View from the top

Large picture windows on the upper floors of the new London Hall addition provide new views of campus. Countertops and details throughout the building are built from a black oak that grew near the building site.

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 to ccnow.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 Howie ’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.

Books — and now bikes — at Shain library

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.
Cherish New London

**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 after-school 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.

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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.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

"I think it's incredibly important for us to encourage our
students to do this and to encourage them not to be afraid
and also to support each other," she said. "If you do this
kind of work you do get attacked. ... 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 cconline.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.

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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 “revealed 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.
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
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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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Can't make it to campus? Connecticut College games are now streaming live on the new and improved Athletics website. Content is integrated with the NESCAC for more complete results and coverage, and the Camel's new online presence features more dynamic photos and a streamlined layout.

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Camels honored

ALL-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.

"Seems? 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.

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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 ♥ 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 peristomal 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.
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.

“Opportunities to do research like this really set Connecticut College apart.”

— Sarah Goldstein ’13

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.

“I’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.
facts & figures

- **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.

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**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 Fricke Mathieson ’52, Judith Tindal Opatrny ’72 and Donald C. Opatrny, 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...
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."

**RESEARCH PARTNERS** Ellen Nadel ’13 and Stephen Loomis, Tempel Professor of Biology, have teamed up to study DNA methylation in sponges. One of five student researchers working with Loomis this year, Nadel also took a project-based course in which she and other students examined the impact of marinas on local invertebrates.

In 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,
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.
Two emeritus professors trace the history of today's human development major

By Margaret Keenan Sheridan '67 and Sara Radiinski

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.

**REMEMBERING A PIONEER**

One of the most influential figures in human development at Connecticut College was Professor Emeritus Eveline Beaver Omwake, who died in August at the age of 100.

Omwake was a national leader in her field, so well respected that President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy sought her advice when they established a nursery school in the White House. Her other prominent roles included president of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, member of the National Reading Council and member of the Surgeon General's Scientific Advisory committee to study the effects of television on social behavior.

Omwake earned a bachelor's degree from Ursinus College, where her father was president, and earned her master's degree from Teachers College, Columbia University. She taught at the Dalton School in New York City, Vassar College and Yale School of Medicine's Child Study Center before joining Connecticut College in 1963 and becoming the first departmental chair in 1965.

During her 14 years as chair, the department expanded its faculty and course offerings, increased enrollment and secured its position within the liberal arts curriculum. She was also instrumental in the creation of the department's special needs programs.

Omwake was committed to public service. In Connecticut, she served on the Day Care Council of the state health department, the Governor's Advisory Committee to the Department of Children and Youth Services, and the United Way Board of New London. She worked with local agencies to strengthen teacher training and quality programs for children and supported the community outreach efforts of students, staff and faculty. She even loaned students her "little red car" so they could travel to volunteer and field projects in the community. When she retired in 1977, she bequeathed the car to the College to support student work in New London.

Omwake was a consultant to schools, day care centers and Head Start, the federal program that promotes the school readiness of children from low-income families. She was also a sought-after lecturer and a prolific contributor to professional journals.
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.connoll.edu](http://cconline.connoll.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 “cascadips,” “rule-la,” a “pen pipe” and even a “whine bar.” An original composition by Nick Lee provides scores for wind, percussion, brass and strings.
WALKING MIDDLETOWN, 2002
BY EMILY LARNED
NO. 1 OF AN EDITION OF 50

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.

PARIS, 2006
BY LAURA DAVIDSON
NO. 1 OF AN EDITION OF 500

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

TOP: CHEN, IN THE MID-1980S, WITH ANTHROPOLOGIST GAURI MISHRA, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF A SELF-EMPLOYED WOMEN’S ORGANIZATION
A LEGACY OF COMMITMENT

On 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 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".

A mother and daughter have shaped the lives of others on two continents

These reserved women fine and offered us tranquillizers," 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 Shakespearian 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 dove 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.
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 intellectual conflict. As an 18-year-old philosophy major at Connecticut College, she struggled to reconcile her Christian 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 Presbyterian missionary family, but they had to wait until the end of World War II. Meanwhile, they tackled anti-poverty work in Tennessee, 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 physically 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.
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 façade 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

Time is an illusion, your conception of morality is totally backwards and the physical world only exists in your head. These ideas might sound crazy, but according to Pessin, they are also the products of the greatest minds in history.

“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.

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 Latina/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.
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

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
Correspondent: Sabrina (Susby) Burr Sanders, 33 Mill St., Unit 4E, Wethersfield, CT 06109

Geothermal heating and cooling. The class offers sympathy to Betty Vilas Hedblom still lives alone in Chicago, where she has enjoyed the view of Lake Michigan since 1957. She has two children who live within three blocks of her, and Betty often takes care of their cat. She tries to walk a few blocks every day and attends church whenever possible.

Doris Hassell Janney lives in Phoenix, AZ, where she and her husband moved to help alleviate the rheumatoid arthritis she developed after the birth of her second child. Doris has always loved the outdoors and sports, and she even ran 10ks in her 60s and 70s. She still lives in her same neighborhood and, after a stroke a few years ago, has daytime help. Her daughter comes in the evening. Doris loves to read and enjoys being with young people. She still has her great sense of humor.

Catherine (Kay) Wilson Houghton lives in Port Huron, MI. Three children live nearby. One daughter is a sculptor and does commission work. Her son and daughter have an antique wooden sailboat, which they enjoy. Kay married an Englishman after her husband died, and he passed away 10 years ago. She is active in the local museum and city affairs.

1937
Correspondent: Class Notes Editor, CC, Magazine, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320, ccmag@conncoll.edu

1938
Correspondent: Frances Sears Baratz, 87 Plant St., New London, CT 06320, t.baratz@sbcglobal.net

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 me, please. At this writing, I am looking forward to Homecoming in Oct., when I will tour the renovated New London Hall, where I attended many classes on the fourth floor. It is now handicapped accessible and has geothermal heating and cooling.

1941
Correspondent: Ethel Moore Wills, P.O. Box 443, Northport, MI 48670, e-wills@sbcglobal.net

Vera Van Nest Judd lives in a retirement home in Mount Airy, MD, and wondered if there are any CC graduates in the area. Vera left CC after two years when her Princeton fiancé graduated and found work in OH, where they moved after their marriage. Vera has been widowed for eight years. Her daughter lives nearby, and she has sons in TX, NC and VA. Vera loves to fly and recently flew to Austin, TX, to visit a son.

I had a good chat with Claire Haines Fairley about the fact that we were both English majors at CC. She did not remember Dr. Wells, so we surmised that she had not taken his Shakespeare classes. Claire still lives in the house that she and her husband bought more than 30 years ago in Birmingham, AL. She has no children and now has full-time help. Carolyn Sleeley Scott was at CC for only one year. If she had graduated, she would have been the first graduate of a first graduate, her mother was Emetta Wood '19. "I do not know who acquired that claim to fame instead of me." She graduated from Duke but has good memories of CC and the friends she made there. She was married for almost 55 years to her "best friend," H.A. Scott Jr., and they had five children, "who have now multiplied into nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren."

Five years ago, Carolyn moved from SC to a "wonderful retirement home," The Forest at Duke, in Durham, NC, where she grew up, near her older daughter. She found that after retiring from 25 years of school librarianship, she was needed as librarian there! "I enjoy it very much and find the clientele here is much more appreciative than it was at my high school." Carolyn has traveled widely, and visited her fifth continent in Nov., when she went to Australia with a daughter and grandson. "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, for all of which I am very grateful. I send greetings and best wishes to any classmates who remember Lynn Sleeley."
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 Reuane’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 Greene under a huge canvas tent in case of inclement weather, and it was rather chilly.

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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 she 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!

Peggy 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 Westport, CT.

Connie lives with her daughter, Melia, and husband Stafford are in a 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!

Mary Surgeoner 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 her 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 again 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 that when she was class correspondent, she always wanted to know what classmates thought, not how many grandchildren they had. She did, however, admit to having six great-grandkids and a great-grand. Perhaps what we think about changes somewhat when we hit our 90s!

Willa Parker Redman is still active as a volunteer for the Portland Playhouse. 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 had a most wonderful summer in MC — just perfect weather. Wish I had been there!

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

Anne Godchaux Pelack 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 travelling 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 Mollie in CO. This is the first year she hasn’t played golf! She keeps in touch with CC by going to the Sykes 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 Atheneum 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 Sonin ’48, daughter Susan Endel Kerner ’57, and grandson Andrew Kerner ’02, who married Alison Roth Kerner ’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 in 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.

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Edie Miller Kerrigan had a hip replacement in Jan., so there was no golf for her this summer, although she was pretty well amused from the surgery. Instead, she enjoyed a family reunion in Lenox, MA.

Ellie Abrahams Josephson (she and Edie are two of my most faithful respondents) tells of "a super-long stage, and they sold the big house the time had come to go to the next place with great medical facilities plus, Hurricane Isaac has passed us by, so we feel very blessed!"

