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Margaret Worthen ’06’s long road back

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On the Cover Tiffany Montague ’96, photographed at Google’s campus in Mountain View, California, by Leah Fasten
ON AN AFTERNOON in May 2006, just a couple of weeks before graduation, the news came out of the dean’s office: a young woman had been found unconscious in her room in Ducket House, having apparently suffered a debilitating stroke. Her name was Margaret Worthen (Maggie, to friends). She was a Spanish major. A senior.

The news hit the entire campus hard, especially as her fellow seniors began prepping for the biggest celebration of their Smith careers. Days later, at Commencement, Maggie’s classmates wore blue ribbons on their gowns to honor her and recognize her achievements, and her name was read as a member of the class of 2006.

Ever since then, our thoughts have occasionally returned to Maggie, wondering how she was. When we approached her mother, Nancy, last summer about doing a story about Maggie, she was thrilled and, as she said, “honored” to know that we still cared about her daughter. She quickly invited writer Debra Michals to spend some time with her and Maggie, who since that day in May four years ago has been living—unable to speak or eat on her own—at a rehabilitation center in Massachusetts. But, as Debra quickly discovered, there was a lot more to the story than that. Nancy has never given up on her daughter, even as doctors were telling her to let Maggie go and move on with her life. “I couldn’t do it,” Nancy says. “I am her mother; she is my daughter—a person. I had to try everything for her.”

Our story, which begins on page 36, takes you inside Maggie’s world—not necessarily the one her mother dreamed for but the one they now share—and brings to life the challenges and triumphs of the past four years. The good news is that Nancy’s dogged pursuit of more and better treatment—and her never-ending faith in her daughter’s fighting spirit—is slowly beginning to pay off in profound ways. Theirs is a story of hope and faith and devotion. I hope you find it as moving and inspiring as I did.

Enjoy your holiday season.

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I am saddened to learn that there will no longer be regular religious services held at Helen Hills Hills Chapel (“Spirit of Change,” Summer 2010). The small Smith Catholic community, our liturgies, and my relationship with Catholic chaplain Judith O’Connell were formative to my adult Catholic identity.

Being part of a congregation made almost entirely of women was empowering and led me to seek other strong, progressive, faith-filled women in the succeeding decades. It’s unlikely any of this would have occurred had I been attending a Northampton parish.

I wish Dean Jennifer Walters, Spirituality in Action, and the Smith community peace, inspiration, and wisdom as they chart a new path for the chapel and religious/spiritual life on campus. While cherishing memories of my relationship with Helen Hills Hills Chapel, the chaplains, and other students who helped me with my own spiritual journey, I hope that current and future students find similar help and support.

Joanne Corey ’82
Vestal, NY

Unfair characterization
I feel compelled to respond to the negative comments of Nancy Nathan Hair ’70 [Readers Write, Summer 2010]. When she was at Smith, I was there, too, as a member of the Class of ’69 who could never have considered attending Smith without the generous financial aid that I received. I never thought of myself as either “poor” or as a “scholarship supplicant,” and I can honestly say that not once in my four years did I feel the “squeeze” of a financial aid “stick.” On the contrary, I felt that my scholarship was an honor and a validation of the ability and promise that my life held.

Not once did Theodora Foster direct my course selection; there was no special course selection catalog for scholarship students. Mrs. Foster and the Financial Aid Office expected (I think the term was) “good standing,” not necessarily A’s, and I was never “encouraged to take the easiest classes.” That suggestion would probably not sit well with any of my classmates who studied constitutional law with Leo Weinstein or Russian literature with Helen Muchnic. The insinuation that my college experience was somehow compromised by my scholarship award is both inaccurate and insulting.

I am further offended by the unfair and negative characterization of Mrs. Foster. She was an attractive, dignified, professional woman whose efforts made it possible for me to attend one of the finest colleges in the country.

Mary Shaughnessy Whitaker ’69
Lunenburg, MA

Changing attitudes
It was uplifting to see the article “Redefining normal” [Summer 2010]. As an alumna born intersexed and who changed genders after graduating from Smith, I had transitioned with no problems except for my dealings with the administration and registrar’s office at Smith. After paying a lawyer I did receive a new diploma, although not official, from the college with my new name. I even chose a gender-neutral name out of respect to the school and not wanting to bring any negative attention to those who still are proud to have gone to an all-women’s college. It was a relief to know that there is an alumna who is researching this issue and trying to change people’s negative view of intersexed individuals in our culture.

Thanks, Elizabeth Reis ’80.
Carson Taylor ’04 (formerly Sherry Taylor)
Centralla, WA

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Megan Connolly ’00 and her sister offer innovative ways to learn about contemporary Chinese art

A force in China’s art scene

Megan Connolly ’00 photographed at 798 Art Zone, Beijing’s unique arts community, in October.
ARTIST PROFILE

MAGAZINE has called them two of the most influential and cutting-edge curators in contemporary Asia. *LifeStyle* magazine has said that nearly every established artist and art dealer in Beijing knows them. They’re the sister-and-sister team of Megan Connolly ’00 and KC Vienna Connolly, the self-described expat “New York City gals” behind a two-year-old Beijing-based art venture called ChART Contemporary.

Megan majored in a combination of East Asian studies, East Asian languages and literatures, and contemporary Chinese art at Smith and by age 21 was managing a TriBeCa gallery specializing in contemporary Chinese art; KC is a working artist—a sculptor—whose creativity complements her sister’s business sense, Megan says. Bringing together art and people is ChART’s stated mission, and the sisters have set about achieving that goal in hybrid ways, some for profit, some not.

Art tours are their bread and butter. In a twist on beginner, intermediate, and advanced, ChART offers “Curious,” “Committed,” and “Fanatic” tours, depending on one’s level of interest in contemporary Chinese art and culture. The insider tours have already generated an impressive list of big-name clients, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and *The New York Times*.

The sisters are also making their mark as curators with experimental initiatives like ChART’s ongoing “Open House” series, which commissions and showcases—for one day only—new work by an emerging artist from a city other than Beijing or Shanghai in a space that’s for rent, for sale, abandoned, or due to be demolished. “Space comes and goes so quickly in Beijing,” Megan says, that ChART’s “hit-and-run” approach to art exhibition makes sense.

China’s “new cultural golden age,” as Megan calls it, has made it possible for ChART to grow rapidly. The sisters have already added modern architecture and design tours to their offerings, and they’re full of ideas for future exhibitions and other projects. All of which is “really exciting,” Megan says.

—Christina Barber-Just

MORE: chartcontemporary.com

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**EDUCATION**

Different Learners: Identifying, Preventing, and Treating Your Child’s Learning Problem  
Jane M. Healy ’56  
Simon & Schuster, 2010  
$26  
A practical, comprehensive guide for parents on how to maximize their children’s potential.

Lessons Amid the Rubble: An Introduction to Post-Disaster Engineering and Ethics  
Sarah Pfefferleher ’88  
The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2010  
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Exploring the future of engineering education in the United States after the collapse of the World Trade Center towers.

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Laura Trice ’90  
Running Press Book Publishers, 2010  
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The University of Pennsylvania Press, 2010  
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Ida O. Abbott ’69  
West, 2010  
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Wild Unrest: Charlotte Perkins Gilman and the Making of “The Yellow Wallpaper”  
Helen Lefkowitz Horowitz, professor emeritus, American studies  
Oxford University Press, 2010  
$24.95  
Portait of writer and feminist Gilman, including insights into her book that chronicles her mental breakdown.
Jamie Spooner ’87 became a long-distance caregiver when her mother called from across the country to say her father had not been out of bed that week. Spooner helped usher her father from hospitalization to assisted living to what would become a graceful death at home.

Right from the beginning, Spooner, a Website developer from San Francisco, turned to the Internet for help on everything from legal matters to health insurance to resources for emotional support. “I was finding pretty generic information,” she said, “and a lot of Websites that were difficult to use. When you’re a caregiver, you’re in a very stressful mode. You want information fast.”

In the aftermath of her own family crisis, in 2009 Spooner decided to launch icarevillage.com, a comprehensive resource for elder care geared toward spouses and middle-aged children. The Website provides practical information on common concerns such as Alzheimer’s disease, Medicare, and health-care facilities. It also offers a pay-as-you-go consultation service with health experts—a virtual doctor’s office—and a series of video interviews with remarkable seniors, which she calls “Wisdom of Elders Across America.”

What are the biggest surprises for those who find themselves as caregivers for family members? I think the biggest surprise is how much work it really is. My father had an in-home health aide who came twice a week, but my 82-year-old mother was still cutting up his pills and making sure he was fed three times a day. My father was prone to falling, so she was concerned about leaving the house—even to get groceries—for fifteen minutes. For a year and a half as a caregiver, she had practically no ability to leave the house.

How can icarevillage.com guide caregivers? We offer advice on how to get help, including respite help, which is important. The Website also helps give people a sense of community. When you watch other caregivers in our videos, you think, “What a relief, I don’t feel alone anymore.”

How can children prepare themselves to care for aging parents? Make sure all the legal paperwork is in order, and that you talk to your parents about their wills and trusts, to make sure they are taken care of while they’re still lucid. Also, make sure you understand what your parent wants for the days they will require care. They may have saved money and want someone to live in their home. Or they may choose to go into an assisted-living facility and have a particular place in mind.

How does America compare with other countries in caring for elders? Unlike fifty or sixty years ago, families are scattered, which makes it harder for the older generation to be taken care of where they live. In Hispanic and Asian cultures, I see intergenerational living where the grandparents are living with family members, and they’re taken better care of. I’m not trying to be puritanical; I live 3,000 miles from my mother. I think it’s a challenge on both sides.

Parting thoughts? The whole undercurrent of icarevillage.com is about creating reverence for the older generation. If we treat our elders with more dignity, we’ll create a more compassionate society. —Karen D. Brown

Photograph by Leah Fasten
For Phoebe Potts ’92 and her husband, four years of fertility treatments yielded nothing but a depressing tally: three unsuccessful artificial inseminations, four failed in vitro fertilizations, and at least five miscarriages. Potts, an artist, decided to tell her story in the form of a graphic memoir, and Publishers Weekly gushed that the result, Good Eggs (Harper, 2010), offers as many laughs as it does insights. Potts reflects here on her fertility odyssey and the unique book that ensued.

THE TITLE It was helpful for me to take stock of what was happy and healthy in my life during fertility treatments, so I thought about where I had it good: my husband, my family, my friends, my work. Knowing I had these “good eggs” eclipsed any shame I might feel thanks to diagnoses like “poor egg quality.”

“COMING OUT” ABOUT INFERTILITY It never occurred to me to be silent about infertility. But then I guess I’m not silent about much. It would be wonderful if my story encouraged people to talk, and to not feel ashamed of their fertility struggles.

DRAWING FOR CATHARSIS Drawing about my struggles with infertility was a way to have some control over my immediate destiny when I didn’t feel like I had any; it was a means to create when I couldn’t procreate.

HAPPY ENDINGS In Good Eggs I tell about trying to fill a baby-shaped hole in my life, and what I find is that life is a rich and complicated pudding. But here’s the spoiler: We are currently deep into the adoption process. I like to think the ending is hopeful and redemptive. —Christina Barber-Just

MORE: phoebepotts.com
Tiffany Montague ’96 is Google’s ‘commander of the universe’

**NAME**
Tiffany Montague ’96

**SMITH MAJOR**
Computer science, with a minor in economics

**CURRENT JOB**
Officially, Montague is a business development manager in Google’s New Business Development group, but the title on her business card reads “Intergalactic Federation King Almighty and Commander of the Universe.” Google employees get to express themselves on their cards, Montague says.

**WHAT SHE DOES**
Montague manages two major space-related projects: Google’s relationship with NASA (“government space”) and the Google Lunar X PRIZE (“commercial space”). Google Moon, Google Mars, and Google Sky—all features of the mapping program Google Earth—came largely out of Google’s collaboration with NASA, which Montague spearheaded. The Google Lunar X PRIZE is an international competition for privately funded teams to send a robotic rover to the moon. At $30 million, it’s the largest incentive prize ever offered, Montague says.

**CAREER PATH**
Montague finished school early in her native United Kingdom and enrolled at Smith at age 16 with dreams of going to space as a NASA astronaut. To that end, she spent all four of her Smith years in the Reserve Officers’ Training Program (ROTC) at the University of Massachusetts and joined the Air Force as soon as she graduated. She rose to the rank of captain during her nine-year military career, which peaked with a stint doing high-altitude flight test engineering for the National Reconnaissance Office. She abandoned her astronautical aspirations when she started working for Google in 2005 (“I realized I could influence the space business in other ways”) but still has every intention of going to space, perhaps as a commercial explorer: “I absolutely will get there someday.”

**WANT HER JOB?**
To get ahead in the male-dominated fields of space exploration and the military, Montague advises cultivating a strong personality. Be outspoken, say what’s on your mind, and don’t tiptoe around anything.

**THE LAST WORD**
“Google is famous for thinking big and doing things that can change humanity,” Montague says. “I couldn’t have a better job.” —Christina Barber-Just

**MORE:** voicesfromspace.blogspot.com
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On going into space herself Montague says, “I absolutely will get there someday.”
A nonprofit management consultant in the Boston area, Andrea Shapiro ’88 had long been perplexed by the fact that shelters and other organizations serving the homeless and poor in her Massachusetts community had “piles and piles” of donated clothing but no efficient means to sort, store, and distribute them to those in need. “They were accepting donations but were not really able to manage them,” Shapiro says. She decided to take on the challenge and create a “new and different” clothing-donation program—Second Chances.

Since 2005, when it received nonprofit status, Second Chances has collected more than 200,000 pounds of used clothing, co-sponsored more than 150 clothing drives, and donated almost $50,000 worth of clothes, shoes, accessories, and gift cards to some 1,600 homeless and low-income people in Cambridge and Somerville. Recipients have a range of needs. “For some it’s just making it through the winter,” Shapiro says, “and for others it’s getting a job.”

So, how is Second Chances “new and different”? It’s practically invisible in that it works through existing service providers, such as homeless shelters. Local business and property owners provide storage space for the clothing, and Second Chances volunteers do all the sorting and delivery to the appropriate agencies, which then distribute the clothes. It utilizes social media to get the word out about clothing drives and other events, and boasts a high level of volunteer labor and involvement. Although Second Chances has a ten-year goal of expanding into Greater Boston, it plans to stay small and focused—and hopefully serve as a model for other nonprofits. “I really believe in what we’re doing,” Shapiro says. “That’s what makes me excited about this.”

—Christina Barber-Just

MORE: secondchances.org
TO MARK THE thirty-fifth anniversary of New England’s only master of fine arts in dance, graduates of the program are returning to Smith this year to teach classes, create choreography, and perform. It’s a fitting way to celebrate a program that its graduates credit with deepening their artistry as dancers, choreographers, and teachers.

“Walking into the studios at Smith, my senses were reawakened,” recalls Cathy Nicoli, MFA ’04, of entering the two-
year program after she had already danced professionally and founded her own dance company. “Often I feel that ‘working’ artists aren’t necessarily ‘learning’ artists.”

MFA students find creative inspiration for their own dancing and choreography, and as teaching fellows they, in turn, inspire Smith undergrads—thousands of them over the years, in popular technique classes, like hip-hop, jazz, and tribal fusion, that are often overenrolled.

“It adds tremendously to the Smith community to have the MFA dance program here,” says dance department chair Susan Waltner, who helped launch the MFA in 1976. The tiny program—it accepts only four new students a year—has a disproportionate effect on the campus. “About 425 undergrads per semester take a dance class. Having MFA students greatly increases the classes we can offer,” Waltner says.

The MFA program’s anniversary also draws attention to how college-level dance has evolved. Before there was such a thing as a dance department at Smith, dancers performed their jetés and pirouettes as part of the physical education department and learned choreography as a theater class. Graduate students in dance got an MS in physical education. By extension, faculty members were hired not by other dancers but by, say, soccer and basketball coaches. “Dance is an art form, not a sport,” said Waltner of the arrangement.

By the mid-1970s, dance was thriving at Smith, and when the physical education department reorganized, jeopardizing the graduate dance program, Waltner seized the opportunity for change.

“A bunch of us in the Five College dance community said, ‘We have these thriving little departments, all as part of PE departments. Wouldn’t it be great to combine forces and create a stronger collective body to make decisions about dance programs?’” Waltner recalls. President Thomas Mendenhall supported a combined Five College dance department, which would also include a master of fine arts dance program to be based at Smith.

Dancer Rebecca Nordstrom, MFA ’79, who teaches at Hampshire College, was part of the inaugural class of MFA dance students. “I had stumbled into a job teaching college dance, but I felt I was about a half a step ahead of my students,” she said. “I had been auditing classes in modern dance with Susan [Waltner] and I knew that this new MFA program was an exciting moment. And the timing was perfect for me. I was a teach-
ing fellow, so I got to hone my skills as a teacher.”

Last month, Nordstrom and her classmate Virginia Scholl, MFA ‘79, joined forces again at Smith to create a dance for a special MFA alumni concert in November.

Also performing was Cathy Nicoli, MFA ‘04, who created a new dance for the seven undergrads in her fall intermediate repertory course. For Nicoli, Smith was a respite of sorts from her work as a professional dancer and choreographer. “I saw Smith as a retreat: two years of not worrying about promoting myself or the company, two years of not worrying how to have the company make payroll,” Nicoli said. Now, as an adjunct professor of dance for the Five College dance department and for Keene State College, she notes that advanced dance degrees are playing a greater role for dance instructors. “It is a growing trend that an MFA is needed to earn a living as a dance educator,” she says. “I think the program is benefiting from this trend.”

Indeed, MFA graduates are teaching at colleges, universities, and secondary schools around the world, including Hampshire, Williams, and Middlebury colleges, Boston Latin, and Wake Forest University. They’ve also used their talent to found dance companies, work as choreographers, and, of course, become performers in celebrated dance companies, such as Bebe Miller and Doug Elkins. Outside the United States, MFA dancers are living and working in Ireland, Portugal, the Middle East, Taiwan, the Dominican Republic, and other countries.

The yearlong anniversary celebration will continue March 3–5, with choreography by Katie Martin, MFA ‘10, for current MFA students as part of the Five College Dance Department Faculty Concert to be presented at Mount Holyoke College’s new dance theater.

Nordstrom, who is marking her own thirtieth year as a dance instructor at Hampshire College, remains enthusiastic about the MFA program, saying, “It’s a little jewel in the midst of this big Five College dance department.”—EG

SOPHIA SMITH COLLECTION

ORIGINAL COSMO GIRL COMES TO CAMPUS

Helen Gurley Brown celebrated for her cultural influence

WITH HER BLACK suit, pearls, and flawlessly styled hair, Helen Gurley Brown at age 88 appeared every bit the Cosmo girl as she sat, surrounded by scores of admiring professors and students, at a campus gathering in her honor. The celebration in September at the Sophia Smith Collection, where her papers are housed, paid tribute to the longtime editor of Cosmopolitan magazine and author of the 1962 book Sex and the Single Girl.

The afternoon included a lecture by English Professor Richard Millington about Brown’s reinvention of womanhood, a short film on her life, and a panel discussion about Brown’s wide-reaching influence. “Sex and the Single Girl opened me up to women as subjects, as actors in the sexual revolution,” said Amanda Izzo ’99, former student archivist for the Sophia Smith Collection, of Brown’s controversial self-help guide that emphasized the benefits of unmarried life. “She changed the media and indeed how women think about themselves.”

Panelists, including Commencement author Courtney Sullivan ’03, enthusiastically agreed that Brown is and always was a feminist. Her work and vision are so compatible with Smith that both Izzo and President Carol Christ dubbed her an “honorary Smithie.”

And it seems that Smith has inspired Brown, too. During the event, Kim St. Clair Boddren, vice president and executive director of Hearst Magazines International, announced that Brown—who had not been able to attend college and had wondered what it would have been like to be a Smithie—was making a donation to the Ada Comstock Scholars Program.

At the end of the event, Brown stood up to offer her thanks. “It’s amazing, the room is full of so many people!” she proclaimed in surprise, adding, “You’re all so attractive!”—ZG ’13

Lecture Circuit

“On behalf of the faculty, I wish you a wild year, and to borrow from another great poet, Jamaican-American Sean Kingston, ‘Somebody call 911; Smithies keep that fire on the dance floor!’”

—FLOYD CHEUNG, associate professor of English language and literature, Opening Convocation, John M. Greene Hall, September 6

“That spark of understanding and inspiration that teachers and students share—these moments happen daily and start children on the path of lifelong learning. We can’t rest until every school and every classroom is a place where magical moments happen daily for our children.”

—THELMA MELÉNDEZ DE SANTA ANA, assistant secretary for elementary and secondary education, US Department of Education, keynote address for Otelia Cromwell Day, Sweeney Auditorium, October 26

“At Smith I had all these great internships, so I thought, ‘Oh, the working world is great!’ But then when I applied to the job, I found out you get better work as an intern than at a real job.”

—BROOK HOPKINS ’02, former special assistant to Elena Kagan, speaking about the Office of the Solicitor General, Nielson Browsing Room, September 16

“The greatest gift we can give to ourselves is the liberty not only to listen to the greater voice within yourself but to act on it. This is the simplest kind of freedom and the most sacred form of power.”

TWO-WHEELING FOR FUN AND IDEALISM

Students, faculty embrace cycling for its good exercise, zero emissions

Bicycles of every style and vintage regularly cram the bike rack outside of Ford Hall, and from one end of campus to the other, bikes are locked to fences, trees, and stair rails outside of academic buildings and houses. The student-run Bicycle Kitchen rented all fifty of its bikes in the first two weeks of school and had a waiting list of twenty. A new Cycling Club started up last spring.

Bicycling may not have been this popular on campus since the fitness-induced surge of cycling in the 1970s. “I’ve seen a significant rise in biking at Smith,” said James Lowenthal, an astronomy professor and avid cyclist. “Nationally, biking is way up.”

It’s not hard to imagine why bikes and students are made for each other. Bicycles are a perfect mode of transportation for those who are concerned about the environment, their health, or their pocketbook; in short, your average college student. “My interest in biking has grown tremendously in the last several years,” said Colby Singleton ’11, a co-manager of Bicycle Kitchen. “I feel great after riding, and not just physically. I’m depending on myself to get around, and that feels empowering.”

Competitive racer and Cycling Club President Emily Curry ’12 concurs. “The tranquility and empowering nature of a bike ride is something that I would like to share with anyone who can ride on two wheels,” she said. Further, she hopes to spark campus interest in competitive cycling. “I feel very strongly that women should have a strong presence in cycling events and would love to have Smith’s name on the back of a jersey.”

Across the country, bicycling is enjoying the attention of a devoted cadre of advocates, who are pushing institutions to make cycling an easier, more attractive option for students, commuters, and recreational riders. At Smith, faculty members are smoothing the path in a number of ways.

A few years ago, Nicholas Horton, associate professor of math and statistics, created a group, Friends of Northampton Trails and Greenways, that is devoted to improving and promoting the local rail trails and bike paths. One of its projects is a detailed map of bike paths in the area and how they link to one another. The map incorporates GIS specialist Jon Caris’ expertise in satellite mapping technology, data collection by Hannah Kegley ’12, and the cartographic skills of Ella Hartenian ’11, a bike enthusiast and STRIDE scholar. The group has so
The poet’s ROOM

One of the first things students learn when they’re assigned a room in Lawrence House is that the stately, red-brick building on Green Street was also where Sylvia Plath ’55 lived, studied, and wrote poetry for her last two years as a Smith student. Little more is known, but the stories told to first-year students abound. Plath lived near the back staircase to the third floor. She attempted suicide in a third-floor maintenance closet. Whatever the truth, Lawrence residents embrace the legacy of Plath’s tragic story as part of their house identity. Every Convocation, Lawrencians march to John M. Greene Hall clad in black in Plath’s honor.

Emily Frontiere ’12J heard the Plath stories when she transferred to Smith in 2009, accompanied by her mother, Robin Braun Frontiere AC ’86. “I thought it was interesting,” Emily said, “but my mom flipped out. She said, ‘You have to figure out which room she lived in.’”

Her mother’s enthusiasm inspired Frontiere to begin her quest. She started with a visit to the College Archives, where she found a student directory from 1954–55 that listed Plath’s name next to what looked like a room number. Room 293, she quickly discovered, no longer exists at Lawrence. Undeterred, Frontiere contacted Facilities Management for the Lawrence floor plan from the 1950s. Still no luck; apparently Lawrence never had a room 293.

She returned to the archives and began poring over boxes filled with materials about Lawrence House. Then, with an inappropriate shout, she found what she was looking for: a house roster with Plath’s name in her own hand. “The archivists were mad at me, but then they got excited when they saw what I’d found,” Frontiere said. In an essay about her search, Frontiere wrote, “‘Her bold, block print stood out starkly from the other cursive entries, impossible to miss. Right there, next to her name, was the room number 4. A quick glance at the floor plans for the house showed that room 4 corresponds to the current room 217.’”

Her discovery upends house lore. Sylvia Plath spent her senior year in a small room on the second floor of Lawrence, not the third. To Emily Frontiere’s delight, Plath’s old room is directly across the hall from her own, and has an identical floorplan.

Her goal now is to have an official plaque and an official shout, which, if approved, would be the first time a famous alumna’s room was memorialized in a student residence at Smith. Frontiere admits she’s not a huge Plath fan—“her work is a little dark for me”—but she recognizes her standing as a major poet. “I thought it was totally cool to live in her house,” she said.—EG

NEW LETTERS, A NEW HONOR

Less than a year before she committed suicide in 1963, Sylvia Plath ’55 wrote to a friend about the isolation and challenges of motherhood, the breakdown of her marriage, and her opinion that her soon-to-be-published novel, The Bell Jar, was “amateur.”

The letters are addressed to Clarissa Roche, the wife of Smith poet and translator Paul Roche. Clarissa died in 2004 at the age of 73, and her daughter, Pandora Roche Smith, recently donated the unpublished letters to Smith, where they will be added to the Sylvia Plath Collection in the Mortimer Rare Book Room and made available to visitors upon request.

The announcement about the new letters coincided with Sylvia Plath’s official induction in November into the Poets’ Corner, where she joins the likes of American poets Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, and W.H. Auden, at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. Karen Kukil, associate curator of special collections at Smith and editor of The Unabridged Journals of Sylvia Plath, spoke as part of a program celebrating Plath’s induction.
smth prepared a full platter of tempting offerings as part of a Pioneer Valley-wide menu of exhibitions around the theme “Table for 10.” The multisite show was organized by Museums10, a collaboration of museums and galleries around the area.

At the Smith College Museum of Art, Emily Eveleth ’83’s sensual, supersize paintings of jam-filled doughnuts got tastebuds watering through the summer. Until Jan. 2, Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons’ site-specific installation Sugar/Bittersweet explores her family connection to the Cuban sugar trade and slavery. At the Mortimer Rare Book Room on the third floor of Neilson Library, Cabinet of Culinary Curiosities, which continues through Jan. 20, includes books and manuscripts with images and descriptions of food and dining from the sixteenth century onward. Included is a tribute to 1934 classmates and famed cooks Julia McWilliams Child and Charlotte Turgeon.

Child and Turgeon were further remembered at a gala tribute in their honor, The French Connection, at the Hotel Northampton in November.

Other “Table for 10” events included an Emily Dickinson baking contest, an exhibition on the feeding habits of dinosaurs at the Amherst Museum of Natural History, open-hearth cooking demonstrations at Historic Deerfield, and art-themed dinners at Amherst College.
On Decatur Macpherson ’13’s side of the room on the second floor of Parsons House, a flashing pink strand of lights hangs over a vibrant pink chair; her walls are covered in pink cutouts of hearts and music notes. On Tenzing Khendu ’13’s side hangs a Tibetan flag, origami cranes, and an image of Gandhi.

One room, two very distinctive personalities. When they moved in last year as first-year strangers, the differences were jarring: Decatur’s bright pinks didn’t blend with Tenzing’s dark earth tones. But the two were so successful as roommates that they signed on for another year together. Now as sophomores, they’ve toned down their colors so they harmonize.

Still, each roommate’s identity shines through. Decatur uses pictures of friends and family, and bright colors—especially pink—to remind her of her home in sunny California. “Pink was always my favorite color,” Decatur says. “I wanted my room to be bright not only because it expresses my personality, but also because it keeps the room cheery when the weather turns cold.”

For Tenzing, who was born in India of Tibetan heritage, her room reflects her cultural individuality. “Coming to Smith knowing it’s a very diverse place, it’s easy to lose yourself, to lose your language and culture,” she explains. “I have a Tibetan flag so that every time I wake up I am reminded of who I am. This is one small way for me to not blend in, and to keep my identity alive.”

The roommates’ approach to their room also reflects the concordant nature of their personalities. “I always encourage Tenzing to take a well-deserved break when she’s been working hard,” Decatur says, “and she always pushes me to persevere with my work when it gets too daunting. I think we definitely complement each other.”—ZG ’13
It's no surprise that the November 1943 Quarterly is filled with stories of the hardship, toil, and tragedy of war, but writers also note something else: the sense of community, perseverance, and hope that difficult times can produce. Describing her arrival in North Africa to do secretarial work for the Red Cross during World War II, Virginia Blanchard ’38 writes: “Coming into port was indescribable. It was late afternoon and the scenery and coastline were striking; we felt we were living on a mountain peak, and the people who are afraid to take the final leap and stay at home in this war miss all this and heaven, too. . . . The world becomes divided into two groups, those who have listened with tin hats on and gas masks over the shoulder to the thud of bombs and seen the late evening sky lighted up with tracer bullets—and those who have not. I am now a 'have.' The civilian at home may feel sorry for the soldier abroad but the soldier feels infinitely more sorry for the civilian. . . . Nobody wants to go home till it's over and although home seems very sacred and wonderful, when the peace is signed a whole horde of people will be afflicted with incurable wanderlust.”—JF

**BOTANIC GARDEN**

**Battling the invasives**

*Students volunteer to rid campus of aggressive plants*

**ON A CHILLY SUNDAY** morning in October, ten student volunteers joined conservationists from the New England Wildflower Society to eliminate invasive plant species growing on the banks of the Mill River. The target that day was Japanese knotweed, a plant with hollow, bamboo-like stems that’s said to be one of the hundred most aggressive invasive plants on earth.

Gabrielle Immerman, laboratory instructor in biology, was responsible for getting students involved in the project, both over the summer as interns and during the year as volunteers. Interns Angela Oliverio ’12 and Brittany Innis ’13 began the project over the summer by tagging invasive plants with colored flags noting their location with a GPS unit to create a digital map of the invasive plants in the area.

On this morning, student volunteers continued the project by wading through the bushes near the Mill River, equipped with gloves and clippers, cutting the Japanese knotweed down to a height of about three feet. The conservationists then used ketchup bottles to deliver precise doses of glyphosate into the hollow necks of the plant. This herbicide is only toxic to the plant it touches.

So why bother eliminating invasive plant species? “Invasive species crowd out native species, which are the food source for native wildlife,” Immerman explained. “The loss of native plant species creates a loss of habitat for native animal species.”—ZG ’13
A private lunch in a Baroque palace in Sicily, a reception in a Belle Epoque mansion in France, a three-night stay in an alumna’s seventeenth-century hacienda in the Andes, a tour through the English countryside in the company of Victorian-literature scholar and Smith President Carol Christ—these are some of the custom touches that come with trips that we call Uniquely Smith. These trips include experiences that would be impossible to arrange on your own.

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In 1913, two women leaders in the American social reform movement, Helen B. Montgomery (Wellesley 1884) and Lucy W. Peabody, set out to inspect foreign missions. From that trip came an idea: they would raise money for seven recently founded women's colleges in Asia by pairing them with seven American sisters. There was some overlap with the Seven Sisters group with which we are familiar today, independently initiated five years later, but the goal of the earlier group was distinct: to support the development of women's colleges in Asia through partnerships with American women's colleges. Smith's partner was Ginling College in Nanjing, a connection that lasted more than three decades. There was a Ginling representative in every Smith club in America. In some years, the college and its alumnae were estimated to have provided one quarter of Ginling's annual budget.

The international engagement of women's colleges in the early decades of the twentieth century had its roots in missionary work. An important focus of this work was establishing schools for girls. The arguments used were startlingly similar to those invoked by girls education activists today. In her 1910 best-selling book *Western Women in Eastern Lands*, Helen Montgomery argued that schools for girls are “the mightiest lever for overturning low, contemptuous, and tyrannical ideas and customs concerning women,” that they are effective in postponing marriage and furthering better physical development, and that they train “the leaders of the future.”

Girls’ education around the world was strongly tied to women's colleges. More than 150 Mount Holyoke graduates served as founders, presidents, principals, or teachers in girls’ schools and women's colleges outside the United States in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Many early presidents of Asian women's colleges were Seven Sisters alumnae. Susan Searle (Wellesley 1881) served as president of Kobe College, succeeded by Charlotte DeForest (Smith 1901). Alice Appenzeller (Wellesley 1909) led Ewha College. Matilda Thurston (Mount Holyoke 1896) served as president of Ginling College. Tsuda Umeko (Bryn Mawr 1892) returned to her native Japan to found Tsuda College.

Women’s colleges provided an early model for creating schools abroad
connections far better—pioneering study-abroad programs and a deep involvement in efforts to promote international organizations, such as the International Federation of University Women. Yet the connection of the Sister colleges to institutions in Asia has much to teach us today, as we try to understand both how we can advance educational equity across the globe and how we can best teach our students to acquire a perspective beyond that of Europe.

An important step toward women’s educational equity was the 2004 founding, by Mount Holyoke and Smith, of Women’s Education Worldwide, a collaborative organization linking more than fifty women’s colleges and universities on five continents. In the United States, women’s colleges have a long and demonstrated history of developing leaders. We have excellent campuses and facilities. We have worldwide networks of well-placed alumnae. We have the capacity to educate international students, and resources to support those with financial need. In turn, our international counterparts have much to teach us, through the astute ways in which they connect vocational and traditional education, in the prominence they give to engineering and science in the education of all students, and in the different understandings they have of political priorities for women.

A remarkable number of women’s colleges are being founded—in the Middle East, in south Asia, in Africa. There is a growing sense of urgency about women’s education. The reasons are clear and compelling; as argued by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn in Half the Sky, no country can achieve prosperity with an educational deficit burdening and limiting half its population. Advancing educational equity will require resources, technological investment, person-to-person connections among faculty, alumnae, and institutional leaders—and enormous political will. Smith and its sister colleges have long understood the need to educate women for the betterment of societies around the world. There is still so much more to be done.

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Sometimes happiness thrives under surprising conditions. Consider Lynne Thomas ’96. Her daughter, 8-year-old Caitlin, was born with a rare congenital disorder called Aicardi syndrome. Caitlin can’t walk or speak, and she is tube-fed. “She is medically fragile,” Thomas says. “Every morning, I know this could be the morning I walk in and she’s not there.”

Plenty of people would be unhappy in Thomas’ situation, yet, on most days, she approaches the world with zest and joy. Her daughter has exceeded doctors’ expectations, communicating with modified American Sign Language and a touch-screen computer in her second-grade class, and she is proving herself to be an adrenaline junkie on the Tower of Terror at Disney World. Thomas herself is in a loving marriage and has a job she adores as head of rare books and special collections at Northern Illinois University. All in all, she figures, it’s not a bad life. “We are, as a family, pretty darned happy,” Thomas says.

Happiness. It’s something we may go to great lengths to achieve. Whether it’s personally, professionally, spiritually, or emotionally, from our family and relationships to our health and careers, we crave that unmistakable feeling of contentment and satisfaction that comes with knowing that all is well. It turns out, though, that happiness is an elusive feeling, especially, it seems, for American women. Last year, the General Social Survey, which has measured social change in the United States since 1972, found that despite significant gains women are not as happy as one might expect. A report in the American Economic Journal, titled “The Paradox of Declining Female Happiness,” continued the theme, and cultural observers in popular news outlets wrote several soul-searching articles on the topic.

Analyzing the social survey’s findings in a piece on the Huffington Post, former Gallup researcher Markus Buckingham noted that since 1972 “women’s overall level of happiness has dropped, both relative to where they were forty years ago, and relative to
men.” This drop, he wrote, was seen nearly across the board, regardless of whether women had children, were successful in their careers, made lots of money, or were in good health. The only exception: African American women reported being happier than they were back in 1972, although they remain less happy than African American men.

What’s more, the General Social Survey data revealed that women get less happy as they age, prompting New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd to weigh in, writing, “Women are much harder on themselves than men. They tend to attach to other people more strongly, beat themselves up more when they lose attachments, take things more personally at work, and pop far more antidepressants.”

Dismaying stuff, but are women today really just a bunch of pill-popping depressives? Clearly not, and some experts believe that the conclusions reflect flawed interpretations of the data and that the accompanying press coverage was an attempt to diminish women’s progress over the past four decades. “What struck me more than anything was the way the piece (“The Paradox of Declining Female Happiness”) got picked up by the press as an opportunity to bash feminism and women’s gains in the world,” says Jamie Hubbard, Yehan Numata Professor of Buddhist Studies at Smith who co-teaches a course on happiness. The underlying tone of the coverage, he says, amounted to, “See, see, we told you so—all this equality and progress in the workplace hasn’t made women happier.”

Hubbard’s co-teacher, psychology professor Philip Peake, notes that nothing in the psychological literature of the past fifteen years suggests that either women or men are reporting more dissatisfaction in their lives. In fact, he says, “the general theme that’s emerged from surveys of people’s happiness is that, in fact, most people are happy most of the time. There aren’t really a strong set of demographic factors that seem to be terribly important to that. Something like 70 to 80 percent of people will either say they are extremely or very happy.”

What’s more, the results of the General Social Survey may reflect the perception that women continue to feel constrained in their roles. “I’d want to query women about how free they feel to make the choices they want to make in their lives, how aware they are of what the options are and that they can follow them, and also what the obstacles are still,” says Maureen Mahoney, dean of Smith College and one of the founders of Smith’s new Center for Work & Life (see sidebar).

One thing most everyone agrees on is that the contradictory findings of the research out there reflect the complexity of the topic and give us cause to consider some of the larger questions of women’s pursuit of happiness—something the Declaration of Independence, no less, names as one of our fundamental rights. Should we—intelligent, compassionate, often overworked women—expect to feel happy all of the time? How about most of the time? And is happiness something to be pursued?

**NO EASY DEFINITION**

When trying to pinpoint a definition of happiness, one can’t ignore a host of complicating factors that influence a woman’s perception of whether she is happy. Some of these factors stem from the pressure we put on ourselves to achieve or acquire. Others come from the expectations our culture imposes on women to look or be a certain prescribed way.

For Annie Morita ’90, an executive at DreamWorks Animation in Glendale, California, happiness arrives when life is moving in a positive direction. That can mean something very small (“like my basil plant is actually not dying on my kitchen windowsill and available for use with dinner tonight”) or something very big (“like my mammogram coming back normal when I have a history of breast cancer in the family”). There is no universal definition, Morita believes. “The more comfortable you are with yourself, the more you define your happiness,” she says. “Other people’s opinions still matter, but they matter less.”
Happiness is an elusive state for everyone,” says Dean of the College Maureen Mahoney. “Much more important is the sense of well-being that comes from believing that the choices you’ve made in life have been good ones and knowing that you’ve managed as well as you could the things that weren’t choices.”

