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COVER: THE NEW SCIENCE CENTER AT NEW LONDON HALL.

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To the Editor:

[The Fall 2012 issue had] great layout, art, content and Web references for learning more. The color photography was beautiful, and there was more packed into any issue I’ve seen since 1970. It wasn’t overly academic, but it helps me understand what’s going on at the College now.

Lisa Richter ’70
St. Louis, Mo.

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From the Editor:

I am writing to share some exciting changes we have planned for CC: Magazine and to invite you to participate in making them happen.

Over the next 18 months, we will be updating and redesigning the print version of this magazine, introducing a new tablet version and expanding our online presence. These changes are partly a result of last year’s magazine survey, in which many readers indicated that they would like to receive an electronic version instead of, or in addition to, the print version.

We took our first step last fall by creating CC: Now, a monthly electronic newsletter that has replaced the old CameTracks. (You can read and subscribe at cccnow.conncoll.edu.) To support these enhancements, we have changed our print schedule from four to three times a year. The print magazine will now be published in February, June and October.

Over the years, our readers have been extraordinarily generous in sharing feedback on the magazine. We hope that you will continue to do so, in whatever mode suits your style — from pen on paper to social media.

Our goal is to inform, entertain and inspire, but most of all, to strengthen your connection with Connecticut College. We welcome your suggestions on how to do it better. E-mail us at ccmag@conncoll.edu or tweet @ConnCollege using the hashtag #ccmag.

Patricia M. Carey
Editor

CorreCTION
A caption on page 69 of the Fall 2012 issue incorrectly identified Georgia Howe ’58. We regret the error.

HANNAH METZEL ’16 CAPTURED THIS RAINBOW OVER TEMPEL GREEN WITH HER CELL PHONE ON HER WAY TO CLASS DEC. 11. THE PHOTO GARNERED 340 LIKES AND 40 SHARES ON THE COLLEGE’S FACEBOOK PAGE. FOR MORE PHOTOS, NEWS AND CONVERSATIONS VISIT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CONNECTICUTCOLLEGE.
AS I WRITE THIS, we are fresh from the tragedy in Newtown, Conn.

As president of an institution dedicated to the life of the mind, I find it especially distressing that vibrant young minds can be so swiftly stilled. That it happened in an educational setting, an elementary school where young people and their teachers should feel safe and free to explore new challenges, is even more disturbing.

Within days of the tragedy, I joined college and university presidents across the nation in a pledge to engage our respective academic communities in meaningful debate and dialogue that can lead to positive action.

Educating students to actively address the most pressing problems of our time is a hallmark of a Connecticut College education. On Dec. 17, Kyle Smith '14, a government major from Maine, published an op-ed in the Bangor Daily News about the need to talk about irresponsible gun use. His thoughtful piece addresses his own conflict with the complex issues of guns and violence and calls on the greater community to participate in "real discussions" about the kind of world we want to live in.

I was heartened, but not surprised, to see one of our students stepping so boldly into a public forum with his own comments on such a controversial topic. In our 24/7 living-learning environment, Connecticut College students are encouraged to address difficult issues. Our campus culture encourages learning that overflows from the classroom into the dining halls, student residences, coffee bars, library and other settings across campus. And students are challenged to incorporate these issues into their academic coursework.

We also provide opportunities for students to engage in more structured conversations about topical subjects through teach-ins and campus-wide conversations. This semester, for example, our five interdisciplinary academic centers are hosting a semester-long, all-campus series of discussions and events on the topic "Striving for Global Justice." The initiative brings together diverse perspectives in global, environmental, digital, racial, ethnic and social justice. It kicks off with a keynote lecture by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Nicholas Kristof and culminates in an April conference on environmental equity and a subsequent showcase of senior integrative projects.

This kind of common intellectual experience — with discussion fueled by faculty and students who are as diverse in scholarship as they are in backgrounds and cultures — is a critical component of a Connecticut College education. Students emerge from their college experience with a broader view of the world and a confidence in their own capacities to contribute to it.

In this issue, you can read about two women who were well-prepared for challenges they faced, Barbara Beach Alter '42 P'65 as a former missionary in India (page 37), and her daughter Martha Chen '65, a public policy lecturer at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government who is also a champion of "forgotten workers" in south Asia (page 34).

The decades-long work of these extraordinary women, the impact of our alumni the world over, and the emerging work of students like Kyle Smith, emphasize for me the importance of an education that prepares students for a world of increasingly complex challenges and problems.
FRESHMAN MARCELA GRILLO has achieved national recognition as a short story writer.

Grillo won a national medal in fiction from the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for her story "My Cuba," a piece inspired by her grandfather's childhood prior to his escape from the island nation in 1956, at the height of the Cuban Revolution.

Originally written in Spanish, the story incorporates anecdotes from her grandfather's childhood. Grillo goes back and forth between the narrator's younger and older selves, braiding together the two narratives. "I had originally envisioned it as a screenplay," Grillo says. "But I came up with the idea of translating it into English and submitting it as a short story."

Grillo, who hails from Brooklyn, N.Y., accepted her national silver medal at a Carnegie Hall ceremony on June 1.

SPOKESPEOPLE, the College's student-run bicycle collective, launched a new daily bike rental program in the fall. "CC Cruisers" allows anyone with a College ID to check out one of 10 new Diamondback bicycles at Shain Library. The program has been a hit. During the fall semester, the bikes were checked out 646 times by students, staff and faculty.

Spokespeople president and chief mechanic Tristan Cole '13 says the program serves a lot of people on campus who want to have a bike to ride occasionally, but don't want to maintain and store it. "Maybe it is a nice day and they just want to zip around, or they want to run a quick errand off campus. Now they can borrow a bike with little or no concern," Cole says.

CC Cruisers was launched with a $4,000 grant from the College's Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment, and Spokespeople is working to create an endowment for the program. There is no cost for the bicycle rental, which includes a helmet and bicycle lock.

Cole and three other student mechanics maintain the bicycles. Spokespeople also operates a bicycle shop where students can fix and maintain their own bicycles, as well as a long-term loan program through which members of the campus community can rent a donated bicycle for a full semester. "The ultimate goal is to reduce car use on campus," Cole says.
IN AUGUST, MORE THAN 500 NEW STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN A DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AT SITES ACROSS NEW LONDON AS PART OF ORIENTATION.

Alumni journalists return with advice

IN SEPTEMBER, student journalists invited three alumni reporters to campus. Ben Johnson '04 of Marketplace Radio, David Papadopoulos '93 of Bloomberg News and Jonathan Fahey '92 of the Associated Press talked with the students about breaking into the business and the state of the media today.

They had lots of advice for the student journalists.

Papadopoulos, who manages the coverage of Latin American financial markets for Bloomberg, told the students that his international experiences have been paramount to his success. “If you have any wanderlust at all, go overseas,” he said.

Johnson encouraged students to learn as much as they can about as many subjects as possible. “It’s good to be a generalist,” he said. “It’s good to be tenacious, interested and willing to ask questions.”

All three also stressed the importance of good writing skills. Johnson and Fahey credit writer-in-residence Blanche Boyd, Weller Professor of English, with preparing them for life in the newsroom.

“I passed in a story once, and the punctuation was wrong. She threw it back at me and yelled, ‘I’m not even reading that!’” Fahey said.
PRESIDENT LEO I. HIGDON, JR. has announced his plans to retire in December, following the completion of the $200-million Campaign for Connecticut College.

During his seven-year presidency, Higdon, 66, has increased the College’s strategic investments in academic programs, student life and athletics; led an $85-million campus improvement program; and increased the diversity and inclusiveness of the campus community.

He has also raised the College’s reputation, with national recognition as a top producer of Fulbright Award winners and Peace Corps volunteers, a winner of the Sen. Paul A. Simon Award for Campus Internationalization and a member of the President’s Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction.

“Lee Higdon has had a tremendous impact on Connecticut College,” says Pamela Zilly ’75, chair of the Board of Trustees. “He is a wonderful president who has built strong relationships with faculty, students, staff and alumni. His vision for the future has been infectious, and he will leave the College well-positioned for even more great things to come.”

Prior to entering academia in 1993, Higdon enjoyed a successful 20-year career as an investment banker, retiring as vice chair of Salomon Brothers. Before joining Connecticut College, he served as president of the College of Charleston in Charleston, S.C.; as president of Babson College in Wellesley, Mass.; and as Dean of the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia.

With an undergraduate degree in history from Georgetown University and an MBA in finance from the University of Chicago, Higdon has written and published widely on the value of liberal arts education as a preparation for life and career. After college, he and his wife Ann spent two years in the Peace Corps, teaching in Malawi, Africa, where the first of their four children was born.

A popular figure on campus, Higdon regularly attends sporting events, art exhibits and student performances. He is often found chatting with students in the dining halls and social spaces.

“This community is very special to me and will always be an important part of my life,” he told faculty, staff and students when he announced his retirement in November.

For now, though, he remains characteristically on-task. His goals for the final year of his presidency include launching the new academic resource center and completing the Campaign for Connecticut College, which stood at $197 million in late January. A renovation of Shain Library is expected to be the last major capital project of the campaign.

The campus and alumni community will celebrate the contributions of Lee and Ann Higdon and the successful completion of the campaign at Fall Weekend, Oct. 18-20, 2013.
TWO NEW LONDON-BASED youth arts organizations — Writers Block Ink and Do the Write Thing — each received a $6,000 grant from a campus fundraiser to support the arts in New London.

The College turned a Fall Weekend concert in Palmer Auditorium by Irish music ensemble Cherish the Ladies into an arts fundraiser dubbed "Cherish New London." The $12,000 raised was used to establish a fund at the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut, which chose the grant recipients.

Do the Write Thing is a creative writing and photography afterschool program for middle school students from New London run by the non-profit Hygienic Art organization.

Writers Block Ink teaches middle school and high school students leadership and teamwork skills while exploring social and personal issues through the collective creation of writing, dance, poetry, music and theater.

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### Presidential search committee named

**BOARD CHAIR** Pamela Zilly '75 will lead the presidential search committee, comprising seven trustees, four faculty members, one staff representative and two students. All seven trustees are graduates of the College. The committee is charged with identifying and screening candidates to assist the Board in making its selection.

In her announcement to the campus community, Zilly said that the search committee will create opportunities for members of the campus community, alumni and parents to share their thoughts on the needs and priorities of the College.

**Committee members are:**

**Trustees**
- Debo P. Adegbile '91, Special Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
- DeFred G. Folts III '82, Senior Managing Director, Windhaven Investment Management
- Prescott W. Hafner '80, Managing Partner and Director of Marketing, Hafner Vineyard
- W. Estella Johnson '75, Retired Director of Economic Development, Community Development Department, City of Cambridge, Mass.
- Maria C. Pellegrini '69, Executive Director of Programs, W. M. Keck Foundation
- George S. Rogers '82 P'16, WPP Global Business Development Director
- Committee Chair Pamela D. Zilly '75, Board Chair, Retired Senior Managing Director, Restructuring & Reorganization Advisory Group, The Blackstone Group L.P.

**Faculty**
- Stanton Ching, Professor of Chemistry

**Staff**
- William O'Neil, Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving

**Students**
- Timothy Kast '14, President, Class of 2014; Co-Chair, 2014 Commencement Speaker Committee; double major in government and economics; member of men's lacrosse team; from Medway, Mass.
- Erica Lovett '14, Admission Ambassador; Unity House Ambassador; Alumni Liaison of Umoja; Manager of Lambdin game room; history major; from Pennsauken, N.J.

- Ronald Flores, Associate Professor of Sociology
- Purba Mukerji, Assistant Professor of Economics
- Andrea Wollensak, Professor of Art
HARVESTFEST, a sprawling student-run bazaar on Tempel Green, is a Fall Weekend tradition and a major fundraising opportunity for student clubs, teams and organizations. Clever t-shirts, sweet treats and all things camel are perennial favorites for sale. Below, photographer Laura Cianciolo ’16 documented a few of the items offered this year.

Underexposed, the student-produced photography magazine, sold postcards and posters featuring student photos taken both on campus and in various locations across the world.

The African Student Union supported a nonprofit organization and traditional African culture with woven jewelry from the Ivory Coast.

The Ski Club’s flannel shirts flaunted an embroidered camel on the pocket. At another table, the Pre-Health Club used the camel insignia on scrubs.

Sprout, the College’s student-run organic garden, sold sweet and spicy roasted sunflower seeds and hot sauce made from their own produce.

The Connecticut College Asian/Asian-American Student Association sold various items, including an ornate camel, tea lights, bracelets and wall decorations.

The College’s InterVarsity Christian Fellowship sold student-made cards with intricate wire designs, blank on the inside and suitable for any occasion.
Hip-Hop Shakespeare

THE TALE IS TIMELESS, but the beat that reverberated from Tansill Theater during Fall Weekend was completely contemporary.

"I ♥ Juliet," a hip-hop musical inspired by Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," featured 10 student actors and an original script rapped over a series of original beats that provided the musical backdrop for the performance.

The musical was written and directed by the Q Brothers, a four-person company known for critically acclaimed "ad-tap-rations" of Shakespeare, during four weeks on campus as part of the Dayton Artist-in-Residence program.

After selecting a student cast, the Q Brothers began rehearsals with an ensemble reading of the original play, theater exercises, scene work and "cyphers" — freestyle circles in which cast members improvise rhymes to a beat.

As they got to know the students, the Q Brothers incorporated individual students' talents into the emerging script.

Cody Fisher '13, a psychology major, had never auditioned for a play before, but as the group began to freestyle rhymes and share ideas, he felt like an equal in the creative process.

“They treated us like colleagues,” Fisher said. “It was like doing research with a professor — very hands-on.”

The four busy weeks flew by.

“We had to learn all these new things — how to stay on the beat, how to not move your body to the beat, how to rap, how to write in rhyme,” said cast member Noam Waksman ’15, an English major.

When the last performance ended, most students still wanted more.

“We’re already talking about writing another show in this style,” said Leila Teitelman ’15, a theater major. “The Q Brothers inspired us so much.”

Was Rachel Carson wrong?

THIS FALL, THE COLLEGE hosted a series of events to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Rachel Carson’s "Silent Spring," the book credited with launching the modern environmental movement.

Carson traced the negative impact of the pesticide DDT through the food chain. Her research led to a DDT ban in the United States and raised awareness of how human activity affects the global environment.

A panel discussion moderated by Carson biographer Linda Lear ’62 focused on recent backlash against the book and Carson, who died of cancer in 1964. Critics assert that the danger of DDT was exaggerated and that banning the pesticide created an ongoing "genocide" of malaria deaths around the world.

Panelist Naomi Oreskes, a professor of history and science at the University of California and author of "Merchants of Doubt," refuted the critique, citing decades of peer-reviewed research.

"Rachel Carson is an American hero," Oreskes said. "And she was not wrong.”

Oreskes has traced attacks on Carson to individuals and organizations with ties to regulated industries, including chemicals and tobacco.

“It is an attempt to undermine the very concept of environmental regulation,” Oreskes said.

She noted that the EPA’s ban on DDT applied only to the U.S., not to developing countries where malaria is prevalent. In many countries, DDT use was discontinued not by regulation, but because the malaria-carrying mosquitoes developed genetic resistance to the pesticide.

Oreskes said Carson is a role model, for her painstaking research, her ability to translate science into plain English and her willingness to stand up to criticism.

“... Knowing it happened to Rachel Carson helps me.”
Fulbright honors

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE'S nine Fulbrights, awarded to students and recent alumni in April of 2012, earned the College a top spot on the Chronicle of Higher Education's annual list of top-producing bachelor's institutions. The College had the sixth highest number of award winners, with more winners than Wesleyan University and Trinity College combined.

As part of its student advising system, the College assists seniors and recent graduates with preparing applications for the prestigious international award, which covers round-trip transportation to the host country, a living stipend, research allowances and medical insurance. The College is consistently a top producer of Fulbright fellows, with 31 winners in the last six years.

Most of the 2012 winners are now midway through their Fulbright year, and are becoming integrated into their host communities. Among them is Catharina Damrell '11, who is teaching English at a high school in Kendari, Indonesia. In the fall, she taught her pupils how to carve pumpkins and dance to Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

At the University of Leeds in England, Justin Koufopoulos '10 is conducting social science research on mHealth, or mobile health. He is building an app that connects chronically ill patients together via a mobile social network, and then measures the network's impact on patient health, satisfaction and medication adherence. The study is the first of its kind.

In Japan, Libby Maret '12 is studying phonon spectroscopy techniques with a professor at the University of Tsukuba. Maret, who will pursue a Ph.D. in physics at the University of Michigan following her Fulbright fellowship, says she hopes to focus her career on the application of optical spectroscopy techniques to diagnostic medicine.

When she isn't in the lab, Maret has been traveling around Japan, hiking, running and rock climbing. "I'm finding that inspiration comes in unexpected places and no single day is ever without its new interesting twist," she says.

For further updates on this year's nine Fulbright winners, see ccomline.conncoll.edu.

CATHARINA DAMRELL '11 (CENTER) WITH HER STUDENTS IN KENDARI, INDONESIA.
Local hero
Hammond wins Crawford Award

VICE PRESIDENT
for Administration
Ulysses Hammond is the recipient of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut’s 2012 William Crawford Distinguished Service Award. The award is given to an outstanding member of the community who has exemplified the spirit of service to one’s neighbors and has contributed to improving the quality of life in eastern Connecticut.

Connecticut Congressman Joe Courtney and chamber president Tony Sheridan ’74 presented Hammond with the award at a dinner in his honor Nov. 2. Hammond, who also serves as president of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Trust Fund and chairman of the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital board of directors, was honored for his extensive service to the greater New London community.

At the event, Connecticut College President Leo I. Higdon, Jr. praised Hammond for his deep commitment to New London and the region, and especially to organizations that help young people succeed.

"At Connecticut College, he mentors students and he has built relationships with young people who not only see him as a role model, but as someone who cares deeply about helping others achieve success," Higdon said.

Other speakers praised Hammond for his leadership of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship program, which this year awarded $20,000 college scholarships to nine students. He was also commended for his work with the hospital, as well as his volunteer and mentorship work.

Music in the air

ANASTASIA ELLIOTT ’14, A MUSIC MAJOR, TRIED OUT ONE OF THE COLLEGE’S NEW STEINWAY PIANOS IN HARKNESS CHAPEL IN OCTOBER. THE COLLEGE IS NOW ON ITS WAY TO BEING DESIGNATED AS AN “ALL-STEINWAY SCHOOL,” THANKS TO A GIFT FROM NANCY MARSHALL ATHEY ’72 AND HER HUSBAND, PRESTON ATHEY. THE GIFT WILL FUND THE PURCHASE OF 16 NEW PIANOS AND THE RENOVATION OF 14 MORE.

Blogging for peace

IN AN AGE when letter-writing has largely become a thing of the past, two unlikely friends are using modern technology to turn their regular correspondence into a remarkable public discussion about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

High school classmates Noam Waksman ’15, a dual citizen of the United States and Israel, and Hani Azzam, whose father is Palestinian-American, are sparking conversation and challenging preconceived notions with the letters they write to each other on their unique blog, “Until Next Year in Jerusalem” (http://untilnextyearinjerusalem.com/).

In beautifully written letters, the two young men grapple with the history of the conflict, the role Americans play and the complicated path to peace.

“We have the ability to talk about the issues more openly because we aren’t entrenched in the everyday reality of it,” said Waksman, who plans to major in English and psychology. “We know we can’t solve the conflict, but we hope to change perspectives.”

ONLINE EXCLUSIVE
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> for more news, go to www.conncoll.edu
The end of Fishbowl

THE COLLEGE ANNOUNCED in December that it would cancel Fishbowl, a senior streaking tradition, because of concerns about student safety. The decision ignited a campus controversy that spread across social media as students and recent graduates shared their Fishbowl memories and weighed in on the decision to cancel.

According to campus lore, Fishbowl originated in the 1980s, when a group of students spontaneously disrobed after a dance and streaked across campus. Over time, more and more students participated, and the event evolved into an all-night party with significant drinking and nudity. Some time after 1995, when William Wiley's gong sculpture was installed in Castle Court, the run became a dash from Crozier-Williams to Castle Court to ring the gong.

Dean of the College Carolyn Denard, who announced the cancellation to students, stressed that the decision was not made lightly. The College conducted a full review of the event after several incidents occurred at Fishbowl 2012, and it was clear that efforts to curb excessive drinking and improve safety were not working.

"There was physical injury to students, pre-event anxiety for many students and disrespectful behavior to staff," Denard said. "We had to think about the event in terms of the health and safety of students and staff." She has invited students to work together to create a new senior tradition that would be "more congruent with the College's values today."

For some students and alumni, the debate was about more than the loss of a senior class bonding opportunity. Many felt that, under the College's system of shared governance, students should have participated in making the decision. For others, the issue sparked a lively discussion about student values and priorities.

In a post on the College Voice website, Tessa Engel '11 contrasted students' passionate defense of Fishbowl with the lackluster attendance at a Haiti fundraiser she helped organize as a student.

While she personally "reveled in the glory that was Fishbowl," she wrote, the campus reaction made her wonder, "What is important to Conn students, and what are they willing to fight for?"

Brenner Green '12, now working for Teach for America, applauded the students' passionate defense of shared governance — and urged them to bring the same engagement to other campus meetings, organizations and issues.

Green's and Engel's involvement in the debate was itself a powerful illustration of how much the world has changed since Fishbowl first took place. Alumni and others could follow and join the debate as if they were on campus, watching online video of Student Government meetings and reading real-time tweets, some of which employed the hashtag #fishbowlgate.

For some observers, the same transparency that enabled the far-flung debate was itself another rationale for the end of Fishbowl.

Zoe Klein Henriquez '99, now a College trustee, has fond memories of Fishbowl, but she endorsed the decision to cancel the event.

"We've all seen, heard or lived stories of cyber bullying," she said. "To imagine in this age of technology how easily some of these young men and women could be embarrassingly exposed is terrifying. In our time, Fishbowl was one night. But images on the Internet can last forever and be seen by the world. This innocent tradition could easily have turned into something far more dangerous for current and future students."

Islamic studies planned

THE COLLEGE is introducing a new program in global Islamic studies with an interdisciplinary focus on Muslim communities worldwide.

"The curriculum will challenge assumptions about the role of Islam in contemporary politics and explore how these assumptions have shaped our understanding of Islam and Muslims in a global context," says Sufia Uddin, associate professor of religious studies.

The College was awarded a $100,000 planning grant by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. In addition to Uddin, the program is being developed by faculty in Arabic studies, classics, English, German, government, history and sociology. The group will visit Turkey this summer on a research trip to develop expertise for a new gateway course.

The pilot program will move the College closer to formalizing a major or minor track in global Islamic studies.

"This initiative strengthens the College's already notable reputation in international education at a time when international programming is a growing campus priority," says Dean of the Faculty Roger Brooks.
'Homeland' producer to speak at Commencement

TELEVISION EXECUTIVE AND AUTHOR Howard Gordon will be the keynote speaker at Connecticut College's 95th Commencement on May 19.

Gordon is the co-creator of the Emmy-winning television series "Homeland," for which he won a 2012 Emmy for outstanding writing for a drama series. He is also known for his work as the showrunner and executive producer of "24." His other television credits include "The X-Files," "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Angel," "Beauty and the Beast" and "Spenser: For Hire."


"His innovative work — and especially his talent for taking the most topical issues of the day and incorporating them into compelling storylines for broad audiences — is extraordinary, and reflects the kind of thoughtful, thorough and resourceful approach we seek to instill in our students through this liberal arts education," says President Leo I. Higdon, Jr.

Reading by example

SHELLY RODRIGUEZ '16 and John Dargan '14 (pictured at left) and more than 50 other student, faculty and staff volunteers spent an hour reading to students at New London's Winthrop Magnet Elementary School Jan. 25 in honor of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. As part of the "Dr. King Loved to Read" event, the College donated dozens of books to the elementary school's library.
IN THE HOURS AFTER THE TRAGEDY AT SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY, STUDENTS ORGANIZED A CANDLELIGHT VIGIL ON TEMPEL GREEN. STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHER ANDREW NATHANSON '13 CAPTURED THIS IMAGE AS STUDENTS GATHERED TO REMEMBER THE VICTIMS AND OFFER SUPPORT TO ONE ANOTHER.

Living Dr. King's legacy

A STUDENT ADVOCATE with a passion for equity, a professor of education focused on social justice and a dining services supervisor who promotes literacy skills are this year's recipients of the College's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service Awards.

Jovanni Jauregui '13, the recipient of the student award, is a gender and women's studies major and president of the College's chapter of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán, known as MEChA. Turning the once pejorative "Chicano" label into a badge of pride, the group promotes higher education, culture and history rooted in the principle of self-determination for indigenous peoples. He is also active in the Sprout organic garden club; C.Change, a student organization involved in poverty and health issues; and La Unidad, an organization to raise awareness of Latino issues.

Faculty recipient Sandy Grande is chair of the education department, a fellow in the College's Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy, and the founder and director of the Tecumseh Institute, a think tank for Native American and indigenous public policy and intellectual discourse. During the presidency of Norman Fainstein, Grande was a leader of the Multiculturalism and Diversity Committee that helped to re-conceptualize the Dean of the College position as the College's first senior diversity officer. She was named "Higher Education Multicultural Faculty of the Year" in 2004 by the Connecticut chapter of the National Association of Multicultural Education.

Dining Services Supervisor Joumana Hajj, the staff honoree, is an active volunteer in her church and local community. At the College, she has gone beyond the responsibilities of her position to help employees whose first language is not English improve their literacy skills. She has worked with New London Adult Education and the Office of Volunteers for Community Service to create classes at the College and has helped connect dining services staff with student tutors.

"Like Dr. King, Joumana is a person of deep faith who cares about rights and equity issues," wrote the staff colleague who nominated Hajj.

FROM LEFT: AWARD WINNERS JOUMANA HAJJ, JOVANNI JAUREGUI '13, AND PROFESSOR SANDY GRANDE
Volleyball owns the fall

IT WAS A SEASON OF FIRSTS AND BESTS for the Connecticut College volleyball team, with a 14-match win streak, high-stakes tournaments, a growing fan base, mounting accolades and oh, the pants.

In front of a thunderous crowd in Luce Field House, the team became the first in College history to win an NCAA championship contest on campus. The Camels, who closed out the regular season with the program's first No. 1 ranking in the New England region, earned the right to host the regional round of the 2012 NCAA Volleyball Championship in mid-November.

Senior setter Katie Ketcham says the energy on campus leading up to the tournament was infectious. “People I don't know would give me high fives and wish me luck. I felt like a celebrity.”

One of the College's most consistent athletics programs in recent years, the team hosted the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) tournament and became the first College team to make it to the championship match before falling to Middlebury 3-0. The Camels then beat Framingham State in the first round of NCAA competition before coming up just short in a two-and-a-half hour battle with UMass-Boston. The final score of the match, played in front of a standing room-only home crowd, was 3-2 (25-23, 22-25, 20-25, 25-18, 18-16).

“The support we had from the school was pretty outstanding,” says Coach Josh Edmed, who earned several coach of the year honors. “It was a great atmosphere.”

The team was led by a powerful trio of seniors from California, including Ketcham, right side hitter Rachel Schroff and libero Carly Guiducci.

Edmed attributes the unprecedented success to the team's chemistry, both on and off the court.

“We have had some very talented teams in the past that were very close, but the major defining characteristic that elevated this team was the bond the players have with each other,” says Edmed, who has coached the Camels for 11 seasons.

Some have also alluded to the power of the plaid. In response to a request from players to show more emotion, Edmed began stepping out in a flashy pair of blue and white plaid pants that delighted his players and had tweeters abuzz on Twitter. And while the seniors leave big shoes to fill, fans may not have seen the last of the pants.

“There is definitely a roster spot for the pants next year,” Edmed promises.

VOLLEYBALL HONORS

Coach Josh Edmed
American Volleyball Coaches Association New England Coach of the Year
New England Women's Volleyball Association Coach of the Year
NESCAC Coach of the Year

Rachel Schroff '13
American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America Team - Honorable Mention
American Volleyball Coaches Association All-New England First Team
New England Women's Volleyball Association First Team

All-NESCAC Player of the Year
All-NESCAC First Team

Katie Ketcham '13
American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America Team - Honorable Mention
American Volleyball Coaches Association All-New England First Team

All-NESCAC Second Team

Caroline Martin '16
New England Women's Volleyball Association All-Rookie Team
All-NESCAC Second Team
NESCAC Rookie of the Year

New England Women's Volleyball Association Second Team
All-NESCAC First Team

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Athletic Hall of Fame inducts four

THE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME, created in 1989, annually honors individuals who have brought distinction to themselves and the College through achievement, commitment, sportsmanship and leadership in athletics. The 2013 inductees are:

- Meghan Barry '97, one of the most talented and dedicated rowers to compete in collegiate ranks, who earned a silver medal at the 1994 Head of the Charles Regatta and two silver medals at the New England Rowing Championship

- Judy Fontaine-Higgins '79, a world-renowned pentathlete who won a silver medal at the 1978 U.S. Track & Field National Championships

- Tom Hudner '95, a two-sport captain and goalkeeper for lacrosse and soccer who led the men's lacrosse program to three consecutive semifinal appearances in the ECAC Championship and to its 1992 ECAC Championship

- Beth Offenhartz Carlson '81, a three-time MVP volleyball player who led the team to the 1978 Connecticut State Championship

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Camels honored

**AII-NESCAC:**

Josh Edmed
Volleyball, Coach of the Year

Bill Hawkey '14
Men’s Soccer, First Team

Andrea Hoisington '14
Field Hockey, Second Team

Katie Ketcham '13
Volleyball, First Team

Michael LeDuc '14
Men’s Cross Country, First Team

Caroline Martin '16
Volleyball, Second Team and
Rookie of the Year

Rachel Schroff '13
Volleyball, First Team and Player of the Year

Aina Torres '14
Women’s Soccer, First Team

38 Camels named to
the 2012 NESCAC Fall
All-Academic Team

**NESCAC’s Fall**
All-Sportsmanship Team:

Jeff Beling '13, Men’s Cross Country
Carly Guiducci '13, Volleyball
Maura Hallisey '13, Women’s Cross Country
Bill Hawkey '14, Men’s Soccer
Astrid Kempainen '15, Women’s Soccer
Emily Scribner '13, Field Hockey

Record-setting performance

**SCORING 43 POINTS IN A SINGLE GAME** midway through the men’s basketball season, Matt Vadas '14 (above) broke a record nearly as old as the program itself.

Vadas netted nine three-pointers — also a single-game record — and went 12-19 from the field to lead the Camels to a 79-69 victory over Westminster Dec. 30. The 43 points bested the previous single-game scoring record of 42 set by Connecticut College Athletic Hall of Famer Jim Cawley '74 in 1972.

“We work really hard as a team,” Vadas told Channel 3 News. “It feels really good to have it all pay off.”
MIKE LEDUC '14 (above) posted a time of 24:48 to place 13th at the 2012 NCAA Division III Cross Country Championship, hosted by the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind.

The finish earned LeDuc All-American status and set a program record for the highest finish at the national championship.

"Mike's tremendous race was a culmination of hard work he started way back in the summer and maintained throughout the fall season," says Coach Jim Butler. "As his coach, I couldn't be happier."

LeDuc, a botany major, was one of two student speakers at the opening of the College's new science center in August. The other was computer science major and volleyball star Katie Ketcham, featured on page 15.

