnelly, 1515 N. Attor St., Apt 2C, Chicago, IL 60613-5799, kitchicago@gmail.com

You all must be very busy since you have not had time to send in tidbits. Here are the ones I have received.

Debbie Greenstein has just had a lovely visit from Betsy Wilson Zanna, who came to spend some time with her in FL and experience the joys of being a snowbird. While it snowed in Canada they had beautiful weather, and in between sightseeing they walked every morning and spent time in the pool.

On page 58 of this issue, there is a picture of Betsy at Bonnet House in Fort Lauderdale, FL, where she spends the winter. Note the picture of the “two camels”!

Lynn Weichsel Hand still lives in Concord, NH, teaching at Hesser College and keeping busy with her granddaughter and her activities.

Jackie King Donnelly, your faithful scribe, and her husband wintored in Mexico, preparing for her daughter Martha’s wedding in Toronto.

Midge Anwepter Shepard writes that Marjorie (Migs) Levy died in July ‘06. Andrea offers to relate more details to anyone interested, contact her at andrea.lurita@gmail.com.

1968

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson Phillips, 36 The Crossway, Delmar, NY 12054, mphil92@verizon.net

Stephanie Hirsch Meyer’s life continues to be somewhat devoted to their monthly magazine, Teen Ink, now in its 22nd year and with a thriving website. She and John have been enjoying NYC and all it has to offer for almost half of each month, even renting an apartment there.

Their grandparents are, of course, growing, now almost 8 and 6 and more fun than ever. Their son, Reb, married his long-time girlfriend last year in her home country of Wales. “A wedding to remember!” And they continue to be very busy New Yorkers; John with his film career and Stephanie as assistant curator for the Guggenheim.

Alysson Cook Gall still works as director of the American Jewish Committee in NJ, which means speaking to a Catholic audience about Israel in Sept., moderating a panel on immigration reform in Oct., and interviewing Irshad Manji, a progressive Muslim activist, before a big interfaith audience in Nov.

Donna Matthews is not planning to retire anytime soon. She loves her work as a school psychologist at a management needs program. She spent most of last summer with family at her cottage on Lake George, where she has 200 recipes already stored there. Recently, she created a new website selling sewing notions - as in life. Some of the fun things include wonderful handcrafts, Ell. She is still keeping strong connections With old classmates. As Carol Chaykin It’s easy- simply e-mail us at ccnotes66@gmail.com.

Andrea Lurita relates the sad news that Marjorie (Migs) Levy died in July ‘06. Andrea offers to relate more details to anyone interested, contact her at andrea.lurita@gmail.com.

Midge Anwepter Shepard still lives in Houston but travels frequently back to her home in Danien, CT, where her two sons and their wives live and to see her three grandchildren (ages 6, 2, and 1). Midge’s daughter is in Boston, so she is not too far from CT.

Midge’s 92-year-old mother is in an assisted-living home in Cleveland, so she also tries to see her as often as possible. The airlines love Midge!

Cathy Hull reports that, after 40 years (OMG) of freelancing her illustrations, she thought it past time to reinvent herself and her career. She is still freelancing, but in her so-called spare time she has created a new website selling a large inventory of her greeting cards for any (or no) occasion.

“Still pulling all-nighters just like the good OLD days at CC (plus ça change) but having fun in the process.” Check out http://zazzle.com/cathyhull.

Mary Clarkson Phillips, have been very busy quilting and building a new website for Habitat for Humanity of Schenectady County, which was launched in Nov. (www.schenectadyhabitat.org). I have been semiretired since ‘03 — I now develop software part time for the NY State Department of Health; my husband, Bruce, retired from the department at the end of Sept.

Keep your news coming; we all love to know what is happening in the lives of our CC friends.

1969

Correspondent: Judi Bembridge, Marigay, 1070 Sugar Sands Blvd. #384, Riviera Beach, FL 33404, jennamorgan@bellsouth.net

Dorraid and Ellen Arowoff Kant took “an awe-inspiring trip to Egypt and Jordan last spring and vacationed in ME over the summer, stopping an route to visit five of our seven grandchildren.” Don volunteers at the local Free Medical Clinic and a church. Ellen does volunteer service with the Junior League, Clohes for Kids and Hadassah.

Between these activities and trying to keep up with her reading and handcrafts, Ellen feels busier than when she worked full time! She is still loving the FL sunshine.

Nancy Barry Manor is “working on building a new life for myself without my darling husband. There are good things and bad things — as in life.” Some of the fun things include wonderful handcrafts, Ell. She is still keeping strong connections With old classmates. As Carol Chaykin It’s easy- simply e-mail us at ccnotes66@gmail.com.