To help students navigate the complex landscape of life after college, Smith, with Mahoney and faculty from different departments across campus taking the lead, has developed the new Center for Work & Life. Housed in Clark Hall, the work and life center takes an interdisciplinary approach to helping young women build rewarding and fulfilling lives. An array of programs held throughout the year touch on topics such as leadership, wellness, managing your own employability, and the different meanings of success. A main focus is on creating balance—a topic that has haunted women for decades but one that young women today are especially keen on solving.

According to center director Jessica Bacal, “young people in their twenties, and even in their thirties, are prioritizing balance—and home life along with work life—in ways that previous generations have not.” Ultimately, says Bacal, the goal of the Center for Work & Life is to encourage students to get in the habit of reflecting on their values and identifying their passions early on so that at “important turning points in life they are able to make informed decisions and meet the unexpected with resilience.”

In launching the center, Smith becomes one of only a few liberal arts colleges in the United States with a formal center devoted to helping young women define their ambitions and develop well-lived lives. The Center for Work & Life is one of four academic centers, including others on sustainability, global studies, and community collaborations, to emerge from the college’s strategic plan, The Smith Design for Learning.

Thanks to recent scientific advancements we know a lot more about the brain’s and the body’s response to happiness. One study this year, for instance, found that genes may influence our sense of well-being. People who have a certain variation of the serotonin-transporter gene called 5HTT “are significantly more likely to report higher levels of life satisfaction,” researchers from the University of Zurich wrote.

When the brain has more activity on the left side of the prefrontal cortex than on the right, that’s associated with a positive demeanor and being open to experience, participation, and feelings of happiness, says Smith’s Professor Peake. The right prefrontal cortex tends to function as an avoidance system. It is associated with staying back, contemplating, and worrying. To be happy, Peake says, “you want to be doing things and not over-thinking.”

Dawn Dill ’96 is a big believer in the theory that happiness isn’t just in our heads; it’s in our bodies, too. An associate professor and swim coach at MIT, Dill teaches a course on happiness that incorporates yoga and general aerobic conditioning along with meditation and relaxation, cognitive re-framing, stress resiliency, and setting daily intentions. “I think about happiness as a whole body feeling—this zest-for-life feeling where I am absolutely in the moment, confident and content,” she says. Dill lives what she teaches. Little things that make her happy “usually involve a physical component coupled with some sort of indulgence, like hiking all morning and stopping for blueberry pancakes on the way home.”

Doing meaningful work and working with others toward a common goal can also bring some of our happiest moments. Annie Morita remembers an experience she had while working at CNN back in the 1990s. “I was in the newsroom in Atlanta the evening that the Persian Gulf War erupted,” she recalls. “Being there with all those people focused on the same goal—getting the most accurate and timely information out to the rest of the world—was extremely empowering. . . . I realized then that I function best as part of a team. Sometimes I lead and sometimes I follow. But sharing a collective sense of making a difference really makes me happy.”

The last decade has seen the rise of positive psychology, which focuses not on disorders but on individuals who are thriving, to understand what such people do that contributes to their sense of well-being. Researchers have looked closely at forces such as

**WHAT HAPPINESS MEANS TO ME**

“For me, it’s a matter of being at one with one’s life path and feeling as if, by and large, in spite of challenges, things have gone fairly well.”

—DEAN OF THE COLLEGE MAUREEN MAHONEY
optimism, Peake says, noting that doesn’t mean simply thinking positively and good things will happen. “Optimism leads to action. It leads you to do things, to engage, and, to some extent, to persevere.”

In persevering, some women find happiness by becoming more authentically who they are. Brenda Hartley AC ’96, an education specialist in Sacramento, California, had a recent marriage annulled but says she’s happier than ever. “When I realized I needed to break from my husband, I thought I was going to die,” she says. But over time the death of a relationship contributed to the rebirth of her spirit. Since then, Hartley’s gotten tattoos and bought a bright red motorcycle, just as she had always wanted.

To perseverance, add resilience, says psychologist Barbara Becker Holstein ’64, author of *The Enchanted Self* and host of a radio series on women and happiness. “It’s incredibly important because life is such a combination of threats and opportunities,” she says. “If we’re not resilient, we will fall.”

Public health studies show that people who are deeply religious or have a spiritual community are healthier and happier than people who don’t, says Jennifer Walters, dean of religious life at Smith. “But if you’re really religious and feel you aren’t living up to your responsibilities as a religious person, then you are unhappier. So it works both ways,” she says. She believes religious traditions have wisdom to impart about happiness as they’ve stood the test of time, and that even if you’re struggling with your faith, it still gives you a language with which to discuss your inner questions.

Major religions see happiness in very different ways. Judaism, for instance, teaches that study, spirituality, and acts of loving kindness, rather than happiness per se, are what sustain the world. Buddhists generally focus on nirvana, the elimination of all negative states. Nirvana is an enduring happiness that can’t change and isn’t contingent on external factors, such as if you’re healthy or not. Another concept often discussed in connection with Buddhist happiness derives from the Greek word *eudaimonia*, or flourishing. “It’s not the pleasure you get from a good meal or seeing a fun movie, but a state of contentment and well-being, doing well in all aspects of life, even excitement about being alive,” Professor Hubbard says. *Eudaimonia* also refers to the state of contentment that comes from *being* good, not simply *feeling* good. So it’s a happiness that incorporates ethics.

To that end, practicing gratitude and mindful awareness of what we can bring about happiness, says Peggy Gillespie ’69, a journalist in Massachusetts. She saw her husband die painfully ten years ago, but even through the grief and shock, she knew she could see herself through it. “I’m happy today as the sun is beautifully warm, the garden is filled with yummy vegetables, I am healthy and energetic, I live in a beautiful place, I have plenty to eat, a warm cozy home with a view, and above all deep and lasting friendships and a great daughter,” she says. She finds joy in work and family. Gillespie is co-founder of Family Diversity Projects, a nonprofit in Amherst, and has a new partner, who is female. But her life is also rich with interests and friendships. She travels worldwide, acts in plays, performs in a multigenerational modern dance troupe, and gathers with friends at least once a month for potlucks and singing songs from the sixties. “So much makes me happy,” she says. “I would say that right now I’m the happiest I’ve ever been.”

### OBSTACLES TO HAPPINESS

Given the state of the world, the struggling economy, political divisiveness, and the twenty-four-hour barrage of news and information, it’s no surprise that finding happiness can be challenging, even anxiety-provoking. “The pressures that have sped up American life have made it harder to feel grounded or secure,” says Jennifer Walters.

Advertising and other media images only fuel that sense of insecurity, when life doesn’t match the vision that we see in the culture. Marianne Glasel Koerner ’54 remembers one of the most joyful yet most difficult times of her life was motherhood, after she gave birth to three boys, including twins, in one year. “Psychologically, I was totally ill prepared,” she says. Not much in the culture then depicted mothers as anything but happy, and few people were apt to discuss publicly the challenges of raising three babies at once (or, later, three adolescents).

Today, media images barrage us with the idea that a woman’s power is in her appearance while also communicating that we should achieve even more. “Women are so flooded with external pressures and responsibilities, and take their cues about who they are supposed to be from other people,” says Barbara Holstein. “It becomes very difficult to stay in touch with

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**WHAT HAPPINESS MEANS TO ME**

“I THINK IT means being able to see joy in the world and life around us, and to find enjoyment and satisfaction in our daily life.”

MARY LOUISE WAGNER ’81
what we need. If you’re not in touch with what you need, whether it’s a tennis game with a girlfriend or hugging a kid, you’re going to feel empty no matter what else is going on.”

Further, though men are spending more time with their children, the bulk of the housework—from cooking and doing laundry to planning and worrying—still falls to women. “Who notices when the kids need new shoes, who does the pediatricians’ appointments, who realizes their son is unhappy at school and we’d better call the teacher—the pattern tends to be that that’s the woman’s job,” says Nancy Whittier, a sociology professor at Smith. The volume of responsibilities at home and work is a relatively new problem for middle-class women, Whittier points out, as working-class women have always done this kind of juggling. She sees the need for a continuing women’s movement to press on for greater equality.

Outside domestic life, the sheer number of options can feel overwhelming to some. In 1960, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research, only 39 percent of US female college graduates age 30 to 34 were employed outside the home, and of those, 47 percent were teachers. Now, the number of possibilities can make it harder to feel sure you’re taking the right path. “If women are reporting being less happy than twenty-five years ago, it might well be a function of having more choices than they used to have and therefore being faced with decisions that women didn’t have in the past,” Dean Mahoney says. Yet she also notes that current Smith undergraduates are extremely optimistic about managing their lives, managing work and family, and being in charge of decisions that they make.”

Even if your path is right, it can be easy to forget to enjoy it in the race to achieve or be perfect. Last season, Dawn Dill had one of the best college swim teams in the country. But it was one of her most unfulfilling years by far and she was unhappy most of the season. She later realized she had been so focused on living up to expectations that she never felt the pleasures along the way. “I thought success would make me happy,” she says. “It turns out that what makes me most happy is truly having a positive effect on each of my swimmer’s lives and feeling closely connected to them.”

Sheila Steplar ’96, a wellness coach in Whitsett, North Carolina, believes we’re taught that we’ll be happy at certain landmarks: “Happy when we have kids, happy when the kids grow up, happy when we retire, happy when we go on vacation. Happy is always thrust into a future that never comes. We truly only have now. Now is where our power is.” She believes joy is a choice and habit.

Still, if your career, relationships, or family life have not played out as you envisioned, that can trigger a crisis of faith in yourself. “What should you be doing in the world and why is it not happening? What’s my purpose? Why am I here? These questions aren’t usually answered easily or at all,” says Koerner. “One has to accept there may or may not be answers. We have to learn how to gracefully live with doubt.”

Given that, should we even pursue or strive for happiness? For some women, those aren’t quite the right verbs. “Discovering” happiness might be a better fit, but not necessarily every second of every day. “For me, the goal is not to feel happy all the time,” says Mahoney. “I’m suspicious of it. It’s sometimes the sign of someone who’s not deeply reflective.” Hubbard, for his part, speaks of a “happiness industry” designed to make money helping people feel happier when most people already feel pretty happy.

As Lynne Thomas’ experience demonstrates, happiness may lie not in what happens to you but in how you respond. Thomas speaks with joy about seeing her daughter in Ollivanders Wand Shop in Orlando. A wand chose Caitlin as the wind blew and lights flashed, just as in a Harry Potter movie. “Caitlin was so happy and excited and I was crying so hard I couldn’t take photos,” Thomas says.

If Caitlin were born in the 1980s, her life expectancy would have been about two years. Today, women with her condition may live until age 40. “We have the occasional pity party in our household, but overall, my husband and I are both fighters,” Thomas says. “If this is the way life is going to be, we’re going to try to make it as good a life as possible in the time we have. Every morning I wake her up and Caitlin smiles at me is a good morning.”

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Architect Heidi Blau ’80 at the Juilliard School, one of the spaces she helped renovate as part of Lincoln Center’s fiftieth anniversary.
TO CELEBRATE ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY, Lincoln Center embarked on a major overhaul of its sixteen-acre campus on Manhattan’s Upper West Side. Leading the massive project were architect Heidi Blau ’80 and landscape architect Signe Nielsen ’72, both of whom brought new energy to the center’s internal and external spaces.

BY JANE L. LEVERE ’72

Landscape architect Signe Nielsen ’72 takes in the view from the Barclays Capital Grove, one of the outdoor spaces she designed as part of Lincoln Center’s massive campus refurbishment.
When renowned landscape architect Signe Nielsen ’72 took on the massive job in 2004 of transforming the exterior spaces on the campus of New York City’s venerable Lincoln Center, her vision for one section of the grounds started with a simple request from Peter Martins. The ballet master in chief of the New York City Ballet asked for a “special smoking area for dancers outside the stage door,” Nielsen said.

She did him one better than that. Nielsen’s final design for the space outside the David H. Koch Theater resembles a 3,500-square-foot “urban forest,” brimming with thirty quaking aspen trees, elegant granite benches, and plenty of shade. It’s a perfect spot for visitors and performers from the theater to gather, relax, socialize, and, yes, smoke.

Ben Gilmartin, a senior associate at the architecture firm of Diller Scofidio + Renfro, who worked with Nielsen, said her idea to fill the grove outside the theater with quaking aspen trees reflects her keen sense of using the landscape in aesthetically beautiful yet practical ways. When mature, the dense grove of trees will produce a pleasing gray noise with the rustle of their leaves, naturally screening out the surrounding noise of Manhattan’s Upper West Side. They will “create shade acoustically,” Gilmartin said, making for a more inviting and useful space.

Nielsen “brings a keen aesthetic sense and deep knowledge of the technical character of plants, their color, texture, and puts a palette together once we come up with ideas together,” he added. “She’s not put off by challenges, and weathers the difficult building culture of New York City with very good grace.”

Turns out, Nielsen wasn’t the only Smith woman to play a significant role in the $1.2 billion project to refurbish Lincoln Center, which marked its fiftieth anniversary in 2009 and is the country’s largest performing arts center and home to the Metropolitan Opera, New York Philharmonic, and Jazz at Lincoln Center, among others. Heidi Blau ’80, a partner at New York–based FXFOWLE Architects, served as the project director, overseeing the redevelopment of many of Lincoln Center’s buildings and public spaces.

Nielsen and Blau, who collaborated on some aspects of the project, had the same mandate: refurbish and redevelop the center’s sixteen-acre campus—which extends from West 59th Street to West 66th Street—and create a place that is physically and psychologically welcoming and relevant for the next fifty years. That meant renovating and expanding the Juilliard School, overhauling performance spaces, creating easier access to buildings, adding a restaurant, and maximizing the use of outdoor spaces—all without disrupting a single performance. The project broke ground in 2006 and work is ongoing, but much of it has been completed. Among the most noticeable changes are the opening of a new entrance to Lincoln Center’s campus along Columbus Avenue; new jazz and dance studios and a new lobby, box office, and black-box theater at Juilliard; and a complete renovation of Alice Tully Hall, including a new, three-story, all-glass lobby and gathering space, as well as a totally refurbished auditorium featuring curved moabi wood paneling that is embedded with LED lighting.

Nielsen’s work is reflected in lush new landscaping around the campus, including slopes planted with trees, ferns, and seasonally blooming bulbs alongside new ramps that provide access, from Columbus Avenue, to the campus’s central plaza. Across the plaza from the Vivian Beaumont Theater, a bosque of trees has been redesigned and replanted, and now features new precast concrete benches as well as a grove of thirty London plane trees growing in a layered structural soil.
cells system covered with a surface of stabilized stone dust.

Perhaps one of the most striking features of Nielsen’s design is the green roof atop Lincoln, the campus’s new restaurant. Shaped like a saddle, the roof has eighteen-degree slopes and is covered in a swath of lawn that dips down at its southwest corner. It was designed with not only the environment in mind (the roof saves energy by regulating temperatures and absorbing storm water) but also comfort, with plenty of room for people to plop down and relax. According to Nielsen, they can use the roof to “watch concerts, sunbathe, picnic, and hang out.”

For her part, as project director, Blau led and managed a large team of engineers, designers, and specialists and also collaborated with Diller Scofidio + Renfro on the redevelopment plan. According to Ron Austin, executive director of the Lincoln Center Development Project, Blau was “the mother of the project, from the technical perspective. She was the tip of the pyramid; everyone followed her lead. She’s tremendously talented. Her discipline keeps us all marching to the same drumbeat.”

Already, the expansion of the Juilliard School and the reimagined Alice Tully Hall have received widespread recognition by the design and academic press. Although this recognition is nice, Blau looks at the Lincoln Center project as an opportunity to improve the urban experience for all visitors who enjoy the campus. “The whole premise of my career has been in public landscapes,” she says. “My work at Lincoln Center is consistent with everything I believe in, making something the public can enter into without paying.”

Not surprisingly, both Nielsen and Blau are quick to note the profound role Smith has played in their lives and success in two professions that traditionally have not been overly accepting of women. Nielsen, a government major, points to the skills she acquired at Smith as being vital to her current work. “The fundamental thing Smith taught me how to do was write, how to articulate ideas, because we have to sell ourselves verbally and in writing as well as graphically,” she says. “Smith gave me two out of the three.”

Blau, who studied studio art and spent her junior year at the Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies in New York, credits Smith’s liberal arts approach for instilling in her a deep desire for continued intellectual growth. “A liberal arts education is based on exploration and critical thought, which is a great foundation for architecture,” she says. More than that, though, Smith “gives women the confidence and understanding that we can do whatever we set our mind to.”

Blau was “the mother of the project. Everyone followed her.”

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ALL THE RIGHT NOTES
Her title is Master of Wine, and for Jeannie Cho Lee ’90 the elite designation gives her an influential role in the worlds of wine and food. Her book, Asian Palate, is breaking new ground in pairing wines with traditional Asian cuisines.
Back when Jeannie Cho Lee ’90 was still a student at Smith, she went to Oxford to study for her junior year. During breaks and holidays, she and a friend would spend their days traveling around France and Spain, skimping on lodgings, but, at Lee’s insistence, splurging on great meals and good wine. “I don’t mind sleeping anywhere,” Lee says, “but I have to have good food and a glass of wine.”

Fifteen years later, those two loves have blossomed into a lucrative career that has garnered Lee international acclaim. She is the first Asian to receive the rare designation of Master of Wine, a rigorous course of study very few successfully complete involving blind tasting; written exams on viticulture, vinification, and aspects of the wine trade; and a 10,000-word dissertation. By making it through, Cho joins an elite group of fewer than 300 wine masters in the world—only a quarter of whom are women.

For Lee, the distinction has given her the opportunity to combine several of her passions—writing, food, wine, and travel—and play a key role in influencing the burgeoning Asian wine market. Her unique pairings of wine and traditional Asian cuisine are outlined in her internationally acclaimed, and exquisitely photographed, book, Asian Palate, which many consider to be the first comprehensive book on Asian food and wine. In it, Lee provides an overview of the food and beverage histories of ten major cities in Asia, suggesting wines for everything from snack foods to formal dinners, all with local traditions and flavors in mind. Earlier this year, Lee accepted the prestigious Gourmand Award for Best Food and Wine Pairing Book in the World.

Michael Hill-Smith, a colleague and fellow wine consultant, says Lee has the potential to break down barriers and be a leader in the industry. “She can taste 200 wines a day and still be very accurate,” he says. “She’s going to be highly influential not just in Asia but worldwide. And it is well-deserved. She’s very capable and she works hard at it.”

Indeed, the life of a Master of Wine isn’t always all Bordeaux and pinot noir. Lee spends a lot of her time on the road, lecturing and judging wine shows all over the world. She also writes regularly for leading wine magazines, including Decanter, Wine Spectator, and La Revue du Vin de France, and serves as one of three wine consultants to Singapore Airlines, a job that requires her to sample close to a thousand bottles to determine the best wines, ports, and champagnes to serve to travelers.

To keep the subtle nuances of each bottle of wine she tastes straight in her mind, Lee has developed a habit of keeping a little brown journal in which she records her impressions. “Wine is complicated,” she says. “If you like a bottle, you have to remember the producer, the vintage, where it’s from, along with the details of how it tasted. There are so many things to remember.”

In the past fifteen years, Lee has filled more than fifty notebooks, which ultimately served as the foundation for the Website she launched in the spring, AsianPalate.com. The site allows visitors to search a library of nearly 7,000 reviews of wines, sign up to get advice about wine selection, and join special events. By creating the site, Lee says she hopes to begin a dialogue with readers about Asian food and wine. “Wine should not be relegated to only Western restaurants,” she says.

Though it’s clear that Lee loves what she does, being a wine expert was not an ambition of hers growing up. Rather, Lee, who moved to the US from Korea with her family when she was 7, dreamed of becoming a writer—much to the dismay of her mother, who told her only child, “Honey, that’s a really nice hobby, but you’re not going to make a living being a writer. The things you enjoy and like aren’t going to come from a writer’s salary.”

At Smith, Lee heeded her mother’s advice and opted for a double major in political science and sociology, two fields that she figured would make her more employable—and her parents happy.

It was at Oxford during her junior year that Lee had what she considers her great awakening to the world of fine wines. Oxford, she notes, is one of the largest buyers of Bordeaux, and at formal events everyone talks about the wine. Lee could barely keep up, so, in order to follow the conversations, she went out and purchased a book on wines. She became hooked almost immediately. “I knew this was something that would always intrigue me,” she says. “I loved food and the kind of flavors you get from wine are as complex as food.”

Following her graduation from Smith, Lee went straight to the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and then took a job on the management team at a top Korean company. All the while, though, she kept thinking back to her childhood dream of becoming a writer. After marrying in 1994, she decided to give up her job, move to Hong Kong with her Ko-
ean-American husband, and begin work on a book about the enslavement of Korean women by the Japanese Army during World War II. But, after completing eight chapters and numerous drafts, she shelved the project when her husband’s job required them to move to Malaysia in 1996.

A year later, she was appointed editor of a new weekend magazine published by the Sun newspaper. Turns out, writing features on wine was one part of the job. To increase her knowledge—and credibility—on the topic, she achieved certification from the Wines and Spirits Education Trust (WSET), a distance-learning course out of the UK. In 1998, she left her job at the Sun and moved to Hong Kong to start a family. When an opportunity to enroll in a PhD program in international relations at Hong Kong University came up several years later, she considered the steady salary and regular schedule of an academic career but ultimately decided to pursue what had become a true passion. Intrigued by the idea that no Asian had ever completed the Master of Wine Program, she enrolled at the Institute of Masters of Wine in London partly for the challenge. The three-year program includes a rigorous eight-day live-in seminar, marathon written exams on everything from taste to the business of wine, and a dissertation. Lee, who had two young daughters when she began, is quick to admit that the program was tough. Completing matters, after being accepted, she found out that she was pregnant again, this time with twins. “The smell of wine made me throw up,” she says. “The whole time, I was suffering.” She requested a year off, and a faculty mentor who had initially been supportive warned, “You’re not going to make it. You’re not going to pass.”

It took her several tries over the course of a few years, but in 2008 she finally passed her exams and handed in her dissertation, titled The Potential of Hong Kong as a Wine Hub for Greater China.

Earning the title of Asia’s first Master of Wine came at the perfect time. In the past five years, the market for fine wine has been declining in both the United States and Europe, but it has exploded in Asia. Slowly, Hong Kong is surpassing London as the world’s second-largest wine market. One thing that hasn’t been so quick to change, though, is the stereotype of the wine expert as an older Western man in a tweed suit. When Lee dines out with her husband and friends, for example, they task her with ordering the wine, but when the sommelier comes to the table, he ignores her and presents the bottle to one of the men. “They’re used to the man making the decision,” she says. “I think it’s funny.”

With the release of Asian Palate, Lee is changing people’s perceptions, not only of wine experts but also of Asia’s culture of food and wine. In the book, she never offers a simplistic formula for matching a tempura with a chardonnay or an Indian curry with a Shiraz. Rather, she presents a sociological and historical analysis of how Asians eat, noting that meals often consist of up to six different dishes. Lee cleverly details how each bite is different, with the flavors of the condiments, sauces, and rice adding distinct elements to the overall dining experience. To provide such a nuanced perspective, Lee relied on insights gleaned from her travels along with her own memories of a childhood spent eating only traditional Korean food at home. “My mother has never cooked a Western meal,” she says.

Now that her professional profile is growing, Lee, who has four daughters, admits that following her heart and never letting go of long-held dreams were keys to her success. “You have to be honest with who you are, with what drives you, with what interests you,” she says. “I want to be known at the end of the day as someone who did my own thing.”

Jeannie Cho Lee ’90 says a good wine does not alter the integrity of the many flavors that make up Asian cuisine.

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FOUR YEARS AGO, Margaret Worthen ’06 had big plans for life after Smith. Then, just days before graduation, a stroke left her profoundly disabled, unable to speak or control her movements. Doctors said to let her go, but her mother, Nancy, refused, believing without a doubt that one day her daughter would make her way back.
Margaret (Maggie) Worthen '06 with her mother, Nancy, using the special computer that detects eye movement, allowing Maggie to communicate.
IN HER ROOM in the rehabilitation center where she’s lived since late summer 2006, Margaret (Maggie) Worthen ’06 is answering an interviewer’s questions as best she can.

“Do you still have pain sometimes?” Maggie moves her left eye down, indicating the affirmative.

“Do you have fond memories of Smith?” Maggie instantly shifts her eye downward for a strong “yes.” Her answer is echoed in the photos of Smith friends that surround her, along with the carefully folded origami cranes, and a handmade quilt with messages from friends filling every square. She may be in a rehabilitation center, but her room has the familiar feeling of her Smith College house.

Then, surprising everyone in the room, Maggie gives voice to her next answer. “Do you consider yourself a fighter?” She wriggles a bit in her chair as she blurs out a loud and unmistakable “yeeeeeeees.” For that moment—more than four years after a devastating stroke robbed her of movement, speech, and very nearly her life—Maggie Worthen is very much in control of her speech, and leaves no doubt that she’s fighting her way back.

With her in this incredible journey—pushing for more and better treatment, researching options, standing by her, and refusing to give up—is her mother, Nancy Smith Worthen, who never accepted the doctors’ assessment: “persistent vegetative state.”

ON MAY 10, 2006, Maggie was in her third-floor room in Duckett House, hard at work on her last paper and packing up her belongings. Commencement was days away, to be followed by a week at her family’s beach house in Rhode Island with her best friend, Katie Brown ’06. After that, she planned to start a job at an animal shelter, the first step toward her dream of becoming a veterinarian.

That morning, though, her housemates reported hearing strange sounds from her room, recalled Arianne Arbel ’08. Some wondered if Maggie, the animal lover, had hidden a dog in her room. Several hours later, when the noise continued and included gurgling, Arbel and others used a mirror under the door to see what might be going on; all they could see was hair. Concerned, they called campus public safety. Maggie was found lying on the floor. An ambulance took her to Cooley Dickinson Hospital, which then transferred her to the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester, where she remained deep in a coma. Her diagnosis: a blood clot to the brain stem, which deprived her brain of oxygen until surgery was performed to break up the clot.

On May 21, Margaret Worthen’s name was read at Commencement.

“One of the doctors in those first few days told me I should let her go,” her mother remembers. “A lot of people thought I should. They had originally diagnosed her as being in a persistent vegetative state. Even though we saw her doing things that indicated she was present, she wasn’t consistent and didn’t do them when the doctors were doing neurological tests to determine her level of consciousness.”

She struggled with the decision. “I just couldn’t do it,” says Nancy, who has been Maggie’s legal guardian since her divorce seventeen years ago. “I wondered what she would want, and then I found Margaret’s application for veterinary school where she wrote that she didn’t think animals should be euthanized until every other means of care was tried. Well, here I am, her mother, she’s my daughter—a person—I had to try everything for her. It’s like she was speaking to me through that paper. I felt it was really quite clear what she would want.” Maggie’s father, Paul Worthen, who visits her weekly, too, stood with Nancy on this decision.

Nancy Worthen moved her daughter to the Neuro-Rehabilitation Center at Middleboro, and arranged massage, acupuncture, and other therapies for her. She watched as Maggie weathered seven bouts of pneumonia that again raised the question of whether to authorize the treatments needed to keep her alive. (While Maggie seems strong and healthy now, Nancy fears that another severe illness may once again raise these difficult questions.)

Maggie’s situation dramatically changed in February 2008. That’s when she became part of a study by doctors from Columbia and Cornell that would prove she was not in a persistent vegetative state but was at least partially conscious. During tests with a functional MRI (fMRI), doctors asked Maggie questions and gauged her responses. “They recorded my voice and played it to her, then played it garbled, then played a different voice, and Margaret could somehow distinguish my voice and understand the message—she could determine correctly when I was speaking, and they could see that on the fMRI,” says Nancy.

The conclusion from the study was that Maggie was at least minimally conscious, with the possibility that she is “locked-in”—meaning that she...
Since Maggie’s stroke, Nancy Worthen has pushed for better treatment and more research. As a result, doctors now believe Maggie can at times hear, comprehend, and respond to what’s going on around her.
is fully conscious but without a way of expressing it. “I knew she was there,” Nancy says. “I knew my daughter and I felt all along that she was communicating with me in some way.” The confirmation that Maggie is in there changed everything for both mother and daughter. Most importantly, it gave a mother a chance to dream again.

“T’m the most optimistic when Margaret is the most communicative—and these days she does seem more alert and involved in the conversations, listening, and sometimes it seems as if she is responding to a conversation,” says Worthen, adding that Maggie still has days when she does not communicate.

Worthen dreams of her daughter one day regaining the ability to use her voice to answer questions—and to move her mouth so she can eat again, rather than relying on a feeding tube. Unlike other strokes, where the left side of the brain can compensate for damage to the right side, Maggie’s stroke affected the brain stem, which is a singular unit with no complementary part to aid with damaged functionality. Worthen’s hope is that other brain cells can grow and possibly take over various functions.

For now, what she wants everyone to know is that Maggie is, in many ways, the spirited woman she once was—that the Maggie before is still here—just in another form. She still has goals, but they’re different now, seemingly simpler, perhaps, to outside eyes, but also far greater. She can’t quite speak (although she does make noises), but she can understand what is said and she can communicate somewhat. The stroke affected the part of the brain that controls speech and movement; doctors discovered, though, that if they open her left eye, she can answer questions by moving her glance down for yes and up for no, even if only for a short time before she tires.

Days before she was interviewed, Nancy and a speech therapist prepared Maggie by going over the questions with her ahead of time. She seemed almost eager to answer everything. Still, the question she didn’t answer is probably the one visitors wonder about most: Does she know what has happened to her? On that topic, her eye remained motionless. “We know she’s in there and that she understands, but we just don’t know how much she knows and whether she’s completely there or just partly there,” her mother says. “We tell her that she had a stroke and is at the hospital, here to get better. We keep it positive.”

Toward that end, Worthen placed a sign behind her daughter’s bed with “Instructions for Communicating with Maggie” for visitors and new staff, partly to help them, partly to ensure they recognize that Maggie can hear and comprehend. It reads:

Hold one eye open a half inch.
She may need to be reminded to look down for yes, up for no.
Helpful Hints:
Even if she is not responsive, she can hear you.
Please orient Maggie when you speak with her:
Today is (date)
It is (day/time)
Middleboro Neuro Rehab Center
Ask speech therapist for suggestions.

figuring out what Maggie knows should become easier with the special computer —MY TOBII—that she has had since late summer. Last year, Nancy raised the $4,000 needed for insurance-mandated computer trials in one of her many fundraisers to help cover the costs of Maggie’s treatment. Since the trials proved successful, MassHealth picked up the $15,000 tab to purchase the computer for Maggie. The laptop, which is anchored to Maggie’s chair, reads her eye’s response, but also speaks the words Maggie herself cannot yet say. This small machine has become the nexus of a mother’s hopes and dreams for her daughter.

“I’d like to see her be able to use it to go on her Facebook page or to read books on it. There are so many possibilities,” Nancy said. Already, Maggie is using it to play games, handily beating the computer at tic-tac-toe. “The goal is to enable her to choose her words and communicate consistently with the computer,” says speech therapist Robyn Dragonetti, who works with Maggie three times a week.

All this treatment isn’t cheap. Fortunately, a
Maggie’s room at the Neuro-Rehabilitation Center in Middleboro, MA, is decorated with favorite pictures and messages from friends.
state-sponsored public health insurance program in combination with Medicare and Medicaid picks up the tab for the rehab center and her medical costs. Pretty much all the rest falls to her parents (although her father is currently unable to contribute financially) and it’s a hefty burden. The $475 Maggie gets monthly from Social Security disability goes to the rehabilitation center. That amount includes $55 for clothing and toiletries, and Nancy adds another $75 so Maggie can go to the hairdresser once a month. Nancy also spends $1,000 a month for Maggie’s massages and acupuncture. In 2007, Nancy held a fundraiser to buy a van to take Maggie on outings, and raised another $10,000 to put a ramp on her home so her daughter could visit it. Maintaining the van and taking Maggie on the occasional field trip run her another $4,000 a year.

That’s a big bill for a woman who lost her full-time job not long after her daughter’s stroke. She recently found a new position as AmeriCorps director of City Arts in Providence, but it’s part-time so she can help care for Maggie. Her current salary is less than $25,000 a year. In October, she reluctantly sold the Rhode Island beach house that’s been in her family since 1914 and was to be Maggie’s legacy. “That was one of the toughest things to let go of,” Nancy said, “the house and the idea that Margaret would not get to pass it on to her daughter one day. But what point is a legacy when she can benefit from what selling it can do for her now?”

Without question, Worthen’s dreams for her daughter are nothing like the ones she had before the stroke. “After four years, you have to let some things go. I know Maggie won’t marry one day, won’t have children of her own. Instead, now I think about what could become possible for her.” Worthen hopes her daughter might one day be able to live in a group home, rather than an institution, and has taken part in a state lottery program that selects 100 people per year for just such an opportunity. “That would give her such a sense of normalcy—and independence. Margaret was always so independent,” Worthen adds.

And she’d like to see more visitors drop by to see Maggie, something she considers essential to her ongoing improvement. In the early months and year after the stroke, friends and family visited often, but visitors have become fewer and farther between over the years. Her longtime boyfriend stopped coming a year and a half ago, telling Nancy he couldn’t bear it any longer. (Nancy, in an effort to stay positive for her daughter, has simply told Maggie that he’s busy.) Other friends have moved or become occupied with their own lives and goals.

“I knew Maggie as a vibrant, active person who was rarely ever sitting still,” says Sarah Breen ’06, who now works for an engineering consultancy in Glasgow, Scotland. “It was surreal to see her so immobile and unresponsive. I would like to be able to see her again, to let her know I haven’t forgotten about her.”

Several classmates said they follow Maggie’s progress on the CaringBridge Website that her mother has maintained all along, regularly posting details about Maggie’s life. “I think about Maggie every day,” says Katie Brown, now a social work researcher in Texas. “I’m saving money to come see her; I want to make a road trip up there to see her this year.”

For most of her friends, dealing with residual guilt about “that day” has made seeing their old friend even harder. Even though Brown recognizes there was little she could have done to change the course of things, she says, “I still can’t help but wonder.” That’s a sentiment echoed by Megan Trank ’08, now an editor living in Brooklyn, New York, who visited Maggie several times the first few years. “There was some guilt—I know I felt it. Sometimes I still do, even though I know that there’s nothing we could have done,” she says.

All of her friends believe the Maggie they knew—the compassionate, generous, adventurous friend—is still in there. “I remember one conversation we had at dinner,” recalls Arianne Arbel, “where we talked about the superpowers we’d want. Some people wanted to fly, but Maggie said she’d want to be stretchy, so she could run on walls and wouldn’t be confined to what the human body could do.”

A quote on Maggie’s Facebook page, which hasn’t been updated since just before the stroke, demonstrates the spirit that has kept her going and that offers wisdom to the rest of us: “Life is good, be sure and live it that way.”

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“I’m the most optimistic when Margaret is the most communicative, and these days she does seem more alert and listening,” says Nancy Worthen.
At 21, Grace Burberry-Martin '11 became the youngest member of The Grécourt Society when she wrote a will designating 10 percent of her savings to go to Smith College. “People say, ‘You’ve written your will already? Don’t you think that’s a little morbid?’ I tell them, ‘I’m young, but I’m not irresponsible, and I’m certainly not invincible,’” she said. “I wanted my family to know what to do if the unthinkable occurred.”

Writing her will forced Grace to think about what was most important to her. “And that was Smith,” she said.

A government major and Spanish minor, Grace intends to pursue a career in intelligence. Last summer she was an unpaid intern for the Inspector General of the Naval Criminal Investigation Service in Washington, DC. “I could not have done it without my Praxis stipend,” Grace said. “I used my internship to meet as many people in the intelligence community as possible. This internship has been one of the most amazing experiences I’ve ever had.”

Grace has designated her bequest to go toward the Praxis program, to support internship opportunities for future generations. “Why wouldn’t I want to contribute so that someone like myself could have a similar experience?”

In time, Grace may increase her bequest to Smith, but for now, she has made her intentions clear. As she says, “You’re never too young to write a will.”
Dear friends, we have lost another classmate. MARY LEWIS SLAVITT ‘69, wrote that her mother died in her sleep just three months shy of age 96. Many of us will remember Mary’s gentle, youthful face at Reunions. Debby writes, “She suffered a stroke in early April, and with her customary determination, faced up to it, spending a month at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, and her last six weeks at home in her beloved garden with friends and flowers. She was born in Lithuania in 1914 and came to Holyoke, MA, when she was 6. She loved school, and in 1932 she was voted the Girl Most Likely to Succeed at Holyoke High, where she was the newspaper editor, an activity she continued at Smith. Majoring in English with Mary Ellen Chase as an adviser, she graduated magna cum laude. She had applied to Smith since it was close-by and offered her the best scholarship. Her first day of class was the first time she saw the campus! She loved Smith’s park-like grounds and particularly the greenhouse, where she spent many hours in its meditative silence. In the years following graduation she rarely missed a Reunion, wearing her class purple gym suit for her 50th. I’ve worn mine at each Reunion since. She sold Smith nuts with a passion, and I found a file box full of college memorabilia. I am inheriting the college bookends!” Please see her obituary in this issue.

This seems to be all the news I have, and I’d better resign as your sometime secretary. I hope there will still be news, though. Please send it to the Quarterly office.

I’ll end the column with this memory. Remember an October day when the college bells began to toll at 7 a.m. and the shout went up all over campus: “Mountain Day! No classes!” How did you spend yours? On one of four or five other improvident souls.

Helen Lathrop Brooks says life is good—she has no time to mention the long list of her Smith friends and former neighbors. She moved in March after living in Cambridge for 60 years. She lives with her son and daughter and their spouses, with her granddaughter across the street where she invites her neighbors to take weekly violin lessons and play in my string orchestra of 30-odd years. Amnesty International is her primary outreach these days. Three of our four children have music careers: Guy is a lutherian in New York City; Laurie teaches a string program in Amherst, MA; and Sue plays the violin in Coopertown, NY, and Boston. Glenn is a computer technician in Baltimore, and his wife, Martha, is a physician’s assistant. Through the years they have spent time in Bolivia and Venezuela as Maryknoll Missioners. Two grandchildren are in college: One is majoring in percussion, and the other in double bass and electric bass guitar. One is going to Venezuela for her junior year in high school, and the youngest will go to Boston Latin School next year.”

BARBARA FELLOWS SCOTT drove from New Castle, near Portsmouth, NH, to Martha’s Vineyard, MA, with her daughter Nancy to visit her other daughter, Judy. She passed only a mile from your secretary! She sends hags to all.

Bertine Niles Willis still misses her husband, who passed away in the summer of 2009. She was grateful his illness was quick and didn’t linger. She says all is well at her house. Son Jack and his family keep her company. Sec., Natalie High Loomis, 110 Preston Terrace, Marshfield, MA 02050, tanah@verizon.net Sec., Bertine Niles Willis, 1103 Grove Street, Framingham, MA 01701

JEAN BARLOW BENNETT has enjoyed remaining in her home and getting visits from her children. Her daughter lives with her; they dine out for lunch each day and go for rides in the country.

HELEN LATHROP BROOKS sends greetings from Lincoln, MA, where she moved in March after living in Cambridge for 60 years. She lives with her son and daughter and their spouses, with her granddaughter across the road. She comments that it is unusual these days for so many family generations to live together and have it work out so well. She continues to attend events in Cambridge and see old friends. This summer she was once again in Ripton, VT.