Alexandra Beuscher '10, John Prokos '11 and a friend trek in Laos.

Shirley Krasne 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 was using her college training while contributing to community programs. Unfortunately, Hurricane Katrina took her husband's life. When it struck, he was a patient in a New Orleans hospital, and it was necessary for them both to be evacuated by air to Dallas. He survived to get to a Dallas hospital, but two days later, he was gone. Shirley was then alone, except for one sister, and she decided to stay in Dallas rather than to try to rebuild a life alone in New Orleans. She has now been in her independent home in a continuing-care retirement community for seven years and has thoroughly enjoyed the new life she has discovered there. She is surrounded by new friends, new activities, even a new gentleman companion! Best of all, several of her children, grands and greats, have surprised her by deciding to also move to the Dallas area, so, suddenly, she finds she is surrounded by family and is enjoying being the matriarch!

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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 classmaters. I sat in my den wishing the phone would ring and that other classmaters 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 Old Lyme. She modestly adds, “No talent shown by me there, but I enjoy our readership. Of course, all other news is also welcome. I hope to hear from you. Cheers, and best wishes for a fine holiday season!”

### 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 the sick. 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 Kingwood Oxford), my high school, with the 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 (Sis) 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 in 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 in 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 Edin was surprised to find our ’46 class notes 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 Chartering 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 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 Sapinley 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 gorillas.”

Jane attends the symphony orchestra, the ballet series and numerous theater series.

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 Halst Jenkins lives
happily in Montclair, NJ, near some
of her children, and Ann Bet Riley
Brown 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
chapels on Sundays. We're all widows
leading interesting lives."

Priscilla Baird Hinckley moved
to FL! "I miss the hills, friends
and UI 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
Geller, 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 aides: "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
downdrafting 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 attendees 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.
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leading interesting lives."

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 have 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, 2 1/4 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, ME, 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.

Juliette Shinn McLeer 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 at Martha's Vineyard, which their grandchildren enjoy.

Marilyn Watson Babich has been very content in her mobile home, complete with carport, for 18 years. She has a great neighbor on one side. Marilyn lives near Lake George, but no longer goes there. Mildie Weber Wheden is in a retirement community with an excellent Alzheimer's facility, where her husband died. Mildie says Sally Osman Mottzen lives in her building. She also keeps in touch with Sue Farnham Ford and Gale Holman Marks. Mildie still travels — to India and recently to Italy, where her daughter joined her.

Jeanne Webber Clark was thrilled at the birth of her great-granddaughter in May. Esther Jeanne (nicknamed "Tess"), whose other great-grandmother is Esther (Andy) Coyne Flanagan, Jeanne had a delightful visit with Janet Johnston Strang, during which they had lunch in Boston with Jane Smith Moody, Vicky Sims Pool, Edie Barnes Bernard and Susan Starr Burechel. Jeanne and her husband belong to a group dealing with land use and hope to maintain some of their 375-year-old town's current atmosphere as it grows.

Sally Whitehead Murphy still lives in the same home she and her husband built. She swims every day and keeps up with her children and grandchildren. A daughter from SC visited in Aug., and they attended the American Idol concert.

Betty Williams Haley is in great health and traveled to Barcelona, Spain, for a grandson's wedding. Last summer, she attended weddings of four grandchildren. Betty volunteers once a week in a clinic. Living close to the border in west TX, she keeps up her Spanish. She is in touch with Carol Young Pomeroy and kept up with Barbara Warren Cordell.

Catharine (Kitty-Lou) Wilder Pope and her husband live happily in a spacious villa 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 frequently visits the library in the complex.

The Class of '49 extends condolences to the family and friends of Barbara Warren Cordell, who died 6/14, and to Connie Raymond Plunkett, whose husband, Geoffrey, died 6/26.

From Bethesda, MD, Roberta Troger Cohen reports the arrival of her fourth great-grandchild. Her eldest daughter is retiring to CA, and her second daughter, Margaret Cohen Connors, '77, is moving from Kansas City to Fort Worth, TX, to be assistant curator for art and research for the Amon Carter Museum of American Art.

Janet Surgenor Hill has moved temporarily to NH to be with her daughter. In case you're not a reader of Newsweek, a recent article named CC among the top 10 "most beautiful" colleges.

The Class of '50 sends sympathy to the family of Lois Papa Dudley for the recent loss of her husband, and to the family of Jane Keeler Hawes, who passed away after a long hospitalization in CA.

1950

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1951

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At the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, from left: Jill Zawacki Long ’86, her son Nolan Long and Hall of Fame President Jeff Idelson ’86.

Above: Roldah Northup Cameron ’51 and Barbara Wiegand Pillette ’51 in Rehoboth Beach, DE, in June.
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 Waxler’s daughter, Caroline, to Michael Levitt in NYC. Barbara’s sister, Joan Rivers, was also there to enjoy the festivities.

Roldah Northup 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 the 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 Maultner is still dancing, and over the past few months has competed in St. Louis, Fort Lauderdale, and Reston, 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 Gull Shores, AL, for the winter.

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

In Aug., Bob and Harriet Bassett MacGregor, along with Doc and Jean Campbell Phillips, joined Remmie 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 Stabile 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 Jeanne Tucker Zenker on the death of her husband, Dave, on September 28.

1952

Correspondent: Janet B. Neilock, 15 Library St., Mystic, CT 06355, jneilock@att.net

Our 50th Reunion fell on the weekend of June 1. Eleven of us made it back to CC, 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 Lukens 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 Frickie Mathiessen, Sue Rockwell Cesare, Jean Hewitt Thomas and I did, and we heard a talk given by Linda Lear ’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 Ahearn Berger, Nancy Laidley Krum, Jane Murchison Hamilton, Margery Rose Schindler and Mary Seaman Clooney. 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. Corde announced that...
she and Pat Wardley Hamilton would continue on as vice president and president of the class. (Pat was in Indianapolis for her grandson's graduation from high school and couldn't attend.) Cordie said that Jean Hewitt Thomas and I had agreed to do the Class Notes, and 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 former coach Ric Rici, 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. Jane 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 jbf@locke@att.net if you have any news for our next issue. Please do!

1953 REUNION

Correspondent, Lydia Richards Boyer, 4031 Kerrville Pike #42, Wilmington, DE 19801, lydiaboyer@aol.com

Leta Wess 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 to 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 Boyer family of 15 celebrated my birthday at a dinner party with everyone dressed up. The out-of-town guests to get to our new retirement cottage but quickly opted to go 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.

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.

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 chronicles her experiences as a mother after her youngest child's brush with death.

Framrie Steane 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 Weston, MA, farmhouse was on the market in preparation for a move to an assisted-living facility. Frammie 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 an 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 tear 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, 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 with the London bureau of the New York Times. And Doe happily points out that her other four grandchildren are all gainfully employed.

Constance Tauck Wright launched http://femalediaryofafronthandbook.com to promote her book, "The Sun Is Crying: Handbook for a Female Messiah," which was an engaging overview of the lives of Elizabeth Babott Conant '51, Mary Cantwell '53 and Rachel Carson.

Cynthia Harkavy Plichtin writes that "having a granddaughter, Hannah Plichtin '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 need 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 Karp Lewis is close enough to visit her old hauntsto play golf with her friends and supportive to me. That helps 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.

A birthday present for Janie Haynes DuPlessis, who sent a photo showing her at the tiller, sailing San Diego Harbor, no less! (Daughter Diane named as crew.)

We send sympathy to Helen Cary Whitney and her family for the loss of her husband, Bob, who died after a long struggle against cancer. The Whitneys knew another from junior high on, and Bob was one of...
the loyal CC admirers dating back to the days when Helen lived in North Cottage during freshman year.

1957

Correspondent: Elaine Diamond Berman, 72 Stanton Lane, Pawcatuck, CT 06379, elainedberman@comcast.net

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 Roder '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 Piemonte of Italy in June. We were there with our great friends — 12 of them — in a rented villa with a swimming pool. Overstaffed 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 Ballantine 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 Horigan 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.

Maria Engel ’01, Barry Klatkin ’01 and friend in Jerusalem.
Enid Stewert Bradley, who lost her beloved husband of 54 years, Frederick Tindell 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

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In case you are wondering, the alumni office sent repeat emails over my (forged) signature right after I'd 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 summer! I apologize. (Emails were wishing me Happy Easter — cringe.)

Reminde: 55th 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, Audrey uses a speaking iPad for in-person conversation and email. (georges@uno.com). Her house is 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 Katherine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center, Barbara Bearce Tumski wades at events such as simulcast Met operas, live theater and concerts. She's discovered she loves opera and feels she is moving forward and finding a new life.

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

Jean Cattanach Siktas 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 Errett Salinger visited Audrey Bateman Georges last spring. Back home in Albuquerque, she and Agnes Fothergill 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 Colburn 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 Hospital, will be adopted by the Chicago Blood Bank, which pleases her greatly. It promotes the donation by parents of their newborn's 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, which still remains of interest on New England trips. Both are saltwater fly-fisherspersons, and though creaky-jointed, have a busy, happy life. She wishes us the same.