THREE DAYS A WEEK, Connecticut College student-athletes travel to New London High School to tutor high school football, basketball, soccer and volleyball players in subjects from algebra to English. The new program is called Camels 4 Whalers, a play on the mascots of both schools.

"Even if we're from two completely different worlds, we still can bond through sports," says lacrosse player Caitlin Cataldo '14.

The College students help the high school students with specific academic subjects, and also with time management skills. For New London High School, the aid of the College students is vital, says Karen Fischer, a volunteer and the wife of the superintendent of New London Public Schools, Nicholas A. Fischer.

"They're making a huge difference and our kids love getting the help," Fischer says.
The not-so-quiet education

A friendship in the quiet dorm started a lifelong conversation on diversity

I SPENT MY FIRST TWO YEARS at Connecticut College living in the basement of Larrabee. It was called the “quiet dorm,” but our floor was far from quiet. Our doors were always open, and people from other floors would hang out in our rooms and hallway. At least once a day we had hip-hop dance parties and sing-alongs. We also had lively discussions about topics we learned in class or simply yelled questions to each other from room to room. In its own way, the not-so-quiet basement of Larrabee was a vibrant, engaging community that taught me about friendship. Even more importantly, it was where I first became involved in diversity.

In Larrabee, my best friends were Seerna Bhansali ’98 and Ericka Williams ’98. Seerna was an Indian-American woman from Long Island. Ericka was an African-American woman from Hartford. My parents were born in the Philippines, and I had checked the box for Asian-American on my admission application. But the truth was, I didn’t know what diversity had to do with me.

Ericka and Seema were both involved in diversity clubs. Every week, they encouraged me to come to Gospel Choir, to Unity House (which I could see from my window), and to Knowlton, where a group of international students played mah jongg every Friday night. They invited me to lectures and classes that had introduced them to the rich histories of people of color. I usually claimed to be busy; the a cappella group Williams Street Mix, student government meetings and research for my psychology thesis all competed for my time. Also, having grown up in a predominantly white suburb, I was out of my comfort zone in diverse groups. I wasn’t sure how to engage in diversity and, even as a student of color, I was insecure about what I could contribute.

In our safe corner of Larrabee, I slowly began to overcome my insecurity. Over sandwiches and curly fries in Cro, I stayed up late at night with Seema and Ericka, talking about gender, race, hair, language and religion. We discussed stereotypes, interracial dating, sexuality and our classroom experiences. Because of our conversations, I began to feel more comfortable attending programs, taking classes related to diversity and getting more involved in clubs.

In their own quiet way, those undergraduate experiences shaped my work and my life. Today I am the one hosting campuswide diversity workshops and programs at another college. When I speak to today’s college students, I often refer back to my own days at Connecticut College. I tell them about the friends I met, the classes I took and the ways in which diversity was woven into the fabric of my undergraduate experience.

Seema, Ericka and I parted ways after I graduated in 1997. Ten years later, in 2007, my husband and I took our two kids to Disney World on vacation. After a humid, exhausting day at a very crowded theme park, we began to make our way back to the car. We had passed hundreds of people, but just as we were leaving, someone caught my eye.

“Seema? Is that you?”

And, in that same non-quiet way, we ran towards one another and locked into an embrace. Soon we were starting nearly every sentence with “Remember that time at Conn … ?”

Liza Talusan ’97 is the director of Intercultural Affairs at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass., a doctoral student in higher education at the University of Massachusetts and chair of the Connecticut College Alumni of Color group. She is also a singer, a runner, a cancer activist and a writer. At home in Brockton, Mass., with her husband Jorge Vega ’97 and their two children, she blogs about life and living at http://marathonb4mastectomy.wordpress.com.
STUDENTS, FACULTY AND REAL-WORLD RESEARCH ARE ALL THRIVING IN THE NEW SCIENCE CENTER AT NEW LONDON HALL

By Amy Martin

In early September, students wandered through the newly completed science center at New London Hall, some on their way to bright functional classrooms, others heading to gleaming laboratories and others just stopping by to admire the view from floor-to-ceiling windows. For some members of this social-media generation, the urge to comment and share was irresistible. They picked up chalk and scribbled their reactions on the still fresh blackboards: “I love NEWLO Hall,” “This is SO impressive,” and “Beautiful.”

Months later, the new home of biology, botany and computer science continues to attract tributes and praise. Early in the second semester, it is clear that the renovation and expansion of the College’s oldest academic building is doing exactly what it was designed to do — support interdisciplinary collaborations, student-faculty research and hands-on learning at a whole new level.

“Our science programs finally have the facilities they deserve,” says President Leo I. Higdon, Jr.

In MID-WINTER, the iconic greenhouse is an oasis of warmth and color. These days, it’s also a better growing environment, fully refurbished with safety glass; thermal shades that open and close automatically in response to sunlight; and new electrical, heating and ventilation systems.

Inside, collections of cacti, orchids and edible plants used in ethnobotany classes share space with small plots of basil, sunflowers and catnip tended by beginning botany students. “A lot of the students have never grown anything before,” notes T. Page Owen, associate professor of botany.

For Owen, the renovation has provided new space for his research collection of carnivorous pitcher plants, with hanging, gourd-like leaves that trap and digest unsuspecting flies. In Asia, larger versions of the same plant have been found to contain monkey skeletons. The pitcher lures its prey — whether primate or insect — with nectar produced in the plant’s rim, or peristome.

In a research laboratory just steps away from the greenhouse, one of Owen’s research assistants, junior Alison Carini, uses a high-powered transmission electron microscope to examine thin slices of perisomal tissue to compare the cellular structures of the nectar glands across different stages of development.

“The new center has greatly simplified the logistics of research,” Carini says. “The new labs are spacious and all the equipment is easily available.”

Carini, a molecular and cellular biology major with a minor in Hispanic studies, is one of three students working with Owen this year. Carini says she enrolled at Connecticut College because she wanted to work closely with her professors.

"Professor Owen’s level of dedication to his students is very rare,” she says.

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As the faculty liaison to the science center project, Owen helped shape the building to maximize faculty and student interactions and make it easy to share ideas, equipment, resources and time.

“It is very deliberate,” he says.

Owen’s favorite space is the lab designed for microscopy work, including his current research with Carini, Dan Smoot ’13 and Victoria Frank ’13. Special lighting and separate spaces for each of the high-powered microscopes allow several research projects to be ongoing at once.

The proximity of his office to the greenhouse and lab makes it easy for Owen to check in with his students when they’re working. Similarly, he often finds himself crossing paths with first-year students on their way to measure their seedlings in the greenhouse or striking up conversations with colleagues in the hallway.

**Jim O’Connor ’13** was attracted to Connecticut College by the opportunity to do research with Computer Science Professor Gary Parker, whose research areas include artificial intelligence, colony robotics, evolutionary robotics, genetic algorithms and interactive video games.

“T’m not okay just taking classes and learning about something,” O’Connor says. “I want to know everything there is to know about it and contribute to the general knowledge about it. That is what keeps me going.”

Last year, O’Connor and another student traveled with Parker to co-present at a professional conference in Alaska. O’Connor’s presentation was related to training a robot to push a box; the research was also the subject of a published paper. Their current work is focused on using brain waves—human thought—and artificial intelligence to control a robotic arm. Eventually, the technology could power prosthetic limbs or control a robot remotely—to disable bombs, conduct surgery or even direct a Mars Rover.

Until this year, computer science was housed in Winthrop Annex, a cramped, poorly insulated structure at the north end of campus where computer servers were draped with plastic to protect them from dripping.
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■ PROJECT SCOPE: A $25-million gut renovation and 14,000-net-square-foot addition creating 28 percent more teaching and research space for biology, botany and computer science

■ BUILDING FEATURES: 13 new laboratories, two seminar rooms, three multi-purpose classrooms, 21 faculty offices, greenhouse, herbarium, electron microscopy suite, cold rooms and tissue culture rooms

■ GREEN INITIATIVES: 45 geothermal wells under Tempel Green to heat and cool the building; high-efficiency frame hoods; and energy-saving lighting, cooling and plumbing fixtures

■ PRIME LOCATION: Forms a “science triangle” with Hale Laboratory and Olin Science Center, where chemistry, physics and environmental science are located

LEAD FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT

was provided by the Sherman Fairchild Foundation and eight alumnae of the College, all of whom attended before co-education, a fitting tribute to the College’s history. They are Judith Ammerman ’60, Susan Eckert Lynch ’62, Helen Frick Mathieson ’52, Judith Tindal Opatrn ’72 and Donald C. Opatrn, Mary Lake Polan ’65 P’02 ’10, Frances Gillmore Pratt ’60 P’89 and Jean C. Tempel ’65, as well as an alumna who chose to support the project anonymously.

ROOM TO GROW ▶ Chad Jones, Milne Assistant Professor of Botany and Environmental Science, left, helps first-year botany students prepare to plant seedlings in the renovated greenhouse. Popular choices are plants that can be harvested, including basil, sunflowers and catnip.
condensation. Now Parker and his students work in
a bright new robotics lab on the second floor of New
London Hall, with sweeping views over Tempel Green.
All around the room are shelves lined with robots, some
resembling strange insects, others more human-like.

“This building is the best thing ever,” says O’Connor,
who is applying to top graduate programs in computer
science. “I have a bunch of new equipment. It’s
awesome.”

The department’s move to New London Hall is
about more than a dramatically improved physical
space, however. It’s also a deliberate strategy to
facilitate collaboration between scientific disciplines.
Powerful computer programs are revolutionizing life
science research, helping scientists gain new insights
from field data and observation. The emerging field of
bioinformatics, for example, involves studying how
to
store, retrieve and analyze biological data, such as genetic
sequences.

The possibilities are exciting, says Associate Professor
of Biology Phil Barnes, who studies the behavioral
genetics of Drosophila — fruit flies — to better
understand how changes in mating behaviors affect the
origin and divergence of new species. Similarities between
his work on the evolution of complex traits and Parker’s
work with genetic algorithms that can improve artificial
intelligence could lead to future collaborations.

BARNES’S FRUIT FLIES — there are
thousands of them — live in incubators in a
U-shaped room on the fourth floor of the new
science center. The room is arranged with separate areas
for sorting and collecting flies and computer analysis. The
flies are barely visible to the naked eye, but specialized
equipment allows Barnes and his students to magnify
them 50-fold — enough to measure differences in their
wing size down to fractions of a millimeter.

The top two floors of the building are also home to
classrooms, offices and two large biology research labs.
Each lab is divided into four workspaces, with long
rectangular countertops and open shelves filled with
beakers, petri dishes, test tubes and other lab equipment.
Throughout the fall, Sarah Goldstein ’13 could often
be found in one of the bio labs, preparing a set of pipettes
for an afternoon of cloning microbial DNA, part of an

UP FOR DISCUSSION  Philosophy professor
Derek Turner leads a seminar in one of five
new classrooms. In the fall, 18 departments
and programs hosted classes in the building.
MUD ROOM  Biology professor Anne Bernhard processes mud samples in one of the many specialty spaces designed to support research and hands-on learning. Bernhard and her students are studying the effect of the BP oil spill on Louisiana salt marshes.
independent research project with Associate Professor of Biology Anne Bernhard.

Bernhard is an expert on the role microorganisms play in cycling nitrogen through estuaries and salt marshes. When the system is working, salt marshes play a key role in ensuring that the correct amounts of nitrogen, an essential element for life, are available to organisms throughout the ecosystem. But if the microbial processes are thrown off kilter — by excessive pollution, for example — the environmental impact can be devastating.

Bernhard recently received a $203,000 grant from the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative to study how the April 2010 BP oil spill has affected microbial populations in Louisiana salt marshes.

“It is easy to see that a bird is covered in oil, but we don’t really know what happens when oil settles on the floor of these marshes,” Bernhard says. “This project is something that students can relate to. They watched the oil spill unfold, and this helps them see firsthand the relevance of this type of research.”

Goldstein grew up listening to her grandmother, Ada Maislen Goldstein ’47, extol the advantages of Connecticut College, but she didn’t fully appreciate Ada’s enthusiasm until she enrolled and started working with Bernhard. Inspired by their work together, Goldstein is applying to doctoral programs in molecular biology.

“Opportunities to do research like this really set Connecticut College apart,” Goldstein says. “It is unique for an undergraduate to get to work with a professor who is so well-known in her field.”

N ANOTHER BIOLOGY LAB, Ellen Nadel ’13 studies tiny sponges with the ability to shut down their own metabolisms during periods of environmental stress. A biology major with a minor in psychology, Nadel is working with Stephen Loomis,
“Our science programs finally have the facilities they deserve.”

— President Leo I. Higdon, Jr.

Tempel Professor of Biology, to determine if DNA methylation, a form of inherited gene modification, is responsible for the sponges' ability to restart its metabolism, or essentially come back to life.

“I was ecstatic when I heard I was going to be doing research in New London Hall,” she says.

This fall, Nadel also took Loomis’s “Invertebrate Biology” class in one of the new classrooms. Loomis designed the course with a fieldwork component to help students apply class and laboratory work to a real-world problem.

Every other Wednesday, Nadel and her classmates donned wetsuits and waded, sometimes chest-deep, into the chilly waters of the Niantic River estuary. To determine the impact of marinas on invertebrate populations, the students mapped populations of organisms on the surface and in the sediment, bringing back hermit crabs, shrimp and other samples to an aquarium in the science center. They compared their findings at the marina with a nearby control site and shared their results with the Niantic River Watershed Committee, a local waterway protection group.

Thanks to her research with Loomis and two internships at New York Medical College, Nadel is now contemplating a career in clinical research — but she still has to decide on one field from the many that have piqued her interest.

“Certain courses have helped inspire ideas I had not considered,” she says. "Anthropology 101 introduced me to the field of epidemiology, health psychology inspired me to enter primary care and molecular development helped me reinforce a greater appreciation for stem cell research,” she says.

One thing seems sure: For the rest of her senior year, she’ll be spending as much time as she can in the new science center.

“The building is beautiful, and it supports a rich learning environment,” she says.
Few small liberal arts colleges offer a major in human development --- and fewer still have a "laboratory school," a children's program operated by a college or university to promote student research, education and service. Connecticut College has both: a thriving interdisciplinary major and an acclaimed early childhood program that serves more than 90 infants and young children from southeastern Connecticut. Both programs are rooted in the College's early history and, like the College itself, have evolved to meet society's changing needs.

EMERGENCE: 1911 TO 1947

In 1911, Connecticut College for Women had three founding principles: egalitarian access to higher education for women from socially diverse backgrounds, the importance of social responsibility and active citizenship, and a curriculum that balanced liberal arts with practical education. Scholarships, commuting options and off-campus housing facilitated access. Service leagues and war efforts fostered democratic and social engagement. The curriculum balanced traditional liberal arts with classes that would prepare young women for employment.

Courses related to children and families were available in home economics, psychology, sociology and education, but there was initially no child development major. The scientific study of children was an emerging field, with roots in the philosophy and practices of progressive education.

At the same time, growing awareness of the impact of poverty, the burgeoning need for child care and the many variables affecting all areas of development led to the establishment of settings for preschool-aged children. Lab schools offered college students a controlled setting to experience research, education and service in child development, health, social work, nutrition and family studies.

In 1939, the College established a child development major in the home economics department, and a lab school, the Nursery School. The major required courses in home economics, psychology, education, chemistry and zoology, along with observational and applied work in the lab school. The school served 12 faculty children, ages 3 and 4, in a play-based, half-day setting.

TRANSITION: 1947-1988

During this period, the College's commitment to access led to enrollment of men, students of color and students with identified disabilities. The College continued to support service work in the community and saw an upswing in civil rights and anti-war activism.

Elite liberal arts schools were retreating from career-oriented curriculum in favor of a more traditional definition of liberal arts. In 1959, Connecticut College faculty eliminated the home economics department, but retained the child development major --- having determined that child development fulfilled the requirements of a liberal arts discipline. An interdepartmental faculty committee oversaw the major initially. In 1965, the department was solidified when Eveline Omwake (see "Remembering a Pioneer") became the first chair. During this period, the curriculum expanded to include adolescence, developmental disabilities, language,
cognition, social and personality development and social policy. The academic goals of the major were enhanced by field experiences in schools, hospitals and clinics, as well as the lab school, now called the Children's School, and in a second lab school, the Program for Children with Special Needs, which was established in 1972. In these sites, students worked with a wide range of professional staff, observed and interacted with children and integrated their learning through class assignments, individual studies and honors studies.

**INNOVATION: 1988 - 2011**

In 1980s and 1990s, many liberal arts colleges subsumed their child development departments into psychology, sociology or education. Many lab schools, because of their cost, were closed or replaced by child care centers.

In the 1990s, in light of the changing times, the department undertook an extensive self-study to determine how to better cultivate students’ intellectual growth and prepare them for the needs of contemporary society. Child development became human development and, in 1996, the two lab schools were combined into one children's program. Aggressive recruitment of diverse faculty brought new expertise and helped create a department that attracted a diverse student population. Along with an expanded lifespan curriculum, the department continued its commitment to service by strengthening its collaborations with the Office of Volunteers for Community Service (OVCS) and the Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy.

**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT TODAY**

Today, human development at Connecticut College provides students an interdisciplinary and lifespan perspective that examines the development of the individual within the context of topics such as diversity, culture and globalization, the impact of media on identity, social policy, adversity and resilience. Research skills and applied experiences remain central to the departmental teaching on themes of growth and developmental.

The Children's Program remains a model of an inclusive child- and family-centered lab school. Students from human development, psychology, education, dance, architectural studies and music, as well as OVCS and the Holleran Center, observe and assist in the program and conduct research related to their coursework.

With a continued commitment to inclusiveness, service and the balance between liberal arts and professional applications, human development continues to exemplify the College's founding principles.

*Margaret Sheridan '67 is the Martha Bennett '73 Professor Emeritus of Human Development. Sara Radlinski, a former adjunct professor of human development and former director of the Connecticut College Children's Program. This article is adapted and excerpted from their Centennial Lecture on Human Development, presented on Oct. 21, 2011.*
What is a book?

*Artist’s books push the limits of the form*

Even in an era of digital readers, the word “book” still conjures up, for most people, a common object: a stack of papers, usually rectangular — printed, written or blank — bound together along one side and set between protective covers.

The genre known as artist’s books challenges these preconceptions. Each one is a work of art that compels the reader to reconsider the form of the book as well as the content. Artist’s books remind us that a printed book is not merely a repository of information: It is an object with physical attributes that contribute to our awareness of the embedded ideas, words and images.

Few places are better suited to housing artist’s books than a liberal arts college where students are encouraged to question the definitions and demarcations that shape their world. Over the past decade, the College has made these books one focus of its acquisitions, with support from an endowed fund created by alumni to honor former Special Collections Librarian Brian Rogers. The Linda Lear Center for Special Collections & Archives now contains 185 examples, including the four highlighted here.

Professor of Art Andrea Wollensak uses the collection as a teaching tool for “ART 301: Sketchbooks and Artist Books,” in which students explore contemporary interpretations of the book as an art object. After introducing the collection, Wollensak will often assign each student to select one book, study it in depth and then present it to the class. As a final project, students create their own books.
"The collection showcases a wide range for students to study — from traditional codex, letterpress printing and engraving to experimental book forms exploring non-linear structures and using unexpected materials," Wollensak says. "There are also excellent examples of self-publishing techniques in digital printing, screen printing and collage."

**Life, Life, Eternal Life: Uncle Wiggily Meets the Pilgrim's Progress, 2006**
**By Angela Lorenz**
**From an Edition of 17 Copies**

John Bunyan's 1678 book, "The Pilgrim's Progress," was as commonplace in late 17th and 18th century homes as the board game inspired by Howard Garis's "Uncle Wiggily" stories was in the 20th century. Lorenz's work synthesizes the spirit of the two in a 10-foot swath of linen embellished with lace, pockets and a variety of small objects representing pitfalls and opportunities in "The Pilgrim's Progress."

Lorenz's title invites the reader to approach the book in the spirit of a pilgrim or other traveler, but the book also is a complex game; the winner symbolically ascends a ladder to heaven. The mixed media work, packaged in a modest pillowcase, invites the reader to follow the course of the artist's creative decisions while at the same time allowing for other imaginative interpretations of the finished work.

An American artist who lives and works in Bologna, Italy, Lorenz writes that many of the materials in this piece are from her own New England family's history. She even incorporated parts of her own wedding dress.

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Online exclusives: View a slideshow of artist's books from the Lear Center collection and a video interview with Professor of Art Andrea Wollensak at http://cconline.conncoll.edu
OFFICE ORCHESTRA, 2000
BY ANDREA CHAPPELL AND CHERRY GODDARD
FROM AN EDITION OF 100

Anyone who has ever plucked a rubber band like a banjo string or drummed on a desktop with two pencils will appreciate this inspired and challenging work. Music can arise spontaneously, especially in any place where humans interact, and this innovative orchestra-in-a-can embodies that phenomenon.

The artists created this collaborative piece in response to a challenge. Twenty artists were invited to create a work that could be packaged and produced in an edition of 100 for a hands-on exhibition titled “Inside Cover” at the London Print Studio in 2000. Packaged in a cardboard can, the concertina-like insert presents 12 different common office supplies with instructions on how they can be transformed into musical instruments. The reader can assemble “castaclips,” a “rula-la,” a “pen pipe” and even a “whine bar.” An original composition by Nick Lee provides scores for wind, percussion, brass and strings.
Larned's intimate photographic tour through Middletown, Conn., reproduces the feeling of wandering through the streets and alleys of the city. It is tempting to impose a narrative structure on this sprawling series of 24 Polaroids, but the peregrinations of the pages as they unfold defy conventional order. Written language, composed in a traditional book form, is only comprehensible if we read it in a linear sequence, which is impossible to do in this book with neither text nor order. Larned’s innovative layout offers an alternative to the traditional method of reading and encourages us to rethink this elementary process.

By transforming pages from old guidebooks, Davidson challenges the basic assumption that a guidebook is primarily a utilitarian object. In most guidebooks, the text gives helpful information to travelers; if there are images, they illustrate specific points in the text. Davidson plays with these concepts by prioritizing the images rather than the text; in “Paris” she has recreated a scenic vista in three dimensions through painting and cutting. The text is in the background, barely legible, and thereby becomes a support structure for Davidson’s primary interest: the aesthetics of the travel experience.
Ground reality

Martha Alter Chen is a champion of forgotten workers around the world

By Patricia M. Carey

LUNCHING IN A HARVARD
Square restaurant, Martha Alter Chen ’65 comes across as a typical American professor, with her thick white hair, glasses and an academic’s precise use of language. But her mild-mannered appearance is protective coloration for a self-described economic anthropologist whose life and work are embedded in another culture.

“My gut experience is a Third World reality,” she says. “I feel out-of-place in the U.S.”

Chen, 69, is a lecturer in public policy at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and the international coordinator of a global research and policy action network called WIEGO, for Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing.

The daughter and granddaughter of Presbyterian missionaries from New England, Chen — known as Marty — grew up in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. With other missionary children, she and her two brothers attended school in Mussoorie, a Himalayan hill station where the family still has a home. She remembers trekking in the Himalayan foothills, riding her bicycle in and around the towns where her parents were posted, and as a teenager traveling by train alone.

“It was an independent, adventurous kind of life,” she says.

Not surprisingly, when she returned to the U.S. to enroll at Connecticut College, she experienced culture shock, but she soon regained her equilibrium. (See Passage from India on page 35.)

After graduating with a degree in English, she earned a doctorate in South Asian studies at the University of Pennsylvania and married physician Lincoln Chen, who, as a doctor during the Vietnam War, was working for the National Institutes of Health (NIH). At a dinner party one evening, Marty learned that the NIH had a research project in East Pakistan and urged him to apply.

Marty, Lincoln and their infant son Greg arrived in Dhaka (then known as Dacca) in July 1970. In November, a cyclone and tidal wave hit the coast in one of the
deadliest natural disasters of the 20th century. Chen and three other women started a cyclone relief operation.

Political tension between East and West Pakistan was building. In March 1971, the military-controlled national government sent troops into East Pakistan, which had just won a majority in the country’s first democratic elections.

Cold War politics kept the U.S. government silent even as U.S. diplomats in Dhaka sent frantic cables detailing a “reign of terror” in which thousands of Bengalis, especially Hindus, were slaughtered, including many university faculty and students.

“There weren’t many foreigners in East Pakistan at that time,” Chen says. “We fanned out across the city and documented the killings and wrote a white paper that was submitted to the U.S. Congress.”

The steps of a university building were crusted with the blood of professors who had been shot and left to die. At one street in the old city known for its Hindu artisans, the army had positioned tanks at either end and blasted the street. To this day, Chen has not forgotten the smell and sight of the smoldering bodies.

At the end of March, the Americans in Dhaka were evacuated to Karachi in West Pakistan, where they were met by U.S. embassy staff. “They told us everything was >lives
Amother and daughter haveshaped the lives of others on two continents
fine and offered us tranquilizers,” Chen says. “We didn’t take them.”

From Karachi, they were sent to Tehran, where the CIA debriefed only the men. Once they reached the U.S., Chen and her husband joined others in mounting a “Friends of Bangladesh” political campaign against U.S. support to Pakistan and, after Bangladesh gained independence, for U.S. recognition of Bangladesh. During this time, Chen’s second child, daughter Alexis, was born in Bethesda, Md.

After East Pakistan became Bangladesh, the Chens returned. The remaining funds from the cyclone relief effort were used to create a relief organization for Bengali refugees returning from India. That organization, the Bangladesh Rehabilitation Assistance Committee (BRAC), is now the largest non-governmental organization in the world.

In 1974, famine struck Bangladesh. The government introduced a food-for-work program but excluded women from participating, arguing that male relatives would provide for them. Chen and her colleagues formed a committee, met with the World Food Programme and collected data at 11 sites showing that only one-third of the women were married. As a result, a dedicated food-for-work program for women was established.

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Passage from India: the college years

WHEN MARTY ALTER arrived at Connecticut College — her mother’s alma mater — in 1961, she was 17 years old, fluent in Hindustani and disappointed not to be included in the foreign student orientation.

“I didn’t know how to use a laundromat or a vending machine,” she recalls. “I felt like a country cousin. I was trying to fit in, to feel like an American, even though I didn’t really feel like one.”

She remembers being “a little shy and diffident,” but she soon found friends, including Suzanne Leach Charity ’65, whose mother had been a classmate of Chen’s mother, Barbara Beach Alter ’42.

She also met Madhu Sethi Jain ’66, now a well-known Indian journalist. Jain remembers being astonished when the fair-haired, blue-eyed Chen approached her on campus and spoke to her in Hindi.

“Growing up in India with her family, and with strong ties to the place, she was as much of an Indian as she was an American,” said Jain, who shared a love of Indian food and music with her friend.

Chen started out as a math major, but switched to English. When a favorite English professor retired, “the students dressed as Shakespearean characters and occupied the faculty dining room,” she recalls. Once, she and her roommate returned from a weekend at Yale to find that other students had stuffed their room full of newspaper. “I felt that was a sign of acceptance,” she says. “We just dived into that pile of paper.”

In Chen’s life work, Jain sees the influence of her friend’s unusual upbringing. “Perhaps the fact that she comes from a missionary background has given her a vocation — to help others, especially unskilled workers in developing societies,” Jain says. “Her background has made her very disciplined. She has great people skills and remains calm through crisis.”
During the second half of the 1970s, Chen worked with BRAC on women’s economic empowerment. She traveled to remote villages, where she promoted literacy and political awareness, often hosting meetings in houses with mud floors. She and Bangladeshi colleagues trained women in fish culture and animal husbandry and helped revive traditional crafts to generate income.

At the time, Bangladesh had a strong culture of purdah, or seclusion, for women. “We were able to change mindsets and empower women,” Chen says.

One village woman told her, “Our minds were rusted and now they shine.”

During the 1980s, Chen worked in India for Oxfam America, supporting 60 non-governmental organizations, advising in the field and convening national policy dialogues—all with the goal of empowering poor working women.

Since joining Harvard in 1987, Chen says she has worked to build a bridge between “ground reality and mainstream economic discourse.”

She has published numerous articles, monographs and 10 scholarly books, based on meticulous fieldwork and analysis, including an in-depth account of the everyday reality, often harsh, of widows in rural India. But her favorite book remains the one she wrote about her work with BRAC in the late 1970s, “A Quiet Revolution: Women in Transition in Rural Bangladesh.”

She and her husband Lincoln live in Massachusetts and travel half the year. Their son Greg lives in Bangladesh, where he works in microfinance. Daughter Alexis, who trained as a classical Indian dancer, lives in Massachusetts, but recently toured India with a fusion/modern dance production. The Chens have six grandchildren—three in the U.S. and three in Bangladesh.

In 2011, the government of India honored Chen with a prestigious Padma Shri award for her work on employment, poverty and gender. Last year, the government of Bangladesh bestowed on her a Friends of Bangladesh Liberation War honor.

Her defining characteristic is her “commitment to improving the wellbeing of poor women through analysis and advocacy,” says Ravi Kanbur, a Cornell University professor of economics and one of the foremost global experts on poverty and economic development.

When Chen talks about her parents, James and Barbara Beach Alter ’42, she emphasizes that their goal as missionaries was not to proselytize. “My parents weren’t out to convert Indians,” Chen says. “They were there to bear witness.”

In her own way, Chen is also bearing witness—not to a religious tradition, but to the lived reality of women in South Asia. The mission of WIEGO, which she co-founded, is to gain “voice, visibility and validity” for workers worldwide who labor in the so-called informal economy.

The informal economy encompasses many self-employed workers, as well as wage earners who are not “officially” employed. The sector includes millions of domestic workers, home-based producers, street vendors, waste pickers, small farmers and agricultural day laborers.

In developing countries, well over half of all workers are informally employed. In some countries, the figure may be as high as 90 percent, Chen says. Lacking legal rights and benefits, these workers are often maltreated and underpaid, and they are particularly vulnerable to economic downturns.

To make the case for these forgotten workers, Chen focuses on the empirical research needed to document their economic role and win them a seat at the policy-making table. It’s an uphill battle, but Chen seems to relish the challenge. Under her placid demeanor, she has inherited her share of missionary zeal.

“I am a crusader,” Chen says.
Bearing witness
Barbara Beach Alter reflects on a life of service

FOR BARBARA BEACH ALTER '42 P'65,
becoming a missionary was both a natural outcome for a
minister’s daughter and a somewhat unlikely calling for a
woman who wanted no part in evangelical proselytizing.

However, the 35 years “Barry” Alter spent as a
missionary in India turned out to be the ideal way to
fulfill both her commitment to Christianity and to
“secular humanism.”

Now 92 and a resident of an assisted living facility in
Massachusetts, Alter is still the same vivacious, sharp-
minded woman who landed in Karachi—at that time it was still part of India—on
Oct. 27, 1945.

Alter’s father, David Nelson Beach Jr.,
was a New England minister who led a
number of churches, including Center
Church in New Haven. Her grandfather was president of
the Bangor Theological Society in Maine, and her great-
uncle was a missionary in China in the late 1800s.

This lineage shaped Alter’s faith, but also set up an in-
tellectual conflict. As an 18-year-old philosophy major at
Connecticut College, she struggled to reconcile her Chris-
tian beliefs with a broader understanding of the world.

“I ultimately decided theology is a poem that doesn’t
define God, that can’t define God,” she says.

After college, she married James Alter, a social activist
and Yale Divinity School graduate who was jailed in 1940
for his pacifist convictions. The couple was eager to set
out for India, where Jim had grown up in a Presby-
terian missionary family, but they had to wait
until the end of World War II. Meanwhile,
they tackled anti-poverty work in Tennes-
see, where the first of their three children,
Martha, was born. (See profile of Martha
Alter Chen ’65, page 34.)