ELIZABETH SCHROEMER BOOTH writes from her farm in Eugene, OR, where she lives with her daughter and son-in-law. In June, she attended the graduation of her youngest grandson from Drexel University College of Medicine. She still enjoys her “old folks ride” on her horse (“slow and cozy”), and doing crafty projects like spinning, weaving, and braiding rugs. She also keeps busy with church, family, friends, and animals.

MANETTE EISLER SCOFIELD leaves us with this thought: “It’s not easy growing old! You can’t forget what you’ve been told. / Your grandchild’s birthday, her new child’s name / How to play Scrabble…Is that a game? / You skip a space when you’re needlepointing. / You think dinner tonight was disappointing / Still,
From her St. Petersburg, FL, home, ELEANOR DONAHOE KING phoned to say how much she enjoyed being at our Reunion accompanied by her niece, EDIE DINNEEN ’69, and Edie’s friend, LAURA DONAHUE ALLEN ’69. Eleanor spoke happily about our Reunion’s perfect weather, fine campus atmosphere, and how meaningful it was to see Smith friends and meet new ones. Because she is wheelchair dependent, Eleanor appreciated her first-floor room in Franklin King House, and especially enjoyed taking part in the Saturday morning Alumnae Parade. ANNE SWIFT SAWYER writes from her Woods Hole, MA, home, “I continue to enjoy living on the Cape in my own house, even with the summer traffic. Lots of visits, including two great-granddaughters and friends, and concerts and lectures make for a fulfilling life for this survivor. I do miss my 1940 friends who have left us—too many of them.” LEE MILLER OLSON writes from Bayonet Point, FL, that she still lives in her lovely home on the golf course. “I value my independence and enjoy being with friends, most of whom, like me, are in their 90s. I have three children, one stepson (my stepdaughter died in June), five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.” LINDA TERRY STURGIS, now living in Fort Myers, FL, writes, “It’s nice to know that there are plenty of us still going strong. My husband and I have had a busy, fulfilling life. My husband contracted tuberculosis in China during his stint in the war, and when he came home, we started a store and mail-order business, the Adriandock Store. We eventually sold it, and I am happy to say it is still running. Now I live in a retirement community where there is more to do than there is time. I have two sons who live in Montana with their families. I have two great-grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. I’m sorry to say I have not kept up with classmates. Recently, I tried to contact two of them, but both had died, so I love getting alumnae news. Cheers to you, one and all!” HELEN COSTELLO BENOT writes, “Any news about me is old by now, as is everything else.” They moved to a retirement community four miles from the house they lived in for 49 years, which she says was the best move they ever made. “Our health is good and we take advantage of many of the activities offered. My big problem is that I’m losing my eyesight to glaucoma and macular degeneration, and am now legally blind and cannot read without a newspaper machine.” Enclosed in Helen’s letter was the obituary for BARBARA LATHROP BOYNTON, who died in July. Many of our classmates remember Barbara for her enthusiasm, especially for the arts, and are glad to learn how important her paintings and quilts were to all those who saw exhibitions of them through the years. See her obituary in this issue.

EMILY HARMON WOLF writes, “After my husband died 12 years ago, I gave up a pleasant golfing life in carefree Arizona. Now I live independently in a retirement home close to Lake Michigan, where I enjoy the many activities available: bridge, lectures, small day trips, and concerts. My three sons keep tabs on me. One lives in Geneva, IL; one in Flagstaff, AZ, is a jeweler; and one in Seattle is a computer engineer for Boeing. There are also 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grands. I’m lucky to see them occasionally at family gatherings. I love being in touch with LEE KINGMAN NATTI, DALE JOHNSON DE PEYSTER, and JEAN ROIG ROSS ’97.”

As for my own news, once again I am living by the quarry on Cape Ann in Massachusetts in a new two-story house constructed on the footprint of a one-story house. I lived for 14 months with my daughter, SUSANNA NATTI ’70, an illustrator of many children’s books. My son, Peter, a quad since his accident when he was 23, lives in the untouched ell of the house, and has been a “clerk of the works” through all of the deconstruction and ongoing reconstruction. At age 96, I’ve given up taking saunas, but I still swim in our quarry. As your new class secretary, I send heartfelt thanks to those who wrote or phoned a response to my plea for class news. Here’s my hope that many of you will respond for future issues of The Smith Alumnae Quarterly.

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JOAN SANDERS BANFIELD lives in Rockville, MD, in a home they moved into in 1955.

HELEN HOSFORD BIERWIRTH traveled to Cape Cod, MA, for a grandson’s wedding. She also attended a huge engagement party for a Vietnamese student they had helped years ago.

JANET FIRTH COLTER writes and directs plays involving 35 to 40 late-blooming thespians in her retirement community in Vermont. The last drama was set on a cruise ship, and the next will be based on an art gallery tour. MARY STEARNS CHAFFEE is in a retirement community in Providence, RI. She has been taking a history course.

MIMI MOOG CARY holds a record for lightning strikes: five times. After 19,000 hours of service, she retired from her job in charge of the main desk at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton. She is serving in her 26th year as a salesperson for the Pelham (MA) Historical Society, and she received a citation from the Massachusetts Senate for her 47 years of service as head of the Pelham health board.

ANN LOUNSBURY BRUNDAGE plays duplicate bridge and is still in her own apartment in Winnetka, IL.

ELIZABETH MEANS EHROGHDAD had bad surgery and is getting around with a walker. She has enjoyed travel programs, especially one to Lake Louise in Banff, Canada.

ELIZABETH FISCHER JOHNSON looks out on the ocean from her home in Owls Head, ME. A daughter and two grandsons live next door. Treatments for macular degeneration are improving her eyesight.

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refuse to go into rehab, having had a taste of it in 2008. I stay in my small house, do my own cooking, and have six hours of help each week from a wonderful local Vermont woman. I also have two children and their spouses within walking distance. Their seven children are all now dispersed, but visit frequently." Her letter includes details about her color-ful granddaughter (a premied major sent on trips to Haiti and Kenya, and a grandson who heads an acting group and teaches courses at Swarthmore, Princeton, and Sarah Lawrence). Her letter closes, "Apologies from this handwritten loquacity. I don’t have, and hate, the Internet and computers. Handwriting helps my arthritic hands! All the best!"

RUTH (ROO) HIRSCH SILVERMAN, accompanied by her son and his wife from Cape Cod, MA, made her annual trip to attend the William Silverman pediatric lectures named for her late husband, held this year in Vancouver, British Columbia. A number of Smithies live in her retirement community in Greenbale, CA, and they all come to San Francisco to attend a Smith club tea. Since all were from classes in the 1960s or earlier, Roo says, "The San Franciscans were delighted to have us there, and fussed over us a great deal." She still entertains her fellow residents with concerts on the ukulele.

Some years ago, CONSTANCE MUNRO SNYDER moved from Pennslyvania to Utah to be near her daughter. She writes, "Park City, an hour from my daughter, has been a great place from which to share life with my grandchildren. My church and seniors have kept me busy with numerous activities and side trips. When grade school is in session, I start my day by tutoring in the reading program. It is very rewarding. I’m thankful to the Quaker Meeting for keeping me in touch with my Smith days."

BETTY-ANNE DAVIS SUNDERMAN spent much of last winter in the hospital in Vero Beach, FL, but she writes, "My husband and I are currently enjoying our New Hampshire home. Our summer weather is not cooperating, but our garden thrives in spite of it. Our Mountain Garden Club is in full swing, as are the historical societies. I enjoy their meetings, our summer theater, and our summer Episcopal chapel, but am no longer up to volunteering. I do love hearing class news, and I am in touch with four King House friends. Best wishes."

BETTY DRAYTON TAYLOR sent the following note dictated to her daughter. "I’ve been in the hospital in Wash-ington, DC, for surgery, but have been holding my own. My wonder-ful daughter has helped me through all this. I continue to be interested in politics and the world, and look for-ward to hearing from any of you or seeing you in DC."

Due to declining mobility, ELEANOR GRANT TOMBS says she spends a lot of time in her Saint-Lambert, Canada, apartment watching Vermont PBS and studying Beethoven symphonies through programs issued by the Teaching Co. Her youngest son is still working on his film on Arctic areas. His daughter, who lives in a village in Senegal, is now in law school at McGill University, to Eleanor’s surprise. A grandson is working as a background artist for a large French company that makes video games.

BETTY TUCKER WILLIAMS writes, "I’m still putting out a monthly newsletter for my library and typing catalog cards when processing new books. Howard and I have now been at Reeds Landing, a life-care community in Springfield, MA, for 15 years. I am so very lucky to have my husband still with me. It’s a miracle, really, since he’s now 98 and a diabetic. He uses the Internet. Not me! I’m in the dark ages; I don’t know how I would ever get near a computer. We now have three upper-middle-aged children; our baby turned 60 over the summer. Of course, we do have some old-age complaints, but all told, we’re extraor-dinarily fortunate."

MARY VOGT WOODLAND was honored twice within the last year. She and her husband, Bert, were inducted into the hall of fame of their Homewood, IL, village, where they moved in 1959. They were honored for their signifi-cant contributions to the village. And in May, at the annual meeting of the area’s League of Women Voters, Mary was presented a certificate of recognition and made an honorary lifetime member in the League of Women Voters of the United States.

GINNY DREW WHITE writes, "Alive, yes, but kicking ability a tad diminished. Still living in a retirement community in Corvallis, OR, a college town. I slosh through nine laps at the city aquatic center and walk an hour or so a day. No desire for travel, and de-lighted with our top-notch library and closed captions on TV. I don’t miss a beat with Miss Marple or Poirot. Cadillac hearing aids and good eye-sight. Could this extended shelf life be attributable to those four-starch meals served up at Wallace House?"

Your class secretary echoes much of Ginny White’s account: I’m thankful for closed-caption TV, never miss a Masterpiece program, and have no desire to travel. I don’t swim nine laps, but I do walk about a mile every morning and again after every-half moon, thanks to my dog. I have my own quarters in our ample, old-family house, which I share with my son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter. Has anyone else discovered the addictive TV game FreeCell? Sec., Neil Gilkyson Thorpe, 109 Grace Street, Mont Clare, PA 19453, nealthorpe@aol.com

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CAROL AYMAR ARMSTRONG shares, "I write poetry, do laundry (iron as little as possible), take courses that interest me (and fondly imagine them making me more interesting), answer e-mails, gather things I love and forget where I’ve filed them, have my teeth cleaned and my hair cut, create collages that satisfy my urge to make things, and I love birds, elephants, blueberry pancakes, and the view from my window at our farm where a deer may appear at any moment. I am a wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. This keeps me alive and glad of heart."

GRACE BEECHER has spent another year in her retirement community, which is highly praised. So she is happy there at 90!

In May’09, CONNIE CARSWELL SE-ROTA had a hip replacement, and five months later enjoyed a great four-week trip to Australia and New Zealand, with a cousin to act as a guide. She is legally blind, but gets around pretty well with the help of her periph-eral vision.

HELEN (PENNY) CHENERY was inter-viewed with actress Diane Lane and director Randall Wallace about the film Secretariat. Penny and her kids approve of the film, and they believe Diane Lane did a great job in the role of Penny.

MARY (SANDY) COBB SCHIRMER reports that she is happy at the Kendall retirement community in Granville, OH.

LEE DEMING COLLINS still cherishes San Diego’s many virtues, including often seeing her nearby son and his family; taking advantage of the local library’s classes, lectures, and events; playing bridge; keeping up her Spanish; and even enjoying exercise classes. Her only complaint is that the ever-engaging view of San Diego Bay and the city from her living room and balcony is too distracting. She sends love to all.

ANN HAMILTON ANDERSON really enjoys her grandchildren at ages 14 and 16. She is very well for her age, and enjoys her home.

GEORGEFORD JORDAN SCHOTT is happy and doing well at age 88. She lives in an apartment across the hall from her daughter and husband.

In June, as part of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, ANNA MILLS ASCHENBACH was involved in organizing a speak-out for immigrant women denied human rights in the United States. Speakers were women from Albania, Mexico, and Bethlehem. Anna’s message to us is “Save Mother Earth: Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without.”

PATRICIA PARSONS CHRISTY moved to California two years ago to be with her son and his family. She finds it to be a great change in climate and society for one used to New England and New York, but she is enjoying it immensely. She says some California bumper stickers say “Keep Santa Cruz weird”; she would add “friendly, interesting, and with lovely views.”

ADELAIDE (TORCHY) PATTERSON COUCHMAN went to Atlanta to see her youngest grandson’s high school graduation. His next step is Indiana University. Later, she went back to Atlanta to dog-sit her favorite corgi, Patrick, while his family went on an Alaskan cruise.

CAROL SCHMIED RUDERMAN is enthusiastic about her retirement home, the Pines at Davidson, in Davidson, NC. She says there are only three Smithies there, but lots of good people. She has started a Pines chess club and is plugging into duplicate bridge. She has 12 grands scattered all over the world, and no great- greats, although lots of great-granddoggies.

MARY MAC WHITMIRE BROWN reports, “Same old, same old.” Sec., Ellie Del Mar Revill, 460 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067, erevill@sbcglobal.net

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KIP LINKE POND says, “Life in a con-tinuing-care retirement community is a pleasure, although there is an element of danger when you live right on the San Andreas Fault. I carry the title of court captain of the disaster committee, with a red hat, intercom,
whistle, and the cat (if I can manage to stuff her into her carrying case). First, a short term job, now retired from her law practice, continues to live in Clinton, NY. She lost her husband three years ago. Her two sons and two daughters have produced 10 grandchildren. Her interests remain strong in Quemoy and College, which many of her nieces and nephews attended. She very much enjoys her young friends. She was sorry to have missed our 65th Reunion. A group of us had a good time together at the 60th when she led us astray to Wiggin’s Tavern — Fanta night. Her philosophy is, “If you don’t look in the mirror, you can still think young.”

BETSEY ROCHESTER SPRAGINS continues to make her home at Broadmead, a Quaker-sponsored life-care community in Cockeysville, MD. This has been her residence for the past 15 years, and she no longer misses Baltimore! Betsy finds the residents at Broadmead very interesting, intellectual, and stimulating. She is alone now, since her husband died several years ago. There have been two grand-children born to them. In the past, she joined her Smith friends for luncheons, but now her driving days are over since she traveled up a few too many curbs. Whooops! After so many years, it was great to have a chance to talk with SUSANNA TOWNSEND MILLAET. We go back to high school days. Susannah is now living in Ventura, CA, at the Cypress Place senior-living community. In one of her more recent falls, she badly broke her left arm, and is in rehab. Her husband died five years ago. Her daughter Peggy lives nearby; another daughter lives in Santa Barbara, CA, and a son, George, lives in Boston. Susannah is one of our long-lost classmates, and I am glad to bring her back into the fold. It is delightful to meet through my telephone contact HALL ZAUBER. She is still happily living in her own home in Greensboro, NC. She was a New York City gal when she met her navy husband. After the war, he wanted to return to his home in North Carolina, and they have lived there ever since. Admittedly, she hasn’t kept up with her Smith classmates. A daughter lives in NYC, and a sculptor son lives in Chapel Hill, NC.

CAROL DOWIGHT BAIN recently moved to The Ridge at RiverWoods retirement community in Exeter, NH. She keeps in touch with RUTH CHALMERS, which is much appreciated by Ruth. Carol’s first great-grandchild arrived this fall. She was very little this fall, but her eyesight has badly deteriorated and she now requires assistance getting about. In spite of this impediment, she certainly sounded in good spirits when I spoke with her. Her sign-off quote was, “I live with it and make the most of it.”

ELIZABETH YOERG SCHUMACHER sent a wonderful letter, having been inspired after reading the Winter ‘10 issue of the Quarterly. Among the highlights: It will be 10 years since her return to the United States after 56 years of life abroad in the Foreign Service. Most of the time was spent in Mexico, where she was part of the Foreign Service Office of Information. She is still adjusting to the many changes that have transpired in her absence, and to the many ongoing changes—technologically, politically, and culturally. Home is now White-rock Court, which she describes as a “little part of British Society.” That is near her daughter Marilie, a nurse, and her wonderful big family. Each year Elizabeth has been able to visit her other children: lawyer Lisa is in Maryland, and her two sons are engineer Michael, in South Carolina, and Foreign Service officer Mark (retired), on Cape Cod, MA. She keeps in touch with cherished Smith friends BETTY JANE CUDWORTH MACMICHEN, JANIE CLARK ERICSON, and BETTY HARPER CLAGGETT, with warm recollections of their happy college years together. Others who have gone before are deeply missed.

When I called, MARGARET TASHIAN RICHARDS had recently returned from a trip to Asia. She was still excited, enthusiastic, and pleasantly surprised with what she saw and enjoyed during her adventure. She visited all the major sights in China, including the Great Wall, the clay soldiers, Beijing, Hong Kong, and Shanghai. For the past 45 years, Margaret has lived in the same house in Atherton, CA, south of San Francisco. There are lots of grandchildren in her life, and now a companion with whom she shares a wonderful lust for travel. Her husband passed away 15 years ago. She commutes frequently to her condo-minium in Hawaii. She had lots of stories to tell, such as her experience of receiving a master’s from Hampshire College, and her brother being a re-searcher at Harvard. She sends the following message to KATHLEEN TREAD PITNEY: “I hope you remember me, and I think of you often. I encouraged her to come to our next Reunion, which she has never attended. Reunion is wonderful, full of memories, and I encourage you all to sign on for the 70th in 2013.

Very happy to hear from KATHERINE (K. SUE) WHITE MCLINDON, another Wal-lace housemate. She spends time at her home in Palm Beach, FL, from late October to May. Otherwise, her residence is the farmhouse on Ashin-tully Gardens in Tyringham, MA. The house belongs to the village of Reservations, a private nonprofit conservation group that preserves some of the most beautiful proper-ties in New England. Katherine and her late husband, John, a composer and musician, designed and spent 30 years creating the spectacular 18 acres of gardens found at Ashintully, which are open for public viewing in the summer. John was born at Ashintully Farm and returned to live there as an adult. When the main house burned down, his response to the loss was to make something beautiful, thus the gardens were created. K. Sue left in 2011, and now lives in Chapel Hill, NC, to England, which she and John so enjoyed.

As your class secretary, it has been a great blessing to be in touch with so many of you. I have found new friends and re-stored old acquaintances. Thank you for sharing your news and adventures. In 2013, ANN KESWY Keyser RAWLEY, will be your new secretary. She will greatly appreciate hearing from you with updates on the comings and goings that make your lives so interesting. Remember to check “In Memoriam.” Please contact Ann at the following address.

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At Reunion in May, we few attendees had a great time catching up on all of our latest activities. At our class meeting, I asked how many lived in retirement homes, and was frankly surprised at the answer: only four of those attending. It would be interest-ing to know how many more in the class have made that move. Perhaps those of you who have could write and let me know. The following updates all come from classmates who were at Reunion.

VIOLET MEYER BATES told us that she volunteers in the computer depart-ment at the VA hospital in West Palm Beach, FL.

JEANNE LA CROIX CROCKER is proud that her granddaughter was accepted to Washington, DC, her hometown, to celebrate the spring birthdays of all three. They were joined at a luncheon by Emily’s daughter, MARTHA WOOD SUBBER ‘69; Emily’s sister, MAR-THA CHURCHILL DRAKE ‘50; DONNA RINEY BENNETT; and JEANNE RINEY FROEB ‘51. Emily’s husband arranged the luncheon and remembered his Smith visits as a Princeton first-year, and later as a World War II soldier on furlough. Sylvia presented a scrapbook of photos of farm work and Mountain Day rides. “It was a wonderful 85th birthday that was all Smith,” Emily said.

RUTH WILSON SUTRO is delighted to have become a great-grandmother in July with the birth of Wyatt, the grandson of Ruth’s daughter, Joy. Ruth says, “Instead of thinking Wyatt Earp, think Sir Thomas Wyatt, English poet and statesman at the time of Henry VIII, who introduced the Italian form of the sonnet to England.”

JUDITH FISKE GROSS writes that two of her grandchildren were married last fall, one in Oregon and one in Lincoln, MA. The Lincoln bride and groom have been living with Judy, but at the time of writing were about to move into an apartment. Judy has battled macular degeneration for six years and finds not being able to drive the most annoying. She is still active in her church and town, and spends a lot of time on the computer (addicted to Spider Solitaire).

BETSEY FOWLER WARRICK writes, “Our San Francisco Bay Area ’46ers gathered at the home of RUTH JACKSON, 46 Smith Alumnae Quarterly Winter 2010-11
expected. All ‘46ers are welcome. “

She is active in her church, singing in the choir, knitting shawls for those in pain and for babies in nurseries, welcoming newcomers, and helping at receptions. She has a nearby daughter, two sons, five grand- children, and three great-grandchildren. Jo Anne had two years at Smith and graduated from the University of Michigan, where she also earned a master’s in biochemistry. After her children were grown, she returned to school and received teaching credits, along with a Teacher Education degree, and physics for nine years. She wishes she could be at Reunion and says, “I dearly loved Smith and the friends I made there.”

PATRICIA MCGHAN attended Smith for three years and left to get married. She says, “It was an interesting and challenging time being in college during World War II. Smith was a great experience and enabled me to return to college after my children were in school. I graduated from Geneva College in 1970, and got a master’s from the University of Pittsburgh School of Information Sciences in 1972. That all led to an appointment by Pennsylvania’s governor to a board that governed the state university system. It’s a great life,” says Patty. She has been a widow for 30 years, and has four children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Our 65th Reunion dates are May 19–22, 2011. Sec., Jeanne Caswell Clappitt, 25 Thornton Way #207, Brunswick, ME 04011, jeanne.clappitt@gmail.com

HOPE SMITH EMERY is a lucky lady: Four of her five children live near her in Connecticut. Under her church’s wonderful leadership (she is also still in English as a second language to six Iraqi children. She keeps fit by attending exercise classes and walking with trekking poles to visit the housebound.

JULIA BRUCE COYLE says she has nothing new to report. She is still enjoying Connecticut and her antique house, but she spends her winters in Vero Beach, FL, along with many other Smithies. Don and PRISCILLA JONES CASTLE decided that their annual trip to Cape Cod, MA, had become too much of a burden, so they spent their first summer in Florida. Their daughter, JANICE CASTLE FRALEIGH ’81, and her husband and four children joined them there for three weeks.

NANCY SCHULTING KELLY reports that her daughter, LAURA, from Los Angeles, has three married children, seven educated grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. She still plays doubles tennis, substitutes in an elementary school in nearby Culver City, reads a lot, and plays lots of bridge. She says she is a “purple nut,” with a purplish house and an English garden that is 90 percent purple. She also loves giraffes and put a tin one in her garden.

POLLY CARRUTHERS EHRGOOD has been at Loomis Village in South Hadley, MA, for four years and says that it continues to be the right place for her. There are lots of activities and she spent one time with her daughter in San Francisco.

ROSALIE GABER FEDER sends this cheery note: “Summer has been lovely, highlighted by visits from friends and relatives around the country, France, and Greece. I see FRA LINER KURPERMAN ’48. Now that I’m retired, I have more time to work on a variety of projects, swim laps in a nearby pool, and do lots of reading. At the moment, I’m enjoying Truman Capote’s Other Voices, Other Rooms, and a collection of his essays.”

KATE BELCHER WEBSTER says she has noth- ing new to report. She is at your friends, to the world, to your family, to your friends, to the world, to your God. Laughter gives us the strength to face our fears. Treasure the people who make us laugh.”

This column is short for lack of news from classmates. We cannot stay connected without communication! Sec., Barbara Harrison Mullern, PO Box 746, Cooperstown, NY 13326, bmullern@aol.com

Hello to all you survivors! That’s what those who graduated from college before 1950 are called by several friends who were involved in intelligence starting in 1940, and for good reason, none of us really were meant to know anything about it. A Man Called Intrepid is the chronicle of the world’s first integrated intelligence operation and its chief, William Stephenson, and the incorrect name Intrepid were given to him by Winston Churchill in 1940. The book’s author is also William Stevenson, but note the different spelling of the last name.

New project. Please review the class of ’48 news in the Summer ’10 issue of the Quarterly. Big mistake on my part: In the second paragraph I put the incorrect name of our classmate, which should have been DESDY JACK- SON BAGGOTT in California. My error did bring forth a voice from the past, JEANETTE ANDREW, who sent word that JOAN GRIGGS BABBOTT lives in Glover, VT, is still single, and is recovering from a broken hip. Maybe I’ve found a way to get news! JEANETTE ANDREW reports that she is still single, and “is a wise old grandmother of a boy named Boye, who is 17 and lives in Portland, OR. I fish for fun and keep on writing something I call proems. I miss Smith.”

MARIE EMLEN HOCHSTRASSER writes from Lexington, KY, that she and Don made it to their 50th wedding anni- versary last April. They have three daughters, all with families: Laura is in Santa Rosa, CA; Ellie is in Sum- mit, NJ; and Letitia, after 12 years in Anchorage, AK, is now at Canterbury Christ Church University in New Zealand.

From El Paso, TX, BARBARA GOODMAN ETTINGER and husband Gershon also celebrated a big anniversary— their 60th. They attend a “Fitness for the Golden Age” Vermo at the local Veteran’s Center three days a week. Bobbie plays mah-jongg every Thursday with the same group she’s been playing with for the last 57 years. Their son and his family of two boys live in El Paso; their daughter is in Flagstaff, AZ, with an older son who graduated
We were saddened to learn about the death of VIRGINIA (GINNY) ROBERTS EMERY just after Thanksgiving ‘09. Her daughter, VIRGINIA (GINGER) EMERY DOWNAY ‘77, has written a pretextive tribute in this issue’s obituary section.

NANCY ENGLISH BAKER, widowed 12 years ago, moved from Watertown Valley, NH, a ski resort area, to the Pleasantville retirement community in Concord, NH, six years ago after she was diagnosed with a rare disorder, polymyositis, which manifested as chronic muscle inflammation and weakness, and left Nancy in a wheelchair. Fortunately, large doses of prednisone controlled the disease, and Nancy is now off this medication and feeling much better again. She adds that she has grown to love her small community; has made many friends; is active in the Osher Life-long Learning Institute; has taken numerous courses in art, geography, and other subjects that she never studied at Smith; and also enjoys local theater. Nancy lived overseas in Latin America and the Far East for most of her married life while her husband was with the Eastman Kodak Co. Daughter CHRISTINE BAKER ‘74 now lives in Mexico; daughter BETHY BAKER ‘76 lives in Boston; and one son, Edward, lives in Maine.

JUDY MOGIL BLANC writes that she married Haim, a specialist in Arabic dialects, who taught at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem until his death in 1984. Except for living in Cambridge, MA, during her husband’s sabbaticals, Judy has lived in Jerusalem for the last 56 years. Between 1958 and 1960 she earned a degree from the Harvard School of Public Health, and then studied anthropology at Brandeis University from 1971 to 1972. In the 1990s, during the period of the Palestinian First Intifada, Judy was one of many Israeli and Palestinian women who worked together for a just peace settlement as grassroots organizers and speakers on critical issues. Although the goals of this women’s movement within the peace efforts to end Israeli occupation of Palestinian land have yet to be achieved, and are currently at a low point, Judy insists that she will not give up this struggle. Judy’s three grown children have remained in Israel: Sara is a medical psychologist with three daughters who lives in the Jerusalem house where she grew up; David, a mathematician, has three children and lives in Haifa; and Remy, an environmental engineer with two children, lives in a nearby village.

SARAH MERRILL BROWN retired in 1994 after 25 years as an art teacher at Miss Porter’s School in Farmington, CT. After the death of her second husband in 2004, Sarah married Roderick. Between them, they have eight children scattered all over the country. One of Sarah’s grandchildren is now a student at Miss Porter’s. The Browns are both still active painters. He works with watercolors and acrylics, and she uses oil, pastels, a water-based vinyl, and silk screening for portraits. In 2003, the Farmington Library held a show of Sarah’s portraits of local people. After a winter vacation in Arizona and New Mexico, the Art League of New Britain (CT) exhibited the couple’s portraits of that region.

PEGGY HEARD PERKINS writes that she was “mighty proud to be a member of our class while attending the events at my husband’s 65th Harvard reunion,” where NATALIE ZEUM DAVIS was the Phi Beta Kappa orator, and RENEE FOX received an honorary doctor of laws. Natalie’s address on “The Possibilities of Friendship” claimed friendship as “a central Phi Beta Kappa value,” noting that “friendship is a mark of hope and excellence in the modern world,” as exemplified by “the cooperation among Palestinian and Israeli doctors whose nations are riven by war.” The citation for Renée’s degree honored her pioneering work on the moral aspects of medical practice and commended her as “an exemplary expositor of medicine’s moral conundrums, [who] reveals the pulsating reality of human relations in the quest of physicians to do good and no harm.”

ALICE (JINK) LUDLOW LAMBERT reports that her gorgeous orange cat, Alexander the Great, temporarily plucked her with fleas this past summer, and, more importantly, she revolted against further treatment after a breast cancer operation. She says she wouldn’t agree to radiation due to sensitive skin, refused chemo because she likes her hair too much, and stopped Femara because she slept too much. Except for her stomach acting up, Jinx insists she’s fine and still enjoys all the hoopla of politics, especially the fall 10 elections.

MURIEL (CHICKEY) VOGEL HENDERSON missed our 60th Reunion because of family weddings and births, so she was pleased to attend her daughter, KATHLEEN HENDERSON STAUCT ‘75’s, 35th Reunion in May. The highlight of Chickey’s weekend was a book discussion where her daughter read from her new volume of poetry, Waving Back, a reflection on her motherhood experiences. Both Chickey and Kathy were impressed with how inspiring Smith women are at any age, and Chickey particularly enjoyed a chance meeting with LEIGH BERRIEN SMITH’s daughter, ALISON SMITH DRISCOLL ‘75.

LEIGH BERRIEN SMITH and her husband, Procter, had a delightful June visit in Martha’s Vineyard, MA, with HARRIET FITZPATRICK, daughter of our late classmate FRANNY FACHE FITZPATRICK, and Harriet’s four-year-old adopted daughter, Erin. Although the Smiths had known Harriet since childhood, they had not seen her in years and were thrilled to entertain Erin.

ANNE (RUSTY) WALLACE DAYTON was elated that her son and 7-year-old grandson came all the way from Thailand to see the sights surrounding Rusti’s new celebration Maine coast.

CONSTANCE BARTLETT HEAHT has completed a new book on medieval cookery, slated for publication in 2011.

LUCY WILSON BENSON, a past president of the League of Women Voters (1968–74), was honored at the organization’s 90th-anniversary celebration. She also reports taking a great trip last spring to the Balkan states, St. Petersburg, and Helsinki, continuing her service as chairperson for the Amherst (MA) Cinema Arts Center, and frequently working with SABINA GILDEMEISTER COURNOYER.

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Thanks to ANN FULLER FIELD COXE, our former class secretary, for sending her excellent report on our 60th Reunion. My husband and I had a wonderful time. Thanks to all who promptly answered my recent plea for news. I know that some of our classmates are not online and you will be getting postcards later. But don’t wait! Use the address at the end of this column and stay in touch! I encourage you to list your current e-mail with the college.

VIRGINIA WILLIAMS OTTO writes, “I’m in Friday Harbor, WA, a San Juan island in Puget Sound. We are an hour away from the mainland by ferry. Fortunately, I don’t have to navigate that route too often. I’m on the board of our senior center, and this is our second year of selling a coupon discount book, Island à la Carte, which presents free offers from 162 local merchants. I think it’s finally beginning to catch on. A customer recently picked up the book, put the net, which was $12,000 last year. My other fling is with golf— a mind game that frequently warps my sense of reality. I have enjoyed my picks from the animal shelter: two orange tabbies I named Marmalade and Marmaduke. My ‘Marmacats’ have turned the house into a preschool heaven with toy mice sprinkled all over the floor or tucked carefully under my covers. Anyone venturing out this way is welcome. You’ll get the grand tour, which includes seeing a pod or two of orca whales, first-class theater, and gorgeous views.”

EUNICE HERTZMARK GROSSMAN sent a concise note, for which we are grateful, but we’ll hold off on printing her delightful plans for her 65th anniversary celebration (wow!) until after they happen. (Remember everyone, please don’t report future plans, trips, babies, etc., unless they have actually come to pass.) Eunice reports that her cat is sweet but asthmatic, her pet peev is not having enough
time to waste, her political views are “liberal and discouraged,” and her favorite foods are all illegal. She and her spouse live in a cottage in a continuing-care community.

Jane Thomson MacColl says that after some wandering around New England, she and her husband are now settled in Madison, CT. Their next-door neighbor is Nancy Peterson Webster. Jane’s 11-year-old granddaughter, Tara, accompanied her on a tour of Smith, where they saw the art museum, Ford Hall, and the greenhouse. Jane is our class Fund agent and helps to hear from each of us over the next five years.

Vinini Marie Agüanno d’Ambrosio writes this happy letter: “Nothing very glamorous in weekly Italian and Shakespeare classes, monthly reading aloud group at the AAU, Monday afternoons with a few poet friends eating muffins and drinking tea, two good annual subscriptions to plays, walks in Washington Square Park, and madness for Mad Men and the Metropolitan Opera in HD. Two weeks in northern Italy, where the Alps blew me away, and I finally reserved Joanna Spyri’s Heidi on DVD at the library to see the Hollywood version of the Alps. Biggest joy: my grandson, St. John, at his great new job.” It all sounds pretty glamorous to me, Vinini! Peg Stair Anderson, our outgoing president, sends this list of new officers, elected by unanimous vote at the class meeting on May 22: Sarah (Tink) Murdock Boster, president; Peggy Lynch Tomlinson, vice president; Betty Thomas Sweitzer, secretary; Betty Sayford Jacobsen, treasurer; Jane Thomson MacColl, class Fund agent; Sheila Sweeney Evans, special gifts chair; Diane Mellish Stanbro, planned giving chair; and Ann Fuller Field Coxe, memorial gifts chair.

My husband, Skip, and I recently moved to a smaller home and our granddaughter, Tara, accompanied us over the next five years.

This is a wonderful pro bono speakers have enabled more than 4,300 participants from a multitude of faiths and backgrounds to find intellectual excitement, empowerment, and nurturance in the mission of women committed to feminism, justice, and peace. Liz was also honored by the Boston Foundation’s establishment of an endowment fund in her name, which will ensure the continuation of her lecture series. She and her husband, David, were jointly presented the Donella Meadows Award from the US Association for the Club of Rome, an organization in which they have been active since the 1970s.

Once again, please remember to answer my e-mails and postcards.

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Our class is truly on the move! Nancy Breckenridge McCormack moved into a retirement community and loves it. “Taking care of two houses and my creche, and being a grandmother, alone. Many other friends are here as well, so it’s like going to camp!” Nancy was not too creaky, though, since she was also off on travels just days after her note. At press time, Myrna Fenning Baskin was planning an address change. She and Robin Purcell drove together to New Canaan, CT, with the intent to enjoy an early celebration lunch, as well as a celebration for upcoming 80th birthdays. Due to problems with directions, they missed the lunch with Nancy Downes Means, Suzanne Spitzer King, Eliza Lamb Fauber, Barbara Barry Strauat, and Edith (Teedy) La Croix Dabney. Myrna and Robin arrived after the lunch, but it was time enough to realize that Myrna never slows down. She had invited her entire family to celebrate her 80th on a cruise in Norway, Sweden, and Russia: “Wonderful family time and unforgettable memories.”

Julie Wolyw Lowell writes that she has a blog, Grandma Julie’s Story. “Some of the stories are Smith stories, and some are just life as I see it.”

Field Coxe reports: “Some of the stories are Smith stories, and some are just life as I see it.”
for this year’s milestone. We invited JOYCE PETERSON THURMER, who used to come to volunteer parties, but, alas, the date conflicted with her trip to England.” JOYCE BAKER PATTERSON and family had a “reunion to celebrate family milestones and accomplishments in 2010. Our daughter, Martha, and AI and I filled our houses with visiting family, so much so that AI and I had to move into a local inn. So for family solidarity, we became homeless for a night.” MARLEIGH MORLAND BARATZ was “so inspired when Joyce wrote that she could see me tinkle the keys a bit” that it led to a CD of *Music to Cook Cookies By*, played and sung by Marleigh and her students. Anyone who wishes to reserve a CD for the holidays, please contact Marleigh, and all money from the CDs will go directly to the class of ’52 fund for our Reunion in 2012.

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THE ONE GIFT

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ELINOR (LYNNE) STEIN LEAVITT writes that she and her husband, Aaron, have permanently moved to the Berkshires area in Massachusetts, and “it is heaven year-round here.” She plays bridge and golf, and had a bat mitzvah three years ago at age 75. She joined the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and attends performances at Jacob’s Pillow and Tanglewood. In the fall of 2009, Lynne’s choral group sang Verdi’s *Requiem* at the Terezin concentration camp. She enjoys her many grandchildren, and is looking forward to ski season, when she’ll try out her two new knees. Friends ask her if she’ll ever slow down, and her answer is “Never!”

ANNE PHELAN RICHARDSON’s life centers on family, education, and volunteer work. Four grandchildren, from 5 to 21, live within 25 miles of her. She attends classes at the Osher Life-long Learning Institute at American University, which is within walking distance from her. She can also walk to her volunteer job as a docent at the Washington National Cathedral.

SUSAN LYNN WEITZMAN sent us a fascinating article about her trip to Egypt that she wrote for the summer issue of her local magazine for professional businesswomen in the Sullivan and Southern Ulster counties of New York. In the article, she told of the wonderful trip she and others took with Gary Young, the founder of Young Living Essential Oils, to tour Egypt and act as extras in his documentary, *The One Gift*, about the story of the Frankincense Trail. The Frankincense Trail was an active trade route for at least 3,000 years where distributors distilled frankincense oils from trees in southeast Arabia to the Mediterranean and beyond. The oils were treasured more than gold because of their healing properties. Other highlights of her visit in Egypt included surviving a sandstorm in the desert during the filming, and visiting the treasures of King Tut in the Egyptian Museum, the pyramids of Giza, and the Temple of Dendera.

JOYCE BACKUS KOHOUT writes that she loved the Bay Area biking group on Cape Cod, MA, do weekly bike rides, as well as some longer trips. From June 22 to 24, they stayed in Hadley, MA, and rode different trails in the Northampton area. One of the days included a visit to Smith’s Ford Hall, Botanic Gardens, and Campus Center. “We all enjoyed the exercise, the beauty of the Norwottuck Rail Trail, with its bridge over the Connecticut River, and the intrigue that is always Smith.”

MASON UNIVERSITY. The youngest of her children—Helena, is an administrative director of cancer clinical trials at the New York University Langone Medical Center. KATHERINE EDGAR FLEMING says, "New York City continues to be my home year-round." This means she often sees many old friends, such as ROBIN HANSEN WITHINGTON. "The greater part of my time is devoted to St. James Episcopal Church," Kathy says. She chairs the mission committee and the Healing and Solidarity Network. "This year, St. James is celebrating its bicentennial as a parish with several extra events, including an panel that was on 'The Church and Global Reconciliation' with Archbishop Emeritus Tutu." While attending a talk on the art dealer Leo Castelli, New Yorker NANCY DICKSON NEWCOMB was delighted to find that BARBARA PETCHKSY JAKOBSON, who had known Castelli well, was a panelist in the discussion that followed. Barbara says, “Meeting Leo at exactly the moment he opened his gallery in 1956 allowed me to be a player in what was an incredible period in the history of 20th-century American art.”

