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ago that I could establish a scholarship fund with installment payments over a period of five years, I decided that I would love to see the results of my gift. I have derived a great deal of pleasure from meeting ‘my scholar’ every spring. They are all bright and talented young women who cherish their Barnard experience as much as I do.

“Barnard remains in my will as the beneficiary of gifts that will augment my existing fund, and perhaps even establish a new scholarship in my mother’s honor. I have the satisfaction of knowing that my gifts will continue to make a contribution, year after year. Even when I am no longer around, Barnard will be, giving young women the same encouragement and opportunities it gave to me.”

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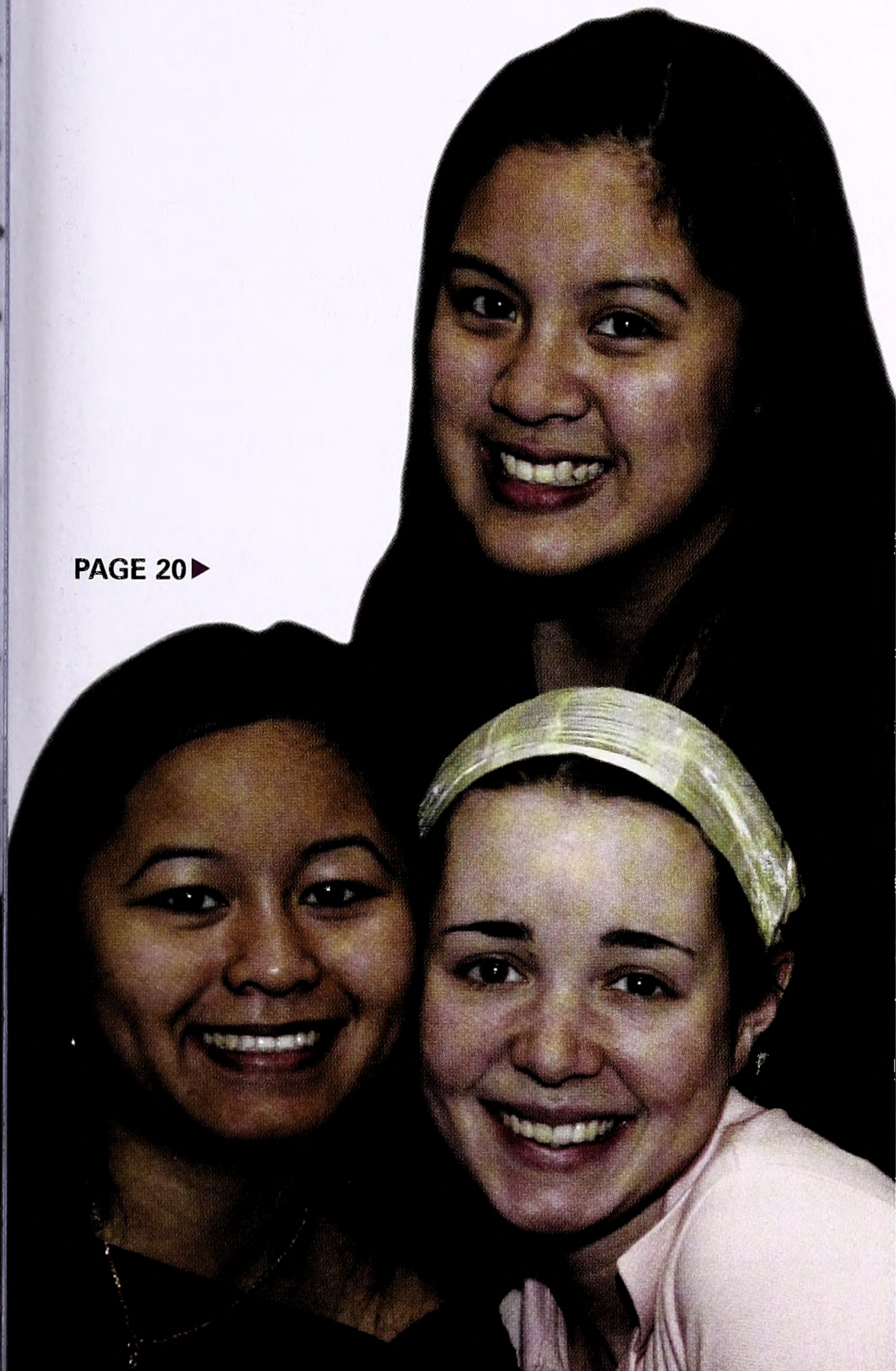
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Treating Infertility

I read “The Baby Conundrum” (Winter 2005) and was disappointed that taking antibiotics was the only unorthodox approach mentioned. There are less invasive ways to address fertility issues, including acupuncture, mind-body techniques, nutritional strategies, and supplements. I use unconventional methods—what some may call “alternative” or “complementary”—to help with fertility naturally or to increase chances during assisted reproduction in all age groups, and have excellent results.

*Pamela Yee '92, M.D.
Meridian Medical Group
New York, N.Y.*

Tattoo parlors are more regulated than fertility clinics, and women who pursue fertility treatments are often guinea pigs for drugs and procedures that haven't been thoroughly studied or even approved for use on females.

I often wonder whether fertility specialists are more concerned about profits or their patients' health. These doctors don't always get a patient's complete medical history and often ignore alternative treatments such as herbal remedies or hypnotherapy, which may increase the chances of conception.

There are some reputable clinics, but why aren't we holding all of them to the same high standards?

The fertility industry as it now stands needs to be regulated, and more research needs to be done on the side effects of taking fertility drugs. It's my fervent hope that a Barnard graduate in the medical field will take the initiative on this.

*Ayn Whytemare
(Anne Balfour Whittemore) '88
Pembroke, N.H.*

I was disappointed that your cover article on infertility treatments didn't mention the option of fostering a child. There are so many wonderful children out there who need a good home. Yes, you can go through months of IVF and pay thousands of dollars to a fertility specialist to perpetuate your own DNA and have your “own” newborn. Or you can provide care and devotion to a lovable child who has some perceived undesirable quality—academic deficits, a physical or mental disability, a sibling or two—and turn her life around forever.

*Elisabeth Ochs '83, RN, MSN
San Francisco, Calif.*

Corrections

In the Winter 2005 issue, the President's Page misstated the organization responsible for Midnight Breakfast. The McIntosh Activities Council (McAC), not the Student Government Association, created the event with Al Sorbera, dining services director. McAC subsequently assumed the responsibility for running the annual event. The “P” in the first line of the article on Pearl Gluck Nathan on page 35 of the same issue was omitted during the printing process; the line should have read “Pearl Gluck Nathan '34 fell in love with art during her time at Barnard, but developed her passion for cooking later in life.” We regret the errors.

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Focusing on Faculty

At what point in the heavily populated course of your life do you forget a great teacher from graduate school, college, or your earlier schooldays? Never. Memories of wonderful teachers are precious and

permanent ones, and many of us credit our favorite teachers with changing our lives.

As an undergraduate at Brandeis University, I had the good fortune to be taught by some of the 20th century's leading intellectuals. My analytical ability was shaped by those classroom experiences, and I will always treasure them. What a privilege it was to study pre-Socratic philosophy with political theorist and 1960s icon Herbert Marcuse, symbolist poetry with French poet Yves Bonnefoy, and modern European history with eminent his-

In our continual quest for the best teacher-scholars, we face rigorous competition.

torian Frank Manuel. What's more, I still regret that I couldn't fit into my schedule a constitutional law class taught by the illustrious legal scholar Leonard Levy. (Another experience I missed at Brandeis, which I would have had at Barnard, was to be taught by prominent women scholars.)

Among Barnard graduates, stories of excellent teachers abound. I remember a speech that board chair Anna Quindlen '74 made to alumnae at a session of Leadership Council, in which she credited a Barnard professor with guiding her toward the first steps of her career. Anna said she might never have become a journalist "had not Annette Baxter [Class of 1947], with whom I took one of the first seminars on the history of women in America, written at the bottom of a paper, 'Have you submitted your work to *Ms.*, *New York* magazine, etc.?' You are a real writer.' "

I recently listened to another grateful look back by Alice

Boone '03, a Centennial Scholar who majored in English, served as editor of the *Columbia Daily Spectator*, and was a writing fellow. Alice was talking about the inspiration she received from James G. Basker, Barnard's Ann Whitney Olin Professor of English, starting with a lecture she attended during her first semester. That lecture was part of "Major English Texts," a course taught by Margaret R. Ellsberg, senior lecturer in English, which also features presentations by other members of the English department. Professor Basker, an 18th-century specialist and the editor of *Amazing Grace: An Anthology of Poems About Slavery, 1660-1810*, spoke to the class about the rise of biography and autobiography in the 1700s, and hypothesized that when James Boswell wrote his famous biography of Samuel Johnson, he suppressed some of Johnson's antislavery writings.

"That really got me going," Alice recalled. "Professor Basker is a great lecturer, and I saw that he was doing historical research that went beyond the usual contemporary analysis of the English canon. *Amazing Grace* contains many poems by canonical writers about the slave trade—works that are rarely printed in traditional anthologies. We don't always see some of the uglier parts of history in commonly anthologized work. It's easier to ignore slavery and put in a few poems about nature."



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THROUGH THE GATES

Campus News and Events

How the Universe Got Its Spots

“When I can, I like to forget about math and grants and science and journals and research and heroes.” That statement, which appears in *How the Universe Got Its Spots: Diary of a Finite Time in a Finite Space* (Anchor Books, 2003) by Janna Levin '88, seems strange coming from an assistant professor of physics and astronomy at Barnard. But Levin, who studies black holes, chaos theory, and the origins of the universe, says academia can be restrictive.

“You write these technical articles that very few people understand, let alone read, and there’s something about it that’s unsatisfying after a while,” she says. “There was part of me that felt too isolated by that. It’s a big world, and I wanted to see what else was out there.” Since she also loves books, she decided to write *How the Universe Got Its Spots*, which poses the question of whether the universe is infinite.

The book—written as though it were a series of letters to her mother—covers two of the five years Levin lived in London while an advanced fellow at Cambridge University. She kept the personal history in the book to underscore the fact that no matter how technical the math is, human beings are doing the research. It’s that element of discovery that makes her work so rewarding.

Levin, who marvels that people once thought the earth was the center of the universe, loves learning about black holes, calculating ripples in the fabric of space-time, and determining the extent of the universe.



“CALCULATING IS A BIZARRE PLEASURE, IN THE WAY THAT A CROSSWORD PUZZLE IS A BIZARRE PLEASURE.”

Janna Levin '88, assistant professor of physics and astronomy

While her Ph.D. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and her postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California, Berkeley, prepared her to work on problems like that, she also applies her knowledge to the arts. Levin, who reads what she calls “obscure” amounts of fiction, is writing a narrative nonfiction book encompassing the

themes of madness, genius, truth, and faith. In 2003, she was scientist in residence at the Ruskin School of Drawing and Fine Art in Oxford, England, where she did everything from critiquing student drawings to giving lectures on the nature of time.

What she doesn’t like is discussing what it’s like to be a woman in a male-dominated field. “I don’t study sociology, yet I’m always fielding questions about women in science. Men are never forced to constantly discuss what it’s like being a man in their field,” says Levin, who was eight months pregnant with her son, Gibson Malone, when she interviewed at Barnard.

She’d rather talk about her passions, research, and writing, which have earned her the 2003 Kilby Young Innovator Award—given to people who make significant contributions to society through science, technology, and innovation—and the 2003 Dream Time Fellowship from the

National Endowment for Science Technology and Arts, among other accolades.

“Using the simple laws of mathematics, you could derive the stuff that was at the beginning of the universe,” she says with awe. “Not only can I derive it, but *you* can derive it and get the same answer. That blows my mind.”

—Laura Shin

Unplugged and Loving It

Just 10 years ago, technology in the classroom was limited to watching videos on bulky monitors and viewing slides from a loud and sometimes temperamental slide projector. Today, Barnard students can have a multimedia experience in classrooms that rival any movie theater in terms of audio and visual quality, and can write e-mails from locations throughout campus using their laptop computers.

About 70 percent of all classrooms at the College have in-room media equipment, according to Carol Falcione, dean of information services. While some classrooms have basic audio and video capacity using a monitor, others have equipment such as a computer, ceiling-mounted digital projection system, wall-mounted video cameras and speakers, video/data projectors, and DVD/CD players. The most equipped classrooms are Julius S. Held Lecture Hall in 304

Barnard Hall, Krueger Lecture Hall in 405 Milbank Hall, Lehman Auditorium in 202

Altschul Hall, and the Sloate Media Center in the Barnard Library in Lehman Hall.

Such classrooms have allowed instructors to develop a more integrated approach to their teaching. Alan Segal, the Ingeborg Rennert Professor of Jewish Studies, often uses overhead projectors and video equipment that's part of the classroom to easily incorporate a wide range of audio-visual material into his lectures. "Technology is revolutionizing the way students are learning," he says.

Tamara Montacute '05, an environmental science major from Seattle, Wash., agrees. Technology "allows the pages of the book and the sometimes boring lectures to move into the context of the real world," she says, particularly when students can use videos and programs such as PowerPoint to make presentations.

The Sloate Media Center, on the third floor of the library, is the heart of cutting-edge multimedia technology on campus. The center—which opened in 2002 and was funded by a generous donation from Laura J. Sloate '66—features a classroom with digital video cameras, a ceiling-mounted

projection system and microphones, and a podium with a computer, DVD, VHS, and touch-screen controls.

In an adjoining control room, media services staff can oversee these systems and assist students, faculty, and staff with video and audio projects. For example, media services staff recently recorded and edited interviews for "The Book Show," a radio program hosted by Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina, a professor in the English department and director of the Africa and African diaspora studies program.

Students in Barnard's film production class meet in the classroom/studio area and can use special-purpose computers available only to them and other Barnard students doing class-related audio/video editing and production projects, Falcione says. There are also two special-purpose computers—connected to a high-end color printer and scanner—for visual arts students.

Outside the classroom, Barnard has created 10 spots

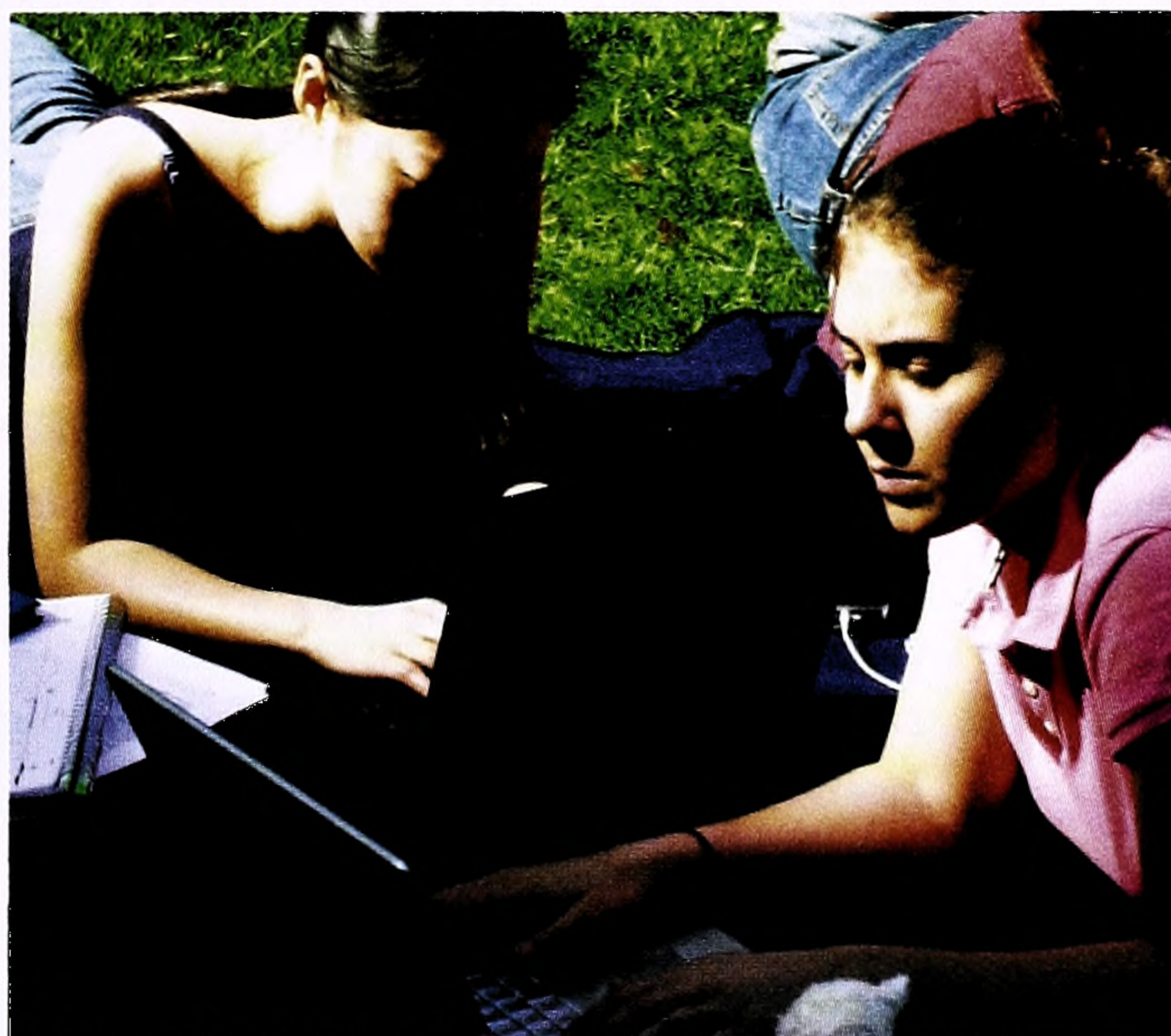
on campus with wireless Internet capability over the past four years. As a result, anyone using a laptop computer can connect to the Internet using a wireless card that picks up the signal from various transmitters on campus. This technology—accessible in places including the Arthur Ross Courtyard in the residential Quad, Lehman Lawn, McIntosh Student Center, and parts of the library—gives students and faculty greater flexibility in where they can do their work. "I've been on the lawn with my computer in the springtime," says Nicole Bufanio '06, a women's studies major from Union, N.J.

Given the considerable interest in wireless technology, the College is "exploring the possibility of extending wireless coverage on campus," says Thomas Sobczak Jr., director of management information and network services.

In fact, Barnard's wireless coverage was extensive enough to be ranked No. 75 on Intel Corp.'s second annual list of the top 100 "unwired" colleges and universities in the United States.

Now that's something to e-mail home about.

—Shelley Gazes '05



Sonia Ortiz '08 and Rachel Venuti '08

OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, BARNARD HAS CREATED 10 SPOTS ON CAMPUS WITH WIRELESS INTERNET CAPABILITY.

Women in Academia Still Face Bias, Panelists Say

Despite perceived advances for women, sex discrimination still exists in academic circles—a fact that was underscored in January by Harvard University President Lawrence H. Summers. At a conference about women succeeding in mathematics and science, Summers made remarks that, as he stated afterward, “resulted in an unintended signal of discouragement to talented girls and women.”

In December, the subtle discriminatory behaviors and actions that women in academia face were the subject of a panel at Barnard.

“Women continue to struggle with what are perceived individually as idiosyncratic circumstances,” said moderator Alison Wylie, professor of women’s studies and philosophy at Barnard. These inequalities can range from the seemingly mundane, such as not being recognized at faculty meetings, to the more obvious, such as not having oppor-

tunities to be promoted or seek tenure.

“Even tiny amounts of bias will add up to create major imbalance, much like compound interest,” echoed panelist Virginia Valian, professor of psychology at Hunter College, and author of *Why So Slow? The Advancement of Women* (MIT Press, 1999). Valian and fellow panelist Claude Steele, Lucy Stern Professor of Psychology at Stanford University, linked the type of discrimination experienced by women to entrenched social attitudes that can be difficult to alter.

Even well-respected academic institutions can practice, perhaps unwittingly, a form of discrimination that taken individually may not stand out as glaring acts of impropriety, but when repeated over time adds up to distinct differences in the treatment of men and women, said panelist Nancy Hopkins,

Amgen Inc. Professor of Biology at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Hopkins, the author of a pivotal report on the type of systemic discrimination she observed while teaching at MIT, noted that academic life continues to leave women behind: Of the 130 tenured faculty members at MIT, only 15 are women.