And now ... hello, Class of ‘66
moved to “a wonderful retirement community in Hingham, MA.” They now enjoy watching the snow outside their windows, knowing that they won’t have to shovel any of it! Laura gave up playing the violin and has switched to the tenor recorder, joining an Early Music Consort there — “great fun.” She hangs out in the gym and pool almost every day. “Life is good.”

Donna Hicks de Perez-Mera and husband Germán continue to enjoy a quiet and peaceful life in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, with their translation agency, beloved Rottweilers and “Dominican Classic” mixed breeds, and their home in the tranquil city suburbs near the Isabela River. “My husband’s orchids will be in full bloom soon, in time for the National Orchard Show. My fondest regards to all our classmates. As I write this in Jan., I feel almost guilty and wish that they could enjoy the balmy tropical temperatures and sea breezes that we do.”

“Our grassroots conservation group, Groton (CT) Open Space Association, just completed a major land acquisition and fundraising drive,” reports Joan Hoomer Smith, “saving the 63-acre Sheep Farm in Groton from certain development and beginning work on habitat restoration. I would love to take classmates on tours of this lovely, rugged, 18th-century farmland to see the meadows, waterfalls, stone walls, rocky ledges and forest. Drs. Niering, Goodwin and Taylor planted the seed of conservation years ago, and that made all the difference.”

For Sally Yerkovich, the challenge of sending a news update “is that so much of what I am doing is short term. I continue to consult on cultural projects in Central and Eastern Europe and am also working as director of the Institute of Museum Ethics at Seton Hall U., helping the institute make plans for its future. However, this will almost all be outdated by the time of publication!”

1970

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1971

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Mary Faith Higgins lives in England with husband Robert Upton and daughters Katherine and Emily. Mary Faith is a chief counsel at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, an international financial institution owned by 56 countries and focused on lending/investment in countries formerly in the Soviet Bloc. She is “studying the Russian language without very much success (much harder gramatically than Chinese).”

Deborah Johnson continues to publish The Groton Herald, a weekly newspaper she started 31 years ago. Youngest daughter Allegra is majoring in international affairs at Northeastern U. and traveling all over the world as part of her curriculum. Deborah broke her femur last May and has not fully recovered the ability to walk. In spite of the care, she helped her brother and sister renovate their family homestead in Upton, MA, and it is now home to the seventh generation of Jonsoons.

Gretchen Liddle Abernathy has two adult children and two grandchildren, and she loves to ski every day in the winter. She is "still performing weddings in odd locations; the oldest being in a pen of wolves!"

Vera Gordeev Lowdermilk is an artist and muralist in the Bay Area. Last year, she completed four large civic murals, three for San Francisco and an 80-'by-18' competition winner for Livermore "to honor firefighters and the amazing machines used to fight fires," which was painted on the old historic firehouse Main Street on Market. She has completed numerous sculpture and mural commissions for residential, designer and civic clients. Visit www.veralowdermilk.com.

Nancy Hughes Robb runs a high-tech client showcase at Fidelity Investments in Boston. Her 40-year career includes CID positions in health care, manufacturing and transportation. She lives in Concord, MA, with husband George, who runs his own commercial real estate company, Omniproperties Inc. Daughter Kelly, 25, works at McKinsey Consulting in Chicago after a very successful junior and collegiate golf career.

Adèle Wolff Bassett and husband Bill became VT residents in May ’10. Son Graham is a professional squash player and coach based in NYC. When not working on the house or the property, Adele does freelance writing, weaves, attempts to improve her squash game, enjoys seasonal sports, and occasionally runs the circulation desk at her rural library.

Jean Taylor retired from the Library of Virginia, where she worked as a project consultant for the Digital Library Program. She now works at the Williamsburg Regional Library as a children’s materials cataloger. Her four children, Taylor, Julie, Molly and Will, and her grandson, Raleigh, all live close by.

Linda Ruth Foster’s husband, David, wrote in because Linda could not herself, sadly, she was diagnosed with younger-onset Alzheimer’s disease in ’03. She lives in a group home in Bloomington, MN, where David visits her daily. Linda is cheerful, she loves listening to music and humming along. David included links to a brief video of Linda, www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dqsg36EPF70, and a website with photos of Linda and journal entries detailing her progress, http://cariringbridge.org/vip/linnafoster.

Joanne Isenberg Hartel and husband Karsten, a fish biologist at Harvard, live in Arlington, MA. For over 30 years, Jo has been teaching English as a Second Language in an adult education program in Cambridge, also serving variously as program manager, coordinator, counselor, curriculum developer and teacher trainer. She has published a beginning reader for adults who are learning English. Carole Firestone-Gillis and husband Mitch live in Healesburg, CA. They have two children, Ari, 32, and Danielle, 29. Carole has been a psychotherapist for 26 years, and Mitch has just retired from a career as a winemaker. Carole would love to hear from her “old” friends. (Call the Alumni Office at 800-888-7549 for contact information).