From Providence, RI, comes news from VEE HENRY ACHEY, 92109, betmcnew@aol.com

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In late April, I called GEORGIA HERTZ-MAN PAMPHEL of Rockford, IL. She was our classmate for only a year but remained engaged in Smith activities. Georgia died peacefully in May in Tellulah, GA, of her childhood leukemia. Zachary Mason. She says the book, which reimagines Homer’s classic story, is well written, and she and her husband thoroughly enjoyed reading it.

EDA WILLIAMS MARTIN is adjusting to her new home at Williamsburg Landing retirement community in Williamsburg, VA. She said it feels like a college campus, full of new faces and activities. She visited her sister, ROBERTA WILLIAMS LEE ’56, in New Brunswick, Canada, and also spent a week in Kennebunkport, ME, with her three daughters, including EDA MARTIN JOYCE ’80 and BERTA MARTIN ’83.

HOLLY STAIR GREER traveled to Marquette, MI, to see daughter Cathy and family, and they were joined by son-in-law Phil. Rosemary, RL STURGEON, St. Peter’s Sturtevant, WIS., remarked that Marquette has turned into a tourist mecca with lots to do and places to see. Earlier in the year, she traveled to the Dominican Republic with friends, and then flew to Tucson, AZ, to visit her sister, PEG STAIR ANDERSON ’50. Holly has enjoyed Steig Larsson’s books; the last one she read was *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet’s Nest*. She keeps up a busy volunteer schedule.

NANCY KNOLDBOELHEIM is president of her homeowners’ association. She says, “A self-governing community of seniors imparts a new meaning to civics as the study of the citizen’s duties to the government.” She and Walter had family reunions in Hatteras, NC, and later in Niguel, CA. During their annual vacation at Lake George in the Adirondacks of New York, VEE HENRY ACHEY and John visited PEGGY WICKHAM TOOKER at her home in Burlington, VT. They enjoyed lunch overlooking Lake Champlain. Looking ahead to our next Reunion, JANE COWEN PAFFORD, our class vice president, and BETSY JONES HAYES, alumnae chair, are looking forward to planning our activities: the Satur- day Alumnae Parade (costumes and signs), the Friday and Saturday night dinners and Sunday brunch, speaker suggestions, and headquarters plan- ning. We also know that two people will work together to share ideas. The theme is “We’re Connected.” You can reach Betsy at betsyhayes@verizon. net, and Jane at jcpaf@comcast.net. Please don’t be shy!

Many thanks for sending your news. We so enjoy you to keep in touch. Sec., Vee Henry Achey, 4705 Town Ridge Drive, Greensboro, NC 27455, bearnsmith@triad.rr.com Sec., Betty McCray Newman, 2107 Balfour Court, San Diego, CA 92109, betmcnew@aol.com

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Fancy the surprise of MARY BAHR TURINO to find that her next-door neighbor also vacationing at Flori- da’s Hillsboro Club last February, was none other than ELISABETH CONDON MASON. Mary recalls Betsy had once been “an item in the life of my Yale brother, Fred.” Betsy was there with her sisters, BARBARA VAN DUSEN ’49 and JEAN CONDON ADAMS ’48. Betsy’s six grandchildren keep her globetrotting when she’s not home in Duluth, MN.

JEAN BUTLER DEAN tells us that she and David “continue to live in Buffalo, NY, and enjoy all the city has to offer, including music, theater, sports, and a wonderful social scene. She practices medicine and cardiology, although he sometimes mentions retirement.” Son Bruce, the oldest, is an attorney in New Orleans; Keith works for the Department of Defense in Washington, DC; and daughter Laurie is director of technology partnerships for Turner Broadcasting in Atlanta. Their oldest granddaughter graduated from the College of Charleston and is taking preliminary vet school courses, while her sister is at George Mason University. The youngest granddaughter is a college-shopping senior at St. Martin’s Episcopal School in Metairie, LA.

The Power of the Place is the evoca- tive title JOAN COHEN BOWMAN gave her new memoir, available on Amazon. The place is her grandfather’s estate on the North Jersey shore, the venue of her childhood—“a magical king- dom” whose ongoing influence is key in her life and development as a writer. Joan has been an interior de- signer for 35 years, and a newspaper
“At Smith, I found my strength. I learned how to be my best self, to think and ask questions and understand that there was no challenge too great. I wanted my daughter to have these same tools as she goes forward to make her own mark. A Smith education is a special gift!”

—LISA INDOVINO ’83

Lisa Indovino ’83, strategy consultant, community volunteer, and mom, with her daughter Emma Ottens ’12, Scales House resident and American studies major.
columnist and essayist, who at age 72 received her master’s in writing from Sarah Lawrence College, short Hills, NJ, where she raised five sons and a daughter. An admirer of all the arts, she is the board secretary of the Paul Taylor Dance Foundation and says dance can convey the most profound emotions. “Through Gardening magazine,” especially those who, like me, had reached the age of painful joints… Those letters gave me the incentive to write [this book]. This is my story, and it is for my late husband, but there are so many people in the same boat that I thought it would be worthwhile to share my experiences and those of friends.”

BARBARA BARNITZ ACTON’s home is in Huntington Valley, PA, where moving into a condo has permitted her to travel easily. She retired from the civil service two years after a dozen years ago and says, “Like most of you, I’ve had some health issues, the hardest being two knee replacements.” But she “thinks young,” and she still swims and plays golf. Her three daughters are a lawyer, doctor, and politician, and who have produced six grandchildren: Twin boys are Willers Way, Houston, TX 77057, and twins who were due in Twin girls include a junior and a senior, and for the first time Jane had twins in 2008 who were a girl and a boy.

NANCY CORDINER JUDGE wishes well to all of us, adding, “I have been extraordinarily blessed; after some large-scale challenges and successes, my way forward is no more difficult than many of yours, I think. I have been married 55 years to the same accomplished, acclaimed man: Princeton ’46, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine ’55, University of Michigan residency, and a fellowship in cardiology.”

SUSAN REED MCALMINE writes, “It was certainly a wonderful Reunion, and I’ve since met over lunch with DOMIQUE TORAIN-ALLERAND and MARLENE STROBEL COLGATE at International House in New York City.”

MARY ROSE CALDWELL SCHLATTER, our retired class secretary, says she is working on the class Website transition: See http://alumnae.smith.edu/smcms/1955/. She reports enjoying a lovely phone call from GAIL WARD POWELL, “who offered many insights about our respective journeys through breast cancer, rejoicing that we both are doing well and are thankful for the love and support of family and friends, especially our Smith classmates!” In July, Gail, her husband, and their family members took a two-week trip to Ireland.

MEREDITH FULLER SONDERSKOV regrets missing Reunion. “Most of my travel is to Maryland to visit my two sons and two grandsons, ages 5 and 2. Great ages to be with—no discussions of oil spills, economic downturns, or other unpleasantness. We talk about Thomas the Tank Engine and dinosaurs. My life is consumed with volunteer activities on the boards of the historical society, residents’ association, and the property committee at church. That is down from three other boards for the past few years. Time to slow down and do more writing of family history for the next generation. My health is pretty good, especially since I gave up my car two years ago and I get a lot of exercise walking to shops, church, etc. My second husband and I celebrated our 13th anniversary with a trip to Cape May, NJ, where we met in 1987. Long courtship!”

From MARGARET PRESTON SPECKMAN:

“Strange tidbit to share: On Monday I got a new shoulder. The actual surgery took 30 minutes, and I was in the hospital just 24 hours. By Wednesday, I was almost pain free. Modern medicine can be wonderful! As soon as this one is rehabilitated, I’ll do the other!”

ELLIE ALTON SULSTON rhapsodizes about her winter travels: “A week in Canterbury Cathedral and its precincts for a Benedictine experience: several services daily, visits to every corner of that beautiful building, music from the organ and the men and boys choir, time to relax in the conference center’s wine garden—a very moving experience to be so steeped in the history of the home church of Anglicans and Episcopalians that began there in the sixth century. The second trip was aboard the National Geographic Explorer to within 500 miles of the North Pole. Sightings of thousands of polar bears and blue, fin, and beluga whales; hikes along rocky shorelines with molting walruses; and finding vestiges of the lives of people from 400-plus years ago all added to the excitement. The imprint of the frozen land will be with me for the rest of my life.”

KATIE COWEN WELDON reports, “In June, my friend Robert and I traveled around Ireland by car, staying at bed-and-breakfasts. As the sole driver, I had my first experience on the ‘other’ side. No serious mishaps, and after two weeks, I was quite used to it. Lovely scenery, quite favorable weather, and helpful and pleasant hosts. We drove around the south and southwest and north to Westport. The pubs were full of World Cup enthusiasts, who were polite when the United States tied the Brits! Noisy but fun.”

ELINOR LOCKWOOD YEO is still volunteering as a chaplain at Children’s Hospital Boston and doing weekend work as a married parent who is still trying to find her way to Northampton for our next oldest grandson is on his way to Hamilton College. Greetings to all.”

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temperate climate. In August, JOAN EPSTEIN BRAGEN flew to Salt Lake City to meet Lois to make the eight-hour drive to Whitefish, MT, for a mini-reunion with MEREDITH ROLLINS HAMER and her husband. Joan flew home from Kalispell, MT, and Lois did the eight-hour return trip alone.

Each year the Cambridge (MA) Peace Commission honors community activists who have done extraordinary work to promote social justice. This past year the theme of the organization was “Peacemaking in a Time of Hope and Change.” Our own JUDY ROBBINS KING received an award in recognition of her service to the Nonviolent Peaceforce and Women’s Action for New Directions organizations. Through Smith, Judy has also mentored four students from Boston’s Fenway High School, and has three more students coming along.

I read on the Transnational Institute Website that SUSAN AKERS GEORGES continues her work as a scholar-activist in areas of global social justice. The majority of her publications focus on third-world poverty, underdevelopment, and debt. Susan wrote that her latest book, Their Crises, Our Solutions, published in May in French and Spanish, is in its second printing. It will be published this year in England by Polity under the title Whose Crisis, Whose Future?

MARYLOU CLARK still enjoys teaching art, French, and medical ethics at Quincy College in Massachusetts. She maintains an interest in military history, especially the World War II era, when her father was a four-star admiral overseeing naval operations in the Pacific. MaryLou continues to paint acrylic landscapes and seascapes reflecting Diebenkorn’s abstractions. Her children and grandchildren frequently visit her at her home in Cohasset (MA) Village. Sec., on Taconic Drive, Box 363, Cohasset 02025, mooney@bc.edu

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-Winter greetings, classmates, with these warm and lively messages written in June and July!

In June, KAY HESS TIFFANY and WINNIE CRANE MACKAY encountered each other and FELICE EVANS MORRIS ’58 on an intergenerational Elderhostel trip in Venice. Each had brought a grandson or granddaughter, and all had a memorable time. They recommend the trip to anyone lucky enough to have a grandchild between 10 and 13!

BETTY HAMADY SAMS says her best newspaper reporter, Alicia’s, HBO documentary, By the People: The Election of Barack Obama, was nominated for three Emmy awards: Outstanding Nonfiction Special, Outstanding Direction of Nonfiction Programming, and Outstanding Picture Editing. It won in the category of Outstanding Picture Editing. Betty said Alicia and her husband had a wonderful HBO trip, followed by a visit to Betty for the first week after her hip replacement surgery, so her daughter went from “the sublime to the ridiculous.”

AMANDA FISK HOBART makes the state of Maine seem a summertime small world for Smithites. At the time of writing, she was looking forward to the Islesboro Smith luncheon, a mixed classes reunion, where she was hoping to see NANCY RICHARDSON MUNDOH, who lives across the water in Castine during the summer. The last time we included news of DOROTHEA (TOOTSIE) WYMAN THOMAS and Roger, there appeared a misprint. Their new home is in Woodstock, MA, not Weston, where they used to live. They are “doing just fine, making new friends, keeping hold of the old, and doing things with the family.” Son Donald and his wife are nearby, but Helen and Jonathan and their two children live in Southern California now, so there may be some cross-country travel in the future.

ALISON LUNT STEADMAN reported a car breakdown for her daughter, Catherine, and her two children during a cross-country trip. The problems arose near Muskegon, MI, but not to worry! Nearby was ELIZABETH (LIBBY) LUMMUS KEENAN, Alison’s Smith roommate, who came to the rescue. Alison and husband John took an extremely interesting trip themselves to Iran in April. Everyone they met was very welcoming, and Alison was able to converse with many women.

Another world traveler is MARY (MIMI) HAMILTON KUGUSHEV, who, with her husband, was fascinated by the vast lands of Manchuria and its gracious people. This year they are off to Bhutan. When she’s home in Menlo Park, CA, Mimi continues her interest in music. She still plays the piano, sings in groups, and now heads a music docent program in underprivileged schools.

CYNTHIA CRAWFORD BERNE writes that she would love to welcome any classmates who are visiting Los Angeles. She and her husband, Tom, do interesting things there, like working with their local amateur radio club’s emergency response team. Cynthia has been teaching a class for foreign graduates’ spouses, male and female, for 14 years at the University of Southern California.

VIRGINIA VERRAL WELDON’s startling news was that she went to Switzerland to ski and broke her leg on the first run! With a plate and two screws in her ankle, at press time Ginny was organizing a gala celebration in October for her beloved St. Louis Symphony, starring soprano Renée Fleming. She planned on being ready to dance!

ROSEMARY POLLACK MILD and husband Larry report the publication of their newest novel, Cry O’Hana: Adventure and Suspense in Hawaii. The Milds winter in Hawaii, where their daughter, son-in-law, and two college-age grandchildren live. Their primary home is in Severna Park, MD. JUDITH FELDMAN STEINBERG has entered “the fun grandparent stage of life” and is attending music, plays, singing, and sports events with grandchildren. Judith also leads a book club, plays bridge, and enjoys theater. She and her husband recently traveled to Vietnam, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Baghdad.

SUZANNE BRUBAKER ALLEN took her daughter and family to Costa Rica in April. The three grandchildren enjoyed identifying wildlife in the cloud forest, having been prepared by their biologist parents. In June, Sue went to England’s rural midlands, where her partner, Andrew, inherited the Calke Abbey estate. They walked through forests with ancient trees and wandering flocks of sheep, and villages with wonderful gardens. In November, they traveled to India for the Pushkar Festival.

CAROL HERSELLE KRINSKY spent two weeks teaching as a senior Fulbright specialist at the University of Technology in Dresden, Germany. Her subject was American religious and commercial architecture. She says her students were eager and able, and she was well treated as a visitor. Dresden, with its rebuilt center, was wonderful to see.

HILDRED (HILDY) COHEN FLANIGAN’s granddaughter, Maggie, graduated from Colorado University summa cum laude in physics and headed to graduate school. At the same time, Hildy has a grandson, Max, who is 17 months old and is walking, running, and learning to speak. A wonderful variety there! Hildy continues to work as a psychiatric social worker.

JUDITH JACOBI LEVINE, who co-chaired 1957’s 50th Reunion with HILDRED COHEN FLANIGAN, has retired from the practice of orthopedic surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. She went into medicine 18 years after graduating, and, at the age of 42, with two children, was accepted for an orthopedic surgical residency. The Levines’ immediate plans include a barge trip in France and on to London to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

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GRACE EVANS BOWNE’s beloved husband, Martin, died suddenly in March after a heart attack. She is grateful for family, friends, and her work in real estate in the Hudson River Valley in New York.

SOPHY DOUB BURNHAM’s 13th book, The Art of Intuition, comes out in Feb. ’11, along with republication of four earlier books. Not only is this accomplishment very satisfying, but just being 70-something has brought her great happiness. Yoga, hiking, and riding (she has taken up dressage) keep her in shape. Her two daughters each have two adorable little girls.

PRISCILLA CUNNINGHAM published a second article about Fanny Todd Mitchell and Peter Todd Mitchell in the Social Register Observer. Find the article, “Art in the Family,” in the summer issue of the Social Register online. Priscilla is working on getting a museum or a gallery to do a show on Peter; she is doing this while caring for a chronically ill husband.

SUSAN SPEEHR ELLIOTT’s new project is writing a book about 50 years in technology. It all started at Smith when a college counselor put her on to a job opportunity for women at IBM. Her daughter, Elizabeth, now runs her business, so she has more free time. The Wilder Wenches are at it again, planning the next one for 2011, according to EDNA BROWN HIBBITS. Meanwhile, Edna is involved in a group planning a forum on civility, community, and compassion. The idea developed from growing concern that confrontation, labels,
and self-absorption have displaced real discourse and respect for those who may differ in their views. They sense that this perception is growing nationally; perhaps we can learn to listen if we stop shouting. Edna invites anyone who has something to add on this broad topic to contact her.

ELIZABETH (BEE) SHRIVER KANT reports that the Smith in Europe reunion in Istanbul was a great success. The committee did a terrific job keeping everyone on the go culturally, and feeding them royally. No other ’58ers attended, but Bee’s sister, VIRGINIA SHRIVER ’55, was there, along with lots of other familiar faces from previous meetings. Anyone who has been to Istanbul knows what a fascinating city it is. Back in Sweden, they have celebrated midsummer and the Fourth of July.

MARY ADAKE LOOMBA reports that she is very impressed with the class Website.

ANNIIS VILAS PRATT has decided that age 73 is the perfect time to launch a new career as a novelist! The Marshlanders came out in May in both paper and e-book. Now she is deep into the technology of doing business via the Internet and having lots of fun. She heartily recommends going techie in our old age.

ANNE RITTERSHEOFER-NEUMANN sends best wishes and love to our class!

DOROTHY SILVERHERZ ROSENBERG is the administrator of Momentum: Images of Dance, an international dance photo competition. She is busy preparing showings in Connecticut of recent winning images. Dorothy also volunteers for Foodshare. Her niece, Elizabeth Brundage, had her third recent winning images. Dorothy also sent us an e-mail: “A Stranger Like You, A Stranger Like You, published in August.

Keeping up with 10 grandchildren (none near her in the Washington, DC, area) keeps JOAN HINCH SKEARBY very busy. She and her husband have taken her to Pasadena, CA; Hawaii; the Dominican Republic; Panama; and then Long Island, NY; South Dakota; and the Galapagos. She took a Vassar trip to England, where she caught up with NANCY LOWENTHAL BRODSKE, who lives just south of London. At the time of writing, she was planning to spend a month in Michigan with 28 visitors and was hoping to see CAROLINE BRADY. Joan still guides some local tours in DC, and has her bed-and-breakfast in her home in Bethesda, MD.

GENE SHERER reports that the famous and very successful Darien and New Canaan (CT) Smith club’s book sale has sold its last book. Sadly, after 50 years it became too difficult to get workers. They lost ISABEL OFF BURKE, the co-chair, who died in April right before the sale. The founder of the sale was MARIE HOLSLAG MOORE ’32, who had remained active until recently and passed away after this year’s sale. Through the years the sale drew volunteers from many other schools, including Wellesley, Wheaton, Connecticut College, Bryn Mawr, and the University of California, Los Angeles. Genie says, “We couldn’t have done it without them.”

MARIA FLASTER VOLPERT and family used 75th birthdays as an excuse for gathering 19 family members (10 grandchildren, nine of whom are teenagers, and nine adults) for a week in a chateau in the Loire Valley of France. They canoed on the Loire River, went hot air balloonining, did a cooking class, and just enjoyed being together. “It was a great trip,” she says. This year three grandchildren will be in college, one at Penn, one at Stanford, and another at Amherst College. Marcia talks to her sister, Ann, daily, and they are now neighbors on the same street in their new homes in Palm Desert, CA. Ann comes for the winter, and Marcia expects to drive down a couple of times each month when it is not 117 degrees there! The travel highlight for me this year was a trip to southern India, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives with my husband, Neal. Traveling by small ship from Chennai to Mumbai, visiting all the colonial ports along the way, was fascinating.

And finally, my thanks to all who responded with news. You can send news anytime by e-mail or regular mail at the addresses below. And don’t forget to take a look at our class Website at http://alumnae.smith.edu; click on “Connect,” then “Classes,” and then “1958” under “Class Websites.” Our thanks go to our Web designer, ANN WELDON PERCE. Sec., Nancy McCaskie Lavelle, 12526 Cedar Road, #6, Cleveland Heights, OH 44106, lavn@sbglobal.net.

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Forgive me, please, for beginning with a too-familiar appeal. A number of us do not use e-mail and are spared the “Where are you and what are you doing?” electronic query, but your classmates would enjoy hearing from you, too. Please write to me at the address at the end of the column.

GAIL BECKWITH MAZUR spent the 2009–2010 academic year as a fellow in poetry at the Radcliffe Institute, finishing a manuscript that the University of Chicago Press will publish in April’11. Gail still enjoys her work and feels fortunate for the rich and sustaining marriage she shared with her late husband, noted artist Michael Mazur. The return of her son, Dan, and his family from the West Coast to Cambridge, MA, is a blessing! Daughter Kathe and her son remain in Los Angeles. When she visited Smith a couple of years ago, Gail found the campus “transformed” and was especially impressed by the integration of the Comstock scholars into the student body. She keeps in good touch with PAULA DEITZ MORGAN.

NANCY BLEMMER YEAL regrett misses our 50th Reunion, but she’d recently had brain surgery following a bad fall, followed by “lots of rehab.” Feeling grateful to be alive, she resumed usual activities, but broke an ankle and required more rehab. Yet another leg injury kept her housebound for many more weeks, but she’s well able now to indulge her love of history by serving on the Chatham (MA) Historical Commission and the nonprofit historical museum executive board.

ELLIE CARON PEPIP is slowly adjusting to recent widowhood. She sends greetings to the class, especially former Chapin dwellers. She has our sympathies.

In Houston, the fourth largest city in the United States, MADELEINE GREENE APPEL is now deputy chief of staff to new mayor Annise Parker. Madeleine cites the support and mentoring of her thesis adviser, John Chapman, for this “career-capping,” adventurous event, and is grateful to Smith, where their lives intersected.

LESLEY LOWE ISRAEL and Fred follow- ed the Silk Road path of Tamerlane, Alexander the Great, and Attila the Hun to Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, finding present-day life in both countries fascinating, particularly the presence of some women in traditional, colorful country garb (including bright, embroidered babushkas), and others in skintight jeans and three-inch heels. Given the totalitarian government in each country, where election results are all too predictable, Lesley says she refrained from wearing her democracy hat. She spent time in Jewish communities in Uzbekistan, which she says seemed free and healthy, though much smaller following emigration of many to Israel and the United States. Her list of countries visited nears 110.

Referring to herself as one of the lucky elders, PAM MACK YOUNG delights in her family and her cats. Sales of the handsome Smith apron are brisk, writes co-creator KATHLEEN PARKER O’BIRNE. (It makes a good gift.)

JANE ST. AMANT MURRAY found it hard to escape the overbearing summer weather, even at the Rhode Island shore. She and Joe marked their 50th anniversary this summer in Montreal. Back to hiking regularly after a successful hip replacement last year, MARGERY (PEGGY) SPOFFORD recently spent some extended time helping grandchildren and son Stephen following his leg surgeries. He’s a paramedic, firefighter, and hazmat response team member. Peggy recently celebrated her paternal uncle’s 100th birthday. She recommends author Eliot Patison’s insightful Inspector Shan mysteries set in Tibet.

Still in Greenwich, CT, JANET VOLT KIRWAN travels as often as possible to California to visit a son, to New Jersey to play with four grandchildren, and to Germany to visit family and new cities. She volunteers at the medical oncology unit at Greenwich Hospital, keeps stretching aging bones and muscles, swims (though not in indoor pools), and catches up on books and movies missed when she recently saw VALERIE TISHMAN DICKER and ANN WEINBAUM SOLOMON when all were in San Francisco at the same time.

KAREN WILLIAMS FOX spent a week in Haiti, where she worked in a field hospital and an orphanage. She lamented the terrible damage around the earthquake epicenter, and wonders how the country can manage to recover. Karen’s “real life” with husband Gerry is split between Connecticut and Florida; unfortunately, the grandchildren are far away in California.

JUDY WOLFE REICHERT, enormously thankful for her three fine children and the six grandchildren she’s fortunate to see often, appreciates her good health and great friends with whom she walks, plays tennis, and bridge, and attends wine and Italian. A wonderful spring trip to Vietnam preceded a mail boat cruise on the Norway coast in August.

“No shifts, no changes, life is good," writes MARGARET WOODHEAD KATRANIDES. [Able to second that, I sincerely
hope many more of us could report in much the same vein.

MARY ANN YUDICKY GODDICH reports that she and husband John celebrated their 50th anniversary in Russia, on to the Baltic, then Italy, and finally, Maine—a prolonged festival! Frequent travelers, they also spend some months in Hilton Head, SC, and Maine, where they welcome visits from old friends. They are extremely grateful that the whole family qualifies as "healthy and happy."

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First, a bit of sad news. We learned that JOSEPHINE TROXELL GORDON of Denver passed away on July 16 from leukemia. Her Lamont House classmates are eternally saddened by her untimely death, and are working on a way to memorialize Josie at Smith in the future. Please look for her obituary in the Spring '11 issue of Smith Quarterly.

We celebrated our 50th in fine style. Thanks to class officers and organizers, for a remarkable weekend. In answer to three questions from LANE HAASE CONVEY, you might be interested to know that, according to the college archives, 654 of us entered Smith in the fall of 1956, and 245 of us attended our 50th Reunion, making ours the second largest Reunion attendance in history (topped only by the class of '50 with 254 attendees).

Here are some of your reactions, as well as other snippets of news.

LANE HAASE CONVEY reports that Reunion surpassed her expectations. First, she was delighted to find an already made bed in her room. Second, three classmates got to sing a round in their favorite stoolie in Cushing. "Above all, the renewal of friendships and the class officer and organizational experiences made the weekend priceless."

FRANCES PATTON SAYBOLT was impressed by Ford Hall, the careful and fun planning done by the Reunion committee, and how we all blended in as if it were yesterday.

HELEN O'BRIEN GARCIA really enjoyed being part of the planning team. She also reports that she moved from her big house of 40 years to a cute condo just a mile away in Northborough, MA, so all of her community connections remain intact.

ELIZABETH BEIDLER CUSSLER, our class president, comments that Reunion was fantastic, with a great feeling of openness, togetherness, and general camaraderie. She recently welcomed her family to go out on the lake. Her summer culminated with a bike trip in the Piedmont district of Italy.

MARGARET BLISS HARDESTY returned from Reunion to learn that she had been given the volunteer of the year award by the Telfair Museums in Savannah, GA. Congratulations!

“Our class is world-class,” says ELIZABETH BLUMENTHAL. “I was amazed at the strength and power of our women.” Regarding her personal endeavors, she reports that she continues to be an empowerment coach, and she loves transforming victims into powerhouse.

NANCY NASSETT SMITH found Reunion to be amazing: high energy throughout and a blur of conversations, yet we connected. A real high!” As for life in general, it seems to speed up with each decade. Best philosophy for us 70-plus folks? Carpe diem!

JOHN BUNYANSKY ADAMS tells us that his dance company, Moving Spirit, is in its seventh season of performing. Margaret loves singing with a cappella group, and enjoys her work in sculpture and other visual arts. She finds Maine a beautiful place to be.

A wonderful meeting in Bermuda resulted in WHITNEY PETERS KEEN getting together with JUDY FORD LOUTIT over the summer. Whitney is proud of her 11th grandchild, adopted last spring in China.

WINNIE SHUGMANSKY ADAMS gets joy out of sweet moments—a good writing day, a swim in the lake on a hot afternoon with the dog, a game of dominos with a grandchild. In 2009 she published the novel Sugar Time, which she describes as a funny, smart book for grown-up women. It’s available on Amazon.

It was a grand Reunion, says JUDY LOVE KECHG. “Wonderful to see so many friends, especially all my Law-rence housemates!” Her big news is the birth of her first great-grandchild! She says, “Government is extremely difficult these days; everyone is angry, and it just isn’t as satisfying for me as it once was.” She looks forward to spending more time with her husband, Stan, and their two granddaughters and sons who live on opposite coasts. They have good trips coming up, are in good health, and want to live life as fully as possible.

“A casualty of the recession” is how NANCY RAZEN MANDELL describes herself. She is freelance writing and editing while she searches for a new editorial position. Daughter Rebecca married Douglass in Nov. ’08, and they live in Washington, DC.

CINDY MAUGHAN POWELL celebrated her 70th with her sons, Chip, who lives in New York City and is with GE Asset Management, and Philip, who is in Napa, CA, in advertising with the San Francisco International Airport and also in a business with his wife. By maternal flat, zip lining in the Berkshires topped their agenda, and her sons added a weekend in old inns and a flower show. In the past year, MARTHA DAWSON MARSHALL’s daughter earned her doctorate in clinical psychology, her son became a helicopter pilot, she took a short trip to Guatemala, her boss turned 99, and she became a widow and a great-grandmother.

PAT DOUGTTON ANDERSON had a “fabulous” time in India visiting Delhi, the Golden Temple in Punjab, the backwaters of Kerala, and traveling on the Palace on Wheels train in Rajasthan. “We rode elephants, rode camels in the desert at sunset only 90 miles from the Pakistan border, and went on a tiger safari,” Pat reports.

NANCY CHAMPE PETERS and Merz enjoyed three gorgeous weeks in the South in early July and, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of a three-family annual Fourth of July picnic. Smith was well represented with GAY KIMBALL GAMAGE; her daughter, EVALINE GAMAGE ’90; her sister, JANE CHAMPE PAYNE ’64; and ALICE MARSH AB- BOTT ’59. Nancy says, “I’m now busy working on Reunion, and I hope many classmates are planning to be in Northampton and Warsaw in July 11.”

KAREN MCLURE celebrated her 70th birthday by co-leading a Rotary Club of Estes Park (CO) backpacking trip into the Grand Canyon. Participants were four Rotary exchange students from Spain, Germany, France, and Australia.

SUSAN (TODD) WARNER JACKSON and her husband were visited by CARLA BEIRPONCH KLEVAN and her husband on Long Schooner Island in Canada. Carla retired as a professor of art at Montgomery College. She continues working there as a professor emerita.

SUSAN HILLER was mentioned in a New York Times article in July about the renovation of the Israel Museum, where she has been asked to do an installation using in the museum’s collection of some 500,000 pieces.

DOROTHY (POO) ALLEN PENROSE attended a memorial service for her roommate and Gillette House buddy, LINDA SOMERS SMITH, on May 15 at the Westover School in Middlebury, CT. “Linda taught Spanish there for many years, and judging from the comments made that day, she was an outstanding, as well as a demanding, teacher with a great sense of humor, and loved by all.”

SUSAN ROBINSON of Cambridge, MA, passed away on Aug. 1. Please see her brief obituary in this issue.

JEAN WITMEYER HOCKER consults on land conservation and nonprofit issues after serving for nearly 15 years as CEO of the National Land Trust Alliance in Washington, DC, and seven years before that as founding executive director of the Jackson Hole Land Trust in Wyoming. She also serves on the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, the board of the Wildland Trust, and the advisory committee of the nation’s largest land conservation association, the Grand Tetons National Park Foundation, and the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust. She and her husband live in Alexandria, VA, and enjoy traveling, especially in the West. She has also put her French major to work during visits to France. She says, “Three children and five grandchildren add immensely to life’s richness.”

ANN LUMPKIN SUDDHUT’S highlight of the year was her trip to Poland “with a congenial group of mostly Polish Americans from central and northern New York. In addition to visiting Warsaw, Krakow, Auschwitz, the Tatra Mountains, and other interesting places, I took a day off to visit the former Auschwitz-concentration camp in Szbawin, where my mother spent nearly two years before he escaped in Jan. ‘45. (He was actually arrested in 1943 in Tunisia, where he was a captain of a tank in the desert war.) I was in the company of descendants of the Polish farmer who hid my father for a
couple of nights after his escape; it was a great risk to his life if he had been an American soldier. It was deeply meaningful to be able to visit the farmer’s grave and silently thank him for what he did for our family. I bonded instantly with his delightful granddaughter, and her daughter. Children Tom and Emily live nearby with their spouses and five terrific grandchildren. After seven years of chairing the Highland Park Community Foundation, Jane joined the board of the Community Family Center, for which she is raising funds to rehab and green an existing recreation center so they can house in one building five community agencies that serve about 3,000 residents annually. Reading, building miniature rooms, and attending piano and dance recitals, soccer and softball games, swim meets, and tea kwan do finals fill their days. She wonders if our children were as busy.

Margaret Paine Hasselman has moved to Albany, CA, where she is enjoying the cool weather of the Bay Area and the proximity of her daughter.

Judy Ripley Walton notes that life for her is probably not unlike that of many classmates: enjoying watching her six grandsons as they mature; traveling, with a recent trip to Alaska being a real pleasure; and tolerating a few aches that come with age. She skis with her husband in the winter and has a large garden in the summer. They entertain lots of family at their lakeside home in New Hampshire. Her 95-year-old mother, Betty Kingsbury Ripley ’37, is still active in her retirement community, so she knows she has some big steps to follow.

Judith (Judy) L. Peterson-known to friends and family as Judy—has been in the area’s beauty. Lots of day trips, but a 10-day vacation to Montana, enjoying the ranch and Yellowstone National Park was a highlight for her. She and her husband, Bob, traveled at the beginning of June on the Smith Travel trip to the Italian Lake District. They were fortunate to have great weather and the wonderful, inspired commentary of Italian professor Alfonso Procaccini. It was a blessing being in a lovely lakeside hotel on Lake Como for the trip’s duration, marveling at the area’s beauty. Lots of day trips, but enough free time to meander. They made many new Smith friends, and the group was thoroughly enjoyable. JoAnn sent her news from Bern, Switzerland, where she has a temporary duty assignment for the Department of State as management officer at the embassy. She says that Bern, too, is full of history and pretty, and different from the other side of the Alps!

After 10 years of living in Tokyo with his wife and three beautiful daughters, Joan Sigel Schuman’s son, Jonathan, has left AIG and will be working for Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an investment company in San Francisco. Although Joan will miss her annual Japan gigs, especially her visits with Amy Sylvester Kirk Kram, she is thrilled to have her family only six hours away and on the same continent. She is working full-time, and enjoying the restaurants in Northampton and quiet weekends filled with cultural activities in the Berkshires.

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**1962**

**Sandy Laird Curran** said the trauma of turning 70 (“Can I really be that old?”) hasn’t dampened her love of Colorado hiking, biking, and skiing, even though she broke her ankle in February on a double black diamond slope at Breckenridge. She still travels a lot, and went to Morocco and France this year. She says, “Use it or lose it is getting harder every day.”

**Joanne Smith Thorp-Carlisle** has settled into a post-professional rhythm with homemaking and family (including eight grandsons in Los Angeles, Washington, DC, and Massachusetts), travel, volunteer work, reading, learning, and gardening. Home base with husband George is in Cambridge, MA, with winters in San Miguel de Allende. She is thrilled to have her family only six hours away and on the same continent. She is working full-time, and enjoying the restaurants in Northampton and quiet weekends filled with cultural activities in the Berkshires.

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**1963**

**Susan Clarke** and her husband, Carl Westerdahl, enjoyed a 20-day trip to Sweden, the birthplace of Carl’s grandfather. They were joined by four other family members and hosted by friends who had been neighbors in Williamstown, MA, through a faculty visiting program at Williams College. Susan continues to consult on higher education administration and has become active in community affairs in Williamstown, including planning and arranging for a 100-foot church steeple to be repaired and painted.

**Susanna Adams’** grandson, Alastair, was born on June 14 in Austin, TX. “He has all his fingers and toes and quite a good set of lungs,” she reports.

“Summer, I have been picking and pitting cherries for three weeks, hosting young pianists from the Portland (ME) Conservatory of Music’s International Piano Festival, and attending a chamber music camp along with Toni Trobe Kestenbaum. I’m also busy putting together scholarship packages for beginning musicians at the conservatory.”

“Yes, it has been years—47 to be exact—but I now have something to report,” writes Judy Lifton Schreiber.

“I live in San Diego, where I provide in-home psychotherapy to the elderly, mostly dealing with losses of a physical or psychological nature. I myself suffered a loss six years ago when my husband, Loren, died. Since that time I have developed my own publishing company, Soteria Press, which you’ll find online, and I have published three pieces on the subject of death and loss: the book Tincture of Time: Living Through Grief to Hope, the booklet How to Cope with the Death of a Partner: Strategies for Surviving the Difficult Times Ahead and Maintaining Your Emotional Health, and the Remembrance Calendar: Stars Who Brighten the Face of Heaven.”

**Bickley Smith Townsend** joined the grandparents’ club in June and spent part of July in San Francisco getting to know baby Silas and helping her daughter, Shannon, an urban planner, and Shannon’s husband, Mark, a wildlife biologist. Bickley also enjoyed seeing Sheila Mornin Humphreys and her husband, Mike, as well as Kate Earle Finkle. In June, “111, with friends and family only six hours away and on the same continent. She is working full-time, and enjoying the restaurants in Northampton and quiet weekends filled with cultural activities in the Berkshires.”

Be sure to put May 24–27, ‘12, on your calendar so we have a terrific turnout for our 50th! Contact Joan Sigel Schuman or Margie Meyer Resnic if you have ideas for Reunion or if you are interested in volunteering. We need you to be involved in this very special event!”

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says her experiences with illness in 1998 inspired her to become a patient advocate. Vasculitis has “a real trial by fire; I’m not sure I’ll do it a second time. I’m happy to be married again after eight years of widowhood, and glad I waited to find the right husband!”

CAROL SUDHALTER spent a successful month touring Italy and Switzerland last summer, and recorded two new CDs to be released this year: Sarah McLawer’s Under My Hat, and one for Gcica Records (title to come) on the film music of the 1960s.

JOAN LUBAR-ALVAREZ shares good news: “My husband had major back surgery in June and is now up and walking straighter than he has in years. Very exciting! He still isn’t quite himself, so he is in an adult foster care home for the time being. We’ll see what happens over the next few months.” She reports on her fantastic 50th high school reunion, where she spent time with old friends, jocks, beauty queens, intellectuals, and everybody else. She also took a workshop on reconnective healing. “It is a great healing method, bringing in very high frequencies to a person’s body. I am now practicing with friends and will then begin to charge. People can really feel the difference, even me.”

I am sorry to report on the deaths of HARRIET PRENTISS DRAKE and KRIS- TEN MARKS ANDERSON. We extend our condolences to their families.

NANCY TIPTON MYERS writes that her son recently married his Japanese sweet- heart in Japan. The US celebration is scheduled for Old Saybrook, CT, her hometown.

JILL COLE has lots to report. After sev- eral years as chief program officer for Worldwide Orphans Foundation, she has been happily full-time in therapy practice in Seattle. “My focus continues to be on children, especially internationally adopted children.” She still manages to travel to far-flung places: Nebraska, Egypt, and Serbia all in a two-month period. Retire- ment is nowhere in sight. Her son, Kyle, turns 33, and is once again living in Seattle. She sees several Smithies, including PAULA CARLIEJ SCHULTZ in San Francisco and JOY DANIELS BROWER ’63 in Palm Springs, CA: “No one ever visits Seattle. I am waiting!”

CESELI DILLINGHAM FOSTER has some happy news. “After belyachting for almost six months about the fact that our grandchildren lived on the East Coast and we were in the West, our son Kyle moved his wife and two Bay Area to work for the Jelly Belly Candy Co. as one of its international representatives. We are thrilled to finally be active grandparents!”