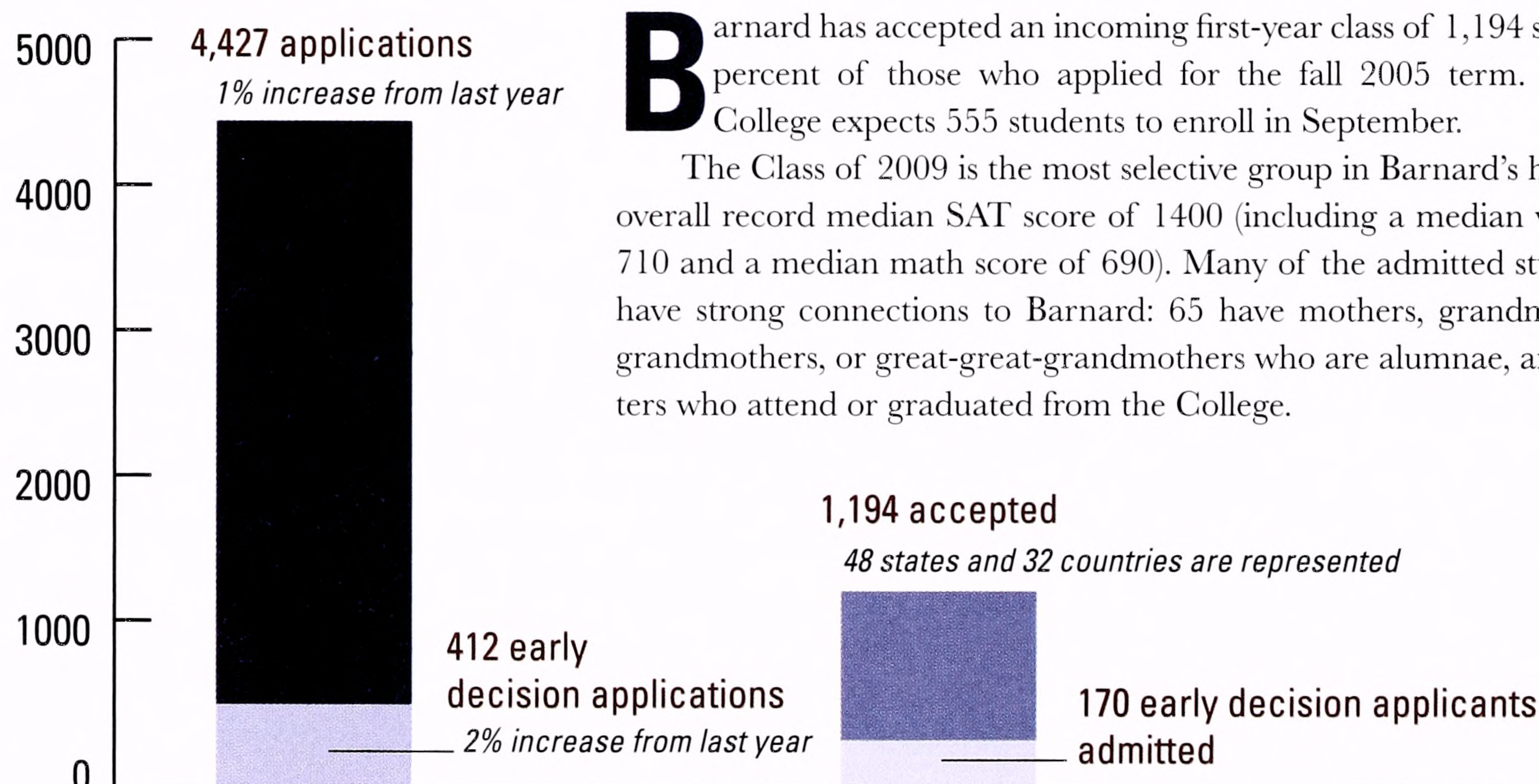
DISCRIMINATION IS PRESENT EVEN AT WELL-RESPECTED ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS.

To address these discrepancies, two Barnard professors—Sally Chapman, professor of chemistry, and Stephanie Pfirman, Alena Wels Hirschorn ’58 and Martin Hirschorn Professor of Environmental and Applied Sciences—have received grants from the National Science Foundation to research the status of women in academia. In Valian’s view, this type of leadership, combined with responsibility on the individual level, is what can bring about lasting change.

Sponsored by the Barnard Center for Research on Women, the panel was part of the annual Virginia C. Gilderleeve Colloquium.

—Juli Steadman Charkes ’88

Barnard Accepts 26.9 Percent of Applicants



Barnard has accepted an incoming first-year class of 1,194 students—26.9 percent of those who applied for the fall 2005 term. Of these, the College expects 555 students to enroll in September.

The Class of 2009 is the most selective group in Barnard’s history, with an overall record median SAT score of 1400 (including a median verbal score of 710 and a median math score of 690). Many of the admitted students already have strong connections to Barnard: 65 have mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, or great-great-grandmothers who are alumnae, and 35 have sisters who attend or graduated from the College.



Suiting Up for Job Interviews

When Elizabeth Masuhr '05 started the job-hunting process, figuring out what to wear to the interviews was stressful.

Since she'd worked previously in offices that had casual dress codes, "interviewing in a formal environment was a big change," says Masuhr, an American studies major from Ocean, N.J.

Recognizing that most undergraduates don't have a wardrobe full of business attire, the Office of Career Development

(OCD) started the Suitable Suits program in January 2004 to help students like Masuhr, says Cara Smith, associate director of internship programs.

Using a grant from Goldman Sachs Inc., career development staff members purchased 21 black suits from Casual Corner. "Anyone can wear black," Smith says. The suits, available in sizes 0 through 16, consist of a skirt, a long and a short jacket, and a pair of pants. Students can borrow a suit for up to a week, and sign a contract stating that they will have it cleaned before returning it. So far, about 75 students have borrowed suits to wear not only to job interviews, but also to career fairs, networking events, and graduate school interviews.

As Kim Barberich '92, associate director of programs for senior year, points out, "We help students to prepare résumés and cover letters, and to be ready for interviews. So if we're going to tell them, 'Wear a suit,' we can't expect them all to purchase suits." Providing them with a suit "is something our office wants to help them with as well." The OCD also offers seniors a set of 50 business cards for \$5.

Being able to borrow a suit has certainly helped Masuhr.

"I was so grateful to have the closet full of suits just waiting for me on campus," she says. "The program is fantastic, especially for students who know they are going to need a suit only once or twice for an interview."

For more wardrobe tips, check out www.barnard.edu/ocd/dress/home.htm.

—Merri Rosenberg '78

Putting Science Courses Under the Microscope

Barnard is among 38 colleges and universities selected to participate in the National Science Foundation's \$1.3 million Kaleidoscope Leadership Initiative.

The program will give the College "a sustained opportunity over the next two years to look at how we can improve introductory courses that Barnard students take to fulfill the laboratory science requirement and that serve as gateways to science majors and the health professions," says Elizabeth Boylan, provost of Barnard. "This effort builds on Barnard's strong tradition of preparing women in the sciences and medicine, and will involve faculty from all five laboratory science departments."

Accompanied by Boylan and Dorothy Urman Denburg '70, dean of the College, four Barnard faculty members attended the first Project Kaleidoscope workshop in Atlanta last November: Paul Currie, assistant professor of psychology; Linda Doerrer, assistant professor of chemistry; Christian Rojas, assistant professor of chemistry; and



Kristen Shepard, assistant professor of biological sciences.

Other Barnard faculty involved in this effort include Hilary Callahan, assistant professor of biological sciences; John Glendinning, associate professor of biological sciences; Stephanie Pfirman, Alena Wels Hirschorn '58 and Martin Hirschorn Professor in Environmental and Applied Sciences; Steven Stroessner, associate professor of psychology; and Martin Stute, associate professor of environmental science.

—Petra Tuomi



BARNARD TRIVIA

When was the last time the student handbook featured a dress code? *Answer: 1970-1971*

Can We Talk?

While Barnard has offered group counseling for years, the Rosemary Frankel Furman '58 Counseling Center now offers a variety of support groups to reach as many students as possible, says Mary Commerford, the center's director and a clinical psychologist who specializes in psychotherapy, eating disorders, and issues relating to spirituality and religion.

"It is a way to feel more connected, which I think is deeply important," she says. "We try to treat emotional problems of all kinds, from breakups of relationships to stress."

A group entitled "Where Do We Go from Here?" helps seniors deal with the seemingly daunting choices they face as recent college graduates. Other support groups include "Queer and Questioning;" "Circle of Sisters," for women of color; and "Body Balance," for students concerned about body image.

The groups are formed each semester based on student interest and then meet weekly throughout the term. One long-running group tackles loss of a parental figure. "It's great to have a group of other students who know what it is like," says Giselle Harrington, the group's facilitator. Harrington, a part-time therapist at the center, also directs Well-Woman, the health promotion program at Barnard.

The Furman Center also offers individual psychotherapy at no charge and sponsors events such as a depression screening. Two years ago, the center was relocated from the basement of Hewitt Hall to a high-traffic area on the ground floor of the residential Quad where Hewitt adjoins Brooks Hall.

The new facility, with a modern design in muted colors, was made possible by a generous gift from Rosemary Frankel Furman '58 and her husband, Richard. "It shows Barnard really values these services," notes Commerford.

—*Louise Kramer '79*



ON THE WEB

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VOICES IN THE NEWS

"I think I was given information by people who believed the information they were giving the president."

—*Judith Miller '69, a senior writer and investigative reporter for The New York Times, about reporting on weapons of mass destruction in Iraq (March 17 talk, University of California, Berkeley).*

"Some of the books I love now give me a glimpse of the things I would like to do, the person I would like to become—or the person I know I am."

—*Mary Gordon '71, Millicent C. McIntosh Professor of Writing, on the importance of books in her life (O, the Oprah magazine, February 2005).*

Campus Calendar

Commencement, May 17, 2:30 p.m. Presentation of Barnard degree candidates, Lehman Lawn (tickets required). Columbia University Commencement exercises will be held on the Columbia campus on May 18 at 10:30 a.m. For more information, go to www.barnard.edu/commencement/.

Reunion, June 2 through 5. Reconnect to each other, to the College, and to the best of ourselves! Register online at www.barnard.edu/alum/reunion/reunion2005.html or by calling 212-854-2005 or 800-869-5061.

Orientation, August 29. First-year students arrive on campus and move into their residence halls.

Browse the online calendar at www.barnard.edu.

What Causes Corruption?

Xiaobo Lü's political science colloquium explores this social phenomenon

Corruption. This familiar word wears the elusive guise of intrigue, deception, and foul play.

But what are its causes and how might it be controlled? These are the questions tackled in the colloquium on the political economy of corruption and its control (POLS 3500) taught by Xiaobo Lü, associate professor of political science.

Corruption can be defined as “actions that misuse public power for private benefits,” Lü says. “Corruption is in all societies, in all political systems—an authoritarian regime has it and a democracy has it. So we look at why it happens in different political systems and at different historical junctures.”

The class explores theories about corruption in the context of case studies. For example, readings about business relationships in China, Soviet resistance to reform, and bureaucracy in Romania provide socio-structural and psychological approaches to studying culture and corruption. In readings on developing countries in Africa and Latin America, students learn about common types of corruption, such as personal rule and kleptocracy, crony capitalism, and booty capitalism. They also examine corruption in democratic systems, and the impact of gender on corruption.

A class discussion follows each lecture. “This relaxed conversational approach created the best environment for participation and original thought,” says Maxine Kaye '05, a political science major from Minneapolis, Minn.



In stimulating critical thinking and encouraging students to arrive at their own conclusions, Lü aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of this social phenomenon.

You can read the course's complete syllabus at www.econ.barnard.edu/~polisci/courses/coll-sem.html#3500. Although this course is closed to alumnae auditors because it's a colloquium, many other courses at Barnard are open to alumnae auditors. For more information about auditing at Barnard, go to www.barnard.edu/alum/benefits/auditing.html or call Alumnae Affairs at 212-854-2005.

SELECTED READINGS

Corruption and the Global Economy

edited by Kimberly Ann Elliott (Institute of International Economy, 1997)

Political Corruption: Concepts and Contexts (third edition)

edited by Arnold J. Heidenheimer and Michael Johnston (Transaction Publishers, 2001)

Crony Capitalism: Corruption and Development in South Korea and the Philippines

by David C. Kang (Cambridge University Press, 2002)

Controlling Corruption

by Robert Klitgaard (University of California Press, 1988)

Cadres and Corruption

by Xiaobo Lü (Stanford University Press, 2000)

Corruption and Government: Causes, Consequences, and Reform

by Susan Rose-Ackerman (Cambridge University Press, 1999)

Corruption, Development and

Underdevelopment

by Robin Theobald (Duke University Press, 1990)

Corruption and Integrity Improvement Initiatives in Developing Countries

(United Nations Development Programme, 1998, <http://magnet.undp.org/Docs/efa/corruption.htm>)

Hands-on Human Rights

An internship fund honoring a Barnard professor supports students pursuing human rights work

Long before Jessica Coven '02 came to Barnard, she knew she wanted to be on the front lines of social change. "I grew up in a small town, and being an activist didn't seem like a viable profession," she says. "When I came to Barnard and decided that was what I wanted to do, everyone supported me, every step of the way."

That support came from many sources, including professors and peers. It also came in the form of a grant from the Halpern Family and Peter H. Juviler Human Rights Internship Fund, which awards stipends to students pursuing internships at human rights organizations. Cheryl Feldman Halpern '75, PA 01 04, established the fund in honor of Peter Juviler, professor emeritus of political



Ashley Fagnoli '05 discovered her senior thesis topic during her Halpern/Juviler internship.

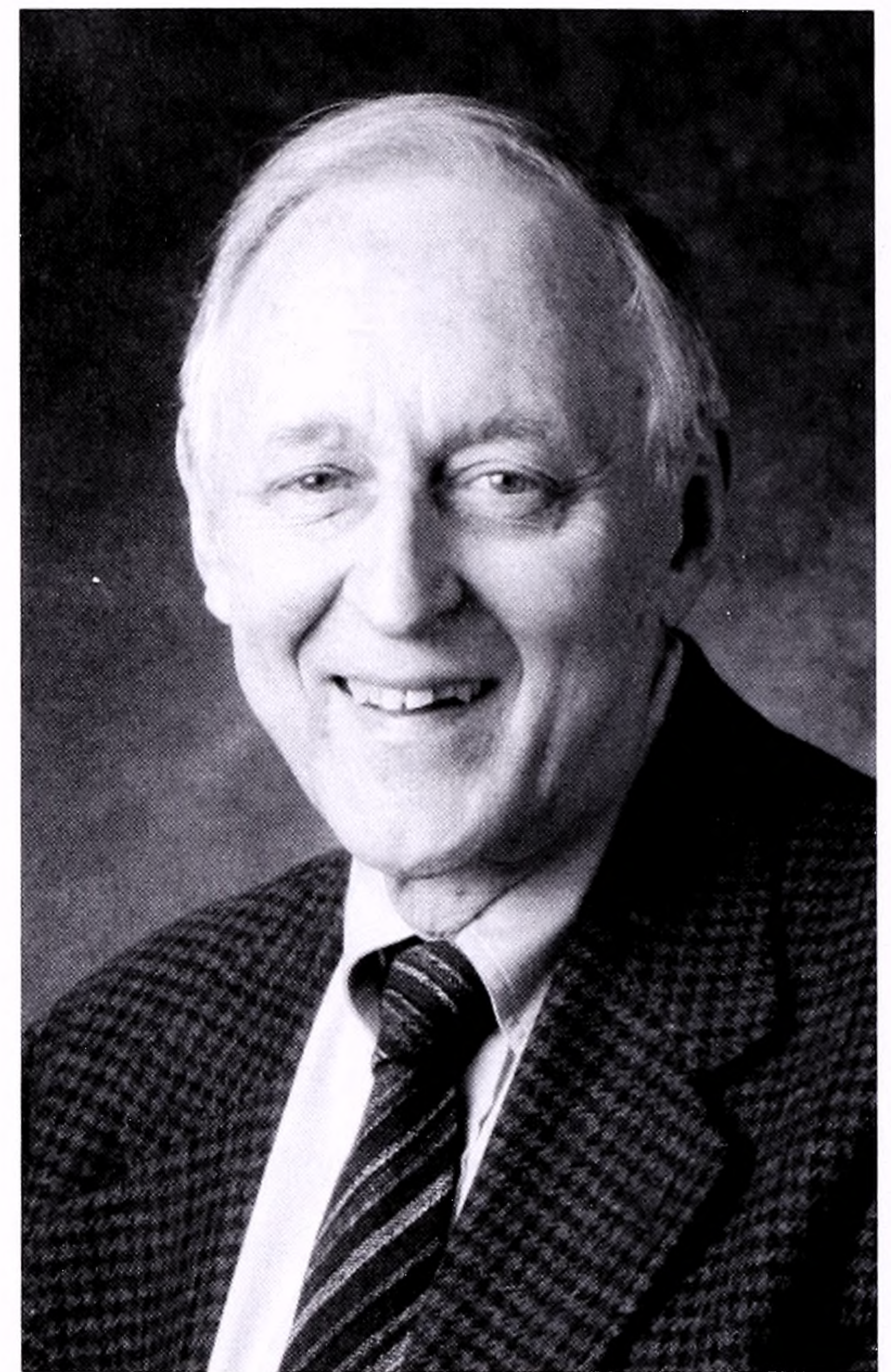
science and founding chair of Barnard's human rights program.

"When I was a first-year student, Peter introduced me to the world of international affairs," Halpern says. "He became my mentor, and when my two daughters [Yonina Halpern Gomberg '01 and Maeira Halpern '04] attended Barnard, he also mentored them. It's a privilege to honor him by providing an opportunity for Barnard women to promote democracy and fight ignorance across the world."

Juviler expresses gratitude but also surprise at the honor. "The success of the fellowship program is due to a great Barnard partnership," he says, "which includes my former student Cheryl as well as Professor Irene Bloom, who conceived the human rights program and continues to support it. The good work of our remarkable students encourages non-governmental organizations to keep turning to Barnard for interns."

Halpern/Juviler interns often focus on a specific population. For example, Anna Danziger '06, who is majoring in history and human rights, interned for the Women's Environment and Development Organization. "The organization sees gender equality as fundamentally inseparable from human rights concerns, such as sustainable development, social and economic justice, and peace and security," Danziger explains.

History major Ashley Fagnoli '05 decided to learn more about women's rights in Europe by working with the American Friends Service Committee, an organization that provides social and technical assistance to victims of war and repression. During her internship, she



The fund honors Peter H. Juviler, professor emeritus of political science.

helped develop a report about the trafficking of women and children from Croatia into the European Union. "About 120,000 women and children are trafficked from Eastern Europe into Western Europe every year. I became immersed in the subject and came to realize what a problem it is." As a result of her internship, Fagnoli is exploring Italy's legislative response to this crisis in her senior thesis.

Many Halpern/Juviler interns go on to pursue careers in education, advocacy, activism, and human services. Coven, who received a Halpern/Juviler grant for her internship with Students for a Free Tibet, now serves on its board of directors. She is also a professional activist with Greenpeace, engaging in activities ranging from U.N. policy debates to media interviews to peaceful protests. "I think human rights and the environment couldn't possibly be linked more," she says. "We have to take a holistic approach to how we use our natural resources and who has the right to use them."

Maisha Quint '03 interned at the Center for Constitutional Rights when she was a student; she estimates that the center turned down 10 cases for every case it took. "I left with a deep understanding about the great need for more folks to do human rights work," she says. She has continued her commitment to social justice at Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, a San Francisco-based organization. "We seek to improve the overall health of incarcerated women and their families," she explains. "I've listened to their stories about how they're treated inside, and it's impossible not to be disturbed by it. But they also have an amazing grace, and an amazing strength."

These Barnard women are safeguarding human rights in diverse ways, yet all agree that the fund offered them support—both financial and moral—at a crucial point in their lives. As Quint points out, "The fund sends an important and powerful message from the College and the donor: this is valued work, and if you choose do to it, we will help you."

To make a gift to the fund in honor of Professor Juviler, contact the Office of Development at 212-854-2001 or e-mail development@barnard.edu.

—Amy E. Hughes



Former Halpern/Juviler intern Jessica Coven '02 is now a professional activist with Greenpeace.

\$2.6 MILLION ORGANIC CHEMISTRY LABORATORY OPENS

More than 100 students will use new lab each semester



The renovated George Wilhelm Merck Organic Chemistry Laboratory offers more space and upgraded safety features.

Chemistry faculty and students have something new to boast about: a \$2.6 million state-of-the-art organic chemistry laboratory, located on the seventh floor of Altschul Hall. Up to 26 students can be accommodated in the newly renovated George Wilhelm Merck Organic Chemistry Laboratory, which is equipped with individual chemical-fume exhaust hoods. It not only accommodates larger classes, but also widens the range of experiments they can conduct.

According to Provost Elizabeth Boylan, "The new laboratory reflects Barnard's strong, long-term commitment to helping more women choose the sciences for their future careers. Our investment in teaching, faculty and student research, and facilities has been recognized by such prestigious programs as the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the G.E. Science for the Futures program, which support

our efforts. Now we have another magnificent laboratory where organic chemistry students can learn and extend their creativity in an enabling environment."

Several generous gifts from individuals and foundations funded the renovation, including a \$1 million lead gift from an anonymous donor. Anne Junia Cassell Doan '59 and Herbert D. Doan, Dr. Alison Estabrook '74, Trustee Emerita Patricia F. Green '62, Dr. Faye Lee '71, Dr. Barrie Langer Peyser '83, and Gabrielle Yen '84 helped underwrite the project; and the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, George I. Alden Trust, and the Merck Company Foundation also offered substantial support.

The new lab was recently featured in a "CBS Sunday Morning" story on women in the sciences, with commentary by President Judith Shapiro. Streaming video of the segment is available at www.barnard.edu/newscenter.

—AEH

Emphasizing Education

New fund will support Barnard's education program



Left to right: President Judith Shapiro; Susan Sacks, professor and director of education initiatives; Lee Anne Bell, Barbara Silver Horowitz Director of Education; and Barbara Silver Horowitz.

A new fund at Barnard, the Barbara Silver Horowitz Education Fund, will support the program's director and provide student training, public outreach, and library offerings for the College's acclaimed education program. On February 27, an event honoring Barbara Silver Horowitz and her husband featured a panel with education students and alumnae, as well as a performance by the Honors Repertory of Talented Unlimited High School.

Barbara Silver Horowitz, who took courses in the education program when it was first established at Barnard, worked as a teacher and guidance counselor in New York City public schools. "Things have changed radically since I was a teacher," she says. "Society doesn't seem to put the same emphasis on education that it once did. I hope this fund will sustain and encourage the wonderful students who have chosen to pursue this important profession."