Once the wartime ban on travel ended
and they went to India, the family “did
whatever the church needed of us,” says
Alter, who learned to speak Hindi and
Urdu. She describes their time in India
as living “in the midst” of others both physi-
cally and spiritually.

Jim established the Christian Retreat
and Study Center in Rajpur, but the Alters
did not want to impose their religious traditions, such as
Western hymns, on those who attended the center.

“We ran the study center like an ashram. You washed
your own dishes, you waited on your own
table,” Alter says.

Martha and her brothers, John and
Thomas, studied at the Woodstock School;
three generations of Alters had attended the
interdenominational boarding school in the
foothills of the Himalayas.

(Today, John is chaplain at a private school in Virginia,
and Tom is a well-known Bollywood actor. Recently, the
whole family gathered in Mussoori to celebrate the wedding
of Tom’s son, an Indian sportswriter who covers cricket.)

The family returned to the United States in the early
1980s, but Jim’s health was faltering. He died in 1983,
and his family buried his ashes in India.

Newly widowed, Alter wanted to be useful. She
became a church visitor for the Center Church in New
Haven, worked in a sewing store, cared for her elderly
parents and volunteered for United Way.

In 1992, Cathy Corman, a new mother of triplets,
needed someone to lend a hand. She sought help from a
volunteer program for seniors, and the program’s director
suggested Alter. Corman was skeptical when she was told
that Alter had been a Christian missionary.

But Alter came highly recommended, so the new
mother decided to give her a try.

“In walked this white-haired, upright 72-year-old,”
Corman recalls. “She promptly took one baby from my
arms. ... It was just instant love between the two of us.”

A freelance journalist with a doctorate in American
studies, Corman has traveled to India with Alter and is
producing a documentary titled “In the Midst”
that examines the lives of Alter and other liberal
Presbyterian missionaries.

BARRY AND JIM ALTER IN SRINAGAR,
KASHMIR, IN THE 1950S

BARRY BEACH ALTER '42 P'65

AT LEFT, BARRY ALTER AT HER 65TH REUNION IN 2007, WHERE SHE RECEIVED THE HARRIET BUESCHER
LAWRENCE '34 PRIZE FOR SERVICE TO SOCIETY.
A champion for students at risk

Community leader Carlos Garcia is working to bridge the opportunity gap for children in the nation's capital.
CARLOS GARCIA — government major, law school graduate — lives in Washington, D.C., but is neither a politician nor lawyer in a city rife with both.

A Washingtonian since 1994, Garcia is a Realtor and co-owner with four others of Eng Garcia Properties, LLC, a franchise of Keller Williams. He also is a passionate advocate for education reform. Those two callings might sound unrelated, but together they form the very foundation of Garcia's character and life's work.

As a student at Connecticut College, "I was not yet asking what was wrong with our education system," Garcia says. His subsequent volunteer work with Higher Achievement — a D.C.-based academic intervention program for middle school students from underserved communities — opened his eyes. Over the years, he has tutored three young men, starting when each was in seventh grade.

"I was their literature mentor," Garcia says. Together they read works such as "Bless Me, Ultima" and "Down These Mean Streets." Chosen to ensure they held the boys' attention and addressed topics to which they could relate, the books led to discussions about the boys' own families, schools, dreams and disappointments. "I tried to be available to them, like a big brother or favorite uncle," says Garcia, who is still in touch with all three many years later.

Today, Garcia provides pro bono legal services to Higher Achievement.

The connections Garcia has made through the organization have had a profound impact on how he believes he can " Foster change and support others who fight every day to level the playing field."

His own children — ages 10, 13 and 16 — are students in Washington's public school system, long notorious for its high dropout rates but making steady gains in recent years. Garcia has worked on committees tasked with improving the schools his children attend, but he is quick to add, "My kids are not in the demographic I am worried about." Garcia met his wife Lucinda when both were freshmen at Connecticut College. Although she transferred to Pratt Institute, their paths crossed again through mutual friends after graduation.

As an active social entrepreneur and community leader, Garcia believes that an "opportunity gap" contributes to the better known "achievement gap" in the U.S. education system.

"So many kids simply do not see what is possible, are not introduced to real, life-changing opportunities or mentors," he says. "I have seen the best and brightest kids in the roughest neighborhoods be systematically recruited by the most well-organized groups in their neighborhoods, such as successful drug distribution rings and gangs. Like other well-oiled organizational machines, those groups intentionally go after the best and brightest."

How to combat that threat? "The key is to create oceans of opportunities, armies of mentors, campaigns to spread hope, and safe experiential and academic learning environments where kids can spend many, many hours of time on task, learn that it is cool to fight for good grades, and go out and do so with vigor," he says.

After graduating from Connecticut College in 1988, Garcia earned a law degree from Boston College and practiced law in and around D.C. for 15 years, but he sometimes struggled to bring to his legal work the same level of passion he has for his volunteer work. A real estate investor since the early 1990s, in 2005 he moved over to real estate and all that goes with it — admiration for the built world and a keen interest in how design influences people and vice versa.

Garcia's own home is a 1925 French country manor-style house in Northwest D.C. with a stone facade and "an architectural sense of permanence." The house is also something of a local landmark: It was owned in the 1970s by a popular hairdresser who installed a mosaic portrait of Marilyn Monroe in the swimming pool and hosted legendary parties. In the 1980s, Georgetown University bought the house as a residence for iconic basketball coach John Thompson.

Garcia enjoys the architecture and history of the house. "Sometimes I'm cursing it because it's complicated," he says. "But then I think, this house is going to be here when no one remembers my name."

In real estate as well as in education reform, Garcia calls upon skills he learned in a nonfiction writing class with Blanche Boyd, the College's Weller Professor of English. The course helped him "become a more purposeful communicator," he says.

Garcia's passionate voice resonates no matter how it's delivered: a speech at his alma mater, an email tapped out to a client on his omnipresent BlackBerry or a presentation to potential supporters of Washington's E.L. Haynes Public Charter School, on whose board Garcia serves. And when it comes to supporting a cause, he brings more than just his voice to the table.

"I try to give to the things I believe in to the point where I can't give anymore," he says. "But I'll think to myself, if I can sell another house, maybe I can give some more after all."
Uncommon Sense: The Strangest Ideas from the Smartest Philosophers

By Andrew Pessin
2012, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, $32

"These aren't just the random spoutings of madmen," says Pessin, a professor of philosophy at the College. "Their conclusions might be very counterintuitive, but they were reached by means of careful reasoning, and there's a lot to be learned not just from these philosophers' strange ideas but also from the arguments they used to defend them."

"Uncommon Sense" guides the reader through the history of philosophy by looking at ideas that seem to contradict everyday logic. From Aristotle to Augustine and Nietzsche to N.Y.U.'s Thomas Nagel, Pessin outlines a diverse group of thinkers and theories, with entertaining and easy-to-follow explanations.

Many introductions to philosophy are available for a general audience (including two of Pessin's previous books, "The 60-Second Philosopher" and "The God Question"), but by focusing on extraordinary theories, "Uncommon Sense" takes a unique approach to the subject.

"These ideas seem strange because they're opposed to common sense," Pessin says. "But the secondary, deeper theme of the book is to explore the questions of what we even mean by common sense and whether we should think of it as reliable — particularly when it may turn out that the world is much more complex than we realize."

The Missile Next Door

By Gretchen Heefner
2012, Harvard University Press, $35

In the 1960s, the U.S. Defense Department "drafted" rural Americans into the Cold War by burying ballistic missiles in their backyards. Heefner, a visiting instructor of history, explains the enduring political consequences of this strategy, from defense spending to the red state/blue state divide.

Collateral Damage

By Alice K. Boatwright '69
2012, Standing Stone Books, $16.95

In three linked novellas, Boatwright explores the long shadow of the Vietnam War on a drafted sailor, a family struggling to return to normalcy and the sister of a soldier killed in action.

A Field Guide to Now

By Christina Rosalie (Christina Langbecker '01)
2012, Globe Pequot Press, $18.95

With essays and illustrations, Rosalie, an artist and blogger, inspires readers to find inspiration in everyday life and to make the most of every moment.

For Love and Money

By Candace Howes, et al.
2012, Russell Sage Foundation, $35

An interdisciplinary team of experts considers the dilemmas related to child care, elder care and other forms of care work, which is largely performed by women earning little or no pay. Howes, the Ferrin Professor of Economics, co-wrote four chapters that explore policies affecting care work in the U.S.
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Classic Sail
Photographs by Kathy Wilson Mansfield '71
2012, Tidemark Press, $14.95
This handsome 2013 calendar showcases Mansfield's work, which also has been featured in magazines such as Wooden Boat and Cruising World.

Life Guards in the Hamptons
By Celia Jerome (Barbara Metzger '66)
2012, DAW Books, $7.99
Graphic novelist Willow Tate accidentally conjures more troublemakers — and a sea god — into being in the latest installment of this young-adult mystery series.

The Mindfulness Workbook for Addiction
By Rebecca E. Williams and Julie S. Kraft '03
2012, New Harbinger Publications, $24.95
Worksheets, exercises and lifestyle tips help the reader identify the root cause of addictive behavior and begin healing. Kraft is a therapist who treats clients struggling with addiction.

Game of Sails
By Carol Newman Cronin '86
2012, Live Wire Press, $11.95
Cronin, a former Camel sailor and 2004 Olympian, captures the drama of racing, the Olympics and new love in her third novel.

The Politics of the President's Wife
By MaryAnne Borrelli
2011, Texas A&M University Press, $24.95
Borrelli, a professor of government at the College, analyzes the roles played and influence wielded by first ladies from Lou Henry Hoover to Michelle Obama. Drawing from the archival resources of the presidential libraries, Borrelli makes a compelling case for the first lady as an important member of the president's administration.

"This post is a complicated mixture of the formal and the informal," she says. "These women receive their highest approval ratings when presenting themselves as apolitical and nonpartisan moral guardians, yet they are popularly expected to advance public policy initiatives and reforms."

Readers get an in-depth look at how these women, filling an extremely gendered role, have navigated and negotiated presidential politics. Each has brought her own set of values with her, and those often dictate where she exerts her influence and where she rebels against the constructed norms. For example, Borrelli says Michelle Obama's outreach to children and to parents is very much in keeping with first lady traditions of addressing women-centered, private-sphere issues, but she has made her mark by reaching out to people typically neglected or stigmatized by decision-makers, such as urban families, families of color, the working poor and military families.

"The Politics of the President's Wife" explores prevailing conceptions of power, identity and office and further examines the presidency as an evolving philosophical, cultural and political creation. "As we study the first ladies, we learn about ourselves, our political system and our values," Borrelli says.
My Address Book: A Way of Remembering
By Susan Woodall '66
2012, CreateSpace, $9.95
Woodall, a former real estate broker, examines her life through the lens of the 17 addresses at which she's lived, from birth to present.

As It Is On Earth
By Peter M. Wheelwright
2012, Fomite Press, $15.95
Wheelwright, a New York City architect with no formal connection to the College, has set his debut novel about a young professor's quest to escape his tangled family history in locations throughout eastern Connecticut, including Mamacoke Island (a 40-acre natural area that is part of the Connecticut College Arboretum), and a weekend symposium at Connecticut College. Mark Braunstein, the College's visual resources librarian, took the book's cover photo of Mamacoke Island.

Embodying Latino Masculinities
By Jennifer Domino Rudolph
2012, Palgrave MacMillan, $85
To most, the 2000 crime drama "Traffic" is just a movie. For Hispanic Studies Professor Jennifer Rudolph, it is a fascinating study of issues of Latino masculinity, both real and imagined.

The movie explores the Mexican-U.S. drug trade, presenting the good people and the 'less bad' as 'less Mexican,'” Rudolph says.

The film inspired her to begin exploring representations of Latino masculinity, leading to an in-depth analysis of six case studies in her new book, “Embodying Latino Masculinities.” The book examines Latino manhood and representations of masculinity in theater, literature, media, music and sports.

"What the book does is push us to consider: to what extent is developing these representations empowering and to what extent are they a detriment? And how do we negotiate the two?” Rudolph asks.

In one case study Rudolph analyzes the public persona of Major League Baseball player Manny Ramirez. The Dominican-born Ramirez was a fan favorite, as much for his child-like antics as his pure hitting power.

Other chapters examine gang life, prison experiences, literature by Latino authors, a performance piece by an all-Latina women's theater group, and the experience of reggaeton musician Don Omar.

"The range of insights Rudolph brings to the topic of Latino masculinity is nothing short of magisterial and groundbreaking,” reviewer Richard T. Rodriguez, associate professor of English and Latino studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, has written.

Rudolph, who teaches courses on Latino/a identities and cultures, plans to discuss parts of the work in her own classes.

Stories of Faith and Courage from the Home Front
By Karen Hartigan Whiting '73 and Jocelyn Green
In this daily devotional, Whiting tells 365 true stories of families and other citizens from the home front of American wars, from the French and Indian War through the present.

The Second Daughter
By J. Jeffrey
2012, Top Press, $9.99
J. Jeffrey is the pseudonym of professor Andrew Pessin, who took a break from pondering the history of philosophy (see p. 40) to write his first novel. This book is a love story about "a tired and lonely woman just north of her fiftieth birthday," who reconnects with a man from her past after her life falls apart around her.
In "Reason and Revelation," Assistant Professor of Religious Studies Sharon Portnoff has written the first full-length comparison of two German-born Jewish philosophers: the theologian Emil Fackenheim and the political philosopher Leo Strauss, both of whom sought to define standards of morality in a post-Holocaust world. Portnoff traces the tension between the concept of natural law, which can be discovered through thought and reason, and revelatory theology, which holds that truth is revealed to humanity by God.

According to Portnoff, Fackenheim was strongly influenced by Strauss and "devoted his intellectual life to the question — raised by Strauss — of whether it was possible for belief in revelation to survive within the context of modern thought."

While reaching different conclusions, both men, writes Portnoff, "made it their main goal to discover a means by which reason and revelation might coexist, each in its own terms — a means that might serve both as an alternative to modern secularism ... and also for Fackenheim a mending of the rupture in Judaism caused by the Holocaust."

Portnoff has co-edited and contributed an essay to "The Companionship of Books," a volume of essays in honor of Laurence Berns, a distinguished tutor at St. Johns College in Annapolis, where Portnoff earned her bachelor's degree. Portnoff's essay is titled "For Love of One's Teachers: Dante, Virgil and Paganism."

Portnoff specializes in modern Jewish thought, Holocaust studies, Dante and the Italian Jewish writer Primo Levi.
The countdown begins
With just months to go, two priorities remain

THE CAMPAIGN FOR CONNECTICUT COLLEGE has raised $197 million in new gifts and commitments toward its $200 million goal. Gifts raised have touched nearly every aspect of the College — from expanded resources for faculty and students to increased support for diversity efforts and arts initiatives to new and renovated spaces all across campus (see “Campaign Impact” at right for more details). All of these changes have reinforced and built on the College’s traditional strengths — a challenging academic environment, close faculty-student relationships, a caring community and a beautiful campus with a global view.

In the remaining months of the campaign, which will officially conclude June 30, 2013, the primary focus will be in two key areas — the Annual Fund and the renovation of the Charles E. Shain Library.

Support of the College through the Annual Fund has been a major focus throughout the campaign and will continue to be a priority. Sustained annual giving is critical to College operations and has an immediate impact on areas of greatest need. Continued support in this area ensures that every aspect of the educational experience, from faculty salaries to financial aid and everything in between, is of the highest quality.

To build on the momentum of this final year of the campaign, the College introduced a new, year-long theme called Annual Fund Heroes. The theme reinforces the value of annual support and highlights “heroes” in our broader community whose generous support and dedication change lives at Connecticut College each and every day.

Renovation of the Charles E. Shain Library will be the final building project of the campaign. Within the next two years, the Library will undergo a transformation to better serve the changing needs of students. Plans have been developed based on extensive feedback received from students and will include the following:

• More individual and collaborative study spaces
• Technology-rich, flexible group and individual study areas
• Full-service information commons
• Transformed building entry and significantly more natural light in study areas

Funding for the project will be raised entirely through the support of alumni, parents and friends.

WHEN THERE’S A WILL, THERE’S A WAY.

Leave a legacy and join more than 760 friends and alumni of Connecticut College who have included the College as a beneficiary of their estate.

For more information on how to become a member of the Rosemary Park Society, please contact Ken Dolbashian, senior planned giving officer, at 860-439-2416 or kdolbash@conncoll.edu.
Campaign impact

The goal: $200 million by June 2013
Raised to date: $197 million
Number of donors as of January 2013: 22,000, 91% through the Annual Fund

GIFTS TO THE CAMPAIGN have had a profound impact on the people, programs and places that define Connecticut College. The following represents a sampling of some of the new programs and initiatives that have resulted from the generosity of alumni, parents and friends.

PEOPLE
• A 49% increase in the College’s financial aid budget over the past five years, from $19.3 million in 2007-08 to $28.7 million in 2012, providing increased access to the best and brightest students.
• Significant increase in funding to support faculty research.
• A newly endowed West Coast admission staff position.
• Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, dedicated to increasing the number of minority students who will pursue a Ph.D. in core fields in the arts and sciences.

PROGRAMS
• Science Leaders Program, designed to foster participation in the sciences for women and members of underrepresented groups.
• Posse Program, established in partnership with the Posse Foundation, an organization that identifies, recruits and trains student leaders from urban public high schools to form multicultural teams called “Posses” that enroll in top-tier colleges nationwide.
• Residential Education Fellows, a group of 11 faculty who work with students to bring intellectual programming into residence halls.

PLACES
• The science center at New London Hall, home to the biology, botany and computer science departments, includes a 14,000-square-foot addition with an updated and modernized greenhouse.
• Thirty-one refurbished commons rooms in residence halls, 12 of which are now used for first-year seminars.
• Fourteen fully renovated classrooms.
• New athletic facilities, including the Fitness Center, an artificial turf field, tennis courts, new lighting and locker rooms.
• The Linda Lear Center for Special Collections & Archives, located on the second floor of the Charles E. Shain Library, dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the College’s most valuable collections of learning resources; including books, art, historical records and artifacts.

For a complete list, go to http://campaign.conncoll.edu

Why I Give TO CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Judy Opatrny ’72 is vice chair of the Board of Trustees and has served on the Board since 2005. She majored in American studies and earned a master’s degree in library science from the University of Chicago.

During Opatrny’s career as a law librarian, she was employed by several large law firms. Among these were Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago and two firms in New York City, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison; and Willkie, Farr & Gallagher. In addition to her generous support of the College through the Annual Fund, she established the Judith Tindal Opatrny ’72 Junior Faculty Fellows Fund in 2000 and provided leadership support for the new science center at New London Hall. Opatrny and her husband Don have two children.

Why is it important for you to give back to the College?
I am incredibly grateful for my education and find giving back to my alma mater very rewarding. To be able to support a place that had such a profound influence on my life and opened my eyes to new opportunities gives me a great sense of satisfaction.

What did you most value about your college experience?
I really appreciated the academic programs and the rigor associated with all my classes. My senior thesis taught me how to synthesize material, think critically and defend my position, and I have used these skills throughout my career. To this day, I’m grateful to my professors.

How has volunteering shaped your view of the College?
Over time, as I have become increasingly involved with the College, my knowledge and understanding of the vision for the future has crystallized. I am more convinced than ever of the relevance of the liberal arts and the importance of Connecticut College in educating tomorrow’s leaders.

What areas have you focused on for your philanthropy?
Foremost in my mind are the best interests of the College and how to position the school for success. It is gratifying to see the impact my giving has made in supporting junior faculty, strengthening the College’s residential education program and elevating science education to a whole new level with the new science center at New London Hall.

What advice would you share about giving back?
I would ask everyone to take a moment and reflect on the benefits of their education and what it has meant to their lives. Finding a way to say “thank you” for this experience can come in many forms. The gift of time, for example, is extremely valuable, and there is no shortage of opportunities for volunteer involvement. Making it a priority in my life is simply the right thing to do.
1935
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Geothermal heating and cooling.

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Please send me your news. It has been very difficult to contact people, as some of you have no phone listing or answering machine, or else provide no response to my message. Call or email, please. At this writing, I am looking forward to Homecoming in Oct., when I will tour the new Building.

1941
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Vera Van Nest Judd lives in a retirement home in Mount Airy, MD, and wondered if there are any CC graduates in the area.

Carolyn has traveled widely, and visited her fifth continent in Nov., when she went to Australia with a daughter and granddaughter. However, I don't think I am going to make it to Antarctica. Other than family, travel and librarianship, Carolyn has been involved in genealogy and has published three books and numerous articles on her husband's family and her own. It is still a lively, rewarding and healthy life for me.

1942
Correspondent: Jane "Woodie" Worley Peak, Wistar Hall, Apt. 306, 6251 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, VA 22101, jpeakeal@vt.com

Seven of us made it to Reunion, and I'm sure I can speak for all when I say we had a memorable time. We were well cared for. Our rooms were in Lambdin House, which has an elevator. True, the bathrooms were not adjoining, but they were just down the hall. We could walk to Harris Refectory, a very short walk, without leaving the building, and the variety of food choices was unbelievable. Every time we left our dorm, a car and driver were waiting to take us wherever we wanted to go.

The Sykes Society Luncheon, the first event, was held at Crozier Williams. We all were seated in the Sykes Society. I explored the gift shop at the hotel and found a small stuffed camel which I could not live without. At the President's House, Lee and Ann Higdon hosted a dinner party.
collection of paintings, mostly from the Hudson River School, all beautiful. We attended a talk on college admissions at the Mary Harkness House and learned that the dining room, as we knew it when we ate our meals there, is no more! It has turned into Ruane’s Den, a very convenient café with an entrance from the patio only, open to all students. We went to the beautiful and expansive Shain Library to see a display in the College Archives. The traditional Lobsterfest was held on the Green under a huge canvas tent in case of inclement weather, and it was rather chilly.

It rained heavily that night, so the Saturday morning Parade of Classes was canceled, but Convocation at Cro was most interesting. Our graduates are making fascinating and impressive achievements, and many awards were given. We had lunch at the Cro’s Nest in Crozier-Williams and then went to Harkness Chapel for the traditional memorial service. The chapel is probably the only building that looks the way I remember it from 70 years ago! The most dramatic change in the appearance of the College is the rebuilding of New London Hall. Not only was it being entirely renovated and its science labs brought up to date, to the tune of $25 million, it was expanded extensively to the east, where the road from the College entrance, past Fanning Hall, intersects with the road that runs in front of the old Palmer Library. When it reopened in the fall, the state-of-the-art science center at New London Hall put Connecticut College at the top for science facilities at small colleges.

The seven classmates who attended Reunion were Barry Beach Alter Justine Clark, Connie Hughes McBrien, Franny Hyde Fordy, Peggy Keagy Whittemore, Ann Shattuck Smith, and me, your class correspondent, Woodie Worley Peak. There were extensive write-ups on all of them, except Ann, in the Spring ‘12 CC Magazine, but here is their latest news. Barry’s son, John was with her at Reunion. She now uses a walker, which has liberated her from the need to have someone with her, even though it slows her down. She says her life has been “in thirds,” one third before she went to India, a third when she lived in India, and the third she is in now, without Jim. Barry (see a profile of Barry on page 34) is willing to continue as president of our class, even though we did not have a class meeting at Reunion. We really don’t have much business to discuss. Justine still goes to the Catskill

Why I Volunteer
Edward Burger ’85

How did you decide to attend Connecticut College?

Back in the pre-Internet era, prospective students (or, as in my case, their mothers) would mail out postcards requesting glossy, four-color brochures of various schools. I had not heard of Connecticut College until I unearthed its brochure from the mountain of other schools’ materials. I visited the campus for the first time in the fall of my senior year and fell in love with the place — it immediately felt like home.

What did you take away from your time at Connecticut College?

I learned how important it is to be surrounded by a community of people all interested in learning from each other and discovering how they will fit into the world — or even better, how they might change it.

How have you given back to Connecticut College?

I was first asked to “volunteer” in the fall of my sophomore year, when the dean of the college asked me to run special Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) math sessions for seniors. Through the years, I’ve returned to the College at least a dozen times to deliver various addresses, including the celebration of my mentor, Professor Ernest C. Schlesinger, in honor of his retirement. I also participated in the First-Year Passport program that pairs first-year students with alumni. The program was a terrific way to bridge generations of Connecticut College students.

How do you see volunteering as helping the College to continue to grow?

Engaging, inspiring and mentoring current students is a profound gift that reaps great dividends. Even sharing the story of our alma mater and encouraging other alumni to connect with the College has tremendous value. My dream is to have alumni giving and participation (defined broadly) increase to levels never seen before in our 100-year history — bridging our past with our present as we move toward the future.

Edward Burger, the Francis Christopher Oakley Third Century Professor of Mathematics at Williams College, is co-author of the new book “The 5 Elements of Effective Thinking.” In addition to authoring 12 books, he has written more than 35 research articles and produced more than 15 video series. A winner of the prestigious Baylor University Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching, Burger will be inducted as a Fellow of the American Mathematical Society in 2013.
Mountains for a week of golf every year, though she uses a cart instead of walking the course. She still plays bridge, but now substitutes for regular players, and that keeps her busy enough.

Connie lives with her daughter, Nancy, who drives her wherever she needs to go and was with her at Reunion.

Ann has been a widow for four years and lives in an assisted living retirement community, Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge, in Charlottesville, VA. Her hobbies are reading, making hooked rugs, and doing crossword puzzles, with a blind friend, no less.

Fanny has been our class agent for many years and, since we didn’t have a class meeting, will continue in that capacity. I am sure. No one else could do as good a job as she has. She spends her summers at a beach cottage she inherited in Westbrook, CT.

Peggy lives in a retirement community on Cape Cod, but she still gets around. As for me, Woodie, following Reunion, Paul and I took a cruise from Boston to Bermuda and returned with 50 descendants of Stephen Hopkins, whose ship, the Sea Venture, crashed on Bermuda in 1609 on its way to rescue the people of Jamestown Colony. More than half of the colonists had died, the rest were starving, their settlement was in terrible condition and their morale was about gone. We visited the places associated with Hopkins at Bermuda and erected a plaque in his honor. He and his shipmates managed to get to Jamestown the following year and saved the colony. Had they not, the only English colony in America at that time would have disappeared, and you and I would be speaking Spanish.

We seven who were at Reunion came away with fond memories and great pride in our alma mater. Will there be another Reunion? Only time will tell!

1943 REUNION 934-620, 2013

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Mary Sargent Baker enjoys life on beautiful Hilton Head and is thankful for every day. She volunteers every week at the local hospital and is active in its church – particularly helping with the little ones. She still drives and even drove to Atlanta to see a Braves baseball game. Some of her family expressed concern — but it was after the fact. Much to Mary’s delight, daughter Susan has moved back to Hilton Head after resigning her job as a school principal. Her four other children are all well, but like many of us, dealing with some business concerns in these uncertain times.

Margie Livingston Campbell and husband Stafford are in a retirement facility in Jacksonville, FL. Margie no longer bicycles but does walk regularly. She is still painting. Stafford is vision dependent but is still very active and, with Margie, is involved in local politics. Son Charles and daughter Sarah are married, and both live in AK. Margie says when she was class secretary, she always wanted to know what classmates thought, not how many grandchildren they had. She did, however, admit to having six grandchildren and a great-grand. Perhaps what we think about changes somewhat when we hit our 90s!

Wilma Parker Redman is still active as a volunteer for the Portland Playhouse and is a member of the Portland Players’ Guild. Her main tasks are raising money and generating publicity. Her husband, Charles, suffers from Parkinson’s disease but, thankfully, is still mentally alert, active and communicating. Wilma has a most wonderful summer in ME — perfect weather. Wish I had been there!

Frieda Kenigsberg Lapatin still lives in her family home in Fairford, CT, and says her family keeps her going since the death of her husband. She has dinner twice a week with her son, a gastroenterologist, in nearby Westport. They are in town once a week by grandchildren and some great-grandchildren. Frieda’s two daughters are doing well, one after battling anxiety/depression for many years. Frieda dabbles in writing, mostly for her own amusement, although occasionally for publication. There are 21 doctors in the Lapatin-Kenigsberg families, but it’s too early to tell if Frieda’s two great-grandchildren are destined for the family business.

Anne Godchaux Palack reports from her apartment in Baton Rouge that she is ever more conscious of how old we all are. Son Robert lives in SC, and daughter Susan lives in Israel with her husband and two children, ages 18 and 19. Though Anne has visited them, she has not been to Israel since ’94; her daughter and family have visited here.

Alicia Henderson Speaker, after moving 13 times when husband Jack was in the Coast Guard and traveling extensively after his retirement, now lives in a condo with a view of the ocean, not far from her original home in Bristol, RI. She sold that home to daughter Alicia and her husband, who tore it down and built a new house on the property. Alicia enjoys visits to daughter Misty in CO. This is the first year she hasn’t played golf! She keeps in touch with CC by going to the Sylves Society luncheons. Alicia is the only one from our class who attends. She would love to meet classmates visiting in the Newport-Bristol area.

Alma Jones Collins and husband Daniel live in West Hartford and are dealing with the problems of aging. She is the author of “Danielle at the Wadsworth,” The Wadsworth Athenaeum is the oldest art museum in the U.S. The book is a story about Danielle, who thinks she knows everything about art, and of course it turns out she doesn’t. The book has had a second printing and is a popular choice for children and adults at the museum shop. Alma has worked on other publications, including brochures for Hallmark Cards.

Louise Reichgott Endel certainly has established a legacy at CC, which includes her sister, Margaret Reichgott Squisik ’48, daughter Susan Endel Korner ’57, and grandson Andrew Korner ’02, who married Alison Roth Korner ’01. Louise says she has never worked — in her case, that means never for pay. She has made a career of serving on boards of artistic and charitable organizations — 60 over her lifetime. She has been a board member of Long Wharf Theatre in New Haven for 30 years. Twenty years ago, Louise was one of four people who started Leadership, Education & Athletics Partnership (LEAP), which works with inner-city kids starting at age 7, mentoring them in academics, sports and leadership skills. The project has gained a lot of support and is very successful in getting its clients into college. Louise sees herself as very lucky and has a wonderful time with the project. She claims she walks a little slower now, but she’s still working — on four boards.

1944

Correspondent: Joan Bridgewater Hewes, Spring Lake Village, 5555
Edie Miller Kerrigan had a hip replacement in June, so there was no golf for her this summer, although she was pretty well mended from the surgery. Instead, she enjoyed a family reunion in ME and the Boston Symphony in Lenox, MA.

Ellie Abrahams Josephson (she and Edie are two of my most faithful correspondents) tells of “a super-long phone visit” with Mary-Jean Moran Hart. Ellie is grateful to be keeping in touch, even without any “big” news.

Bridget Bridgwater Hewes and Bill do have big news. They decided the time had come to go to the next stage, and they sold the big house and garden, moving mid-June to a continuing-care facility: Spring Lake Village, a unit of Episcopal Senior Communities. They are in a stage, and they sold the big house without any “big” news. They decided the time had come to go to the next stage, and they sold the big house and garden, moving mid-June to a continuing-care facility: Spring Lake Village, a unit of Episcopal Senior Communities. They are in a two-bedroom, two-bathroom cottage with a nice living room and full, if small, kitchen. “We eat breakfast and lunch at home and dinner in the huge, gracious dining room. It’s a big place with great medical facilities and many activities, and it’s only three miles from all our friends still in Oakmont. Only problem has been that I managed to fall shortly after we arrived and broke a hip, and it’s been all rehab ever since. But I’m coming along, if slowly. My plea to all of you is to stay in touch. That’s what means the most to each of us.” Please contact the Alumni Office at 860-339-2300 for Bridget and Bill’s new address and telephone number.