BARBARA ABRAMSON VANDERPLOEG sends a “long overdue” update. After Smith, she began graduate work in French at the University of Wisconsin, where she met her husband, Hank. They moved to Oregon for their doc- toral studies and enjoyed some time in the Willamette Valley. With their doctorate work completed, and after a brief time in Tennessee, they have been happily married in Hoya, MI, since 1974. Barbara retired from teaching several years ago, but her husband is still active full-time do- ing ecological research on the Great Lakes. When winter comes they talk of moving somewhere warm, if Hank ever retires. They always conclude that even with the snow and ice, no other place could be as livable for them as Ann Arbor.

JOHN BURGESS HAMMER flew to Helsinki, Finland, for a reunion of an international group that goes back 50 years and includes GERRY BRAY THOMP- SON ’63. Unfortunately, the event was
cancelled due to the death of the organizer on the day Jona arrived, so Jona went from Helsinki to Iceland. She talked to SVANFRIDUR LARSEN in Akureyri, where she was busy entertaining a houseful of international guests.

MERRILY BUTLER finds New York City is the best place to live, with hundreds of things to do daily, many of which are free. She finally has time to go to museums and concerts, and to do art. Her son is a navy lieutenant stationed in Norfolk, VA. Several times a year, Merrily enjoys visiting his family and seeing her two grandchildren, ages 2 and 5.

In August, Fred and VAL COMSTOCK COOLEY picked up a sailboat in Shelter Island, NY, to sail to New York City, up the Hudson River to Albany, through the canal system into Lake Champlain, and up the St. Lawrence Seaway. This summer, they plan to sail the St. Lawrence to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, down to Boston and Cape Cod, MA, and then back to Shelter Island.

MARY K. CARNEY had a wonderful time at Reunion and encourages everyone to come to our 50th!

SUSAN HALL LIANG is editing Exploring Costa Rica, and is busy in theater. Sue and Harry spent the summer in the south of France, enjoying the cheeses and wines. Harry continues creating stained-glass windows. Son John is managing editor at Inside Washington Publishers, and daughter Lisa received great reviews for her starring role in The Clean House in Los Angeles. Lisa’s husband edits films for the Annenberg Foundation.

BARBARA LEAMING’s latest book, Churchill Defiant: Fighting On: 1945–1955, is about the tumultuous drama when Churchill refused to retire from political life after being defeated. “I cannot tell you what an extraordinary community it has been to research and write this book—and I so hope that all of you will read it. I never would have dreamed when I sat in Russian history classes with Professor Affrica that one day I would find myself writing scenes between Churchill and Stalin!”

ELENA MANHES’ book, The Power of Music: Pioneering Discoveries in the New Science of Song, is scheduled for publication this spring. It is based on her PBS special, The Music Instinct: Science and Song, which won the grand prize at the Parisienne international science film festival, a CINE Golden Eagle, and this year’s science and technology prize at the Banff World Television Awards.

MARGARET PEARSON’s French translation of the Book of Changes (I Ching) has been accepted for publication and is due out in January. “This is the first woman-friendly translation done by a woman who knows some Chinese, and I hope it will encourage those who read it to persevere and to dare to act effectively and with kindness.”

MARY PENNELL NELSON campaigned for re-election to the Maine House of Representatives, where she has worked hard to maintain smart investments in education. Over the summer, they had their granddaughters, 9, and grandson, 6, for four weeks while the grandkids attended day camp. Their youngest son works for Senator Diane Feinstein in Washing- ton, DC, as her senior staff member on energy, derivatives, agriculture, transportation, and China. In July, Mary enjoyed a mini-reunion lunch with LYNN ANTONSON MARX, LUCY BYGRAVE STINSON, JUDY CLYMER WELLES, CAROL HEIFETZ WISCHAMPER, PAT KEREN MANNING, SUE SHEPARD JAIQUES, and PENNY WISE KERN in Rockland, ME.

CARA BRYN Saylor POLK spent several nights in New York City with EILEEN BROCKBANK and her husband. She also saw MICHELE MORGAN MAZZOLA, who had mounted a fantastic Andy Warhol exhibit inside the Hearst building. Cara published two books this year: I Promised You Roses, the story of ELLEN Axson Wilson, the first activist First Lady; and Code Koral, her new spy thriller.

Ted Bonner sent a thank-you note in response to the update of CAROLYN SMITH BONNER’S scholarship fund from our drawing at Reunion for the class quint that Carolyn made before her death in May ’00. He writes, “I read The Sea, by John Banville, about a man who revisits the location of his wife’s last year in order to find strength for his own life. That motivated me to do the same. The ‘location’ in my case is a number of diaries that Carolyn wrote.”

SALLY TAYLOR was sorry to miss Reunion but had a wonderful trip to southwest China, the Yunnan Province, and Tibet. She had been wanting to go to Lhasa and the Potala Palace since reading Seven Years in Tibet when it first came out. “I find the Tibetan situation very complex, as obviously there has been a great rise in the standard of living, but at what cost?”

MARTY ENSEY CARNEVALE, who is painting abstract landscapes in oil, spent several months in Costa Rica, enjoying the wildlife and surfing, and now works part-time in a clinic.

RAE SCHMALL BLOOM and her husband moved from Nyack, NY, to a smaller house nearby. Paul left his practice and now works part-time in a clinic. Rae retired, not wanting to stay in Paul’s practice after he left. Her retirement, their move, and a visit from daughter Rebecca and family from Scotland all occurred within the first week of July.

MARY HOFFMANN HUNT, visited for a week last winter at our condo in South Palm Beach, FL. Being in Florida each winter is fun, but New Jersey still feels like home. I was elected to a fourth term as Bergen County Democratic Committeewoman, and serve as a secretary of a local Democratic club. I formed the Poetry Circle of Tenafly; I would love to see Smith alumnae at our meetings.”

ELLEN ROOP FISHER lost her younger brother to cancer in July. He was a lifelong sailor, yacht surveyor, and port officer for the Beaufort, NC, yacht harbor, and he made friends with everyone who passed through that harbor.

SUSAN DUNN writes, “I’m still teaching at Williams College in its leadership studies program. My book Roosevelt’s Purge came out in the fall and is about FDR’s relationship with the Democratic Party. The older I get, the more I appreciate life in a quiet college town of 12,000 people. I still love trips to Naples, FL, and Paris in the winter. Looking forward to Reunion!”

ANNA CRAIG HOGAN sent notes on a Jordan mini-reunion gathering in April in Northampton. She compared the Friday afternoon tea to ours in the 1960s: “It was cookies wrapped in
plastic, cups without saucers, and, of course, there was not a skirt in view.”
She mentioned the codes and cards needed to enter the house, the chance to see their old rooms, and the warm welcome from current students. “All I can say is that we had a wonderful time, and the question is not if we will get together again, but when.”
Shortly after, she began her second round of breast cancer treatment. Thanks to early detection, this bout required surgery and radiation, but no chemotherapy. Anna and John have enjoyed trips to India, Peru, and Ecuador. She’s been a grader for Chartered Financial Analyst exams since 1996, and is active with the CFA Society of Atlanta, where she served on the board for eight years and as president in 2004–05.

KATHLEEN MIDDLEKAUFF WOODWARD attended her daughter’s white coat ceremony in August as her daughter began her medical school studies at the University of Rochester, and she also attended the wedding of PAT MAN- NING RODENHAUSEN’s youngest son on New York’s Shelter Island. Kathleen is still the director of the Simpson Center for the Humanities at the University of Washington. Duke University Press published her book Statistical Panic: Cultural Politics and Poetics of the Emotions. CAROL NADELL says, “I always promised myself I wouldn’t send news that read like a medical report, but then reality struck! My husband had major heart surgery in June ’09 and has had a series of complications since then. While things are still difficult, they seem to be looking up. I lost my dear mom (age 97) in January. While it’s comforting that she lived a long, good life, the loss was still a blow. I seem to be holding up pretty well for a ‘senior citizen’ and continue to cherish happy family moments, especially those with wonderful stepchildren and grandchildren (the eldest turns 18 this year!).”

POLLY BURKE CUNNINGHAM says, “Amazing, but my husband, Bill, and I are still leading backpacking trips in Montana’s Bob Marshall Wilderness at age 66!”
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1967

Your co-secretary DELANEY HOPKIN LUNDBERG spent a weekend in July at MARY ANN TUSKIEWICZ’S atmospheric Boston apartment (a former carriage barn) along with fellow Lawhousemate ELAINE SUSSMAN BELVIN. It was a wonderful time for looking backward and forward and generally reconnecting, and introduces the theme of mini-reunions that has cropped up in your messages this time around.

BEVERLY BURROUGHS LEACH reports that BETSY ROHRBAUGH PEPPER’s Galveston, TX, beach house was the setting for a mini-reunion in April of Morrow House friends Betsy and Beverly, SALLY THOMPSON MCHIERSON, SANDY LANDU A RIPPET and, their husbands.

The weekend included beach walks, cooking, in-town activities, and seaside exercise and relaxation, but the consistent high point, all agreed, was a special kind of “smart and affectionate conversation” reserved for longtime close college friends. “To our classmates contemplating a mini-reunion, we urge you to do it!”

Morris ’67 friends gathered for their annual mini-reunion, this time in May in New York City. The group included DEBBIE TAKIFF SMITH, LINDY BICKLEY, HELLEN BETSY WOODMAN, BLAND KELLER PALATUTI, NANCY GORDON TORDD, NANCY COFFENBERG MOGIELNICKI, HELEN HUI, HAZEL MARTIN WILLACY, and SALLY TUCKER ELSON. “A highlight was being joined by a collection of offspring,” NANCY GORDON TORDRED notes.

ANITA SCHENK ZEDNIK welcomed “another gust of Smith ’67 fresh air” in Santa Fe, NM, in June when MOLLY MCKAUGHAN and KAREN STOUTENBURG KNIFF “blew through, both still as much fun as they were back in the day.” Anita asks if anyone else is headed her way.

In fall ’09, SUSAN ROTH FILIPP and husband of 40 years, Alex, spent several days with LAURA LEE NIEBLING in Laura’s lovely Pebble Beach, CA, home. Susan tells us that thanks to an early June garden tour she got most everything in her perennial beds in order early. She is also busy managing repairs to their 50-year-old house, and serves as a field supervisor for student teachers at a local college. She and Alex frequently head north to a Vermont cabin, using a pick ax for more serious yard work.

And a final mini-reunion note: In May, MARGARET FLANDERS DARBY combined a mini-reunion with her interest in gardens. As a member of the Garden Conservancy, she visited SUE BORIS BASSIN’s gardens at Cricket Hill Farm in Ancramdale, NY, with MARY (PIXIE) FLEMING BROWN. MARY DAVIS REECE is enjoying retirement on Cape Cod, MA. “Attempts by Will to teach me to sail have met with very limited success,” she says, but she has discovered that kayaking is wonderful.

REBECCA SNYDER BROMLEY earned senior judge status in the summer of 2007, and now works as a fill-in 60 days a year, along with doing some mediation in domestic cases. She is involved in her church bell choir, service club, and local historic house museum. At press time, she was also involved in her family’s 122nd reunion in rural Monongalia County, WV. Rebecca and husband Michael recently took a Baltic Cruise. She is also now a four-year breast cancer survivor. “My thoughts and prayers are with other classmates who have walked this road.”

EILEEN COHEN KANE and husband Joe moved back to Portland, OR, in Oct. ’09, after six years in Hillsboro, OR, a lovely agrarian city 15 miles to the west. They are now very glad to be back in a 12th-floor condo on the Willamette River, which runs through the city. “We love walking and biking along the river, and watching the eagles, hawks, osprey, and herons who nest here.” Her artwork is available online.

Completing her second year as president of the School for Field Studies, BONNIE BOTTENUS CLENDENNING travels to SFS study-abroad stations in Central America, Africa, and Australia. “Next up: Bhutan!” She enjoys week-end gardening with husband Robert in Newton, MA, and an annual “Grandma week” with granddaughter Autumn, who visits from Seattle.

SHARONJEAN MOSER LEEDS spent a month with husband Rick traveling on an Alaska cruise. He is a retired attorney, son of Justice Wiley Rutledge, and she is practicing immigration law in Washington, DC, at the firm of Dechert, Killea, and Eapen.

After living in the Washington, DC, area for 30 years, ALISON FESS KRYWS-KEY and husband Bruce have retired to “of all places, Northampton.” As urban planners, they sought retirement in a livable community, and have found Northampton to be “a vibrant regional center, an arts community, and a city focused on living in an environmentally sustainable manner.” Alison sees her creative side emerging with activities like quilting, beading, writing, gardening and raising orchids, and “community-oriented efforts that jibe well with my urban planning background.”

After having a wonderful time with her 15-year-old step-granddaughter on a trip to England in February, SUE NEIL reports that she completed and successfully defended her thesis and finally has her PhD. Now she is “catching up on sleep and trying to see what the next step should be.”

We say congratulations to Sue and all classmate who have realized their goals. We hope more of you will share these efforts and your next steps with us.

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The themes for our class continue to be retirement; professional and volunteer commitments; love of family, especially grandchildren; hobbies; and travel. It is wonderful to hear from so many of you, and I apologize if I condense your news in order to fit in everyone who e-mailed me. There are two requests that I want to share as class secretary. First, please send your updated e-mail addresses to the Alumnae Association so they can update records, and, secondly, the Quarterly typically does not include Websites or personal e-mail addresses in the column news. I will always try to alert you that a Website exists and suggest you contact the classmate for further information. Thank you for understanding the restrictions.

MOLLY ZINDEL HOYLE and her husband, Larry, hosted a Gardiner House mini-reunion in June at their cottage. Attending a weekend of fish-flying, swimming, kayaking, and catching up...
were the following classmates. Here is some of their news.

JOAN ROSENTHAL SOKOTCH (who attended the mini-reunion with her husband, Mel) and FRANCIE ENNIS IRVINE will be retiring in 2011 from their careers as headmasters.

DEENA BARAM FERRARA and her husband, Bob, welcomed a second grandchild.

DIANA TOWNSEND MOREHOUSE moved to a new home in San Antonio and is busy with her two grandchildren, Lauren and Carson.

LYN SKINNER FOSTER attended the mini-reunion with her husband, Glenn. She is trying to enhance the 8mm movies she took at Smith, including titles such as Incredibe Hun- ger, which featured JULIE GRODN BARNETT, NANCY HUNT, MARILYN GOLDSTINE FEDAK, and MIGNON GRIFFITH LATIMER, among others. Molly and her husband loved having everyone together, along with their five grandchildren.

JANET MANZER, who is in her second year as president of the Cleveland Smith club. Her club is very active with many members, and they sponsor six events every year, including a book club and three scholarship funds. They also have an intern- ship program founded by Yale that provides summer internships on the Cuyahoga River for undergraduates from Smith and five other eastern colleges. Janice has three grandchildren. She retired from teaching, and is working part-time in human resources.

A summer cruise in Alaska followed BARBARA SANDERSON KRUMING’s end of a year-round school session as a kindergarten teacher. Her two adult children, MEGHAN KRUMING ’01 and Bryan Kruming, who Meghann has moved from the business world to education, and earned her master’s degree and administration credentials. Bryan is studying for a master’s in information systems and works part-time in Dallas. Barbara mentioned that she sees MARSHA COHEN and Marsha’s husband, Bob Feyer, as they come through San Diego. I also had a brief visit with Marsha last summer as they drove through Cincinnati.

Unfortunately, SUE HUNT says she was unable to use her kayaks last summer because she was recuperating from minor hip surgery in May. She works in Plymouth, NH, as the vice president and finance officer for Northway Bank. Sue enjoys music, playing piano, and composition, and occasionally calling contra and square dances. She loves to travel and knit, confessing to a collection of way too much yarn!

In case classmatess missed an e-mail sent by NANCY YINGER NOYES last July, here is some news about EILEEN ROBINS.

Enjoying Smith Travel’s Great Journey Through Europe, from left to right, are Elizabeth Elkins Gray ’59, Carrie Cadwell Brown, MED ’82, Evelyn Edmondson, MSW ’69, Anita Bradshaw Barker ’51, Joan Houk Humphreys ’53, Natalie Cull Joslin ’48, Mary Jean Schmidt Blasdale ’65, Gardi Pedersen Hauck ’65, and Carol Otis Ritchie Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45215. lgroman@fuse.net

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Hampshire House alumnae KATHERINE NAGLE LWEBUGA-MUKASA, KATHERINE WILKINSON, KATHLEEN MURRAY DORHEART, and DORIS LAMICA took time out from celebrating the 40th anniversary of Katherine’s marriage to Jamson lwebuga-mukasa for a mini-reunion. MERLE POPPIN WEXLER and Bernie journeyed from Cape Horn, the tip of South America, to the Cape of Good Hope, the tip of South Africa. CYNTHIA ROSS BURMEISTER ’60 was on board, and Merle was determined to take pictures of the two of them at every stop. Merle says if you have always wanted to go to the Falkland Islands and South Georgia, with the treat of Tristan da Cunha, and you don’t mind the relentlessly rough trip, “this is for you.”

EDIE DINNEN joined Laura Scales housemates MARY SEIBERT GOLD-SCHMID, BARBARA WALLACE GROSSMAN, DONNA DEMPISTER GUNDY, and CHRISTY CAMPBELL KOLVA at a mini-reunion on Martha’s Vineyard, MA, hosted by LAURA DONAHUE ALLEN. “Occasion- ally sporting yellow shawls from our last Reunion, we rocked (literally and figuratively) on the porch, reminisced about the good and bad times, and shared thoughts on how Smith had readied us for life. Based on a clever idea from Mary, we pledged to briefly quell our penchant for a pension in order to thank Smith by donating our first monthly Social Security checks, which will arrive before our 50th Reunion. The self-dubbed ‘So- cial Security Chicks’ welcome others with similar gratitude and donate intent.” Edie enjoys part-time work as an arbiter and mediator, and is grateful for Smith friends in Tampa, FL, including IRENE RESTIERI DESISTO, ROBIN KONINGSBURG WILSON ’71, BRIIDGET SEKERA TAYLOR ’83, and ELSA SUN ’81. Edie accompanied her aunt, ELEA- NORA DONAHUE KING ’40, to her 70th Reunion: “Something for us to look forward to in 2039!” Also accompanying their class of ’40 relatives were

LAURE AUBUCHON ’71, and KELLER POL- LOCK ’92, daughter of the late MARGERY WILLEY MARSHING.

BARBARA WALLACE GROSSMAN became a full professor of drama at Tufts University. She is spending her sabbatical year studying voice and speech at the American Repertory Theater/ Moscow Art Theater School, Institute for Advanced Theater Training at Harvard, and continues to serve as vice chair of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Husband Steve is running for treasurer of Massachu- setts. Sons David and Ben became co-presidents of Grossman Market- ing Group, a fourth-generation family business. Josh, Harvard ’11, spent the summer as an analyst with Sankaty Advisors. David and his wonderful wife, Mary Jo, made Barbara and Steve the blessed grandparents of Will, S; Carina, 3, and Luke, 15 months. Ben and his wife, Becky, live nearby in Cambridge, MA. “Life is full, rewarding, and joyful!”

ALICE ZAFT agrees, saying, “Being a grandmomma is first on my list. I have three granddaughters, ages 3, 1, and newborn. It’s the best thing that has happened to me. Now that I am happily retired (I do not miss working for a nanosecond), I am available for babysitting whenever asked.” In between stints with her granddaughters, Alice continues to work on batiks, displaying them for sale in a few galleries in New Jersey and Florida. “What with family, travel, and art, my life feels incredibly full.”

SUE HERRICK FOLEY and Jack were finally able to downsize. “Our house sold amazingly quickly, given the continued slump in the housing market, and we moved to a smaller, lower-maintenance home in the same area. Getting rid of excess stuff was hard but liberating, and it has given me the energy and ambition to de- clutter other areas. Our family continues to be healthy and happy—two blessings for which I am very grateful.”

JUDITH VANDERKAY happily reports that son Andrew is now a college graduate from Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY. “It turned out to be a five-year plan, and he ended up majoring in religion, just like his mother.” While Andrew faces the challenges of searching for employment, she says, “He is getting the same kinds of not-helpful questions I got: ‘What are you planning to do with your reli- gion major—go to divinity school?’ I did finally vehemently tell my par- ents that ‘Smith is not a vocational school!’ They have reminded me of that on occasion. Meanwhile, they are no longer empty nesters, an adjustment they take one day at a time. “Retirement is a long (and in- definite) way off.”

DABNEY WATERS SCHMITT’s family has endured illness and “enormous and tragic loss.” Following husband Dick’s
“Smith’s supportive environment pushed me to become a leader. I learned how to live, laugh, and love from the remarkable women who graduated with me, and from the women of distinction who graduated before me. I am so thankful for their support.”

—LINDSEY NGUYEN ’10

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LINDA FISHER SMITH ’60 AND LINDSEY NGUYEN ’10 AT REUNION, MAY 2010.
brain abscess in 1997, Dabney nursed him back to health and rejoined the world as a patrol officer in an independent school, becoming director of development in four years. "My husband is healthy, my boys are off on their life journeys, life is set—or so I thought. That ended on June 4, '09, when our son took ground for the Landon Carter Schmitt School for the Visually Impaired in February in Dong Ha, aiming "to build a sustain- able school that will provide a home and education to some of Vietnam's poorest disabled children, and to give them the life skills to lead productive, happy lives."

Others have also experienced losses.

ANN WOLKEN was in New York City for her late brother Jonathan's memorial at the Joyce Theater, and later met with AMY FINLEY SCOTT and MARTHA WOODS for dinner and a wonderful dinner and visit together.

BARBRA LAUREN is still grieving the death of her father, Sidney Lauren, who died in July in Nashua, NH. "He was a chemist and a product of the Depression generation—a strover who achieved success and professional es- teem, but who never lost the qualities of kindness that made him beloved by all who knew him. He was a cultivated and selfless person. My grief is partly assuaged by knowing that my brother, David, and I have been associated with a person who was wholly good.”

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SUSAN ELKINS is heading from Kansas to New York City, where she will begin her new year and her retirement with a six-month sabbatical. She plans to do some freelance editing and enjoy her new status as a member of “What a long strange trip it’s been!”

WENDY MCGANN JOHN reports that, despite being retired from her career as an attorney for the federal government, she still finds herself quite busy, in part because she is handling the estates and “stuff” of recently de- ceased family members. The “stuff,” she says, is a bigger job than the legal matters, and encourages us all to start planning our own possessions now lest they become a burden for the next generation. Suggestions on how to tackle a mass of unneeded things are welcome.

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KATHY MULLER and husband Michael Wright continue to enjoy their first year of retirement in Harwich, MA, finding their new life even pleasanter than anticipated, with nary a spare thought to be connected with classmates within reach on the East Coast, pointing out that, to a Kansan, even a distance of 200 miles doesn’t seem like much.

NANCY CHASEN 67 at TARA HARVEY's home in Santa Rosa, CA. I’ve been working for my aging mother, who lives nearby. It’s a challenge, but I hope to come through with a more meaningful, close relationship. I’ve joined the board of Operation Understand- ing DC, which brings together high school students and undergraduates in a community action group in Deep Park, IL. She follows the Hubbard Mothers and falls away. We were under the theme of “What a long strange trip it’s been!”

PAT SHIPMAN and her husband, Alan Walker, have moved from Pennsylva- nia to Moncure, NC (in the Raleigh- Durham area), marking Alan’s retire- ment from Penn State. The move has taken them away from Pennsylvania winters and they are closer to children and grandchildren, and only a direct flight from their holiday home in the Cayman Islands. Their new home in- cludes wooded land on the Rocky Riv- er, where they go paddling to watch a variety of wildlife. Pat is maintaining her affiliation with Penn State from a distance, and she looks forward to the publication of her new book, The Animal Connection, which explores the attachment between humans and animals and how it has influenced our evolution.

LOUISE TURNER STINESPREE sends greetings from arts mecca Sarasota, FL, where she and her husband of 12 years, bassoonist John Stinespree, are thriving. In addition to being active with the local Smith club, Louise is creating a theater experience by directing short scenes and plays in a local space. Louise lives with the loss of her beloved son, Thomas, who died an accidental death at age 16. Her daughter (and Thomas’s twin), Laura, lives in Lubbock, TX, where Louise raised them while studying for her doctorate at Texas Tech University.

Please let us hear from you so we can pass along your news to your avid classmates.

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JANESS Haight Coffina realized a longtime dream and traveled to Peru. She is now concentrating on her new massage therapy practice. She saw LESLEY HIGH, HELENE FREEMAN, and JANE TORREY for a mini-reunion in New Haven, CT.

JERI MULLANEY DOHERTY is president of her county’s affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, a mental health advocacy organization that offers support and education, and linebacker for the Friends of Credit A母亲ill. Classmates who are dealing with mental illness in their families are welcome to contact Jeri.

From CAROL FONTINE, “I celebrated my 60th birthday at a wonderful weekend retreat with WENDY Laza- rus FRANKEL, SUSAN GREENE ’68, and
A foundation grant will let us extend this specialized knowledge to cities around the country. But of all these opportunities, the one that drives and thrills us is the chance to leave a better environment for our grandchildren to live in.

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Dear classmates, this column picks up all of those e-mails that didn’t make it before deadlines this past year. Enjoy!

On a favorite volunteer experience: LOIS HOMMA writes, “My best volunteer experience was probably serving as president of my daughter’s PTA when she was in fourth grade. As for news, my daughter, KATHERINE HOMMA LIPPO ’14, started Smith in the fall as a STRIDE Scholar. She is thrilled, as are we (actually, my UCLA husband isn’t sure what he is in for?).

DAISY KIM: “I’ve had several interesting and satisfying volunteer experiences, but my current volunteer ‘job’ takes the prize. I started a nonprofit to help an elementary school that was named after my father, in Los Angeles’ Koreatown. Severe budget cuts within the district have made the need for support greater than ever before. The school is high performing, but it’s in a relatively low-income area. I am so touched by the innocence and energy of these little kids, as well as the energy and passion of the teachers. Other rewards are collaborating with people I truly like and respect, and getting more in touch with my ethnic heritage. But do I have the energy to learn Korean? I doubt it. It’s funny to have decent knowledge of German and French, but to only be able to say ‘hello’ and ‘thank you’ in Korean!”

On news: NANCY ASHTON: “I was participating in part of an eight-day New Jersey Learns for a Sustainable Future seminar and decided I didn’t want to drive south for two hours on the New Jersey Turnpike on the Monday of the July 4 holiday weekend, so I stayed at CANDE OLSEN’s. We had a great time catching up, and she learned a bit about sustainability. She was excited to learn online that her town of CHatham, NJ, is a leader in being certified with Sustainable Jersey.”

EVELYN BROWN: “I was in Albuquerque, NM, in late March for a board meeting and met GLORIA GILMORE-HOUSE for a rainy-day get-together. We had lunch, went shopping for potting glazes (Gloria is a potter, among other talents), and had dinner in Old Town. The board meeting was for the American Association of Private Railroad Car Owners, a group I have been active with for more than 20 years, and for which I am currently the secretary. In recent news, I’m restarting guitar by taking lessons (I played in high school and at Smith, but never learned how to formally play), and taking golf lessons after a long hiatus. I am assisting in the production of a documentary film, which takes up quite a bit of free time. I volunteer with various alumni groups, and I am assistant treasurer for the Smith College Club of Los Angeles. I also volunteer with the American Heart Association as a mentor, while training for half marathons. Restarting life (some call it retirement) is a lot of fun and is giving me the chance, once again, to give back by volunteering, and to find all the activities I used to like to do but that got lost in the shuffle of paycheck hunting.”

AMBY DRAKE raised more than $1,700 for an AIDS walk. She has been volunteering at the AIDS Action Committee once a week. She also volunteers once a week doing office tasks at the Old South Church in Boston.

On turning 60: DIANE ST. CYR-FRANCIS: “My younger daughter, Hillary, got married on Aug. 21 in Alexandria, VA. The preceding day was my 60th birthday!”

LUCILLE SPEARA: “The years simply have not awaited for me to do all that I wanted to do, and I am having a hard time with that. Mariana is at Mount Holyoke, and I am flooded with memories of my days at Smith. Marc is a high school freshman who does not want to think ahead to college. Yet, knowing how quickly time passes, and realizing that we are in no way prepared for the college process, I am beginning to ask questions to help him uncover his preferences. I have been working through the recession and am grateful. Writing marketing materials is not what I expected to be doing, but it keeps food in the house for the growing boy. As I reflect ahead to my 60th birthday, I think of how fortunate I am to have my health, and to have made it thus far as a single mom. It has not been easy, but it has been worth it, and it is what I wanted to do. My celebration is going to wait until Marc is through college. Ask me then and I will tell you about all the things I am planning for the future.”

And one of my all-time favorite column items is from YVONNE BOUCHER, who was in the first Ada Comstock class: “Greetings from the future: You’re turning 60, and I’ve turned 80. If you have your health, 80 is a snap. You’ve put to rest the ambiva-

LUCILLE SPERA

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Thanks to the many classmates who shared news and photos, we have a full column. Read on!

In July, ROBERTA KLEIN attended the Victorian Society in America’s two-week London summer school, featuring scholar-led tours of buildings in London, Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester. The following week, Roberta joined a poetry-writing group on the Yorkshire Moors. She teaches English literature, creative writing, and a detective fiction survey course at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, VA.

BOBBI KEILER writes, “CATHY FAR- RINGTON HAUKEDAL, MARY-LOU SCHINHOFEN KILEY, KATHY PIRO, and I gathered for a long weekend at TER- RY TAYLOR’s 50th birthday party in Sleepy Hollow, NY. We toured the Rockefeller and Washington Irving estates, tramped around the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, swooned over the Henri Matisse and Marc Chagall stained glass windows in the Union Church of Pocantico Hills, enjoyed high tea at an elegant
restaurant, and sat up late into the night talking, just as we used to in our Reunion days.

SUSAN DYE JENKINS shares, “We have six grandchildren, the last one just a few months old. I know that seems like a population explosion, but that is what happened when our triplet daughters graduated. Daughter Pembroke, 23, gave a kidney to a dear friend, and I encourage everyone to consider that possibility if the opportunity arises.”

CHRISTY JONES BITTENBENDER says, “In May, we celebrated Chuck’s 60th birthday with a two-week family trip to the Galapagos and other parts of Ecuador. Peter, 29, and Jeff, 26, joined us for this trip of a lifetime. In July, Chuck and I enjoyed a wonderful week at a no-frills ranch in Montana. Peter moved from Ann Arbor, MI, to Columbus, OH, to begin a fellowship in cardiology at the Ohio State University. Jeff is in his third and final year at Cornell in the landscape architecture graduate program.”

PAMELA EZEQUELLE HURT, who transferred to Wellesley in the fall of 1972, wrote, “I love Smith and remember my years there with gratitude. I’ve been an at-home mom for two decades, with two kids in college, and a husband longing to retire but delaying gratification. I am writing in the hope of connecting with my friend JOAN (JAYE) KOSITZ ’75.”

PATTI JONES LANG went to Costa Rica in July with her daughter, Katharine, and a group of 20 other educators from North Carolina. Organized by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and its Spanish immersion programs, the tour toured the lovely countryside while based in Atenas, living with local families, studying Spanish, visiting rural schools, performing community service, and seeing sights such as the Poás Volcano, the University for Peace, the city of San Jose, and an organic coffee farm. “I’ve never experienced a trip like this in my life, and the Costa Rican people are among the most generous, warm, and loving people I have ever encountered. They recently elected their first female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female president, Laura Chinchilla, a female 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SUSAN ADELSON lives in Northampton and works as a proofreader. Her sons are in Boston, where her youngest is finishing up at Berklee College of Music.

JEANNE ASCHEKABY is a clinical psychologist in private practice, and has been on staff in the department of pediatrics at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago since 1986. She completed the 2009 Chicago Triathlon with Team in Training.

SUSAN BABCOCK’s new business is Ballpoint newMedia Editorial Services, offering a centralized marketplace for editing and writing services for businesses and governments, including e-mail editing support.

SANNE DUNLAP brings her experience as a Madison Avenue copywriter and published novelist to her position as director of marketing.

NANCY BARNEY MCCRICKARD is a school nurse in Cleveland, and Jim is a retired school senior, and Nathanial is in eighth grade. Nancy is grateful to be cancer-free for the last 11 years.

MARY ANN BRUCE DENTON had two kids graduate from Arizona State University this year, and daughter Emily is at Colgate University. An important announcement: Mary Ann is in charge of our 35th Reunion, which is May 19–22,’11. Suggestions and offers of help can be e-mailed to her at madenton@optonline.net.

DEBBIE BURKE hosted MARGARET O’CONNOR (now director of neuropsychology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston) and STEPHANIE MUDICK (an executive vice president at JP Morgan Chase in New York City) at her home in Portland, OR, where she is vice president of human resources at TriQuint Semiconductor.

MOLLY BURKE’s son, Alexander, graduated from Wake Forest University last spring, and her daughter, Mau- reen, is at Colorado College. Molly bought a townhouse, downsizing in stepping stop No. 1.

MILA FLORE was named teacher of the year at the Arkansas Career Guidance and Development Conference, and has received an ING Unsung Heroes award for an innovative teaching idea.

STEPHANIE HAMMER had a good publishing year, with stories appearing in Hayden’s Ferry Review and Pearl.

She is now an artist in residence at the University of California Culver Center of the Arts in Riverside.

MIREN KHO has trained in career and life coaching, specializing in transitions and changes, and is setting up a practice. She would love referrals from classmates.

JEANNE KUHLMAN’s challenging last few years have involved overseeing the care of her ailing father and receiving treatment for chronic lymphocytic leukemia herself. She and her companion of 33 years, Russell Hulse, were married in Princeton, NJ, in June. Jeanne is a senior manager in IT quality operations at Celgene.

DEBBIE LEAVELL DONNELLY, JUDY KNOWLTON WRIGHT, LUCY ASHTON VAN ATTA, and HANNAH DELFINI sang in the Alumnae Chorus at the Glee Club’s 125th anniversary in April, and loved seeing friends SHEILA HEFFEERNON, NANCY APPLE, and STACY POMEROY DRAPER, as well as meeting BECKIE JUDGE’s first-year daughter, who had two solos in Smith College Chorus pieces.

ELISSA LICHTEINSTEIN’s daughter achieved dean’s high honors both semesters as a first-year at Connecticut College and was selected to be a paid writing tutor.

KAREN MACKCARRY SHANLEY and Michael’s oldest daughter, Kaitlin, graduated from Simmons in 2005, with a master’s in 2006. Daughter Kerry is Wellesley ’08, and is now at Yale studying to become a physician’s assistant. Daughter Molly is a junior at Wellesley, a transfer from Brandeis.

Diane Macneicole Langworthy received her doctor of ministry degree last May from Bangor (ME) Theological Seminary.

SUSAN MARK’s daughter, Claire, is at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Susan’s legal search business is still up and running in Greenbrae, CA. She has joined an a cappella group called Marin Harmony.

Last April, LEAH MCCORMACK was elected president of the Medical Society of the State of New York; she is the second woman to achieve this position in the 204-year history of the society.

GILLIAN MCMANUS and husband Chris enjoyed a trip to San Francisco to celebrate DAWN GOULD LEPORI’s 77th and Ken’s 25th wedding anniversary.

HELEN MROSE is a radiologist and has been a dedicated breast imager for several years; she recently opened her own freestanding breast imaging center in Severna Park, MD.

CLARE OLLOYO took part in a StoryCorps project in Elgin, IL. She joins more than 60,000 individuals whose stories are preserved at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

COLLEEN RAUL QUINN enjoyed visits from CECILIA MARINO GARRITY and her husband, Jeff, who were investigating California colleges with their daughter, Jacquie, and with ALLISON CHEEK, who was in Venice, CA, for a benefit for Haiti.

CAROL PIERSON HOLDING graduated from Harvard Business School, did time in corporate America, and then opened her own consulting firm. She has now retired to live and write in Seattle. Her daughter, Carolyn, graduated from Harvard this year and now attends New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts for acting.

RUTH SPROULL got divorced and left Wisconsin to transform an old house into a small bed-and-breakfast in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. Called Little Gnesta, it will feature French-style breakfasts, beds imported from Sweden, views of Lake Memphremagog, and walking access to Newport. Ruth’s daughter attends Framingham (MA) State University.

CATHERINE STIRLING discovered that she and HELEN MROSE both live along the Sever River in Annapolis, MD, where they have kayaked together. Catherine is with the Maryland League of Conservation Voters, which is working hard to keep the environment a priority in Maryland.

ADRIAN (BETSY) TUEYER DUER’S oldest daughter, Sasha, delivered Betsy’s second granddaughter, Bergamot, in March. Daughter Sarah is a textile designer and professor at the California College of the Arts in Oakland.

That’s it for now. Please send me your latest e-mail addresses so that Reunion info can get to you efficiently! Sec., Sally Scott Moser, 301 Caver- sham Road, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010, ssm501@aol.com

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Thanks to all who wrote in and shared news, which was filled with so many of you on the move!

After 26 years in Arizona and Washington, PENELÓPE CORCORAN moved to Massachusetts in July. She now lives “by the shore of Wright’s Pond” in Medford, MA, with David and their three dogs. Her house in Seattle sold “super fast, which was a huge relief” and she loves greater Boston. Now that she’s back on the East Coast, she looks forward to seeing longtime friends from Smith more often.

ISABELLA AZARE writes, “My husband, David, and I recently returned from a trip to Italy and Sicily with the Con Brio Choral Society. We sang in some amazing churches, including the Cathedral of Palermo, Santa Chiara Church in Naples, and St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican. We also visited Mount Etna and the remarkable resort town of Taormina in Sicily. Other adventures included a night crossing from Naples to Catania via ferry, and a crossing to Capri from Sorrento, which would have made even a hardened sailor seasick. All in all, we had wonderful adventures, and there were three other Smithies to share in them: BETSY SCHWAMMBERGER ‘67, TALLMADGE STARR RENOUT ‘65, and SUSAN ENSWORTH SALTUS ‘62.”

After 25 years in Los Angeles, JAN VACHHLE returned to her native Fort Worth, TX, where she lives in a condo in the historic Neil P. Anderson Building directly across the street from the Fort Worth Star Telegram, where her parents worked when she was growing up. “Despite the current temperature of more than 100 degrees, I couldn’t be more thrilled!” Daughter Susanna worked in an art gallery in Berlin last summer, and is a senior at Stanford. “My youngest, Julie, starts UC Berkeley next spring,” Jan works in public relations, and put together a collection of beauty products for Mad Men costume designer Janie Bryant. On a trip to Dallas, Jan got together with LISA RUFFIN HARRISON, ANN WILSON FOLSTY-SMITH, and JULIE DOLAN THOMPSON. In April she attended with PATRIZIA TAZZARA in Washington, DC, while looking at colleges.

LUCY HUTCHINGS MONDO is also on the move. “My husband and I have pulled up stakes from our home in upstate New York and have moved to Gilroy, CA, south of San Jose. Keep- ing in touch with my Smith buddies and reading good books such as The Help is making the transition easier.”

VIRGINIA (GINGER) EMERY DONWYER is living in Petoskey, MI, with plans to relocate to Kansas City in Jan ’11 for her husband’s job, “I continue to work as a registered nurse, splitting my time between the intensive care unit, the recovery room, and the free clinic in our county.” I will be participating in a plastic surgery mission trip to Peru with SUSAN DONWYER ’78 in April ’11.”