Most students in Barnard's program gain their initial teaching experience in the city's public schools. "As teachers and intellectuals, they have important roles to play," says Lee Anne Bell, the inaugural Barbara Silver Horowitz Director of Education. "They understand the importance of public education in a diverse democratic society, and can articulate a vision for schooling that addresses the issues of quality, equity, and social justice facing our schools today." Professor of Education Susan Sacks, who preceded Bell as director, expanded the education program and heightened Barnard's profile citywide as a noted trainer of educators. She is now serving as the College's director of education initiatives.

Barbara Silver Horowitz concludes, "At Barnard, women learn they can do anything and everything, and as educators, they will teach future generations that they can, too."

—AEH

LEARNING TO LEAD

A new initiative will foster the next generation of women leaders

A leadership gift from a family previously unaffiliated with the College will establish The Barnard Initiative for Women in Leadership, designed to foster the leadership skills of students planning corporate and political careers. The gift will provide seed money for course development, faculty research, student projects, mentoring, and other activities. The initiative was inspired by the donors' interest in creating gender equity at the highest levels of business and government by offering support to promising women during their undergraduate years.

Students participating in the initiative will take several courses in different disciplines, culminating in a two-semester senior thesis seminar. They will obtain practical and academic knowledge about successful leadership as well as mentoring by accomplished alumnae. At an annual symposium, students will present their projects to a panel of corporate and government leaders, who will provide guidance and feedback.

According to Barnard Trustee Francene Sussner Rodgers '67, who helped design the program in partnership with the donors, "This initiative gives Barnard the resources to create groundbreaking curricula focused on preparing students to adjust, thrive, and be agents of change at work. What better place than Barnard College in New York City to immerse students in academic and real-world knowledge of the unique challenges women face, and give them strategies for success?"

For more information about supporting The Barnard Initiative for Women in Leadership, contact the Office of Development at 212-854-2001 or e-mail development@barnard.edu.

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Continuing Education

When Bettina Liebowitz Knapp '47 began studying French at Barnard under Professor Marguerite Mespoulet, she didn't know which direction her life and studies were heading. But she quickly found her calling in

the professor's difficult small-group classes, where fluency in the language was a prerequisite. The French literature classes utilized a method called explication of the text, which demanded thoughtful analysis and interpretation. "Without that method I don't know what I would have done. It's the key to writing, teaching, and learning," Knapp says. Armed with her knowledge, Knapp embarked on a career of study and interpretation, perfecting her methods and passing her insights on to generations of students at Columbia University, where she completed her master's in history and her Ph.D. in French literature. She left Columbia to teach French and comparative literature at Hunter College and at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, where she taught for the next 38 years and was awarded the honor of being named Thomas Hunter Professor.

She has interviewed playwrights, contemporary thinkers, and writers, including Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir; and has authored biographies and studies of such luminaries as Jean Cocteau, Jean Genet, and Louis Jouvet. "They liked what I wrote. Everyone I interviewed was wonderful to me," she says. "I was lucky. How all this happened, I don't know. I just seemed to glide into these things."

Although she treasured the summers she spent in France doing research, she most enjoyed teaching and mentoring students. Creating new courses each year was essential to staying current and keeping students energized. "If a teacher doesn't keep learning, she or he should retire," she says. "A teacher should be stimulating. A teacher should continue to study, read, and keep up with the subject he or she professes and with life itself. You can't pass it on when you don't feel it yourself."

Throughout her career, Knapp has authored more than



Prolific author Bettina Liebowitz Knapp '47 says that teaching is one of her greatest joys.

50 books on topics ranging from mythology to classical literature to women's studies. She was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship and was honored by the French government with the *Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres*, a knighthood granted to those who have contributed tremendously to French culture and education.

She continues to write and publish during what she describes as her semiretirement, and occasionally mentors Ph.D. candidates on their dissertations. "I like to help those who need help. I wanted to give students as much help as possible," she says.

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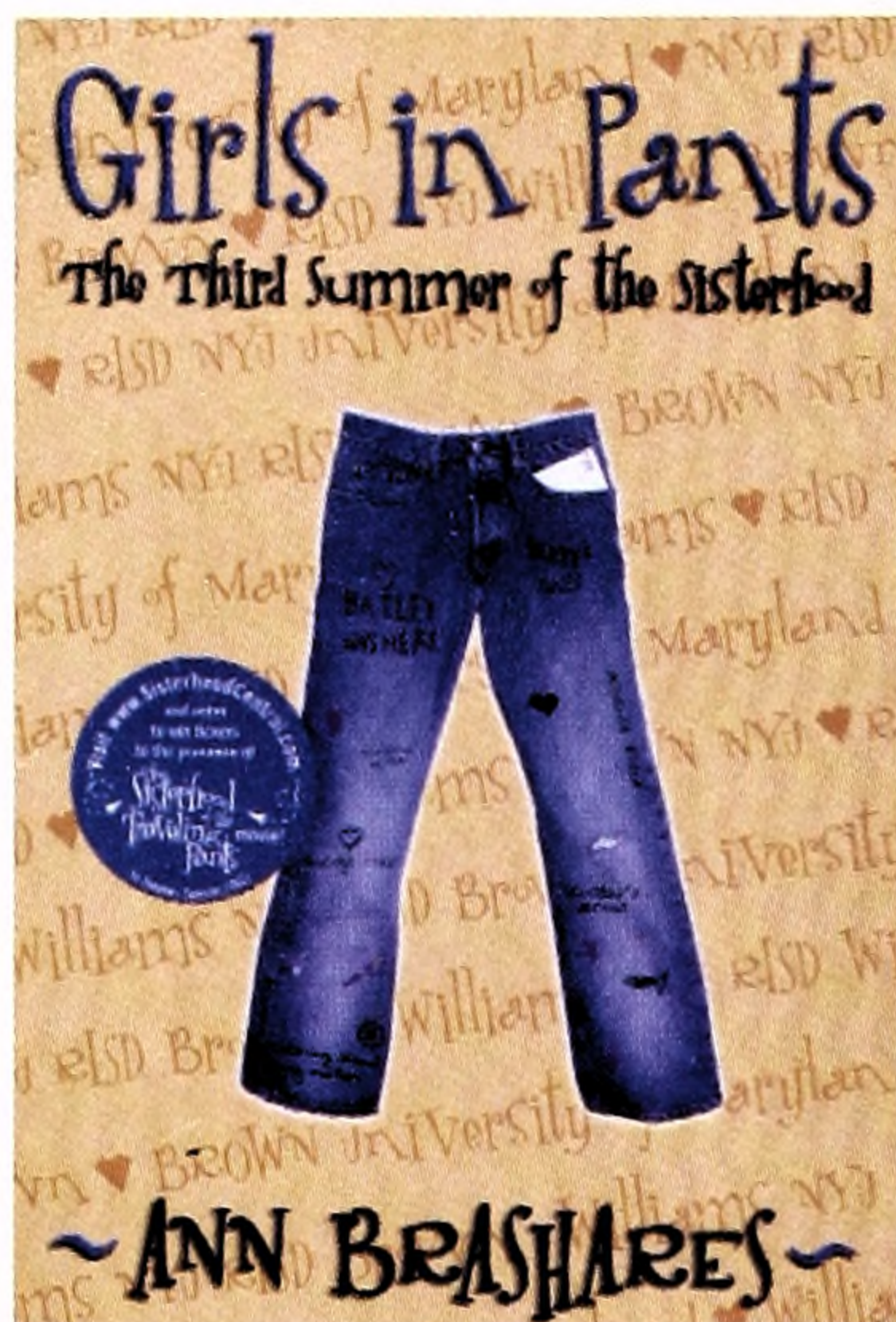
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The Practice of Deceit: A Novel

by Elizabeth (Neiditz) Benedict '76
Houghton Mifflin, 2005,
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by Ann Brashares '89
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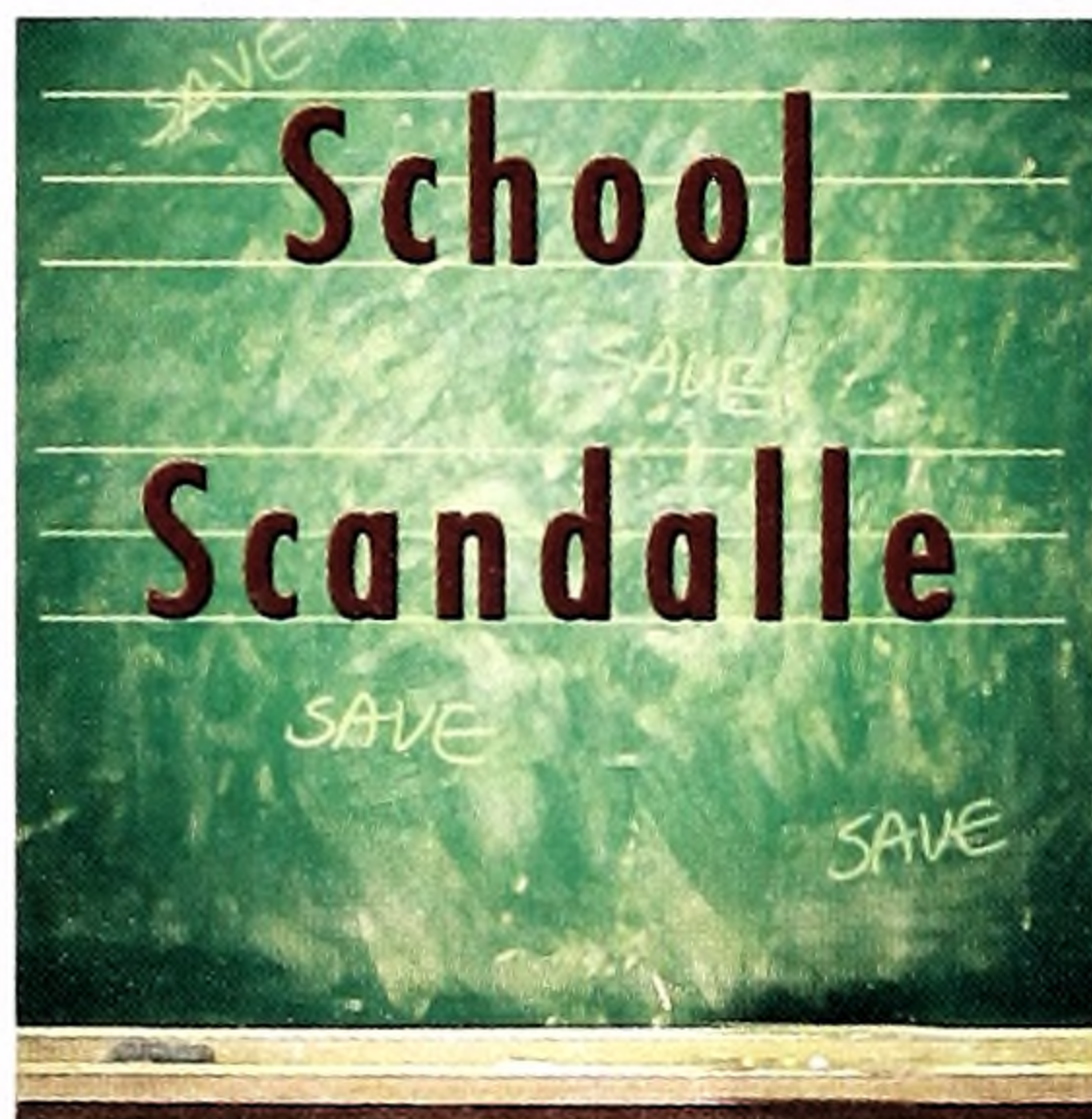
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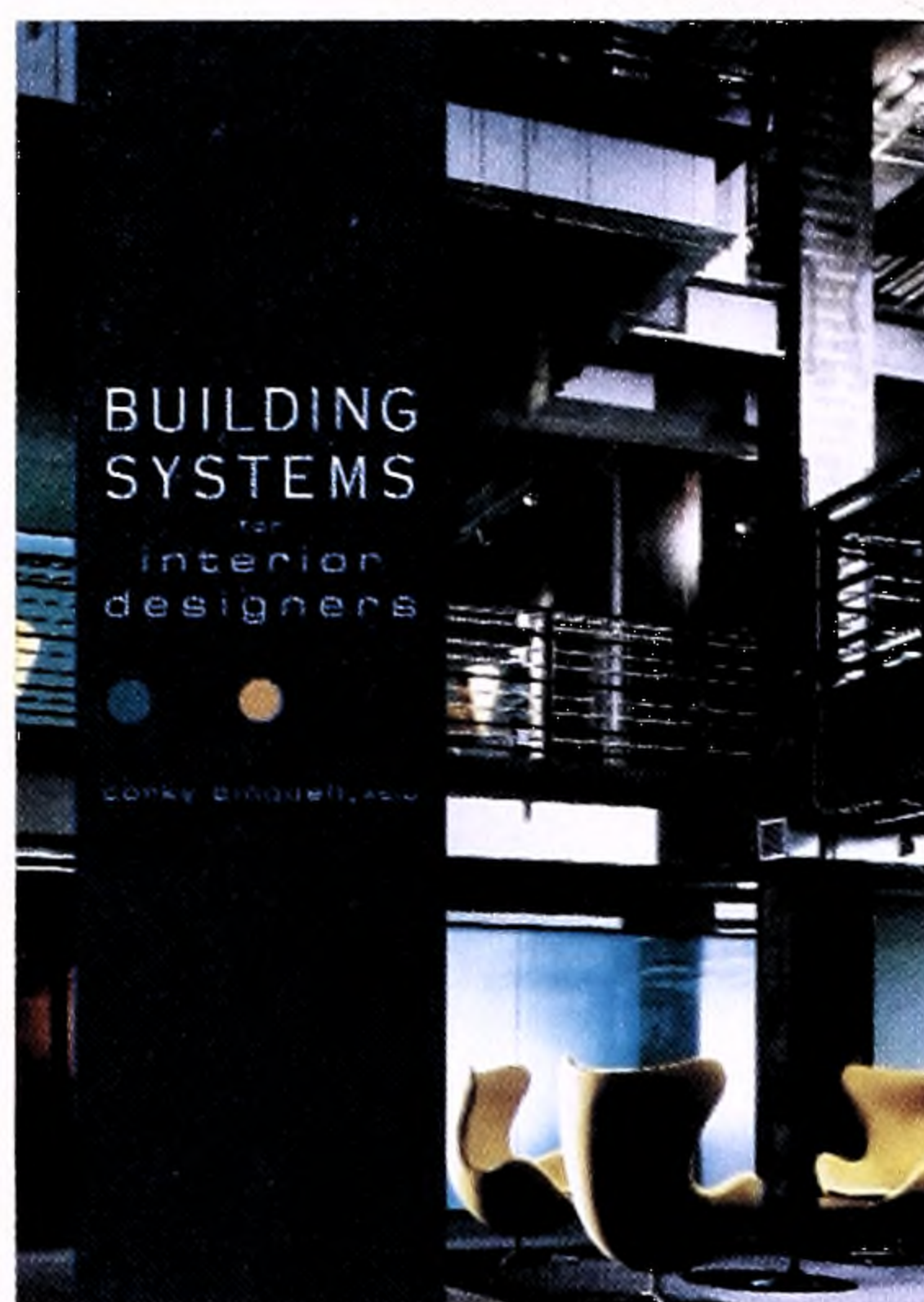
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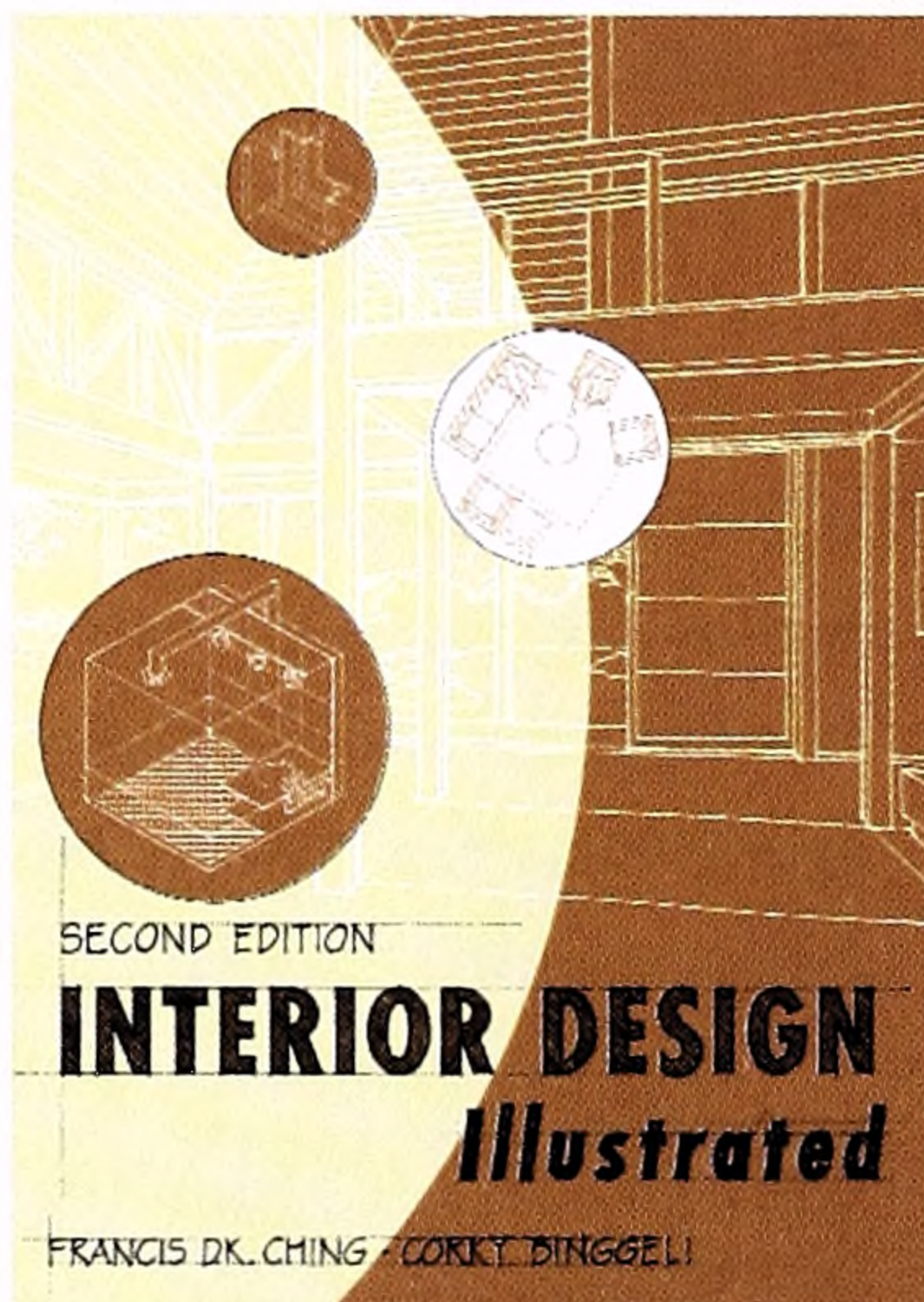
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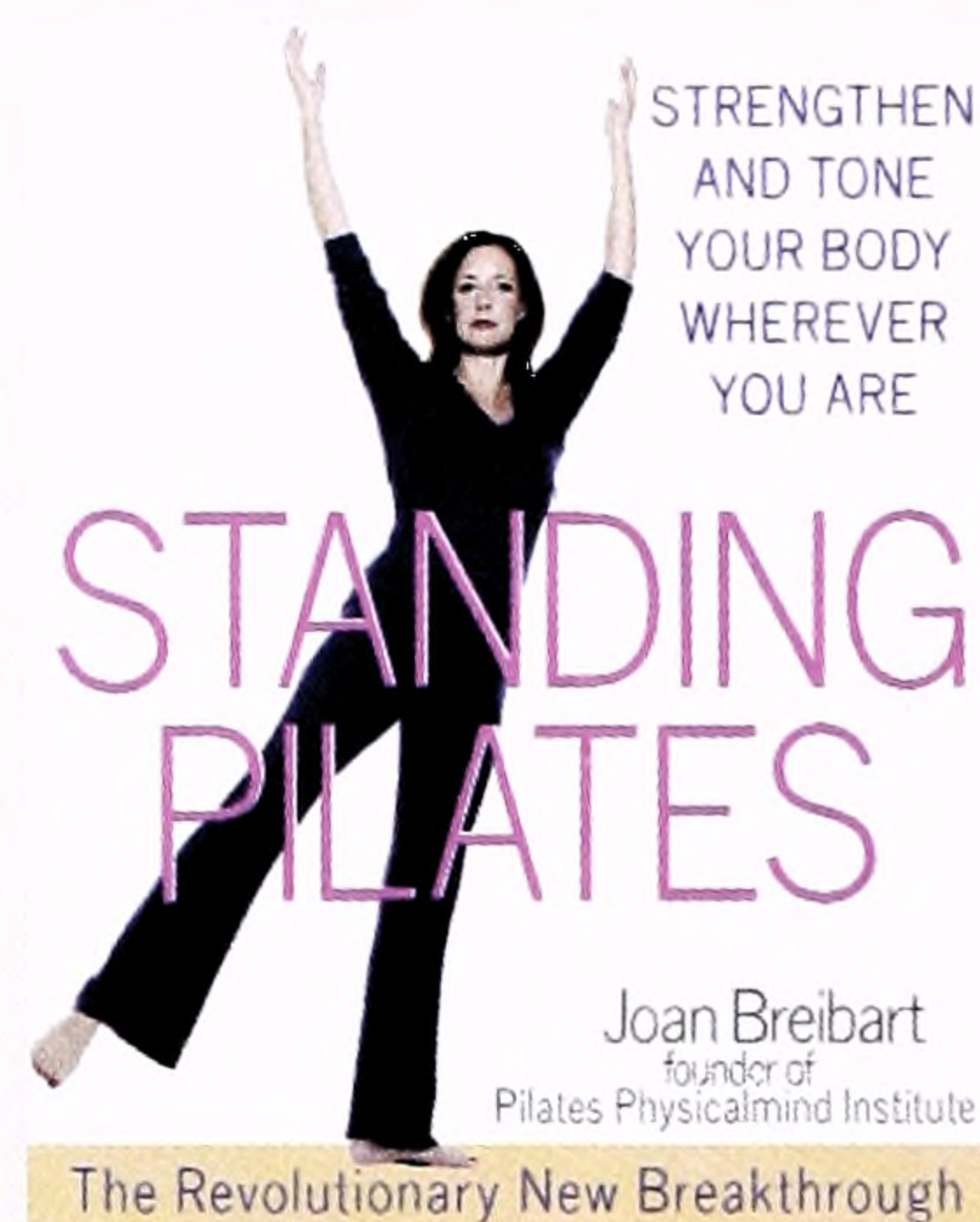
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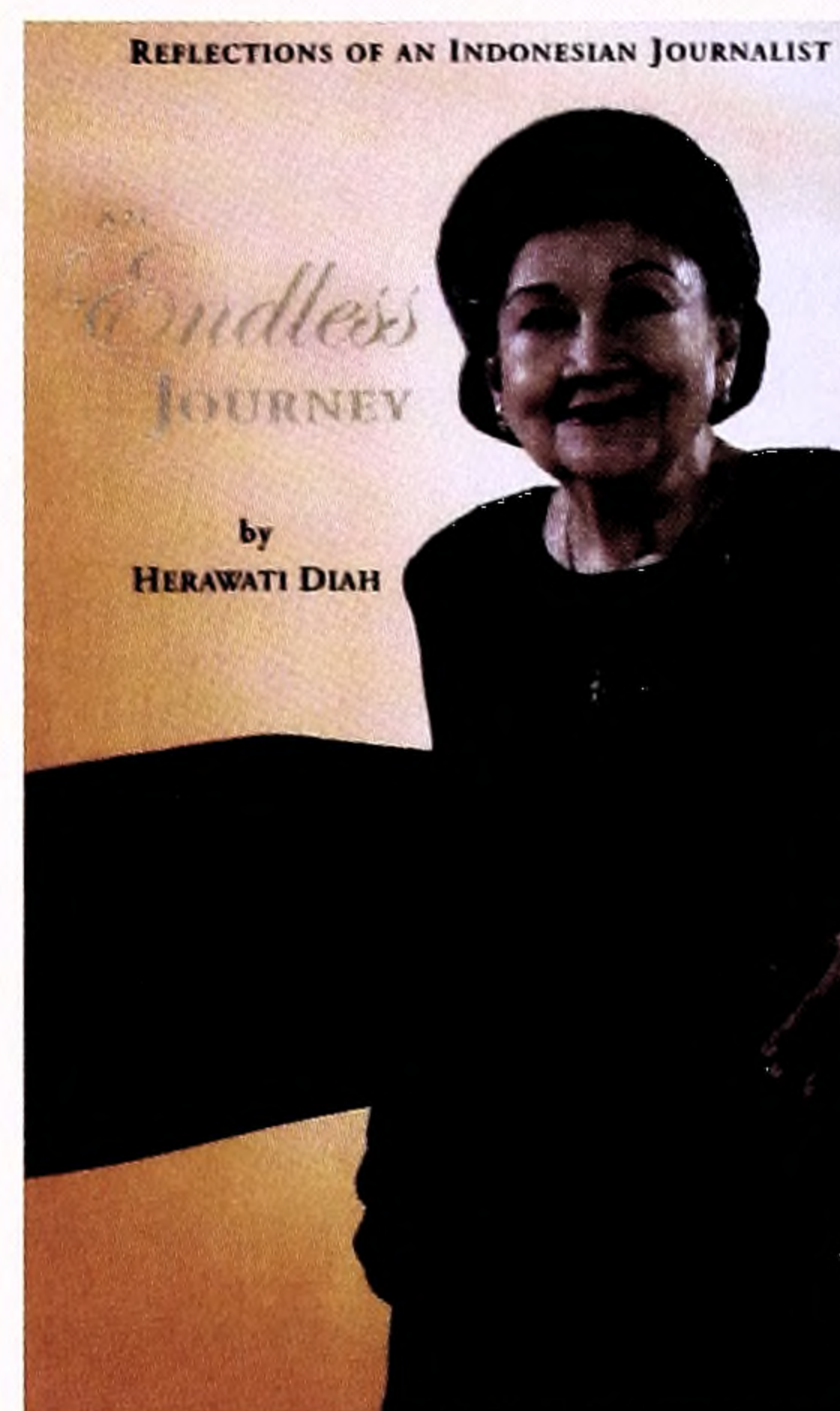