1972

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1973

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Nina Davit looks forward to setting down, buying a house and getting a dog in NC. In Dec., she visited the College career center, lunched with Professor Bob Proctor and saw Linda Citrano Yohe. They shared stories about their kids and reminisced about freshman year.

Seth Cummins, general counsel for Metro North Railroad, and wife Cathy are not quite empty nesters as their 21-year-old twin daughters plot thru academia. Shelby at Franklin & Marshall and Drew at Hunter. They enjoy living in the Park slope section of Brooklyn; their neighbors include Carol Adams ‘72 and her husband, Gary.

Joe Srednicki lives in Quincy, MA, in a Victorian house that he is bringing back to its glory. He now has several keyboard instruments: a tracker-action pipe organ, a Bechstein piano, a clavichord, and soon, a two-manual harpsichord. Joe is a manager for Omgeo LLC in Boston.

Karen Hartigan Whiting was home with her husband while he battled breast cancer and with her son’s family during his deployment to Iraq. Her husband has recovered and her son is back. She is working on a new book, “Battlefields & Blessings: Stories of Faith and Courage from the Home Front of American Wars.”

Victoria Sandwich Schmitt lives in Rochester, NY. Her daughter, Stephanie Schmitt ’06, married Lloyd Briggs of Hartford, CT, on 6/5/10, a joyous occasion for all the family CC alumni to celebrate together. Victoria’s mother, Elizabeth Brainard Schmitt ’49, brother, William Sandwich ’76; and other daughter, Eleanor Schmitt ’12.

In Virginia Beach, VA, Pamela Shorter McKinney retired in Feb. after 31 years in education, working variously as a teacher, principal, director and assistant superintendent. “Working in
education was a dream come true." Paul Abramson is a psychology professor at UCLA. His book, "Sex Appeal: Six Ethical Principles for the 21st Century," was published with good reviews. "I also formed a punk rock band called Crying 4 Katrina. We opened for Bad Religion at the House of Bluss on Sunset in L.A. You can read more at www.lawweekly.com/2010-11-04/columns/punkt-o-punk.

Carol Williams Hannenberg lives in Wellesley, MA. They have traveled to South Africa, the U.K. and Turkey. They had a difficult year in '09 when their daughter was deployed to Iraq; she is now in H.I.T. Their other daughter works in Philadelphia and coaches women's basketball. "We love Buzzards Bay. I am addicted to my stand-up paddle board!"

Susan Fifeld Cunningham and husband Peter have been living in NH for the last 25 years. Susan works at a local college as the associate director of services for students with disabilities. They have two sons, Derek, 27, and Adam, 23.

Pam Kalish Edel and husband Martin live in NYC. In the last 18 months their two children have married, and they now have outstanding grand-dogs and a fantastic son- and daughter-in-law. Pam has worked for TV, an elementary school and an auction house and is now painting folk art on found objects.

Joan Pierce has worked for the MA Department of Fish and Game in Buzzards Bay for 12 years. She lives in an 834-square-foot bungalow, which includes a porch "art studio." She belongs to the New England Society of Botanical Artists and will attend the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators conference.

Keith Nappi accompanied his daughter, Deanna, to the CC campus for an interview in June. She was very impressed and met John Anthony, professor of music, at the console of the College organ in Harkness Chapel for an unusual interactive presentation. Deanna has since submitted her application. Bobbie Chappell Oahlgren and Tim Oahlgren are teachers at Durham Academy, an independent day school in NC. Bobbie in the preschool for 20 years and Tim in the middle school for 25 years. Son Darin, 21, is an attorney in Washington, DC, and son Andrew, 28, is a barista in nearby Carrboro.
activities, a kitchen renovation and Linda’s catering business have been keeping the family busy! Their oldest is a junior in high school and is considering CC, following in the footsteps of her mother, grandmother Rennie Aschaffenburg Christiansen ’51 and great-aunt Edith Aschaffenburg Wilhelm ’48.

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1994
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On 10/2, Christian Schult married Sharmilla Araya in a small, backyard ceremony in NYC.

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1998
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Matt McCready and Kate Gorring ’96 were married 10/2 at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, NJ. Please see the ’96 column for more details.

1999
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Ian Bauer is an assistant attorney general with the WA state attorney general’s office, where he would love to reconnect with any Camp Conn alums in the attorney general with the WA state attorney general’s office, where he defends the WA Department of Social and Health Services and other state agencies in high-profile civil rights and tort lawsuits. He started off the year with a bang by opening her private psychotherapy practice, a lifelong dream, and she would love to reconnect with any Camp Conn alums in the Bay Area. Her e-mail address is driesliecar@gmail.com.