DIANNE TERP finished her second summer at the Smith School for Social Work and returned to the San Francisco VA last fall. Dianne received a fellowship from the Palm Center at
the University of California, Santa Barbara, for research on support to families of gay and lesbian service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. She is celebrating 25 years with partner KAREN CAMP ’69.

This fall, TRACY GARRETT RUBIN started her two-year master’s in theological studies at Harvard Divinity School. “I’m very excited, but wondering how the world of learning has changed technologically since we were at Smith. Learning computer skills may be more daunting than the coursework. Daughter JESSICA RUBIN ’13 transferred from Trinity College and is living in Sessions House.”

JOYCE KNOLLER COHEN started a book club called the Empty Nesters, which had Anna Karenina as the summer’s long-term read. She is looking for book club reading suggestions.

It was great to hear from DIANE SYL- VIA-NOROCEA, who sent news for the first time. “I am thrilled to share the news that my only child, Alex, began college at Brown in the fall, his first choice school after visiting 24 campuses over the last four years! He is the lead Bears. Last spring I got together in Washington, DC, with CELCIA BARBOSA and her son, Marco, a student at Brown. I was also in touch with JENNIFER ZEIGLER WINO- GRAD and LISA HEFFERNAN, whose sons, Sam and Ted, respectively, are also at Brown. We all spent our junior year in Geneva.”

BETSY BYERS’ son started high school and is playing on the football team. They attended the Oregon Shakespeare Festival last summer.

SUSAN PODGER MILLS attended the August wedding of HELEN RUPPE STE- VENSON’s daughter, Caroline, along with LAURA WILSON BLACKBURN, LUCY HUTCHINGS MONDO, and LESLIE BEATY FITCH ’78. Helen’s daughter is a gradu- ate of Amherst and Duke University School of Law, and works for Good- win Proctor in Boston.

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I had fun with the last news request, and, for those who don’t have e-mail addresses in the database, I sent out this joke: “In June, there was an earth- quake in Canada. It registered a 5.0. I thought it was funny because it was a joke: ‘In June, there was an earthquake in Canada. It registered a 5.0. I thought it was funny because it was a joke.’”

JOAN GRAHAM LISANTI writes, “My husband, Jim, and I brought our daughter, Mary, to Smith for the summer reading program. The Usualus Center is terrific and much better placed than Davis, the library has been practically rebuilt inside and is easier to navigate, and the new buildings are glorious. The town, too, has changed, with many interesting little stores. The preview gave us a chance to speak with and hear from admissions staff, professors, and administrators. I hadn’t heard President Christ speak before, and I was very impressed by her. Smith is as wonderful as ever, and I am as proud as ever to be an alumna.”

NANO CHAFFIELD says, “I’ve been volunteering extensively for the last seven years in northern Tanzania, Af- rica, working with early-stage non- profit ventures that provide financial and organizational support to local NGOs. I am involved in building a girls’ secondary boarding school and vocational training center in Karatu. ALMA BOYLAN GARNETT joined our founding board. I live in Cape Eliza- beth, ME, with my husband, John, and we have two grandchildren!”

DOTT MURKS BROWN writes, “Life is good in our truly empty nest. Both kids have graduated from college and have their own dental plans. Hubby JB and I spend our free time dancing. We even went on vacation to Louisiana for a dance festival. In March, I went back to full-time work; I’m selling sci- ence equipment to schools, and I love it! My son is married, but I think I have a couple of years before I have to learn the grandma role. Good thing, as I’m not quite ready!”

ELLEN MANDINACH is at WestEd’s Washington, DC, office working on some of the hottest topics in educa- tion. She received a large grant from the Institute of Education Sciences to examine how teachers use data to improve their practice and student performance. Lots of trips to Tucson, AZ! In May, she had a chance to visit me in Denver. Time does not change good friendships.

VALERIE BRANTON FREIMUTH writes, “I’ve been in Colorado for 23 years. My husband has been with IBM for 32 years. Our two older boys, 22 and 20, are at Montana State University in Bozeman and the University of Colorado at Boulder, respectively. Our youngest boy, 14, started high school and made the varsity golf team! I’m working part-time at my friend’s yarn shop. She and I are in a knitting group that meets every Thursday to ‘stitch and bitch.’ When I can, I try to see KATHY WIDNER and her husband, Mike, who live in Longmont, CO.”

From JENNY KUNTZ FROST: “After 25 years, I left Random House in Decem- ber in the wake of a restructuring. My husband, Jim, is getting his master’s in education at Manhattanville College. Alex, 22, joined the Marines and gradu- ated from boot camp in September. Peter, 19, graduated high school and is taking courses at Westchester [NY] Community College. Ellie, 17, spent three weeks backpacking with Na- tional Outdoor Leadership School in Wyoming. Despite persistent and quiet rooting, Ellie favors Georgetown University over Smith, but the game is not up. I lost my mother in July.”

LYNNE BUSH says, “We went for two weeks to Greece and Italy for a mix of business and vacation. We spent three days on Crete, where we visited the Minoan Palace of Knossos, then went to Athens, Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, and Pompeii. Fond memories of Art 100 as I saw ancient treasures. The snake goddess rules!”

MARGARET MILLER GREER writes, “Working full-time in Rochester, NY, for a family-owned investment firm. Raising three kids with my husband, Bill. Daughter Jenny, 22, has Prader-Willi syndrome, and this year we are blessed that she is happy to be living on her own in an assisted-living en- vironment. Sons Will and Mark are seniors in college and high school, respectively. I would love to know about other alumnae raising children or young adults with special needs.”

HILO GAY OLMAN sends her five-year update: “I am still in Phoenix, mar- ried, and working in marketing at a division of Emerson. My husband and I take a two-week motorcycle vacation every year (I am a passen- ger on his bike). This year’s trip was a 5,000-mile adventure from Phoenix to Columbus, OH, to Virginia, with several stops on the way to Nags Head, NC, then back home. The trip was great, our Italian bike didn’t break for the first time in years, and, even with the 98-degree temperatures, it was wonderful!”

ALLISON BLANCHARD says, “Once again, I want to thank the class for including me, as I started, but didn’t finish, at Smith. It’s wonderful to hear about the gals I knew. My daughter, Johanna, is finishing social work stud- ies at Portland (OR) State University. Last fall, we took a cruise from Is- tanbul to Barcelona, and in March, I accompanied a friend to Haridwar, India.”

MIMI HARRINGTON writes, “I’m teach- ing fifth grade at the Dadem (MA) Country Day School, and I still enjoy it after 22 years. In the fall, we sent our first child, Nat, to Yale, and our younger son, Will, 16, was worried about being the only child at home. Both of the boys are serious about fencing, so my husband, Peter, and I have turned into sports parents, and we love it. We spend summers in the Adirondacks on Lake Champlain and often overlap with SUSAN SHANE, who also vacations there. I spend a lot of time trying to keep my full-time job full-time to get my master’s in library science. I’m thrilled to be reinvent- ing myself as a grad student for 18 months, and then as a corporate or academic librarian or archivist.”

ANNE DE GROOT asks classmates to check out the Fall Quarterly’s “Fulfill the Potential” sidebar on page 44.

Earthshaking or not, please send me your news! Sec., Stephanie Urban, 2560 South Garfield Street, Denver, CO 80210, sburban@hotmail.com

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Dear classmates, this may be our newest column ever. Read on and enjoy!

LISA BARLOW writes from Boulder, CO, where she teaches at Colorado University. She and husband Eliot have a teenager and a son in fourth grade. Lisa presented a paper at the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education’s annual meeting in October.

MAGGIE BOTTUM HILDEBRAND has been looking at East Coast colleges with James, the fifth of her six children. At our 30th, she reconnected with fellow Los Angelena JANE CHUNG, with whom she recently enjoyed a “solve-all-the-world’s-problems” lunch. Maggie is coaching parliamentary debate and spent the summer teaching at the Carlmont College.

LAUREN BREAKIRON GUDONIS hosted a Smithies-on-Nantucket (MA) cock- tail party at her home last summer. In July, JENNIFER BROWN MITTEREDER caught up with JAMIE DONNELLY MONA- GAN, who was visiting from Cork, Ire-
land, and with PAM REYNOLDS KNECHT, when they overlapped in Chautauqua, NY. Jamie also visited WENDY MARKUS WEBB in Malibu, CA, and her 15-year-old twins are school high sophomores.

CATHY FRICK CAYER reports to us from Naperville, IL, where she works in telecommunications and is gearing up for a busy spring with her children’s milestone events. Cathy is finishing the second book of the math curriculum she is writing, and is thinking about majoring in math, with a minor in music. With only her son, Ethan, now at home, Polly says, “It will be a very quiet house this year.”

As our children keep growing and moving to different stages of life, SARAH SMITH CONROY reflects that fortunately it is “just my kids who keep getting older too quickly, not me!” With three daughters ranging from a high school junior to a recent college graduate, Sarah continues to teach high school history, run daily, and play and compete in sports with her husband, John, “handles being the father of three young women with humor,” sharing one of his favorite lines that “his life is like a hockey game—three periods and two fights every day.”

Capturing a feeling that is probably shared by many of us, HELEN BA-DOYANNIS writes that she has “been wearing multiple hats for some time now” and finds herself “going through a list” when someone asks what she does. Helen received her doctorate in biomedical sciences from New York Medical College, and for many years has been an interpreter and teacher of American Sign Language, and an impassioned voice for children with special needs, both as a result of her own experiences with hearing loss. In July, Helen and her son participated in the Boy Scouts of America Grand Centennial Parade in Washington, DC, after her son earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He is one of the first deaf Eagle Scouts in New York State. Helen says she is looking forward to the 30th Reunion, adding, “My years at Smith were perhaps the most broadening and impactive in my life.”

CATHY MCCARRON writes that when she celebrated her 51st birthday, she was “so glad not to be 50 anymore” and not “constantly reminded of the half century.” Instead, she is happy to have “a nice odd number for the next year.” Cathy’s youngest daughter graduated from high school and is attending the George Washington University School of Business; older daughter Elizabeth is at Boston College. Now that she has sent her last child off to college, Cathy says that “after years of living with cats, she has become a dog person.” She has a trained and certified therapy dog that

experience for me,” and illumination “was an absolutely beautiful evening and . . . my husband and I without the sadness of my years at Smith coming to an end.” In other news, daughter Hannah graduated from high school, and Hilary herself is finishing up her final year of nursing school. About nursing, Hilary says, “I absolutely love it and think I have found the right career for me at last!”

POLLY CLARK MICHEL is just starting the Smith journey with her daughter, ELLEN MICHEL ’14. Polly says that Ellen went off to Northampton “incredibly excited” and thinking about majoring in math, with a minor in music. With only her son, Ethan, now at home, Polly says, “It will be a very quiet house this year.”

We hope you are making plans to return to Smith for our 30th Reunion. Hard to believe that it could possibly be that long, but please get your calendars out and plug in a trip to Northampton for May ’11. To put it all in perspective for me (MARY LOUISE WAGNER), recently my father informed me that he was younger than I am now when we all arrived in Northampton in Sept. ’77. Who knew? Cementing a few of those bonds from ’77, earlier this year I had the pleasure of enjoying the company of two of my first-year buddies, ANNETTE SEVERIENS-HIMES and JANE HALLIDAY, in a long-overdue trip to Louisville, KY. We are constantly reminded that life is short, and for many of us, the friendships and bonds that go back to Smith are among the most significant and deep, even if we do not have regular contact. If you are already planning to come to Reunion, please work on past fellow housemates, lab partners, singers, sports teammates, etc. It is a good bet that you all will be glad you did.

As we reflect on our momentous Reunion on the horizon, some of you have been able to enjoy the Smith experience through a daughter. HILARY NOCKA JONES writes that “it was an absolute walk down memory lane” to attend the May graduation of her daughter MEREDITH JONES ’10. Hilary says, “Ivy Day felt like an out-of-body celebration. Kathy’s report that Cynthia is pursuing her master of fine arts degree at San Jose State. JENNIFER O’NEILL writes from St. Croix, US Virgin Islands, where she lives with her husband and son. “Every afternoon at five we sit in our garden; feed our dogs, fish, and bananaquits; and water the plants. Our water is roof into our cistern, or desalinated and water the plants. Our water is feed our dogs, fish, and bananaquits; after noon at five we sit in our garden; and there’s a lot to do, but hopefully our husband, Ed, my daughter, Katherine, and I will have plenty of time to explore this amazing country!”

JOYROWLAND ROSENTHAL has an elder mediation practice in New York and Cape Cod, MA, which mediates with families who are facing issues related to aging parents: caregiving, inheritance, safety, and independence. She and HELENE POWERS led a weekend workshop at Reunion on this important topic.

ANN RUBIN DOMINICK’s daughter, Hallie, entered Virginia Tech, where she is studying at the Pamplin College of Business. Ann works in corporate finance with a technology company in northern Virginia. She attended a fun dinner in July hosted by MARIBETH GRISWOLD FRASER for LIZ DILLON SHARP (visiting from Chicago), with ARIEL HALSTEEN BIDDLE, MAURENE TIERNEY DONAHAU, yours truly, and assorted husbands.

DALE WELDON lives in Falmouth, MA, with husband Mike Jones and their children, Mary Kate, 11, and Connor, 9. Dale writes, “We moved from the Boston area when Mike became the counselor for commercial affairs at the US Embassy. Judy notes, “I have been with the US Commerce Department more than 25 years now, mostly overseas for the past 20 years in the US Commercial Service. I’ll be focusing on helping US firms enter the Indian market, and working with companies to overcome trade barriers. There’s a lot to do, but hopefully my husband, Ed, my daughter, Katherine, and I will have plenty of time to explore this amazing country!”

Donahue, and Ann Rubin Dominick, all class of ’80, gather for dinner at Marybeth’s home in Arlington, VA.

From left to right, Ariel Hallsteen Biddle, Eda Martin Joyce, Marybeth Griswold Fraser, Liz Dillon Sharp, Maureen Tierney Donahoe, and Ann Rubin Dominick, all class of ’80, gather for dinner at Marybeth’s home in Arlington, VA.
regularly visits veterans at the Chelsea (MA) Soldiers’ Home. KIT WANG writes that she celebrated her 50th birthday this year with a Chinese banquet for local friends and family, while enjoying the first “really summerlike summer we’ve had in Maine in years.” Kit says it was a rough year with quite a few deaths in her family, but, in the midst of that, it was a great honor to co-ordinate her father’s funeral at Arlington (VA) National Cemetery in Dec. ’09. Please put May 19—22, ‘11, on your calendar now, and phone a friend or text an old roommate and encourage that to join you. Or just dig out the coordinates and commit to doing that soon. In the meantime, please keep sending us your news, but remember there is a long lag time until publication.

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1982

As you read this, imagine back about six to eight months ago in the midst of a lovely summer celebrating graduations, birthdays and anniversaries, vacations and summer projects. Wait! You don’t have to imagine it because)

CINDY BASHANT’S son is already in his first year at Vassar! “I’m not sure our San Diego boy completely understands that flip-flops won’t work year-round in New York,” she added. When she toured Vassar this past summer, they ran into EVE CROWLEY, who was visiting from Rome to tour colleges in the East.

EMILY NORMAN COX writes, “This has been an exciting year in our household. We had two graduations. Jonathan graduated from Harvard, and Carrie graduated from West High School. David and I are very excited because they are both going to be in one place next year. Carrie will be a Harvard undergrad and Jonathan will be at Harvard Law School. We are so proud of both, and are promising to bug them with our numerous visits. I am going to try to fill the empty nest with some grant writing for the foundation for Carrie’s high school, and I am hoping that the next few years will allow me to find my way to the next chapter in my career path. We celebrated two big events in September, my 50th birthday and our 25th anniversary. Geez, the years have flown by.”

In June, JONEA GURWITZ met her roommate DEBBY CANTRELL on the shores of Lake Michigan for a 50th-birthday celebration. “Wonderful!” Always the adventurer, Jonea spent a week last October walking the coastal path in Cornwall, England. “Pure heaven to hike along the cliff tops with the spectacular sea always in sight.” Jonea also saw KATHARINE SWIBOLD and JOAN BIGWOOD KING last May at their 35th grade-school reunion. Jonea added, “Three Smith ’82 class officers who, coincidentally, also learned French verbs and state capitals together at Foote School in New Haven, CT.”

JULIE GLECKSTEIN RYUKUN continues to live in New York City with husband Rick and children Carolyn, 19, and Andrew, 14. Carolyn is a sophomore at Columbia and Andrew is in the ninth grade. Julie is a pediatric cardiologist at Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital of New York Presbyterian at Columbia University Medical Center. She keeps up with many of her Smith friends (LIBBY COLE MIHALKA, JULIA BARRETT, KATHERINE FRAUMENI GINETTLY ’81, and DEB SPEER WATTERS ’89). Julie has enjoyed being involved with the special gifts committee and seeing a lot of old Smith friends. She celebrated her 50th in May. Julie added, “I always enjoy reading this column, and this is the first time in a very long time that I am sending something in.” Let’s follow Julie’s lead and share our news!

LISA EVANS took a moment to write, “Life has been pretty boring around here. I live in Easthampton, MA, with my three cats, do research on medieval quilting, and work for a small company in Amherst.”

MARGARET THOMPSON lives in Cleveland, working as a pediatric hematologist and oncologist at the Cleveland Clinic. She writes, “I love what I do, and it is an amazing privilege to be part of the lives of my patients and their families.”

KATE WEISS DI SABITO writes, “I am proud to announce the May graduations of my son, David, from Elms College, with a major in information technology and minor in business, and my daughter, ANNA DI SABITO ’10, with a major in art: architecture and urbanism.”

There must have been lots of living and not lots of writing, since replies were fun but few. Thanks to all who wrote in! Remember, if you like to read news in the Quarterly, it’s good to write in with your news, which you can do at any time by sending an e-mail to either of your class secretaries.

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1983

Thank goodness for the Quarterly, as it gives me time to pause and think about how amazing it is to be part of our class and the diverse Smith community. I hope all of you feel the same way.

LIA BISCHOFF BRASSDORF writes, “I feel like I respond too much with updates about me, but at the same time I hate to just ignore your request for info! I can say I am at an interesting transition point in my life. My passion of three children headed off to college. Oh my, an empty nest on top of the fact that I am newly single, so the house is awfully quiet. I joked that I would have to toss smelly sneakers around the house to give my one of my son. My oldest, Claire, is 22. Han Nah is 20 and a junior at Connecticut College. Ben is 18 and entered Colby College. So many ‘83ers have children applying to college; every once in a while I have the good fortune of seeing them come through Smith’s admissions office. Be sure to ask for me if this applies to you, and, of course, I’d love to see anyone who wants to make a trip to Northampton for any reason at all. (Herrell’s, anyone?)”

Our illustrious class president, FLO- RIE SEERY, shares, “I had a great summer, hiking in Slovenia with friends, and enjoying Columbia County [NY] on weekends. With Angela off to Kenyon College and Alasdar at Camphill, Marc and I are empty nesters. I don’t know where the time went—some days I still feel 21!”

JILL SPRUNG ALEXANDER reports she will be moving to London in February and will be there through the summer of 2013. She writes, “I’d love visits from classmates. We have a three-bedroom flat two blocks from the South Kensington Underground station, walking distance from the Victoria and Albert Museum and Harrods. In the meantime, Casey returned to Colorado College, and Allie started her first year of college by studying in a Brandeis University—sponsored program in London (coincidence) during her first semester, and then she will head to Brandeis in January. Jay will have the same international arbitration practice with Baker Botts, but based out of their London office.”

NANCY FRIEND and her husband, Barry, visited their two youngest children at summer camp in Maine. Nancy shares, “We enjoyed our annual lobsterfest with LOIS PERELSON-GROSS and her wonderful family. Once we headed down to the Cape [MA], we enjoyed a fun-filled and beautiful day with KATHIE DEVON THONIS, ANNE MCLINTOCK, CATHERINE POOLE, and Mimi Mclntoch Poole (perhaps a future Smithie?)! In a few weeks, our oldest child, Max, will be starting his first year at Duke University. Among my many wishes for him as he begins his college journey is that he will find the kind of lifelong friends that I was blessed with meeting at Smith.”

RACHAEL SOKOLOWSKI reports that “after 12 years of being on my own with Magnolia Technologies, I have strengthened my financial services consulting practice by joining Trell- ant Risk Advisors in Washington, DC, as senior director of technical strateg- ies and information management
1984

I was so happy to hear from so many classmates this quarter with news of their ever-changing lives, including a visit from SHERRILL MAC DONALD LAVAGNINO. Sherrill quit her job (after 20 years!) as head of research and development for a tech company, and before even starting to think about what would come next, Sherrill was fully engaged in enjoying a long break: reading, traveling, catching up with friends, and generally slacking off as much as possible. She stopped by for a visit with my husband, Joe, and me, and we are looking forward to hosting her for a month in Europe in the fall.

JENNIFER ABRAHAMS writes that she and MARTHA CALVERT REYNOLDS got together in August at Stinson Beach, CA. “We had a great time and enjoyed watching our 9-year-old daughters boogie board in the Pacific, and we saw some seals while in the ocean! Martha and I have remained close friends, despite the 5,000-mile distance between us.”

RUTH MEADE-ROUX writes from Vi- roflay, France. “We brought our new son, ERIC DEBORAH GREEN, from Roosevelt Academy in Middelburg, the Netherlands, and, as I’m sure other class members have experi- enced already or will be experiencing, I understand exactly how my parents felt when they brought me to Smith. My mom reminded me that she cried when they drove home to Connecti- cut, and I admit that my husband and I shed a few tears in the car on the way back to Paris.”

MEGAN HANNA HUBER writes, “It’s hard to believe we sent our oldest off this fall; she’s at Earlham College in In- diana, following in the small liberal arts tradition. My son is a high school sophomore, involved in marching band and swimming. Doug and I now own a wine store; he’s the ‘wine guy’ while I handle some marketing and the business end. I’m still singing, riding my bike with a great group of women (we went 80 miles last fall), and trying to keep my writing going. I’m also an elder at our church, so my volunteer work continues.”

As her son headed off to college, KIM KEE felt the call to return to academia herself and began studying for her master of divinity at Boston Univer- sity School of Theology in September.

CAMPBELL HEGERL GAWLAK writes, “I hit the pavement in the fall after 19 years of being a mom! Open to any ideas!” VIRGINIA STEINBERG sends this news. “I’m writing this in haste as I prepare for a much-needed vacation to Turkey with my husband and two children. We’ll be spending time at a friend’s villa in Cappadocia, among other parts. It’s been a whirlwind year. Our consulting business, Opus Partners, is doing well despite exten- sive time spent tending to my ailing father, who died from lung cancer in mid-May. The time since has been trying as we clear up his matters, re- group, and return to some semblance of normalcy after almost two years of constantly managing his financial and health issues.” She looked forward to the fall bringing a chance to refocus on work and family, as they jumped right into the school year.

MARY ELLEN BRIEN-WILLIAMS writes, “In Aug. ’09, I joined LiveWell Colo- rado as the chief financial officer and vice president of strategy. We are a startup nonprofit, and it’s been a fast ride so far! My daughter, Ella, started kindergarten, and I didn’t expect how much more time that would go into the antici- pation and preparation. My hus- band, Thom, is working in Wyoming during the week, and was diagnosed a year ago with prostate cancer, but has managed so far. I’m on the vestry at St. John’s Cathedral, and the com- munity has been a wonderful experi- ence for me.”

JULIE GRANT is back in the United States after three years in Mel- bourne, Australia, at the US Con- sulate General as deputy consular general. Visitors included her Morris classmates, MERRILL DEBORAH GREEN and her son together they explored Melbourne, Sydney, the Great Barrier Reef. Julie was looking forward to her next assignment with the US Department of State in Washington, DC, in the Office of the Coordinator for Coun- terterrorism. She has already been in contact with Smith alumnae in the DC area.

Along with your classmates, I love to hear what’s new in your life. If you haven’t shared news in a while, or perhaps never, please send us an update. We look forward to hearing from you.

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1985

Greetings to the classes of ’85! By all accounts, Reunion was a huge success. Our class won a trophy for having the most members return for Reunion, TOBI MURDREN MCNEIL, newly appointed president of Spalding Uni- versity, spoke at Ivy Day and received an honorary degree at Commence- ment. DANIELLE BRIAN STOCKTON was presented a Smith Medal and was an Alumnae College speaker.

VANESSA SHULMAN SCHAEFER, our class co-president, reports, “Our 25th Reunion was pretty darn exciting, and to become class co-president with SUZANNE MASRI just made it all the more so! I am looking forward to serving in this role and reconnect- ing with classmates throughout the course of our term.”

ALISON SMITH BENTLEY enjoyed seeing fellow rowers DACIA CLAYTON RUBEL, JUDY JOHNSON CAMPAGNARI, LIZ BUCK- INGHAM, and LISE GLASER at Reunion. Alison spent 12 days of the summer chaperoning a group of 10 high school students through Paris and other re- gions of France. Alison is the mother of two, Tommy, 17, and Julia, 14. She is a part-time massage therapist and a part-time elementary school teacher’s aide in a special education classroom.

JUDY JOHNSON CAMPAGNARI also attended Reunion. Judy was promoted by Pfizer, her longtime employer. She now leads a team of com- mercial analysts who evaluate busi- ness development deals for Pfizer’s primary care business unit. It’s lots of fun, with analytical and strategic work that has been a real challenge. She often says that husband Chris and daughter Emma are working it out at home when she is on the road!

LEE ANNE GIBBONS MCCLYMONT brought her 12-year-old daughter, Emma, to Reunion. Lee Anne and husband Bill relocated to North Carolina five years ago from the Upper East Side of New York City. They are enjoying the climate and small vil- lage life in Hillsborough. Lee Anne is a trustee at the North Carolina Symphony and volunteers at Emma’s high school. Caroline saw KIRSTEN FISHER, who was in NYC to do research for her latest book. Caroline and her partner, MAGGIE NO- BLE ’81, had dinner with SUSAN BECKER AZIZ ’84 when Susan was in town to see the costume exhibit at the Metropol- itan Museum of Art.

STACEY SMITH VANDENBURGH also at- tended Reunion, and in July, she par- ticipated in the Cycling the Erie Canal bike tour organized by Parks & Trails New York. The bike trip went from Buffalo to Albany along the historic Erie Canal—40 miles in 20 days. Stacey hopes to do something more relaxing on her next summer vaca- tion! CAROL WHITBECK ’75 was also on the ride. Both Stacey and Carol are members of the Smith College Club of Rochester.

SUSAN WARE HARRIS recently had cof- fee with BRENDA EKVURSEL. She called Brenda after reading about her in the New York Times—again! Brenda is a geologist with an international reputation as an environmental ex- pert, and Susan works in international affairs for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, working on very cool stuff, which is her technical term for her job descrip- tion. She lives in Maryland with her husband and two beautiful sons, Jon, 12, and Will.

DONNA WHITNEY and husband Marc are geology professors at the Univer- sity of Minnesota. This year, Donna became a Distinguished McKnight University Professor for her research and teaching in the geosciences. Last
LAILA PLAMONDON ’08

Major: Psychology, with a minor in music
House: Sessions for three years; Gillett senior year
Current work: Fulbright scholar at the University of Toronto; singer

If I can make it here: “I came to Smith hoping to be able to hold my own. I left believing that if I can do well at such a rigorous place, I can do well anywhere.”

Show of support: “The connections you make with other Smith women are just amazing. I was doing a show in Bangladesh and two Smithies came out just to support me. It was incredible to be on the other side of the world and have that kind of support.”

Benefits of getting involved: “Smith gives me a lot more than it takes. I always tell people, ‘If you get involved, even just a little, you get so much more in return—the network, the friends, the support. It’s all there.’”

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Hello, my wonderful classmates! It’s always fun catching up with one another’s news, so here we go.

ANDREA MARIE THOMPSON lives in Miami Beach, FL, where she is the editor in chief of the Glamour Quotient, an online lifestyle magazine for single women ages 30–45. Andrea also free-lances for The Miami Herald, Fort Lauderdale Magazine, and Marie Claire magazines, and previously wrote a column for USA Today. She’s an avid art collector and serves on the board or committees of a number of charitable organizations in Miami.

MARY ELLEN MORGAN ’85 practiced law after graduation and law school. Her son David is 36, married, and living outside of Cleveland. Her other son, Chip, has a marvelous wife, three adorable kids, and a 5-year-old son. Mary Ellen is very happy spending time with Bob, her wonderful husband of 18 years.

A special thank-you goes to DIANA SWIFT-MONROE, who served as our class secretary for the last 10 years, keeping us in touch and informed. Diana is teaching fourth grade near San Antonio, TX. Her family had a 40-day summer trek through Asheville, NC, up the Blue Ridge Parkway, with stops in Maryland and New Jersey before spending a week in Maine. Daughter Dana is a junior at Texas A&M University, and son Jake is a junior in high school. Husband Chris is venturing out on his own after 24 years with UPS, and they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last summer.

Please keep the news coming; it’s been such fun receiving your e-mails. What an amazing group of women make up the class of ’85! Please keep in touch by e-mails to me; through our class Website, www.smith85.com; and through our Facebook page, Smith College Class of 1985. Looking forward to hearing from you!

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1986

summer she conducted fieldwork in Nevada and Norway, and she led an international field trip to Turkey in the fall. Donna writes that ROXANNE RENOED ‘09 was one of her new doctoral students in Norway over the summer. Donna and Marc have a 13-year-old daughter, Naomi, who is a talented middle school debating champion.

BRIDGET MARKS ’10–year-old twin daughters, Amber Lynn and Scarlett Lee, competed in Lexington, KY, in the US Equestrian Federation national pony hunter finals. It was a great honor for them to be invited and to participate. Bridget says they are fine future Smithies.

SUSAN LINDAUF writes from Washington, DC, about her five-year stint in chief of the Washington Post. “Bridget Tell me about the whole story.”

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two-plus years here at the magazine have been great, but now I’ll get to use my culinary training in much more depth.”

JANA LIEBLICH: “In January, I took over my family coffee company in Los Angeles that my parents founded when I was 3 years old. I am now the president and CEO. I am working hard but enjoying the daily challenges of working in business again. I am finally putting my hard-earned master’s in business to good use! In May, my son, Garin, who just turned 2, and I took our annual pilgrimage to New York City to see MICHELLE SCULLOCK and her family. We had a fabulous time! My son and her daughter, Zoe, who turned 6 in September, had a great time playing together in Central Park. We also met with KAREN GAUVREAU KELLER and her family in the morning, and had a nice outing to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Michelle continues to run her home furnishings store in Charlotte, NC, in addition to working part-time as a doctor in internal medicine. Karen is a stay-at-home mom to her two children, Naomi and Eli. We planned another trip with Michelle and her family to the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia.”

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1988

Dear classmates, the majority of this quarter’s news came via my post on the Smith College class of 1988 Facebook page, so please remember to check there for notices and to post your news anytime! Thanks to all who contributed, and please send whatever news you can.

MARY (PAGE) BALDWIN says she is overworked and underpaid and loving it. She’s back in software again, after too long in the insurance industry. Now she’s writing technical documentation for a young (and that’s young in years) software company in Madison, WI. She’s one of two women on the development team, and she’s the oldest person in the company, barring the founder. She celebrated her 44th in July with gin and tonics, grilled ttilapia, and good friends. And she’s dancing up a Middle Eastern storm, having taken up belly dancing six years ago when she became suddenly single. Yes, she dances at restaurants, and no, she doesn’t take tips.

SALLIE KISH ROSS returned to work as the band’s manager and coordinator for a local hospice in Charlottesville, VA. She had to stop homeschooling, which was sad, but she is reunited with many wonderful former co-workers and feels fortunate to once again be doing such compelling work.

The LISA MOULTON STRAUS clan is on the move, and returning to Brookline, MA. Lisa has started a doctoral program in biblical studies at Boston University School of Theology. Her husband, Jim, is working for iRobot, and children Jessup, 15, and Zephyr, 12, are attending school in Brookline. Lisa shares, “Zephyr is lamenting our move from Austin, TX, as she will leave behind her beloved Girls’ School of Austin to attend a coed public school. She has already determined she will attend Smith someday.”

MARION SMITH MARCUCILE and her husband, Kai, are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Maris. Several Boston area alumnae attended the shower in May, including REBECCA SOUTHDAN ’87, ANN O’CONNOR HALL ’86, MICHELLE RHIE and HILARY FORBES ’89, and Marion’s sister, JANE SMITH ’91. Time on Cape Cod, MA, goes with the rhythm of the waves for this secretary (Lisa). We welcomed a long-stay visitor from France, and son Thomas, 6, learned to ride his bike without training wheels. Daughter Megan, 27, has relocated to Atlanta, and I visited in the spring. I also visited BARI KLEIN for her daughter Maia’s bat mitzvah in Maryland. Real estate remains very good to me. Please send your news and stay connected to one another and the college. Secs., Samantha Goldstein, Tracy Moretti Torrejon, and Lisa Perry Morales AC, 88news@alumnae.smith.edu

1989

Dear class of ’89, those columns are due far in advance, so I apologize for the comments about events over the summer when you are reading this in the heart of the winter!

DEBORAH TUCKMAN lives in Los Angeles and is a clinical social worker at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center’s emergency department and trauma center. She spent a fun-filled summer vacation in the Boston area in July, staying with roommate SUSAN BRILLANTES HOPKINS and her husband, Susan. Debra has a great lunch catching up with me, cooling off on the hottest day on record in Boston (for that date). Debra went on to a brief stop in New York, where she caught up with YVETTE PÉREZ, who is still performing music when not at her day job. Debra writes, “I was bummed not to be able to see all my old Smith friends out on the East Coast, but time is always an issue, and I’m hoping to get back there soon!”

I also received an update from one of the most dedicated Smith Fund volunteers in our class, AMANDA GRiffin LOuD. Amanda writes, “On our quest to run a half marathon in all 50 states, Keiko and I went to Detroit in April and ran the Martian Half Marathon. Our friend SANDY LEE hosted us. It was my fifth half marathon and Keiko’s third. We ran it in 2:13 (Keiko finished a few seconds ahead of me; I just couldn’t catch her!). Our next half [marathon] was in Massachusetts in September.” Amanda and Keiko ran the Half Marathon Grand Prix in Brooklyn, NY, in 2009, staying with SUE RHEE REYOM ’91, who lives in Manhattan. They had a fabulous girls’ weekend. What a great way to keep in touch and visit classmates and alumnae all over the country!

Everyone was happy to receive word of the birth of the beautiful Donatella to GABRIELLA JUDD CIRELLI and her husband, Franco, in August. Congratulations to them, and remember that it’s never too early to start saving for Smith!

As always, please keep in touch. If you enjoy reading this column, please contribute and urge your friends to do so as well.

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1990

Greetings from historic Richmond, VA. I’m very excited to start my term as class secretary. It’s been fun getting e-mail updates from lost friends. If you have a minute, drop me a line with two or three sentences about you and your doings. You may think we don’t care about where you are and what you are doing, but we do!

Breaking the ice: I finished the master’s in liberal arts program at the University of Richmond last year. Currently, I’m doing some freelance writing and lots of volunteering for groups associated with one or more of my three children, now 15, 13, and 10. So many funds to be raised!

I was lucky enough to reconnect with a bunch of my Chapin pals over the summer, including CHERYL BYRNES DAVIN, who is raising two daughters, Phoebe and Annie, in Sudbury, MA. Cheryl donates much of her precious free time and considerable talents to valuable causes.

NORA NAGLE SHUMBROOKS joined us for a weekend visit at Cheryl’s home. She is living in the Boston area with her husband and son, Jimmy. She is the 2010 Barbara Wilensky Gopen Fellow working for the Institute for Community Inclusion, which is part of the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Nora’s efforts involve improving access to Boston’s cultural institutions for people with disabilities.

From the mailbag: In August, JENNY RONKHOLDT TITELL visited her new job as associate director of alumni relations for Deerfield Academy. She writes, “It’s exciting for our whole family, and being closer to Smith isn’t too bad, either!”

SUSSANNE TIEDE is married and has been living in Calgary, Alberta, for the last two years. She has a 2-year-old daughter and works for the global consulting, design, construction, and operations firm CH2M Hill. Before that she spent 12 years in Alaska.

ILANA TEITEL wonders if she is the first Smith mom from the class; her daughter is EMILY DALL’ORSO ‘12. Ilana lives in Queens, NY, with her husband and younger daughter, Rebecca.

BIRGIT KNOTSEN reports that she had a great time at Reunion and is thrilled to be our new president. On June 24, she writes, “I married the love of my life in Chicago. We met two years ago on eHarmony. They are making their home in Jonesboro, AR. Birgit encourages Facebook users to join our class group, Smith College 1990. It includes links to a Reunion slideshow by JULIE Scott, Ivy Day and Commencement speeches, and other fun stuff.”

If you know LISA ILKA ABRAMS, you can now address her as “your honor.” She was appointed to a vacancy on the Pima County (AZ) Superior Court in the spring. She lives with her family in Arizona and enjoys working on alumnae projects for Smith.

MARY HAYES PREVITI lives in Lin- denhurst, NY, where she is student teaching for a master’s in teaching in secondary biology. She is raising two daughters, Gabrielle and Alexandra.

Need a theme for your next missive to the Quarterly? Tell us about a sport that you enjoy.

Sec., Bridget Reeder Westhoven,
1991

CHRISTINE JACKSON HOHLBAUM continues to travel to promote her books. She was invited by the Surrey Hotel, a five-star New York City treasure on the Upper East Side, to present her book The Power of Slow to select New Yorkers and hotel guests. In 2011 she plans to travel to China to promote the book in Chinese. She hopes to celebrate her mother, BARBARA DUGALL DRINKWATER’s 65th, 70th birthday on the island of Malta.

LIZA BARRY-KESSLER writes, “So far 2010 has been a crazy year. We bought a new house in Milwaukee and settled in as fast as we could before I started a doctoral program in information policy at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the fall. I’m working on a deeply geeky, incredibly interesting project on the privacy law and policy implications of the Internet architectural design series of Request for Comments documents (known as the RFCs). I’m still maintaining my part-time privacy, security, and social media law practice, and was featured in the February issue of the ABA Journal in the article ‘Just Like Everyone,’ about being openly gay or lesbian in the practice of law.”

MARGARET (LAMBERT) GUYTON STOUT writes, “I am six months into remission from my second and hopefully last bout of breast cancer. My company, Comfort Crunch, a healthy and delicious trail mix benefiting cancer support programs, continues to grow and is now available in specialty food stores across the country. In June, I saw fellow Wilder friends LIZ HALL THAVER, LIZ DAILEY MCMANUS, newly married LAURA BEGLY BLOOM, and KATE CADOU CLEGG in New York City while I was exhibiting at the Fancy Food Show. It was one of the northwest Ohio board of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, and I am active with the Toledo Museum of Art. I have started a new avocation of speaking at cancer support fundraisers about my experience as a young survivor, and to raise awareness that early detection helps save lives. I look forward to seeing everyone at Reunion ’11!”

NANCY EARNshaw KALLUSCH writes, “After 12 years in the finance industry, in June I started a new position at Genentech and am responsible for the US contingent labor program. It’s a role that suits me well, and is both close to home and to school. My partner, Pat, and I are among the few same-sex couples that were legally able to marry before the most recent verdict. Our son, Max, is thriving, crawling, and babbling, which is a constant source of joy. We all traveled east this summer to visit family and friends, including BRYN WAGNER HANSON and CHRISTIE KING on Cape Cod, MA. I look forward to seeing everyone at Reunion!”

