

SMITH '72 *IN ACTION*

December 2004

From Your Class President

Reunion Planning Weekend in Austin

Your officers got together this fall to start planning our 35th reunion! It's only 29 months away and we want this reunion to be a great opportunity for classmates to connect and reconnect with each other and with Smith College. We met over the weekend of September 10-12 in Austin, Texas, which is home to two of the eight officers attending. Melissa Hield (Treasurer) and Maggie MacDonald (Vice President) did a great job of making arrangements so that we could have a very productive and fun weekend in Austin.

During our first session on Saturday morning we were joined by Carla Byers from the Alumnae Fund, who caught us up on lots of the exciting news from Northampton: the openings of the Olin Fitness Center and the Campus Center, the first graduates of the Engineering program, the wonderful opportunities available to students through the Praxis internship program, the opening of the Poetry Center, the success of Smith's athletic teams, and more.

On Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning we got down to some serious reunion planning including thinking about themes, activities, and delegating responsibilities for the multitude of tasks involved in putting reunion weekend together. The Vice Presidents are in the process of organizing House Reps to help link each of us to reunion preparations. If you have an interest in serving as a House Rep or any ideas or requests for the 35th, please contact one of the VPs.

Class Officer Changes

After many years of service to the Class of 1972 in various capacities, Debbie Thomas Robinson, decided that she needed to step down from the Class Fund Agent position. On behalf of us all, I extend to her our deepest thanks for all she has done for our class and Smith. We welcome on board Kay Killian Balun as our new Class Fund Agent. Thanks to Kay for stepping up to the job. The nominating process for officers to lead the class for the 2007-2012 period will be upon us shortly. If you are interested in serving in any position, please contact me.

Inside this Issue

I hope you will enjoy the "Geo Glimpses", brief profiles of classmates "in action" around the country. I certainly enjoyed contacting classmates, several of whom I did not know while at Smith.

Stefanie Cargill and I have put together several computer tutorials to help you navigate the Alumnae Association website. This is a wonderful resource for contacting classmates and also a very convenient way to support the Alumnae Fund. For example, I took Stefanie's suggestion from a previous newsletter and set up a monthly charge to my credit card via the online giving website. I can attest that the system works smoothly.

Be sure to check out the "Mini-Reunion Recipe" that our secretary, Mary Burton, shares with us as way to have a great time before our next official reunion.

Nancy Ammon Jianakoplos



Austin Officers Meeting:

(Standing left to right) Deborah Markewich Lazarus (VP), Maguerite MacDonald (VP), Carla Byers (Alumnae Fund), Stefanie Solnick Cargill (Special Gifts), Nancy Ammon Jianakoplos (President), Melissa Hield (Treasurer), Luisa Anselmo Rabe (VP); (Seated left to right) Kathleen Mulhern Johnson (Planned Giving), Mary Burton (Secretary)

GEO GLIMPSES

Brief Profiles of '72 "In Action"

NORTH - Dale Lewis Wentz

Dale lives in Wilmette, Illinois, with husband, Pete, and two Portuguese water dogs, Pandora and Marley. Her oldest son, Peter (25), is the bassist and lyricist with pop-punk band *Fall Out Boy*, recently included in a *Rolling Stone* article on top bands to watch for in 2005. Daughter Hilary is a senior Art History major at Tufts, and Andrew is a freshman at Colorado College.

What is your main activity currently? Director of Admissions at North Shore Country Day School

What do you most like to do these days? Get together with friends or take long walks (4-mile walks most mornings with a couple of friends at 5:30 a.m.--good therapy!)

What do you least like to do these days? Housework and tedious errands. Time seems to pass so quickly and I never have enough of it to read more, see museum exhibits that interest me or to visit family.

What was your favorite thing to do at Smith? Talking with friends and professors after class and reading.

What would you most like to do in the future? Take some educational travel trips that include cultural/environmental/historical components.

SOUTH - Nancy Roth Remington

Nancy lives in Atlanta, Georgia, with her husband of 30 years, Tom Remington, whom she met at graduate school at Yale. They have one son, Alexander, who is a junior at Yale where he's double majoring in Russian language and literature and Political Science.