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An Endless Journey: Reflections of an Indonesian Journalist

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Why Do I Scream at God for the Rape of Babies?

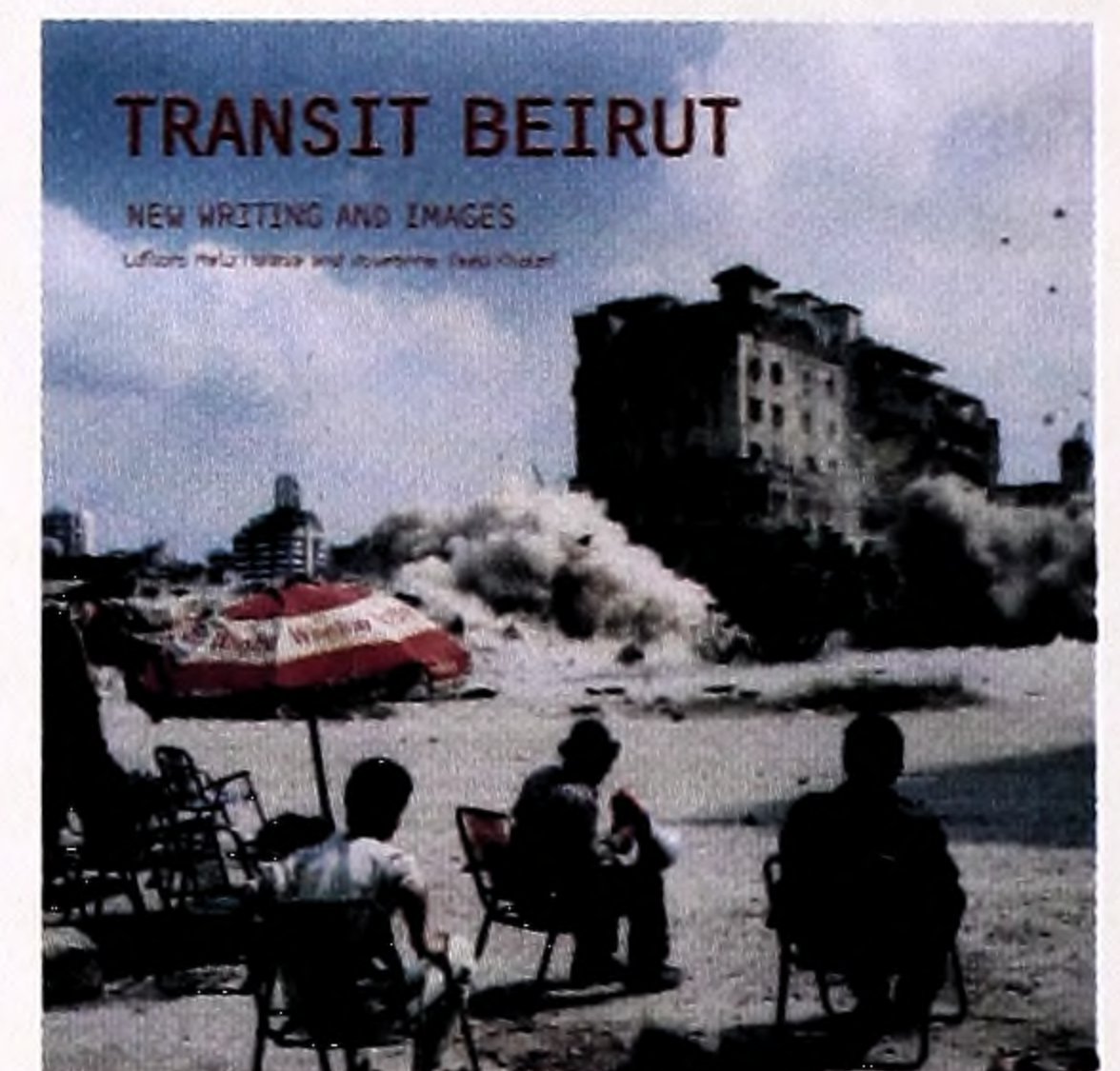
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North Atlantic Books, 2004,
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Workman Publishing, 2004,
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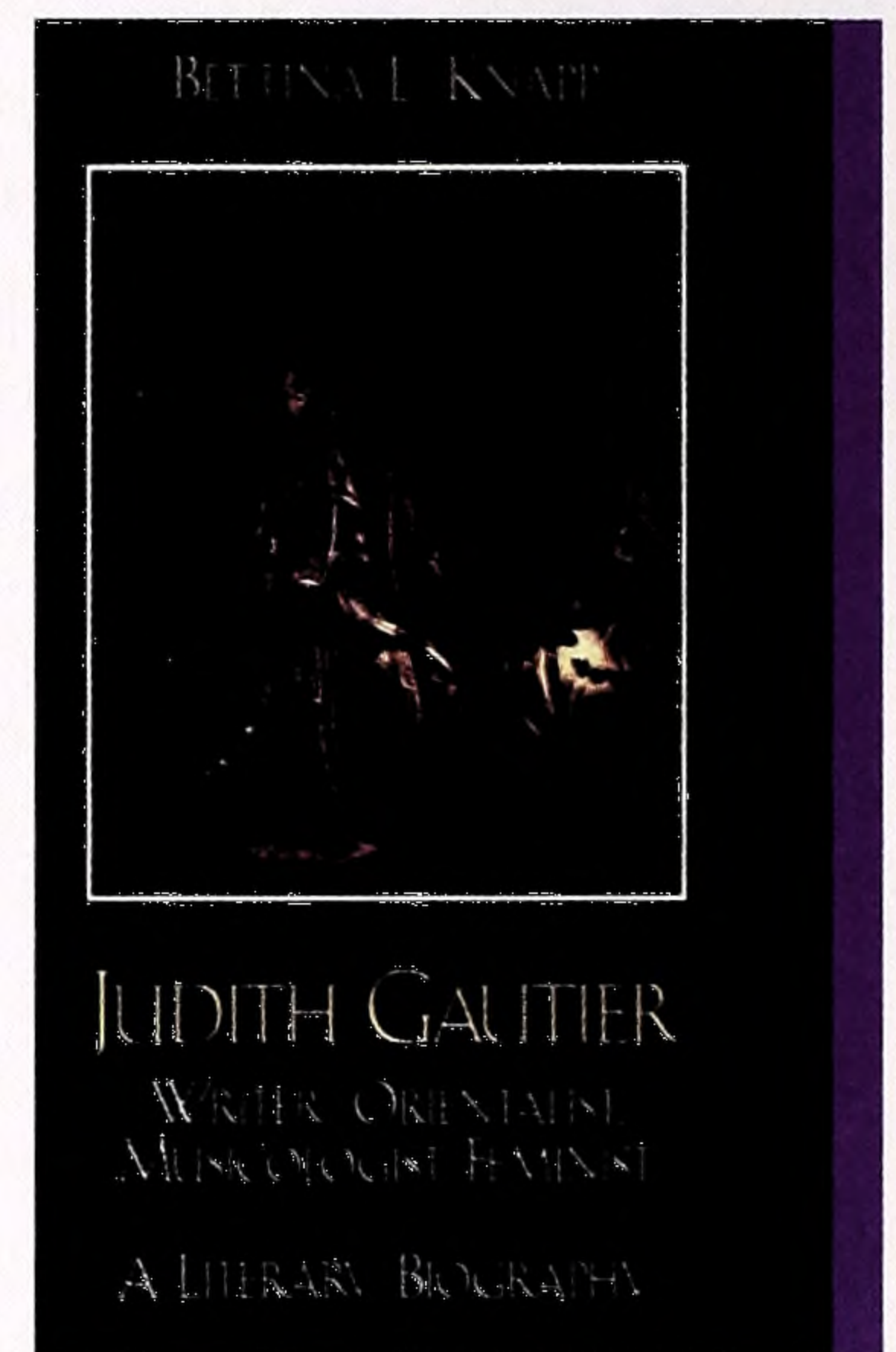
Transit Beirut: New Writings and Images

edited by Malu (Maria) Halasa '79
and Roseanne Khalaf
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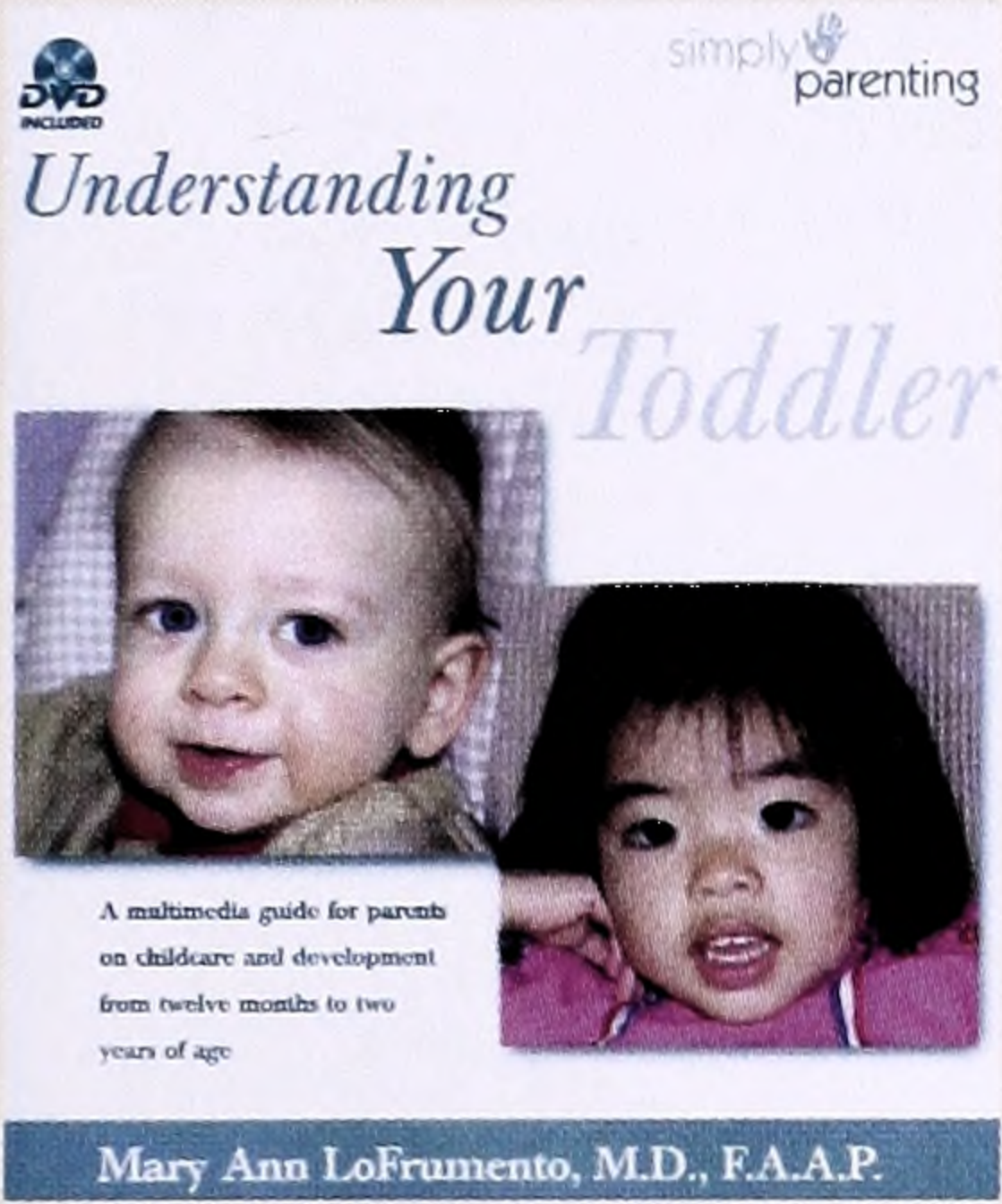
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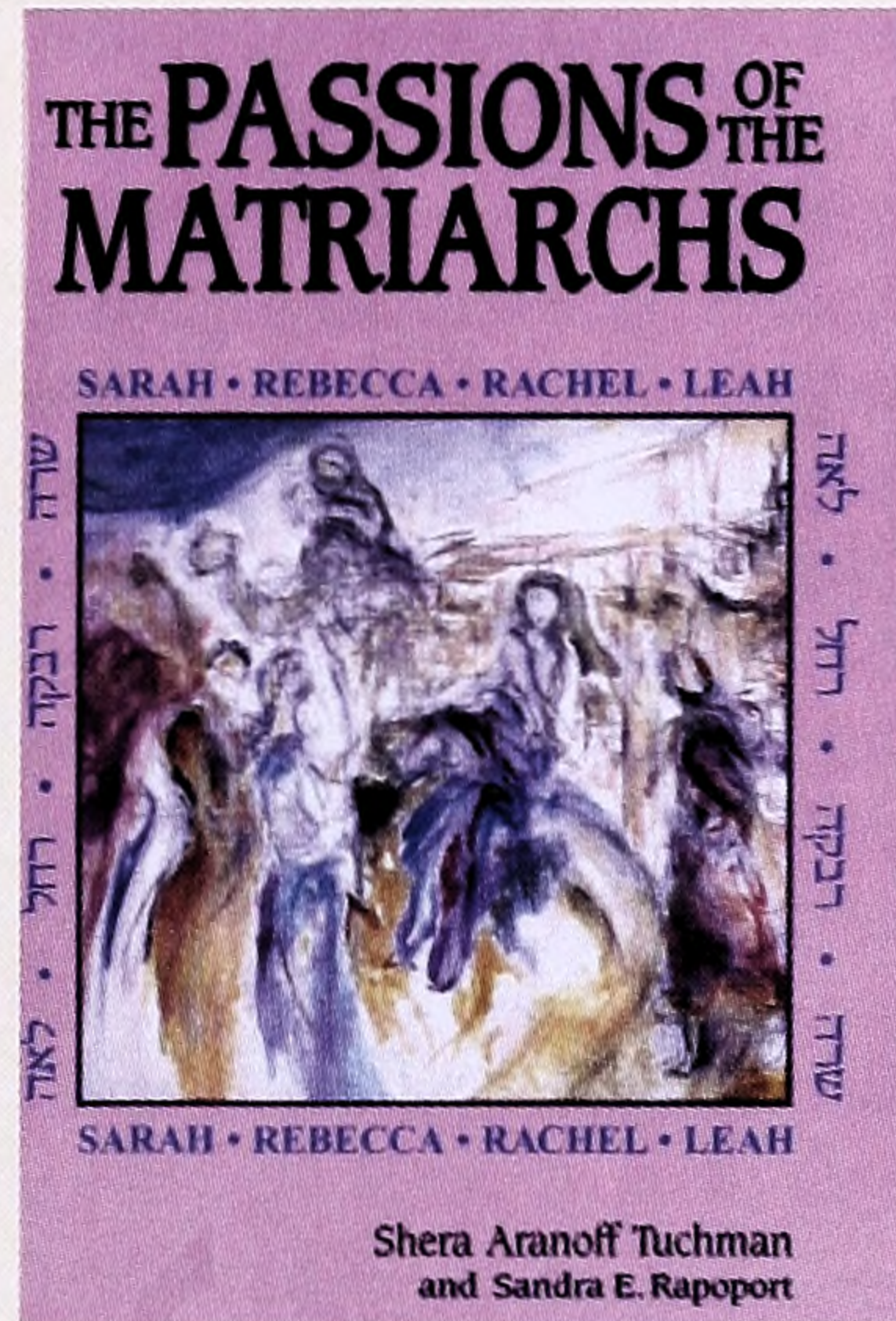
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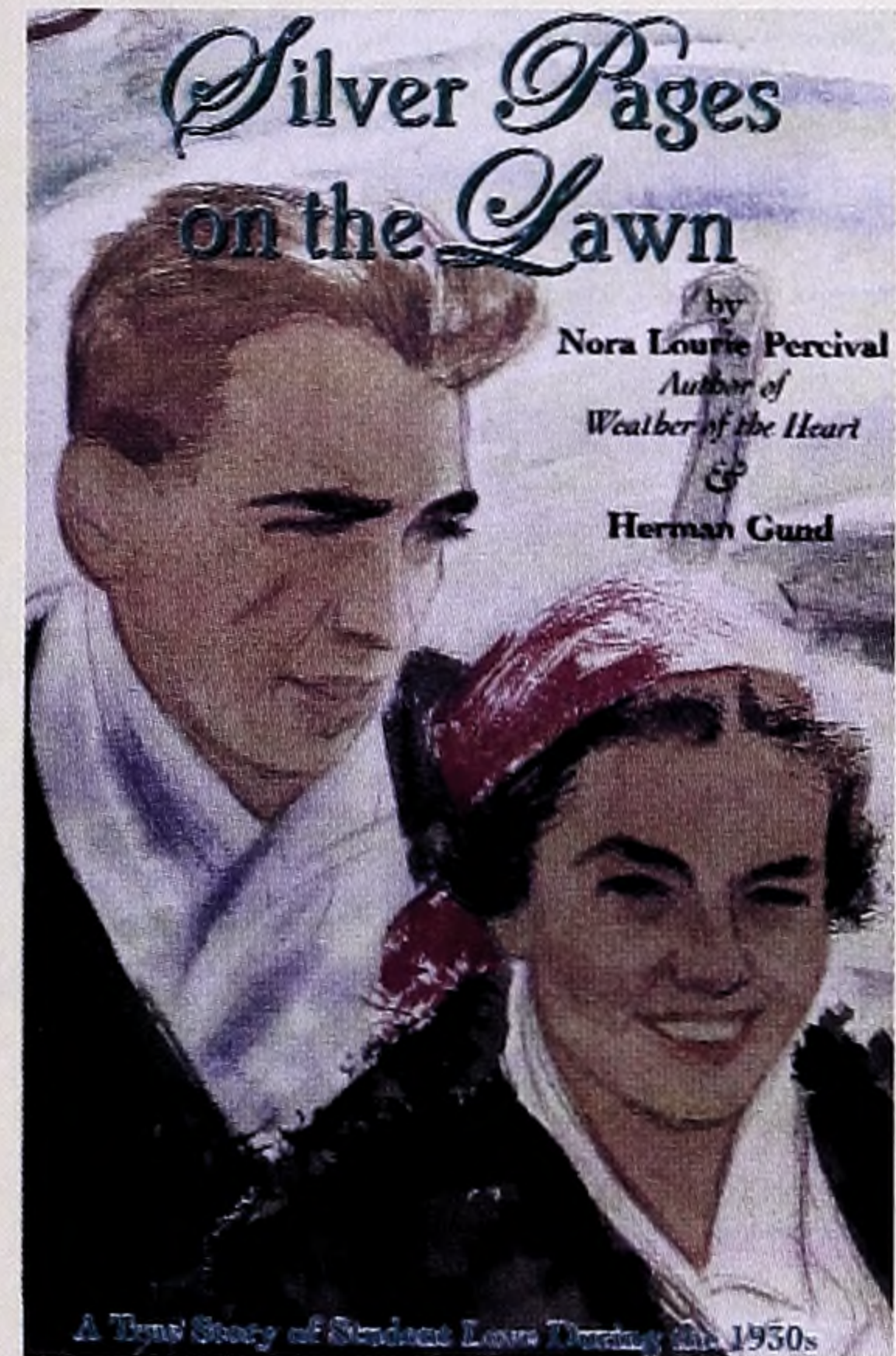
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by Shera Aranoff Tuchman '69 and Sandra E. Rapoport
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Kent Hollow Press, 2005, \$19.95