1945

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Greetings, ’45 classmates! This has been a good summer to be in FL, because it has been cooler and rainier here than in so much of our country... plus, Hurricane Isaac has just passed us by, so we feel very blessed!

Patricia (Pat) Wells Caulkins wrote that husband Jack died in ’05 in Rio Verde, AZ, where they had lived for almost 20 years. Pat stayed in AZ for another four years in a smaller house, then moved to Denver to be near the youngest of her five sons, Ted, and his wife, Robin, and their two sons, Jake and George. Ted had met Robin at Rio Verde, where she was the beloved assistant golf pro (she’s also a nurse). That was almost four years ago! I’m living in a lovely retirement home and feel blessed every day. There are so many interesting people here, and I’m just seven minutes from the kids. What a treat to watch those boys growing up. Pat seldom sees her other grandchildren, who live far away. She watches baseball, lacrosse, football and swim meets and loves it. Pat also belongs to two book clubs, plays bridge three times a week and spends far too much time playing solitaire on her computer! Eldest son John and his wife live near Cleveland, and he’ll be 65 in the fall — equals, how can that be? Peter works for the EPA, and his son graduated from U. of Colorado as a mechanical engineer. Bill and Winnie live in Marin, CA, and have two grown sons, one of whom works in San Francisco; the other is at U. of Virginia School of Law. Chuck and Gail have Abby, 21, in college, and Ben, 16. “If you search for ‘Ben Caulkins’ on Google, you will see him in the suit he made from Legos!”

Shirley Kranske Haspel phoned recently in response to my letter. She has had an interesting and wonderful life, with three wonderful sons, seven grandkids and two greats. She and her husband lived in New Orleans for 50 years, loved it there and were thoroughly involved in the community. Shirley’s greatest interest was in developing early education programs; she felt she could that be? Peter works for the EPA, and his son graduated from U. of Colorado as a mechanical engineer. Bill and Winnie live in Marin, CA, and have two grown sons, one of whom works in San Francisco; the other is at U. of Virginia School of Law. Chuck and Gail have Abby, 21, in college, and Ben, 16. “If you search for ‘Ben Caulkins’ on Google, you will see him in the suit he made from Legos!”

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accountability/grants committee. “We are expected to voice our opinions on different subjects, which means a good deal of reading and study is involved. A term is for three years, with a second term possible. Since I will be 90 when my first three years are up, I wonder what the decision will be. Residents here are living until 100... so I am not going to conjecture.”

I am still waiting for responses from more classmates. I sit in my den wishing the phone would ring and that other classmates would follow Shirley’s lead. My number is available from the Alumni Office (860-439-2300). If I don’t answer, leave a message. I promise to call you back!

Mariechen informed me that Caryl Maesel Kaercher, who lived in Cranford, NJ, died in June. We send our sympathy to her son and other family members.

1946

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Lucy Eaton Holcombe continues to enjoy daily walks in their woods with their dog and helps at the church on the Care Committee. She knits prayer shawls and baby hats for hospitals. She is happy to be up and about, as she has several friends who are not so fortunate. “Much to my surprise, I was honored by Oxford School (now Kingswood Oxford), my high school, with an Distinguished Alumni Award. I was given a beautiful engraved Simon Pearce bowl. Best to all the ‘46ers.”

Here are your replies to my query about volunteering:

The first came from Catherine (Sue) Tideman James, who wrote that she has always been interested in volunteer work. Two of her most recent activities have been working in the quality assurance department of Children’s Hospital of San Diego and working at the Continuing Education Center in San Bernardino.

Lorraine Lincoln Lieberman wrote that volunteering in ways that keep her involved with people is a valuable part of her life. Her most lasting activity is tutoring English as a Second Language for the Literacy Volunteer program. Her students have come from Russia, China, Iraq, and Central and South America. She also works at her local library and as a docent at a well-known museum in Old Lyme. She modestly adds, “No talent shown by me there, but I enjoy the creativity of others.”

Miriam (Mimi) Steinberg Edlin was surprised to find our ‘46 class news close to the beginning of the Class Notes, “telling us we’re getting older by the page... but far from being has-beens.” She chose to describe her journalism internship project, which she and her three daughters established 22 years ago in honor of her husband. Its endowment fund provides a paid internship for two students at local newspapers throughout the summer months. Mimi says the writing and designing experience for the chosen candidates has helped to produce some top-notch newspaper people around the country.

Barbara (Bobby) Miller Gustafson, who worked hard on several of our Reunions, wrote that, as a Navy wife, she volunteered in many areas and communities. “I spent many hours working for the Navy Relief Society — working in the thrift shop and chairing several large events, at which we raised thousands of dollars for the society and other local causes.” After retiring to Lyme, CT, Bobby began volunteering in church and community affairs. “The Florence Griswold Museum was then beginning to grow, and I spent many hours helping there. I chaired several important benefit events, became membership chairman and served several terms on the board of directors of the museum. I also volunteered at the Lyme Art Association and at the then Art Academy. Whether it was raising money, arranging art shows or preparing food, there was (and still is) much to do. I am still volunteering with those organizations, and I’m delighted to see so many ladies volunteering now.”

Please continue this story; you have the material and an appreciative readership. Of course, all other news is also welcome. I hope to hear from you. Cheers, and best wishes for a fine holiday season!

1947

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Jane Saplinsley Nelson feels lucky to have her health and mobility; she plays golf and bridge and drives for some of her friends. She is on four agencies’ boards, including the RI Philharmonic Orchestra, the Miriam Hospital Foundation and the Women’s Association, and the RI Zoological Society. She enjoys the meetings at the zoo. “I visit our famous three lady elephants and our gorgeous giraffes.” Jane attends the symphony orchestra, the ballet series and numerous theater series. In September, Jane attended her great-niece’s wedding in Calistoga, CA, and visited a granddaughter in San Francisco. Fear of her five grandchildren live on the West Coast, all gainfully employed after finishing college. Grandson Gene Nelson, ‘23, graduated from Brown and works for Amazon in Seattle. Granddaughter Sasha is a Brown grad, worked for Twitter but is now earning her MBA at Stanford. Granddaughter Rebecca is another Brown alum and daughter of Jane’s son, Jonathan, who is the founding partner and CEO of Providence Equity Partners. Jonathan’s youngest daughter also works for Twitter, having graduated from Occidental College in CA last year. One grandson is married and lives about 40 minutes from Providence. His mother, Jane’s daughter Pamela, lives nearby, having just retired as a speech and language pathologist in the public school system. Happily, Jane sees them often.

In March, Jane went to Washington, DC, with her theater group, accompanied by Pamela. “What fun that was!” Their group saw four plays and dined in fancy restaurants. Jane and Pam went to FL...
for a family wedding in June. Jane enjoys her two dogs, a mini-poodle and a peagle. She still lives in her smaller house, built in the side yard of the house that she and Gene had built in 60. They moved into the small one in '83, and Gene died tragically in '88. In '90, Dr. Stanley Summer became Jane's companion, and they had 20 wonderful years together, traveling the world and attending many theater, concert and ballet series. He died peacefully in a hospice facility in Feb. '11, at age 93. "I feel lucky to have had two fantastic men in my life."

Jane will not retire from activities as long as she can still manage them. She was 86 in Dec, and wonders where all the years went. She keeps in touch with friends all over the world and continues to write letters to the editor of the Providence Journal, getting published at least twice a month.

"No wonder this narration seems to have taken on a life of its own, lengthy and perhaps redundant, but it's my life as I am living it now. Who knows whether I will still have all my marbles by the time you ask me to write again!"

Nancy Noyes Thayer is in touch with four other classmates, Janie Muse Matteson moved to Bend, OR, to be near her son and his family and enjoys Joan Perry Smith is in her same lovely house in Camden, ME. Margie Holst Jenkins lives happily in Montclair, NJ, near some of her children, and Ann Bett Riley Browne is in Sarasota, FL, in a great retirement home. Nancy is in Vero Beach, FL, and busy with quite a few interests, including an archaeological dig and singing in a church choir.

"Makes me remember vespers at the chapel on Sundays. We're all widows leading interesting lives."

Priscilla Baird Hinckley moved to FL! "I miss the hills, friends and WV church of western MA, but health problems required that I live somewhere smaller and warmer and that I cease living alone." Priscilla lives in St. Petersburg in a lovely retirement/life-care community with connections to the Presbyterian Church. "Anyone care to visit next winter?"

Your president, Nancy Blades Geier, missed all your smiling faces at Reunion, so here provides an update. They put all Reunion years 50 and over in the Plex (our class was in Lambdin)-air-conditioned splendor with student aids. "No, they didn't tuck us in at night! They were a big help, as in unlocking a room door after brushing one's teeth."

Grace Marie Hickey Wallace came over for the Sykes Society Luncheon. Linda Lear '62 spoke on "Agents of Change: Women Who Made a Difference," which featured two CC alums. The Parade of Classes was canceled due to rain, so everyone squeezed into Cro for President Higdon's State of the College address and awarding of prizes. Nancy took the New London Hall renovation tour, as she'd spent most of her time there, and received floor plans of the addition and renovation. She also attended the Memorial Service. Since last Reunion, we have lost 24 classmates, some loyal Reunion attendees. The weather was sunny and cool, except for Saturday's rain and fog. Elizabeth Dutton Sweet sent regrets due to downsizing and graduation. Nancy "was adopted by the Class of '42—seven classmates came back for their 70th. We had a great time together, as our professors were mostly the same. Some came with family, who adopted us all!" Nancy hopes we can come up with some event in five years. "I know that your lives have changed in the past five years. May the road be smoother! Here's to the next five."

Nancy also "saw" Ann McBride Tholfsen on Facebook. Editor's Note: If you are interested in serving as class correspondent, please contact Class Notes Coordinator Karen Laskey at the address above.

**1948 REUNION 5/31-6/2, 2013**

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Jean Sherman Muote lives in a retirement community in Mooresville, NC, and is active in an archaeology society there. She teaches and takes classes in the SounderKien Method, a mind-body experience, and she is writing her memoirs for her family. She finds that participating in a monthly writing group is a big help.

Joyce Silhavy Harper lives in a senior community in Palm Desert, CA. Due to her macular degeneration, Joyce uses talking books from the nearby Braille Institute, a bus from her community takes her there once a week to participate in activities and to obtain her books. She is in touch with travel companion Gail Craigie Chidlaw and attended our last Reunion.

Janet Simmons Ebien in West Hartford, CT, claims she leads an "uninteresting, quiet life." She enjoys visits with her grandchildren and with friends, plays Scrabble, and wants to get back to a swimming program. She sees Gretchen Schaefer Skelley, Dorothy (Sunny) Spiro Field and her husband moved to Hilton Head Island, SC, 10 years ago, and she says she is still adjusting after a life of living in large cities (Boston, Houston, Pittsburgh). Physically, Sunny is limited to playing golf, but she has taken up watercolor painting and piano, along with her volunteer work and book club.

Susan Sturg Bruenechel and her husband still live in their home in Wilmington, DE, where she enjoys gardening and visiting with friends. She reads, donates blood and to obtain her books. She is in touch with travel companion Gail Craigie Chidlaw and attended our last Reunion.

Johnston Strang, Vicky Simes Pool, Edie Barnes Bernard, Jane Smith Moody and Jeanne Webber Clark.

Jane Smith Moody lives in a

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**When roomies become in-laws**

Esther "Andy" Coyne Flanagan '49 and Jeanne Webber Clark '49 have remained close friends since rooming together at Connecticut College. They served as each other's maid of honor in their weddings. Esther and Jeanne's oldest children, Tom Flanagan and Carol Clark, were married in 1973 and had four children of their own. Now Esther and Jeanne are sharing four great-grandchildren. The most recent addition to the family was named after her maternal great-grandmothers, who remain best friends: Esther Jeanne Larkin, who was born 5/5/12. She joined Isabelle Coyne Shoss, 21/2 years; Samuel Porter Shoss, 7 months; and Jack Manley Taplin, 5 months — a large, close, extended family thanks to a lasting friendship formed more than 65 years ago at Connecticut College.
retirement community in Falmouth,
and claims that she really enjoys
the winter. She is embarking on a
huge challenge of sorting family
papers in order to create a genealogy.

**Julienne Shinn McNeer** and her
husband downsized to their present
home in Huntington, WV, 25 years
ago. She has been a docent at the
Huntington Museum for 50 years and
also serves on its board of directors.
She enjoys reading and doing some
yard work. They celebrated their
55th wedding anniversary at the
Homestead in Hot Springs, VA, with
their four children and most of their
grandchildren.

Peggy Walter Charren lives in
a beautiful condo in MA but still
lives NY. She has nice friends, and
they all enjoy movies and concerts
on the premises. Her husband
started a windmill company that has
installed 70,000 windmills in the San
Francisco area. Their children are all
doing well. The Charlens own a beach
in a retirement community just outside Chapel Hill, NC. Kitty-Lou’s sister is in the same
complex. Residents are required to
have some meals in the club center,
which is a great place to entertain
guests for meals. Kitty-Lou attends
an exercise class every day and
freely visits the library in the
complex.

The Class of ‘49 extends
cordialities to the family and friends
of Barbara Warren Cordell, who
died 1/1, and to Connie Raymond
Plunkett, whose husband, Geoffrey,
died 1/26.

**1950**

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**Dot Hyman Roberts and Dossie
Abrutyn Turtz** often get together
in NYC or Westchester. They arranged
a gala mini-reunion at the Yale Club
of NYC, which included Elaine Title
Lowengard, Fritzl Keller Mills,
Nancy Caruso Schlegel and Ann
Mitchell Thropp.

Anne Clark Chadwick has lived
in Rockeens, DE, since 75. She
and her husband ballroom dance
to keep healthy and busy. They
take lessons with the 2006 U.S.
Smooth Ballroom Dance Champion
and have been giving exhibitions
for 15 years! Walking in Winderthur
helps keep them limber. Their son,
an electrical engineer, has developed
a very successful orchid business.
In Richmond, VA, his dad’s hobby
of growing orchids led him from
engineering to entreprenuersism.

From Australia, Marjorie
Neumann Gasling writes that the
Camel mascot has lots of family
in Australia, which is home to more
than 500,000 camels — the world’s
largest population of wild camels.

**1951**

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Many thanks to all who responded
to the call for Class Notes. Rennie,
Jus and I are always happy to hear
from you.

"Shout it from the rooftops!"
wrote Elizabeth Babbott Conant about her May wedding to Camille Cox, her partner of 30 years. Babbie and Camille were married in a beautiful 12th-floor conference room overlooking the Buffalo waterfront, with a woman judge presiding. Our congratulations!

Another wedding of note: Sugar Sessions Spratley and her two daughters attended the June wedding of Barbara Molinsky Wexler’s daughter, Caroline, to Michael Levitt in NYC. Barbara’s sister, Jean Rivers, was also there to enjoy the festivities.

Roldah Northrup Cameron wants all to know that her Fellowship Village home is in Basking Ridge, NJ. Roldah heard from Nancy Bohman Rance, who spent two weeks in Westport, CT, with her family, where her granddaughter, Connie, was teaching sailing at a nearby camp. One of Nancy’s summer highlights was the day she spent in New London, particularly her drop-in visit to Harkness Chapel, where she found the College organist practicing for a campus wedding. Nancy mentioned to him that she had played at the memorial service in the chapel at our 50th Reunion, and he said that he remembered her. She was touched.

News from Jo Pelkey Shepard was that she was recuperating from two knee replacements. But a bigger shock, she said (and I know we all can relate), is that her son has now turned 60!

Sara (Bucky) Buck Thompson, who had knee surgery last winter while in FL, was slowed down this past summer by a broken bone in the same leg, but she could drive and entertain family. She relished every minute of it, even changing beds seven times over the course of two weeks with a three-pound boot on her foot.

Still very busy with the Straight Spouse Network, Amity Pierce Buxton has co-authored two books, one for kids and one for adults. “Herbert the Hedgehog” and “Unseen-Unheard: The Journey of Straight Spouses.” Both books are e-books, but “Herbert” is much better in hard copy.

Peggy Park Mautner is still dancing, and over the past few months has competed in St. Louis, Fort Lauderdale, and Boston, VA.

Helen (Johnnie) Johnson Haberstroh, having taken lessons 70 years ago, “ticked the worries again” this past spring and found herself playing a duet with her 10-year-old granddaughter at her granddaughter’s piano recital. The summer ended with a Snake River cruise, when she and Dick headed to Gulf Shores, AL, for the winter.

The summer found Naomi Salt Birnbach beach-hopping: Atlantic Beach, Martha’s Vineyard and East Hampton; Nancy Duggan Miller volunteering at the museum in Essex, CT; and Marge Erickson Albertson vacationing on Malignant Cook Lake, ME. Mary Pennywitt Lester and her husband were also in ME, while Iris Bain Hutchinson and Jim were on Lake Ontario just outside Watertown, NY.

In Aug., Bob and Harriet Bassett MacGregor, along with Doc and Joan Campbell Phillips, joined Remi Aschaffenburg Christensen at the summer home of her daughter, Linda Christensen Wright ’87, in Boothbay, ME, an annual tradition spanning 65 years of friendship since college days. Harriet and her husband had taken Amtrak from Boston to Orlando last winter, and on a stop in New London, Harriet found that the old railroad station still looks the same!

Bobbi Thompson Stable and Ben took their family to HI in July and enjoyed showing teenage grandchildren some of their favorite spots from when they were stationed there. In Aug., Bobbie and Ben spent 10 days in the Canadian Rockies, what they still consider possibly the most beautiful place on earth.

Our class president, Mona Gustafson Affinito, writes that her son, Doug, has been happily retired from Ameriprise Financial since May and is busy pursuing many interests, from constructing musical instruments to building furniture. Granddaughter K.J. now works as a historical interpreter at Colonial Williamsburg, her dream job since even before she majored in history at St. Olaf College in MN.

Class sympathies go to the family and friends of Vaughn Groner Spilsbury, who passed away in July and to Joanne Tucker Zenker on the death of her husband, Dave, on September 28.

1952

Correspondent: Janet B. Kellock, 15 Library St., Mystic, CT 06355.
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Our 50th Reunion fell on the weekend of June 1. Eleven of us made it back to CT, and four more joined us for the Sykes Society Luncheon on Friday but couldn’t stay. The latter were Dorothy Shaw, Ann Busker Penfield, Shirley Lukans Rosseau and Janet Schmitz McCauley (who has found the fountain of youth, looking not a day older than 60 years ago!). Not all of the 11 made it to the Sykes Luncheon, but Julie Hovey Simmon, Helen Fricke Mathiesen, Sue Rockwell Cesare, Jean Hewitt Thomas and I did, and we heard a talk given by Linda Lese’62, who had donated the new archives in the library. Late that afternoon, we heard archivist Nova Seals give an “A to Z” of the College’s special collections, which was terrific.

By Friday night, everyone else had arrived for the Lobsterfest: Cordelia Ettl Clement, Pat Ahern Berger, Nancy Laidley Krum, Jane Muroch Hamilton, Margery Rose Schindler and Mary Seaman Cloney. We all woke to a rainy day on Saturday. The high point of the day (of Reunion!) was Sue being given the College’s award for her contributions to education over the years.

Because of the inclement weather, the class luncheon was held in the atrium of Harris, a beautiful space. We all agreed that it was great to come back and see friends, revive memories and remark on how great the campus looks with the new additions. Cornie announced that
she and Pat Wardley Hamilton would continue on as vice president and president of the class. Pat was in Indianapolis for her granddaughter's graduation from high school and couldn't attend.) Cordie said that Jean Hewitt Thomas and I had agreed to do the Class Notes; Sue Rockwell Cesare will continue as class agent.

What we all found interesting was that almost half of the 11 are still working! That includes Jean, Margie, Sue, Nancy and Pat Ahearn Berger. Brenda Bennett Bell has just returned to the Washington area and now lives in a retirement community in Frederick, MD.

Jean Hewitt Thomas and her grandson went through the CC admission process for high-school juniors this spring. They ate camel cookies and had a look at the indoor rowing machines for crew. Besides meeting an impressive group of students, they met rowing coach Ric Rios, who told them that sports was no free lunch — very good academics are needed, as well as brawn.

Jane Law Yenell had a lengthy phone visit with Jean Lattner Palmer, who says she must be the best-traveled member of our class. Jean has literally traveled around the world. Jane's husband, Bill, died in Jan. '12. Our sympathy goes out to her. She says she is adjusting to the "new normal" with the support of friends and family, all of whom live nearby in MN.

Fairfield Frank DeBois now lives in FL. She and Art welcomed their second set of identical twin grandsons this past year.

Because I am very deaf, contact me at jhocklock@att.net if you have any news for our next issue. Please do!

1953 REUNION 5/31/62, 2013

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Leta Wass Marks wrote wondering how we had each celebrated our 80th birthdays. By the time this is published, even the youngest of our classmates will have reached that milestone. Leta took her family of 20 on a cruise from Montreal to Boston, visiting Quebec City, Halifax and Bar Harbor. The children especially loved the all-day taco bar and ice cream. Leta is still a Wadsworth docent, a memoir-writing teacher and a tennis nut. My Bover family of 15 celebrated my birthday at a dinner party with everyone dressed up. The out-of-town members got to visit our new retirement cottage but quickly opted to go on to the Chesapeake Bay for crabs and rockfish (stripers to you New Englanders).

1954

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As far as I know, those of us left from the class that matriculated about 250 women in '50 (including transfers over the next two years) and graduated 150 in '54 are doing well. Most of us who married had an average of four children and are now welcoming great-grandchildren. I'll let you do the math! Trying to gather news from you — travels, children and their progeny — is a challenge! In the meantime, like most of us, I'm slowing down, and I have aches and pains that interfere with daily activities, but I'm still hanging in there! So do help me spread the good news. It'll be a fine solution if I hear the not-so-good news too, but I promise not to print it! It's been a long journey, and I take pleasure in hearing from you.

Professor Emeritus Jack Charles Aveleyra's death was a huge loss to the community. A retired teacher, he was known for his positive approach and his ability to connect with students. He will be missed dearly.

1955

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I am back again as class correspondent, so please do not leave me clueless. I need your help to keep up with your latest shenanigans and activities. Jackie Ganem self-published a memoir about her life, "Looking for Comfortable Shoes." A retired corporate executive, she found it a therapeutic experience to look back at her life and try to understand it. The daughter of Lebanese immigrants, Jackie examines the history and stories of her family. She also chronicled her experiences as a mother after her youngest child's death.

Framie Steene Baldwin enjoyed a visit with Shirley Smith Earle and husband Skip, stopping by the Earles' on the way to a multigenerational family reunion. The Earles' lovely home in Weston, MA, farm house was on the market in preparation for a move to an assisted-living facility. Framie fulfilled a longtime dream of visiting Machu Picchu and the Galapagos last spring, calling it "a fascinating trip." She now has four grandchildren who have graduated from college, with two more to go. "My, they grow up quickly!"

Carol Hilton Reynolds has been recovering from an accident in June, in which she fractured her left hip. She writes that it was painful, but she is now in the home stretch. Carol was escorting an older senior to a medical appointment when she stepped into a hole in the sidewalk. She also writes that in the last five years, "the political, financial and social world news has manifested itself as an addictive soap opera" from which she cannot bear herself away.

Jane Dornan Smith, Judy Pennypacker Goodwin and Mary Lou Moore Reilly attended a
memorial service for Grace Helen Quinlan. The service opened, most appropriately, with the hymn "Amazing Grace." Afterward, they took off for a coffee shop to visit.

Doe Palmer Stowell wrote from Puerto Aventuras, Mexico, where the sunny weather and glorious views are indeed awe-inspiring. Leave it to Doe to find such a heavenly spot. Doe was undergoing stem-cell regeneration therapy in a proven program out of Mexico City. Doe has witnessed miracles in many patients on this regimen. The therapy has led to a marked improvement in her health, and she writes that her eyes, nails, teeth, lips and color are rosy again. Her last two grandchildren graduated from college last year. One grandson got a job working for Nike, and another was granted an internship at a leading technology company. They both will go on to work for Nike.

The College announced that, thanks to an anonymous $11 million gift, a new Academic Resource Center will be established to help students attain their highest academic potential.

Your faithful correspondent, JoAnn Barkon Antell, attended the Sykes Society Luncheon on campus in June, with Frannie Steane Baldwin and Jane Dornan Smith. The featured speaker was Linda Lear '62, author of "Rachel Carson: Witness for Nature." Her talk was called "Agents of Change: Three Women Who Made a Difference," which was an engaging overview of the lives of Elizabeth Babott Conant '51, Mary Cantwell '53 and Rachel Carson.

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Jack and Dottie Smolenski Pickering have three children who live in CA and a son in CT. Their nine grandchildren range in age from 5 to 20. One attends Southern Methodist U., and another is at U. of Tulsa. The Pickering's summer in New London and winter near Tucson, where they enjoy many activities at U. of Arizona. Living in AZ makes it convenient for them to visit their CA children in Del Mar, Pacific Grove and La Jolla.

Great-grandparents are appearing among us: Congratulations to Tom and Margot Walsh Keenan, whose great-granddaughter, Luke Andrew Martin, was born 5/29 to granddaughter Emily and her husband, Luke. In contrast to her training for "Prophecy, Prayer and Wisdom," which will come out as an e-book first.

Cynthia Harkavy Plištíní wrote that "having a granddaughter, Hannah Plištíní '13, entering her senior year has been wonderful for us." She mentions the pleasure of seeing the new buildings and learning about "all the new programs and achievements" and of renewing acquaintance with CC after so long a time.

In response to inquiries from concerned classmates, Nancy Stewart Roberts' husband, Brad, sent this message in Aug.: "Friends, not a big difference in my wife's health condition since her stroke in May '11. Short-term memory is the big problem. I am taking care of her 24/7 and am so grateful she is still with me. Long-term memory is fine, and we do meet with friends and family. She doesn't read much anymore, with the exception of the daily newspaper and People Mag. God bless you and thank you."

Having moved to a retirement community in Portola Valley, CA, Martha Kahr Lewis is close enough to her old haunts to play golf with old pals, as well as to enjoy the benefits of proximity to Stanford U. Her grandson is a senior at Stanford, and two of her daughters are nearby. Her other daughter hosts visits in Milwaukee. Martha has enjoyed making new friends and has become involved in a few residential committees, as well as playing bridge and mahjong. The best of both worlds: old haunts and new, old friends and new.

Prudy Murphy Parris spent her summer at Croton Long Point with Gail and her two children, Brooke, 9, and Clayton, 11, sometimes commuting to New Canaan for business. "I love being at home with my family. It feels like a great deal." She suggested a mini-reunion next year. "We can't wait five years anymore." She saw Adele Olmstead Sullivan this summer when Adele moved in next door, vacationing from Philadelphia.

Elizabeth Parillo '07 and Stephen Mery '08 married on 6/9/12 at Harkness Memorial State Park. Front row, from left: Laura Brown Moya '07 and Jaime Pepper '07, middle row: Elaine Weisman '07, Megan McCarthy '07, the bride and groom, back row: Ali Funk '07, Ben Kenison '08, Matt Engel '08, Mike Materasso '07, Alexis Meisels '07, Rebecca Leigh, Baylin Coddington '08 and Pam Hoffner '70.
1957

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Reunion was a great treat this year. Twenty-eight of us were at the College — reminiscing, participating in many activities, and enjoying the fruits of the planning done by Reunion Chair Elaine Vardakas Rallis. Class President Sandy Horn Elstein, others on the committee, and the alumni office, who helped to organize such a fantastic weekend.

As you know, the Class of ’57 endowed the teaching Seminar for Incoming Faculty. We were treated to a panel discussion led by Michael Rider ’86, director of the Joy Shechtman Mankoff Center for Teaching & Learning, and including some of the faculty who have enjoyed support from our gift. We discussed how proud we were that our gift was making such a positive impact on faculty. Several faculty members who have participated in the teaching seminar spoke about how our class gift has supported them in their roles as teachers, scholars and community leaders. We also enjoyed seeing bookplates, a part of our gift, which are included in books given to new faculty.

Another highlight of the weekend was a panel discussion about staying young, with three classmates discussing their activities. Sandy Horn Elstein talked about her work with the Morgan Library in NYC. She checked all references in a book titled “Illuminating Fashion,” and continues to work on conservation, which she has been doing for more than 20 years. Jeannette (Toni) Titus Frary held everyone’s attention with a discussion of her work in dressage. We all laughed when she told us she was the only NJ member of the Century Club, in which the ages of the rider and the horse must add up to 100 — she had a very old horse, she said. Sue Krim Greene talked about her life in CO, where she teaches skiing and is involved in many other sports. Sue is in her third three-year term as head of the board of Summit CO Public Radio.

Our new class officers are Sandy Horn Elstein, president; Betsy Hahn Barnston, vice president; Betty Weldon Schneider and Sandy Weldon Johnson, reunion chairs; and I, Lainie Diamond Berman, will continue as class correspondent.

Jaynor Johnson Johnston had knee replacement surgery last Feb. She writes, “I had it so I could romp around the Piedmont of Italy in June. We were there with our great friends — 12 of them — in a rented villa with a swimming pool. Overstuffed ourselves on the most spectacular pasta dishes! My tip to travelers: go to Italy’s Piedmont area, as there are no tourists there, even though it is only an hour away from Milano’s..."
Joan Sampson Schmidt wrote: “Dick and I still live in Bowie, MD, doing yard and housework, near our six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. We walk, swim and participate in Bowie’s Senior Center activities, classes and trips. Reading and movies (Netflix) are our passions. I am involved in Prince George’s County League of Women Voters, as well as volunteering in elementary-school reading programs. We enjoy and spend much time watching, on TV and at the park, the Washington Nationals baseball team. And we are able to see them spring training in FL.” Joan and Dick continue to see Sally Ballantyne Hatch.

Sally Read Dow retired in June from the Ossining Public Library after 43 years as head of Children’s Services. In Sept., she and her husband had their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated in Aug. with their 14 children and grandchildren at a ranch near Estes Park, CO, in the Rocky Mountains. During the summer, Sally visited with Bettine Hurigan Montgomery on Cape Cod.

Sarah Greene Burger recently had dinner with Ann Henry Crow and Harte. She writes, “I’m still living a divided life between DC and VT.”

Jackie Markun Weisenberg’s granddaughter is Lauren Sheintop ’13. Lauren is one of three children of daughter Linda. Jackie worked at Hebrew Health Care in West Hartford for 17 years. She now volunteers there. She was on the U.S. Golf Association board for many years and is now a member of her condo board.

Sandy Weldon Johnson is devoted to Qigong, an ancient Chinese health-care system that integrates physical postures, breathing techniques and mental focus. The class was offered to her as a replacement for a favorite yoga class, which had been canceled. “I went as a lark and ended up a convert. The class is essentially silent, since the sequence of postures, etc. is the same each time. The gentle, rhythmic movements of Qigong reduce stress, build stamina, increase vitality and enhance the immune system. It has also been found to improve cardiovascular, respiratory, circulatory, lymphatic and digestive functions.” Sandy goes on to say that “one of the more important long-term effects is that Qigong reestablishes the body/mind/soul connection. Try it!”