What is your main activity currently? Executive Director of International Programs at Emory University's Goizueta School of Business.

What do you most like to do these days? Have contact with international students and my international colleagues.

What do you least like to do these days? Talk with the pushy parents of undergrads about to go abroad. I also dislike living in a state where I feel my vote does not count.

What was your favorite thing to do at Smith? Walking into people's rooms and talking until all hours, the chance to take classes at Amherst, and to enjoy programs and people throughout the 5 Colleges,

meeting terrifically interesting people everywhere -- in chorus, house, classes, tennis, and closeness with professors including being invited to their homes for dinner.

What would you most like to do in the future? I'd like to write, teach in other countries, and get back to music. I'd also like to take flower arranging and spend a year living at our new house on the coast of Maine.

EAST - Patricia Clark Haberstroh

Patty lives in Westport, Connecticut, with her husband Charlie. Her two oldest sons are living in Boston. Her twins went away to college this fall: her daughter to Lake Forest and her son to Wake Forest! [A note from Nancy: I spoke to Patty shortly after she returned home from a 9-day hospitalization, the result of post-operative complications following an emergency appendectomy. I am glad to report that Patty is doing well.]

What is your main activity currently? I work in social services in Westport and am coordinator of the Mentor Program.

What do you most like to do these days? Curl up and read on the couch.

What do you least like to do these days? Cook.

What was your favorite thing to do at Smith? Talk with friends.

What would you most like to do in the future? Live a long life - especially given my recent experience in the hospital!

WEST - Linda Rubio

Linda lives in Santa Rosa, California, with her 19 year old son, Matt, two dogs, Ginger and Maxim, and two cats, Chelsea and Winston. Her oldest son is working for Boeing. Matt decided the Naval Academy was not for him and will enroll in Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University next fall.

What is your main activity currently? Diagnostic radiologist for Kaiser Permanente.

What do you most like to do these days? Visit my beach house near Clearwater, Florida.

What do you least like to do these days? Commute

What was your favorite thing to do at Smith? Art History classes.

What would you most like to do in the future? Retire and travel.

How to Enter or Update Your Smith Alumnae Directory On-Line Information

1. Go to <http://alumnae.smith.edu>
2. Click on "Alumnae Directory & Email" in the menu on the left.
3. Enter your Username and Password, then click "Submit."
If you have not previously registered, click on "New User" and follow the directions for registration. You will need your 9 character Smith ID# (AVxxxxxx) listed on the Quarterly mailing label or obtained by emailing alumnae@smith.edu.
4. To update your information in the directory, select "Personal Information" from the menu across the top.
5. DO check your personal information; you may be surprised to see what is missing, such as current address, current email address, advanced degrees, current job title, etc.
Choose from the following to update information:
 - a/ Update Name
 - b/ Update Home -- enter or update your home mail, phone, & email address (if any)
 - c/ Update Degree -- enter or update graduate/other degree details
 - d/ Update Business -- enter or update your work title as well as business name, address, email address

How to Find Classmates

(if they have entered and/or updated their Smith Alumnae Directory listing)

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4. Choose "Directory" from the menu across the top.
5. Select the type of search you want:
 - a/ Alphabetical allows you to search by Last Name, First Name, and/or Undergraduate Last Name.
 - b/ Academic allows to you to search by Class Year in addition to Last Name, First Name, and/or Undergraduate Last Name.
 - c/ Geographical allows you to search by Home City, Home State, Home Country, Last Name, and/or Undergraduate Last Name.
 - d/ Custom is the most flexible and allows to you search for classmates by Class Year, Last Name, First Name, Undergraduate Last Name, Business or Home City, State, Country, Zip Code, Employer, Occupation, and/or a range of zip codes

For example, I did a custom search to find the names of '72ers in Colorado. I filled in "1972" for Class Year and selected "Colorado" for Home State. I knew there were only 3 of us, but 6 names appeared. The other 3 were 1972 graduates of the Smith College School of Social Work with MSW degrees.