The Resilient Writer: Tales of Rejection and Triumph by Twenty Top Authors
by Catherine Wald '76
Persea Books, 2004, \$14.95

The Time of Your Life: The Best of Genie Wheeler's Columns on Aging Issues
by Eugenie (Grier) Wheeler '40
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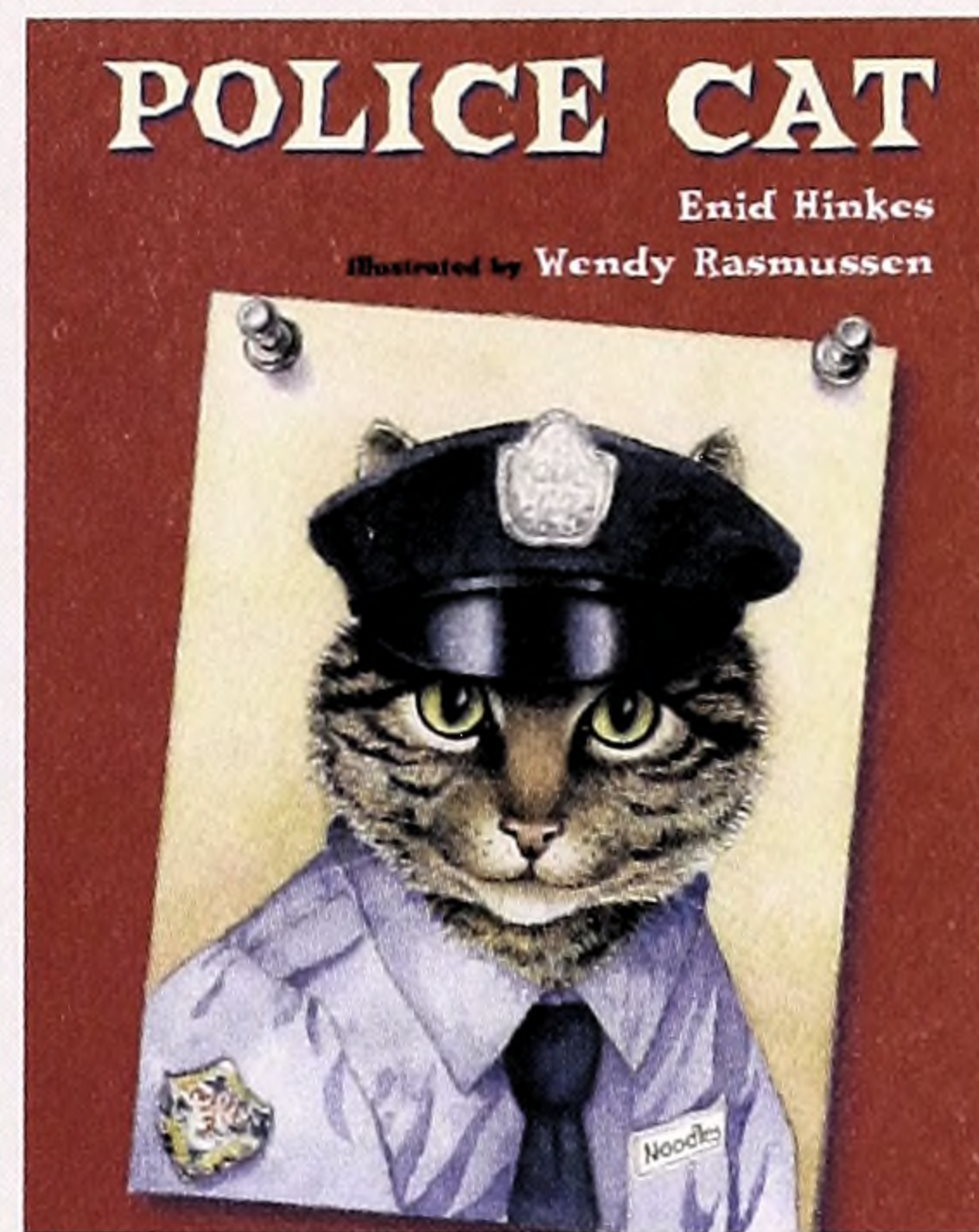
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Police Cat
by Enid Hinkes '65 and Wendy Rasmussen (illustrator)
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The Aphasia Handbook: A Guide for Stroke and Brain Injury Survivors and Their Families
edited and adapted by Martha Taylor Sarno and Joan (Friedman) Peters '83
National Aphasia Association, 2004, \$29.95

Being Perfect
by Anna Quindlen
Random House, 2005, \$12.95

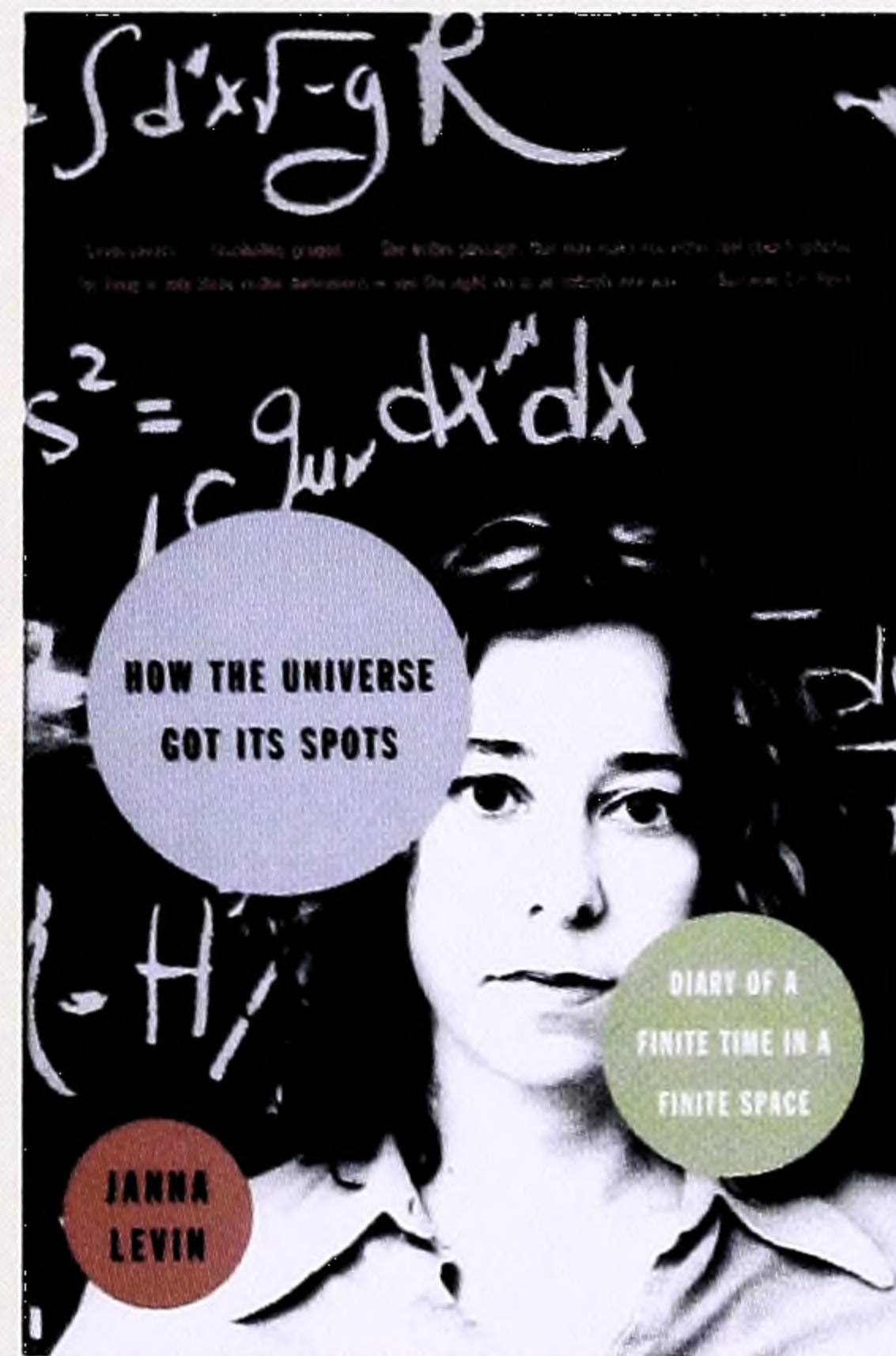
Becoming an African University: Makerere, 1922-2000
by Carol (Marks) Sicherman '58
Africa World Press, 2005, \$34.95/\$109.95



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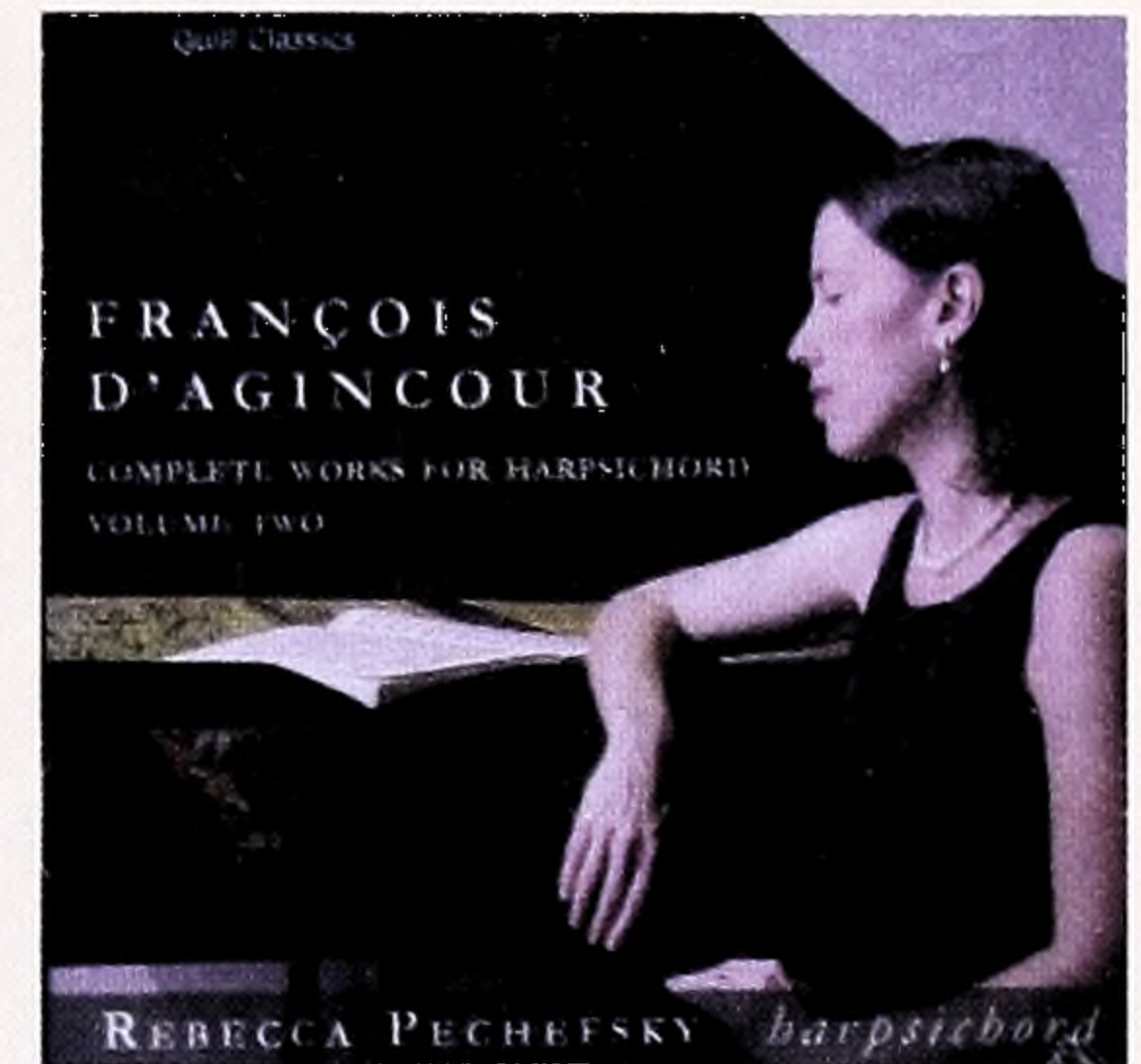
Legacies of Twentieth Century Dance
by Lynn Garafola '68, term professor of dance
Wesleyan University Press, 2005, \$27.95

How the Universe Got Its Spots: Diary of a Finite Time in a Finite Space
by Janna Levin '88, assistant professor of physics and astronomy
Princeton University Press, 2002, \$13/\$24.95



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Quill Classics, 2004, \$15



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photographs by Alice Attie '74
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paintings by Tali Gai '01
St. Botolph Club, Boston, Mass., May 5 through June 27



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Making College a Reality

AN ALUMNA'S INNOVATIVE PROGRAM STEERS POTENTIAL HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS BACK TO THE CLASSROOM

By Merri Rosenberg '78

Photos by Alex Ze'evi-Christian

At Middle College High School

at LaGuardia Community College in Queens, N.Y., there are no metal detectors or bells that announce the beginning and end of class. There are no monitors or teachers in the cafeteria, a popular gathering spot for students to hang out in between classes. When the weather is nice, the principal's office serves as a skateboard "garage." Students, who can carry cell phones and are free to dress as they please, are even on a first-name basis with their teachers.

“You can't teach kids to be adults without allowing them the freedom of adults,” says Aaron Listhaus, the school's principal. “You have to work with kids in a developmental way.”

Except for the lockers that line the corridors, it's nearly impossible to distinguish the space that the high school inhabits from that of LaGuardia Community College, part of the City University of New York. The location serves to inspire high school students to pursue a college education and gives them the opportunity to easily take college classes. While 66 percent of students at Middle College High School arrive with below-grade-level skills, many are taking and excelling in classes at LaGuardia by the time they're high school juniors, Listhaus says.

Middle College High School, the first public high school-college collaborative program in the nation, was founded 30 years ago by Janet Rubensohn Lieberman '43, an educational psychologist.

Her goal was to take students who weren't doing well in high school—many of whom were at risk of dropping out—and get them into college. “I knew these large high schools of 3,000 can't reach these young people who need more individual attention and understanding,” says Lieberman,



“When you treat schools like jails, then the students behave like criminals.”

▲ FOUNDER JANET RUBENSOHN LIEBERMAN '43

special assistant to the president for educational collaboratives at LaGuardia Community College. So she started a school on a college campus that, with enrollment capped at 450, is small enough for the principal to know each student by name.

Students who come to Middle College High School usually perform at a grade level that's two years behind, often as a result of extended absences. Many face emotional, academic, social, and financial challenges. Although exams aren't used to select students, they must demonstrate a willingness to commit to the rigorous program, Lieberman says.

"Lieberman's approach runs counter to the typical assumption that underachieving students need more remediation rather than challenge," says Rob Baird, vice president for school-university partnerships at the Woodrow Wilson

National Fellowship Foundation in Princeton, N.J. "Lieberman believes just the opposite—that underachieving students need to be challenged, but they also need the proper support and assistance."

Students appear to be receptive to the program's message that they're not only ready for college, but also worthy of attending. In a paper published in 2004 by Jobs for the Future, Lieberman cites data from the New York City Board of Education on the category "alternative schools" that reflects impressive results from Middle College High School. From 1990 through 2000, 97 percent of the students at Middle College High School stayed in school (compared to about a 70 percent retention rate in the city as a whole), 87 percent graduated, and 90 percent of the graduates went on to college.

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▼AARON LISTHAUS, PRINCIPAL OF MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL



Although it has become fashionable lately to re-organize large, factory-model high schools into smaller high schools, particularly in New York, Lieberman is clear that the Middle College High School model isn't simply about dividing up a large school into smaller units.

"It's being on a college campus that's extremely important," she says. At Middle College High School, she explains, the expectation is "Where are you going to college?" not "Are you going to college?" With access to LaGuardia's facilities, including the library, cafeteria, and gym, students see that, "college looks desirable," she says. As a result, students gain confidence in their ability to survive and even thrive in that world.

"When you give them the best possible environment that's clean and safe, they live up to it," she says. "Adolescents are very responsive to their environment. Our students will say, 'The building is very clean. It shows they care about us.' When you treat schools like jails, then the students behave like criminals. Environment makes a lot of difference, especially for underprivileged kids."

The school day follows the typical high school hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and students must still take state-mandated Regents exams. But students aren't grouped by ability, and

ALUMNAE WHO HAVE STARTED SCHOOLS

classes are conducted in 70-minute blocks that allow time for in-depth discussions and projects, such as plays. "You can do more creative teaching when you have longer periods," Lieberman says.

One of the program's distinctive features is its intensive guidance system. Three counselors serve the 450 students, who receive daily counseling. Starting in their sophomore year, students also participate in a rigorous internship program that introduces them to the working world through a position at a school, hospital, community agency, or police station. Students also take personal and career development courses that are designed to show them the connection between education and work.

The program has received more than 30 education awards, most recently the prestigious Harold W. McGra, Jr. Prize in Education in 2004. Lieberman's talent is in "getting students to believe in themselves, to believe that college is a place for them. By putting Middle College High School on a community college campus, students can see people like themselves who are getting a college education," says Harold Wechsler, professor of education at the Margaret S. Warner School of the University of Rochester.

The model Lieberman developed has been replicated throughout the nation, with about 30 middle college high schools, affiliated with local community colleges, serving about 7,000 students. In addition, the Middle College National Consortium was started in 1993 to provide professional development for secondary and post-secondary public-sector educators at these schools.

Five years ago, Lieberman started the Early College High School, an offshoot of the middle college high school concept. Through the early college model, high school juniors and seniors take college courses and can earn an associate's degree from a community college. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation embraced the concept, and recently pledged millions to develop similar programs around the country.

Lieberman also has been instrumental in bringing some students to Barnard through the intercollegiate partnership with LaGuardia Community College, a program that aims to improve the transition for students moving from a two-year to a four-year college. Students in the program participate in a residential summer program and science research project at Barnard, and can enroll in academic classes at Barnard the following year.

Generations of Barnard alumnae have been teachers, principals, superintendents, deans, and heads of schools. The following are some alumnae who, like **Janet Rubensohn Lieberman '43**, have followed their vision and launched schools of their own.

Alisa Berger '94 co-founded Mott Hall II in New York in 2001 ... **Diana Rosenberg Engel '58** co-founded the Levine School of Music in Washington, D.C., in 1976 ... **Nancy Lerner Frej '76** co-founded Lycée Français de Chicago in Chicago in 1995 ... **Nancy Garvey '71** served on the board of Bronx Preparatory Charter School, which opened in 2000 ... **Jessica Goring '97** co-founded The Bronx School of Law and Finance in New York in 2004 ... **Patricia Jamison Sharpe '64** co-founded Bard High School Early College in New York in 2001 ... **Hannah Razdow Simon '58** helped found The 100th Street School, a parent-cooperative nursery school in Manhattan in the late 1960s ... **Blanche Eiseman Sosland '58** co-founded the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy in Overland Park, Kan., in 1966 ... **Joanna Yip '04** was a founding member of the School for Democracy and Leadership in Brooklyn in 2004.

Alumnae in education are invited to list their businesses or services in the Yellow Pages on the alumnae Web site, www.barnard.edu/alum.