The class sends condolences to Abigail Jewett Simmons ’04 and Timothy James Walker ’04, who married 6/9/12 in Houston, with a surprise wedding guest. The bride’s mother is Ellen Lougee Simmons ’69.

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Maria Engel ’01, Barry Klatchin ’01 and friend in Jerusalem.
Enid Siewert Bradley, who lost her beloved husband of 54 years, Frederick (Ted) Bradley, on 2/25/12, Enid lives in Albuquerque and is “trying to adjust to the idea of being single. I stay busy with friends, music and sports. I have seven grandchildren but none nearby.”

A special plea to send in news of your activities, your family, your travels, hobbies, etc. — whatever might be of interest to your classmates. We would love to have much greater participation, and we count on you for news. Many thanks in advance.

1958 REUNION S31-June 3, 2013

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In case you are wondering, the alumni office sent repeat emails over my (forged) signature right after the alumni office sent repeat emails in advance. I intended to write it up for the Summer issue, I submitted lots of news for the Summer issue, I intended to write up your news for the Fall issue, but I was a slacker and got involved with skiing. Caicos, a change from their usual beach trips. Evelyn Jellkins Brown sends Cartwright's greetings to all (“often thoughl bulletins” — cringe.) Reminder: 56th Reunion is May 31-June 2, 2013!

From Audrey Bateman Georges comes brave news of her fourth year living with ALS. No longer able to walk or talk, Audrie uses a speaking iPad for in-person conversation and email (ageorges@juno.com). Her house is wheelchair-accessible, she uses a motorized wheelchair, and she bought a van. Caring friends, classmates, church and family are helping her to enjoy every day I am here.

As a member of the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, Barbara Beare Tuneski writes about events such as simulcast Met operas, live theater and concerts. She discovered she loves opera and feels she is moving forward and finding a new life.

Lucia (Lolli) Benedikt Whisenand received the Mary Harriman Award from the Junior League of Syracuse in recognition of her volunteer work.

Jean Cattanach Skikas and John are fine, just older and creakier, and happy they moved to their senior community a year ago. “Lots of walking with friends in Great Pond State Forest and cross-country skiing around the neighborhood.” Last year, they enjoyed a boat trip on the Rhine and Mosel rivers and celebrated (late) their 50th anniversary in Turks and Caicos, a change from their usual ski trip.

Evelyn Ervatt Salinger visited Audrey Bateman Georges last spring. Back home in Albuquerque, she and Agnes Folper attended and were “enchanted” by an HD broadcast of the Met’s “Manon.”

Carol Fuhrer Berger, who wrote just after turning 75, says hello to all her friends; she is happy to be feeling good. She spent winter months in Naples, where she connected with Carolyn Coburn Auman at the CC luncheon. She is very busy in Pittsburgh with classes plus movie, theater and investment groups, and she has a “gentleman friend.” The Dan Berger Cord Blood program, which the family started at Magee-Womens Hospital, will be adopted by the Chicago Blood Bank, which pleases her greatly. It promotes the donation by parents of their newborns’ umbilical cords to a national registry so that they can be used for lifesaving transplants.

Lynn Jenkins Brown sends greetings to all (“often thought but never expressed”). With their four children in scattered states, she and Eric moved to SC, hoping warm beaches would entice them “home.” The family continues to travel to ME each summer to share one very large house on an island in Casco Bay. Lynn’s primary activity is still art, including collage, encaustics, printmaking and acrylics to stock two galleries. Eric is retired from Brown U. and the antiques business, though that remains of interest on New England trips. They are saltwater fly-fishers, and though creaky jointed, have a busy, happy life. She wishes us the same.

Simone Lasky Liebling, Barbara (Bobbee) Samuels Hirsch and Joan Waxgiser Goodstein, all from Windham, have an annual mini-reunion, this year in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, where Simone and Joel have a home. Jean wrote that Simone hosted a boat ride, a trip to the Flagler Museum and an “out-of-this-world” craft show, topped off with a performance by the Capitol Steps. For lunch, Bobbee brought along her daughter, Torrey, and granddaughter, Jillian, age 14, who were visiting. It was a great friendship visit and “we owe it all to Connecticut College” says Joan.

Marilyn Leach Cassidy is teaching a Spanish class at the Explorers’ Club, a group for retired people at the local university. It is fun and keeps her Spanish fresh. Also, she is in a writing group, always thought she’d like to try, but now wonders why.

Six out of seven grandchildren live near John and Peggy Morse Stokes in VT. John still coaches youth soccer, and their grands are into ski racing and swimming. “Life goes on but way too fast.”

Congratulations to Carol Reeves Parke on becoming a member of the CC alumni board. Her life is filled with volunteer work, including driving seniors to appointments and errands, for which she clocked 985 miles last year; her church; a retreat center in Richmond; and the Shepherd’s Center, where she serves on the board. “Assistance League” is her middle name, says Millie Schmidtmann Kendall of her primary volunteer occupation with this national philanthropic organization, where she is managing the “Nordstrom of thrift shops” and Neil helps with estate sales. One of their five grandchildren is out of college and working in DC. Their three children live in Seattle, Tacoma and IO, and everyone is well and thriving. Millie and Neil enjoyed an Asian exploration cruise last winter, a “true expansion of our horizons.”

From Lima, Patricia (Patsy) Steigerwol De Salazar describes an incredible medical mission to Amazon doctors and dentists. After a flight to Iquitos and a three-hour boat trip, doctors and dentists. After a flight to Iquitos and a three-hour boat trip, doctors and dentists.
ride to the ExplorNapo Lodge, they
took a canopy walking tour to view
birds, butterflies, monkeys, jungle
vegetation and a spectacular sunset
over the Napo River (check it out at
www.explornapo.com). The
next day, two boats took supplies,
equipment and more than 15 medical
personnel, plus Patsy, to their first
village, where they set up their clinic.
Patsy was busy all day helping to
voice villagers' health complaints.
The same pattern repeated in two
other settlements. Coping with heat
and mosquitoes, the medical staff
treated 350 patients. The dentists,
using a portable generator, completed
125 extractions and 25 fillings.
Patsy was amazed by the team's
ingenuity, and the people's trust was
heartwarming. They also fished for
piranhas, were soaked with sudden
rains and met wonderful people
— "an eye-opening, awesome
adventure."

P.S.: David and Judy Carson were
planning to visit Lima, Machu Picchu
and the Galapagos in Oct. "We've
been looking forward to having dinner
with Edmea's brothers' families
in Tallahassee, FL. Visits with all of
them, both here and abroad, plus
seeing Edmea's brothers' families in
Brazil, keep the travel agenda full.
"To that we added a Rhine river
cruise last year, and a London-Rome-
London-New York voyage this Oct.,
with a one-week Atlantic crossing on
the repositioning voyage of the Queen
Mary II. On board, we celebrated the
54th anniversary of our meeting in
Mystic, CT." Edmea still works as a
conference interpreter for the U.S.
government and the private sector
—but she picks and chooses jobs
days, in order to "work harder"
at crisscrossing the globe.

Diane Miller Besset writes
that they sold their beloved island
waterfront house in British Columbia
in Nov. '11 and bought a house in
beautiful Sonoma County in April,
where they can entertain the new
grandchildren — both aged 2 —
and see their many doctors.

After four years in a 55-plus
active adult community in FL, Ann-
Mary Potter Kapusta says she is
adjusting. "Widowhood is difficult,
but a supportive community helps,
as does the proximity of my son
and his three young boys, with whom I
spend much fun time." A highlight of
the year was a spectacular riverboat
cruise from Budapest to Prague. Ann-
Mary spent Sept. back in DC, visiting
with long-standing friends and her
three Northern VA grandchildren. Oct.
brought a short trip to Jekyll Island,
Savannah and Charleston. "I count
my many blessings, especially family,
friends and good health."

Liz Pugh-King realized a lifelong
ambition with a service trip to Ghana.
She volunteered to teach reading,
English and arithmetic to oh-so-cute
children in kindergarten through third
grade. "They loved learning, and their
parents were so appreciative of our
work. This was a challenging, eye-
opening experience."

Our move to Kendal, a continuing-
care retirement community in
Hanover, NH, has been a rewarding
experience. Retiring to a college town
has so many benefits, like classes,
lectures, concerts, opera, plays, the
Hood Museum of Art and sports. We
love being in the mountains and on
the Connecticut River. And I have a
group of friends who like to hike and
downtown CT. Our three children live
nearby in Concord, NH; Canton, MA;
and New Paltz, NY.

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Life is good for Harriet Kaufman
Breslow and her husband. She
continues to do social work — about
30 hours a week — and she still
takes classes to learn new skills.
She also finds time to play tennis,
swim and ski. Harriet's husband is
retired; he helps her with paperwork
and is involved in many volunteer
activities. The Breslows traveled this
year to CA, the Virgin Islands and
Hilton Head, and they skied in CO.

The biggest news in my life is
My 1-year-old granddaughter. Her father
lives minutes from us in MD, and with
both of my children working in the DC
area, we see them often."

Since graduating from college,
Ina Steinhberg-Carco has written
two books: "The Road from the Past:
Traveling through History in France"
and "Paris to the Past: Traveling
through French History by Train."
She is now working on a third book.
During this time, Ina has also been
the sole researcher for "The Power
Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of
New York" and "The Years of Lyndon
Johnson: The Passage of Power."
Volumes 1, 2 and 3. These books
have won two Pulitzer Prizes, two
National Book Awards and many other
prizes for nonfiction writing.

Frances Gillmore Pratt and
Harry continue their travels. In June,
they took the whole family (four adult
children and five grandchildren)
rafting in UT and then on to
Yellowstone National Park. Everybody
loved it! In Aug., Frances and Harry
went on a National Geographic boat
trip to Scotland to explore the islands
and rivers.

Louise (Weezie) Lane Talbot
saw Sally Glanville Train at a family
oyster roast in Savannah in April.
(Sally married a cousin of Weezie's.)
"It was fun to catch up." Weezie's
husband, Had, their two children,
their spouses and four grandchildren
spent two weeks in Tuscany in Aug.
Had and Weezie lived in Italy for nine
years and both of their children
were born in Milan; it was a big
Adelle Merrill Welch moved from Lincoln, MA, to a small cottage she built eight years ago on the coast of ME. "Downsizing has been a challenge, and I am glad it is over. It allowed me to evaluate what was really important; a time for a life review as I combed through boxes of memorabilia. A time of reflection, a time to put the past in perspective, a time to make room for my next journey and a time for new challenges. An exciting time: a new chapter and a clearer understanding of what gives meaning to my life. For me, the answer was clearly my children, their families and my grandchildren. I have daughters on both coasts. I will now be able to spend more time with my West Coast daughter and her family. I found that three or four short visits per year did not allow me the time to get to know them as I had hoped, particularly my grandchildren. I look forward to my next adventure."

Betsy Newman Young can’t believe that she and her husband have been living in Kennett Square, PA, for three years. They live close to Longwood Gardens, the Brandywine Wyeth Museum and two DuPont estates, including Winterthur. They find that people love to visit when traveling to and from home or vacation, preferring the Youngs’ new home in PA to visiting them in Syracuse. Though she says it is hard to fathom, Betsy will turn 75 in ’13, "along with most all of you in the Class of ’60." Daughter Sarah Young Jackson ’83, living in Syracuse, has nine children and counting. They range in age from 21 years to infant: eight boys and one girl. Betsy’s second daughter lives in Needham, MA, with her partner and 7-year-old daughter, balancing her busy life with them and her job as a social worker. Betsy and Joe feel fortunate to have had good health all these years and are celebrating their 46th wedding anniversary. They love to travel whenever possible, though they find life in PA very full, with all the cultural things to do in and around Wilmington and Philadelphia, as well as trips to NYC and sojourns to visit friends around the country. She and Joe would love to hear from and reconnect with classmates living nearby. Patricia Wertheim Abrams and Dick honored the bat mitzvah of their 13-year-old twin granddaughters, Kayla and Elena, in Santa Cruz in Aug. Their three children, spouses and five grandchildren all celebrated with them as well.

1961

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After celebrating her 50th Reunion in June ’11, Cheryl Cushing Campbell and husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past June. "We gathered with our children and grandchildren in Wolfeboro, NH, where we have summered for 50 years. Fifty seems to be the magic number!!! It was a glorious and memorable event." One couple and their children did 50 acts of random kindness in their honor, followed by photos that were turned into a hardcover book—an overwhelming and extraordinary gift. Cheryl also writes: "It was wonderful being back on campus for our 50th Reunion. I encourage all who only thought about coming to return in ’16."

Eileen Rem Chalifoux just returned from Russia, Estonia and Finland. She writes that she never realized how exquisitely beautiful is the Kremlin, as well as the banks and villages of the Volga.

Gaele Mansfield Barthold wrote while visiting Joan Knuudsen Perkins in early Aug.: "We are together in Australia, where the Perkins have been hosting us for a few days. It has been a wonderful reunion, bringing back college days and the months we shared an apartment in Cambridge. We have spent time with Joan and Ken’s children and grandchildren and had a three-day trip to the Blue Mountains. Although Ken is from the Blue Mountains) insists winter here is cold, damp and rainy, we have had four days of sun and crisp air. It has been wonderful, but the highlight was an all-day, four-wheel-drive bush safari in the mountains. We visited scenic wonders and a silver-mining ghost town populated primarily with kangaroos! We also saw wombats and wallabies and nearly hit two kangaroos at dusk."

Colleen Dougherty Lund and Bill returned 8/1 after six glorious weeks away. After three nights in Frankfurt, they flew to and from home or apartment/hotel, so after a month started to feel like natives — or at least not like tourists. They attended French classes most of the week and visited places with the group on their days off. Colleen also attended two French cooking classes at a culinary school. "My spoken French didn’t improve that much (it definitely is hard to teach an old dog new tricks!), but my comprehension showed some progress. The entire experience was fantastic, however, and I would strongly recommend spending a month in Aix! From Aix they flew to England and spent 10 days with good friends in Lymington (on England’s southern coast, in the New Forest region opposite the Isle of Wight). "We had a spectacular trip and now look forward to spending four weeks in a villa in Tuscany next June as we celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary! Our Aix adventure was sort of a handholding, month-long experience before we venture to Tuscany for a month on our own."

Your correspondent, Leslie Pomeroy McGowan, is staying pretty much in Ann Arbor this year. Thanks for the news from everyone, keep it coming!

1962

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Joyce Finger Beckwith and

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Barbara Stone Aschheim thanks the incredible Reunion committee members who gave way over 100% to make Reunion so meaningful. Thanks also to everyone who attended and contributed to the sharing, laughing and loving that took place all weekend. We know many of you are already looking forward to our 50th!

Florence McCrea Wright thought Reunion was fantastic. “What an amazing group of women we are!” Too bad other classmates didn’t join us and enjoy a wonderful weekend. Congratulations to our hardworking committee, especially Joyce and Barbara, Norma Gilcrest Adams and Carla Peterson Eilers, and Bridget McShane from the College.

Lysbeth Marigold took a fantastic trip on the Seabourn Spirit from Venice down the Dalmatian coast to Puglia. Lysbeth’s 17-year-old daughter loved every minute and every church they visited. She applied to CC this fall.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Carter Bannerman had a great time at Reunion in June. “I am amazed that I have never gone to one before! The College treated the 50th Reunion class with much kindness and entertainment and good food — lots of souvenirs, activities, and opportunities to renew or establish friendships.” Betsy is still in touch with a woman she “re-met” during the weekend. She was able to relax a bit over the summer, since one of her singing groups didn’t meet in July and August, and her son had a job he liked.

“Life is good.”

Margot Conderman Arnold went skydiving in May! She is retired at age 71, “kicking and screaming a bit.” She LOVED being out there DOING, now BE-ING and living it too. “It’s a shift, I don’t mind telling you.”

Bonnie Ross Fine had a wonderful time at Reunion: It was “a great turnout for government major.

Many thanks to Joyce, Barbara, Carla, Betsy and the rest of the team!” Bonnie loved the red scarves and has enjoyed showing the digital art book to friends and the Koine Gold to anyone willing to look! She thought the best part, aside from the many activities, was connecting with such a dynamic, warm, thoughtful, open, wise group of women. Despite “the slings and arrows of misfortune,” the persistence, flexibility and upbeat attitude of so many classmates left her with a joyous feeling. “We spent the summer relaxing at our country house, enjoying the pool, family visits, and nearby summer theater and concerts. Our big thrill came from an unexpected visitation on our back deck by a mama bear and two darling cubs. It is hard to return to the Big Apple!”

Seyn Siegel seconds those accolades for Reunion, which she found truly memorable. She has been busy traveling. After Reunion, she went to L.A. to meet her newest great-niece and to Seattle to visit daughter Isabel Siegel Griffith ’06 and son-in-law Benjamin Griffith ’06, followed by a week in Arabia. “Of course, I went to the U.S. Open in NY, which is an annual ritual. Keep those notes coming so we can all stay in touch.”

1963 Reunion 5/31-6/2, 2013

Correspondent: Bonnie Campbell Billings, bnb22@aol.com

I hope everyone is planning to attend our 50th Reunion May 31-June 2! As editor of our Koine Gold 50th Reunion Yearbook, I’ve enjoyed working with co-editors Lonnie Jones Schorer and Susan Hall Vecchia and our Reunion committee, and catching up with so many classmates. Susan was among those who attended a Reunion planning meeting in New London last fall along with Barbara Dexter Lockhart, Connie Cross, Bonnie Campbell Billings, Carolyn Boyan Raymond, Roberta Stone Smith and many others.

We expect a wonderful turnout. Why not email or phone your friends to join us? If you need contact info, email bamcs@conncoll.edu or me. Bring scrapbooks, photos and other memorabilia to share in our “class memories” room. If you didn’t submit a Koine Gold page, bring one with you to Reunion. We’ll include it in a loose-leaf notebook there.

Susan and Marie Hawley Luft are tossing around the idea of taking the train from Baltimore to New London to attend Reunion. “Anyone interested in joining us on this little pre-Reunion adventure?”

If you wonder what happened to those of you who haven’t sent news, there is a nearly six-month lag between submission and publication — be patient, you haven’t been lost. And for those of you who haven’t sent news, you’re reading the notes, so please contribute!

Hope you saw the inspiring “Why I Give to Connecticut College” piece in the Summer ’12 issue of this magazine, featuring the thoughts of Linda Osborne of Santa Fe. NM. Linda has established a term scholarship, “The 18th Street Gang Scholarship,” in honor of five of our classmates — Linda, Carolyn}

Bryan Raymond, Susan Hall Vecchia, Lonnie Jones Schorer and Debbie Morris Kullby — who began their post-graduation lives together in a brownstone in Washington, DC. They still get together every couple of years, most recently on a windjammer cruise out of Rockland, ME. Susan wrote, “All of us feel incredibly humbled that Linda chose to name the scholarship fund she established in honor of our little group.” The continued closeness of this group is testimony to the kind of wonderful bonds formed at CC. Our upcoming 50th Reunion will provide opportunities for all of us to celebrate those relationships. Call your friends, reconnect and make plans to attend Reunion.

Linda was a writer and public relations consultant for the health care industry in San Francisco for more than 30 years. She now lives in Santa Fe, enjoying the mix of culture, beauty and interesting people.

Carolyn Boyan Raymond spent her summer kayaking in Long Island Sound with friends, traveling with daughter Diana, visiting son Greg and his family in San Diego, and caring for her wheelchair-bound husband. When she has time, she enjoys playing golf and tennis and working on projects for the Congregational Church.
After six years in the ski resort of Breckenridge, CO, Debbie Morris Kullby and husband Roy are moving to the Denver area, where they are building a house at Anthem Ranch, a 55+ active senior community. Debbie visited son George Ross in NYC and Westhampton this summer at the same time that daughter Charlotte Ross and grandson Max, 8, were visiting from L.A. Charlotte hopes her new show will be chosen by the TV networks, and she still has a recurring role as Quinn’s mom on the hit TV show “GLEE.”

Barbie Phillips Mayer and her husband attended his 50th reunion at Princeton in May, spent 10 days in Europe in June, and enjoyed the rest of the summer in CO. Barbie plans to attend our 50th reunion.

Laurie Blake Sawyer writes from HI, where she’s lived all these years, that she and husband John have three children—Jess, Parker and Holly. This summer, seven grands visited, ages 4-12. They “have a blast,” enjoying each other and all that there is to do in HI—hiking, surfing, tennis, soccer and daily beach outings. Laurie says: “My fun is Art Camp twice a week, which we have done for the past seven summers. Each child has a large frame in the playroom, and I hang their latest works at the end of the summer. During the rest of the year, John and I golf, play tennis, enjoy our local theater, and hang out with friends and family. I am planning for reunion and hope lots of classmates do the same!”

Helen Frisk Buzyna took a summer trip to see relatives and friends in Chicago, NY, ME, the Cape, and CT. She says: “It’s a travelogue of warm memories.”

Donna Richmond Carleton writes that in early June, Ann Weatherby Gruner and husband Peter hosted the “CC Seven” and their husbands to celebrate their collective 70th birthdays. “How could we be this old when we all act and feel like we did when we entered CC in ’60? It was an incredibly wonderful reunion, combining great food, great conversations and great sightseeing.”

Sue Hackenburg Trethewey and Bill, Cathy Layne Frank and Joe, Kirk Palmer Senske and Bill, Donna Richmond Carleton and Bill, Marcia Silcox Crockett and Dick, and Platt Townsend Arnold and Dave joined Ann and Peter at their beautiful home in Lexington, VA. “We all felt so blessed to be able to do this, seeing our friends and family, meeting new people, and revisiting memories of our time at CC.”

1964

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Donna Richmond Carleton of NYChas two part-time jobs: a mini-retrospective of her work, “Summer Pages: Past and Present,” at the 13th Biennial Symposium on Arts & Technology, and “The Art of the Book.”

1965

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We had such a tremendous response to our last call that we’re thinking of passing through Chicago. Just let me know! Keep your news coming!

Connie Gross Wilson lives in Cazenovia, NY. Son Adam was commissioned by the College’s Ammarnas Center for Arts & Technology to compose a piece for the 13th Biennial Symposium on Arts & Technology. He was in residence at CC for a week last March performing and teaching.

Since “retirement” age, Maggie Emmons of NYC has two part-time jobs: managing a 15-unit walk-up building and a beautiful home in Lexington, VA. “We all felt so blessed to be able to do this, seeing our friends and family, meeting new people, and revisiting memories of our time at CC.”
rental building and doing computer
entry at The New School. Her health
remains good, she has interesting
work by day, and plays bridge or
dines with friends in the evening.
After almost 20 years in college
textbook publishing, Meredith
Reeves Nightingale retired and
moved to a 17th-century reproduction
colonial home in Eliot, ME, with her
second husband, Barry, who is still
working. Merry paints in her studio;
does occasional freelance work;
explores her genealogy; maintains
her extensive gardens; and takes
care of their dog and cats. Son
Zach is in a third-year residency as
an anesthesiologist in Worcester,
MA, two hours away. “Aside from
encroaching age and arthritis, life
is good.”
Lucia Pellecchia Correll lives
with Tim in the Stapleton Community
in Denver, which was “built green
and has small personal space and
large open community space.” Son
Josh, a psychologist, teaches at U.
of Chicago, and daughter Kate lives in
Denver and is director of Downtown
Colorado Inc. Lucia is “mostly
retired,” but she and Tim still help
African governments develop social-
service delivery systems to mitigate
the impact of HIV/AIDS. They go to NJ
in the spring and fall to see Roxanne
Lake Johnson and Karin Kunstler
Goldman. “I know these are the
years when people reconnect, and I
would love to do that.”
Beverly Coppeta Ponziello, in
Waterbury, CT, teaches at Quinnipiac.
U. Son Michael and daughter Elyssa
are both married, and Beverly has
four granddaughters aged 5 and
under.
Judy Reich Grand lives in St.
Louis, MO, and still works at the
private John Burroughs School,
while Gil continues to practice
ophthalmology as a retina specialist.
Since none of their four grandchildren
(ages 6, 4, 2 and 1) lives close, travel
is a must, making life interesting.
Kay Karlake White, in Pittsburgh,
PA, “finally became a grandmother”
in June ‘11. Son Michael, his wife
and daughter live in Cleveland, so
they don’t get together as much as
they would like. Kay and her husband
summer in Chautauqua, NY, and hope
to spend more time with their new
granddaughter then.
In Plain, CO, Susan Hardesty
Effectively with Faculty: Guidebook
for Higher Education Staff and
Managers,” which is selling widely.
She’s presenting to universities and
higher education conferences across
the country to high-profile clients. He
12-year marriage to Martin Biscen
is “fresh and engaging.” Martin is
involved in physics research, and they
enjoy their blended family, travel,
friends, kayaking and hiking. “It’s a
blessing to be healthy and vigorous.”
Carole Carter Shilepsky and
husband Sandy retired from Wells
College, where she was a professor of
mathematics and computer
science and he a professor of
mathematics. “It was a lovely place
to live, work and raise a family.
reminiscent in many ways of what
made CC so special.” They followed
dughters Lisa (an attorney) and
Beth (a primary care physician) to
Charleston, SC. “We are happily
living IO, four grandkids and not
sure where the time goes, but the
weather, beach and gracious people
here are a joy.”
In Bedford, MA, Pam Choate
Carle was planning her garden in
April when she wrote. She had a
lovely week in the Virgin Islands,
where they swam and kayaked.
Donna Mauisby Asnani worked in
technical project management
at TRW for 22 years and then was
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In Charleston, SC, Karen Sheehan
Lord, Karen Metzger Ganz, Marge Raider
Fisher, Dana Hartman Fryer, Lois Larkey
and Margo Tulping Kynper sing in the
Concord Chorus, and although she
still loves to dance, says that
yoga suits her better.
Karen Sheehan Lord retired in
‘03 from teaching visual arts and
humanities at Manhattan (NY)
Central High School. Husband Bob
also retired from the school but
then was an adjunct professor at
Southern New Hampshire U. before
retiring in ‘10. Daughter Samantha
is a horticulturist in Essex Junction,
VT. Karen is on the boards of several
nonprofits, including the Manchester
City Library and Canterbury Shaker
Village, and is a director on the state
board of the NH Library Trustees
Association. She is still painting,
currently in watercolors. She and Bob
spend part of every winter on Sanibel
Island, FL. Karen and her sister
inherited property in Ireland that has
belonged to the family since 1864,
and they are renovating the cottage.
“I would love to hear from anyone
who has had similar experiences or
who has lived in Ireland.”
In Stamford, CT, Margie Raisler
Fisher and her husband sold their
home and are “starting on a new
adventure,” beginning by renting a
waterfront condo “until we figure out
what the next steps look like.”
Monica Blum was the primary
author of a long, newsy email about
Barbara Barker-Papernik, Ann
Brauer Gigounas, Cynthia Eaton
Bing, Anne Frank, Anne Keegan
Aronson, Barrie Mynttinen Pribyl,
Jeanette Olsen Friedenson, Susan
Rowland Williams and Varney
Spaulding Greene, who all met in
Vinal Cottage freshman year and have
remained friends. Way to go, ladies!
We’ll include all the news about this
group in a future column — so stay
tuned! (And thanks, Monica, for such
thorough reporting.)
1966
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“We could not have scripted a better mini-reunion!” reports Bridget Donahue Healy about a gathering in MC last June. Monhegan Island was a welcome paradise filled with joyful happenings for Jane Brown LaPrino, Kate Curtis Donahue, Caroline Davis Murray, Jane Davison Peake, Bridget Donahue Healy, Susan Gaud ’68, Lee Johnson Stockwell, Jill McKelvie Neilson, Tony McNeil Rixe and Debbie Nichols Lusse.

After retiring in Feb., Louise Fay Despres moved to Hyde Park in Chicago with husband Bob. They plan to spend winters in Williamsburg, VA. More news from MS, where Elizabeth Leach Walsh had a luncheon with some classmates, who decided that it would be fun to rent a place in France. Last spring, Lynn (Gigi) Goodman Zoll, Lorna Wagner Stroetz and husband Cris, and Liz and husband Tom flew to Spain, where they met up with Jane Hubbard and husband Emar. They traded their sailboat for a trailer and spent three months land-cruising in AK. They may even get to get to the East Coast one of these days... until then, home remains Long Beach, CA. “Peculiar travel suggestions are dancing lessons from God” (Bokonon, from Vonnegut’s “Cat’s Cradle”). Diana Heale Craig reports that nine Valas (all class of ’66) and their wives meet every few years for a mini-reunion. In June, Audrey Kuhl Straight ’59, Carol (Cyrie) Louis Dice, Anne (Bennett) White Swingle and Diana were in the group that got together on Gibson Island, MD, where Bennett and Dick Swingle have a home. There is always much competition (golf, tennis, sailing, croquet and cards) and plenty of leisure time for hiking, cooking, reading and sharing stories. This trip also included a tour of Annapolis on Segways. Primarily, a whole lot of laughter and fond reminiscing! Thank you to everyone who wrote notes of appreciation to us. We enjoy hearing from you too, so please stay in touch!

1967
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Deborah Greenslain had a great trip to Paris in May with one of her childhood friends. “We had a wonderful time, hit all the main tourist spots and ate like there was no tomorrow. We visited Pere Lachaise Cemetery to pay our respects to Jane Finkelstein ’68, who died in Paris last Nov. I got home in time to do laundry, repack and head to New London. Reunion was in June, Class of 1967 members Betsy Wilson Zanna, Barbara Leverton and husband Jake traded their sailboat for a trailer and spent three months land-cruising in AK. They may even get to get to the East Coast one of these days... until then, home remains Long Beach, CA. “Peculiar travel suggestions are dancing lessons from God” (Bokonon, from Vonnegut’s “Cat’s Cradle”). Diana Heale Craig reports that nine Valas (all class of ’66) and their wives meet every few years for a mini-reunion. In June, Audrey Kuhl Straight ’59, Carol (Cyrie) Louis Dice, Anne (Bennett) White Swingle and Diana were in the group that got together on Gibson Island, MD, where Bennett and Dick Swingle have a home. There is always much competition (golf, tennis, sailing, croquet and cards) and plenty of leisure time for hiking, cooking, reading and sharing stories. This trip also included a tour of Annapolis on Segways. Primarily, a whole lot of laughter and fond reminiscing! Thank you to everyone who wrote notes of appreciation to us. We enjoy hearing from you too, so please stay in touch!

1968
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The Crossway, Delmar, NY

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Marcia Matthews went to England last spring to visit husband Charles’s family. Both she and Charles have retired — Charles from cardiac surgery and Marcia from nursing. She actually stopped work much earlier to be a full-time mother at home. Daughter Minet teaches Latin at St. Paul’s School in Concord, MA. All is well with Katherine Susman Howe. Daughter Kate Howe published her second historical novel, “The House of Velvet and Glass,” in the spring. Katherine and George still work and enjoy their jobs enormously. She is the director of Rienzi, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston’s house museum and collection of European decorative arts. She is also director of its Brown Foundation Fellows program for mid-career professionals in the arts and humanities and has allowed Katherine and George to travel a bit (www.mfah.org/fellowships/doramasrohouse). Following graduation, Susan Byrnes Wallace moved to Washington, DC, where she worked for a think tank and then as a researcher at National Geographic. She married Tony Wallace, who was in the Foreign
Service, in May ’80, and they lived in Tunisia, followed by London, England, where son Peter was born. They returned to DC in ’85, where Susan was a stay-at-home mother doing freelance editing. About 20 years ago, she went to AARP, where she was a research database editor and writer; while there, she became interested in working with older adults, received a master’s in counseling and began working part-time as a geriatric care manager. In ’04, Tony was diagnosed with ALS; he died in ’08. Son Peter is finishing an M.A. in government at Johns Hopkins while working as a health care lobbyist in DC. Susan still does geriatric care management and is now the care manager for her mother, 94, who lives with her. Susan still plays tennis, is a Master Gardener and belongs to two book clubs.