How to Access the Class of 1972 Web Site

- 1/ Go to <http://alumnae.smith.edu>
- 2/ Click on "Reunions & Classes" in the menu on the left
- 3/ Select "Classes" from the menu to the right of "Reunions & Classes"
- 4/ Click on the underlined phrase "class web site" at the bottom of the page.
- 5/ Select "Class of 1972"

How to Make a Smith Donation/Pledge via the Alumnae Association Secure Web Site

1. Go to <http://www.smith.edu/advancement/>
Note: This is separate from the Alumnae Association website.
2. Look in the panel titled "GIVING" in the upper left portion of your screen.
 - a/ To make a credit card gift on-line, click on "[make a gift](#)" and follow step 3.
 - b/ To make a pledge, click on "[make a pledge](#)" and follow step 4.
 - c/ To give a gift of stock, call 1-800-2023, option #5. Ruth Bishop, Office of Advancement Operations, is currently the Securities specialist. Her direct line is (413) 585-2681.
3. If you clicked on "make a gift", a pop-up form will be displayed for you to complete.
Note: To print the form at any time, press Control & "P" from your Intel/IBM-type PC.
- 3a. You may check to see if your company participates in matching gifts via a drop-down box.
- 3b. You will be asked to enter your name, undergraduate name, current last name, designate whether your gift is for the Alumnae Fund or some special purpose, the donation or pledge amount, and the date of the pledge/donation.
- 3c. You will need to enter a daytime phone number, email address, and mailing address so you can be contacted in case the Alumnae Association office has questions about your pledge/donation information, and to send you confirmations and other communications relating to your gift. (This contact information is not shared.)
- 3d. You can make the gift in one payment or specify extended payments over a number of months. At this time, Smith can accept on-line payments with American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa cards.
- 3e. You may request that your gift be anonymous.
- 3f. You may designate that the gift be made "in honor of" or "in memory of" a family member, friend, or classmate, and may enter an address so an acknowledgement of your gift can be sent by Smith College to the designee.
- 3g. You may choose not to have your name listed as a donor in the Alumnae Fund Campaign Gift Report.
- 3h. You may enter additional comments.
- 3i. To submit the gift/pledge, click on the "Submit" button at the left bottom of the form.
- 3j. To clear the form, click on the "Clear form" button at the right bottom of the form.
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Note: This contact information is not shared with other College departments.
- 4d. You can list the schedule in which you intend to fulfill your pledge, specifying up to ten amounts/dates through which you will fulfill your pledge over the current fiscal year.
Note: The fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.
- 4e. You may enter comments clarifying your payment schedule.
- 4f. Credit Card Payments: You may request automatic charges to your credit card for the payments you specified in 4d, -or- you may charge the full amount to your credit card on the date specified, -or-you may charge only the first installment to your credit card.
Note: At this time, Smith accepts on-line payments for American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa cards.
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From Your Class Secretary

Mini-Reunion Recipe

1. Make a white sauce -- NO! This is going to be really easy -- no assumed knowledge!
2. Follow the instructions in the "How to Find Classmates" tutorial located in this newsletter to pull up contact information for classmates in your zip code, or living and/or working in your town, or in your state. You can do multiple searches to get people in communities nearby.
3. Select a reasonable, centrally-located restaurant in your community, and a good time of the week for you. Book a reservation that can be contracted, depending on the number of people you're inviting. For dinners, reserve for an early start (6 PM) to catch women going home from work and those who have to get home early after dinner. One option is to select a restaurant with a *prix fixe* with a few options and a glass of wine. I let each classmate order off the menu.
4. You can email the group; you can call; or you can send a postcard. I send postcards or letters where I don't have an email. When using e-mail, make the subject obvious, e.g. "Smith '72 Dinner in New York City October 27!" Be sure to include day, date, time and place; RSVP's should come to you.
5. The day before the event, send a reminder email with a list of classmates who will be coming and a way to reach you should anyone be running late, need to cancel, etc. Call the restaurant with a "firm" number, but anticipate changes right up to the set hour.
6. Serve with wonderful conversation, high spirits and good fun!

Caren Byrd Borland, '68, gets all the credit for this recipe for terrific conversation with classmates!