JULIE MULDERINK MANTOOTH writes, “My oldest child began high school in August. We are still in northern Virginia, and Facebook has enabled me to reconnect with some other Smithies, at least a couple of whom are in the area. Hope to see you all in May!”

MELISSA JERSON CAROCHEL writes, “My husband, Frederic, and I have a new addition to the family. Our daughter, Yvelisse, was born on July 1. Her brother, Sinclair, is 14, and started high school in the fall. We’re happy to have a potential Smthie in the family! We’ve lived for almost 16 years in Arlington, VA, where I run an executive education program for retail bank officers.”

RACHEL WALLACE-BRODEUR writes, “Tim and I had our first child, Eleanor, in February. She is tons of fun! In June, we had a short but fun visit to KATHLEEN PEETS in Boston, and Isabel GitHubre and Rebecca Lafleur Ferebee, already have plans in the works. They hope to have the biggest turnout yet for our class, and you can help by motivating classmates who haven’t come to Reunion in the past to attend this time. If you’d like to help out with planning (a dinner, daytime activities, headquarters, or for the Alumnae Parade), or if you have ideas you would like to share, please contact the co-chairs at vicepresident1@smith92.org or through Facebook at the Smith class of 1992 page. We are also looking for theme ideas for the weekend, so get your thinking caps on! Isabel and Rebecca will use the class of ’92 Facebook page for more Reunion updates, so if you haven’t joined the group yet, please do. 6andnow, onto the latest news.

ALEXANDRA FITZGERALD WELLS, her husband, Spencer, and their three kids moved from Westport, CT, to San Francisco at the end of the summer. Alex writes that it’s a big change, but very exciting, and she’s looking forward to being closer to CLARA SHIN.

HOLLY HUGHS is married and has been living outside of Florence, Italy, for the past three years. She received official word that her US veterinary degree was recognized by the Italian government, and she is enjoying married life with her musician husband and her work in a busy emergency clinic.

BETSY BELL was married in February to Nick Howard, with both JODY REESE and JENNY ROHEN in attendance. Betsy also gave birth to a baby boy, Stanley, on June 15. He joins half-brother Gus in Betsy’s action-packed household in Nyack, NY.

LARA SCHWARTZ D’AGOSTINO writes, “As for the humble secretary, my husband, Jeff, and I, our son, Nick, and two cats, Oscar and Lucy, have

1992

Hello, class of ’92! Can you believe that our next Reunion in 2012 will be our 20th? Seems like just yesterday that we were graduating! But never fear, our Reunion co-chairs, ISABEL GUTIERREZ and REBECCA LAFLEUR FEREBEE, already have plans in the works. They hope to have the biggest turnout yet for our class, and you can help by motivating classmates who haven’t come to Reunion in the past to attend this time. If you’d like to help out with planning (a dinner, daytime activities, headquarters, or for the Alumnae Parade), or if you have ideas you would like to share, please contact the co-chairs at vicepresident1@smith92.org or through Facebook at the Smith class of 1992 page. We are also looking for theme ideas for the weekend, so get your thinking caps on! Isabel and Rebecca will use the class of ’92 Facebook page for more Reunion updates, so if you haven’t joined the group yet, please do. 6andnow, onto the latest news.

ANDREA KURTZ and her partner, Rebecca Dunn, had a baby girl, Cady, on May 29. Andrea reports that Cady is a delightful, very laid-back baby. In July, Andrea and Rebecca celebrated their 10th anniversary. They have two dogs, Lily and Daisy, and live in Winston-Salem, NC, where Andrea works at United Way as the director of the 10-year plan to end chronic homelessness.

MEREDITH COLE lives in Charlotteville, VA, with her husband and son. Her second book, Posed for Murder, was published this year by Minotaur Books. Her first mystery, Night Traffic, was nominated for an Agatha Award. Meredith began teaching writing at the University of Virginia in the fall.

TOSCA LEE traveled to Israel earlier this year to do research for her upcoming novel about Judas Iscariot.

JACQUELYN WOODWORTH married KRISTIN ROSI on June 18 in Oakland, CA, in a celebration that included their families, friends, and seven other Smithies: SARAH MUSIKER ’11, JULIE DIBIASE ’90, LISA BARR ’83, ALICIA WORCESTER CLLEMENT ’95, PIPER KERMAN ’92, JENNIFER DUNCAN ’91, and KATYA WILSON ’82. Julie performed the ceremony, and Jennifer’s daughter, Chloe, who is one of the flower girls, posset, writes, “Kristin and I didn’t know each other on campus, although we know our paths crossed in one class. We met volunteering for the Office of Admission in 1996, and started dating last year.” Jacqueline relocated from Brooklyn, NY, to Alameda, CA, last November, and practiced law in New York before moving. Kristin is a judge in San Francisco, and Jacqueline writes that she is trying to decide on her West Coast career. “I’m still getting used to the differences in living out West, but I’m having a wonderful time exploring my new home.”

ELIZABETH WRIGHTSON raced against her two brothers in the Newport Bermuda Race last summer, spending four days crossing the Atlantic via the Gulf Stream on a Swan 51 as trimmer and helmswoman. She says it was “quite a ride with an international crew, mostly from Great Britain.”

As for your humble secretary, my husband, Jeff, and I, our son, Nick, and two cats, Oscar and Lucy, have
relocated to a new house in the northwest Denver suburbs. I cut my work commute in half with the move, which allows us all to spend more time together, and we love our new home. Please continue to share your news and photos. Your classmates would love to hear from you.

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1993

Berkeley Books accepted STEPHANIE ACCONIO DRAY’S debut historical novel for publication; her editor is CINDY HWANG. Writing also as Stephanie Draven, her first full-length paranormal romance, Poisoned Kisses, was published by Harlequin and came out in October.

JENNY WOJDEWROJEN’S first novel, Solstice, debuted in March with Bella Books under Jenny’s pen name, Kate Christie. Her second novel, Leaving L.A., came out in January. Jenny lives in western Washington with her wife, KARLA BALDIKOSKI LONG, and Carol is an annual season ticket holder for the WNBA’s Seattle Storm.

MICHELLE ELLIGOTT married Jeffrey Valenty on July 3 in New York’s Central Park. In addition to MICHELLE MILES HARRISON ‘96, DAN-VIA BOSSARD, NANCY ELLIS, and ELIZABETH FAIRFIELD STOKES (who was the officiant for the wedding), CLAIRE DIENES ’92, SARI GOODFRIEND, and LUCIA VADE had planned to attend and were there in spirit.

In Nov. ’08, ANDREA GUILLIANO CHAHOUR married Ryan, a doctoral student in economics at Columbia. They live in New York City, and last January, they had a baby, Lucy. Andrea teaches at the Parkside School and is getting a master’s in special education from Bank Street College of Education. MARLENE BRY had a solo show of her recent paintings at Gross McCleaf in Philadelphia. She is preparing for a two-artist show in the spring at Franklin 54 gallery in Chelsea, New York City.

XINIAO (CYNTHIA) FAN and her family have lived in Buffalo, NY, for two years. After Smith, Cynthia earned her doctorate in molecular biology at Yale, and then her medical degree at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She stayed on for her radiology residency and fellowship. She now works in a freestanding radiology outpatient practice in suburban Buffalo, one of the largest in the country. She and her husband are busy with their two boys, an 8-year-old and a 3-year-old.

SARAH HUTMAN married Fred Apicella in July ’09 in New York City. Fred was born in Geneva, though his parents came from Sicily and Naples, so Sarah is feeling a little Italian now. In attendance were MELISSA JONES (from Ypsilanti, MI), MEHDI ROSS (New York), TANYA MATHEWS (Denver), PAMELA SHAMSHIRI (Los Angeles); KIRSTEN ERNST (Philadelphia), and Genev friend JACQUELINE ANDERSON ’80. Heidi’s daughter was the flower girl, and Pam and Melissa’s sons provided dancing entertainment for all the guests at the after-wedding boat party. Sarah has been in Geneva for four years, after 12 years in New York City and working at the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction as managing editor for Prevention-Net. “Geneva is amazing and, of course, home for many Smithies past and current. I love attending alumnae get-togethers, Europe reunions, and getting to know some of the JYA students while here,” writes Sarah.

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1994

NICOLE WILSON JAMES moved back to the Washington, DC, area for her husband’s job. Her children, Maya, 4, Asher, 2, and Ella, 5 months, are lots of work, but lots of fun, and she’s grateful to be able to stay home with them.

LORI THARPS lives in Philadelphia and is a full-time assistant professor of journalism at Temple University. Her novel, Substitute Me, a cross between The Help and The Nanny Diaries, was recently published by Atria Books.

KELLEY SMITH lives on the island of Tutuala in American Samoa, working for 15 months as a field director on a diabetes research project affiliated with Brown. Kelley enjoys her life there, particularly learning about the Samoan a cappella tradition and the fa'afas (men who live as women), and she is getting used to a house in a tropical climate with no air-conditioning.

Her partner, Samantha Cole, is spending the summer at home with their daughter, Carson, 6, who is learning to climb coconut trees and snorkel.

DANIELLE (DAHI) BILLIA-SHAVEET was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis this past year, and is still working as a middle school science teacher in central Massachusetts. Her husband, Nir, has been wonderful, as have her two girls: Eden is 13, and Ma’ayan is 7. Her parents also live nearby, so she’s gotten lots of help. Dani sends her thanks to ANNE HORTON, who participated in a 100-mile bike ride for MS. Dani was also honored as a Boston Red Sox “Most Valuable Teacher” this year.

CLAIRE DERRICK KENNEDY lives in Montgomery, AL, with her husband, Rob, and their six children: three boys, Preston, 14, Porter, 13, and Jack, 10; and three girls, Bellamy, 8, Bridget, 3, and Jane, 1. She homeschools their four oldest children and loves it! MONEISHA PURI GRAEFIN ZU ELTZ moved to Prague for her job as an executive director of corporate development for IBM. She looks forward to hosting visitors and finding a Smith club and community close-by!

KARLA BALDIKOSKI LONG recently moved to Columbus, OH, to be the head of the middle school at Columbus Academy, and is thrilled to be back in the Midwest.

DIANA WETHERALL GERSTEL and her husband, Alan, welcomed Joshua on June 29. He joins his big sister, Gabrielle. Diana and her family live in suburban New Jersey, outside of New York. Alan continues to practice emergency medicine, and she continues to practice law.

KATE BRUSTAD MADRID lives in Seattle with her husband, John, and children, Caroline, 4, and Will, 2. After 10 amazing years, Kate recently left Microsoft and took the summer off to plan her next chapter.

JENNIFER BEACHELL was married on July 4, ’09. Smithies in attendance were LEE FEARNSIDE ’97, BETSY MOORE ’93, HILARY NIEUKIRK ’97, and LIZ WOHLKEN RUGABER with her daughter, future Smithie Ellen. Jennifer lives in Arlington, VA, and is the director of marketing for a biotech product developed specifically to treat lupus. She says it’s the first advance in the treatment of lupus in 50 years.

SARAH KASOWITZ PHANOS and her husband, Spiro, are still living in Edinburg, Scotland, and welcome visits from Smith friends. Their daughter, Lily, is now 3, and Alice was born in May. Last December, Sarah spent time in London with INNA DUKACH, who debuted at the Royal Opera House at London’s Covent Garden, singing the role of Musetta in La Bohème.

ANDREA WATSON WILLIAMS relocated back home to Oakland, CA, with her children, Aliyah, 11, and Irvin, 4. She is a mental health clinician with Alternative Family Services in San Francisco. She provides therapy for children in foster care who are attempting to reunite with their biological families, and is also working toward becoming a licensed clinical social worker.

LAURA POMPOL JORDHEN and her family spent last summer in Tibet. Her two boys, ages 7 and 4, enjoyed playing with children in foster care who are attempting to reunite with their biological families, and is also working toward becoming a licensed clinical social worker.

HANNELORE BARNES, GEETA LALCHAN-DANI-LALWANI, and LIZZY KASE JOHNSON attended ELIZABETH MOORE’S wedding to Robert Pulford in Italy on July 3. Elizabeth is head of leveraged and corporate capital markets at Nomura Bank, and Rob is a managing director in leveraged finance at Goldman Sachs.

ERICA THOMAS recently started a job doing psychotherapy with children and families, and is accumulating hours for her license in marriage and family therapy. HAYLEN TROTTA-BROKARS recently traveled to Smith for a weekend and had Sunday brunch with RACHEL SMYK-NEWTON and EMILY HADLOW FAWCETT. Haylen and her husband, John, have a son, Luke, and they purchased their first home in Scottsdale, AZ.

TAMZIN SAWYER SUGIYAMA and her husband welcomed Phoebe in late June. Older sister Claire, 3, is adjusting to her new role. Tamzin lives in Tucson, AZ. For the past two years, she has worked as a reading specialist at Imago Del Middle School. Tamzin plans to take a year off to stay home with Phoebe, and then return to teaching.

Thanks for all of the news! Sec., Alexa Kontes, 32 Amsden Street, Arlington, MA 02474, smith1994notes@gmail.com

1995

Hello, class of ’95! First of all, it is great to be back serving as secretary for our class again. It was an awesome ride before, and I only expect another amazing five years. First, a bit of business. If you haven’t visited our class Website, www.Smith1995.org, please do so! It is a great resource for information about our class, including class officer details, photos, class Websites, and more. Also, please note that we are sending out a class newsletter via e-mail vs. trees. Please make sure that the AASC has your current e-mail address, and note that you can opt out of specific e-mail categories if you wish. Update your contact information at http://alumnae.smith.edu.
Not much in the news department for this column (a blatant plea for updates!).

To: ALICE DAY CAVANAUGH

On June 5, I gave birth to a son, Jackson. Big brother Parker, 3, is delighted with the new addition. I’m still an associate professor of music at Suffolk County (NY) Community College, and last year started teaching at Stony Brook University as well.

On July 20, VICTORIA PEARSON and Norman Carter welcomed their first child, Forrest, to the world. Victoria and family live at Westtown School in West Chester, PA, where she works as an earth literacy teacher and farmer, educating students about environmental issues and sustainable agriculture.

SUSIE LEVITSKY ROSELLÉ reports that her son, Henry, was born Jan. 15. Her daughter, Sadie, is 5. After a four-year stint in New York, followed by another four years in San Francisco, the Roselle family (which includes Susie’s husband, Steven) now lives in Austin, TX, where Susie works as a freelance Web designer. (Austin, and she is her own boss! I have a new hero!)

KATIE GILLESPIE had her second baby boy, Holden, in Oct. ’09. Her first, Angus, was born in Oct. ’06. Katie and her family live in Seattle, and Katie writes that she loved seeing everyone at our 15th Reunion!

Two weeks after formally proposing her dissertation and introducing her fiancée, Katherine, to the Smith campus and classmates at our 15th Reunion, JESSYE FOPHILIP-JENNI was married in a beautiful old train station in Richmond, VA. Smithies in attendance were JENNIE ABBOTT ABBINGRÖLSE, JOSIE CARBONE, ZOE KAFATOU BUNNELL ’94, CATHERINE RAMSEY ’94, and VICTORIA PEARSON.

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1996

This issue’s column starts off with a message from our class president, JENNA ROBERTS: “Class of ’96, the countdown is on to our 15th Reunion. Save the date: May 12–15, ’11. RACHEL HUBBARD NICHOLAS and I visited the Reunion activities this year, and we have lots of fun ideas to incorporate into our Reunion. We need lots of helpers, so please let us know if you would like to help with planning. E-mail me at jennajroberts@yahoo.com. Lots of info will be communicated through our class Facebook page.

Joining Jennifer Beachell ’94, center, at her wedding, are, from left to right, Les Fearnside ’97, Elizabeth Moore ’93, Hilary Nieukirk ’97, and Liz Wohlen Rugaber ’94 (holding future Smithie Ellen).

BROWN RAINS, who reported that she and her husband, Marc Vianna, welcomed their first child, Morgan, into the world on July 23. Melanie is thrilled with motherhood, and is looking forward to being a stay-at-home mom.

CAROLINA ORTEGA BARRALES also tied the knot recently. She married Eric Lindsey on May 29 in Puebla, Mexico. Several Smithies attended the celebration, including KYRA SANIN, KATHERINE JOHNS, NATASHA PARDO, and DANA LYNCH. The newlyweds honeymooned in Santorini, and are living in Houston.

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1997

I can’t thank you enough for all the updates! I should be careful about what I wish for, eh? I had to do some serious editing—sorry for anything I left out, but hopefully I’ve captured the gist!

NEGIN HAJIZADEH has two kids under age 3 and says it’s “sheer craziness.” Negin is starting a faculty position at New York University School of Medicine, continuing her research on end-of-life decision making.

FAY CHAMPOUX is a licensed social worker in Northampton, certified in the Field Model of Intervention. She says, “Yes, I fly around helping families get their loved ones into treatment.” Fay has a new love (and a new stepdaughter, age 9).

KATE STINEBACK GILL DE LA GARZA and partner Marisa Bassett de la Garza welcomed daughter Camila on July 9. “We couldn’t have been happier about meeting our little girl—hopefully a future Smithie!”

ANNIE KIM is moving back to San Francisco after three long years in New York City. She is finally ready to put down roots, despite her whole adult life.

On June 19, BETHANY BLACKWELL celebrated her marriage to Kerriann McDermott with a small family ceremony followed by two weeks in Greece. Bethany is a chemistry teacher and science department chair at a private high school in the Bay Area of California.

KAREN FOSTER MITCHELL says she is working toward her master’s in domestic engineering: Jillian, 3, and Adam, 1, are great kids, and she loves being a mom. She is treasurer for an orphanage in Bolivia, a position she took over for GLORIA GEHSAN IUISI ’69.

SUSAN HYMAN BLUMENTHAL is a physician assistant at an oncology practice in Cary, NC. She loves her work, and it gives her time and flexibility in raising Eve, 4, and Jonah, 3. She recently started doing triathlons with MEREDITH MARTIN.

MISTY FRANKLIN BUCHANAN has been surveying natural areas for the North Carolina Department of Environment.
and Natural Resources Natural Heritage Program. On weekends, she and her husband moved into a new home in Boston’s South Shore and are looking forward to some renovations and a big organic garden.

AMANDA SIMMS ARLINGTON teaches high school photography in Colorado, and shoots weddings in California in the summer. Her work has garnered praise from the residency program at the Art Institute of Chicago.

DONNA CHIN is happy to announce the birth of daughter Ania in February, in the heart of Greenwich Village, NY, and shoots weddings in California in the summer. She has traveled around the world and country helping Democratic candi-
ELIZABETH PILLING attended the Presidential Management Fellows Program. She is president of her local union, and I sincerely missed catching up with you at Reunion. I extend a tremendous thank-you to SARAH TRABUCCHI for her years of service as our class secretary. And now, the news.

In June, HILARY BERGMANN was visited by her roommate MARIA ROWLEY. SARAH LACHENMAN and husband Chris Davis live in Durham, NC, where Chris is the head brewer at Fullsteam Brewery, and Sara has started her own preservation design and consulting business “helping people with old houses figure out how to make them wonderful again.” Their son, Sullivan, 2, is “saying amazing things every day.” They also added a whippet puppy, Hennepin, to the family.

In July, SARAH FAYE COHEN was promoted to assistant director of the Champlain College Library in Burlington, VT. She writes, “Life in Vermont continues to treat this Smithie very well!”

LYDIA POTTLE CURRIE is enjoying life in Greenville, SC, with her husband, Scott, and their three children. This year she is serving on the board of directors at the Temple of Lamps, and is teaching British literature to high schoolers in her son’s homeschool co-op. She enjoyed a visit from BECKY WEBBER.

After graduation, TAMARA BRUCE worked in Boston for three years in women’s health research and then went to graduate school at Michigan State University for a master’s in organizational psychology. She married Erik Lodal in 2008, and they have since moved to the Washington, DC, area, where Tamara works for a large survey research firm.

MARCY SMITH LUFT welcomed little Lucy to the family in late March (Lucy’s middle name, Hagen, comes from her great-grandmother JEAN HAGEN SMITH ’43). Marcy writes that older brother Luke, 2, loves being the big boy, and is close to his sister. Marcy returned to teaching this fall as a part-time language arts and social studies teacher for sixth graders—a big change for a former first-grade teacher!

JESSICA LINZMEIER sends this update from across the pond: “In Aug. ’09, we welcomed our third child, Isla. She joined Ian, 3, and Sophia, 6. We are still living in North Yorkshire, UK, and plan to stay a few more years. To stay sane, I knit lots of socks and sweaters, and also run a breastfeeding support group and a women’s health clinic as a nurse-midwife on the American military base. I miss catching babies, but my own babies are keeping me very busy.”

MIRIAM DESHARNIS writes that her life is good. She has lived for eight years in Baltimore, where she is a librarian and is graduate school. She frequently sees MARIA WORTHEN, FARAH FOSSÉ, and GINA CALIA-LOTZ ’99.

MELANIE MONROE ROSEN and her family moved back to Brooklyn, NY, at the end of the summer, and she started a new job as an editor at Parenting.com, covering pregnancy, babies, and beyond. Prior to the move, SARA FRANK, NANCY VAN DER VEER, and Nancy’s fiancé spent a weekend in July with the Rosens in Southampton, NY. VICTORIA STANSKI (who is godmother to Melanie’s son Henry) spent the summer living with Melanie and her family in Southampton while hunting for a job in the Middle East.

SHOSHANA O’KEEFE attended the May wedding of EMILY LONGHI and her husband, Scott, in her family’s hometown of Berkeley, CA, and also spent the summer at Emily’s father’s house in Rosens in Southampton, NY.

ELIZABETH KERR writes from Colorado, “I am an assistant professor of Hindi literature at the University of Colorado. I live on a mountain top with my husband, Matt, and new baby, Hugo, and I love this beautiful state (which also boasts an active Smith club, now headed by EMILY FARRELL!).”

MONIQUE KING-VIEHLAND writes, “My husband, Brian, and I recently celebrated our 10th anniversary. And our son celebrated his second birthday!”

MAGGIE VECCHIO-SMITH is a mom by day to Evan, born in June, and Ryan, 3, and a tutor and grad student by night, getting her doctorate in education administration. She writes, “Though I spent a lot of time teaching fifth grade, I find myself tutoring former students and their friends in high school math.”

DEBBIE PROKOPF lives in St. Paul, MN, with her partner, Todd, and their two dogs. Last fall, they bought a 125-year-old house, and their hobbies include bailing water out of the basement and playing “What were the previous owners thinking?” A few years ago, Debbie started a pet care business, which she sold to go back to school full-time in the fall. She is attending William Mitchell College of Law.

At press time, NICOLE SHIELDS KRIEGER and her husband were buying a house and moving to Switzerland.

ELIZA GODOHUE attained her second national certification as an American Sign Language/English interpreter, and is living happily in Maui, HI, where she practices Hawaiian healing arts, meditates, and dances hula.

SIOBHAN MOLYNEAUX CORTES and Peter were married on May 30. FRAN HOPKINS and MARTHA PLATZ ’01 attended.

The couple lives in Glendane, NY.

LIA THOMAS was traveling through Seattle for a family cruise, and met with HEIDI REMPEL and ILEANA HOWARD and their spouses and kids at the Pike Place Market. Lia is still in Dallas working as a physician with the federal government, and is involved in educating and training medical students and residents.

In June, MELISSA ELEEN ZAYAS and her husband, Roberto, welcomed their son, Dashiell, and is enjoying the change every day!”

their daughter, Lena, on May 10. She wrote, “We love watching her grow and change every day!”

LAURA BRUECK writes from Colorado, “I am an assistant professor of Hindi literature at the University of Colorado. I live on a mountain top with my husband, Matt, and new baby, Hugo, and I love this beautiful state (which also boasts an active Smith club, now headed by EMILY FARRELL!).”

In Dec. ’09, EMILY FARRELL earned her master’s in public administration, and she and her husband, Koffi, celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary. They have lived in Denver for the last four years, and are excited to have bought their first home. Emily started work as an analyst at the Bureau of Land Management through the Presidential Management Fellows Program. She is president of her local Smith club, and she also started volunteering at the Denver Art Museum.

Gardiner housemates enjoyed a mini-reunion at the new home of IRIS PINLAC in Cambridge, MA; JENNIFER CAMPBELL ’00, JAIME HART, AMY MILLER, ELIZABETH PILLING, and KRISTIN SHUTTS attended. Iris is a project manager for the portfolio performance management group at Staples. Jennifer is a legislative analyst for the state of Connecticut, and is in the midst of renovating her Victorian home. Jaime is a postdoctoral fellow at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and the Harvard School of Public Health. Amy left her job at the Manhattan district attorney’s office to move to Rutland, VT, with her husband and new son, Dashiel, and is enjoying the change of pace after four years of hectic city life. Beth finished her maternity leave and returned to her job as a massage therapist in Cambridge, MA, and Kristin flew in from Madison, WI, where she is an assistant professor in psychology.

ASHLEY RIGGS met KATRINA SMITH ’98 for dinner at the Parc des Eaux-Vives in Geneva, where Ashley lives. Katrina was visiting from Milan, and they also had dinners with Geneva-based LAUREL COOL ’89 and ANNE HORM-NOUNG-SOUPK ’74.

From MADELINE NEMETH SIMMONS: “California Tyler House alumnae NINA DUNPHY, FARIEL CHERIF, ERNessa CARTER, MADELINE NEMETH SIMMONS, and KAREN FOXMAN gathered for Enessa’s 32 Candles book signing at the Barnes & Noble in the Grove in Los Angeles. It was fantastic to partake in this event to celebrate Enessa’s first novel and kick off her book tour! In addition to Enessa’s success, LA Smithies are making strides in various fields. Nina works at City of Hope, where she does medical development work for clinical trials. Fariel is an assistant professor of political science at the University of California, Riverside. I am the brand manager for canned and jarred fruit at Dole Food, and Karen is a manager of business planning at Walt Disney Parks and Resorts. Wishing our fellow Smithies joy and sunshine from California to beat the winter blues.”

ISHAH JANSEN-FAITH and a new partner created a “character comedy/clown piece called ‘Channel One,’ and we performed pieces of it all over town to get ready to show it in the New York Clown Theatre Festival in the fall.” Ishah lives in Brooklyn, and enjoys running into many classmates at the Park Slope Food Coop. Find her online on the James and JF blog.

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2000

Greetings, folks, and welcome to my first class notes column! It was wonderful to see so many of you at Reunion, and I sincerely missed catching with up with those of you who couldn’t make it this year (those sentiments were echoed in many of the updates I received). I extend a tremendous thank-you to SARAH TRABUCCHI for her years of service as our class secretary. And now, the news.

In June, HILLARY BERGMANN was visited by her roommate MARIA ROWLEY. SARAH LACHENMAN and husband Chris Davis live in Durham, NC, where Chris is the head brewer at Fullsteam Brewery, and Sara has started her own preservation design and consulting business “helping people with old houses figure out how to make them wonderful again.” Their son, Sullivan, 2, is “saying amazing things every day.” They also added a whippet puppy, Hennepin, to the family.

In July, SARAH FAYE COHEN was promoted to assistant director of the
Joe, welcomed their first baby, Katherine, on June 10. They are living in Guanajuato, where Alexandra is a pediatrician in the navy and works at the navy hospital.

Tiffani St. Cloud writes that she has figured out how to become the person she wants to be when she grows up. She is in the process of obtaining personal training and group fitness certifications from the American College of Sports Medicine and National Strength and Conditioning Association, and is applying for master’s programs in public health, with an end goal of opening a health and wellness facility in a low-income community.

Anne Swinburn and her mom paid a visit to the Bluegrass State in late July to visit yours truly. It was wonderful to see her and introduce her to the horse farms and bourbon distilleries of Kentucky.

I hope all is well with you in your corner of the world, and I look forward to hearing from you!

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2001

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2002

N’Goundo Magassa received her doctorate in biology and biomedical sciences with a focus in molecular microbiology and microbial pathogenesis from Washington University in St. Louis. After successfully defending her dissertation in June, she left for the second time.

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Also in attendance were N’Goundo Magassa, Beth Grubert, and Renee Mertz. It was such an amazing day filled with so much love and joy; I could not be any happier!”

Marisa Paul writes, “Just finishing up my first month in Las Vegas, where I’ve crossed from the world of concert dance over into musical theater to join the cast of Phantom of the Opera at the Venetian. I’m a member of the ballet ensemble, but I have a little solo in the masquerade scene; I play the monkey! And yes, I also have to sing—my first job singing onstage. I encourage any and all Smithies in the area to look me up if you’re out here. I’d love to grab a drink, and I give great backstage tours!”

Lauren White Feroli had a baby girl, Megan, on July 1, and enjoyed being home with her over the summer.

Emily Graham writes, “I’ve recently moved back to the United States for a new job in history at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. The heat is a lovely change after six years of chilly Scotland! I’m thrilled to be back home, and hope to reconnect with some Smithie friends.”

Paulette Westlund Brooks writes that her career has moved from self-employed immigration attorney to immigration law analyst at the ombudsman’s office at the Department of Homeland Security headquarters in Washington, DC. She’s really happy with the move and loves the work. She says she has fond memories of Smith, her classes, professors, and especially her Ada classmates.

Monica Van Buskirk reports, “I’m still in Somerville [MA], working at Massachusetts General Hospital, and playing rugby for BeanTown. We added some Smithies this year: Rhiannon Chubb ’10, Allexandra Schellenberger ’10, Andrea Shang ’10.”

In May, Rachel Sperling received her master’s in library and information science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She’s found that she really loves answering questions and looking things up!

Jessica Jacobs moved from New York to Lafayette, IN, to pursue her master’s in poetry at Purdue University. She looks forward to writing and teaching for the next three years.

More graduate school news: Kristine Nirdlinger Singer received her master’s in learning and organizational change from Northwestern University.

Last December, Gretchen Szabat moved to Australia with her husband and son. She is still working as a veterinarian, and doing postgrad studies in wildlife and conservation.

Another Smithie abroad, Amy Shim, writes, “After a few years back home in Los Angeles, I went to the United Kingdom in the fall for my MBA at the University of Oxford. Julie Ikess also headed back to school at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. This past March, Carrie Green came to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, to celebrate my 30th, and she headed to Siena, Italy, for some rest and relaxation. I wish I could have joined her—so jealous!”

Kelly Coffey writes, “I married the bloke of my dreams, Richard Weis, the first man I’ve ever met who could hold his own in a roomful of Smithies. I love my personal training career, and I’m enjoying renovating our new home, feet from Smith. Now, if I could just get Richard to take my name.”

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2003

MiKeLa Bjork sends this update: “I’m living in Brooklyn, NY, with my partner, and was recently awarded the CUNY Enhanced Chancellor’s Fellowship for my doctoral studies in urban education policy. After four years of teaching high school math and science in Brooklyn, I made the decision to leave the classroom in order to fight for the rights of underprivileged students, families, and communities in relation to the accessibility (or lack of) in the public education system. It’s a blessing to have been awarded this opportunity. Thank you, Smith, for teaching me how to speak up for what I believe in!”

Jennifer Johnson recently earned her doctorate from the University of California, Los Angeles, in Asian languages and cultures, with a concentration in modern Chinese literature. She got a tenure-track job as an assistant professor of Chinese language and literature at Austin College in Sherman, TX.

Rose Lindberg Olson graduated from the University of Missouri School of Law in May, and accepted a position as an assistant prosecuting attorney at the Boone County office of the prosecuting attorney in Columbus, MO.

Last summer, Ori Elias married longtime partner Megan McDevitt in a blur of festivities attended by Megan Jamieson and Aryn Bowman, both class of ’04, and Wilder housemates Vicky Slade, Jen Sedell, Danna Smith ’04, Blessing Schuman Strange ’05, Leyna Lightfoot ’06, Ginnia Breisford ’02, and Robyn Futterman ’02. Since then, Ori and Megan moved into their new home and are growing fruits and vegetables and raising a menagerie of animals. Ori is working toward her doctorate in clinical science at UC Berkeley, where her research focuses on the intersection of neuroimaging and clinical psychology.

Rye Zemelsky lives in San Francisco with her partner, Lauren Bonn, and works as a freelance American Sign Language interpreter, mostly in high schools and colleges. Rye hung out at San Francisco Pride with Merrill Baker, Lisa Beard ’02, and Rebecca Poretsky ’02. On a whirlwind East Coast farm-sitting trip over the summer, Rye and Lauren were married! They ended the trip at the end of July with a visit to see Kris Waight and Laura Burfoot ’04 in New London, CT.


In April, Jennifer Chen Gessner and her husband, Damian, welcomed their first child, Hannah, into the world. Jennifer was elected to serve as one of the co-chairs for the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Heritage Committee.

Barbara Hou returned from Hong Kong and Bangladesh and moved to New York City, where she began a doctoral program in political science at New York University. She would love to get in touch with any Smithies in the area, and is excited to be back!

Barbara Babanes welcomed baby Abigail last year—a real chatterbox! Barbara saw Maggie Chow in New York
City in May, and HEATHER SILVERSTEIN at Easter. Over the summer, Barbara left her position as world languages department chair in Alexandria, VA, to be with her daughter. She would enjoy hearing from Smithies about their experiences of going from working to staying at home.

JENNIFER WALLNER graduated from the CUNY School of Law in May and is studying for the bar exam. Your secretary had the great fortune of spending some lovely summer days celebrating the marriages of two fabulous friends. Last July, KODA BORGET-MOST was married to her adoring husband, Tyler, in Seattle. HEATHER NORDEN and I proudly stood in Koda’s bridal party, and then danced all night long. Koda is teaching third grade in a Washington, DC, charter school, and getting her master’s in special education, all while renovating her new home. Heather is a child psychologist in the Washington, DC, area. I ended the summer living it up with ELIZA BRINK DEMODY as she married John in a beautiful backyard ceremony in Rhode Island last August. Eliza recently finished clerking for Judge Ricardo Urbina, and is a newly minted associate at a civil rights law firm, Bernabei & Wachtel, in Washington, DC. Partying with me at the wedding were fellow bridesmaids JULIA WELLS and APRIL POLINIER, as well as BARBARA JOO and JOANNE LEE.

That’s all the news that’s fit to print. I hope you’re all enjoying the cold days and long nights. As always, please send me any updates.

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2004

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2005

Four Gardiner Smithies send this joint report: PSYCHE PHILIPS is pursuing a master’s in nursing at Cornell and is completing her final year of dental school at the University of Maryland, and is participating in her ceremony. BONNIE STINSON, a digital teaching platform. Autumn received her master’s in global studies from Cornell. She is now in Austin, TX, where Meredith is a content developer for Time to Know, a digital teaching platform. Autumn is completing her final year of dental school at the University of Maryland, and Mia is a certified speech-language pathologist in Washington, DC.

HEATHER SILVERSTEIN is delighted that her sweetheart came home from the army and is living with her. She is also celebrating the linguistic milestones of conversing relatively normally in German and reading Die Unendliche Geschichte without a dictionary. Next up: Hindi! BRIANNA DIETER completed her fifth year of living and working in India. She started as an intern at Infosys, later working full-time as the program manager in the global academic relations program. In between, she completed a Fulbright, researching the evolution of family values in Bollywood cinema as India transitioned from a planned to a market economy. Brianna visits Smith annually for both professional and personal reasons; her younger sister is BONNIE STINSON ‘12. She relishes her time living and working abroad, and hopes any Smithies passing through Bangalore reach out.

LAUREN WOLFE is going around the world by herself using frequent flier miles. She’s blogging about it on Lauren Around the World, and she would love to meet up with Smithies along the way.

ConniE KASSOR received a Fulbright to spend a year in Boudhanath, Nepal. She is researching Tibetan Buddhist philosophy, and is pursuing a doctorate in religious studies at Emory University.

JANET KANG married her high school sweetheart in Seoul, Korea, reports ANNA LEE, who was there for the celebration along with HYO-WON LEE, JEONG YOUNG LEE ’06, and MINUO KIM ’07. Anna received her master’s in global affairs from New York University.

LAUREN BEGEN moved from New York City to Charlottesville, VA, where she is pursuing her master’s in architecture. She loves it there, but misses everyone in New York, especially her Smithie friends.

NAOMIANSBERGS, JESS KULIG, and ELIZA LA ROCCA ’07 celebrated the marriage of AMY BENSON to Osei May. Naomi said it was “an all too brief Gardiner House mini-reunion, filled with dancing and snorting laughter, of course.” Naomi recently became an innkeeper at a historic bed-and-breakfast in the lovely quirky town of Boonville, CA. She and her boyfriend, Jay, have been exploring the Mendocino wine country, and wandering the hillsides with their corgi puppy.

LEILA COHAN married Anthony Miccio, brother of CLAIRE MICCIO. Writes Leila, “Though we didn’t meet through Claire, I’m very excited to have a literal Smith sister now!” Claire and JENNIFER HADDEN were bridesmaids, and 11 other Smithies attended: RAE GOLDSTEIN, RACHEL CULMO, ALEX DESCHAMPS, ALEKS KAJSTURA, and AMANDA SCHNEIDER; class of ’06 friends KEL MORIN, JEANNE VEGA-BYRNEs, ASHLEY WILSON, and MARIEL KESSEL; MELINA MOORE ‘09; and HELEN ROSNER ’04. Leila enjoyed a six-month run in New York City of her sketch show This Is About Smith.

As for me, ELIZA ZINGESSER sends in a report that covers us both: “SARAH WINAWER-WETZEL and I were delighted to find ourselves on the same Rainbow birthright trip to Israel, which focused on the LGBTQ community. We did such things as hike to Masada at sunrise, sleep in a Bedouin tent, and meet our pop icon, Ivri Lider.”

Keep the notes coming, friends.

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2006

Hello, class of ’06! Here are the most recent updates.

I married Erich Kahner on July 23, almost six years after our first date during Winter Weekend ’04. The wedding was held in Columbus, OH, and my best friend, STACEY BAIRD, was the perfect maid of honor. Erich and I are living in Dayton while I finish my last year at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. After college, JESSIE BANHAZL spent two years in Brooklyn, NY, working in reality television production and as a bartender. In 2008, she moved back to her home turf, Boston, and founded Green City Growers, a vegetable gardening business that caters to homeowners, businesses, restaurants, and schools. The business has been featured in the New York Times, Boston Globe, and USA Today, and on WBUR.

In May, AUBREY VANCE received a master’s in social work from the University of Michigan. She works as a youth and family therapist for a community mental health agency in Indiana. Aubrey married her longtime sweetheart, Matt, on Aug. 14. She feels blessed to have MEREDITH VAN DYKE, ELLEN TERRIE ’05, and ALEX HOLDING participate in her ceremony. LAURA HARMACEK and ROSIE POLIFRONI also attended.

KATHERINE CASCIO visited KATIE MA- RONEY in Los Angeles for the July 4 weekend. They had fun going to a
Dodgers game, Venice Beach, and Disneyland. Katherine plays on a coed softball team with REBECCA SPALDING. TOBY BERCOCVITZ is in her final year of the master’s program in directing at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where she teaches acting and is directing The House of Bernarda Alba and Night on the Galactic Railroad. Over the summer, she toured her production of Spring Awakening: A Sin of Omission to the Looking Glass Theatre in New York City.