—MR

"She has been a booster and a helper," says Paul Hertz, Ann Whitney Olin Professor of Biological Sciences at Barnard. "She is absolutely devoted to education, particularly for people whose educational opportunities might not be apparent to them." Seven students in the program have graduated from Barnard with degrees in the sciences, and two are currently enrolled at Barnard.

"The program is very intense and challenges students greatly, but it also provides them enormous support to excel," says Ivana Estrada '05, a computer science major from Bolivia who attended LaGuardia Community College before coming to Barnard through this program.

That's the kind of response Lieberman seeks to cultivate. "I've always been excited about the potentiality of learning," she says. Lieberman, a mother of two and grandmother of three, grew up in Brooklyn and transferred to Barnard from Vassar. "Barnard was my first exposure to a different population that was economically diverse. It was a place where I could test out my competency, and where I was encouraged to succeed," she says.

Merri Rosenberg '78 is a freelance writer and editor who specializes in educational issues.

S T I R R I N G T H E M e l t i n g P o t

HOW BARNARD BUILDS COMMUNITY AMONG
STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS

By Merri Rosenberg '78
Photos by Diane Bondareff '90

*Left to right: Yaraliz Soto '06,
Nicole Georges '05,
Nawshin Hoque '06,
Tiffany Foster,
Mariestela Buhay '05,
Nicole Pilet '06, and
Julene McFarlane '06*



The students at Barnard—just like the citizens of the city they inhabit—reflect various racial and ethnic backgrounds, religious beliefs, socioeconomic classes, political views and philosophies, and sexual orientations.

Stroll through the Barnard campus and you'll encounter Muslim students whose heads are covered by scarves and Orthodox Jewish women dressed modestly in long skirts and long sleeves. You'll hear voices speaking in a variety of regional accents and different languages. Depending on the time of year, you'll see posters for events in honor of Asian Pacific American Awareness Month, Black Heritage Month, Latina Heritage Month, and Native American Heritage Month, among others.

Of the 554 members of the Class of 2008, 34 percent identify themselves as students of color. They come from 41 states and represent 22 foreign countries; 4 percent are citizens of other nations.

"Diversity is integral to our mission," says Dorothy Urman Denburg '70, dean of the College. Socioeconomic diversity is also part of the equation, she says. "We take pride in the fact that we've educated more young women who are the first in their family to attend college than most peer institutions."

Left to right: Tess Drumheller '06, Caroline Donofrio '06, and Sunita Kurra '06



Learning from others with different backgrounds is paramount to the student experience here. In March, President Judith Shapiro issued the College's statement on diversity to encourage the community to think about the benefits and challenges of living in a community in which true pluralism is combined with the shared values of a liberal arts college (the text can be found at www.barnard.edu/about/diversity).

"I take seriously my responsibility to see that Barnard is a place where the most difficult dialogues can take place according to the basic ethical ground rules of an institution devoted to the liberal arts: with integrity, with civility, with respect for reason and the rules of evidence, and with a willingness to listen and learn," Shapiro says.

Students benefit from the emphasis on being open-minded. As

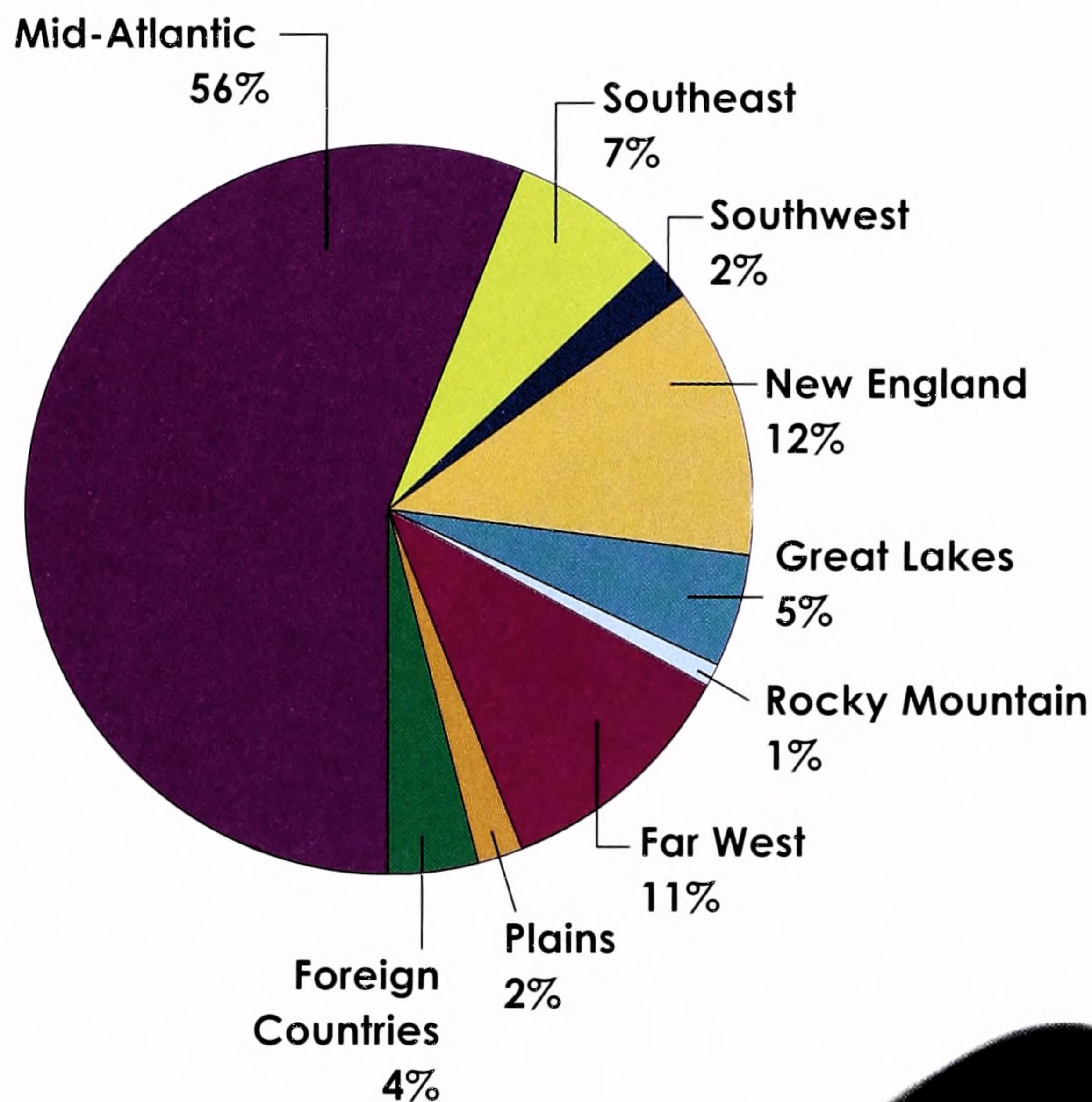
Amira Ibrahim '05, whose mother is from the Philippines and whose father is Egyptian, notes, "people don't assume you've had certain experiences based on your ethnic background."

Still, tensions inevitably flare up with students from many different backgrounds coming together.

THAT WASN'T FUNNY

Some troubling incidents took place during the 2003-04 academic year. First, in the fall of 2003, members of the Columbia University Marching Band made what many considered to be offensive sexist, racist, and anti-Semitic jokes about Barnard students during a traditional performance for "Orgo Night," the night before the organic chemistry final.

ENROLLMENT AT BARNARD IN FALL 2004 BY GEOGRAPHIC REGION



Top: Vanna Kham '05. Bottom, left to right: Lea Mae Rice '05 and Gail Amurao '05

A few weeks later, the Columbia College Conservative Club held a bake sale where items were sold at higher prices to white, Jewish, Asian, and male students, according to the *Columbia Daily Spectator*. Then *The Fed*, a student satirical paper, ran a cartoon that was considered racist, thereby triggering more outrage and soul-searching on both sides of Broadway.

BARNARD'S RESPONSE

Barnard responded to these incidents with sensitivity and concern, says Emmanuelle St. Jean '04, a biology major who was president of the Barnard Organization of Soul Sisters (BOSS) and now works as a legal assistant. St. Jean, who is black, recalls that Denburg held many meetings with students, both individually and in groups, to find out how they felt and what the College could do to address the situation.

Administrators attending a meeting held at the request of students included Denburg, Shapiro, Provost Elizabeth Boylan, and Dean for Multicultural Affairs Sonny Ago. At that meeting, students asked administrators if a course could be created for first-year students about issues surrounding multiculturalism and diversity, and if all faculty and administrators could receive diversity training, says Ebony Wiresinger '04, who majored in women's studies. Wiresinger, an African American, now works in alumnae affairs as manager of recent alumnae and student programs, as well as multicultural alumnae programs.

The College's Office for Multicultural Affairs has been a significant campus presence since 1999. In the spring of 2004, after these incidents, Shapiro established a presidential advisory council on diversity and created a fund for special programs, requested by students, out of the College's operating budget. The council—which takes the place of the Committee on Race, Religion, Identity, and Ethnicity (CORRIE)—is composed of faculty, staff, trustees, and students. "I made it known quite strongly that we would preserve free speech, not speech codes," Shapiro says.

The board of trustees is also exploring issues of diversity on campus. A few years ago, the board formed an ad hoc committee on diversity, working with the offices of admissions, multicultural affairs, and alumnae affairs, notes Rosa Alonso '82, a Latina and a Barnard trustee who served as alumna trustee while president of the Alumnae Association of Barnard College. Alonso believes it's important that faculty and administrators foster a supportive environment for students from all backgrounds.

CASTING A WIDE NET

Cultivating diversity is central to Barnard's recruitment efforts.

"Diversity includes many aspects of a person's background, including geography, ethnicity, and interests, as well as her intellectual and political perspectives," says Jennifer Gill Fondiller '88, dean of admissions.

"Each fall, admissions staff members visit a variety of public and private schools in many parts of the world (for a list of schools visited in 2004, go to www.barnard.edu/admiss/visiting/fair). "Over the past 10 years, there's been more outreach to community-based organizations, churches, nonprofit groups, and after-school enrichment programs, and to other students whom we're not finding through high schools," she says.

In addition, Barnard participates in a national program that brings Native-American students to college campuses for one week each summer, has an admissions staff member who coordinates multicultural recruitment, and is actively recruiting international students (see Spring 2004, "Destination: The Big Apple," www.barnard.edu/alum/magazine).

The College is committed to its "need-based" financial aid policy, and makes every effort to meet the demonstrated need of admitted students with a package of loans, grants, and work-study opportunities. But it's hard to compete with other private schools that, thanks to larger endowments, are able to offer exclusively grants to students, rather than a combination of grants and loans, Fondiller says.

To make Barnard more competitive in this area, one of the College's highest fund-raising priorities is to increase the number of endowed scholarships available to students, says President Judith Shapiro. —MR

ENROLLMENT AT BARNARD IN FALL 2004 BY ETHNIC CATEGORY, AS IDENTIFIED BY STUDENTS

- American Indian or Alaskan Native 0.7%
- Asian or Pacific Islander 17.2%
- Black, non-Hispanic 4.9%
- Hispanic 7.3%
- Nonresident aliens 3.1%
- White, non-Hispanic 66.9%

This support—particularly for students of color—must continue after graduation, she adds. To that end, the Office of Alumnae Affairs expanded its multicultural initiative by creating a full-time position last year to focus on programs for alumnae of color, says Roberta Waterstone Albert '92, director of alumnae affairs.

RAISE YOUR HAND

“There’s a large diversity of students, but it’s not clear how far that goes in diversity of views,” says Dennis Dalton, a professor of political science who has taught at Barnard since 1969.

Marlysha Myrthil '04, a black woman of Haitian descent, says her professors tried “to bring out these different points of view.” Myrthil, who majored in political science and human rights studies, says that diversity came out in many of the classes she took, particularly classes in human rights and political science.

Jessy Warner-Cohen '04, an Orthodox Jew who majored in psychology, had similar experiences. “Because academics is so

prized, you really get an exchange in the classroom,” she says.

The College works hard to ensure that students are exposed to a wide range of ideas in the classroom. One way is through a requirement that students take at least one course in an area that compares two or more cultures. “We decided it was important to give students methodology on how to compare things, to give them the skill of comparing cultures,” says Flora Sellers Davidson '69, associate provost.

Another way is through the first-year seminar, “Reacting to the Past,” developed

in 1996 by Mark Carnes, Ann Whitney Olin Professor of History. In the course, students use games—complete with roles, rules, and victory objectives—to learn about different cultures (see Spring 2004, “Let the Games Begin!” www.barnard.edu/alum/magazine).

While many courses address the perspectives of women, they also cover a range of other experiences. For example, Serge Gavronsky, professor of French, teaches “Blacks, Jews, and Arabs in Modern France,” a course on negritude, World War

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Left to right: Hina Zafar '06 and Umara Saleem '07

LEARNING BY WATCHING

A series of Barnard videos serves to educate students, faculty, and staff about the experiences of students of color. The series comprises three videos: "About Face" (about Asian students and alumnae); "Indivisible" (about black students and alumnae), and "Oyeme: Hear Me" (about Latina students and alumnae). A fourth, about Muslim students, is in production.

Students, faculty, staff, and alumnae contributed to the films, which were directed and produced by a team of administrators in the office of the Dean of the College, Dorothy Urman Denburg '70, and faculty members, including Elayne Genishi

Garrett '64, senior associate director in the Office of Career Development; Flora Schimnovich, senior

lecturer in Spanish; Marjorie Silverman, associate dean of the College; Vivian Taylor, associate dean of studies; and Christina Kuan Tsu '83, assistant dean of studies.

"The mission was to give these students a voice, to know the souls of these students," Silverman says, adding that the videos have been presented at national educational conferences and purchased by other schools.

Denburg has used the videos as a basis for discussions about diversity at past divisional meetings. "We need to be thoughtful in working with students from a wide range of backgrounds," she says.

Alumnae who've obtained the free alumnae photo-identification card from Alumnae Affairs can check the videos out from the Barnard Library (contact Alumnae Affairs, 212-854-2005, alumnaeaffairs@barnard.edu, for more information on the card and its benefits). —MR



Left to right: Bendita Malakia '05 and Sheena Gordon '05



THERE WAS NEVER A SHORTAGE OF WORK IN THE PEACE CORPS, SAYS MEGAN MILLER '02, PICTURED AT THE SUMMIT OF THE COTOPAXI MOUNTAIN IN ECUADOR.

ADVENTURES in the PEACE CORPS

NO RUNNING WATER. NO ELECTRICITY.
NO PROBLEM.

by Linda Ravin Lodding '84

Planting mango trees in Guinea. Providing crisis counseling in St. Lucia. Teaching children about marine wildlife in Belize.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE unique experiences of Peace Corps volunteers, who share a dedication to helping others, a desire to live in a different culture, and an iron will to withstand hardship and challenges along the way.

Since the organization's founding in 1961, more than 178,000 Americans—including 111 Barnard alumnae—have responded to its challenge of promoting peace and friendship.

There are currently 7,733 volunteers serving in 71 countries. Although a recent college graduate might come to mind as the typical volunteer, they're by no means the only individuals who sign up. Participants range in age (the average age is 28 and the oldest volunteer is 84) and come from a variety of backgrounds and life stages: 6 percent are over 50 and 10 percent are serving as married couples.

Read on for stories from alumnae volunteers who found new levels of self-confidence, expanded their worldview, formed lasting friendships, and discovered new careers.

PIONEERS: JULIANE HEYMAN '46 AND GENA REISNER '64

Juliane Heyman '46 and Gena Reisner '64 both saw the potential of the Peace Corps soon after its founding.

Heyman was working in Bangladesh in 1961 when she met Sargent Shriver, founding director of the Peace Corps. She soon became one of the early members of the Peace Corps staff, where she was the first female training officer and later deputy of the training department's Near East/South Asia division. "The Peace Corps

experience influenced me to do further work in international development and led me to a career in training for international work," says Heyman, who recently published her memoir, *From Rucksack to Backpack: A Young Woman's Journey in a Newly Evolving World* (Xlibris, 2003).

After graduating from Barnard, Reisner signed up with the organization to avoid the standard question women were asked in job interviews: "How fast can you type?" Shipped off in 1964 to teach English in Woame, Togo—a day's journey from the capital, Lome—she dodged tropical diseases and snakes, overcame her feelings of isolation by making friends with the village's residents, and pursued her love of travel.

ELICIA LISK BLUMBERG '93 PLACENCIA, BELIZE, 2004-2006

In 2003, Elicia Lisk Blumberg '93, then a consultant for the Environmental Protection Agency, and her husband, Jeff, then a civil rights lawyer with the Department of Justice, were tired of feeling like they were "on a treadmill." In search of something more fulfilling and meaningful, they applied to join the Peace Corps.

Today Blumberg helps run a project for a community-based organization in Belize that targets five small coastal communities. "We start environmental youth clubs, help communities prioritize their environmental concerns, and educate community leaders and students in marine conservation issues," she says. Her work also includes monitoring two marine-protected areas and the Placencia Lagoon, as well as researching the effects of

land-based pollution on the area's ecosystem. Meanwhile, Jeff strives to improve access to justice for Belizeans, and works with the country's human rights commission.

They initially received a chilly welcome. "We were viewed as tourists—here for momentary enjoyment," she says. "Slowly the attitude is changing, but coping with these perceptions hasn't been easy." Changing attitudes is at the heart of the Peace Corps' mission, and is never far from Blumberg's mind. "We regard every encounter in our host country as an opportunity to promote peace and friendship," she says.

"In the United States, we enjoyed life's luxuries, but here we appreciate small things like finding a ripe tomato in the store," says Blumberg, who lives in a small wood house on stilts near the sea. "After we return from the Peace Corps, I'd like to think that we'd be more patient, less judgmental, and more appreciative of what we have."

NANCY COWLES McCLELLAND '66 SANTIAGO, CHILE, 1966 - 1968

While at Barnard, Nancy Cowles McClelland '66 heard Sargent Shriver, founding director of the Peace Corps, speak at Columbia University. McClelland, who has used a wheelchair since childhood, was thrilled that he encouraged people with disabilities to apply. Disappointed when her application was denied, she appealed and was sent to Chile in 1966

So You Want to Join the Peace Corps

Peace Corps recruiters look for skills in areas including agriculture, business, education, the environment, medicine, non-governmental organizations, and technology, and match them with requests from 72 countries, according to Bartel S. Kendrick, a public affairs specialist for the organization.

Volunteers are asked to commit for 27 months (three months of training followed by a two-year assignment). They receive a monthly stipend that varies by country, medical benefits, and a lump sum of about \$6,000 when they finish their term of service. The organization also offers possible educational loan deferment, paid travel to and from the assignment location, 24 vacation days per year, and exceptional language and cross-cultural training. In addition, educational and employment opportunities are available to volunteers following their term of service.

To learn more about the Peace Corps and the application process, go to www.peacecorps.gov or call 800-424-8580. For related resources, go to www.capca.org/pclist.htm.

to teach college-level English. Later, she learned that an aide in the Peace Corps office was instructed to find a place "with no steps" for her.

To her surprise, her wheelchair was less conspicuous than her light brown hair and accent. "My wheelchair was just one more weird thing Americans did."

During anti-American riots at the university where she taught, leaflets demanding "Yankee, go home" were thrown into her classroom. "Once some students escorted me out the back entrance to the campus because they feared for my safety if I stayed."

Her two years in Chile were among the happiest of her life. "My friends were determined I should see everything. Two brothers carried me to the top of Mount San Cristobal, a small but sharply steep hill in a public park in Santiago. They were both exhausted when we got to the top."

MARJORIE ANOLICK BAIR '58 ST. LUCIA, 1996 - 1998

Although Marjorie Anolick Bair '58 had felt the pull of the Peace Corps when it was formed, she was newly married and on a career track. Years later, at 59, she decided to give up a successful psychotherapy practice to "reinvent" her life. "I was starved for a wider context, for a challenge to the constructs I had about what was good, real, and important, which remained unexamined despite the intention of an examined life. The Peace Corps most certainly did not disappoint me."

Stationed in St. Lucia from 1996 through 1998, she started a variety of programs. One program, initially created to support poor young mothers and their children, became a sewing business after the women learned how to be seamstresses.

Early on, Bair struggled with an initial project that didn't pan out. "To say I was terrified, felt utterly lost, could not imagine making any of it work, and was profoundly lonely is only to hint at my state in those early months." After an incident in which her safety was threatened, "people spilled out of the hills to my tiny house to plead with me not to return home." She stayed.

After her term of service was over, "it was deeply painful to re-enter my country and see, with new eyes, how very alienated and distorted this culture is." It took Bair a long time to readjust, which isn't uncommon among Peace Corps volunteers. But, as she points out, "in the end, I received far more than I gave."



ELICIA LISK BLUMBERG '93 AND HER HUSBAND, JEFF (PICTURED AT LAUGHING BIRD CAYE NATIONAL PARK IN BELIZE), JOINED THE PEACE CORPS BECAUSE THEY WERE TIRED OF FEELING LIKE THEY WERE ON A TREADMILL.

Air Your Views

Share your thoughts and experiences and pose questions to Peace Corps volunteers quoted in this article and other alumnae who have participated in the Peace Corps in a live Web chat.

Monday, May 23

8 p.m. E.S.T.

Go to www.barnard.edu/alum/chat for more information.

MEGAN MILLER '02 MACHALA, ECUADOR, 2002-2004

Spending two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in a community of 2,000 families in Machala, Ecuador, confirmed her belief that whether countries are rich or poor, people are the real wealth of nations, Megan Miller '02 says.

As an urban youth and families specialist, Miller worked on projects such as starting a microcredit bank, developing an after-school youth program, building a library and a children's playground, and planning ecotourism trips into the mountains for children. "Often, I'd leave home at 7:50 a.m. and not return until 9 p.m. There was never a shortage of work!" She quickly became a role model for young women in the community and influenced several to pursue education for

themselves or their children.