Stephanie Hirsch Meyer is senior editor of Teen Ink magazine, now completing its 23rd year of publication. She spends more and more time in NYC enjoying all it has to offer. Grandchildren Matty, 9, and Tommy, 7, are a delight in her life, and she has begun sharing her darling Cavalier King Charles with folks in nursing homes and care facilities as a member of Pet Partners. Husband John has become quite the runner, finishing his first half marathon at 1:54!!

Jane Ranallo Goodman spent Jan. in Uruguay, as one of her sons has been working in Montevideo for nearly two years. She went to sites, walked through Montevideo, and traveled coastal beaches and interior estancias and vineyards; she went horseback riding at historic Estancia Guardi del Monte and toured Colonia, both world heritage sites. Jane has had a small exhibition of bird drawings on display at a local gallery in Charlottesville. She has been in touch with Nancy Dubin, who assisted another of her sons with apartment hunting in NYC; he is in graduate school at Columbia.

Joyce Newman is the managing editor of Consumer Reports Green/Choices.org, an environmental website, and has been studying for a certificate in horticulture from the NY Botanical Garden, where she graduated in June. She is also an occasional blogger on the garden’s website, Plant Talk. Joyce and her husband, David Marcus, have a wonderful grandson, who lives with his parents outside Philadelphia. Daughter Becca works for the nonprofit wildlife conservation group Panthera, based in NYC. Son Noah recently married and also lives in Manhattan. And Joyce’s mother just turned 100! Welcome to the new older universe.

Elizabeth Darison has lived in the Netherlands since ’70 and retired from teaching high-school English this year. She taught the tough boys, which was difficult but rewarding and lots of fun. She missed teaching immediately, so now teaches part time in adult education. She also does administration, bookkeeping, taxes, etc., for her husband’s plumbing company and youngest son Simon’s metal and welding company. Sometimes she even gardent! Elizabeth usually gets back to the U.S. twice a year. Her oldest daughter lives in the family white elephant/colony in Rose Oak Falls, so her husband, John, always has something to fix there, and then Elizabeth gardens. Daughters Charlotte and Sarah work for Sterling Environmental in Latham, daughter Marie is a goldsmith at Cassan Diamonds in Amsterdam, and middle son William works for a tree company near Arnhem. Marie and Simon still live at home, as affordable housing is almost impossible to find in Holland, and they have a big farm that has been in John’s family for four generations. Because the kids are so busy working, she hasn’t become a grandmother yet . . . but she does have 20 chickens and a cat.

Patricia Reinfeld Kolodny sees Andrea (Andy) Hintlian Mendell and Ruth Cheris Edelson at metal smithing every week. Our 45th Reunion is coming! Andrea Hintlian Mendell and Patti Reinfeld Kolodny hope as many classmates as possible will join us. Last fall they began planning our dinner and special events. If anyone has suggestions for speakers, panels or presentations by members of our class, please contact them at patricia.kolodny@gmail.com or ahmediyi@comcast.net. If anyone wants to join the committee, we welcome the help. We look forward to seeing many classmates, reconnecting and celebrating our lives!

Our sympathy goes to the family and friends of Virginia Dunn, who died 4/9/11. Please keep your news coming; we all love to know what is happening in the lives of our friends from CC.

1969

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Alice Boatwright’s book, “Collateral Damage,” was published by Stone Books in July. Three linked novellas explore the long-term effects of the Vietnam War on those who fought and those who didn’t, with much focus on young women, who were deeply affected by the moral conflict of whether to follow the dictates of law or conscience.

After a short book tour in the U.S., Alice is home in Paris, where she is a communications consultant for an international public health organization.

Nancy Barry Manor is busy with music-related projects that include advising the Lyric Chamber Music Society of NY on fundraising initiatives and working with the Castile Maria Center for Arts and Education for kids in South Bronx. In May, she represented Castile Maria at a conference on the Sioux reservation in Pine Ridge, SD. “We were at the Red Cloud Indian School’s Heritage Center, and the simple beauty of the site was spellbinding.” Nancy enjoys...
time on Cape Cod, especially the Cape Cod Chamber Music Festival. She is in touch with Zoë Aponte, Diamond and Ann Barber Smith;

Venetia Bell Vail had a “hectic summer juggling the visit of the entire family (sons Sébastien and Emmanuel; his wife, Judith; and these grandchildren, ages 1-4) at our country home near Bordeaux; husband Maurice’s hip surgery; and a tight deadline for the English translation of the Lascaux International Exhibition catalog. After Bordeaux in Oct., the exhibit will be at the Chicago Field Museum in March and will continue to travel the world until 2019. Not to be missed!”

Cordalie Benoit, husband David Elissa and daughter Charlotte recently visited David’s family in CA. While there, Cordalie attended the American Community Gardening Association Conference in San Francisco.

Julia Boone Kessler retired from work as a school librarian in the Hudson Valley. Husband Mike is also retired. “Our three kids are grown and we have one grandbaby. Our middle child, Andrew, who has Down syndrome, lives nearest in an excellent group home with five other good buddies, and we work at the Omega Institute in Rhinebeck. We are very lucky to have these resources for him.” Julia traveled to Oaxaca, Mexico, to study Spanish, and to Galicia, Spain, where daughter Lizzie is working. Julia and Mike spent time with Dave and Sylvia Ickon Hammerman on Cape Cod in Aug.

Harry and Daggy Hultgreen Griswold were in CA in June visiting nieces in Beverly Hills; son Eric and wife Mara and four grandchildren (ages 3-10) in Santa Barbara; and son Craig and wife Kathy in Oakland. They toured through wine country to Mendocino before flying home to CT.

In July, they had their annual vacation on Block Island with East Coast extended family, including daughters Becky and Heidi and Heidi’s husband, Brian Kelly. “The bigger the family grows, the harder it is for everyone to get together.”

Married to a Kiwi for 30 years, Peggy Magid Elder enjoys trading Philadelphia’s winters for New Zealand’s summers. Husband David continues his work as a melanoma specialist at U. of Pennsylvania Hospital and Medical School. They recently traveled to China, visiting Shanghai and Beijing under the auspices of university medical schools in both cities. Now retired, Peggy uses her studies in art history to enjoy all the wonderful museums near home. She would love anyone visiting the area to get in touch.

Dr. Evelyn Marienberg and daughter Lauren participated in A Promise to Peru, a medical mission that is a joint venture between the Story Brook U. and Case Western Reserve U. medical schools and the Lamay Clinic in Peru. “From 6/28-7/6, we brought much-needed medical care, including donated supplies and medications, to the mountain villages in the Andes’ Sacred Valley. With cataracts a problem at that altitude, they set up a cataract clinic in a private school to examine more than 400 patients from surrounding villages.” They also visited Machu Pichu.

Cindy Murray Abramson and husband John celebrated his 70th birthday in Sept. with a trip to Mt. Desert Island/Acadia National Park, ME, then returned to CO for son Ben’s wedding. Cindy looks forward to retirement in the spring, “disappearing into reading, gardening and self-indulgence for awhile,” and spending time with young grandchildren in Denver and LA.

Nancy Payne Alexander’s year began with her mother’s 94th birthday in Sept. with a trip to Mt. Desert Island/Acadia National Park, ME, then returned to CO for son Ben’s wedding. Cindy looks forward to retirement in the spring, “disappearing into reading, gardening and self-indulgence for awhile,” and spending time with young grandchildren in Denver and LA.

Ellen Steinberg Karch volunteers at her synagogue and a local nursing home; substitute teaches, enjoys her book group, and stays in close touch with family and friends — “surely my greatest pleasure.”

Married 40 years, Jim and Nancy Taylor Vineburgh have two sons and two grandchildren. Nancy’s career has veered far from her art history major; she is an assistant professor of psychiatry at the Uniformed Services U. of the Health Sciences and director of Public Education and Preparedness at the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress in Bethesda, MD. Nancy develops health communication resources for Defense Department organizations and for service members and their families on topics like post traumatic stress disorder. She commutes from Bluffton, SC, where she is a board member of the Boys & Girls Club and heads up its 2013 Gala. “Life has been good, and I hope to be at our next Reunion.”

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During the summer of ’70, Elaine Frey Hester and husband John (Westminster ’71) moved from Chicago...
Nancy Stein Becker ‘70 and her husband, Joel, were honored by the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, Conn., with the Brass Button Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions by individuals dedicated to the cultural and social enrichment of their community. Becker, who with her husband owns Torrington Supply Co., serves on the board of directors for the Palace Theater and Post College Foundation. She is a past board member of the United Way, Chase College Foundation, the Jewish Federation Foundation and the Connecticut Community Foundation.

Jim Garvey ’79 and Daryl Hawk ’79 at Jim’s home in Blue Bell, PA, in Aug.
 ago. Son Nicky attends DigiPen Institute of Technology in Redmond, WA. Anne reports that Jane Gilbert Snyder and husband Jay were in Seattle for a month for the birth of their granddaughter, which led to several nice get-togethers with Anne and John.

Am Huckle Mallek is in her second term on the Albermarle County, VA, board of supervisors and her second year as chair. Issues include job restoration, environmental protection, conservation of open spaces, zoning for compact development, transportation services and education. Ann taught elementary science and technology for 15 years and, since ‘03, has been an outreach educator for the VA Museum of Natural History. She and Lee operate Curruck Farm, where they raise and sell grass-fed beef. Daughters Kate and Laura live in Arlington, VA, and San Francisco, respectively. Ann and Lee have three grandchildren.

Susi Sackheim-Sytle’s “most exciting and wonderful event” recently was the birth of her first grandson, Julius Darwin Rimel, recently. The birth of her first grandson, Julius Darwin Rimel, recently.

Julia Alvarez writes, “I feel like a half-sister to all my classmates, since I left after my sophomore year to attend Middlebury College, where I now teach! But I have fond memories of the two years I spent at CC (’67-69), especially because it was sort of a family tradition to go there. My mother attended the College for a year (’64-65) until my grandfather pulled her out because he felt that she was getting too much education and would never return to the Dominican Republic to live. Years later, when my mother and father had immigrated to the U.S., I flewing the dictatorship, my mother got my sister, Mauricia Alvarez, 70, and head to pick CC. It had to be the first step in my sister’s footsteps, so I think that’s why I ended up making the switch. Wanting to be my own person, and not have everyone say, ‘Oh, you’re Maury’s sister!’ I have since followed a long career as both a professor of literature and a writer (‘How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents’ and ‘In the Time of the Butterflies,’ among other novels, as well as poetry and some books for young readers). I have a new nonfiction book, ‘A Wedding in Haiti: The Story of a Friendship,” and I’ll be touring around the country. I hope some of my CC classmates turn up for these readings. It’s always a treat to see them! I returned in ’00 to give a reading, brought there by the incomparable and wonderful Bianche Boyd! I feel such gratitude that even though I left CC, the place still welcomes me as a ‘daughter’ of our alma mater.”

I am delighted to welcome Lois Olson Price as my new co-correspondent on the Class Notes, as of our next issue. I hope her in each issue who will be writing the next column.

1972

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We had a wonderful Reunion in June! I’ve received quite a few updates from our class. Keep those cards, letters — and most of all — emails coming!

Meg Fisher lives in western MA and teaches nursery-aged children at the Hartsbrook School, a Waldorf school. Visit www.hartsbrook.org and click on the Early Childhood department’s five-minute video; Meg appears on and off on throughout it, wearing purple. She loves her job and colleagues. Older son Josh (pilot, organic farmer, philosopher) is at Western; younger son Galen (cyclist, runner, recent coo) is taking a year off after high school. Husband Ann taught third grade at Harttoback last year and is teaching fourth grade this year. Meg’s current ‘outside of work’ passions are poetry and yoga.

Ruth Ritter Ladd took part in Bicycles Battling Cancer, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. She rode her bike 35 miles a day as part of her training regimen. She formed a team with her two daughters, a son-in-law and a friend. They all finished, and Ruth managed to finish a half-hour ahead of them. Husband Larry is retired, but Ruth still enjoys her job with the Corps of Engineers, so retirement is not in her immediate future. They continue to raise puppies for Guiding Eyes for the Blind and now have their 10th puppy, Asta. Ruth and Larry have three grandchildren aged 2-5 — great fun! Ruth’s mother, Marian Ferris Ritter ’35, is doing well and still lives in her house next door to Ruth and Larry.

Kelly McCall ’04 and Bryan Lane ’06 were married 6/9 in Montauk, NY. From left: back row, Meghan Lewis ’04, Abby Li’Hureux ’04, Alexis Augsburger ’06, Matthew Coleman ’02, Jesse LaRusso ’04, the groom, Ted O’Hod ’05, Jake Henry ’07 and Lizzy Lloyd Henry ’07; front row, Bethany Lucas ’04, Lauren Valia ’04, Bryan Jaeger ’05, Michael Leonetti ’08, Joseph Decker ’06, the bride and Sarah Tangredi ’05.
Just days after our 40th Reunion, Bob and Amy Lewis Tahor flew to Madison, WI, for daughter Kory Tabor '99's wedding. It was a wonderful event, with many CC classmates to help celebrate Kory's marriage to John Macy. “Could not have asked for better weather or a more perfect event!” It was a great and memorable June for Amy.

Nancy Burnett was excited to spend Dec, in New Orleans. She will teach audio documentary and interviewing this spring. She’s thinking about retirement in two years. Southern France (Van Gogh country), Venice and Florence are on her wish list for upcoming travel. Any advice will be happily welcomed.

Norma Drab Walrath Goldstein completed the accreditation report for Shoreline Community College, where she is dean of Humanities. Academic Standards, Accreditation, Articulation and Transfer, Transferable Programs and K-12 Relations. Yes, that title is real! In addition to running the largest division at the 13,000-student college, Norma is a past president of the WA State Articulation and Transfer Council, where she was the lead for a statewide initiative on Transforming Pre-College Education. In Aug., she and husband Allen Goldstein sailed for a month on their 34-foot C&C sailboat Aeolus (lung cell) to the Gulf Islands in Canada. Living in Seattle for 20 years, Norma keeps in touch with Barbara Stewart ’71 and Davis Oldham ’90, who work in the Humanities Division. Norma also keeps close tabs on Patricia Lanehan Breyley ’71.

Susan Leibacher Ward has been busy the last year as head of the history of art and architecture department at RISchool of Design. She participated in an international working group on medieval sculpture in In Jan., the group met in Paris to discuss the current state of the field. Another meeting took place at the Philadelphia Museum of Art in Nov. This summer, Susan hosted Alison Thomson ’13 at her home in Brooklyn. Alison, an architectural studies major, had a summer internship at the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum in NYC. Although the weekend was a bit wet, Margu Reynolds Steiner has delightful memories of Reunion and the new friends she made. She enjoyed a typical Marblehead summer: boating, beaching, entertaining and lots of long walks. There was one bit of excitement: In late June, she finally took action on a long-held dream of skydiving — and did so in Pepperell, MA. She couldn’t wait to get up in the air and jump! “I was first out of the plane (the world really is round!) from several miles up and had a terrific tandem partner, with whom I did some very enjoyable maneuvers. The ground came up much too soon!” She’s already planning to go again. Who says 62 is old?

Peg Muschell Jackson and husband Paul really enjoyed Reunion weekend, despite the awful weather. “We actually had a chance to ‘preview’ the weather front as we flew back to Washington, DC, from Los Angeles several days earlier. During the flight, we could view a ‘lightshow’ off the west of the airplane.” Peg’s latest book, “The Busy Administrator’s Guide to Risk Management and Contingency Planning: College and University Edition,” was released as an e-book by BEW Publishers. It is available on Amazon. Paul completed his doctor of management degree from the U. of Maryland University College over the summer. He is an executive with Marine Design Dynamics in DC. Peg and Paul enjoy their home in Alexandria, VA, when they aren’t traveling for business.

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**Nancy Parker Belzette-Aronsoun**

is completing her 25th year as an elementary-school principal in West Chester, PA.

**Ellen Feldman Thorp** and husband Ed continue to enjoy life in UT, where they just finished a complete renovation of their house. They participated in a three-day cattle drive in NV on a 65,000-acre ranch. It was their third year working there — “definitely not! City Slickers!” Lots of hard work but great exercise. They have five horses, all of them characters.

**Jill Katzenberg** has started her third career as a professional speaker and trainer/coach. Until recently, she was a partner and Realtor with Keller Williams Realty Greater Cleveland (which came to Cleveland in ’02 due to the efforts of nine ReSource, including herself). Her passion is to empower others to self-discover and to share the gift of gratitude through her distributorship of SendOutCards. In her spare time, she has been ballroom dancing and living life to the fullest.

**Anita DeFrantz** caught up at the London 2012 Olympics, where Cathy’s daughter, Mariel, competed in her third Games in fencing. Mariel was elected by the U.S. Olympic Team athletes to be the flag bearer for the Opening Ceremonies, leading Team U.S.A. into the stadium. Anita continues her work as a vice president with the International Olympic Committee and overseeing the LARA Foundation. Cathy is retired from nursing and works for the U.S. Fencing National Governing Board and runs a fencing club in Portland, OR. Cathy caught up with Margaret (Peggy) Hamilton Turkevich.
before taking off to London. Peggy’s daughter also had Olympics ties: Lizzie Turkewich was going to London, her fourth Olympics, as an associate producer for NBC Sports.

Harry Pigman still enjoys New Orleans, but his wife has been very ill. Daughter Zoë will finish at McGill U. this year, and daughter Isabel is a sophomore at U. of Texas in Austin. Harry has returned to music, studying online and working toward a master’s.

Where have 38 years gone? Rama Toddell Mott and husband John live in Kalamazoo, MI. After some health challenges, Rama is a retired elementary-school teacher who also taught educational psychology to college juniors. Last year she spent time reading, writing, cooking, watching backyard deer, and traveling — a family cruise to Italy, the Greek Isles and Turkey. Life is good.

Gary Zeger is living well in Los Angeles, where he is a pathologist at U. of Southern California. He also serves as medical director of Response Genetics, a molecular diagnostics company. He has “a wonderful wife and a very fine 15-year-old son, Malcolm.”

1976

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Hannah Benoit recently sold her home of 23 years in Holliston, MA, and moved to Boston, where she works as a freelance photographer with her partner, David Marshall. Hannah is also a senior writer in the communications office of Wheaton College.

Veronica Makowsky is a professor of English and women’s studies at U. of Connecticut. Her books, on Caroline Gordon and Susan Glaspell, were published by Oxford University Press. She has written numerous articles on American women and Southern writers. At UConn, she served as editor of MELUS (Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States) for six years, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for five years, and vice provost for five years. She recently completed a book on nineteenth-century American women and Southern writers.

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Nothing changes, does it? His gorgeous wife, Leora, did not attend, as her lovely fiance was with her — and look for them in your Town and Country pages!

The handsome and fabulous Ming-Tai Huh made his seventh Reunion, which really is amazing, since he wasn’t even in our class! Mom Kimberly-Toy Reynolds Pellerino brought Ming-Tai to our fifth reunion in ’82, and he has been at every one since! His lovely fiancé was with him; they were married this fall in the Boston area, where Ming-Tai is partnering with a friend to open an American bistro restaurant. He still does computer work, and the couple honeymooned in Venice, not far from the Turin area where Kim and her fabulous Italian husband, Giorgio Pellerino, live. Kim’s youngest son, Marcus-Edward Smith, has moved to Atlanta. Although Michael Tulin did not make it to Reunion, Kim kept in touch with her classmates through email. She also has a wonderful husband, Stephen Tulin, who is a retired professor of English at the University of Connecticut and a successful author of suspense novels. Kim is a professor of English at Connecticut College and works for Americorps, lv 2016-2017.

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Many thanks to the members of the Reunion committee for making our 35th a good time for all. Bravo to Lisa Podofillt Boles (our new class president), Stuart Sadick, David Sargent, Sheila Saunders, Philip Farmer (new class vice president), and Ann Rumage Fristercher.

In addition to being our new correspondent, Kimberly-Toy Reynolds Pellerino is our Reunion chair. And a special thanks to Jeff Modzelewski for being so active on Facebook and posting music videos!

After the rain on Saturday, we had a blast. From our class dinner to clearing the dining room floor for a fun dance party. When that party ended, we continued to drink and dance on the campus Green all night long.

So there we are in Branford, sleeping on noisy, plastic-wrapped mattresses, and handsome Steve Levy arrived in his $210,000 Porsche and made his own parking space! Nothing changes, does it? His gorgeous wife, Leora, did not attend, as her big fundraising event for the Bruce Museum was again on the Saturday night of our class dinner at Blaustein. Sorry to miss her — and look for them in your Town and Country pages!

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Andy Rumage Fristercher, thank you for your years of service to the class and the College. Kimberly-Toy Reynolds Pellerino, thank you for volunteering to be the new correspondent. Please send your notes to Kim at the above email address.

The Class of 1977 gets into the spirit of their 35th Reunion.
touch with him during the planning, and his suggestion of the "class scarves" was a big success.

Sue Brandes Hilger '85 with son Alex, daughter Anna and husband David. They are married on 2/24/12 in the Wyoming backcountry on skis.
between foreign Service gigs on his way to Chile, where he is starting a three-year assignment as a public affairs officer. He keeps his hand in acting.

Eva Fellows Kane and husband Alan (who couldn't be with us live in Boca Raton) Eva is a national tabloids editor and researcher and was about to launch a literary website. She is also busy with their two children, ages 22 and 19.

Annie Rumage Fritscher still teaches not-for-profit organizations how to raise more money and speaks publicly about philanthropy, especially women's roles in philanthropy. Husband Sam is hiking the beautiful western NC trails, and Annie is learning to hike, too. She spent three weeks in England, Ireland, and Scotland, with one week on the Isle of Iona an retreat at the Iona Abbey.

Karen Fisher writes: "This is the first year in 23 that I don't have a child preparing/packing/planning for school in the fall! A new season of life has begun."

It was a busy and full year for former prankster Dan (Iron Lung) Cohen. He was co-director of the US Systemic Constellations Conference in San Francisco, following in the footsteps of Sheila Saunders, who organized the '07 conference. Later, he presented on healing broken hearts at the International Congress on Ericksonian Approaches and the Toward a Science of Consciousness Conference. During the year, he led workshops and trainings in Systemic Family Constellations in Ireland, England, Norway, Brazil, and throughout the U.S.

Suzanne May Wagster is a licensed professional counselor in CO. She works for Colorado West Inc. as chief compliance officer for mental health, Colorado West Psychiatric Hospital, and the Center for Mental Health in Montrose. She is single, with two children finishing college and one on national tour with his band. For All I Am, Suzanne enjoys the CO lifestyle of hiking, river rafting, and horseback riding. She is eager to mentor anyone who is considering psychology as a career and can be reached at Swagster@cswmhc.org.

Susan Greenberg Gold has seen many changes in her household this year. She and husband Steve sold their Long Island home and temporarily moved to a lovely brick-and-mortar record store executive director, and her husband is chief magistrate judge in the home of Jim Garvey and Janine Frazza Garvey '81 in Blue Bell, PA, in Aug, while on a college visit tour with their son. A "Morrison-style reunion" was enjoyed by all!

Michael Wagner '81 is the new president and chief executive of the Tufts Medical Center Physician Organization. He had been Tufts' chief of internal medicine and adult primary care since 2008; in 2011 he was named chief medical officer. In addition to previous work as a general internist and chief of general medicine at Tufts, Wagner also has served in various clinical and administrative roles at the University of Rochester and other medical institutions. He earned his medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine.
Carolyn Spector ’83 was named the first executive director of Back on My Feet New York City, the local chapter of a national organization that aims to build self-sufficiency within the homeless and other underserved groups through running. Members who regularly attend morning jogs gain access to education and job training, earn financial aid and receive other assistance toward realizing independence. Spector has 15 years of experience leading nonprofits, including stints as executive director of Mission:Restore and of Worldwide Children’s Foundation of New York.

Shari Weathers Randall’s short story, “Keep It Simple,” appears in the new Sisters in Crime anthology, “Chesapeake Crimes: This Job Is Murder.” Writing hard-boiled mystery is a fun departure from her day job as a government analyst.

Barbara Lasley Reid lives in the Boston area, teaching special needs 5- and 6-year-olds in Boston public schools. She is very involved in her church and volunteers every summer at the SoulFest, a four-day Christian music festival held at Gunstock Mountain in NH. She and husband Skip have become pretty good country line dancers, taking lessons and going dancing at least three times a week. “It’s awesome!” Skip owns Reid’s Yacht Service and provides year-round service to boats in Boston Harbor, primarily Constitution Marina in Charlestown. He is also a competitive marksman, shooting on pistol and rifle teams on the North Shore. Their boys are both very busy. Jerry, 19, is at Full Sail U. in FL, earning a B.S. in live show production and touring, and working at school and in church doing sound and lighting for live performances. Brian, 17, a high-school senior, is also a competitive marksman, shooting on pistol and rifle teams on the North Shore. His goal is to become a competitive handgunner, earning awards as top junior and a seventh place out of 88 teams at the National High Power Rifle Championships in OH last summer. Barb stays in touch with Krista Rosseland Swanson, Julia Hewitt, Krista Rosenberg Kaminsky, Lisa Rice Weiss and husband Bernie Weiss ’82.

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Kristina Helb ’04 is “Selling New York”

HGTB’S NEW HIT REALITY show “Selling New York” features multi-million dollar townhouses, apartments with sweeping skyline views, and quirky characters.

Behind the scenes and sometimes in front of the camera, it also features Kristina Helb ’04, director of communications for CORE, one of three real estate firms featured on the show.

Helb’s work for CORE encompasses all aspects of communications, from writing press releases to organizing high-profile events, like a party with a live graffiti artist exhibition to announce the renovation of a $14-million Chelsea townhouse. At the top of her list is managing the company’s relationship with “Selling New York.”

Now in its third season, the show is watched by two million viewers per episode, has been signed for three more seasons, and will soon go international to more than 60 countries. In addition to making regular appearances on the show, Helb works with the production team, helping to storyboard every episode. She gathers information about which real estate deals CORE is managing, develops interesting story lines and makes sure everything is scheduled correctly. “For any listing, I find out if the owner is an interesting character and if he or she would be willing to go on camera,” says Helb.

Although Helb facilitates the show’s structure, she says “Selling New York” “is not manufactured. ... It can be stressful because you don’t know what will happen. The camera crew captures everything, and these real estate deals are really happening. It’s crazy but I love it.”

At Connecticut College, Helb majored in English, minored in art and swam competitively, breaking several school records. After college she went to work in Bobbi Brown’s PR department and within a week realized “it was the perfect synergy of everything I loved — writing, creativity, communication and personal relationships.”

and his team of Camels, cheering on many squash matches.

Jennie Billings is moving to Southern CA with her husband and two daughters after living for seven years in AR. Her husband was transferred. She has been staying home with the two girls for a few years and was looking forward to starting a new chapter in her life when they get there. She has her J.D. and M.Ed., so it is time to get a job and start working rather than just going to school. She would be happy being a lifelong student! Jenisa is looking forward to seeing Joann Boyin Wornum ’85. If anyone from the Class of ’84 is in Southern CA, please let her know.

Margaret Herbert looks forward to this May’s Commencement, as daughter Jennifer Herbert ’13 will graduate with a major in English literature and a minor in music. Jennifer has been on the dean’s list each semester and is a member of the tennis team.

Bob Kiley and Michelle Poulin Kiley celebrated the wedding of daughter Meghan Kiley ’11 and Blake Cookler on 7/14 at the Simsbury Inn in CT.

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Janie Bess ’85 was selected for the 2012 Fulbright International Education Administrator’s Program. Bess, the director of international student services at Lesley University, traveled to South Korea, where she and seven other university administrators met Korean university presidents, administrators, deans and staff in an exchange of educational information. Bess also visited Korean cultural sites and the demilitarized zone (DMZ) between North and South Korea (pictured here). At Lesley, Bess is also an academic advisor in the Intercultural Relations Program, helping to guide students in their internships.

Jane Bess Windell lives in Royal Oak, outside Detroit, and enjoyed the outdoor art festivals in MI this summer. Son Jonathan Brough graduated from Northwestern U. in June ’11 and is a management consultant for PricewaterhouseCooper in Chicago. Husband James Windell published his 14th book, “The Everything Child Psychology and Development Book.” Jane is a school speech-language pathologist but devotes as much time as possible to quilting, her “empty-nester” passion. “Two of my original designs are traveling the country with the Hoffman Challenge (www.hoffmanchallenge.com). I love sending my quilts as ‘quiltng ambassadors.’ Earlier in the summer, I showed some quilts at the Shishigawana Quilt Festival in Shigekawa, IN (Arashan country).”

Jane and Jim recently traveled to Bali, Hl, for a trip that was part leisure and part family history. “My late great uncle, Des E. Long, was the 10th territorial governor of HI and one of the first senators when HI became a state.” So moved by visiting Pearl Harbor, Jane may make some World War II memorial quilts. “Best wishes and peace.”

Akhil Garland recently returned to the U.S. after spending a year with his wife Lee; son Jason, 18; and daughter Amy, 16, in San Miguel de Allende, a small city in central Mexico. The entire family loved Mexico and sharing the experience together. While there, Ak founded a new company, PeoplesVC (www.PeoplesVC.com), a securities-based crowd-funding venture he hopes will help create more jobs in the U.S.

Sue Hilger and husband are busy juggling family and work. The kids are growing up all too quickly. Son Alex, 14, spent most of the summer touring Europe and visiting Sue’s parents and sister and her family in Germany. Anna, 10, is jazzed about acting, singing and music, attending day camp over the summer and loving it. Sue is in charge of sales at Kiddie Academy Domestic Franchising, where business is realizing double-digit increases. Her husband’s real-estate business has been reinvigorated, now that the economy is improving and banks have opted to lend again. All good! “For those visiting the Baltimore/DC area, come visit — the Hilger Hotel is always available, and we’d love to reconnect.”

Alice Stokke’s life is a whirlwind these days, but she loves it. She’s lived mostly in the Seattle area for more than 20 years and has been the assistant director of the Asian Law Center at the U. of Washington School of Law for almost a decade. Since ’04, she has managed a federal grant supporting legal education in Afghanistan, working with 10 Afghan universities. Alice travels there a few times a year, seeing “a very different, more positive side” of Afghanistan than is shown on the news. She also manages a grant supporting clinical legal education in Indonesia and sometimes gets to travel there as well. Alice visits the East Coast, especially DC, a few times a year for work or pleasure. She enjoys spending time with her daughter and making the most of the beauty and activities of the Pacific Northwest. “It’s a great place to live!”

Nancy Heffron lives in Santa Barbara, CA, where she works as a contemporary paper collage artist, selling cards, prints and original artwork. She would welcome all comments and suggestions on her art and encourages anyone interested to check out www.nancyheffron.com. In addition, Nancy is a personal counselor at Santa Barbara City College and is pursuing licensure as a marriage and family therapist.

Jane Bess received a Fulbright scholarship. She was a member of a delegation of eight American university administrators who spent two weeks in Korea — one week in Seoul and one week traveling throughout the country — to meet with university presidents, deans and directors to learn about the Korean system of higher education.

In addition, the delegation visited cultural sites, including palaces, historic villages and the demilitarized zone (DMZ). Back at her current place of employment, Lesley U., Jane is offering workshops and presentations focusing on her experiences and how to better support Korean students studying in the U.S.