2000
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Thea Burgess moved to Silver Spring, MD, in Aug, ’07, to take a job as a reading specialist at the Chelsea School and has been working there ever since. The Chelsea School (www.chelsea-sch.com) educates fifth- to 12th-graders with language-based learning disabilities. “I absolutely love my job; the students and staff are wonderful people to work with.” Thea purchased her first house in Jan., ’10 and now lives in Greenbelt, MD.

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Amy Loveless married Patrick Immon on 5/16 in Bedford, NH. Amy is a psychologist with Childhelp in Lignum, VA. Patrick is an economist with the International Monetary Fund in Washington, DC. They live in Fairfax, VA.

2004
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2005
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On 9/20, Bianca Kessel ’08 and Andrew Russell were married in San Luis Obispo, CA. The couple asked their track-and-field coach, William Wyke, to read a poem by Pablo Nenada during their wedding ceremony. Other Camels who attended the wedding included Rachel Lamson, Jamie Spiller ’08, Steven DiSignore ’04, Julie Rosenman ’08, Jessica LaVallee ’08, Brennan Cumran ’08, Corina Bealle, Douglas Jackson, Matthew Bannister ’08 and Noah Siegel. Jessica Helen and Graham Eno were married 8/14 in Georgetown, ME. Alumni in attendance included Ellen Richardson (maid of honor), Lizzie Fox, Bryan Boucher ’01, Bonnie Prokesh ’04, Morrigan McCarthy, Liz Huley ’06 and Jenny Hammell.

2006
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Tara Sousa and Lt. Stephen Hart were married 8/29 in Newport, RI. Tara is a prenatal genetic counselor with Women & Infants Hospital in Providence. The groom, a Coast Guard officer, attends the Carroll School of Management at Boston College. They live in Warwick, RI. Taylor Rotondi and Nicolas Anderson married 8/14 in Mount Hermon, MA. Taylor works for Rebert Allen Group/Beacon Hill in NYC. Nicolas works for Prince Ridge Group LLC in NYC. The couple honeymooned in Casablanca, Morocco, and live in NYC.

2007
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Nathaniel Borgelt and Robyn Raber were married 11/20 in Washington, DC. Nathaniel is an independent appraiser of wristwatches and clocks in NYC. Robyn is the gallery manager at Michael Alfman Fine Art and Advisory Services in Manhattan.

Alissa Wantman is entering her second year as a community health volunteer with the Peace Corps in Georgia, Ethiopia. Her main role is building capacity of community and faith-based health organizations and initiating and designing income-generating activities for people living with HIV/AIDS and other vulnerable groups. She is developing a poultry farming business for a group of 50 single mothers.

2008
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Jessica LeClair and Carra Cheslin ’11 attended the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held in Cancun, Mexico, in Nov. On 8/20, Bianca Kessel and Andrew Russell ’05 were married in San Luis Obispo, CA. Please see the ‘05 column for more details.

2009
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In May ’10, Hannah Ewing received an M.A. in human rights from Columbia U. She worked as a research assistant at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum last summer and returned in Dec. from a three-month contract working in Robertsport, Liberia.

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2011
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OBITUARIES

Leah Savitsky Rubin ’32 P’65 of Bloomfield, Conn., died March 11. After graduating as a Winthrop Scholar with a degree in chemistry, Leah taught in Shelton, Conn. She was a founding member of a local Jewish book club and volunteered at Hartford Hospital’s psychiatric unit. She was predeceased by her daughter Carolyn Rubin Muscat ’65 and cousins Sophie Lifsky Gold ’32 and Libbie Blumenthal Jacobs ’34. She leaves granddaughter Judith Muscat Rosenbaum ’95, cousin Ellen J. Gold ’64, niece Cheryl Savitsky Bzo ’71, her second daughter and granddaughter.

Margaret Burgess Hoyt ’36 died Feb. 11. Margaret taught French at Friends Academy in New Bedford, Mass. She and her husband, Franklin, established a scholarship fund for deserving students at BMC Durfee High School in Fall River, Mass. Margaret will be remembered for her kindness and generosity. She was predeceased by her husband and leaves two sons, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Elisa Schwengk Taylor ’38 of St. Petersburg, Fla., died March 11. Elisa taught German and economics at St. Petersburg High School until she retired in 1989. She loved sailing, traveling and reading. Elisa was a devoted mother, grandmother and teacher. She was predeceased by her sister Marie Schwenk Trimble ’38 and sister-in-law Alice Coy Schwengk ’38. She leaves her niece Barbara Ashton Carey ’72 P’01, sister-in-law Jane Masterson Egenhiser ’46 P’90 ’72 (CP’01), sister-in-law Alice M. Schwenk ’31, five children and 15 grandchildren.