Simone Lasky Liebling, Barbara (Bobbee) Samuels Hirsch and Joan Waxberger Goodstein, all from Windham, have an annual mini-reunion, this year in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, where Simone and Joel have a home. Joan 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, Boobie 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 Morris 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 Schmidtman Kendall of her primary volunteer occupation with this national philanthropic organization, where she is managing the "Northeast of thrift shops" and Neil helps with estate sales. One of their three grandchildren is out of college and working in DC. Their three children live in Seattle, Tacoma and 10, 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) Steigerwa Salazar describes an incredible medical mission to Amazon doctors and dentists. After a flight to Iquitos and a three-hour boat ride, doctors and dentists treated 738 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.

Happy 50th Birthday Mark

Mark "Poley" Munro '65, third from right, celebrates his 50th birthday at the Greenbriar Resort in WV with, left to right, Greg Bertschmann '66, Steve LaMarche '66, Greg Donovan '66, Charlie Griffiths '84 and Chris Byrne '86.
ride to the ExplorNapa Lodge, they took a canopy walking tour to view birds, butterflies, monkeys, jungle vegetation and a spectacular sunset over the Napa River (check it out at www.explorama.com.pe). 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.”

PS: 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 Patsy in her hometown.”

1959

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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 Steenborg Caro 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.

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reunion for all. “I drove through the CC campus last month while waiting for a New London ferry, and it looks so beautiful. The new buildings are amazing!”

Adèle 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 River 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 50th wedding anniversary. They love to travel when 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 spa days 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

Correspondent: Leslie Pomeroy McGowan, 2806 Essex Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, leislemcowan@gmail.com

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 Chalfoun just returned from Russia, Estonia and Finland. She writes that she never thought about coming to return in ’16.

Gaelle Mansfield Barthold wrote while visiting Joan Knudsen Perkins in early Aug. “We are together in Australia, where the Perkins have been hosting me 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 (who is from the Blue Mountains) insists winter here is cold, damp and rainy, we have had four days of sun and crisp air. All 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 Marseille and joined up with a group of 29 from Yale for a month-long French immersion program in Aix-en-Provence. “To say that I loved Aix would be an understatement. We lived in an 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
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 55th!

Florencia 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 Eylers, and Bridget McShane from the College.”

Lyseth Marigold took a fantastic trip on the Seabourn Spirit from Venice down the Dalmatian coast to Puglia. Lyseth’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 Aug., 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!”

Bonné 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 joyfull 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!”

Seyril Siegel seconds those accolades for Reunion, which she found truly memorable. She has been busy traveling. After Reunion, she went to LA 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
May 31–June 2, 2013

Correspondent: Bonnie Campbell Billings, bnb22@aol.com

I hope everyone is planning to attend our 50th Reunion in June. As editor of our Koine Gold 50th Reunion Yearbook, I’ve enjoyed working with co-editors Lonnie Jones Schorer and Susan Hall Veccia and our Reunion committee, and catching up with so many classmates. Susan was among those who attended a Reunion planning meeting in Nov. London last fall along with Barbara Drexl 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@conncollege.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 notes that you have submitted, 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 Boyan Raymond, Susan Hall Veccia, Lonnie Jones Schorer and Debbie Morris Kubly — 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.

Lonnie Jones Schorer, Susan Hall Veccia, Linda Osborne and Carolyn Boyan Raymond, all Class of 1963, sailed out of Maine on the Victory Chimes this summer.
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 home 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 Qaino’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 to return 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, CT and DC. She saw Sally Costes Paprocki, Connie Cross, Barbara Drexler Lockhart and Genny Oids Goshljigian (Jimmy’s husband), Haig, passed away on 5/24 at age 97. George and Helen attended the funeral. They were planning a 51-day trip from Rotterdam to Singapore in Jan, And, Helen plans to attend our 50th!

Eliza Brown Anderson and Bill are still in Seattle, but now that both are 70, feel the need to simplify their “itinerant lives” and be nearer to kids and grandkids, who are all back east (except for the Londoners, who are even farther east). This spring, they plan to move to Deer Isle, ME, where they met 55 years ago. Last summer, Bill and Eliza went sailing with Bonnie Campbell Billings and husband Joe. They sailed their 36 sailboat in Newfoundland, it took two days of driving from Deer Isle and a six-hour ferry ride to get to their slip, but it was “more than worth the effort.” Bonnie and Joe are experts at sailing those waters, with “all manner of nautical skills, including navigation, as well as great provising and cooking.” They explored the many interesting and remote coves and harbors in Newfie land, ate “the freshest cod ever, which Bonnie cooked expertly,” and had some exciting sailing. “This is one wonderful way to renew an old and dear friendship of more than 50 years.”

1964

Correspondent: Joan Klingenstein, 400 W. Ontario St., Apt 1703, Chicago, IL 60654-7162, jaklingenstein@yahoo.com

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 ’64? 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 continually enjoy these meaningful friendships, which began in Plant House our freshman year.”

A few hardy souls took time out from busy summer activities to let us know what they’ve been up to:

See Lates Brooks is thoroughly enjoying retired life in VT, feeling good and wondering how she got to be this old! She and husband Al were heading to AK, the “last drop in our bucket list.” Hope the trip was great, Sue, and that you continue to thrive for many years to come!

Flora Barthell spent most of the summer in Lewes, DE, “lounging at the beach, digging in the garden, reading, napping and planning a trip to the Ann Arbor Craft Fair with a friend. Then, in the fall, we volunteered to work on voter I.D. issues for the election.” Initially concerned that retirement might not agree with her, she now worries that she might too easily get used to this! It is indeed very possible!

Joan Stuart Ross reports that a mini-retrospective of her work, “Summer Pages: Past and Present,” was on exhibit at the Patricia Cameron Gallery in Seattle. She welcomes people to find out more at www.joanstuartross.com.

And last but not least, your correspondent had the pleasure of entertaining Ellen Greenspan Cardwell and her husband, Larry, over Memorial Day weekend at my summer house on Lake Michigan in Door County, WI (nicknamed “the Midwest’s Cape Cod!”). It was great to meet Larry and to catch up with Ellen and her many artistic interests and endeavors.

Would love to see any of you who might ever be thinking of passing through Chicago. Just let me know! Keep your news coming!

1965

Correspondents: Susan Peck Robinson, rerob@imac.com, Leslie Setterholm Curtis, lesliescurtis@yahoo.com

We had such a tremendous response to our last email that we can’t fit all the responses into this column! If you wrote and don’t see your news here, please look for it in the next issue.

Connie Gross Wilson lives in Cazenovia, NY. Son Adam was commissioned by the College’s Ammerman 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

Goldman. “I know these are the years when people reconnect, and I would love to do that.”

Beverly Coppeta Ponziolo, in Waterbury, CT, teaches at Quinnipiac. U. Son Michael and daughter Elyssa are both married, and Beverly has four grandchildren 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, 7 and 1) lives close, travel is a must, making life interesting.

Kay Karlke White, in Pittsboro, NC, “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 Chatauqua, NY, and hope to spend more time with their new granddaughter then.

In Pinole, CA, Susan Hardesty Christy published a book, “Working 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. Her 12-year marriage to Martin Brian 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 daughters Lisa (an attorney) and Beth (a primary care physician) to Charleston, SC. “We are happily tending to four grandkids and not sure where the time goes, but the weather, beach and gracious people here are a joy.”

In Bedford, MA, Pam Choa Le was planning her garden in April when she wrote. She had a lovely week in the Virgin Islands, where they swam and kayaked.

Donna Mauldsby Asnani worked in technical project management for TRW for 22 years and then was an adjunct professor at Dartmouth, directing a teacher preparation program for public school paraprofessionals to become special education teachers. Husband Peter continues his consulting business. Their three daughters are thriving professionals: a lawyer in Boston, a journalist in NYC and a medical doctor in her residency in pediatrics at New York-Cornell. Pam is in touch with Renny Harrigan, Karen Sheehan Lord, Karen Metzger Ganz, Marge Raider Fisher, Dana Hartman Freyer, Lois Larkey and Margo Tulping Knypers. Pam sings in the Concord Chorus, and although she still loves to dance, says that yoga suits her better.

Karen Sheehan Lord retired in 2003 from teaching visual arts and humanities at Manchester NH 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 sisters 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, Marge 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 Bings, 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.”

From left, Jane Hubbard Vogt, Lynn “Gigi” Goodman Zoll, Elizabeth Leach Welch and Lorna Wagner Strotz, all Class of ’66; in Caren, France, earlier this year.
1966

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"We could not have scripted a better mini-reunion!" reports Bridget Donahue Healy about a gathering in ME 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, Terry McHab Ritse and Debbie Nichols Lasoe.