Home was a small apartment—with four locks on the door and bars on every window—above a diesel refueling station. Although security was a concern, she was more troubled by the overcrowding. "I could see the elderly woman below through holes in the wood floor and my window went into yet another apartment," she says.

Now back in the United States, Miller is considering a graduate degree in law or public policy and has ideas about ways to improve educational and career opportunities for Ecuadorian women.

"The Ecuadorians taught me to appreciate when things go well and to adapt when they don't," she says.

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There are more than 29,000 Barnard alumnae throughout the world. All of us belong to Barnard's alumnae association. Established in 1895 by alumnae to support the College, the AABC connects alumnae to Barnard and to each other.

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NEWS FROM REGIONAL CLUBS



The Barnard Club of South Florida's June 2004 French wine tasting at the Biltmore Hotel in Dania, Fla.

Barnard clubs around the world bring together alumnae of all generations and help many to reconnect with the College. For intellectual stimulation and rewarding friendships, the Barnard club in your community is sure to have something to offer. On the opposite page are presidents of alumnae clubs. Here are some highlights of recent regional events:

Florida

Active for more than a year, the Barnard Club of South Florida comprises alumnae in Broward, Dade, and Palm Beach Counties. The club has presented academic lectures, exclusive art tours, and, last summer, a French wine tasting. A tour of the Bass Museum is in the works.

New Jersey

The Barnard Club of Monmouth County hosts an annual luncheon with a guest speaker and provides a sense of community to alumnae in the New Jersey shore communities.

New York

The Barnard Club of Westchester is being revitalized by a group of volunteers. In December 2004 more than 20 alumnae met to form a steering committee to plan events for the approximately 1,800 alumnae in the area.

Pittsburgh

Recent events organized by the Barnard Club of Pittsburgh include outings to local points of interest; an organ recital at St. Paul's Cathedral by Gail Archer, senior lecturer in music at Barnard and director of the Barnard-Columbia Chorus; book discussions; and a viewing of the artwork of Judith Meibach Dorian '58.

Tucson

The Barnard-in-Tucson Club serves about 100 alumnae in the area by organizing brunch for alumnae and current students at the home of Barbara Inselman-Temkin '68, welcoming students home for the holidays, and presenting a book award to a student from the Tucson area this spring.

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CLASS NOTES

23 Elizabeth Klein Gilbert appears in a video produced by the United Hospital Fund of New York for its 100th anniversary. She was interviewed at the Hebrew Home for the Aged in Riverdale, N.Y., where she lives. She plays Scrabble every day with her daughter, Nancy Isaacs Klein '52, and enjoys seeing and hearing about her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

25 It's with great sorrow that we report the death of **Louise M. Rosenblatt**. Please see page 64 for a full obituary.

29 We regret to report that our former class correspondent, **Anny Birnbaum Brieger**, 96, passed away in February at her home in Manhattan. She was an active member of Temple Israel and the Fairview Country Club, and supporter of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Mount Sinai Medical Center. Our condolences to her family and friends.

Sadly, **Ethel Perlman Hirsch** passed away on Jan. 10. She is survived by two daughters, six granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter.

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75TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

30 We'd love to see everyone at the our 75th reunion in June; however, Barnard has lost touch with some of the members of our class. If you have a mailing address or phone number for anyone listed below, please contact Jonathan Crosier in Alumnae Records, 212-854-2749 or jrosier@barnard.edu.

Classmates who are missing from Barnard's records: **Carolyn Gaston Adams, Rose Hecht Altman, Virginia Wheeler Armistead, Virginia Atkinson, Josephone Bertelsen, Frances Forcey Brady, Elizabeth Carr Coffin, Gertrude Gloau Drachman, Betty Eaton, Esther Efimoff, Florence Graf Gay, Beatrice Throne Haines, Sara Haney, Beatrice Tatnell Huehn, Cecilia Young Lay, Ruth Lessem Letourneau, Mildred Sur Lock, Mary Dodson Parsons, Minnie Robertson, Ruth Meyer Ruderman, Eltora Shroeder, Minnie Condy Smith, Dorothy Starr, Stella Zulinski Stenley, Bettina Thrall, Isabel Traver, and Eleanor Culbert Wagner.**

31 Sadly, **Lillian Auerbach Gluckman**'s daughter informed us that her mother passed away on Oct. 5.
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34 I tried contacting some of our classmates. Sadly, I found that **Muriel Schlesinger Ecker** passed away June 26, 2004. **Mary Dickinson Gettel** didn't answer her phone. **Margaret**

Gristede MacBain is a resident of Mary Manning Ross nursing home in Manhattan. **Clarice Stein Smithline**'s Palm Beach number was no longer in service. If you're in touch with Mary or Clarissa, let Alumnae Records know.

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70TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

35 Marion Greenebaum Epstein moved in 2003 to a new retirement community near Princeton, N.J., where she enjoys old and new friends. Her first great-grandchild arrived recently and another granddaughter got married. She records for the blind and keeps up her theater, dance, and music subscriptions in Princeton. She's looking forward to our 70th reunion in June.

Kathryn (Kay) Heavey probably won't be able to come to reunion. She misses being able to get to Barnard. Kay recieved a message from the daughter of **Mary Selee Rosen Lawson** that Mary passed away last year.

Elizabeth Simpson Wehle passed away on July 1. We remember how cheerful Elizabeth always was. She is survived by her husband, Mark.

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36 Marcy Dolgenas Shapiro writes: "I have a new great-granddaughter, Atara Miriam Feldman, which makes 19 grandchildren that I am blessed with. My granddaughter Daniella Steger is a junior at Barnard, Class of 2006."

Marjorie Eberhardt Cook

reports: "Am doing well at 90. Just traveled to St. Croix. Legs are bad, but brain still seems to be working. Living alone, but family is close. I am so lucky."

Florence Alonso says: "This year we went to two UFO symposia, one in Aztec, N.M., in March and one in Denver in July. It was wonderful to be able to talk with the speakers and others, making new friends. Also, new friends here in Aquila who have seen UFOs close up."

I'm sad to report the death in December of **Lucy Appleton Garcia-Mata**. I remember Lucy as a popular member of our class and saw her often on campus for current events when I was director of alumnae affairs. Her daughter Alexandra writes that Lucy was an accomplished pianist who played with Juliet Shaw's Duo Piano group in Darien, Conn., for many years. An enthusiastic tennis player, who organized a Junior Wightman Cup team in New Canaan when her daughters were teenagers, Lucy continued to play almost daily until the age of 79, when a hip replacement "forced her from the court." An energetic fundraiser for Barnard and a lifelong member and past president of the Barnard Club of Fairfield County (now, the Barnard Club of Connecticut), Lucy was also a member of the Colonial Dames, the New Canaan Chamber Music Society, and the New Canaan Historical Society. Her appreciation of fine art led her to organize many trips to museums and private collections. She was a fundraiser for the Barnard College Club of Fairfield County Scholarship Fund and she was a licensed independent Realtor. She is also survived by her daughter Sarah Garcia-Mata '73, and seven grandchildren.

I received a package of old photographs from William A. Wylam, the husband of the late **Doris Pascal Read**. Most are from a meeting at Silver Bay, N.Y., in June 1933. If any-

one is interested in having these mementos, please let me know and I'll send them to you. If not, I'll send them to Barnard's archives.

I hope you're enjoying the spring. Please send me your news!

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65TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

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By the time you read this, our 65th reunion will be very close, and you'll have received details in the mail from the College and our class reunion committee. We hope many of you are planning to come and if not, please send in information about yourself for the post-reunion class notes. It doesn't have to be world-shaking news! Your classmates would like to hear what you've been doing.

At reunion, we'll be electing the new class officers at our class dinner on Friday night. Here's the slate prepared by the nominating committee: president, **Lois Saphir Lee**; vice president and reunion chair, **Ann Landau Kwitman**; fund chairs: **Nanette Hodgman Hayes**, **Caroline Duncombe Pelz**, **Joy Lattman Wouk**, and **Agnes Cassidy Serbaroli**; class correspondent: **Flora Ehrsam Dudley**; and nominating committee chair: **Florence Dubroff Shelley**. Nominations are open, and if

you'd like to suggest additional names, please send them to me or Florence.

Louise Preusch Herring sends regards from Palo Alto, Calif. She'll be unable to attend reunion. Margaret Pardee Bates writes enthusiastically of driving 8,400 miles across the country and back to California. She has now achieved her goal of being in every one of our 50 states.

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Somewhere I read that college graduates tend to live longer, healthier lives, and holiday greetings from **Ruth Stevenson Carpenter** and **Winifred Hessinger** certainly seem to prove it. They both look great, and Winnie wrote glowingly of her assisted living center in Pasadena with its book club and outings to the symphony, art museums, picnics, and malls. She invites her friends to visit.

Elizabeth Lotz Blodgett reports that the ice and snow of winter storms in northern New York kept her pretty much at home reading, although not much keeps her from her bridge club. Her husband, Don, is also doing well. They're fortunate to have their son Peter living with them, so they can still be comfortable in their own home.

It was a pleasure to receive a letter from **Kathleen (Kay) Crandall Causey** in Monroe, La. She moved to a smaller home after her husband's death. However, she certainly has not slowed down. She volunteers for the Little Theatre and an emergency shelter, tutors at Our House, prepares tax returns for AARP, and works as a Barnard alumnae admissions representative. In her spare (?) time she's traveled to the Aegean and the Baltic Seas, Alaska, England, France, Israel, Italy, Mexico, and Turkey. I envy her being able to take a WALKING tour of Tuscany with her great-niece.

Elizabeth Harris Mersey writes from Boynton Beach, Fla., that she has been in south Florida for more than 10 years at a club with two golf courses and many nice people. She credits this move with adding at least a decade to her life. Only occasionally does she regret the loss of the wonderful pleasures of living in New York, but then she remembers the snow and other problems and dashes off to play golf in the sunshine, bowl, or play cocktail piano. She found a writing coach and has written two novels and many stories, two of which have been published. She's philosophical, saying that it's not the destination, but the journey that counts. I'm sure we all agree.

We were saddened to hear from the Rev. **Vera Arndt Bush** that her husband of 60 years, Walter, died on May 18, 2004. Vera was so fortunate to have had him as a strong supporter of her ministry for so many years. We extend our deepest sympathy.

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy 2005 from Athena and me.

—JRM

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42 Prestigious award: **Glafyra Fernandez Ennis**, an outstanding badminton player, was presented with the Sportsmanship Award at the banquet following the annual U.S. Senior-Master International Tournament in Miami Lakes, Fla. This unexpected honor was given in recognition of her overall sportsmanship and lifelong sponsorship of sports. She still runs the translation and interpretive service she started in 1989.

Nostalgic trip: Benjamin and

BARNARD BOOKS AVAILABLE

Copies of selected volumes of *Mortarboard* and other Barnard-related books are available from the College archives. For a complete list, contact Donald Glassman, Barnard College Archivist, 212-854-4079; e-mail: dglassman@barnard.edu.

Virginia Rogers Cushing spent a week in New York as guests of Jaya Cushing Gulhaugen '71. They crowded in a visit to the newly reopened Museum of Modern Art, a performance of "The Nutcracker," and meals at some good restaurants. They also took a one-mile walk down Fifth Avenue to see Radio City Music Hall, Rockefeller Center with the decorated Christmas tree and the skaters, and the Humanities and Social Sciences Library at 42nd Street—and then met **Elaine Grimm** at the Community Church (made famous by Rev. John Hayes Holmes) for a Christmas Eve service.

A labor of love: **Helen Baker Cushman**, whose career as an archivist included many brochures and biographies, has now finished editing her grandfather's memoirs, *Walter's World: Memoirs of Walter Edward Atkinson 1856-1944*, which have been published.

It's with sadness that we report the deaths of two classmates. **Isabella Brogan Grace** died on Oct. 4, 2004. Isabella, an avid zoology student at Barnard, had a distinguished career in the biological sciences. She is survived by her three sons and their families. **Ann Kleban Slote** died on Sept. 22, 2004. She is survived by two daughters

and six grandchildren. She was one of the first of us to get married. Our hearts go out to the families of Isabella and Ann.

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43 Sadly, we recently learned of the death of **Anna Kuhlmann Gibney** in 2002. We extend our belated condolences to her family. We also offer condolences to the family of **Eithne Colgan Wonsever**, who passed away Oct. 7. Her niece, Margaret Elwert '69 writes that Eithne, a former New York public school teacher and librarian, was intensely loyal to her family and committed to her faith. She is also survived by her husband, David, three children, and four grandchildren.

Barbara Valentine Hertz had surgery on her spine a year ago. Physical therapy, both on land and in the water, has helped her make a slow but steady recovery.

Sophie Vrahnos Louros spotted news of **Eileen Otte Ford** and her husband, Gerard, in the *New York Post*. The article described their celebration of 60 years of marriage, how they renewed their vows at St. Thomas' Church, and how they met during World War II, while Gerry was in midshipman's school at Columbia. Does this ring a bell for other classmates?

Christiana Smith Graham raises money for the restoration fund of the Ford Theater and she writes, "Barnard is already provided for in my will." **Gloria Casciano Fodera** enjoys square dancing and entertains in nursing homes.

How do you give of yourself for others?

I eagerly await your answers!

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44 Ethel Weiss Brandwein and her husband have settled into their retirement community and enjoy taking classes on current affairs and history. Her advice to those uncertain about downsizing is, "Be sure to relocate before you can't get up in the attic any longer."

At reunion **Marcia Baulch** recalled that her father, an early ham radio operator, couldn't convince her mother that sound waves could deliver messages. He taught her Morse code and then arranged for her to tap out a Bible verse of her choosing to him a few blocks distant. After he identified the verse, she capitulated and accepted that messages indeed could be sent via sound waves. Marcia was once a ham operator but hasn't time for it now because she's so busy maintaining the family's 10-acre property. She's fortunate to have a hobby she *can* rekindle in her retirement years, right, Marcia?

For **Eugenie Alter Propp** it's not a matter of picking up a former hobby. She has always loved art for the sheer pleasure and delight she experiences in turning recyclables into entirely unique pieces, the creativity welling from within herself.

Carol Sheldon writes: "As I get older, I feel a greater need to be with people my own age. I'm going to try to go to reunion in 2005; I hope a '44 might be there." She sojourned in Miami Beach in January, vowing that she paid careful attention to her food intake "as I haven't lost the pounds I put on last year there."

In January, I left behind two inches of snow and temperatures below 10 degrees in the Susquehanna Valley when I visited **Idris Rossell** in Sarasota, Fla. (She doesn't live in Bradentown, as I had erroneously reported.)

Helen Cahn Weil writes, "We have formed a new Barnard club here in South Florida." Alumnae from Broward, Dade, Miami, and Palm Beach Counties are welcome. Please contact Marion Bachrach Wolfson '57 at 954-966-6740. Helen is in touch with **Irene Herzfeld Baxandall**, "who is doing well and enjoying her family in England."

Last fall before flying off on to the United Kingdom for a great British novelists Elderhostel trip and to visit Scottish relatives, **Robertina (Ina) Campbell** reminded me about the class's success with the scholarship it funded last year. She writes, "The Class of 1944 Memorial Scholarship is a reality thanks to the wonderful generosity of classmates. Indeed, our donations for that and The Barnard Fund made up the largest amount ever given to Barnard at a 60th Reunion." **Françoise Kelz** spearheaded the scholarship fund; **Doris Landre**, our fund chair, worked on raising money for The Barnard Fund. Both worked really hard! Françoise writes, "We raised \$59,941.05 so that the scholarship is a done deal! Income from it will begin being awarded for the 2005-06 academic year!" Everyone concerned with our class's 2004 fund raising deserves congratulations!

Edna Ely Little writes that she recently traveled to Finland, Lapp Land, Norway, and Scandinavia, and spent Christmas in Montana. Besides the traveling, "our 15 grandchildren keep us busy, too!" Fifteen!

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45 Please join us for reunion weekend, June 2 through 5. **Avra Kessler Mark**, our reunion chair, sent a letter setting the tone for this gathering: seeing each other and spending good time together. Mickey and **Betty Booth Smith** will host a cocktail party on Thursday, June 2, in their Park Avenue apartment. Also, we've been invited to Dr. Arthur and **Hope Simon Miller's** home in Gramercy Park for a post-dinner reception.

For our past three reunions, increased numbers of spouses have enjoyed attending and meeting their wife's college chums. Single classmates are encouraged to bring someone along as well.

The College held a memorial for **Patricia Cady Remmer** on Jan. 21. She was not only a standout alumna in our class but also a trustee emerita of the College, and former chair of The President's Circle. She served on Columbia College's board and, in 1992, the Alumni Federation of Columbia University awarded Pat the Alumni Medal for Distinguished Service. **Althea (Nicky) Knickerbocker Dean** and Avra Kessler Mark spoke at the service. Nicky, a friend of Pat's from day one at Barnard, told anecdotes of their social life in Hewitt Hall with the Columbia midshipmen. Avra recounted Pat's effectiveness as class president in getting special favors for our class, like the breakfast serenade of big band songs at our 50th reunion by a cabaret singer known as President Judith Shapiro. She also reported on Pat's leadership skills as dorm president when she led a student protest over the quality of food. Dean Virginia Gildersleeve informed her that if "any notice of this unpleasantness appears in *The New York Times*, Miss Cady, you may consider your connection with Barnard College terminated." Fortunately, *The Times* didn't run the story. Many alumnae attended the memorial service including

Maragret (Peggy) Cummiskey '46, **Aurelia Raciti Poudier**, Mary Louise Stewart Reid '46, **Azelle Brown Waltcher**, and **Ruth Carson West**. Students who play on Columbia's varsity crew team stood on guard for their late mentor and long-time benefactor, Pat's husband, Gene.

Marjorie Miller Roth of Orinda, Calif., hopes to be at reunion if it doesn't conflict with her grandchildren's college graduation ceremonies.

Winniefred Drackett Schumacher of Ocean Springs, Miss., sends her best to all. She has post-polio syndrome and degenerative disk disease, which makes it difficult to write, but, Winnie, your handwriting is better than most of ours.

Ellie Nicasphaelos Loumos, Naples, Fla., loved our 50th reunion but lives too far away for the 60th. "I send all my classmates best wishes and warm regards."

Margaret Woolfolk LaTourrette of Denver, Colo., is a pediatrician who can't imagine retiring from medicine or tending a major garden. She traveled with her husband to Cambodia and Vietnam in March.

Hope Simon Miller, a dedicated volunteer with the United Nations and other organizations since graduation, was honored by her husband and sons with the establishment of the Hope Simon Miller Internship Fund in International Development at Johns Hopkins University.

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46 **Joy Drew Blazey** and her husband, Frank, bought a condo in St. Augustine, Fla., in January. Fortunately, the hurricane damage to their property was minor. "We both turned 80 without the loss of our driver's licenses. Frank celebrated thanks to a novel gift from our

son, Drew, by smiling bravely while riding in a hot air balloon." Joy is active with research projects, such as "where the wealthy philanthropists distribute their millions," for volunteer organizations. Frank is also active in community organizations, and they both play golf and tennis.

Jean Corbitt Hedrick met her husband, Lang, during the war. They married in 1947 in Seattle and have four children. They've lived in Bangalou, India; Boston; Tokyo; and San Antonio, Texas. All their children are married; Jean and Lang enjoy six grandchildren. Jean writes of her days as a commuter student at Barnard, "I didn't have many friends except in my classes. In later years [Lang and I] became close friends with **Emily O'Connor Pernice** and her husband, Paul, when they lived in Portland, Ore. Another close friend is Dorothy Brennan Mitchell '45."

Barbara Keltz Norante and her husband, Nicholas, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a wonderful weekend at a West Virginia resort as guests of their children and grandchildren. Barbara writes, "Last summer we traveled to the beautiful state of Arizona. We visited Scottsdale, Sedona, and the Grand Canyon. Although the years seem to have a way of slowing down (especially in the winter), I still enjoy reading and keeping up with current events." She sends her best to all.

Sally Crane Summerell writes, "I just had my first visit from **Elizabeth (Betty) Campion Stevens**, who lives a four-hour Amtrak ride from me, in Straatsburg, N.Y. She was impressed with the scenery provided by Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks and our current frigid summer weather. We had fun reminiscing while seeing the sights. Luckily Betty brought her ski underwear (no kidding) so she went home in good health! We plan future meetings."

Mary Brown Potter took a

12-day tour of Ireland with her daughter, son-in-law, and three granddaughters. They rented a charming home in Kenmare and a car, and visited the Waterford glass factory, kissed the Blarney Stone, and ended with a medieval dinner at Bunnatty Castle. In September she visited her youngest daughter and her husband for a week in Virginia Beach. Mary enjoys golfing and bowling, and does volunteer work for various charities.

Jane Weidlund is looking forward to an Elderhostel river cruise in Russia in July. "It's over 10 years since my last visit to Moscow, where I especially enjoyed Red Square in full moonlight after dinner in the apartment of a former United Nations (U.N.) colleague. In the summer of 2004 I spent five days in St. Petersburg where, once again, a former U.N. colleague entertained me in his home and showed me places I had not seen before. The highlight was a jazz concert by philharmonic artists in a small club upstairs at a philharmonic hall," she writes.

A kind note from Edurne Aguayo, the nephew of **Maria del Refugio Aguayo Cotto**, notified us of her passing on Sept. 16 in Mexico City. We're also sorry to report the passing of **Jennie Lassandro** on Sept. 5.

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47 **June Felton Kapp** writes that she and her husband, Ira, plan to celebrate their 30th year of chamber music concerts, the Soclair Music Festival, in their barn, with a farewell concert in June that will mark the end of the festival. This was one of our class's most interesting projects, and it's sad to hear of its ending. Good luck to them in their future endeavors!