Margaret Barrows Griffith ’39 of Naples, Fla., died March 27. Margaret completed post-graduate work in psychology at the University of Arizona. She and her husband, Charles, raised their three children in Bradford, Pa., and later retired to Naples. Margaret was active with the Episcopal Church and the American Association of University Women. An avid knitter, she knitted hundreds of teddy bears for the Mother Bear Project, which donated them to sick or orphaned children in Africa. Margaret is survived by three children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Shirley Dichter Diamant ’40 died Feb. 3. After graduating with a sociology degree, Shirley went to work for the Stamford Advocate. She then worked as a reporter for the Palestine Post newspaper after Israel was declared a state and as a copywriter for WSTC radio station. She and her husband, Philip Diamant, raised two children and, in 1984, moved to Israel, where they lived until 1993, when they moved to Baltimore. Shirley will be remembered for her gentle soul, kindness and sense of humor. She is survived by her daughters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ann Rubinstein Husch ’41 of St. Louis, Mo., died Feb. 9. Ann, who earned a degree in English, enjoyed playing the flute, bridge and gardening. She was predeceased by her sister, Peggy Rubenstein Heilman ’44, two sons, and her husband, Peter H. Husch. She leaves her sister Louise Rubenstein Goldberg ’47, two daughters, 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Jane Kennedy Newman ’41 P’77 ’82 died Nov. 23. Jane also studied at Thomas A. Edison College in New Jersey, served as a class correspondent. She was predeceased by her husband, John Newman Jr., and leaves six children, including Nan C. Newman Sanfilippo ’77 and Catherine R. Newman Oakley ’82, as well as nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Greene ’42 of Paxton, Mass., died Jan. 26. Dorothy married Richmond L. Greene and worked for Acta Insurance Co. in Hartford and later at the College of Agriculture at Cornell University. An active volunteer, she served as director and first female vice president of the Tarranting YMCA and on many other local organizations. When her children were grown, Dorothy and her girlfriend backpacked the entire Appalachian Trail. Dorothy is survived by her husband, three daughters, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a sister.

Frances Cornell Nielsen ’42 of Honolulu, HI. Frances married John G. Nielsen and worked for the Peace Corps in India and then Saudi Arabia, where she was predeceased by a sister, Peggy Nielsen Hauver ’44, and her husband, John Nielsen Jr. Frances worked in retail and building. She was a longtime parishioner of Ashbury Methodist Church in Wesport, treasurer of the UMW and a Lawrence Hospital volunteer for 18 years. In retirement, Frances enjoyed visiting family in California and on Cape Cod, reading and knitting. She leaves her two children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Elsworth Starbuck ’45 of Hawaii died Jan. 1. She met her husband, Ray, a Coast Guard cadet, her freshman year. They married in 1944 and raised three children, moving from New London to Princeton, N.J., where Bettie began her career in real estate; to India and then Saudi Arabia, where Bettie worked to found the Kingdom’s first coeducational kindergarten, and finally to Hawaii, where she volunteered with the Honolulu Garden Club and served as president of the Hawaii Society of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America. She leaves her husband, daughter, sons, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Nathalie Needham Ellis ’46 of Houston died Feb. 18. Nathalie married Louis Townsend Ellis and moved to Baton Rouge, LA., and later to Texas. She was an active class agent chair, director of the Alumni Board of Directors, planned giving adviser, member of the Annual Fund Council, reunion gift chair and Decade liaison. She also worked at on-campus programs and hosted many alumni events at her home. Beyond the College, Phyllis served with the Ladies Auxiliary at Reading Hospital and sat on the boards of the Reading Museum, Reading Area Community College and the United Way of Berks County.

Charlotte Hesford Tarry ’43 of Providence, R.I., died March 1. Tottie earned her master’s in rehabilitation counseling at Rhode Island College. She worked for the Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island and was a member of the Wannamissart Country Club and Daughters of the American Revolution. She served the College as a class agent and class correspondent. Tottie is survived by her son and daughter, three grandchildren, one great-granddaughter and two great-grandsons.

Gloria Pierce Gould ’44 of Essex, Conn., died Jan. 23. A former class agent, she was married for 67 years to Phil Gould. Gloria loved animals and was a member of the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, Fl., and the Essex Yacht Club. She is survived by her four children, the grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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member of St. Francis Episcopal Church and later Holy Spirit Episcopal Church. She was active for many years with the Junior League of Baton Rouge and the Junior League of Houston. Nathalie will be remembered for her love and compassion for animals and her dedication to her family. She is survived by her four children and five grandchildren.