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 ME, where Elizabeth Leach Welch 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 Stroz and husband Cis, and Liz and husband Tom flew to Spain, where they met up with Jane Hubbard Vogt and husband Elmar, who live in Germany. With Jane and Elmar leading the way, they spent two wonderful weeks in a little town in France at the base of the Pyrenees and on Spain's Costa Brava. They traveled the carriy mountain roads in small European cars, hiked the vineyards, swam in the Mediterranean, and explored every winery in sight — all the while feeling like the years that have passed since '66 never happened. In Liz's words, "We kids were again, off on a lark."

Sue Leverton and husband Jake traded their sailboat for a trailer and spent three months land-cruising in AK. They may even 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 Valias (all class of '66) and their wives meet every few years for a mini-reunion. In June, Audrey Kuh Straight '69, Carol (Cyrie) Lumb Oke, 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 Greenstein 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 Janet Finkelman '68, who died in Paris last fall. I got home in time to do laundry, regap and head to New London. Reunion was wonderful. We all looked great. We were small in number but mighty in spirit. One of the highlights of the trip was our Saturday night dinner, when the Class of '67 joined us to dance to our disc jockey, because their reunion was boring!"

Jennifer Andrews has retired from her position as executive director of the CARE AIDS Program and Clinics and now lives in Sisters, OR, with husband Ed and two horses. Jennifer would welcome hearing from any classmates.

My tenure as class correspondent is drawing to a close. Thanks to Debbie Greenstein and Marcia Matthews for assuming that responsibility.

1968

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

Five years ago, Betsy Wilson left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Betsy reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

Six years ago, Marjorie A. Marlin Morrill '68 left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Marjorie reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

Nine years ago, Mary Janice Finkelman left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Mary reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

12 years ago, Jennifer Andrews left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Jennifer reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

15 years ago, Jennifer Andrews left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Jennifer reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

18 years ago, Jennifer Andrews left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Jennifer reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

21 years ago, Jennifer Andrews left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Jennifer reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

24 years ago, Jennifer Andrews left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Jennifer reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

27 years ago, Jennifer Andrews left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Jennifer reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

30 years ago, Jennifer Andrews left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Jennifer reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

33 years ago, Jennifer Andrews left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Jennifer reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

36 years ago, Jennifer Andrews left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Jennifer reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

39 years ago, Jennifer Andrews left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Jennifer reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

42 years ago, Jennifer Andrews left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Jennifer reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

45 years ago, Jennifer Andrews left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Jennifer reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

48 years ago, Jennifer Andrews left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Jennifer reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

51 years ago, Jennifer Andrews left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Jennifer reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

54 years ago, Jennifer Andrews left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Jennifer reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

57 years ago, Jennifer Andrews left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Jennifer reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.

Correspondent: Mary Clarkson

60 years ago, Jennifer Andrews left Connecticut College with a BA in Political Science. Since then, she has joined the Foreign Service and worked in Hungary, the Republic of the Congo, and Washington, DC. She has returned to Brussels, Belgium. Jennifer reports that she is enjoying her new life in Brussels and that she is looking forward to the 50th reunion in June.
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, receiving 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 EstanciaGuardia del Monte and toured Colonía, 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 ReportsGreenChoice.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 Davison 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 gardens! Elizabeth usually gets back to the U.S. twice a year: Her oldest daughter lives in the family white elephant/colony in Rosebeck Falls, so her husband, John, always has something to fix there, and then Elizabeth gardens.

Daughter Charlotte works for Sterling Environmental in Latham, daughter Marie is a goldsmith at Gassan 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 Choris Edelson at metal smithing every week. Our 45th Reunion is coming! Andrea Hintlian Mendell and Patti Reinfeld Kolody 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.kelody@gmail.com or ahmediy@aol.com. If anyone wants to join the committee, they 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 4/8/11.

Please keep your news coming; we all love to know what is happening in the lives of our friends from CC.
time on Cape Cod, especially the Cape Cod Chamber Music Festival. She is in touch with Zo´l Aponte
Diamond and Ann Barber Smith.
Venetia Bell Valin had “a hectic summer juggling the visit of the entire family (sons Sébastien and
Emmanuel; his wife, Judith; and three grandchildren, ages 1-4) at our country home near Bordeaux;
husband Maurice’s hip operation; 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 Ellis 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 he works 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 Icken 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. Peggy’s daughter
lauren participated in A Conference in San Francisco. Dr. Evelyn Marienberg and
Julia Helms ’11, Bob Kiley ’84 P’11, Michelle Poulin Kiley ’84 P’11, the groom and bride, Victoria
Shields ’11, Erin Kiley ’04, and Nathaniel Baldwin ’03
Meghan Kiley ’11 married Blake Cleckler on 7/14/12 at the Simsbury Inn in Simsbury, CT. From left: Julia Helms ’11, Bob Kiley ’84 P’11, Michelle Poulin Kiley ’84 P’11, the groom and bride, Victoria
Shields ’11, Erin Kiley ’04, and Nathaniel Baldwin ’03.
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
(Wesleyan ’71) moved from Chicago

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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 Collegiate School, the Jewish Federation Foundation and the Connecticut Community Foundation.

to Greenville, SC. “We LOVE living here! It is close to the mountains and not far from the ocean.” According to Elaine, “Greenville has a lovely social and cultural scene, with a symphony orchestra, ballet company, a venue for major Broadway-type events, three live theaters, a free art museum, a minor-league baseball team and a hockey team. There are more restaurants here per capita than in NYC! And, with the arrival of Southwest Airlines and Trader Joe’s, what more could we ask for?”

Elaine is involved with NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, a national, grassroots, nonprofit organization that provides education, support and advocacy for people with mental illness and their families.” For two years, she has been the walk manager and assisted with ongoing fundraising. John works for Ondal in Richmond, VA, an equipment manufacturer of operating-room support structures. Son Jonathan, 30, lives in Berlin, where he works for Native Instruments, which produces hardware and software for the music industry. He also produces music and is a DJ in Europe. Daughter Katie, 28, completed her master’s in education at St. Catherine’s U. She is a student teacher in a Spanish immersion school.

Terry Appenzellar is serving her third term as president of the Vineyard Conservation Society, an environmental education and advocacy nonprofit on Martha’s Vineyard. She is a member of her town’s conservation commission and community development council. She also chairs an implementation planning team for two towns; they are addressing the excess nitrogen “that has degraded the water quality of Sengekontacket Pond.” Terry’s husband, John Caldwell, is still an IT consultant to Homeland Security’s Custom and Border Protection. They love to travel whenever possible.

“This year, we spent two amazing weeks in Turkey, an incredible repository of Greek and Roman ruins and a crossroads of art, culture and history between Europe and the East.”

Hether Clash Macfarlane, a professor of lawyering skills at U. of the Pacific’s McGeorge School of Law, said she and a group of CC friends attempt to reunite every year. Last year, Hether, Debbie Foster Oelings, Karen Ruskin-Smith, Lee Marks, Jan Brangan Occhiegrosso, Mary Hall Prokop and their respective husbands met for a long weekend in Yosemite National Park. They stayed at the “historic and charming Wawona Hotel and even managed to be invited guests at a wedding at Glacier Point.” Next summer, they hope to visit Sue Lee in Delaware.

Last spring, Dale Ross Wang was still part-time community relations director of the Westminster Jewish Community Services. (She planned to retire this winter.) She and husband Peter spend winters at their home in St. Louis, Missouri, and Mike, who lives in San Francisco. Her most recent book, “Healthy Herbs: East versus West,” was published last year. We just signed a contract for another book. Keeping busy!

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Pia Gille O’Connell spent 16 years in NYC after graduation as associate operations manager for the Greater NY Blood Services. She and Martin married in ’87, moved to CT and started a family. Caralina is enrolled in a master’s program in human resources and labor relations at U. of Gothenburg, Sweden. Stephanie works for Teach For America in a challenging urban middle school in Phoenix, where her mantra has become “it’s cool to be smart” and it’s working! After many years in various volunteer roles, Pia and her husband are focusing more time on travel, they recently spent holidays on St. Martin’s and St. Bart’s. Pia looks forward to visiting Caralina in Sweden and exploring places in Europe she has yet to see.

Anne Sigmond Curtis and husband John are retired and recently traveled to Costa Rica. They were busy last year with house projects and their fourth granddaughter, Cricket, born at home to oldest daughter Molly. They also coordinated complicated long-distance plans for second daughter Katie’s Aug. wedding to her Irish fiancé, James Corsor, at the MN family home where Anne and John were married 40 years ago.

Above: Christine Noe Martin ’98 with her children, Jackson, Sophia and Lincoln.
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.

Ann Huckle Mallek is in her second term on the Albemarle 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.

Susie Sackheim Syke's "most exciting and wonderful event" recently was the birth of her first grandson, Julius Darwin Rimel, the night before Thanksgiving '11. "What a joy and what fun to watch this little person develop! Making it even more delightful, I'm sharing this new experience with my good friend, Leslie Richmond Simmons, whose daughter had her first child, Levi Simmons Sagal, 10 days after Jules was born! Leslie and I giggle and marvel over each new baby milestone!"

