

SMITH 1972 *Reminisce. Reconnect. Redefine.* news

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From your Vice Presidents

Reunion 2012

An Opportunity to *Reminisce. Reconnect. Redefine.*

Although we do not have a definite date from the college, we know our 40th Reunion will be May 24-27, 2012. As soon as we are alerted by Smith, we will notify all classmates to mark their calendars and join us for a chance to reminisce about our times at Smith and since, reconnect with classmates and redefine ourselves and our futures.



Stefanie Cargill, Mary Burton, and Deborah Bernick

Volunteers are needed to assist with preplanning and during Reunion. At this time, we are still looking for some house reps to reach out to their Class of 1972 housemates to encourage participation at Reunion and our planned class history.

We are also in need of a logo to reflect our theme: “Reminisce. Reconnect. Redefine.” Suggestions from any artists or graphic designers on how to best illustrate this theme on our t-shirts, mailings, etc. would be most appreciated. Any input on possible programs, discussion topics, parade signs, etc. is also welcome.

This is your Reunion and we want it to reflect our class’s interests as much as possible. ●

From your Fundraising Team

We are asking for your support for Smith. Nancy reports that we are on course to have over 40% of our class recognized as Smith Stars when we gather for our 40th Reunion in 2012! Smith Stars are classmates who have given a donation to Smith every year since the last reunion. Please shine on with a gift to The Smith Fund this year. Even if you missed the chance to make a gift last year, please support Smith this year like a “Comet” or “Meteor,” joining our “Stars” to support Smith in its goal to “educate women of promise for lives of distinction.”

These may be financially challenging times for us, but please consider that the college needs our donations to The Smith Fund now more than ever to offer financial aid to prospective and current students. Smith is known for seeking out capable first-generation college students. Unfortunately, this population is particularly vulnerable to financial hard times. About two-thirds (63%) of Smith students currently receive need-based aid from college funds. Your support is critical to Smith’s being able to offer these students the financial packages they require to attend Smith.

Did you know that a gift to The Smith Fund is an unrestricted, budget-relieving contribution that goes immediately to where it is most needed? Gifts to The Smith Fund are spent the year in which they are received. We will keep working. We thank you for your continued generosity to Smith and its students. ●

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From your President

Hoping this newsletter finds you well. Please consider the invitation from your class vice-presidents (see page 1) to help with planning our 2012 Reunion. Is there a strategy that can help us reconnect to more classmates? What activities would redefine Reunion for you? We want to know so let us hear from you. Watching the inaugural events for President Barack Obama, I thought of us in 1968 and the changes we witnessed... and also *A Woman's Education* and the passages where Jill Conway talked about re-imagining Smith College as the pre-eminent place for women from diverse social, economic, and geographic origins in the 21st century and the education they would need to prepare them to work, lead, and serve in their communities. Thinking of future students as I make a donation to The Smith Fund. Thinking of our class as I volunteer to help with planning Reunion 2012 and pay class dues. ●



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Redefine.

From your Treasurer

For the period 6/27/07 through 12/31/08: Our beginning class funds balance was \$8,669. Our expenditures were \$1,277 for 35th Reunion, \$1,101 reimbursement for class officer travel to Northampton (in September 2007 for the on-campus training conference for Smith volunteers) and \$370 for 2008 newsletter. That totals \$2,745. Our income from our "one-time-for-five years" class dues payment request has brought in \$3,876 from 52 classmates. Other income includes: 35th Reunion attendance reimbursement \$4,347, interest earned on our funds \$98 and one class officer reimbursed the class for travel pay at \$370. The total income is \$8,691. The ending class funds balance is \$14,615. Thank you to the first 52 gracious women who paid class dues so promptly. If you haven't paid class dues, please consider paying "one-time-for-five years" by using the form below. ●

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1972 Class Dues: "One Time For 5 Years"

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