Phebe Clark Miller '46 P'74 of Milton, Mass., died Jan. 18. Phebe earned a degree in mathematics and remained connected to the College as a reunion volunteer. She was a member of the Milton Hoosic Club, the Milton Garden Club of America and St. Michael's Episcopal Parish altar guild. She also volunteered at Milton Hospital and Milton Meals on Wheels. Phebe enjoyed playing bridge, cooking, traveling, duck hunting and boating. She was predeceased by her husband and a cousin, Phyllis Nininger '50. She leaves her son, her daughter, Gertrude Parker Lavigne '74, and four grandchildren.

Barber Grimes Wise '46 of Palos Verdes, Calif., died March 11. Barber served as class secretary and class agent. She worked as a property manager with the Grand House Management Co. in Los Angeles and, starting in 2006, served as docent for St. Peter's by the Sea Presbyterian Church. She loved traveling, tennis, theater and music. She is survived by three nieces, their husbands, six grandchildren, and a cousin, Jennifer Griswold Judge Howes '49.

Gladys Hinsley Bridgeman Pullen '47 of Portland, Ore., died March 5. After college, Gladys moved to California and married Bob Pullen in 1948. The couple partook in business, first on a flower farm, then with the Estacada Oil Co. and, finally, with Pullen's Antiques. retiring in 1983. Gladys loved volunteering with La Paz Hospital, studying history and literature, and doing crossword puzzles. She was predeceased by her husband and leaves her daughter, brother and two grandchildren.

Dorothy Rogers Johnson '48 of Cos Cob, Conn., died Jan. 14. Dorothy attended the College for two years before returning home to help her widowed mother. She met her husband, William, along her favorite childhood beach. Dorothy loved playing tennis and golf and was an avid photographer of deer, swans and other birds. In later years, she volunteered at Greenwich Hospital. Dorothy was predeceased by her husband and is survived by her three children and four grandchildren.

Lauranne Thomas Freyhol '49 died Feb. 10. Lauranne served the College as a class agent. After earning a second bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati and a master's from Beaver College, she taught elementary school in Jenkintown, Pa. After retiring, she still dedicated time to tutoring and volunteering at the school. Lauranne was a long time member of the Abington Presbyterian Church choir and had many diverse interests, including karate and travel. She was dedicated to conservation efforts and ending world hunger. She leaves three children, seven grandchildren and two brothers.

Marian Fried Roberts '49 of Highland Park, Ill., died March 25. Marian attended the College as an art major and went on to graduate from Missouri University. She will be remembered for her work as an artist, interior designer and architectural historian. She is survived by her husband, daughter, son and two grandchildren.

Jane Kellie '50 of Boca Raton, Fla., died Feb. 28. Jane volunteered with the College for most of her life. She was a planned giving agent, a reunion committee member since 1956, a class agent and an Alumni Executive Board Committee member. She received the Agnes Berkeley Leahy Alumni Award. She also participated in alumni tours of Ireland and China. Jane worked for many years in New York City in advertising, management, consulting and executive search and retired to Boca Raton in 1995. She is survived by her brother, sister-in-law, and several nieces and nephews.

Joann Abbott '54 died Feb. 4. After earning a degree in zoology, Joann was a research assistant at the University of Pennsylvania, and earned her Ph.D. in anatomy at the university's medical school. She was an assistant professor at Columbia University, an adjunct professor at Cornell Medical College, and worked at Sloan Kettering Research Institute. After retirement, Joann split her time between New York City, Maine and Portugal. She was predeceased by her mother, Eleanor Whitther Plummer '26, and leaves her sister, brother and niece Eve Plummer '85.

Helen Tockenmeyer Allison '54 of Tallahassee, Fla., died March 21. After earning a degree in sociology, she married Walter Allison Jr. She was a child welfare worker for the state of Maine until her daughter was born in 1965. Helen enjoyed church, gardening and animals.

Sally Lane Braman '54 died Jan. 31. Sally served as a class agent chair, admission representative, class president and Reunion chair, and was a member and secretary of the Alumni Board of Directors. She was predeceased by her husband, Chester, and leaves three sisters and seven grandchildren.

Mary Varian Leonard '55 of Waterbury, Conn., died Jan. 22. While studying art at the College, Mary met and married John S. Leonard. They moved to Stonington, Conn., and raised three sons. Mary was an accomplished artist of maritime scenes and animals. She worked at Mystic Seaport and enjoyed racing sailboats with her family. After moving to Maine she created pen-and-ink postcards and paintings of local scenes. She leaves her husband, sons, six grandchildren, including Elissa Hunt Leonard '07, and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Varney Rout '55 P'86 of Lakeville, Conn., died Oct. 1. Varney served as class agent, class agent chair, secretary of her class Reunion Committee. She was a food and travel writer and an avid photographer, winning first prize in the Trustees of Reservations 2005 Winter Photography Contest. She served on boards of the Salisbury Health Nursing Association, Drama League of New York and Sharon Country Club. Varney loved traveling with her husband around the world. She leaves two sons and a daughter, Romanne Varney Rout '86.