Beverly Edgar Grady continues to practice law in FL and is managing partner of the Fort Myers office of Roetzel & Andress LLP. Beverly was on the board of directors of the South FL Water Management District, which focuses on Everglades restoration. She also was president of the Edison Festival of Light, a three-week festival celebrating Thomas Edison, who made his winter home in Fort Myers. Beverly's husband, Bruce, recently served on the city council and as mayor of Fort Myers. Their youngest child graduates from the U. of Florida this spring. Beverly and Bruce enjoy hiking, running, and boating on the Caloosahatchee River and back bays of the barrier islands of Captiva and Sanibel. They have five grandchildren.

Susan Bear is associate professor of biology at Pine Manor College, a small liberal arts school for women from underrepresented populations. Her work involves teaching, mentoring and working on curriculum issues. She has recently begun quilting; she has "always liked to knit and sew, with colors and textures!"

Julia Alvarez writes, "I feel like a half-sister to all my classmates, since I left my sophomore year to attend Middlebury College, where I now teach! But I have very 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 ('46-47) 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., floeing the dictatorship, my mother got my sister, Mauricia Alvarez, '70, and me to pick CC. It was hard to follow my older 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 Mauricia'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 roped her in during a nostalgic moment at the 40th Reunion! We'll be alternating columns, so please send your next batch of news to her; we'll remind you in each issue who will be writing the next column.

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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 off and on throughout it, wearing purple. She loves her job and colleagues. Older son Josh (oat, organic farmer, philosopher) is at Wesleyan; younger son Galen (cyclist, runner, recent cook) is taking a year off after high school. Husband Ann taught third grade at Hartsbrook 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, Astra. Ruth and Larry have three grandchildren aged 2.5 — great fun! Ruth's mother, Merion Ferris Ritter '35, is doing well and still lives in her house next door to Ruth and Larry.
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, Transitional 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 in their 34-foot C&C sailboat Alveolus (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 ’70, who work in the Humanities Division. Norma also keeps close tabs on Patricia Lanehan Breyler ’71.

Susan Leibacher Ward has been busy the last year as head of the history of art and architecture department at RISD School of Design. She participated in an international working group on medieval sculpture. 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, Margo Reynolds Steiner has delightful memories of 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 to 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 BEM 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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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 Pignan still enjoys New Orleans, but his wife has been very ill. Daughter Zosia 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 Taddei Matt 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."

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The Class of 1977 gets into the spirit of their 35th Reunion.

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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 Nakowsky 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 novelist
Valerie Martin and is beginning a critical biography of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. After her B.A. (Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laud), Veronica got her M.A. (78) and Ph.D. (81) in English from Princeton U.

Before joining UConn, she was an assistant professor at Middlebury College and then assistant, associate and full professor at Louisiana State U. She has been married since 78 to Jeffrey C. Gross, a security specialist at Cigna. They have two sons; Joshua Gross is a recent graduate of Kenyon College and works for Americorps, and Zachary Gross is in his third year at St. Andrews U. in Scotland, where he is majoring in philosophy. The family lives in Storrs, CT, with a dog and four cats.

Leslie Whitcomb is principal of a 250-student high school in New Lebanon, NY. She is considering becoming superintendent as her next professional move and started courses this summer toward this transition. Her two children are doing great.

Charlie Fitzhugh is a postman and plans to retire in a few years. He plays the piano, accompanies a school choir, and does some composing, even having one of his pieces performed. He has two kids, one is out of college, and the other started in the fall.

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Ann Rumage Fritschner and Jim McGoldrick are stepping down as class correspondents — 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.

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

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, Leona, 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!

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 fiancée 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 Tuscany 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 him during the planning, and his suggestion of the “class scarves” was a big success.

Stuart Sadick and partner Linda Sittenfeld are still happily married on 2/24/12 in the Wyoming backcountry on skis.

Absolutely love seeing everyone again at Reunion. Everyone seems to look and feel great; she is Ukrainian and also speaks English, Spanish, French and a few other Eastern European languages. She is absolutely more gorgeous than five years ago, if that is possible, and she and Scott are still very much in love.

Lisa Podoloff Boles, our efficient and effective class president, did a great job organizing our Reunion committee, and we all had fun socializing and enjoying one another's company. Lisa handed her diploma (as did Lynda Batter Munro ’76, whose daughter is Heather Munro ’80). Lisa’s daughter Natalie is now considering CC. Lisa works at Constar Contact, and she and husband Howie are still happily married. Howie gets lots of gold stars for being part of Reunion and participating in events with folks he knows only from a weekend every five years! Lisa wrote, “It may be five years until our next Reunion, but let’s keep this (Facebook) page going as a place to share news, ideas, jokes, whatever. It’s a way to keep CONNECTed until we meet again in ’17.”

Sheila Saunders wrote: “So great to know everyone over time, how we’ve changed and how we’ve stayed the same. Each time we gather, my heart is filled with fun, old memories and new ones. Reunions are the best. Hoping more and more of us keep coming back.” Sheila is a nurse and therapist in the Asheville, NC, area and wonders how she came to live in a state that abuses animals and votes against gay marriage. She has been a psychiatric nurse for 35 years and still believes in treating patients (and colleagues) like the human beings they are, causing her co-workers to nickname her “Norma Rae.” Sheila travels frequently with her therapeutic practice; she’s been to Sydney, China, Germany and CA in the last year. She also went this spring to her great-grandfather’s hometown of Newport, Ireland, to look up her relatives.

Sheila, David Sargent and Andy Chintz dated until dawn at JA with the classes of ’02 and ’07 and got up to party some more the next day! David and wife Annie still live in NH, where they are morphing their interior design and graphic design businesses to keep up with the online economy. Daughter Charlotte Sargent ’16 started at CC this fall, and sons Tucker and Tim are happily thriving post-college — Tucker as a coach in MT and Tim as a professional snowboarder in CA. Andy Chintz has two children with fabulous wife Barb: Jake, 17, and Sarah, 14. He loves lacrosse and is in the bond side of financing affordable housing in NY. He is on two boards, including the board of education finance committee, and wife Barb is starting a new business helping college applicants write stronger essays for their applications.

Andy Williams came by with Dave Gusnell. Andy lives in Stonington, building boats, furniture and cabinets. The skilled woodworker gets to deliver some of his boats all over the world! He and Trace Anderson ’79 did the Bermuda Yacht Race together, and Andy loves to scuba dive and garden — and is more handsome than ever, and single ...! He gets out in his sailboat every chance he gets. Dave has put two of his kids through college and has a private practice in psychology, which helps keep him sane! Along with Sheila, Andy Chintz and Brian Glassman, they had a great Frisbee marathon, showing they still had some action in those (older) bones.

Harpo, aka Brian Glassman, is professor of law at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in OH, and he lives in Shaker Heights, “a fabulous place to be.” The arts are still his passion, and he continues to work in ceramics and to blow glass. His daughter is a senior at Macalester, and he is one happy guy.

Carl Lopp lives in NYC and owns a patent for a cell phone docking station. It creates a landline out of a cell phone, and he wants us all to buy it. He still plays singles and doubles in tennis, rides horses, and is single and looking . . .

Yvonne Bokhour lives in Westport and is starting a business to help patients facing health care challenges work through the system. She is a big promoter of health causes and loves to swing dance and swim. She loves to visit her son in Boulder, CO.

Larry Corwin stopped by Reunion.
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 Becca Raton). Eva is a national tableau 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 Fritschner 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 hile, too. She spent three weeks in England, Ireland, and Scotland, with one week on the Isle of Iona at 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 U.S. 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.

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After trying to use his college education for the last 35 years, Scott Calamar fell back on his first love: music. His debut CD, “First Vintage,” with his band, Wine Without Reason, was released on his own indie label, Earthshine Productions, on 6/22. Consisting of 13 Calamar-penned songs, ranging from his days at CCA to a tune written last year, the CD is available on Itunes, Amazon, CD Baby, Rhapsody, Spotify, and through brick-and-mortar record stores through special order. Scott’s “day job” company, LightSpeed Publishing, has been producing books since ’95. Scott lived in Northern CA for 22 years before moving to Southern OR in ’01. He is well known on the Southern OR music scene for his website, AshlandLiveMusic.com, music columns, and for his band, which plays regularly at major concert venues and wineries in the area.

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 of us, 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@cwrmhc.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 Brooklyn Heights brownstone on the promenade while looking for a co-op to purchase. Susan still enjoys her position as a synagogue executive director, and her husband is still chief magistrate judge in the U.S. Court/Eastern District of NY, in Brooklyn. Thanks to their move, Steve can now walk to work. Susan’s older son, Jacob, is a session musician and is moving from Burlington, VT, to New Orleans. Younger son Matt wrapped up his fifth year at Oberlin as a dual-degree candidate in the conservatory, for jazz guitar, and the college, for history. Susan is eager to mentor a UC student or job-seeking alum interested in not-for-profit management, especially synagogue management. Contact her at suegold@templechaverim.org. She would love to hear from classmates before we celebrate our 35th Reunion this year.