I, Deb Lowry MacLean, enjoy hearing from my classmates and working with Meg Macri as class correspondent. Please join our page on Facebook so you can get updates on other classmates and CC activities. I am about to experience the empty nest, as both kids are in college this year (Cornell and Rutgers). I continue to coordinate
community affairs for my family’s restaurant business — Buenoy Sano restaurants in MA and VT. This year, I plan to build on my own accounting services for small business. My husband, Mark, and I continue to work together at a local church and with an international mission in Zambia, Africa. We’ll be celebrating our 25th anniversary in May. I also wish to congratulate many of my fellow classmates as they join me in hitting the big 5-0 this year!

1986

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Jill Zawacki Long visited the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, to meet up with friend Jeff Edelson, the president of the Hall of Fame. Jill brought her whole family (husband Jesse and five kids) to experience the baseball magic. Jeff brought up items from the archives for everyone to hold, including a shirt worn by Hall-of-Famer Nolan Ryan. Jill’s son, Nolan, was just drafted out of high school by the San Francisco Giants as a pitcher, drafted out of high school by the San Francisco Giants as a pitcher, drafted out of high school by the San Francisco Giants as a pitcher, drafted out of high school by the San Francisco Giants as a pitcher.

Joan Burnett attended her 30th high-school reunion last summer — Staples High School in Westport. She was one of five students at Staples to go to CC, and she enjoyed catching up with Wendy DeMaioebus, Joan Robins Brady and John McCarthy. Robin Cooper is now assistant professor of conflict resolution and ethnic studies in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Nova Southeastern U.

Patti Walsh had the pleasure of a visit from Jessica Taylor Benoliel, Judy Martin Dickson and Andrea Trella Blakemore at her home on Cape Cod this summer. “We enjoyed catching up on life and our families.” Patti moved to Cape Cod permanently last summer, as her last child, Ryan, is now at Providence College. Oldest son Jack graduated from Northeastern and has a job in IT in Boston. Patti is “working hard at Hewlett Packard as a recruiting manager, and life is good.”

John McCormick’s daughter, Mallory, is in the Class of ’16! John wrote that it’s “great to be back on campus again.”

After a decade as a publisher serving Fortune 1,000 marketing professionals, Anne Holland is both “delighted and a little startled to find my B2B publishing company is now the leader in a completely different niche — the (legal) billion-dollar medical marijuana industry. We publish the most-read daily, MMBusinessDaily.com, and our annual convention, the National Marijuana Business Conference, pulls hundreds of dispensary owners, infused product makers, lawyers, investors and regulators from all over the country. I never imagined I’d be running headlines like ‘What to Do if You Get Raided by the Feds’ or worrying about my show’s speakers being indicted . . . but changing topical focus has breathed new life into my enthusiasm for B2B publishing. It also feels good to be serving an industry so sorely in need of pragmatic, best-practices-based business information. One thing’s for sure, life isn’t boring!” (I guess not.)

Lynne Pogmore LaBelle took a trip up north from FL last summer with 7-year-old daughter Mia. “We visited with Christina Horzepa in CT, Lisa Newman Paratore in RI and Sue Spencer Kramer in FL. It was my daughter’s first trip into ‘the city,’ and she absolutely loved it! It was her dream, as she said, to go there.”

Laura Maguire Hoke enjoys visits to NYC, where her daughter attends college, especially spending time with Sarah Lavelle. In April, Laura and Sarah went to Mystic with Laura’s family. They stopped on campus and collected Mike Stryker to join them on a mini tour of New London and for their visit to Mystic. On their last day, they had a wonderful brunch with Mike’s family at Kitchen Little on the water in Mystic.

Rodney Woodley and wife Jamie live in Portland, OR, and have three children: “15, 12 and 10 — girl, boy and girl.” Rodney is chef and owner of Superlert Wine and Cheese Café in Portland. “Thanks for assembling the information about the long-lost Camel!”

Suzanne Muri Bright lives in the Raleigh, NC, area with her husband of 18 years. “My four kids keep me busy; it’s not unusual to log more than 100 miles in an afternoon, shuttling them to and from their myriad activities — softball, soccer, cross-country, baseball, basketball, musical theater, dance, acting, piano (that’s just the fall season)! During the day, I do lots of family schedule organizing, manage the household and volunteer at the children’s schools. I also find myself having to color my hair with greater frequency now that my oldest daughter has her driver’s permit!”

I, Bradley Wade, your humble correspondent, was excited to catch up with Leonard Ellentuck in Baltimore last summer, where we enjoyed crab cakes and beer at Faidley’s in Lexington Market, as well as a quick sightseeing tour, including the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption, the Walters Art Museum and the George Peabody Library. The next day, I set sail with my companion, Darren Coleman, for Bermuda, Boston and Newport. In Oct., I attended Richard Kassel’s daughter Annie’s bat mitzvah at the 92nd Street Y in NYC.

1987

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It literally rained on our parade, but that didn’t stop us from having a wonderful, fun-filled 25th Reunion! The NB living room was Party Central for the Class of ’87, and it seemed like there was never a quiet moment in there once things were underway.

From left: Sarah Stryker, father Mike Stryker ’86, Sarah Lavelle ’86, Robby Hoke, daughter Ailsa Hoke, Laura Maguire Hoke ’86, and son Scotty Hoke in Mystic, Conn.
Peter Twyman '87 is the new chief executive officer of Keep a Child Alive, an organization that provides treatment and support to families affected by HIV and AIDS. Twyman previously was regional program director at the International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs at Columbia University, where he directed large-scale HIV prevention, care and treatment programs in several African nations. He has also managed HIV programs for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and city of San Francisco. Twyman earned his Master of Public Health from Harvard University.

We enjoyed a Lobsterfest, an Orange Crush concert, an elegant class dinner and lots of conversation — the good times just kept going and going! At Alumni Convocation, we gave a standing ovation to one of our own: Priscilla Beigis, who was honored for her many and varied contributions to the College over the past 25 years.

And, even though a quarter of a century has gone by, we all look terrific! Not a gray hair or a wrinkle in the bunch. Check out our class photos on the Class of ’87’s Facebook page — and put June 17 on your calendar NOW! Here comes the 30th!

Caroline Johnson Genner lives in Jacksonville, FL, with husband Randy and four sons: Chris, Nick, and twins Adam and Paul. She works for a promotional products/corporate apparel marketing firm and spends lots of time at baseball fields all over the Southwest.

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After using his degree in Japanese studies to live in Japan and work in Japanese TV and radio for several years, Greg Fleischmann decided to pursue a career in marketing and sales. He has been at Deloitte, one of the “Big Four” global accounting and consulting firms, for eight years, working in various marketing and sales roles. “Today, I am developing business for Deloitte’s forensics business, we provide forensic accounting and dispute consulting services to Fortune 500 companies and law firm attorneys. In my job, I often consider how my studies at CC helped give me skills that I leverage every day. For example, I took several philosophy courses in which I succeeded by attending lectures and absorbing and effectively communicating what I had heard. That is a directly transferrable skill for successful sales, which involves listening to clients, understanding their goals and providing the best solution to help them achieve those goals.” Greg has been invited to speak at CC about career pathing and planning on a number of occasions, most recently in ‘11 at the Seminar for Success event. “I truly value my ongoing relationship with CC, and I enjoy taking my wife, Noriko, and my son, Harley, 4, to visit campus just about every year.”

For two years, Emily Kessler has been providing strategy and coaching...
Carla Munroe Moynihan '90 was selected by the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section of the American Bar Association to serve as acquisitions editor of the section's Books Committee. In this role, she seeks authors to write articles on topics of interest to the real estate industry and facilitates their publication. A partner at Robinson & Cole in Boston, Moynihan writes and speaks frequently about land use development and real estate transactional matters and is on the adjunct faculty of the New England School of Law and Boston University School of Law.

to nonprofits and foundations as an independent consultant. She draws on her 15+ years as the former executive director of the Joukowsky Family Foundation in NYC, where she managed a variety of grant-making programs and was instrumental in securing funding for educational initiatives. Emily is also the co-director of the NYC Venture Philanthropy Fund, a giving circle focused on supporting emerging social initiatives, and she is a member of the MoMA PS1 Contemporary Circle Steering Committee. In her spare time, Emily runs around NYC catching the latest contemporary art installations, often in the company of Miles Ladin and Laura Francese. Emily lives in Manhattan with her long-time partner, triathlete and photographer Scott Etlin. She can be reached at emily@ekessler.com.

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1992

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Incoming Class President Maggie Ruvoldt thought it was great to see so many faces at Reunion and to reconnect with friends. "I'm thrilled at how the Class of '92 Facebook page (now renamed Countdown to our 23rd in 2017) has been filled with posts. Between people sharing updates and a treasure trove of CC memories, the page has come alive. It has also created a resurgence in Class Notes. You'll see what some of our classmates have been up to. Please follow their lead, and let us know what you've been up to. As for me, I'm enjoying life with Darren List and our two wonderful children, as well as running hill 2 at 24er Inc."

Tracy Cashman had a great time at our 20th in June with Susan Regan Orr and Stacy Strangfeld Benham. Despite the rain and a smaller-than-expected turnout, those who did attend were great to catch up with (or talk to for the first time!). Tracy still lives in Boston, running the IF recruiting practice at Winter and enjoyable in the company of Miles Ladin and daughter Yasmin, 6, flew in from Houston, where they've lived since '97. Shelly teaches French in Chicago, which should come as no surprise to those who remember her. Behan Travel Gifted is sailing from Australia to Papua New Guinea with her family. They recently drained the boat and sorted out what they'd need for six to 12 months. "Somewhat daunting by gathering materials to homeschool three kids for a few years again, after a break for six months of 'normal' school in Oz. The year 2013 will see the Gifted in Indonesia and Southeast Asia, perhaps with a detour to Palau, Yap and the Philippines from Papua New Guinea. 'Not really sure yet! Anyone want to meet up in Bali next year?" Find out more on their Facebook page, Sailing with Tofen.

Jennifer Morrison lives in Chappaqua, MA, just a stone's throw from where she grew up. 'I continue working at my business, Sterling Engineering, and am blessed with a full and happy life. I wish I could have made it to Reunion, but we had conflicting plans that weekend. I'm looking forward to the next big one and to reconnecting with some great people who, sadly, I have lost touch with over the years."

Maria Vaiuccelli Maxwell doesn't have much to report since seeing everyone at Reunion. Olivia is in seventh grade, and Charlie is in fourth grade. Maria started working a part-time administrative job at a doctor's office, an oncology practice, which definitely tends to bring my life and my blessings into sharper focus.

Hamilton Brown still lives in Columbus, OH, with husband Dan, daughter Hadley, 11, son Tom, 9, and fabulous Lab mix Buck. Heather works part time as a freelance writer and in communications. "We are very happy and busy with school, work, activities and more. I just finished my first full marathon in May, which was very difficult and very exhilarating!" Heather had dinner with Amy Mass, who was in town visiting from New Orleans. "I'm doing great! I really enjoy keeping up with some of you via Facebook, and I was sorry to miss Reunion."

Cheryll Jett Rimonds, a horse show in Chicago, NY. Son Bu is an 18-year-old senior. Cheryll is a corporate paralegal at C2H2 MILL, where she has worked for 12 years. Cheryll was married for the second time in Oct. '11 and, at writing, was looking forward to their first anniversary. "Everything is good!" "Life itself" explains Amy Cook Wright. She and Jermaine are celebrating 13 years of marriage.

Daughters Mika, 12; Melia, 8; and Mahali, 4, are growing up too fast and keeping them laughing. Amy works for the MA Department of Developmental Services as the manager of children's services. "We enjoy taking off for our cabin in ME just about every weekend in the summer; it helps to balance the frenetic pace of our urban weekday life!"

1991

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Sharon Mansur lives in Takoma Park, MD, and enjoys her time as an assistant professor of dance at U of Maryland. She's weathering a 1,000-mile distance from her partner, Jon Swanson, as he is the curator at the ITrecruiting practice at Winter and detect!lde-escalates seizures.

Sheila Ettin. She can be reached at emily@ekessler.com.

Jeff still live near Seattle, WA. They got a dog in '05, adopted a wonderful son in '09 (who is now 6), and celebrated 16 years of marriage in '11. "After carving a grand mal seizure at work, I am reorganizing my life and reminding myself of what matters: health and happiness of friends and family, as well as me, too!" writes Lisa Darginsky Simon. "I adopted a new rescue dog, this time a Chinese silvery powder puff terrier, who is also a service dog and detects/de-escalates seizures. Life is a blessing, so live it to the maximum." Lisa was looking forward to her 41st birthday bash.

Everything is great in DC for Christy Halvorson Ross and Garth Ross. They had a fantastic visit with Devon Dunston and family in Miami (twice!) this year. Happily, they see a lot of Rebecca Green, since she is nearby in Williamsburg. And they had plans for a visit with Monisha Kaplan Lozier and her family from Chicago. Garth spent a weekend on Martha's Vineyard at the 20th reunion of the Vineyard Sound, an all-male vocal group that he founded with Chris Bettencourt. David Buffum '92, Jody Allford '94, and six singers from Wesleyan and Skidmore. Among the 78 alumni present were more than 30 CC grads who have participated in the group's continuation over the past 20 years! "It was an incredible weekend and concert at the Turquoise Bar in Oak Bluffs. Chris has just been certified in nutrition, and Garth still loves his work at the Kennedy Center. Suzanne Walker Buck lives in NH and enjoys her work as director of admissions at New Hampton School. Derek Krein just working with their administrative team as director of college counseling. "It's fun working with a fellow Cornell." Suzanne has traveled internationally a great deal for her job and so enjoyed being grounded with her family and friends over the summer. "I am addicted to stand-up paddling and fanning the approach of colder months, which equates with frozen waters." In the past year, Suzanne has been in touch with Luke Beatty, Chris Hawk, Chris Perkins 92, Sarah Ball Garino, Nicky Hennessey Brustman, Melanie Hughes, Ellis '80 and Eric Chai '92. "All are doing wonderfully well and keeping extremely busy. Sending warm wishes to all in Camel Land. Hooya for life!"

Laura Manzano married Michael Lebret '92 on Oct. '11 at Glenmore

Michael Carson and husband Sean Smith were thrilled to celebrate the birth of their son, Colin Francis Carson-Smith, on 6/22. They are thankful for the surrogate who supported them in their journey and overjoyed with the new addition in their lives. They continue to live on Cape Cod and see many CCalums on a regular basis.

This summer, a group of Canels and their children had a blast at the home of Laurie Sachs '92 and Kevin Walor '90. They included Suzanne Walker Buck, Diane Stratton '91, Laurie Sachs '92, Tom Satran '94, Jennifer Schumacher Harper '91, Kevin Walor '90, Esty Wood-Satran '92 and Amy Norris Hamilton '92 at Laurie and Kevin’s house this summer.

1994

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Daniella DeFilippo Carran’s first book, “A History of Collegiate Rowing in America,” was scheduled to come out in Dec.'11. “A big thank you to the members of the ’99-94 men’s rowing team for their inspiration and dedication.”

**Correspondent:** Hilary Magowan lives in San Francisco with husband Anton Mako '91 and sons William, 5, and Theo, 3. She is the exhibitions coordinator for the Legion of Honor and de Young Museums in San Francisco. This summer she got together with fellow SF residents Susan Guiliet, Michael Cohen, Clay Kunz and Jennifer Acker; she also saw Sarah Sutro and Philae Knight, who visit regularly.

Through her theater company, Going to Tahiti Productions, Jessica Annambrati produced the one-woman show, “Cat Lady Without A Cat,” and directed and produced an original adaptation of Jane Austen’s “Persuasion,” at the Secret Theatre in Long Island City. She directed and produced “In the Echo,” by Camilla Annambrati, for the NY International Fringe Festival in Aug., and she was writing the stage adaptation of Ann Napolitano’s novel, “Within Arm’s Reach,” which she is directing and producing for a late fall/early winter theatrical run. For details about all shows, go to www.goingtotahtiproductions.com.

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**Correspondent:** Doug Lampart married his longtime partner, Shawn Boyle, in NYC on 11/5/11 and celebrated the occasion one year later in Long Island, NY. Daphne Green Russell and Kathy Arthur Pinard were in attendance. The happy couple lives in Woodside, NY, with their dogs, Cher and Bruno.

Dan Levine and wife Julie welcomed their first child, Molly Annette Levine, on 7/25. “She’s a precious little girl and a lot of fun. I’m hoping and planning for CC this year!”

Dan has been glad to spend some time with classmates Jon Finnimore, Dana Roumaniere, Marcell Yoders Roumaniere ‘95, Andrew Bogle, Chuck Stockhouse, Geoff Goodman, Chris McDaniel and Todd Maguire.

**Correspondent:** Jared Lucas Nathanson and Lisa Talusan ’97, both vocal staples during their time at CC (Jared in Grits and Lisa in The William Street Mix), are working on their next album, due out this spring; their latest album, “Peripheral People,” was released in 1995.

**Correspondent:** Jim Boyd lives in Southern CA with his lovely wife and 3-year-old daughter. He is a freelance producer and enjoys photography, cooking, travel and fun. “Always looking to reconnect with CC alumni. Cheers!”

After four years in London, Sara Schaefer Munoz moved to Bogota,
Colombia, with her husband and 8-year-old daughter, still reporting for the Wall Street Journal. The move went well; they love it there and find the country fascinating.

Molly Nolan has been in London for four years. She hosted her 11-year-old niece for the Olympics, and they enjoyed diving and track & field events. They bumped into the Today Show crew at the Tower of London and had their picture taken with Matt, Ali, Savannah and Natalie. Molly is often in the States on business; she caught up with Sarah Huffman in NYC and Laura Pearl Shapiro in San Francisco. Laura recently left her role as the director of alumni relations at the Branson School, her alma mater, to stay home taking care of son Danny and daughter Lindsay. She lives just north of San Francisco and enjoys being close to family.

Peter Drum is married, has 5-year-old twins, runs his own law practice and has spirited political discussions with anyone who will engage. He was channeling his political energy by serving as a county chair for Angus King for Senate.

Derek Crump competed in his third Ironman Triathlon in Aug. to go, Derek! He enjoyed seeing Anthony Segala a few months ago.

Chelsea Bailey Shea and Matt Bailey Shea live in upstate NY with their son, 8, and daughter, 6. Both work at the U. of Rochester; Matt is a professor of music theory and Chelsea does research and program evaluation in education.

Kathy O'Connell enjoys her career at Cisco Systems in San Jose, CA, where she leads the marketing and communications department for their global consulting organization. She enjoys visiting her brother and family in Cary, NC, and her parents in Maui.

Sally Knapp Peterson taught elementary special education for 13 years in Westwood, MA, and left in June to teach in an elementary school in Westborough, MA, where she lives. She couldn’t pass up the opportunity to teach in the same school that her three adorable boys — Jack, 5, Alex, 4, and Matthew, 1 — will attend.

Elizabeth Glynn Fahy was dodging tropical storms at her home in FL, where her life is full as a mom, teacher and ever-supportive wife to her husband, who is “endlessly working on his Ph.D.”

In Stowe, VT, Mila Rosenfeld Loenotto and husband Graham are celebrating the 10th anniversary of Edgewise, their beautiful mountainside elite ski service shop. When not helping racers go fast, Mila chases around daughter Lainey, 3.

April Danz lives in her hometown of Pasadena, CA, with husband Kelly and kids Courtney (Coco) and Parker. April is the president of HHH, a philanthropic group that supports a home for abused and neglected children. She is thrilled that a small Camel base is building up on the West Coast. Jay Jaroch and his family live in Santa Monica; Sarah Smith and husband Ben McLean relocated from NY to LA; last fall with children Helen, 5, and Ward, 1, April enjoyed an East Coast trip to celebrate Coco’s 8th birthday in NYC. They saw “Annie” on Broadway with Melissa Cluous Malone and daughters Maddie, 7, and Ellie, 5. Mel’s youngest daughter, Cooper, and Matt Malone met them post-show for dinner.

I enjoyed a visit with Amy Braddock Friedman and Jennifer Johnson and their adorable children in Boston. Amy is juggling running her own graphic design business and being mom to sons Ben, 4, and Alex, 2. J.J. is teaching ESL in Framingham after a year of maternity leave following the birth of son Benjamin; he joins big sister Emma, 3. J.J. spent the 4th of July seaside with Josh Schaad, Mark Tiede and Missy McCann. Neil lives in Cambridge, MA, with wife Carrie and their three sons.

Lisa Peraner Wales and Brooks Wales ’97 have lived in Marblehead for 10 years. Kids Caroline, 8, and Ben, 6, keep them busy. They see fellow Marblehead Camels Lauren Moran Santenanzio, Dave Santenanzio, Karen Mallegol Driscoll and Bobby Driscoll ’94.

Brian Sena and Emily Strause Sena ’95 celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary in Napa Valley in July. Brian works for an insurance brokerage company in San Francisco. Their twin boys, Jacob and Luke, 11, and daughter Maggie, 8, keep Brian and Emily at the soccer fields on weekends. “As a sign that we are getting old, the flower girl from our wedding (Emily’s cousin) is CC Class of ’16. We look forward to visiting her there and crashing a TINE.” Amen.


Heather Negri-Bowler ’99 with husband Gareth Bowler ’98 at her exhibit of jewelry and collages at Sertoma Arts Center in Raleigh, NC, in Sept.
Kim Holladay McCleary '97 was inducted into the Connecticut Field Hockey Hall of Fame in September 2012. As a Cornell student, she helped lead the team to the Eastern College Athletic Conference championship game in 1995, was named to U.S. Field Hockey Association All-America teams, played in the North-South Senior All-Star Game, and appeared in Sports Illustrated's Faces in the Crowd section in 1997. With a degree in psychology-based human relations, McCleary has worked in private-school admissions while coaching field hockey and lacrosse. She was inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009.

Kathryn Waple Hart '96 was named principal of J. Milton Jeffrey Elementary School in Madison, Conn., in July 2012. Hart has worked in the Madison Public Schools for 16 years, most recently as assistant principal at Dr. Robert H. Brown Middle School. Hart, the immediate past president of the Associated Teachers of Mathematics in Connecticut (ATOMIC), has been recognized through the establishment of a Madison Foundation grant for her work with special education students.

Emily Luce and Sarah O'Neil last saw each other at the National Model Convention in Brit, W. Va., where they rubbed elbows with fellow holidays and queens. Emily is an artist who recently received tenure at the University of Louisville and is rocking the Design Inquiry world. Sarah is using her Ph.D. in anthropology to direct the qualitative core research group for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Iowa City. Alexander Cote was picked as a Super Lawyers Rising Star (top lawyers under 40 in Los Angeles) for the second year in a row.

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Aaron Guckian works at Washington Trust Co., the oldest independent bank in the country, founded in 1800 in Westerly, R.I. He is married and has three daughters: Lauren Elizabeth, Emma May and Na Lina Rose. His son lives in Warwick, R.I., and would love to hear from classmates! You can drop Aaron a note at aaronguckian@yahoo.com.


Christina Nee Martin and husband Brian welcomed Lincoln Quincy Nee Martin, their third child, on 4/20. In Aug., Christina got together with Meghan Changello Skelton to catch up and to introduce the newest members of their families, Arne and Lincoln.

Drew Ravin and Samantha Chan '01 welcomed a new baby boy, Lel, last winter. Aviyan, 6, and Yasia, 4, are happy to be big sisters. Drew also founded an ed-tech startup company, Elephant.is, with Sandra Quijano '97. If you're interested in learning more (or even being part of the team), contact him at andrew@elephant.is.

1999 Correspondents: Megan Ruppert-Sokolowski, Kent School, 1 Madison St., Kent, CT 06757, sokolowski@kentschool.com; Danielle LeBlanc Riegger, danielle_riegger@yahoo.com

In Sept., Heather Cote exhibited her mixed-media jewelry and collages at Sertoma Arts Center in Raleigh, NC. This exhibit was very important to me. Bringing art out of the gallery or boutique environment, and to a more diverse audience, is part of my mission to prove and ensure the relevance of art to our day-to-day lives. View Heather's work at gracestudiosart.com.

2000 Correspondents: Kate Stepanenko, 54 5th Ave., Watertown, MA 02472, kste76@hotmail.com

Kristen Bell Farman and husband Tucker Farman '99 welcomed a son, Palmer James Farman, on 7/17. Big sister Lindsey is enjoying her new brother.

Larsa Gumasovskij Rosenmann lives in Arlington, VA, with her husband, two adorable deafhears, Gretchen and Erika. She left her job as a tax counsel with Bingham McCutchen LLP to become a partner at Schauer & Lubitz PLLC in Bethesda, MD. Schauer & Lubitz is a small law firm that represents nonprofit foundations and charities, and they do a lot of work with venture philanthropy. "It's a nice change from the law firm lifestyle, and I find the work very rewarding."

Within the last two years, Abby Carlen moved to Brooklyn and switched offices. She is now director of marketing at H3 Hardy Collaboration Architecture.

Darlene Gallant Wyne and Sean Wyne proudly announce the arrival of daughter Harper Mae Wyne on 4/5. Big brother Hudson was thrilled to welcome her to their home in Philadelphia.


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Jonathan Healey and wife Colleen, whom he met in graduate school at the U. of Maryland School of Architecture, live in Washington, DC. After a few years practicing architecture and several adjunct teaching tours at DC-area universities, Jonathan now has a full-time faculty position as assistant professor of exhibition design and interior design at the Corcoran College of Art & Design. His research interests are in the design of learning environments and representational media.

On 4/28, Libby Mirabile married Keith Beanstan in Alexandria, VA. Gamsil in attendance were bridesmaids Samantha Koenig and Sarah Reiner, and groomsmen Gunter, Sophie Archambault, Julia Hayden and Jocelyn Landman Embry.

As the active transportation coordinator for the CT Department of Transportation, Kate Rattan worked to sign the East Coast Greenway, a bicycle route through eastern CT. This project introduced a novel permitting process and public/private partnership. Next year, Kate will tackle western CT. Check out the route at www.ecgreenway.org.

Rorie Rickard welcomed Rachel Renee Rickard on 4/5. Rachel was 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Blain Namn is helping to plan our 10th Reunion. He has also started Columbia U.'s Management Fellows program in the School of Social Work. If you want to contact him about his exciting endeavor or get involved with the Reunion planning committee, contact him at BlainNamn@aol.com.

Alexis D'Elia graduated from St. George's U. Medical School in '08, completed a three-year residency in internal medicine at Winthrop U. Hospital in Mineola, NY, and in '11 was accepted into Winthrop's Division of Cardiology as a cardiovascular disease fellow. "Fellowship has proved to be an intensely rewarding experience. The acuity of cardiac
and the excitement in training to be a cardiologist in a tertiary care center is everything I hoped I would experience as a physician.” Alexis published two full-length manuscripts in the Journal of Interventional Cardiology and Treatment Strategies in Cardiology on the importance of patient education after receiving stents to coronary vessels during angioplasty procedures. She presented her work at the American College of Cardiology in Atlanta in ’10. In ’11, additional research she completed was presented at the American College of Cardiology i2 Summit in New Orleans.

2004
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Abigail Simmons married Timothy Walker on 6/9 in Houston. Several bridesmaids and groomsmen were also from the Class of ’04, so Abigail’s mother, Trustee Emeritus Ellen Lougee Simmons ’69 P’04, surprised them all with a camel at the wedding reception. It was a great success, and Ellen hopes it spurs other alumni to do the same.

Jed Gallagher completed over a year of travel, including backpacking in South America, volunteering with a Bolivian renewable energy NGO, and a solo motorcycle trip across the U.S.

2005

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Zach Cohen lives in Cambridge, MA. From ‘07-11, he was executive director of Upham’s Corner Main Street, an organization that is revitalizing a community/neighborhood business district in Dorchester, Boston. Zach is now pursuing an M.B.A. at MIT Sloan School of Management, class of ’13. Last summer he was an Education Pioneers Fellow, working with the Walton Family Foundation (WFF) as a leadership taskforce strategy consultant. In this role, he determined how WFF can build stronger leadership within the education reform movement.

Emily Morse’s first book, “Dear Best Mom,” (written under the pen name E. Kristie Anderson), was published by Zest Books on 10/31, followed by a launch in Austin on 11/10. Emily just signed with Christina Hogrebe at the Jane Rotrosen Agency. Christina will be representing her young adult fiction and future nonfiction works.

Sarah Folson married James Crump on 6/24 in Plymouth, MA. Sarah and James combined last names and have taken the new last name Folcrum. Camels in attendance included the bride’s sister and maid of honor Julia Folson ‘11, Owen Racuglia ’08, Dana Grande Bruscini, and the bride’s aunt, Ann Jacobs Mooney ’74.

Tegra Nues was a Peace Corps volunteer (small business sector) in Nicaragua from ’08-11. She met her husband there while he was on his first tour as a Foreign Service Officer with USAID. They left Nicaragua in July ’11 and now live in Kathmandu, Nepal, where they will be posted until Aug. ’13.

Katherine works in the public affairs section at the U.S. Embassy Nepal; her husband is the team leader for USAID’s Feed the Future program.

2006

Correspondent: Julia Prinz Jacobson, julia.jacobsom@gmail.com

Meghan Lucy ’07, Kirsten Barton Goethert ’05, Julia Bianco ’07 and Erin Riley testify to the summit of Mt. Washington in Aug.

Lauren Burke was appointed adjunct clinical professor of law at Brooklyn Law School. Lauren will lead a seminar on immigrant youth and direct students in practical work at Atlas: DIY, of which Lauren is a cofounder and executive director.

Nick Young graduated with an M.B.A. from Georgetown’s McDonough School of Management, class notes

Dana Grande ’06, the Static 

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Alyson Gerber ’06 published an essay, “Family Fusion,” in “Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Magic of Mothers and Daughters” (Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, 2012). Gerber writes about her struggles with scoliosis, a condition that also affected her mother, who helped her cope with middle-school ridicule. Gerber, a writer based in New York City, is working on her M.F.A. in children’s writing at The New School.
School of Business in May. He now works at Merrill Lynch in NYC. On 9/18, he married Tracy Clos, a Hamilton College alum.

Ingrid Deming is in her third and final year at the U. of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, working toward her M.S. as a physician assistant.

Meg Gibson Wheeler and husband Steve Wheeler '03 moved back to Boston in the fall. Steve graduated from Northwestern Law in Chicago and started with WilmerHale in Sept. Meg is still with Grant Thornton's corporate tax group.

Meghen De Santa and Ken Brown welcomed son Leo De Santa Brown on 7/2. They live in Hingham, MA.

Jeremy Nash released a new solo album this summer, "Far apart," available at most digital music retailers (iTunes, etc.), along with Sporly. Jeremy frequently plays shows in the NYC area.

Felipe Estrada '07 and Julia Wisbach Estrella are pleased to announce the birth of their twins, Felipe and Chloe, on 4/20.

2008

Correspondent: Sally Pendergrass McCance, sally.mccance@gmail.com

Matt Dyer '08 is the new head coach of the men's and women's track and field and cross country programs at Elmira College in Elmira, NY. After graduating from the College, he was assistant coach of the Camel track and field program for three years; directing sprinters and jumpers. Dyer was captain of the men's track and field team during his senior year. He ran on three school-record relay teams: the 4x100 meter and the indoor 4x200 meter and 4x400 meter.

After Alex Krzht-Grabbe finished his master's degree in urban planning from Tufts U. last spring, he started a new job in his hometown as executive director of the Amherst Business Improvement District.