Eleanor N. Hage MA'83 of Boca Raton, Fla., died Dec. 18. Shortly after receiving her master's degree from the College, she taught at the Captiva Conservation Foundation, where she lived. She loved reading, writing and gardening, but most of all being a mother and wife. She will be remembered for her vivacious spirit.


Anne P. Liverant '69 of York, Pa., died Feb. 24. After graduating with a degree in child development, Anne was a devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church of York. She will be remembered for her love of animals and cooking.

Joanna Mckeller Hyde '81 of Gates Ferry, Conn., died Feb. 20. Joanna earned a degree in studio art and was a teacher’s aide at Juliet W. Long Elementary School. She spent many hours volunteering, with extracurricular programs at Layrd High School and took art classes at the Mystic Arts Center. She leaves her husband, Barry Charles, daughter, son, mother, two brothers, and one sister.

Eleanor M. Hage MA '83 of Boca Raton, Fla., died March 8. Eleanor graduated from Our Lady of Cincinnati College in 1955 and worked for the Girl Scouts. In 1960 she married Elias Joseph Hage and moved to New London, where they raised four children. After receiving her master's degree from Connecticut College, she taught at Mitchell College for 15 years. A devout Catholic, she devoted her life to helping others, including serving as coordinator of the New London Area Food Pantry for 20 years. Eleanor is survived by her husband, children and five grandchildren.

Calvin H. Pond '83 of Sebastopol, Calif., died Aug. 19. Calvin was known for his love of history and music. He completed several marathons and was an avid baseball and soccer player. He is survived by his parents, including his mother, Marcia Gardiner, former director of financial aid at Conn College; his brother, Hartley Pond '80, and his wife, Anne, and two nieces.

George Romoser of Eliot, Maine, died Feb. 1. A professor emeritus at the University of New Hampshire, he was an assistant professor of government at Connecticut College from 1954 to 1967. He also taught at The Ohio State University, the Johns Hopkins University School for Advanced International Studies in Italy, several German universities, Bowdoin College and the University of Pennsylvania. He initiated and administered internship programs for non-German graduates students in the German government and was director of the "Portsmouth at the Crossroads" project in the 1980s while with the New College of the Humanities. He leaves his wife, two daughters and five grandchildren.

† The College only recently learned of this death.
Kohn speaks to New York alumni
Barbara Shattuck Kahn ’72 was the guest speaker during a March 22 Distinguished Alumni Event in New York. From left: Daniel Anstey ’98, Kahn, Erik Brockmeyer ’97 and Sara Anstey.

Camel volunteers show their stuff
CAMELS FROM coast to coast cleaned beaches, sorted food and clothes, and did landscaping — all part of the “Camels Care” project during April. Alumni in Boston, Rhode Island, New York, Los Angeles, Washington and San Francisco participated.

In Boston, interest in the program was so high that a second project was added to the schedule.

At Heading Home, a nonprofit that provides shelter, housing and support services for the homeless, 11 Camel volunteers sorted through donated clothes and created a mini-boutique. They also organized a pantry that several programs rely on for food.

“It was wonderful to see the response of alumni,” said Bridget McShane, director of alumni relations. “We’re already starting to plan next year’s events.”

If you have an idea, please e-mail alumni@conncoll.edu.

Careers for the multi-lingual
Three alumni with careers that use their foreign language proficiency told students about their professional paths April 17. From left: Professor Julia Kushigian (moderator); Carl Prather ’04, financial analyst with Emerging Markets Partnership in Washington; Katherine Avgerinos ’06, assistant account executive for Ketchum PR in New York City; and Lauren Burke ’06, attorney with The Door Legal Services Center in New York.

‘Sons & Daughters’ draws capacity crowd
The 20th annual Alumni Sons & Daughters Admission Program drew 39 families to campus Feb. 21-22. This popular program for alumni and their children provides valuable insights and information to help high-school juniors prepare for the selective college admission process. If your child will be a junior in the 2011-12 school year and you want to learn more about this program, please contact Beth Poole ’00 at beth.poole@conncoll.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS
June 22
Maine
The College will be in Falmouth, Maine. Martha Merrill ’84, dean of admission and financial aid, is the featured guest speaker.

Aug. 18
Cape Cod
Save the Date — Connecticut College is coming to Harwich, Mass. Check your e-mail for details.