**1979**

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Daryl Hawk and family visited 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!

**1980**

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**1981**

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**1982**

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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 as 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.

Darlene Gallant Wynne ’09 with daughter Harper and son Hudson.

Becky Huffman ’98 and her husband, Andrew Bongiorno, and their children, Daniel, 6, and Lily, 2.
Liza Helman Kraft commented on Reunion: "Although under the weather, I made it to Reunion on Saturday and loved seeing all '82 classmates! Hanging in Wintham, catching up at the picnic on the Green (did anyone ever find our Class of '82 table?), moving and grooving with hula hoops, tasting craft beers, enjoying the panel of CC authors in the library with pride (classmates Ben Robinson and Nancy Roseff were panelists!), and sharing a laugh with old friends and making new friends in our class, as well as in the Class of '77!"

Kiri Bermack works with the SUNY Levin Institute on her entrepreneurial pursuits and teaches digital arts as an adjunct professor at Touro College in Brooklyn, NY.

Al Leach returned to Aug. from a mountainengineering trip to Mt. Washington. He stayed in the huts and bagged several peaks ("my favorite was Mt. Monroe — great views."). Coincidentally, he met a rising CC junior who worked this summer as a hut staffer at Mizpah Spring Hut in the Presidential Mountain Range. In '99, Al climbed Mt. Rainier and met a fellow Camel at mid-camp. Seams Camels do indeed like dry climates and can go on with little water! "Hi to Randall Klint, Bob McBride, Ben Robinson, Tedd Saunders '83 and the Class of '82." Al lives in Wilton, CT, with his wife and two children, and welcomes CC visitors.

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.

Carolyn Peterson Nadler '08 and Theodore Nadler '08 married on 8/5/11 at Harkness Memorial State Park with more than 30 Camels in attendance.

Shari Weathers Randall's short story, "Keep It Simple," appears in the new Sisters in Crime anthology, "Chesapeake Crimes: This Job Is Murder." Writing hardboiled mystery is a fun departure from her day job as a children's librarian!

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 Souf Fest, 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, 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 Wess '82, Lili Kanfer Castle and husband Andy Castle, Jim Fleming, Barry Finn, Jill Crossman Stone '82 and husband Church and volunteers every summer at the Souf Fest, 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, 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 Wess '82, Lili Kanfer Castle and husband Andy

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Kristina Helb ’04 is “Selling New York”

HGTV’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 each 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.

Jesse 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 got 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! Jesse is looking forward to seeing Joanna Biniv Wornham ’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 Peulin Kiley celebrated the wedding of daughter Meghan Kiley ’11 and Blake Cockey on 7/14 at the Simsbury Inn in CT.

1985

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Jane Rowan Windell lives in Royal Oak, outside Detroit, and enjoyed the outdoor art festivals in MI this summer. Son Jonathan Brugh 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 'quilting ambassadors.' Earlier in the summer, I showed some quilts at the Shiawasheen Quilt Festival in Shipeshewan, IN (Amish country).”

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.

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 Idelson, 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.

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 DeMaio Reusch, 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. Odest 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 writes 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 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 practice-based business information. One thing’s for sure, life isn’t boring!” (I guess not.)

Lyne 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 NY. 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 waterfront 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 SuperLett Wine and Cheese Cafe in Portland. “Thanks for assembling the information about the long-lost Carnes!”

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 (and 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!”

J, 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 SB 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.
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 Geigis, 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 photo on the Class of ’87’s Facebook page — and put June ’17 on your calendar NOW. Here comes the 30th!

Caroline Johnson Genners 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.

Tino Sonora has had a very busy year. He did a lot of cyclo-cross racing last fall. "I won the overall in a local Durango cross series and was second in the NM series, then headed to Madison, WI, where I competed in two races at the U.S. National Cyclo-Cross Championships. From there, I headed to Louisville, KY, to participate in the Cyclo-Cross Masters World Championships."

In May and June, I returned to the U. of Zagreb in Croatia to teach two graduate-level courses in econometrics and to conduct research with my colleagues there. But it wasn’t all work. I was able to sneak a trip down to Dubrovnik to spend a few days with a Ph.D. student/friend and his family and to ride my bike. When I returned to the U.S. in late June, I attended the Western Economic Association International Conference in San Francisco. Back in Durango, I raced in the Mount Evans bike race, where the finish is at 14,130 feet. I’ll be on sabbatical from Jan. to June ’13.

I was awarded a Fulbright Scholars grant and will return to the U. of Zagreb to teach classes and conduct research. And maybe, just maybe, learn passable Croatian.

Beth Curran had a wonderful time at Reunion: walking all over campus and falling in love with it all over again; joking with Professor Gallagher during his lecture; catching up with all the other IB freshmen who attended; and, best of all, reconnecting or getting to know better Catherine Irwin Glinski, Liz Williams, Julie Turner Oliva, Martha Hawley-Bertsch, Jennie Kahn Bakkala and Peter Bakkala, and Ces Fernandez-Hall. "Looking forward to our 30th!"

In June, Beth and her film group, Chloe’s Society, had a smashing time at the Providence International Film Festival, at which they threw a party to honor actress Beth Grant.

1988

REUNION

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1989

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In May, Frank Suher and Hillary Suher ’90 had a mini reunion at their daughter Emily’s bat mitzvah with Millie Lerner Kateman ’90 and Jon Klemmer ’90, Jeff Geddes, Jon Kateman ’90, Stephen Frieder, Lynn Tapper ’88 and Stephanie Schacher ’87.

1990

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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 forensic business; we provide forensic accounting and dispute consulting services to Fortune 500 companies and law firms. 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 transferable 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.

Aboard the cruise ship that carried them to Bermuda, Boston and Newport: on left, Bradley Wade ’86 and companion Darren Coleman; center and far right, waiters Frederick and Arturo; and their “lovely dinner companions for eight nights!”
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.

1992

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Incoming Class President Maggie Ruvoldt thought it was great to see so many faces at Reunion and to reconnect (or connect with) friends. "I'm thrilled at the growth of the Class of '92 Facebook page (now renamed Countdown to our 25th in 2017) which definitely tends to bring my The Love Family had a great surprise to those who remember her. "Behave Frank Gifford is sailing from Australia to Papua New Guinea with his family. They readily prep the boat and sorted out what they'd need for six to 12 months. "Something I discovered while gathering timelapse of recordings for the summer. I was in Europe and reminding myself of what I was doing."

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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 IT recruiting practice at Winter & Stroudman, continued to work part time as a freelance writer and in communications. "I'm enjoying life with Darren List and our two wonderful children, as well as running a full-time admin job at a law firm."

Shelley Parnall Stein enjoyed seeing classmates at Reunion and hopes to see MANY MORE (you know who you are) at our 25th — come on, ya’ll! Shelley, husband Matt and daughter Yasmin, 6, flew in from Houston, where they've lived since '97. Shelley teaches French in Houston, which should come as no surprise to those who remember her. "Behave Frank Gifford is sailing from Australia to Papua New Guinea with his family. They readily prep the boat and sorted out what they'd need for six to 12 months. "Something I discovered while gathering timelapse of recordings for the summer. I was in Europe and reminding myself of what I was doing."

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Michael Carson and husband Sean Smith were thrilled to celebrate the birth of their son, Calvin Francis Carson-Smith, on 6/22. They are thankful for the surrogate who supported them in their journey and thankful for the surrogate who welcomed their first child, Colin Francis Carson-Smith.

This summer, a group of Camels and their children had a blast at the home of Laurie Sachs '92 and Kevin Walor '90, Esty Wood-Satran '92 and Amy Norris Hamilton '92 at Laurie and Kevin’s house this summer.

Jennifer Schumacher Harper '91, Laurie Sachs '92, Tom Satran ’94, Walker Buck, Diane Stratton ’91, Michael Cohen, Clay Kunz and Jennifer Acker; she also saw Sarah Sutro and Phialae Knight, who visit regularly.

Through her theater company, Going to Tahiti Productions, Jessica Ammirati produced the one-woman show, “Cat Lady Without A Cat,” and directed and produced an original adaptation of Jane Austin’s “Persuasion,” both at The Secret Theatre in Long Island City. She was writing the stage adaptation of a 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.


Doug Lampart married his longtime partner, Shawn Boyle, in NYC on 11/9/11 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 Brooke.

Dan Levine and wife Julie welcomed their first child, Molly, on 7/25. “She’s a precious little girl and a lot of fun. I’m hoping and planning for CC Class of ’14. Both are available out in Dec. ‘14. Both are available.”

Mary Ewing, Laura Tseng, Marian Silver ’66, Betsy Dawe Piebenga ’66 and Elayne Zweifler Gardstein ’66, Burt and Laura work in the luxury hospitality industry for Auberge Resorts.

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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 Schafer Munoz moved to Bogota, Colombia, where she lives with her husband, Profit, and their two children, Michael and Nicholas. She is a freelance producer and enjoys photography, cooking, travel and fun. “Always looking to reconnect with CC alumni. Cheers!”