Mary Lindley Burton

From Your Class Fund Team

As 2004 draws to a close, your Class Fund Team leaders, Stefanie Solnick Cargill and Kay Killian Balun, are taking this opportunity to encourage you to keep Smith in mind as you consider year-end charitable donations, be they large or small.

For those who are considering large donations to take advantage of tax benefits, Stefanie reminds you that the Alumnae Fund staff at the College (800-526-2023) is available to discuss different options and benefits with you.

For those who celebrate the holiday season through donations to their favorite charities, Kay encourages you to help us meet our class participation goals by donating what you can to Smith and earmarking it for the Class of 1972 fundraising efforts. Although large donations are appreciated, the number of alumni donating to a college has taken on greater importance since that is a measure of alumni support (i.e., satisfaction) used by *US News and World Report* in their ratings of colleges.

Donations of any amount can easily be made on-line by accessing the secure web site and by following the instructions in tutorial included in this newsletter.

From the Vice Presidents

Be In the Know... Volunteer!!

Although reunion is over 800 days away, your vice presidents are already busy preparing for our Northampton gathering. It promises to be a great weekend, and we want everyone who was ever part of the Class of '72 to be there. Want to help make that happen? Want to connect with Smith friends and make new ones? Be a House Rep! Email or call one of your VP's and we'll add your name to the list we are just now starting!

House Reps

Gardiner	Bessy Kong
Laura Scales	Lauran Yates
Northrop	Linda Rubio
Park House	Jan English Leary
Sessions House	Beth C. Wees
Talbot House	Diana M. Zuckerman
Tyler House	Paula L. Frazier
Wilder House	Diane Gail Lindewall

Help Keep '72 Financially Sound

It takes money to run the Class of '72. In any five year cycle from one reunion to the next, the class has a number of expenditures. The Alumnae Association recommends that an annual class newsletter be sent (two in the year of the reunion). Newsletters currently cost approximately \$400 for printing and mailing each year. The class is responsible for reimbursing travel expenses of class officers to attend Alumnae Association conferences including the class officers training conference held in the fall following their election and a reunion planning conference on campus for Vice Presidents and class Treasurers two years prior to the reunion. In addition, there are travel expenses to be reimbursed to the Vice Presidents who observe the Class of '71's reunion in the year prior to our class reunion.

Your class officers have been good stewards of your dues. In many cases officers have absorbed any expenses incurred as a result of holding a class office. However, we do not want to limit class officers to only those who can afford to pay their own way. The Class of '72 has not collected dues in the last eight years (at a minimum). We currently have \$11,229.37 in the class treasury. We have calculated that if class annual expenses average \$1,400 per year (\$400/ newsletter and \$1,000/ *partial* travel reimbursement) for the next 33 years (until our 65th reunion) and if our funds earn a rate of return equal to the rate of inflation and if expenses increase at the rate of inflation, then a current balance of \$46,200 would cover all remaining class expenses through 2037. We are not attempting to fund this entire amount now, but would like to keep our class treasury sound. Smithies from prior classes have urged us to put our treasury in a healthy fiscal condition while we are young, because they have found it much more difficult to raise funds as their classmates age. (Did you know that Smith alumnae returning for reunions beyond their 65th are treated as guests of the college?)

The current class officers are asking you to voluntarily contribute to the Class of '72 treasury at whatever level you feel comfortable. Please be aware that class dues are not contributions to Smith College Alumnae Fund. We know that some classmates previously paid "lifetime" class dues. Unfortunately we do not have records of who you are. However, please feel free to self-designate your lifetime status when you return the form below. Also, if anyone has a list of lifetime class dues payers, please send it to Melissa Hield. We also encourage anyone who is interested in being a class officer for the 2007-2012 cycle to contact Nancy Jianakoplos – please see contact information on the back page.

Smith College Class of 1972 - Class Dues

The Smith College Class of 1972 is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

I am enclosing a check at the level indicated below:

BASIC \$ 35 _____

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I have previously paid lifetime class dues.

All contributors will be listed in class newsletters and on the class website unless you indicate otherwise.

I do NOT wish to be listed.

Please send your check made out to SMITH COLLEGE CLASS of 1972 in the enclosed envelope to:

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