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-888-7546, ext. 2306, or view the calendar at www.conncoll.edu/alumni.
Florida alumnae meet Dean Brooks

Dean of the Faculty Roger Brooks was in Florida March 23 and 24 for presentations to the Connecticut College Club of Greater Sarasota and the Connecticut College Club of Southwest Florida in Naples. Each club also enjoyed a lunch. Guests in Naples got specially decorated and wrapped cupcakes in honor of the College's 100th birthday.


White House staffer encourages students to 'take risks'

Jon McBride '92 is second speaker in ‘Conversations with Alumni’ series

ACTION WAS THE THEME OF the evening when White House staffer Jonathan McBride '92 took the stage in Evans Hall on April 1. He told an audience of mostly students that the most important first step to a successful career is to start moving.

The talk, part of the College’s Centennial series “Great Beginnings: Conversations with Alumni,” focused on McBride’s journey from an economics major at Connecticut College to President Obama’s deputy director of personnel.

McBride said his route to the White House was circuitous. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, he worked on Wall Street for three years before co-founding Jungle Media Group, an award-winning media company, in 2000. When Universum, an international employer-branding firm, bought the company in 2006, McBride stayed on as chief strategy officer. He joined the White House staff in 2009.

"You don't have to stick to one career path in life," he told the audience. "It's OK to take risks."

McBride said he learned to do just that at Connecticut College. He tried everything, from playing soccer (he was captain of the varsity team for two years) to serving on SGA to working as an admission fellow. "Risk-taking became a habit, and once I was in the workplace, where the stakes went up, I was comfortable taking chances," he said.

McBride, who served as a trustee of the College from 2000 to 2009, seems to have found the perfect fit in the White House. Throughout his varied career, he was always drawn to the human side of business. “Now, I'm spending all of my time working on the human side for the greatest boss in the world.”

McBride shared several anecdotes about working with the president and encouraged students to consider a career in government service. At the White House, he said, “the smartest people are dealing with the most difficult challenges. It's exhilarating.” He also urged students to engage alumni when looking for a job or career advice.

When a young woman in the audience took his advice to heart and asked McBride if she could talk to him about her career, he gave her, and everyone in the audience, his e-mail address. “Use it with discretion,” he said. — Mary Howard

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Dance and DNA

// SCENE
"WE ALL CARRY HISTORY IN OUR BODIES,"
SAYS ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF DANCE SHANI COLLINS-ACHILLE (LEFT).

LAST SUMMER ON A TRIP TO SOUTH CAROLINA’S LOW COUNTRY, THE DANCER WAS ABLE TO EXPLORE HER FAMILY HISTORY AND HER AFRICAN ANCESTRY THROUGH THE JUDITH TINDAL OPATRY ’72 JUNIOR FACULTY FELLOWS FUND, WHICH HAS SUPPORTED 82 FACULTY MEMBERS SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2000.

COLLINS-ACHILLE SPENT TWO WEEKS RESEARCHING THE GULLAH PEOPLE, DESCENDENTS OF SLAVES FROM SIERRA LEONE AND OTHER WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHO WORKED ON RICE PLANTATIONS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA, STILL LIVING IN RURAL COMMUNITIES IN THE COASTAL REGION AND ON THE SEA ISLANDS OF THOSE TWO STATES. THE GULLAH PEOPLE — MORE THAN ANY AFRICAN AMERICAN GROUP — HAVE PRESERVED THEIR AFRICAN CULTURE.

IN 2006, COLLINS-ACHILLE REQUESTED A TEST OF HER DNA AND DISCOVERED THAT HER MOTHER’S FAMILY CAME FROM THE MENDE IN SIERRA LEONE. IT’S POSSIBLE THAT HER ANCESTORS CAME FROM WEST AFRICA TO CHARLESTON, S.C., ONE OF THE MAJOR PORTS OF ENTRY FOR AFRICAN SLAVES.

“BEING IN CHARLESTON ALLOWED ME TO TAKE A WALK THROUGH OUR BLACK HISTORY AND MAKE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN GULLAH HERITAGE AND MY OWN ANCESTRY,” SHE SAYS.

COLLINS-ACHILLE USES DANCE TO EXPLORE THEMES OF WOMANHOOD, SEXUALITY AND THE IDENTITY OF BLACKNESS. AN ATHLETIC DANCER (DANCE MAGAZINE CALLED HER A “WOMAN WARRIOR”), SHE CONSIDERS HERSELF A VESSEL. “REALLY LISTENING — TO THE UNIVERSE, TO PEOPLE, MY STUDENTS AND TO MY ANCESTORS — THAT’S WHERE THE POWER OF MY WORK LIVES,” SHE SAYS. “I AM TEACHING TO LEARN AND LEARNING TO TEACH.” — MARY HOWARD

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