Above, from left: Grant Hogan, Sarah Armstrong, Evan Piekara and Adam Robbins, all Class of ’07, at a NASA/CCAC happy hour in Georgetown in July.

Left, from top left to right: Suzanne Walker Buck ’93, 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.
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, Al, Savannah and Natalie. Molly is often in the States on business; she caught up with Sarah Huffman in NY and Laura Pearl Shapiro in San Francisco. Laura recently left her role as the director of alumni relations at the Branson School, where she leads the marketing and communications department for their post-secondary special education program. She is 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 is 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 update NY with their son, 8, and daughter, 6. Both work at the U. 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 Faly 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 Lonetto and husband Graham are celebrating the 10th anniversary of their beautiful mountain-side elite ski 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 H100, 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 this fall to celebrate Coco’s 8th birthday in NYC. They saw “Annie” on Broadway with MelissaClazz 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 Tesh Schiavo, Mark Tiede and Missy McCann. Neel 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 Carrolls Lauren Moran Santestevan, Dave Santestevan, Karen Maliegol Driscoll and Bobby Driscoll ’94.

Brian Sena and Emily Strouse 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 TKE." Amen.


Ellen Carenza MAT’96 was named the 2013 Montville (Conn.) Teacher of the Year. This grade 7 English/language arts teacher at Leonard J. Yal Middle School is involved in several school organizations, including director of the drama club and member of the Positive Behavior Intervention Support Committee. After earning her bachelor’s degree from the College of William and Mary in 1985, Carenza began her teaching career at Parish Hill Junior/Senior High School in Chaplin, Conn., where she was named Co-Teacher of the Year in 2000. She joined Yal Middle School in 2005.
Emily Luce and Sarah One last saw each other at the National Holo Convention in Brit, VA, where they rubbed elbows with former hobo kings and queens. Emily is an artist who recently received tenure at the University of Lethbridge and is rocking the Design Quarterly 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 Westernly, NY. He is married and has three daughters: Lauren Elizabeth, Emma May, and Nuala Rose. He and his family live in Warwick, RI, and would love to hear from classmates! You can drop Aaron a note at aaronmckearney@yahoo.com.
Christina Noel Martin and husband Brian welcomed Lincoln Quincy Noel Martin, their third child, on 4/20. In Aug., Christina got together with Meghan Changelo Skillokat to catch up and to introduce the newest members of their families, Ame and Lincoln.
Drew Ravin and Samantha Chan '01 welcomed a new baby boy, Li'l, last winter. Avril, 6, and Yashe, 4, are happy to be big sisters. Drew also founded an ed-tech startup company, Elephant.is, with Sandra Quijoles '97. If you're interested in learning more (or even being part of the team), contact him at andrew@elephant.is.

1999
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In Sept., Heather Cote exhibited her mixed-media jewelry and collages at Serenka 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 gracестudioarts.com.

2000
Correspondents: Kate Stephenson, 54 Alpine Ferry Road, Unit 309, Waterford, CT 06385, ksteve7@hotms.com
Kristen Bell Farman and husband Tucker Farman '93 welcomed a son, Palmer James Farman, on 7/11. Big sister Lindsey is enjoying her new brother.
Larsya Gumowskij Rosemann lives in Arlington, VA, with her two adorable daughters, Gretchen, 5, 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 large-law firm lifestyle, and I find the work very rewarding."
Within the last two years, Abby Carter moved to Brooklyn, and switched offices. She is now director of marketing at H3 Hardy+Collinson.
Darlene Gallant Wyne and Sean Wyne proudly announce the arrival of daughter Harper Mae Wyne on 4/25. Big brother Hudson was thrilled to welcome her to their home in Philadelphia.

An essay by Jennifer De Leon '01, "Mapping Yolanda," was published in the Fall 2012 issue of the literary journal Ploughshares. De Leon's debut novel was the 2011 Fourth Genre Michael Steinberg Essay Prize, which is the editor of the upcoming anthology "Wise Latina: Writers on Higher Education." (University of Nebraska Press, 2013). Her work has appeared in Ms., Brier Cliff Review, Poets & Writers, Guernica, "The Best Women's Travel Writing 2010," and elsewhere, and she is working on a novel.

2001
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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 Beuslein in Alexandria, VA. Samuels in attendance were bridesmaid Bethany Mirabile, Jackie Greer, Sophie Archambault, Julia Hayden and Jocelyn Emslander Embrey.
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/nonprofit partnership. Next year, Kate will tackle western CT. Check out the route at www.eastcoastgreenway.org.
Roris 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. Student Management Fellowship 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 intensively rewarding experience. The acuity of cardiac...
care 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 12 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. to the Gulf to the Pacific to the Great Lakes. After his yearlong "retirement," he was taking a break from long-distance riding and trying to find a new place to live.

Douglas Kawka is in his third-year practicum rotation for his doctorate in psychology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in the oncology department.

Rachel Levin married Michael Buckler on 7/8 at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, N.J. Alysson Bregman, Caroline Foster, Alice Kelly and Julia Brown (associate director of CELS) attended. Rachel now lives in Washington, DC.

Kelly McCall Lane married Bryan Lane '06 on the beach at Garney's Inn in Montauk, NY, on 6/9. Attendees included Lauren Valtia, Abby L'Heureux, Meghan Lewis, Bethany Lucas, Jesse LaRusso, Matthew Coleman '07, Ted O'Had '05, Joseph Deck '06, Sarah Tacy Langradd '05, Ryan Jager '05, Michael Liozetti '08, Alexis Augsberger '06, Lizzy Lloyd '07 and Jake Henry '07.

Alexa Lynch works for a local investment bank in Santiago, Chile. She has been living in Chile for about two years.

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 Roccaglia '08, Dana Grande Bruscini, and the bride's aunt, Ann Jacobs Mooney '74.

Tegra Nuss took a month-long trip to Africa this summer with friends from junior year abroad and even rode a camel at the Egyptian pyramids.

Katherine Earle Guzman 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 USGID. 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 USGID's Feed the Future program.

2006

Correspondent: Julia Pintz Jacobson, julia.jacobson@gmail.com

Meghan Lucy '07, Kirsten Barton Geothert '05, Julia Bianco '07 and Erin Riley took 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.

Rich Young graduated with an M.B.A. from Georgetown's McDonough School of Management, class of '13. Last summer he was an investment bank in Santiago, Chile. His husband is the team leader for USGID's Feed the Future program.

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 9/8, he married Tracy Cis, 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.

Meghan 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, “Too Far Apart,” available at most digital music retailers (iTunes, etc.), along with Spotify. 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.

2007

Correspondent: Chris Reilly, chrisr@conncoll.edu

In July, Sarah Armstrong got together with Grant Hogan, Evan Piekara and Adam Robbins at a NESCA happy hour in Georgetown. They have all lived and worked in DC for the last few years — in government, nonprofits and consulting — and attended grad school. (Grant is finished; Evan is 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!”

Evan Piekara 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 Comics Editor-in-Chief Mike Picano ’04, Stefanie Weiss, Taylor Kopelan, Megan McCarthy, Carolyn Zurzolo ’06 and Laura Moraczewski ’06. 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.

Meaghan Seelaus married Jason Fitzgerald ’06 on 7/5/11 in PA. In attendance were Laura Bernardi, Addie Capaldi ’06, Cynthia Whitman ’06, Alissa Wantman, Ted Hubert ’06, Luca DiCaprioglio ’06, and hospital colleagues. He continued his education at the University of St. Andrews, where he earned a master’s degree in sustainable urban development from the U. of Peace in Costa Rica last year. He started a new job in his hometown as executive director of the Amherst Business Improvement District.

Bethany Lepone 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 Moore 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 Frankfort, 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. Last fall, she plans to create a farm and community retreat in VT with Misha Johnson.

A move from MA to IN, Elizabeth Bennett is now a humanities teacher and women’s hockey coach at Deerfield Academy.

2009

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Rick Hederstrom has been associate director and ethnobotanist at the Botanic Garden at Ken’s Kai Resort in Key Largo, FL, since Jan. ’11. The new botanic garden focuses on ethnobotany, Rick’s major. “It’s fantastic to have the opportunity to be a part of the beginnings of such an endeavor, especially since it ties so well to my college education.”

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

Christina Sloan 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 picked 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.

2010

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Michael Meade works at the Santa Fe Children’s Museum as part of the Youth Conservation Corps. Through the museum, he is improving the landscape, maintaining a bountiful vegetable garden, and running kids’ programs that inspire a greater connection with nature and understanding of the concepts of composting, food production and permaculture.

Courtney (Cookie) Smith lives in Dublin, OH, where she works in a physical therapy clinic within the OH Orthopedic Center of Excellence. She also plays ice hockey, soccer and lacrosse on adult leagues while coaching a high school women’s lacrosse team. Outside of work and sports, she has been taking classes as prerequisites for physician’s assistant school in hopes of attending in fall ’14.

Dave Alfonso lives in Somerville, MA, and is working on his memoir.