APRIL SIMPSON is spending 10 months on a Fulbright in Gaborone, Botswana, where she is researching the ways young urban Batswana are using new media as wireless broadband is extended across Gaborone.

ROSALEAH BROWN and Josh announce the birth of their daughter, Adyana, on May 20. Rosaleah enjoyed visits from classmates.

LINSEY ROWE ROBERTS is enjoying a new job in Washington, DC, at Hanley Wood, where she is putting her English degree to good use as an assistant managing editor for the company’s commercial magazines, including Architecture and Eco-Structure.

JAIME TAYLOR moved back to Long Island, NY, after a year of living in Nashville.

NATALIA GROB has had a busy year: She matched for a residency position in obstetrics and gynecology at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, graduated from medical school, and got married. MEREDITH GOLDING was her maid of honor. ANNA GRACEK ’05 also matched at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in ob-gyn, and Natalia is excited to have a Smithie as a colleague.

On July 17, MARNIE GALLOWAY married her partner of five years, Tom Josephsohn, in a small wedding in Mineral Point, WI. THOMAS (JO) LEACH ’07 officiated the ceremony, and SOPHIE HINRICHS and NIDDHAYA MISHRA attended to work as a letterpress printer and book artist, and her husband is working on his sociology dissertation at Loyola University Chicago.

MARIE-LAURE COUËT is in central France studying the art and science of refining cheese with Hervé Mons and his team of affineurs (people who age cheese). After having studied environmental science and policy at both Smith and Brown, Marie-Laure decided to combine her love of nature, cheese, and her desire to live sustainably by learning cheesemaking and goat husbandry. Visit her blog, Our Terroir.

JESSIE RUBIN married the love of her life, Jorge Méndez, on June 18 in San Francisco. They live in Panama City.

SARAH ZEISER is a Mellon Dissertation Fellow at the Institute of Historical Research in London, and she’s conducting doctoral research at the University of Cambridge until Sept. ’11.

ERIKA BARBERO began medical school in the fall at the University of California, San Diego. In April, MAEGHAN VAILLANÇOURT left her corporate law job in New York City after four great years, and has since moved to Melbourne, Australia. She’s working, studying, trying to travel as much as possible, and is looking forward to upcoming visitors.

NEALIA HOUSE received her master’s in molecular biology from Tufts University, and is continuing her research to receive her doctorate. She frequently sees fellow ’06 Cushingites in the Boston area who together have kept the lovely Smith tradition of wine and cheese: REBECCA SIMONS completed her master’s in higher education at Harvard and works in the Brandeis University admissions office; REBECCA WOODBURY is finishing her doctorate at Harvard-MIT Health Sciences and Technology; REBECCA HUFFORD is a research assistant at Massachusetts General Hospital, where she investigates language disorders caused by strokes; and MELISSA COBLEIGH makes frequent visits to Boston, but lives in New Haven, CT, where she is finishing her doctorate in pathology at Yale.

NATALIE SAURO is pursuing a master’s in the pediatric nurse practitioner program at Columbia. Her wife, JESSICA CHESNUTT, has been traveling around the country for her work with Oxford University Press, enjoying squeezing in visits with such friends as BROOKE BOLTON and CHRISTINA PRESLEY in Washington, DC, and Portland, OR, respectively. Jessica also recently met with current Smith students interested in publishing careers during a CDO-sponsored trip to New York.

JAY GOLDEN graduated from the Paul Mitchell School last winter and works at Chaz Dean Studio in Los Angeles. Comstock housemates SHIRA DROSOS, JENNY NG ’05, NATALIE HENDERSON ’05, EMYLIE TYNER, and LAURA SIBERT ’04 braved a treacherous Lake Michigan ferry crossing to attend the lovely July farm wedding of SARAH FORSBERG ’04 to Jesse Hinueber in Madison, WI. That was the second summer meetup for the Comstock ladies, who hope to continue the tradition at Reunion next year.

MAGGIE GOBLE spent the month of August in the United States with friends and family, which she says was a great break from Egypt.

KATE GRIEST earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing and is a nurse at Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Delaware.

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KRISTAL BANZON returned from traveling in India with her partner. She entered her second (and last!) year at New York University Tisch ITP, and was chosen as a Point Foundation LGBT scholar for her theater work.

GARRETT BRADLEY has traded Los Angeles for New Orleans and is in preproduction for her first feature-length film, Y: A Generation, which she wrote and directed. Fall shooting took place in New York and Louisiana.

KIRBY CAPEN, recipient of a Kathryn Wasserman Davis 100 Projects for Peace fellowship in the summer of 2007, spent much of the rest of that year abroad in Ghana and New Zealand. She then got a job as an engineer doing building energy analysis in New York City (saving the world one watt at a time). She lives near REGINA CHIEN ’08, and they have regular dinner parties together.

JULIE GOSHI is happily living with her sister Christie in Oakland, CA. She works as a program coordinator for Super Stars Literacy, a nonprofit organization that provides early literacy after-school programming in Oakland public schools. She does indoor rock climbing as much as possible, and looks forward to visiting HUELO DUNN in Bulgaria.

SHIRKA JAIN is excited to start her master’s in business at the University of Chicago.

CLAUDIA LEE was elected the co-president of the Smith College Club of San Diego and is very excited to take on this position.

TRACY MCNAMARA moved to Seattle and is in her third year of medical school.

JENNIFER LEE is in the international education policy program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

LANA MADANAT earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Azusa Pacific University. She works at Queen of the Valley Hospital in Southern California in the neonatal intensive care unit. She starts a master’s program in nursing in January, continuing her path to becoming a pediatric nurse practitioner.

After completing a yearlong training program in museum education at the Brooklyn Museum, and working at the Metropolitan Museum of Art this past summer, NAAVE MONTALVO is now the museum associate for school programs at Sunnyside, the historic home of Washington Irving near Sleepy Hollow, NY. She encourages all Smithies passing through Westchester to come take a tour and see her in period costume!

ERIN BENGER MCCuin started grad school in the fall at the University of Vermont to obtain her teaching license for secondary science education.

TABITHA PALENCIA gave birth to a baby girl, Kara, on May 5. She lives in San Antonio, and began her fourth year of teaching fifth grade.

In August, CHANDLER PATTON visited GABRIELA MOLINA in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, and YARA TERRAZAS-CARFA ’09 in La Paz, Bolivia.

KATHERINE ROGERS is focusing on health behavior and health promotion for her master’s in public health from the University of Arizona. She is continuing her work in sexuality education as the teaching assistant for the undergraduate human sexuality course, and she is having far too much fun doing it.

KATE ROOD has enjoyed a summer of visits with her dearest Smithies: MORGAN KREIDER-LANE ’06, MEG AMBRUS, CARROLL (NEIL) RODRIGO-KELLEY, EMILY (ETHAN) HALAINEN, and MARTHA (MOLLY) MCCADDEN. She continues to enjoy her work as a content director for a Portland, OR, company that facilitates professional development and leadership conferences for CSuite executives.

LETA TREMBLAY spent the summer in New York City producing Hamlettes with Full Circle Collective at FringeNYC. She lives with YEA BIN OH ’08 in the East Village, and often visits her roommate, JULIANA ROBERTS, in Astoria, NY. You can keep up with her on her Website.

And I, your secretary, have moved to Boston to work with the nonprofit...
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2008

SHANTI FREITAS and CHRISTINE ANGLE-HART are establishing a memorial fund at Smith in honor of MARLY PINEDA, who passed away in Boston on Aug. 9. After a sufficient amount of donations is met, the fund will become a perpetuity (self-sustaining on its own interest, and permanent) that will enable three or four students to complete Praxis internships in coaching, athletics, or education each summer. e-mail me, your class secretary, for more information.

After two wonderful years at the Greenwich Village (NY) Society for Historic Preservation and a fun summer interning at the Morgan Library & Museum, CORY BORENSTEIN is getting her master’s in European history at University College London.

GABRIELLE THAL-PRUZAN finished two years as a program coordinator at Facing History and Ourselves, and is pursuing a master’s of education at Harvard.

KELLY JOHNSON graduated from New York University with a master’s in music education. She works as a K–8 music teacher in Sausalito, CA. She now lives in Berkeley, and looks forward to getting to know Bay Area Smithies better.

In July, KATHRYN SUTTON, LINSEY ALLEN, and ANDREA NARVAEZ ‘09 had a Jordan House mini-reunion in Chicago. In the past year, Lindsey earned a master’s in history preservation from Penn; Andrea enjoyed traveling around the United States and staffing music festivals with Filter magazine; and Kathryn moved from Chicago to Austin, TX, to pursue a doctorate in American studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

LUCY SCHMIDT-FOX was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma and took a yearlong medical leave to finish interning at the Maine Institute for Human Genetics and Health and is pursuing her osteopathic degree at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, ME.

In June, ALEXANDRA GORIN and ERIN GIFFEN spent an amazing 10 days in Italy traveling, dining, shopping, and church-hopping between Rome and Florence. They say the art and architecture were incredible, and the World Cup energy was electric!

KIM MCNELLY is in her third year of teaching English with the JET Program in Tsushima, Japan. In July, she climbed through the night with LAURA LEVIN ‘09 to see a beautiful Mount Fuji sunrise.

On Aug. 7, ’09, MARGARET PURNELL married James Myall in Pippensburg, ME. BRIDGET CULLEN was the maid of honor, and STEPHANIE JARVI ‘07 was a bridesmaid/ring bearer. Since July, Margaret has worked an administrative coordinator in the office of residential life at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME. She’s says she has kept her Smith pride pretty strong, always keeping a Smith coffee mug on her desk. She even paid tribute to her duel college loyalties during a cookie-decorating program in her office by decorating cookies with representations of the Bowdoin seal and the legendary Smith unicorn.

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2009

In the fall, LOUISA SULLIVAN went to England to pursue a master’s in music at King’s College London (and gain fluency in British English!).

ANDREA ROSEN moved from Northampton to Medford, MA, to start a master’s in art history and museum studies at Tufts University.

SYDNEY TICHEHOR worked as a proofreader for a campaign agency in Alexandria, VA, and helped her family settle into their new home in Fairfax. She is now working on a master’s in English language linguistics at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

EMILY WOLFE ROUBATIS returned from Santiago, Chile, where she spent five months teaching health education and violence reduction programs to adolescent girls in a government-run home. She has since moved to San Francisco, and, after working on a contract project for the International Museum of Women (whose vice president is CATHERINE KING ’89), found a permanent position in the University of California, San Francisco, department of ob-gyn and reproductive sciences at San Francisco General Hospital.

After completing horticulture internships at the Smithsonian and Longwood Gardens, LESLEY JOLPH started a position as horticulture and project manager at the Iowa Arboretum.

RACHAEL PHILBRICK has been teaching in a mixed fourth- and fifth-grade classroom in New Haven, CT. Whenever she can, she reunites with her Jordan House friends in Boston.

While CAROLINE DOENHEM and her family were visiting relatives in Istanbul, Turkey, they took a ferry up the Bosphorus and docked at a small fishing village, where they wandered the streets and sat down at a playground to eat their lunch. A man and a woman had arrived just before them, and her father struck up a conversation with the woman, only to find that she was ANNE KUHNS VAN DER STEU ‘56. They immediately connected and quickly launched into a conversation about their majors, dorms, and distinct experiences at Smith.

CAROLINE PONSECA moved to Scotland in the fall to begin her master’s in film studies at the University of Edinburgh.

NEELA WICKREMESINGHE finished a World Monuments Fund internship in architectural documentation in Lesvos, Greece, and returned to New York City for her final year of graduate school at Columbia.

CAITLIN FLYNN lives in New York City and works for Macmillan Publishers.

EYAN SHOPPER MSW ’09 worked as an outreach clinician with homeless populations in Amherst and Holyoke, MA. In September, he and his family moved to Costa Rica for a year, during which time he’s not sure if he will be able to do any social work, but he’s hoping to become proficient in Spanish and finish a novel in progress.

SHIRLEY ZHAO is halfway through a dual master’s program, studying mathematics at New York University, and library and information science at Long Island University.

EMILY PRATT is continuing service work and moving to Philadelphia with SOPHIE RAGONE to do another AmeriCorps year with Habitat for Humanity.

MADELINE COLLAZZO works with the Ponce School of Medicine as a research technician, exploring if the ApoE4 gene, which is involved in cholesterol and lipoprotein metabolism and transport, has detrimental effects on cognitive performance, and if its frequency is associated with any of the symptoms of endometriosis. She visited ANNA DISABITO ‘10 in July and plans to visit many more of her favorite Smithies.

ANNE SCHMELZER completed her bachelor’s in engineering at Harvey Mudd College and was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship to pursue her doctorate in mechanical engineering at the University of Washington. She will be focusing her next four years of graduate study on the design of bioinspired smart materials.

CONCETTA ABBATE started her career as a freelance musician in New York City and recorded her first album in the fall. Find her fan page on Facebook.

In June, TINA JACKSON graduated with her master’s in public health from Dartmouth, and is working as a health-care analyst in Portland, ME, before applying to medical school. She is thankful to have adventures with her ‘09 Smithies on the East Coast, West Coast, and abroad!

ANNE SCHMELZER is a research assistant in New York City for the REACH Institute, a nonprofit for children’s mental health. In May, she was elected to the board of directors of the Smith College Club of New York City.

SARA JOREN is a public information officer in the media relations department of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

LAYLA RAMIREZ relocated to New York City, where she is enjoying life, work, and occasional gatherings with fellow Smithies. She was accepted to Columbia and started her certificate in business in September.

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2010

It was only a few months ago that we bid goodbye to one another on the steps of the Quad, but class of ’10 Smithies have already been hard at work. Here are our most recent updates; keep them coming!

KATHERINE (KATIE) CLARK, class president, is working for Williams-Mystic in Mystic, CT, with RACHEL ROCK-BLAKE ’09. Katie works as admissions counselor for a maritime studies joint program between Williams College in Massachusetts and the Mystic Seaport. She writes, “It’s my job to recruit students to come to this program. That means I’ll be back in the Campus Center behind a table every month, just like old times.”

Chapin housemates CORNELIA TREP-TOW and CLAIRE STEIN-ROSS established their own new Smith house in Washington, DC, where they moved after graduation. Both are working at public opinion research firms and spending time with other Washington, DC, Smithies.

KATY FRANK and SARAH BASHIRUD-DIN of Chapin House moved into an apartment in Cambridge, MA. The two neuroscience majors have found that living together is indeed not like brain surgery, although working with Comcast tends to be. Both have continued their love of re-search, with Katy working at Hydra Biosciences, and Sarah at the New England Medical Center. They are looking forward to reuniting with other Smithies in the Boston area, as well as seeing other Smith friends around the country.

EMILY HAGENS lives in Minnesota, where she began graduate school. She became involved with the Smith College club there, interviewing Smith alumnae about their careers and how Smith influenced them. She recently interviewed NADINE SMITH IDE ’48, the first female Boston-based dermatologist to practice in Minnesota.

RADHIKA GARLAND writes, “My post-grad job strategy has been to jump at opportunities when I find them, rather than develop any coherent strategy. This method has taken me on a summerlong journey from Amherst, MA, to Detroit, and finally to Mill Valley, CA. I started writing labels for a Russian avant-garde art exhibit at Amherst College’s Mead Art Museum, was mural painting in an artist’s community in Detroit, and now I’m working for an environmental nonprofit in Mill Valley!”

TANYA MEYER, a newly licensed teacher, and JULIA MANDEVILLE, a first-year law student in Madison, WI, spent a long winter living in Northampton. With the help of each other, baking, bike riding, and Siracha, they discovered that there is life after Smith!

ELIZABETH HARTMANN-DOW is a reference technician at her local public library. She is also volunteering as the intern director at the Lehigh Valley campaign office for Joe Sestak, and as the events/volunteer coordinator for her local Organizing for America branch, Organizing for a Better Bethlehem.

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ADA COMSTOCK SCHOLARS

The first Reunion of the official Ada Comstock class was wonderful! It was great to see so many Ada sisters. Thanks to all of you who sent in news.

In June, JULIE CASPER ROTH ’07 was married to Penny Perkins in Stockbridge, MA. Following the legal ceremony, they had a commitment celebration with friends and family at their home in Delmar, NY. Julie completed her first feature-length documentary and is at work on several smaller projects. She began studies in the master’s studio art program for video at the University at Albany, continues to work as a broadcast producer for the program Public Health Live, and teaches workshops on experimental video and documentary filmmaking.

TRACY MURPHY ’09 began a master’s program in landscape architecture at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and is focusing on urban planning, policy, and design.

MIARRANA BOTT ’84 lives in St. Petersburg, FL, and loves it. Sending an update after many years, she reports that in 2003, at age 67, she was chosen as a candidate for the CBS show Survivor, although she did not make the final cut. She says, “I still feel, at my age, that I could knock the socks off those guys—after all, I’m a Smithie.”

ROBYN PEARSON MCCHATTIE ’96 published the novel Returning to Denver under the name RD McHattie. It features a Smithie character, and she describes the book as a great read “whenever you want a humorous—and not vicious—look at life’s ironies while jet hunting and figuring out life.”

EDIE ADAMS ’80 completed her certification in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages at the Westchester (NY) Community College English Language Institute. She has been an English language volunteer tutor at the community college for more than 18 years. She also started her own company, the English Language Tutoring Service.

BOBBIE JORDAN ’01 has put her master’s in social work from Boston University to good use in the position of geriatric social worker at the long-term-care unit of Mayflower Place, a five-star nursing home and continuing-care community.

JANE DIALEUSKY ’09 is pursuing a master’s in economic geology at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. She is conducting research concerning the potential use of multispectral remote sensing, with the aim of remotely identifying metallerich black shale rock units.

JANE MORRISON ’88 is changing her name to Janie McCrae (her middle name). She lives in Easthampton, MA, and has remained in the Pioneer Valley since graduating from Smith, except for living occasionally on the Greek island of Mykonos. She continues drawing portraits and caricatures at New England craft, town, and agricultural fairs, as well as painting the Greek islands and Greek-related themes.

Since graduation, JACQUELINE WILLIS UNDERWOOD ’88 reports that she received a master’s from Boston University, married a wonderful man, started a faerie blog, and launched a portrait photography business, Underwood Photography. She has been teaching art at Gloucester (MA) High School for the past 17 years. Her family has expanded to include her two sons, Justin and Jesse; husband and business partner Tom Underwood; two stepchildren, Hannah and Ian; and three grandchildren.

BARBARA MESTO ’87 reports, “I live in Orleans, MA, on Cape Cod. My place is in the woods and overlooks a small pond. For the last six years I have acted as residential supervisor for a program that supports individuals who have Prader–Willi syndrome.” She would like to work and live in New Mexico, where she vacations each year, and would love to hear from any Adas there.

FAY CHAMPoux ’97 is a licensed clinical social worker and a field model interventionist. She worked at Mount Holyoke on a drug and alcohol awareness project, and has started a company called Cognition, through which she does workshops, recovery coaching, and interventions. She is happily living in the Northampton area in an intentional community with her partner, Liz Rotti, and her 9-year-old daughter, Maya.

After Smith, CLAEL (formerly Patrici) WILLIS BAYLIS ’99 went to Andover Newton (MA) Theological School, where she received her master’s degree in philosophy. She is collecting family stories that have been passed down through generations; they will be recorded, transcribed, and made into a book. She reports that she is terminally ill, and would like to hear from people via Facebook, where she can be found under her new name.

PAMELA COTE ’10 spent the summer vacationing with her fiancé and con-ducting research at the microbiology lab of Associate Professor Christine White-Ziegler. Pamela’s re-search has focused on understanding nonpathogenic E. coli adapts to room temperature and its rapid transmission to human body temperature.

SUSAN WASH ’99 reports that since graduation, she has gone back to her old life of being a wife, mother, vol-unteer, cook, and gardener. She and her husband enjoy keeping up with the activities of their four adult children. Their travels include Montana, British Columbia, and Turkey. They are blessed with good health, three dogs, and living a full life in Middle-town, CT.

MELISSA KRUEGER ’03 recently sold the Elbow Room Cafe, a 100-percent fair-trade coffee shop located on Green Street in Northampton, across from Smith’s campus. After six years, the business is expanding into wholesale and retail coffee roasting in a facility in Williamstown, MA. Melissa is also developing a coffee internship program, in which Smith students will look critically at historical and current international fair-trade practices in the global marketplace, while gaining hands-on experience in the roasting and manufacturing space of a small, socially responsible business.

CATHY JACKMAN ’95 is producing and editing social and informational documentary programs for public television and independent clients. In May, she won two Boston/New England Emmy awards, one for a documentary on philanthropy, and one for a series of shows on mental illness.

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The Smith College Club of Dallas/Fort Worth sends off first-years Tori Grace, Taylor Shaw, and Lorena Nanez, class of ’14, at a celebratory luncheon.
leaves four children, Whitney, James, Gratia, and Geoffrey; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

AGNES O'NELY MINOT GILMORE '38, Sept. 18, '10, in Middlebury, VT. She was born in Stamford, CT, the daughter of Francis Minot and Isabel Quackenbush Minot, and grew up in Boston and Falmouth, MA. In 1940, she married James Gilmore of Wrentham, MA, and moved to Hyde Park, VT. Her life was dedicated to education. She was an active member of the Second Congregational Church of Hyde Park, and served as the first woman president of the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ. She was devoted to the Hyde Park community and served in leadership positions on various boards and organizations. She was predeceased by her husband of 52 years; her daughter, Anne; and her brother, Francis. Among her survivors are her son Charles and his wife, Polly; her son Peter and his wife, Linda; her grandchildren, Josephine, Thea, John, Piper, Gage, and McLaren; her great-grandchildren, Samantha and Charles; and her sisters, Betsy and Muriel.

LUCIA KERR PAUL '38, Aug. 24, '10, on Mercer Island, WA. After graduating, Lucia pursued postgraduate landscape architectural training in Cambridge, MA. There, she met Richard Paul, and they were married on June 12, '41. They spent many years in Westport Point, MA, where they raised their children, Richard, Phoebe, Daniel, and Charles. Lucia’s children produced eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her husband was a renowned lawyer and historian who died in 1994. She is survived by her children and their spouses, who live in Florida, New York, Washington, and California. Richard is a trial lawyer, Phoebe is a medical record librarian and homemaker, Daniel is a recently retired heart surgeon, and Charles is a scientist.

—Debby Slavit '69, her daughter

MARY ELIZABETH (BETTY) CLEVELAND STEARNS '36, March 30, '10, in Portland, ME. Betty was born in Wellesley Hills, MA, and as a child moved to Portland, where her father, a respected child health advocate, established a medical practice and her mother's family based their timber business. Betty graduated as salutatorian from Portland's Deering High School, and majored in English literature at Smith. Tragically, her father died unexpectedly just a few weeks after graduation. Betty married Norman Stearns in 1942, and during World War II they worked in Virginia and Pennsylvania. Returning to Maine, the Stearnses were trail-riding experts, riding instructors, and stable owners. An avid outdoorswoman and sports enthusiast, Betty received her first pony at age 6. She worked full-time in insurance, retiring in 1976. Adventurous and witty, Betty traveled widely throughout the United States and Canada, and treasured her long-time Smith friends. She was predeceased by her sister, THEODORIA CLEVELAND CHAPMAN '28, and is survived by nephews, nieces, and many cousins.

—Susan Foote '71, her cousin

NANCY GORDON RICHARDSON '39, Oct.13, '10, of cancer, at the Cedar Haven nursing home in Lebanon, PA. As the fifth and last child of social activist Jan Somerville and attorney George Gordon, Nancy took every opportunity to make the world a better place. For 60 years, she lived in Gettysburg, PA, where she raised four children and was active in the community. Her husband of 50 years, Norman Richardson, was a teacher and chair of the philosophy department at Gettysburg College. Nancy followed a family legacy at Smith, including her mother, JANET SHELDON GORDON 1901; her aunt, GRACE GORDON YOUNG 1903; and two older sisters, MARGARET GORDON STEWART '33 and JANET GORDON GEITGOOD '30. Nancy served as class secretary from 1949 to 1954, fund agent from 1964 to 1969, and chair of planned giving from 1971 to 2004. In addition to travel and community activities, she enjoyed reading, opera, cooking, and a lifelong relationship with springer spaniels. Survivors include her children, Gordon, Janet, Kit, and Bruce; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

—Susan Foote '71, her cousin

JOHN RICHARD PAILLON '41 died peacefully in her sleep on July 21, '10. She lost her father in 1930, and during the Great Depression she lived in Littleton, NH, with her grandparents, mother, and sisters. She married to Nathaniel Boynton in 1952, and they moved to northern New Jersey, where her sister, Betsy and Muriel. She was predeceased by her husband of 52 years; her daughter, Anne; and her brother, Francis. Among her survivors are her son Charles and his wife, Polly; her son Peter and his wife, Linda; her grandchildren, Josephine, Thea, John, Piper, Gage, and McLaren; her great-grandchildren, Samantha and Charles; and her sisters, Betsy and Muriel.

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—Phoebe Senn, her daughter

1940s

BARBARA LATHROP BOYNTON '40, July 17, '10, at Carleton-Willard Village in Bedford, MA. She was married to Nathaniel Boynton in 1952, and they settled in Slingerlands, NY, in 1959. After Nathaniel's death in 1991, Barbara moved to the Carleton-Willard retirement community in 2000. She leaves her son, Lawrence; her daughters, Cornelia and Elizabeth; her sister, Helen; her brother, Francis; and five grandchildren.

—Susan Foote '71, her cousin

To report the death of an alumna, contact the records department at alumna@smith.edu or Smith College, Northampton, MA 01063.
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DOLLY PRESTON FORD '47, Nov. 4, '09. She was the beloved wife for 58 years of Guy Ford, who died in 2007. Survivors include her children, Preston, Bonnie, Wendy, Gregory, Douglas, Guy, and Jeffrey; her sister, Priscilla; and seven grandchildren.

MARGARET MAYO TIPPIT '48, Aug. 20, '10, in Chagrin Falls, OH. She was born in 1927 in Dobbs Ferry, NY, but spent most of her life in Cleveland. She worked for the Reliance Electric & Engineering Co. for three years, and then married C. Carlisle (Tip) Tippit, who died in 2003. An active fundraiser, Margie was a generous donor in her own right, and was extremely supportive of Smith. She was class president from 1998 to 2003, and it was a special privilege to enjoy her company at our 60th Reunion. Margie was a board member and president of Planned Parenthood in Cleveland from 1973 to 1975, on the women’s committee of the Cleveland Orchestra Club, the president of the Chagrin Valley Republican Club, and a member of the Travelers’ Century Club. As a dedicated traveler, Margie visited 190 countries and took more than 100 cruises, including a 106-day world cruise in 2007. Survivors include five children and 21 grandchildren.

VIRGINIA (GINNY) ROBERTS EMERY '49, Nov. 27, '09, in Southern Pines, NC. Ginny grew up in Scarsdale, NY, the younger sister of ANNETTE ROBERTS MCCOY '47 and CONSTANCE ROBERTS PAGE '49, Aug. 31, '10, in Ithaca, NY. She graduated from Smith College in 1949, married her college sweetheart, navy pilot Dick Emery, and moved to Bronxville, NY, where she was a homemaker, mother of four children, member of the Junior League, and golfer at the Ardsley Country Club. Ginny found her passion in serving on the Lawrence Hospital Auxiliary. She volunteered from coffee and gift shop assistance to administrative director to director of employee health. In 1988, Ginny and Dick semiretired to Southern Pines, where she volunteered with the auxiliary of Moore Regional Hospital. Upon retiring, she was recognized for 7,700 hours of combined service in New York and North Carolina hospitals. After their children were grown, Ginny and Dick enjoyed sailing the New England waters. In 2001, they moved to the Belle Meade Retirement Resort, where Dick still resides. Ginny is survived by her loving husband, four children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

FLORENCE FAGIOLI SIMMONDS '49, June 22, '10, at the San Carlos (CA) Elms assisted-living community, following a lengthy siege of Alzheimer’s. Florence began her career as a librarian in the New York Public Library. In 1951, she married high school classmate George Simmonds, who was then pursuing graduate degrees at Columbia. They had two children, and the family moved from New York City to Northfield, MN, to Elmira, NY, and later to Detroit. In 1970, Florence earned her master’s in library science at Wayne State University. She was head of the reference division and deputy chief of a large public library in Royal Oak, MI, a job she loved. In 1978, the family settled in Washington, DC, and Florence became the head librarian and archivist for Amtrak, retiring in 1985. Florence was a fine vocalist, who also loved opera, literature, and the arts. She and her husband, a violinist, chamber music, and they traveled frequently to Europe, especially to northern Italy to visit Florence’s relatives. They moved to Northern California in 2006 to be closer to their children.

Page and her husband, Watt, a Cornell professor, lived in Ithaca for more than 50 years. She grew up on Long Island, NY, enjoying summertime sailing at her family’s home in Vermont. Her junior year in Geneva was especially meaningful. After marrying in 1950, Page taught elementary school before the birth of her three sons. She was active in Ithaca, enjoying competitive sailing on Cayuga Lake and her cheerful presence, extensive Lab of Ornithology. She and Watt traveled the world, visiting historic sites and art museums. Her recent joy was painting, and she took classes at a local art school. Page was a gracious, generous person who was always willing to listen and say a kind word. She was gentle, thoughtful, and patient. Family and friends admired her cheerful presence, extensive reading, broad knowledge, and unique ability to plan complicated sailing adventures or travels, which will all be missed. Survivors include her husband, three sons, daughter-in-law WENDY MARKUS WEBB ’80, grandson, sister MARY (MOLLY) CHAPMAN SPEARE ’64, nephew, and nieces.

—Wendy Markus Webb ’80 and Leigh Berrien Smith ’49

50’s

ALDEN ROBIN BRIGHAM MAYER ’51, Sept. 16, ’10, in Richmond, VA. Robin took life seriously yet loved it was to be in need. Patricia devoted herself to helping with organic chemistry while listening to her favorite music, Bach’s Magnificat. In her free time, she loved singing with the Glee Club and the Madrigal Singers. While working as a doctor, she married Walter Mayer, an ophthalmologist, and they adopted three children, Robin Jane, Frank, and Christopher, who gave her six grandchildren. Robin was awarded the Smith Medal in 1984 for her work in public health. She was an inspiration to me in the pursuit of her goals, her faith, and in her loyalty as a friend. Her daughter, Robin Jane, has followed her mother’s path with 20 years of public service as a Legal Aid lawyer and substitute district court judge. Robin’s granddaughter Clancy writes, “She lived her life truly believing in helping those in need. I know that I am just one of many people who were touched by her unconditional love and passion for taking care of others.” —Mary Alice Warner ’51

PATRICIA THAYER NITZBURG ’52, Sept. 29, ’10. She was the daughter of Lucius Thayer and Virginia Speare, and grew up in Newton, MA, and Dublin, NH. From 1960 to 1982, Patricia was married to Stanley Nitzburg. She earned her master’s at Columbia and became a social worker in New York City, serving on the Jewish Board of Family Services for 34 years. In 1984, the National Academies of Practice recognized Patricia as a distinguished practitioner in social work. Colleagues remember her as a “major force in clinical services who understood what it was to be in need.” Patricia devoted herself to the lives of others. Her musical passions included the Metropolitan Opera, the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, and the Boston Symphony Orchestra. She was an avid traveler, and in July returned from her 12th African safari. Her loss is deeply mourned by her daughters, Amy and Jessica; her son-in-law, Alex; and other family members, friends, and colleagues.

KATHERINE (KITTY) TOBIN GUTE ’54 and her husband of 53 years, Dan, died together at home on July 18, ’10, in Milwaukee. A graduate of Milwaukee-Downer Seminary, Kitty spent her junior year in Geneva, and when illness forced her to leave Morrow House during her senior year, she re-toured to graduate in 1955. Kitty served on many community boards, including the Junior League of Milwaukee, the UWWM Foundation, the Green Tree Garden Club, the Riveredge Nature Center, and the Wisconsin Nature Conservancy. She loved gardening and the environment, and taught children at her nature center for more than 20 years. A wonderful athlete, Kitty twice won her golf club’s championship. She’ll be remembered for her warmth, wit, energy and enthusiasm, her devotion to family and friends, and her caring and commitment for the strong, the right, and the true. Survivors include her three daughters and their spouses, and 10 grandchildren.

—Wendy Shea Randall ’54

JOANNA (JO) TAUB STEICHEN ’54, July 24, ’10, at her summer home in Montauk, NY. Jo came to Smith from Hopewell Junction, NY, lived in Dawes House, and majored in theater. After graduation, she wrote commercials and ads for Young and Rubicam in New York City. She got her pilot’s license, and in Jo’s words, “Got airplane. Lost airplane. Got sea-plane license.” In 1960, Jo married Edward Steichen. Rather than more flying attempts, she worked with her husband on photography exhibitions and preparing his book A Life in Photography. In 1963, she proudly watched him receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He died 10 years later. Jo went on to become her husband’s master’s in sculpture at Columbia, and she became a clinical psychologist and psychotherapist for 25 years. Her focus later turned to preserving her husband’s work, and she chose 340 of his best photographs and wrote the text for Steichen’s Legacy, published in 2000 by Knopf. Her last editing project was Steichen in Color, released by Sterling Innovation in Sept. ’10. Her last years centered on coping with Parkinson’s disease.

—Helen Bilihorn Baumgartner ’54 and Anne Hoerner Ribble ’54

RITA DUSTEAU MS ’55, Sept. 11, ’10, after an eight-year battle with lung cancer. A resident of El Cajon, CA, Rita was born and raised in Lowell, MA. She earned her bachelor’s degree in physical sciences from Bridgewater State College, and then joined the army. While enlisted, she received her master’s in physical therapy, and after her discharge with the rank of first lieutenant, she earned her master’s in educational administration from Springfield College. She was married and lived in various places, including Taos, NM, and Vail, CO. Ann touched many lives as a mother, wife, friend, and elementary school teacher. She retired in 2008 after 25 years in education. As she neared retirement, she began traveling extensively. She moved to California in the early 1990s. She will be missed by her brother, Gerard and Leo; and by nieces, nephews, and numerous friends and former students.

ANNE HOOPER MUNCASTER ’57, June 2, ’10. She was born in 1936 and grew up in Winchester, MA, and the Maryland suburbs of Washington, DC. At Smith, Anne played on the field hockey team, and she went on to earn a master’s in education at Harvard. In 1958, Ann married her childhood sweetheart, Neil, and the couple spent 52 years together. They lived on the east Coast shortly after marrying and lived in various places, including Taos, NM, and Vail, CO. Ann touched many lives as an educator, wife, friend, and elementary school teacher. When she retired, she worked with many philanthropic organizations in the Vail area, and she received the Colorado Cares volunteer award given by the governor of Colorado. Ann loved to travel, including an 18-day trip down the Grand Canyon in a wooden dory that she did at the age of
of 73. Survivors include her husband, five of her six siblings, four children, 11 grandchildren, and many friends.

ISABEL COFF BUNGE ’58, April 5, ’10, at home in Darien, CT. At Smith, Isabel lived in Washburn and Ziskind. She married George Bunge when she worked for Liberty Mutual in Chicago, and moved with him to Paris. They raised three sons, George, Hamilton, and David, in New York, Chicago, and Geneva, before retiring in 1992 to Isabel’s childhood home in Darien. Isabel was co-president of the Darien/New Canaan Smith club for more than 10 years, and she was a long-standing co-chair of the club’s book sale, which ended in its 50th year. She was also active with the Darien Historical Society, the 60+ Club, the Darien Community Association, AmeriCares, and St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Open-hearted, gracious, and candid, Isabel was a treasured friend and mentor to many. In the days before her death, Izzy shared that, anticipating physical decline, she had been working on her will. "When the body gives out," she explained, “the soul takes over.” Among her survivors are three sons, two daughters-in-law, and several grandchildren. —Heather McHold ’91

MARY ADAH COSTELLO CURBERA ’58, April 16, ’10, of lung cancer. Born in Washington, DC, in 1937, Mary Adah went to Spain for the first time during her junior year abroad. From the very beginning, she was enthusiastic about the country and its culture, becoming, over time, a real “Hispanista.” We married in 1959. She was chairman of the English literature department at the American School of Madrid, where she taught for 35 years. She was proud and happy to be a Smith graduate, and was a member of the Smith club in Spain, for which she participated in many events. She was one of the club’s original members, and they will miss her contagious sense of humor, her enthusiasm, and her warm friendship. She will be deeply missed by her family, including three sons and a daughter. —Guillermo Curbera, her husband

SUSAN ARONOWITZ POLLACK ’59, July 30, ’10, in New York City. Sue was the daughter of the late GRETCEN KAFSenBURGH ARONowitz ’30 and Milton Aronowitz. Following her graduation from Smith, she pursued her master’s at Columbia Teachers College. Sue was a born educator. She taught high school history in New York for 14 years, and her students still remember her as a vibrant teacher who could be strict but always interesting. Sue met and married Stanley Pollack in 1974, and they had a daughter, Jane. Sue returned to work and joined the New York City School Volunteer Program, for which she expanded a teen tutoring program and supervised programs in Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, and the South Bronx, eventually becoming the associate director. Sue later established a nonprofit organization, Learning to Succeed, which joined Literacy Inc. to her. Sue’s life was a lesson and a legacy for all who knew her. Although fighting the effects of breast cancer for 27 years, Sue maintained her commitment to those in need, her devotion to family and friends, and her keen sense of humor. Sue is survived by her husband and daughter, and is dearly missed. —Juliet Kittenplan Goldsmith ’58 and Jane Pollock, her daughter

HARRIET DRake PREntiss ’64, Nov. 4, ’08, in Evanston, IL. Harriet found her way to Smith almost single-handedly from public high school in suburban Cleveland, and she and the college were a perfect match from the start. Harriet interned at Yale Psychiatric Institute and while Art was a US ambassador to Sierra Leone, and upon returning to Smith she began a lifelong interest in African studies, and developed a lifelong interest in African studies, and upon returning to Smith she began a lifelong interest in African studies, and especially her children, for whom she turned down an opportunity at a legal career. She was involved in community activities and served on a number of boards, including those of the Sayre School, for which she served as a long-time trustee and chairman; the Friends of Raven Run; and the Lexington Children’s Museum. In 2008, Lucy was awarded the David Sayre Medallion in recognition of her long and outstanding service. In addition to her husband, children, and mother, her survivors include her sister and brother-in-law and their children, numerous cousins and friends, and six people to whom she donated organs.

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ERNA BERNDT KELLEY, Dec. 31, ’09, in California. Erna was a professor in the Spanish and Portuguese department from 1959 to 1995. All who knew her admired her with her fine mind and big heart, her love for literature and art and her commitment to instilling that love in their students, her passion for all things Spanish, and her fascination with the power of language. Born in Argentina to a Lutheran pastor, she was the oldest daughter in a family of 10 children. She served as a second mother to her siblings until the family moved to the United States. When her family returned to Argentina, Erna, at 19, remained, and on her own pursued undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She married Tom Kelley from Boston, and they lived in the Northampton area until retiring, when they moved to Texas to be closer to their son, Chris, and his family. Erna taught more than 20 different courses during her tenure and developed a reputation as a leading expert in medieval and Golden Age studies. She was a three-time department chair, and a member of American Council of admissions and many other committees. She was a caring and effective mentor to many junior faculty members, and will be deeply missed for many reasons, including her legendary cooking and social gatherings.

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