Bethany Lepine received her master's of health sciences from Duke U. in May and completed the physician assistant program at Duke U. in Aug., graduating with honors.

Heather Monroe enrolled at Oxford U., Wolfson College, in England to begin her M.Phil. in social anthropology.

Mandy Barrett is director of HIS Strategy at Passport Health Communications. She drives organizational excellence and ensures that all products delivered to hospital systems around the country provide the necessary tools to streamline patient care. She and fiancé Christopher Long, a distribution center manager for Save-a-Lot foods, bought their first home in Boca Raton, FL.

Sally McCance is the coordinator of the special needs program at Franklin Elementary School in Franktown, CO. She recently hosted Rachel Cooke for a girls' weekend. To celebrate their one-year wedding anniversary, Ted Nadler and Carolyn Peterson Nadler traveled west to Saratoga and Napa, CA.

Taylor Mardis Katz completed her MFA in poetry at San Diego State U. Next, she plans to create a farm and start a retreat in VT with Misha Johnson.

After a move from MA to IN, Elizabeth Bennett is now a humanities teacher and women's hockey coach at Deer Valley Academy.

2009

Correspondent: Caroline Gransee, caroline.gransee@gmail.com

Rick Hederstrom has been associate director and ethnobotanist at the Botanic Gardens at Konis Kai Resort in Key Largo, FL, since Jan '11. "The new botanic garden focuses on ethnobotany, rich major's "It's fantastic to have the opportunity to be a part of the beginnings of such an endeavor, especially since it ties in so well to our CC education."

Jenna Tjossen is a second-year medical student at the U. of Colorado School of Medicine and loves every minute.

Christina Sloban completed her master's degree in natural resources and sustainable development from the U. for Peace in Costa Rica last year. She has been working at OneAction in Geneva, Switzerland, as the environmental projects coordinator, managing reforestation and sustainable agriculture projects in Ecuador and Brazil.

After two and a half great years, Sam Watters packed his bags in Aug. and left Boulder, CO, to relocate to fabulous Boston.

Eleanor Lawson lives in RI and is the Web editor for Sailing World, Cruising World and Yachting magazines. She gave up the Olympics coverage as possible to fellow sailor Bob Willis.

Claire Cook is based in NYC as a marketing manager at Columbia Records. She oversees the marketing campaigns for pop acts like One Direction, Olly Murs & SMASH.

2010

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Michael Antoinetti is the editor of a newspaper and matriculated at Southern Connecticut State U. to pursue an MFA in creative writing this fall.

Katie Simoes lives in NYC and works as the design/product development coordinator for women's clothing brand Alice + Olivia. In 2010, Alexs Levengood began graduate studies at U. of St. Andrews to pursue her master's of research in marine mammal science.

Charles van Rees began his Ph.D. in conservation biology at Tufts U. last fall. He is researching endangered Hawaiian water birds. He is spending some of this winter in Vietnam, studying dragon fruit agriculture.

Jennifer Milton moved to Brooklyn last summer and joined Grove/Atlantic as a publicity assistant. She is managing the publicity campaigns for her first title. "Little Caesar," by Tommy Wierners, translated from the Dutch by Sam Garrett. She also reads for One Story, teaches violin and plays in the New Amsterdam Symphony Orchestra.

Correspondent: Caroline Gransee, caroline.gransee@gmail.com

In July, Sarah Armstrong got together with Grant Hogan, Evan Piekarak and Adam Robbins at a NESCA happy hour in Georgetown. They have all lived and worked in DC for the last five years — in government, nonprofits and consulting — and attended grad school. (Graduated: Evan. Evans in the middle of business school.) Sarah writes, "DC is so busy and so transient that it's hard to get together, so this was a fun opportunity to see each other!" Even Piekarak recently completed his first year of business school at Georgetown U. In addition to Sarah, Grant and Adam, he has been catching up with DC filmmakers Elora Pikano '04, Stefanie Weiss, Taylor Kopelan, Megan McCarthy, Carolyn Piekara and Lara Morazzini '08. Evan has enjoyed attending Camel weddings, and was glad to catch up with so many classmates at Reunion.

Jennifer Dillon completed a master's degree in sustainable urban governance and peace from the U.N.-mandated U. for Peace in Costa Rica.

Meghan Seeleus married Jason Fitzgerald 06 on 7/5/11 in PA. In attendance were Laura Bernardi, Adrienne Capuoli '06, Cynthia Whitman '06, Alissa Wantman, Ted Hubert '06, Luca DiCapurro '06, Rosen green, John Riedy '06, Ryan Bartos '05, Adam Fitzgerald '03, Brendan Deffy '03, Matt Bichodzo '03, Joe DePolo '06, Merritt Haswell '06, Caithin Conners, Julia Oschiagrogus '06, Karie Egen '06, Carly Holbrook '06 men's cross-country coach Jim Butler and Maggie Whitsett '04.

Elizabeth Parillo and Stephen Mori '06 were married 5/9 at Harkness Memorial State Park. Attended include Laura Moya, Jaime Pepper, Elaine Weisman, Megan McCarthy, Alli Funk, Ben Kenison '06, Matt Engbl '06, Mike Matarasso, Alexis Meisels, Bayley Coddington '08 and Pam Hoffman '20.

Alex Zeitchick started a Ph.D. program at Xavier U. in Cincinnati, OH, this fall.

When: 6/9 at the Slmsbu~ Inn to celebrate 2010

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2011

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A cavalcade of Camels gathered on 7/14 at the Silvermine Inn to celebrate the wedding of Meghan Kiley and Blake Cleckler. Attendees included Julia Helms, Victoria Shields, Erin Kiley '04, Nathaniel Baldwin '03 and Meghan's parents, Bob Kiley '84 and Olivia.

Jessica Bombazo-Brady is finishing her M.Sc. at the London School of Economics in gender, media and culture. She works for the Alternatives to Violence Project as London coordinator, where she organizes nonviolent trainings for people in prison, homeless people, ex-offenders and people who have been involved in domestic violence.

John Prokos is back from Cambodia and now works as the academic technology coordinator for the Wall International Business School in Cambridge. Life is going well for him, and his outlook of long-term, tempered hedonism is paying dividends.

In the wake of the impending climate change, Carra Chesten spent the summer breaking extreme heat in her new home of Washington, DC. She works as the environmental specialist for the DC Department of Parks and Recreation and lives...
with fellow Camel Hannah Shambroom. Carra feels privileged to provide environmental education programming to high-schoolers (and of which she is an alumna).

2012

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Jenn Shinall '12 signed a professional basketball contract with KSU Limmen Young Guns in Germany, whose season opened in September 2012. The shooting guard helped lead the Camels to their first NESCAC playoff berth during her senior year and was one of seven Camel women's basketball players to eclipse the 1,200-point mark, with 1,216 points. Shinall, who majored in human development, eventually plans to earn master's degrees in elementary education and special education, and hopes to coach as well.

Julie Bergstein spent the summer as a counselor at 31 16-year-olds on a trip to Poland and Israel. Then she moved to Denver to work for the Star Denver Film Festival, a two-week film festival in Nov. Nick Assil moved to NYC and does stem-cell and cancer research at Weill Cornell Medical College.

Christina Finch worked for Wildlife Victoria last summer, leading teen adventure trips in the backcountry of CO. She then volunteered for the Wheelchair Foundation, delivering and fitting wheelchairs for those in need in Lima, Peru.

Sam Dylag started work as a financial analyst at CS Richard Ellis-New England in Boston in June. He's part of the multifamily housing team, working on debt and equity finance.

Eliza Bryant summered in ME and hoped to work on the congressional campaign of the independent Gov. Angus King. She and Zoe Diaz-Martine were accepted into Shells (Sports Helping to Empower Women in South Africa), for which they coach soccer and lead other extracurricular activities with sixth- to eighth-grade girls in Mamel, South Africa, starting in Jan.

Liz Rosenfeld lives in NYC and works for the jewelry designer Ted Muehling, making jewelry, taking archival photographs of his work and helping with the business.

Tina Realuito is earning a MA in acting at the Actors Studio Drama School at Pace U. in NYC. Dr. Schrader is an instructor and residential adviser for the Expo at Yale Summer Program, at which he taught courses in the psychology and sociology of addiction, as well as ballroom dance, to high-schoolers from around the world. In Sept., Thomas began a master's program in elementary education at Columbia U.'s Teachers College.

Lauren Pesillico visited Alex Heilman, Emily Butera and Nelsen Frankl in Ocean City, NJ, and then in Philly she and Alex participated in a mud run. Lauren spent part of the summer working in Colombia's accelerator lab and moved to Groton, MA, in Sept. to teach math and be assistant hockey coach at the Groton School.

Anders Nielsen was hired by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to plan to move to NYC to pursue improv comedy.

Courtney Dyer interned at Bandelier National Monument Park, NM, through Nov., working on several long-term ecological studies, including monitoring tree growth, biodiversity, air quality, hummingbird abundance and erosion rates within the park. For the next academic year, Alex Zareck will lead chapel time and gym classes at a small K-12 private school in his native New Bedford, MA. He fully intends to incorporate his work with David Dorfman in the students' weekly (meta)physical education classes.

Lamar Ok moved to NYC to teach fourth grade in the South Bronx. Last summer, Lamar was in teacher training, roaming NYC with Oceanos Caminos-Highlights, Aditi Juneja, Karina del Carmen Fernandez '14, Kristen Fraser '10 and members from CO. She also hung out with NYC alumni, current LGBTQ students and Professor cavern on Pride. He began work and graduate school full time in Aug.

Corey Gogli is a second-grade assistant teacher at Success Academy Charter Schools in Harlem, NY. She lives with Elizabeth Witsmer and works with Jeff Baird and Isaac Hancock. Emily Butera moved home to Philadelphia and works at a bakery (thinking of culinary school in the near future). In Oct., she helped the Grand Canyon with her dad and twin sister.

Anakeena Padowan worked at the Sam Francis Foundation in L.A. last summer. She met up with Ali Rossi '13 and Mike Marshall '11 in West Hartford; Carter Goffignon '14, Jillian Wiseman '14 and Meghan Ball in L.A.; Amelia Smith '13 in Santa Cruz; and Taylor Walsh-Serpico '14 in San Francisco. In Sept., she moved to London.

John McGregor headed to Paris with Lucas Chavira-Schramm to try out for professional European hockey teams. They didn't know what to call home until after two weeks of tryouts and may have ended up anywhere from Germany to Italy, Sweden to Slovakia! George David III moved to Manhattan to work at Rockefeller U. in the Allen and Francis Adler Laboratory of Blood and Vascular Biology with Dr. Barry Coller to develop new antiplatelet drugs. He lives with Kiefer Roberts '11 and Seanus Joyce '11.

Alicia Rea lives in Bangor, ME, as the coordinator of student life and the resident director of U.S. brand-new Living and Learning Community. The highlight of Ali Agha's summer was being in Poland for the Euro Cup 2012. He visited family in Pakistan and moved to London in the fall for graduate school.

Alvaro Beltran works for College Visions, a nonprofit in Providence, RI, which helps under-resourced high-school seniors apply to college.

Gustavo Perez is in Ecuador, where he started a job at a bank after enjoying a visit from Sarah Flecke '13.

This summer, Savitri Arvey went camping in the Adirondacks with Javier Mijares before visiting Juan-Pablo Pacheco '14 and Sarah Flecke '13 in Colombia. Then she moved to Mexico City for nine months at the National Pedagogical U. as part of a teaching fellowship.

Jeff Baird lives in NYC and works for Teach for America at a Harlem charter school, where he teaches fifth grade.

After graduation, Audrey MacLean and Amber Rohwer (freshman-year roommates) embarked on a three-week road trip from ME to Southern CA with Summi Shav '13. They stopped at the Grand Canyon and Niagara Falls, and saw Eric LeFevre '11, Justin Goet '10 and Chloe Spitalny '13.

Olivia Grossman spent an amazing week in Paris and has started working as an associate wealth manager at a financial planning company.

Shuang Song visited friends and family in China after graduation before moving to NYC to work at Cornell Medical School. She sees Nick Assil, Erick Argueita, Kathryn Arroyo, Hannah Campbell and Sam Alvarez regularly.

Brigal Palatino works as CC as an AmeriCorps Vida health and wellness outreach coordinator in NYC. She teaches kids to swim and kayak, takes them hiking, and is an assistant soccer coach. This summer, she visited Leah Johnson and Jordan Perez and partook in "trendy" workouts with James Jackson '11. Jordan (Empie Perez continued his search while traveling to Costa Rica and SC.

He got summer gigs as a DJ in Boston, CT and NY and progressed to the producing field by creating instrumentals for rappers and co-producing a two-song original EP (soon to be released) — stay tuned!

Sarah Knowles started work in July as assistant director of admissions at Wellesley Academy, MA, a small college-preparatory day school. She also teaches a class and coaches two seasons of sports. She joins Alanis Ament '70 and Edward Lott '30.

Shani Brown started dancing professionally with Kotchetka in NY and then entered the Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute. Over the summer, she was a receptionist at Murray Hill Medical Group in NYC and interned at Going to Haiti Productions, a theater production company founded by Jessica Ammirati '84.

Richard Worsman spent the summer working full time for the Arboretum and living with Clara Chaisson, Eliza Curtis and Evan Landstrum '13. Now he's teaching Chinese at Kingwood Oxford School in West Hartford, CT.

After spending the summer working in admissions at CC, Susanna Sprague moved to Somerville, MA, to work for School Year Abroad, a study-abroad organization for high-schoolers (and of which she is an alumna).
She'll do admissions and travel all over the U.S.
Ted Fisher worked on the re-election campaign of Congressman Joe Courtney (CT-Second District) and lived in Montville, CT.

Mihir Sharma saw Siddharth Ratho '11 in Mumbai before spending the summer working at Krishnamurti School in Vallipuram (South India), where he taught social studies, Hindi and cricket. In the fall, he moved to Germany to pursue an M.A. in the medical anthropology of South Asia at Südasien-Institut, Universität Heidelberg.

Elise Dunn has been working at a policy think tank on Latin America in Washington, DC, and spending time with a bunch of '11 grads. She's housesitting in DC in order to be close to the city as she looks for job opportunities in the capital.

Alex Hsu studied German in an intensive language course in Berlin before starting a two-month internship in Hamburg and doing some Euro-traveling.

Bremer Green is the new special gay class special education teacher at Mojave High School in Las Vegas through Teach for America. He is working on his master's in special education at U. of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Sara Kierney is the director of delight and organization at Wannawolf, one of the most wonderful restaurants in Boothbay Harbor.

Alli Arrigoni loves working as a research technician at Biorapy Research Institute in Seattle where she prepares applications for medical school.

Since graduation, Oceane Hooks-Camilleri pursued her dual passions of dance and activism. She participated in a three-week dance intensive with the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company and attended the 2012 International AIDS Conference in DC with Anthony Sis '14 and Amber Villanueva '14.

Megan Reback works at Talking Points Memo in DC where she interned for CELS as assistant to the publisher. She attended Prof. Down's talk about his new book at Barnes and Noble on the Upper West Side and enjoys recreating Harris dinners with friends in Bryant Park.

Kaitlin Kehl returned home to San Francisco for the summer to teach biology at her high school and then moved to Silver Spring, MD, to teach middle-school math.

Julien Bouet works for PrimeAsia as a brand manager, and over the summer he traveled to China and Vietnam for business.

Alex DeShields spent the summer shadowing physicians and doing administrative work at Hallmark Healthcare health agency in Boston.

In Sept., he moved to the Caribbean to attend medical school at the American U. of Antigua.

Katie St. George took her degree in economics to Washington, DC, to work for Cambridge Associates LLC as a junior research associate.

William Tarino spent the summer at OC's IT Service Desk and doing computer science research. He moved to Boston at the end of Aug. to start Ph.D. studies in computer science at Brandeis U.

Carrie Wenesnuzky moved to Boston, where she is working as a paralegal in a law firm. She keeps having random encounters with Camels, such as running into Jessica VI, a fellow CISA scholar, at Starbucks.

Brittany Badik spent the summer touring the Northeast and visiting Camels in NYC, Boston and Providence before beginning her job as the new advancement associate at the CC Advancement Office, where she works with Breanne Timura and Samantha McCrackin '10.

Over the summer, Tiffany Wong had a position at the U. of Connecticut Health Center, researching limb development. She spent her spare time with family and friends and then began gearing up for the MCAAs!

Trini Cubillo has been working hard at home in Chile to start her own business, a design gift shop. Check out her work at www.moodz.cl.

Lauren Manning worked the Explo at Yale Summer Program with Tom Schrader. In the fall, she moved to Natick, MA, to begin work as a patient care coordinator at a dermatology practice near Boston. She'd love to connect with nearby Camels.

Jasmine Hughes moved to NYC to enroll in the Columbia Publishing Course at Columbia Journalism School, and is actively pursing an editorial career.

John Markson joined his band Shake the Baton for their first U.S. tour in June, after which he toured with Such Gold around the U.S. and Canada. He is a producer/engineer at the Gallery Recording Studio in NYC where he completed his CELS internship.

Nicole Moonjy lives in Ann Arbour and has been working hard at home in Chile to start her own business, a design gift shop. Check out her work at www.moodz.cl.

Defining Success

Award-winning CFO Andrea Tarbox '72 P'09 finds a healthy balance

RECENTLY, when Andrea Braun Tarbox was reading “The Atlantic” (her daughter Caroline Gransee '09 is a marketing manager for the magazine), she saw an article titled “Why Women Still Can’t Have It All.” A successful businesswoman, wife and mother of three, Tarbox wasn’t about to buy that line of thinking.

As chief financial officer of KapStone Paper and Packaging Corp. in Northbrook, Ill., she firmly believes that “women, as well as men, can find a healthy balance in their lives,” and her experience backs her up.

Founded in 2005, KapStone was a special acquisitions corporation; its aim was to buy manufacturers of kraft paper, a type of paper and cardboard produced through a chemical process. When Tarbox joined the company in 2006 as its first financial employee, the company had no revenue.

“Our strategy was to buy companies within our comfort zone, provide operating expertise and significantly grow shareholder value while growing the company,” she explains. The strategy paid off.

In January 2007, KapStone purchased its first company, and today it is a leading producer of unbleached kraft paper products. The corporation has 2,500 employees and annual revenues of more than $1 billion.

Tarbox oversees finance, investor relations, technology, legal, human resources and risk management. In recognition of her success, the Chicago chapter of Financial Executives International recently named the executive a 2012 CFO of the Year.

To keep her own life in balance, Tarbox enjoys quality time with her husband and three grown daughters. She also is an avid gardener. In fact, less than a week after her CFO of the Year award, she spotted a photo of one of her own planter arrangements in her town’s local magazine as an example of how to design an attractive outdoor planter. “At that point, I knew that life was good, very good. I had received recognition for both my professional life and my gardening skills all in one week,” she says.

The ability to combine home and professional life successfully is something that took root at Connecticut College.

“I always felt that I would be career-focused, so I looked for a place that encouraged women to lead. I decided that a small, all-female, liberal arts school would be my best choice, so I came to Connecticut College.” Seeing women in leadership positions across campus helped her to prepare for the business world, she says.

She received her degree in psychology and went on to earn a master’s in business administration from the University of Rhode Island before launching her career at Ernst & Young. Prior to joining KapStone, Tarbox worked in the financial divisions of several global companies including PricewaterhouseCoopers, British Petroleum and Fortune Brands.

“I knew that no matter what profession I ultimately chose, I would always have to deal with people. My psychology background, I believe, gave me a secret weapon over my peers who had more technical business school training,” she said. “It made all the difference.”
OBITUARIES

Lillian “Margery” Mayo Bird ’31 of Tulsa, Okla, died Aug. 19. After attending Connecticut College, Margery graduated from Erskine School in Boston. She and her second husband, James M. Bird, were active volunteers. Margery loved traveling and, in her 80s, she zip-fooled through Costa Rica, parasailed in Mexico and went hot air balloon in Africa. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, nphones, nieces and cousins.

Evelyn Gilbert Thorner ’40 of Hollywood, Fla, died Dec. 10, 2011. An economics major, Evelyn was predeceased by her husband, Marvin, and survived by three daughters and four grandchildren.

Katherine “Kay” Ord McChesney ’41 of Melford, Ore, died July 19. An English major, after graduation she worked in public relations in New York City. Kay served the College as a class correspondent. She was predeceased by her husband, Leonard W. “Mac” McChesney, and is survived by a son and two daughters.

Mary ‘Virginia’ Leary ’43 of Norwich, Conn, died May 14. Virginia, a history major, went on to become an English teacher and a guidance counselor at Norwich Free Academy. Virginia is survived by two nieces and nephews and their families.

Barbara “Bobbie” Bailey Lord ’43 of Hingham, Mass, died Aug. 9. An economics major, Bobbie worked at the College after graduation. She was a devoted volunteer at South Shore Hospital and St. John’s Episcopal Church. Bobbie enjoyed sailing with family and friends. Bobbie is survived by her husband, Bill, four children and their spouses; six grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Jane Breekvold Gest ’45 of Mystic, Conn, died July 24. She studied mathematics and later served the College as an alumni admission representative. She was predeceased by her husbands Maurice “Monty” Harris and Donald A. Gest. Jane is survived by her two children, four grandchildren, three sisters and her sister-in-law.

Ethel Schall Gough ’45 of Barnstable, Mass, died Sept. 9. After earning her degree in chemistry, Ethel married U.S. Navy Capt. E. Warne Gough (Ret.). When her husband was on active duty, Ethel volunteered in military hospitals across the country. Later, Ethel and her husband, who predeceased her, made Barnstable, Mass., their permanent home. Ethel is survived by her son and daughter.

Shirley Jamar ’45 of Duluth, Minn, died in July. After attending Connecticut College, she graduated from the University of Michigan. Shirley worked at the Ford Motor Co. in Michigan and New York City and was an active member of several organizations. She was predeceased by her two brothers and is survived by her sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Eleanora Stroun Leavitt ’45 of Hilton Head Island, S.C, died Aug. 14. Eleanor, a botany major, went on to become a system services representative with IBM. Eleanor served on many boards, including the Women’s Auxiliary Board of the Episcopal Center for Children in D.C and the board of St. Albans’ School Women’s Guild. She is survived by two daughters, a son and six grandchildren.

Anne Schumman Chassoff ’46 P’71 of Prairie Village, Kan, died Aug. 19. Anne, who majored in history, met her husband, Joseph Edwin Chassoff, on a blind date her freshman year. After retiring from Chassoff’s Stores, where she was a buyer, she volunteered at the Menorah Medical Center Auxiliary and later served as president. Her husband, son-in-law and grandson predeceased her. Amie is survived by two daughters, including Barbara A. Chassoff ’71, two grandchildren and step-grandson.

Mary “Mel” Ellen Luft Clayton ’47 of Sun City West, Ariz, died July 30. A history major, Mel worked for the dean of Cleveland State University Later, Mel and a friend opened a toy store in town. She is survived by her husband, John B. Clayton; three sons; three stepchildren; 13 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Lois Townsend ’53 of Davers, Mass, died June 21. Lois loved traveling, hiking, mountain climbing, reading and genealogy. An economics major, she was an active member of the Barnum Historical Society and the First Church in Swampscott. She is survived by seven sons and daughters-in-law and six grandchildren.

Nora T. Griffin ’54 of Granite Bay, Calif, died June 17. Nora, a child development major, volunteered for several charitable organizations, including Koinonia Family Services and Convent House. Nora enjoyed traveling, gardening and watching. Her sister, Nancy K. Morris ’50, niece, Allison Hoskins Lovett ’92, five children and nine grandchildren survive her.

Katherine Webster Kurz ’54 GP’09 of Amherst, Mass, died July 8. Kate, a government major, was a member of Smurfs at the College. Later, she volunteered for the College as a class agent. She is survived by her stepfather, Helen Frickle Mathieson ’52, her nephew Erik P. Sletteland ’78 and her granddaughter, Marina K. Hansen ’09.

Dorothy Curtis Hartwell ’55 of Denver, Colo, died Aug. 19. Dorothy enjoyed spending time with family and traveling. Her sister, Catherine Curtis Horner ’59, predeceased her. Her husband, Hugh Bronson Hartwell, three children, four grandchildren; and her niece, Wendy Speary Meynosa ’88, survive her.

Mary McDowell Jacklin ’60 of Sapulpa, Okla, died June 12. Mary attended Connecticut College before receiving a religious studies degree from Oklahoma University. A passionate volunteer, she helped found the Sapulpa Charity Ball. She is survived by her husband, H. M. "Tony" Jacklin Jr.; two sons and a daughter.

Carolyn Downes Kraemer ’68 of Orlando Beach, Fla, died Aug. 25. Carolyn, a chemistry major, taught in Connecticut for more than 30 years before retiring to Florida.Carolyn’s interests included painting and golfing. Her husband, Richard; her stepchildren; and her cousin, Rae Downes Koshetz, ’67, survive her.

Philip A. Tomewy ’72 P’87 of New London died Sept. 19. Philip served in the army for more than 30 years before returning to Connecticut to earn a degree in chemistry at the College. An expert in the manufacture of penicillin products, Philip was a chemist and laboratory manager for Pfizer Inc. until he retired in 1996. In retirement, he enjoyed photography, golfing, and volunteering at St. Joseph School in New London and St. Patrick Cathedral School in Norwich. His wife, Marilyn; and daughter, Elizabeth Tomewy Pechling, ’87, survive him.

Betty Price Shiller ’84 of Old Saybrook, Conn, died Sept. 17. Betty grew up in Texas and studied pre-med at Rice University. She married William R. Shiller, a naval officer, and they relocated to New London. An active volunteer, Betty returned to college in the 1990s and graduated cum laude with a degree in sociology. She went on to work in the Continuing Education Office. She is survived by three children and two grandchildren.

Jennifer D. Boyd ’93 of Jamaica Plain, Mass, died Aug. 20. A member of the rowing team, Jennifer graduated cum laude with a degree in psychology and then earned a master’s degree from Harvard School of Public Health. An avid knitter, Jennifer realized a lifelong dream when she opened her own yarn shop in March 2011. Jennifer is survived by her husband; Bryan F.M. Hartley; two sons; her mother, Patricia Kendall Boyd ’84 P’93; her brother; sister-in-law; and nephew. Her grandmother, Shirley Deveraux Kendall ’40 P’85, predeceased her.

Sofie Cheremnovitsky Pais of New London died July 12. A former resident of Ukraine, Sofie and her husband, Boris, immigrated to the U.S and settled in New London in 1991. Sofie began working at Connecticut College in 1998, teaching Russian language until 2006. She was an active member of the Jewish community, volunteering at Congregation Beth Eli and the Jewish Federation of Southeastern Connecticut. Sofie was predeceased by her husband. She is survived by two children; a sister and brother-in-law; four grandchildren; and a nephew and niece.

Martenire Appley, former chair of the psychology department, died at the age of 90 on March 29. Appley was hired by the College to chair the psychology department in the early 1950s and held that position until 1960. After leaving the College, Appley was recruited into various leadership roles including psychology department chair at the University of Southern Illinois at Carbondale and chair of the psychology department at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. In 1973, he was recruited to become the sixth president of Clark University, a position he held for 10 years.

In addition to his accomplishments as a teacher and administrator, Appley authored several papers and publications. He is survived by his wife. Marilyn Berg Hundahl Appley, two sons, three stepchildren, five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

CC: Washington magazine requires an official, printed obituary for all death notices listed in the magazine and online. To view extended obituaries or submit information to the College about alumni who have died, visit the Class Notes section of the Alumni Online Community at www.conncoll.edu/alumni.
Kenneth Kabel '76 P'12 began his new term as president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors in July. Kabel, a government major at the College, went on to earn a master's degree from Columbia University before establishing a successful career in business. Kabel is the owner and president of Oak Hills Carton Company, a full service folding carton manufacturer based in Cincinnati.

Since graduation, Kabel has been an active volunteer for the College, serving as an alumni class treasurer, class agent, reunion co-chair, club president and admission representative. In addition to his volunteer work for the College, Kabel also dedicates his time to several local non-profits including Cincinnati Housing Partners and the Jewish Federation.

Kabel takes the place of Connie Smith Gemmer '80 P'10 and will serve a three-year term. He and his wife, Carol, have two daughters, Grace and Hope. Grace graduated from the College in 2012.

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Share your #CamelPride with fellow alumni on the new, official Twitter account @ConnColAlums. You can learn about upcoming alumni events and find out the latest news from fellow Camels through photos, videos, links and more.

Want to know what the rest of the College community is up to? Follow @ConnCollLive and @ConnCollege for information about on-campus events and student news.

Eclipse — the legacy lives on

This year’s Eclipse program will take place April 27, and the theme will be the Apollo Theater. Students are interested in expanding alumni involvement in this program. If you would like to find out how you can help, contact Breanne Timura ’12 at breanne.timura@connoll.edu.

Since its start, Eclipse has been a Connecticut College tradition dedicated to celebrating and acknowledging all races and ethnicities.

Join the Celebration

Be sure to mark your calendars for this year’s Celebration program, which takes places every five years and will be held during Reunion 2013. Celebration is sponsored by the College and will feature an update on diversity initiatives, special lectures and panel discussions and include an open house at Unity. We hope you can join us.
Celebrating the season
Connecticut College alumni gathered in New York, Boston and Washington, D.C. (new this year) for several holiday events.

Matt Smith ’11, Emily Ricketson ’08, Jonathan Pisarski ’07, Michael Boswell ’10 and Nate Goldman ’11 enjoy themselves at the holiday party in Boston, Mass.

Neil Jones ’09, Quinn Areuolo ’10 and Samuel Rugunda ’10 ring in the holiday season at the annual New York City party.

The GOLD classes (Graduates of the Last Decade) ring in the holidays in Washington, D.C.

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Reunion is about revisiting and rediscovering what you love about Connecticut College.

Your fondest memories may be of a treasured professor, the close-knit community or the view of Long Island Sound from Tempel Green. Or you may recall special moments in the dining hall, late nights in a campus coffee shop or cheering on a sports team. Even the camel cookies may be your favorite Connecticut College memory.

Reunion weekend will be a time to reconnect you to what’s special about your alma mater. Programs and events will link the past and present of Connecticut College. You’ll learn how campus life, academics, sustainability, internationalization, diversity and athletics are flourishing today — and what’s planned for the future. Come and experience all the Campaign for Connecticut College has made possible.

The weekend will include plenty of social time, an alfresco lobster bake and the Parade of Classes. You’ll also hear a “State of the College” address from President Higdon, applaud your classmates as they win alumni awards and attend classes with your favorite professors. For alumni who have celebrated their 50th reunion, the Sykes Society Luncheon will honor the newest members: the Class of 1963.

Visit http://conncoll.edu/alumni/programs-events/reunion/ to let your friends know you’re planning to attend, make your reunion gift, check the schedule and find a list of Class Facebook pages. Information is updated regularly, so be sure to check back often for the latest details.

Alumni from classes ending in 4 and 9 will be on campus for Insights on Friday and Saturday during Reunion 2013 to generate ideas for their own reunion the following year. For more information or to sign up for the weekend, visit http://www.conncoll.edu/alumni/programs-events/insights/.

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Game changer

KEVIN O'BRIEN '15 (CENTER) CELEBRATES MOMENTS AFTER COLIN PATCH '16 CHIPPED IN A CORNER KICK TO PUT THE CAMELS AHEAD OF TUFTS UNIVERSITY DURING A FALL WEEKEND MATCH ON TEMPEL GREEN. THE GAME ENDED IN A 1-1 TIE AFTER TWO OVERTIME PERIODS.

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