Grant Rigley leads a pack horse through some of the roughest country in WT over four days last summer, beginning in Damnation Basin and continuing for 23 miles back to Bear Creek. He rode bareback while guiding horses and encountered aizzly bear. He lives in Hanover, NH, and works at Dartmouth College researching Coli’s diseases.

Whitney Greene began veterinary school with Western U.’s class of ’16 in Pomona, CA.

Lizzie Baily married Matthias Wolf on 2/21 at the Hartwood Club in Forestburgh, NY. Lizzie met Matthias during her CSIRA internship in Madrid, Spain, in ’09. Melanie Bender and Wes Cohen ’07 were bridesmaids, while Alexandra Fettle, Kevin Berg, Jesse Lerch, Susan Matthews, Anne Brown, Mike Haviland, Charles Cochran and Erik Brownsworth attended. Lizzie and Matthias live in Boston with their dog, Butter. While Lizzie pursues her Ph.D. in organizational behavior at Harvard U.

Michael Antonietti 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 last fall, Alexis Levingood 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 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 Wieringa, translated from the Dutch by Sam Garrett. She also reads for One Story, teaches violin and plays in the New Amsterdam Symphony Orchestra.

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A caravan of Camels gathered on 7/14 at the Simsbury 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 Michelle Foulk Kiley ’84.

Jessica Bombarski-Bradly is finishing her M.S. 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, and ex-offenders who have been involved in domestic violence.

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

In the wake of impending climate change, Carra Cheslin spent the summer braving 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
Nicole LaConte was the author of an article about a newsworthy act in the school. She describes the act as multiplication being a tool to prepare for her second year in Teach for America. Carra feels privileged to provide environmental education programming to high-schoolers, and she is an alumna of the program.

Matthew Cannon attends American U. at the School for International Service in global environmental policy and is interning with Sen. Jack Reed (D).

Katherine McCarthy attends the Monterey Institute of International Relations, where she is working toward a master’s in international policy.

Siddharth Ratha is pursuing a law degree at the U. of Mumbai. He expects to obtain his LLB degree by the summer of ’14, after which he will be a qualified lawyer in India. He has yet to decide on his field of specialization. After that, he intends to do an LLM abroad, hopefully in the U.S.

Trevor Prophett completed a yearlong internship with Grassroot Soccer in South Africa, where he helped teach kids about HIV using soccer-based activities. Now finished with his internship, Trevor wants to stay in South Africa to chase his dreams of playing professional soccer.

Khadija Griffith was honored and thrilled to be a full-time cast member of the Off-Broadway show “Fuerza Bruta” in NYC. Khadija acted, performed aerial and water work, and did extensive running in this summer’s show. Some of many highlights included being interviewed by Xuxo, performing next to Askamen “A.J.” Jones, and training alongside and performing with a wide range of acrobats.

Julie Bergstein spent the summer as a counselor at 311 16-year-olds on a trip to Poland and Israel. Then she moved to Denver to work for the Starz Denver Film Festival, a two-week film festival in July.

Nick Assif moved to N.Y.C. and does stem-cell and cancer research at Wall Cornell Medical College.

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

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

Eliza Bryant summere: in MF and hoped to work on the congressional campaign of the independent Gov. Angus King. She and Zoe Diaz-Martin were accepted into Shell Wins (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 Memel, 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 Raimuto is earning an MFA in acting at the Actors Studio Drama School at Pace U. in NYC.

Sarah Fleck ’13

Javier Mijares before visiting Juan-Alexander Perles in Ecuador, where he started a job 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 Searra Joyce ’11.

Alicia Rea lives in Bangor, ME, as a counselor at N.Y.C. and is planning to move to NYC to pursue improv comedy.

Courtney Dwyer interned at Bancelot National Monument Park, NM, through Nov., working on several long-term ecological studies, including monitoring tree growth, bug diversity, air quality, hummingbird abundance and erosion rates within the park. For the next academic year, Alex Zarecki will lead a group of students 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)physiological 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 Oceane Cologne-Hamill, Adriactuneja, Karmen dela Carmen ‘14, Kristen Fraser ’10 and members from CO. He also hung out with NYC alumni, current LGBT students and Professor Mamani on Piro. He began work and graduate school full time in Aug.

Corey Ogilvy is a second-year law student at New York University School of Law. He is teaching at the Hartford Law School, where he plans to receive a law degree in the fall for graduate school.

Anakena Paddon 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.; and Amanda Smith ’13 in Santa Cruz, and Taylor Walsh ’13 in San Francisco. In Sept., she moved to London.

John McGregor headed to Paris with Lucas Chavira-Schramm to try for the European professional hockey teams. They wouldn’t know what to call home until after two weeks of tryouts and might have ended up anywhere from Germany to Italy, Sweden to Slovakia!

George David III moved to Manhattan to work at Rockefeller U. in the Alan 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 Searra Joyce ’11.

Jordann Empol Perez continued his search while traveling to Costa Rica and SC. He got summer gigs as a DJ in Boston, CT and NYC 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, a small college-preparatory day school. She also teaches a class and coaches two seasons of sports. She joins Alison Ament ’70 and Edward Lott ’92.

Shani Brown started dancing professionally with Kotchegy in NY and then entered the Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute. Over the summer, she was a receptionist and a dancer at Murray Hill Medical Group in NYC and interned at Going to Haiti Productions, a theater production company founded by Jessica Ammirati ’94.

Richard Worsman spent the summer working full time for the Arboretum and living with Clara Chaisson, Eliza Curtis and Evan Heilman, Emily Butera and lead other extracurricular activities with sixth- to eighth-grade girls in Memel, South Africa, starting in Jan.

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**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, information technology, legal, human resources and risk management. In recognition of her success, the Chicago chapter of Financial Executives International recently named her the 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 Gartner, 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 ballooning in Africa. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, nroweph, nieces and cousins.

Evelyn Gilbert Thornor '40 of Hollywood, Fla., died Dec. 10, 1011. An economics major, Evelyn was predeceased by her husband, Marvin, and survived by three daughters and four grandchildren.

Katherine "Kay" Ord McChesney '41 of Medford, Ore., died July 18. 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. 29. 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 Breekwool 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 "Moony" Harris and Donald A. Gest. Jane is survived by her two children, four grandchildren, three sisters and her siblings-in-law.

Ethel Schall Gockey '45 of Barrington, Mass., died Sept. 9. After earning her degree in chemistry, Ethel married U.S. Navy Capt. E. Warren Gockey (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, Mich., died July 1, 2012. 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 sisters and is survived by her sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Eleanore Stronm Leavitt '45 of Hilton Head Island, S.C., died Aug. 14. Eleanore, a botany major, went on to become a systems services representative with IBM. Eleanore 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 Schumann Chasnof '46 P'TI of Prairie Village, Kan., died Aug. 19. Anne, who majored in history, met her husband, Joseph Edwin Chasnoff, on a blind date her freshman year. After retiring from Chasnoff'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. Anne is survived by her daughters, a son and five grandchildren.

Marimaine "Baby" Newbold Rublee Parthenais '52 of Lake Wales, Fla., died Sept. 1. Bunny, a history major, worked in intelligence for the U.S. government before moving with her family to Panama. There she worked for the Department of Defense. Noted as one of the leading intelligence analysts, Bunny received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service in 1988. She is survived by her husband, Walter, and is survived by five sons and nine grandchildren.

Lois Townsend '53 of Danvers, Mass., died June 21. Lois loved traveling, hiking, mountain climbing, reading and genealogy. An economics major, she was an active member of the Danvers (Maine) Historical Society and the First Church in Swampscott. She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law and six grandchildren.


Katherine Webster Kurz '54 of Amherst, 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 runner, Jennifer realized a lifelong dream when she opened her own yarn shop in March 2011. Jennifer is survived by her husband, Bryan E.M. Harter; two sons, her mother, Patricia Kendall Boyd '54 P'93; her brother, sister-in-law and nephews. Her grandmother, Shirley Deveraux Kendall '40 P'64, predeceased her.

Sofie Chornovitsky 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 literature until 2006. She was an active member of the Jewish community, volunteering at Congregation Beth El 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.

Maritime Appley, former chair of the psychology department, died at the age of 50 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 Hunkdahl Appley, two sons, three stepchildren, five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

CC: Magazine requires an official, printed obituary for all death notices listed in the magazine and online. To view extended obituaries or submit information to the College about alumni who have died, visit the Class Notes section of the Alumni Online Community at www.conncoll.edu/alumni.
Kenneth Kabel ’76 P’12 named president of the Alumni Association Board

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.

#CamelPride @ConnCollAlums

Share your #CamelPride with fellow alumni on the new, official Twitter account @ConnCollAlums. 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@conncoll.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 place 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 Areualo ’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.

REUNION 2013
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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/.
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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It's going to be an unforgettable weekend. Watch your mail for Reunion 2013 details.

Visit www.conncoll.edu/alumni/programs-events/reunion for more information or see page 87 in this magazine.

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