Gloria Kreisch Reynolds of Pasadena, Calif., writes that she volunteers in her local schools and with the

League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women, AARP, and the Democratic party, among others. She says she's proud to be a Barnard graduate and was inspired "by our wonderful Dean Gildersleeve, who helped write the United Nations charter with her friend Eleanor Roosevelt."

Ann Turkel writes that in May 2004 she gave the presidential address titled "Sugar and Spice and Puppy Dogs' Tails: the Origins of Bullying" to the American Academy of Psychoanalysis, and in October addressed the PTA at Columbia Grammar School on the same topic. In the fall she ran a support group for Barnard graduates over the age of 50.

Anne Gibson Colahan sent in a joint gift to Barnard with her daughter Charity Colahan Donnan '88.

Dena Kranowitz Mann writes that her son, a tour manager, has kept her busy with trips to the Grand Cayman Islands, Europe, and Mexico. She's been to Siena and Florence and plans to visit Tuscany again this spring. She and her daughter, Janie, have been to Austria, the Czech Republic, and Switzerland. When not traveling, she reads constantly. Dena recalls of her time in the dorms that her brother Tony was "the only male to go above the first floor" (at least in our time). "Of course, he was only 2 at the time," she notes.

The winter issue's "In Memoriam" column listed the deaths of **June Moore Cardullo** and **Leila Ross Kollmar** in September, both of which were noted in our last column. **Elizabeth Francis Jonassen's** death in January was also noted in the list. A 2004 obituary for Dr. Ludwig Rebenfeld notes the death of his wife, **Ellen Vogel Rebenfeld**, in 2002. Our sympathy to their families.

Marilyn Mittelman Check enjoyed her annual Florida reunion luncheon with **Ruth Maier Baer**, **Georgia Rubin Mittelman**, and

Helen De Vries Edersheim. She notes that everyone looked "pretty good for our age."

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48 Our mini-reunion last November at the Metropolitan Museum of Art included **Elizabeth Eastman Gross, Nancy Ackerson Kowalchuk, Adele Kostellow Morrill, Nora Robell, Nora Ravsky Schwartz, Frances Dowd Smith** and her daughter Anine, **Carol Hoffman Stix**, and your correspondent. Several classmates had prior commitments or were recuperating from recent surgery and weren't able to attend: **Sabina FitzGibbon Philip, Patricia Hale Tyson, and Lois Williams Emma**, among others. We hope you can join us next time.

We're sorry to report the death of Nora Schwartz's husband, Gabriel, whom many will remember from our class reunions and other events. Our condolences to Nora on her loss.

A get-together celebrated a trip to the East Coast by **Helen Allen Archibald**, who joined **Dorothy Dingfeld De Togni, Mary Miller Mack**, and Nora Robell. Helen was looking forward to a trip to Vietnam, which we hope to report on in a later column.

Ruth Meyer Polin writes, "My husband and I live in Green Valley, Ariz., for five or six months of the year and in Okemos, Mich., for the summer and fall. We are both retired from Michigan State University. We have three adult children and six grandchildren (ages 5 through 23). My interests now are in ceramics, art needlework, and fabric painting. Would love to contact classmates in Green Valley or Tucson, or in the Lansing, Mich., areas. We enjoy the best of both worlds and hope we can continue for many years!"

Patricia Sasseen Van Cleve

writes, "We have moved. It was the most stressful thing we've done in years. We went from our Bavarian chalet to a house in Roseville, Minn., (in the Twin Cities area). It is beginning to feel like home."

Nora Robell gave thumbs up to her Elderhostel trip to Italy last fall: Capri, Naples, Pompeii, and Sorrento. She "accomplished those 800 steps in Capri!"

Patricia Day Stein's son, Bennett, was married in December 2004.

And now ... a wedding! **Elsie Koerner Youtcheff** married George J. Ratl, an old family friend, on Aug. 15, 2004. Elsie's five children, their spouses, and her six grandchildren joined George's seven children, their spouses, 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. (Talk about blended families!) George retired from GE's space division and is pursuing a master's degree in medical biochemistry. He plans to do research on amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, the disease that claimed his first wife, Olga, who was Elsie's dearest friend of 35 years. Elsie writes that they have enjoyed traveling to Australia, the Caribbean, France, Italy, New Zealand, Switzerland, and national parks in the United States. "I moved into this home, five minutes from my old one (in Berwyn, Pa.), which I maintain as my piano studio. My bachelor son, Jack, found his true love this year and was married two weeks after us. My daughter Heidi and her family had a summer furlough from their work in China, so both weddings were scheduled while they were here. I'll try to make our next reunion."

In the last issue proofreading introduced an error: **Doris Biggio Manganaro** is a religious educator and trustee at St. Thomas More, R.C. Church, not St. Thomas Moore, as appeared.

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UPCOMING NEW YORK EVENTS

Barnard College Club of New York

Annual dinner at the Midtown Executive Club, May 25.

Trip to Staten Island with tour of the Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Chinese scholar's garden, early June.

Membership: Marisa Macina Hagan '51, 212-689-3876.

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Barnard Business & Professional Women

Year-end dinner at cafe mae mae, June 6. Please see the BBPW Web site for details.

Events: www.bbpw.org

Membership: Jenny Fielding '94, jenny@bbpw.org.

49 Janet Dryden-Nevius was elected to the board of Counseling Outreach Presentation Education in Montclair, N.J., in November 2004. Janet, who began her career as a liaison officer-interpreter for the U.S. State Department, is active in community affairs and served as the executive vice president of the United Nations development hospitality committee from 2002 until recently. She also helps integrate visiting diplomats and their families into the community. She still has an advisory relationship with this group. She holds a doctorate in romance languages from New York University. She is a member of the National Association of Scholars of Princeton and a trustee of the New Jersey Historical Society. She and her hus-

band founded and manage the Dryden Realty Company, an investment real estate company.

Patricia Plummer Cornell, a retired teacher who lives in Bloomfield, Conn., writes that she was sorry she didn't feel well enough to attend our 55th reunion and that she was trying to increase her stamina by swimming and doing aerobic exercises. A telephone call to her home in late January, however, revealed that she'd had a bad fall earlier that month that resulted in numerous bone fractures. Our very best wishes to her for a full recovery!

Anna Mae Menapace Seeley has been a resident of Staten Island since 1967. The early years of her marriage were spent in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Nigeria, where her husband was in the Peace Corps, and Washington, D.C. She is retired from her position as head of the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences Museum. She was also at one time director of the Garibaldi-Mucci Museum of Staten Island and on the board of the Staten Island Botanical Garden, which has the only Japanese scholar's garden in the United States. Anna Mae is busy helping her family and her friends. She has five children as well as four grandsons and one granddaughter. In spite of being disappointed with the results of the national election, she's grateful for our democratic system.

My son searched the Internet under my maiden name and the result was our 55th reunion photograph with a list of the names of the 49'ers who'd registered for the reunion. It's a small world!

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50 Beverly Beck Fuchs has joined the Barnard San Francisco Alumna-to-Alumna mentorship program. She's helping a young woman who'll receive her Ph.D. from Berkeley in June, by editing her CV and her post-doctoral applications, "and advising her on her love life on the side." Says Beverly, "Two of the great satisfactions in retirement are to use what you know, and to help others. This program accomplishes both, has a Barnard connection, and can be done from home on the Internet, for those who may be physically limited." She hopes to attend reunion in June.

Irma Meincke Bonilla has moved from Woodstock, N.Y., to Tucson, Ariz. **Martha (Marty) Greene Lewis** is a part-time Arizonan: she spends November there, returns to Pennsylvania for Christmas, then goes back until April. Referring to our noted judge, who presided over Martha Stewart's trial, Marty asks that we "please tell **Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum** how proud we are of her!"

Marguerite Maier Rothschild and her husband have moved to Foulkeways, a continuing care retirement community near Philadelphia, where they enjoy tennis and pool, as well as Philadelphia's cultural offerings.

Alice Sterling Honig, professor emerita of child development at Syracuse University, keeps active in her field by lecturing and writing. She contributed a chapter to *A Blueprint for the Promotion of Prosocial Behavior in Early Childhood* and co-wrote an article in the *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry* on stresses in families with handicapped children.

Enid Tucker Johnson has retired from a long career as an educator in Washington, D.C., schools and at Howard University, but still maintains her 31-year involvement with the Washington Performing Arts (she's past

president of the women's committee). She also boasts "two fabulous grandchildren." One is in college the other is in the third grade. **Susan Bullard Carpenter's** granddaughter, Allison, spent a year in Brazil as an exchange student sponsored by Rotary International.

June Feuer Wallace is looking forward to coming to reunion in June. **Jean Zeiger Cunningham** retired in May 2004 as a librarian at the Oakland Symphony. She's still in charge of a large library of popular music at the Paramount Theatre. She enjoyed seeing Clifton, **Victoria Thomson Romig's** son, in Stravinsky's "Rares Progress" with the Oakland Opera Theatre.

Gloria Spamer Rennert, along with 30 other alumnae, enjoyed Project Continuum's overnight tour of art and gardens in New York's Brandywine region.

We're sad to report the deaths of several classmates. **Marian Freda** passed away on Nov. 1, 2004. She is survived by two daughters. **Jane Hall White** died on Nov. 23, and is survived by her husband, James, four children, and five grandchildren. **Barbara Brady Raphael** died on Nov. 24. She leaves her husband, David, three children, and five grandchildren. **Nada Vodenlitch Scalettar** passed away on Dec. 13, leaving her husband, Raymond, children, and grandchildren. We send our condolences to all of the families.

We also extend our sympathy to **Isabel Berkery Mount**, whose husband, Murray Schumach, died in November.

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51 Jane Connington Elliott sent me some sad news: "My beloved husband, Bob, died in November of a wicked, fast-growing tumor. We were blessed with a 53-year marriage. Friends and relatives have been embarrassingly supportive." Jane, on behalf of our whole class, let me express our deepest sympathy to you and your family for your loss.

A personal note: Congratulations to all of you who came through the "Blizzard of 2005," for this was the "mother" of all recent storms and I realized that it's truly never too late to learn new lessons!

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52 In mid-December, **Norma Glaser Justin** and her husband, Josh, **Carol Connors Krikun** and her daughter-in-law, **Claire Delage Metz, Inez Schapiro Reiser, Marilyn Rich Rosenblatt** and her husband, Peter, **Marie Kopman Salwen, Elizabeth Bache Shwal**, and I joined other alumnae at a holiday dinner at Manhattan's Algonquin Hotel. A highlight of the event, sponsored by the Barnard College Club of New York, was a brief history of the hotel compiled by Jack Winn, husband of Elizabeth Westcott '71, that he distributed to everyone.

Six weeks later, **Elizabeth (Bettina) Blake, Harriet Newman Cohen, Beatrice (Bea) Nissen Greene, Marietta Dunston Moskin, Ruth Ryskind Ohman**, and **Rosemary Tartt** gathered for a supper meeting at Marilyn's apartment to discuss class needs and possible mini-reunions.

Harriet, a trial and matrimonial lawyer, tells us that her daughter Martha is one of her partners. Harriet says she's more active than ever in Barnard affairs, especially in the College's Barnard Alumnae Women in

Law Committee, formed last fall.

We spoke recently with **Julie Cantrell**, who's retired and living in Little Rock, Ark. A geology major, Julie worked at Exxon for a number of years writing an in-house newsletter. When she returned to Arkansas she worked as an editorial assistant to a professor at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences who edited the American Journal of Anatomy.

Margaret (Peggy) McVarish Bashe enjoys a tranquil life in Melvin Village, N.H. She volunteers at the public library and at a nursing home, and corresponds with relatives all over the country. She enjoys visits from her nine grandchildren, two of whom she sees frequently as they live nearby.

Alice Breden Ehmman has retired from her job as librarian at a small Catholic school and now volunteers in a public school program that pairs first and second grade pupils one-on-one with adult mentors. "I feel I am contributing a little to the community," Alice says.

Tova Hellerman Bulow takes classes and enjoys daily swims in a nearby swimming pool. When she and her husband are in their summer home in Long Beach, Calif., she gets up early to bicycle on the boardwalk. One of her 14 grandchildren lives in New York; the others are in California and Colorado. Nevertheless, "everyone comes in the summer," Tova says, "and a few times during the rest of the year."

Our class treasury was depleted by our off-campus events at reunion and needs to be replenished in time for our 55th. To meet this need, our class officers suggest that we each contribute annual dues of \$10 to the class treasury. Checks should be made payable to Marietta Dunston Moskin, class treasurer; "Barnard Class of 1952" should be written on the memo line. Please send your check to Marietta at 1080 Fifth Ave., New York, NY, 10128-0102.

Ruth Bumeisters Waldhauser passed away in December. Our sincere

condolences to her husband, Karl. Belated condolences to **Diana Lowe Friedman** on the death of her father, Dr. John M. Lowe, an educator and an advocate of the State of Israel, and to **Francine Du Plessix Gray** on the death of her husband, the noted artist Cleve Gray.

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53 Ellen Conroy Kennedy is retiring from the group she founded 30 years ago, The Howard County Poetry and Literature Society of Columbia, Md., which has held events with some of the most notable names in literature. She has started a cable TV show featuring discussions with visiting authors. Ellen and her husband, Pat, have lived in Columbia since 1972.

A photograph of **Barbara Glaser Sahlman** was in *The New York Times*' "Sunday Styles" section on Feb. 6. It was taken at a Museum of Modern Art dinner celebrating the "Contemporary Voices: Works from The UBS Art Collection" exhibition.

Connie Benjamin Clery is as busy with Security on Campus as ever. She and her husband, Howard, made a gift to Barnard to establish the Jeanne Clery Internship Fund and the Jeanne Clery Lecture Series. The Internship Fund will provide The Barnard Columbia Rape Crisis/Anti-Violence Support Center with the funding it needs to pay dedicated, deserving students to work as peer educators and peer counselors. The endowment of the lecture series will further the College's efforts to educate students about campus safety and will permanently enable Barnard to attract outstanding speakers in this critical field.

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54 On the freezing cold, snowy day I wrote this, I called some classmates in warmer climes, hoping the heat might travel back to me via the phone lines. No luck there, but I had some lovely conversations with classmates.

Evelyn Cook McCulloch-Moore, now a reverend, plays the dual roles of church organist and preacher in Prescott, Ariz. Evelyn, who taught piano while her children were growing up, became her church's organist in Ontario, Canada, in 1973. She received a fellowship to study the organ from Trinity College Church in England, but in 1981 injured her finger, and wasn't sure if she'd ever play again. She said, "If I can't play, I'll have to get ordained!" Evelyn did just that, receiving ordination from the United Church of Canada. Evelyn was a minister there until her "retirement" in 1997, when she moved to Prescott. By that time, Evelyn had regained her ability to play the organ, and was asked to be a guest preacher and one half of an organ duo. She's very happy and busy in her new position.

Marie Zanfardino Jensen married a Texan, and happily moved to Houston where she "doesn't have to shovel snow." She does career counseling training and is busy with a new set of grand-twins, the second set in her family. According to Marie it's unusual that each of her daughters has given birth to twins, since twins don't run in her family. Marie keeps in touch with **Beatrice Carideo Fuller**. I wrote about Bea a while back, telling about her vacationing with a group of friends to places their husbands don't want to go—a great idea!

Courtney Campbell Sands, born in Nebraska, is another adopted Texan. She loves everything about Texas topographically: the mountains, the seashore, the forest, and, of course, the climate. She was working in education as a school administrator, but now is content spending time with family and doing volunteer work.

Ann Nelson Vermel is general manager of The Globe of America, a group that produces Shakespeare and children's theater on the Queen Mary, which is permanently docked in Long Beach, Calif. She earned this prestigious position after a long history of theatrical involvement, including managing the Pickle Family Circus, the West Coast group where Bill Irwin began his career.

Other information gleaned at reunion is that **Judith Scherer Herz** is an English teacher at Concordia University in Montreal, Canada, and **Doris Dobrow Gilman** is a docent at the Museum of the City of New York.

Closer to home, I've been speaking to **Geraldine Kirshenbaum Lane** who lives in Australia, and **Pauline Robrish Leeds**, who's been to New Zealand for extended stays quite often, because yours truly is leaving for both countries next week. Both have given me most helpful information. You'll read something about my trip in the next column.

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50TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

55 It's countdown time to our 50th reunion, June 2 through 5, and our class has been actively preparing. On the West Coast, **Sylvia Simmons Prozan** and **Ann Lachman Wilson** had lunch at Sylvia's home in Hillsborough, Calif., in April. Last January **Toni Lautman Simon** served luncheon for the reunion committee and classmates in the New York area.

In town for the occasion was **Leonore Allen Schwartz**, who lives in Fort Worth, Fla., and was in town meeting clients of her interior design firm, Leonore Witt Interiors, LLC. Leonore has four daughters and five grandchildren who live in London and

cities across the United States.

Pauline Skornicki Kra joined us from Forest Hills, N.Y. After 30 years as a professor of French at Yeshiva University, in 1990, she earned a master's degree in computer science. She has worked at Columbia University since 1998 researching the application of computers to the study of molecular biology. Her son Andrew writes screenplays; her son David is a real estate developer and investment banker.

Joycemarie Springer Washburn, an artist in Mamaroneck, N.Y., has given up her gallery but still creates and sells designs from her home. Her daughter, Margaret Washburn '71, manages a group of traders in the financial district. One of Joycemarie's sons is a school principal, another works with computers, and the third is doing post-doctorate research at Columbia University on the DNA spiral.

Mirella d'Ambrosia Servodidio organized the Twilight Lecture Series at Barnard, a series of lectures by Barnard professors. Mirella gave the first lecture on April 20, titled "Time Under Arrest: The Narrative Struggle Against the Sequencing of Language."

If you travel to New Hampshire this summer, don't forget to stop at **Margaret (Peggy) Dunlap Little's** craft shop and gallery, Long River Studios, in Lyme, N.H. Peggy specializes in wood carvings and pottery, and carries furniture, knitwear, crafts, and watercolor and oil paintings from local artists. In addition to conducting this business for 13 years, Peggy has time for her four children and 10 grandchildren.

Janet Moorhead Dotson traveled to Burundi in Central Africa a year ago to train social workers to deal with trauma from terror in a war-torn country. She and her sister also visited the Congo and Capetown, South Africa. At home in Evanston, Ill., she and her husband, Art, are busy with home renovations and community activities.

Happy retirement to **Necia Caplan Salan**, who owned an independent bookstore for 30 years in San Francisco. She has plenty to occupy her in retirement as she has two grandchildren and is a devoted San Francisco Giants fan and an avid reader.

Congratulations to **Beth Swartzman Schatman** on the birth of her granddaughter, Eliza Manny, born to her daughter, Jill Schatman Manny '79.

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56 Reva Schwartz Wiseman writes from Coral Gables, Fla., that she saw **Dena Ferran Dincauze, Carrie Cabe Kaminsky, and Naomi Stone Cohen's** in October at the wedding of Naomi's daughter, Ann. "As usual, we had lots to talk about, and the wedding was beautiful." Her son, Matt, lives in Natick, Mass. He and his wife, Jennifer, have just had a third child, Isaac, who joins Kiva and Madelene. Her daughter, Betsy, has shelved her law degree to make it as a comedian and writer. "We just sit back and enjoy them all."

The sixth annual **Ann M. Sperber** Biography Award was given in November to Arthur Gelb for *City Room*, his book about working at *The New York Times*. Ann's mother, Liselotte Sperber, established the award in honor of her late daughter, whose biography of Edward R. Murrow, *Murrow: His Life and Times*, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

Edith Tennenbaum Shapiro, M.D., wants to encourage classmates to send in good news. "Are we really planning our 50th reunion?" she asks. Indeed we are! Mark your calendars for a memorable weekend in 2006: Thursday, June 8, through Sunday, June 11.

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57 Louisa Rowell Stark was elected to the Phoenix school board. Louisa is director of the Community Housing Partnership in Phoenix and an adjunct professor of anthropology at Arizona State University in Tempe. She was also the founder and former president of the National Coalition for the Homeless.

Marilyn Melton Brooks writes from Phoenix that she's a docent at the Heard Museum, a museum of Native

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American art and culture. "I have several trips in the works: Israel in March for the opening of the Center for Emergency Medicine; Albuquerque to visit some pueblos and the Pueblo Cultural Center; and if the prices (the Euro/dollar ratio being what it is) don't give me a heart attack first, I am taking two of my granddaughters to Italy for a couple of weeks. One is graduating high school and the other is finishing eighth grade." Marilyn says her six grandchildren "are a joy." She writes, "The world descends on Phoenix and Scottsdale in the winter and I will be glad to hear from classmates. After 45 years here, I am a fount of local information and a very experienced tour guide."

One of our most distinguished classmates has won a prestigious award. **Agnes Vlavianos Arvanitis** received the 2004 Biopolicy Award last October in Stockholm, Sweden from The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, and the BioFocus Foundation. Agnes is founder and president of the Biopolitics International Organisation (B.I.O.). We received this message from the organization that she founded, hence the European-style spelling: "The Biopolicy Award recognizes a distinguished individual, well known for dedicatedly supporting the global developmental process by means of the creation and transfer of scientific knowledge in biology, and is conferred during a special ceremony at the Auditorium of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. The B.I.O. President was honoured with this award because of her major contributions to international environmental policy, her efforts to forge new directions in ethics and education, and her tireless work promoting peace and environmental appreciation in every human endeavour. Dr. Vlavianos-Arvanitis founded B.I.O. in 1985 to enhance international cooper-

ation and education in environmental protection and to promote the environment as a vehicle for peace. For her extensive contribution to global environmental and social awareness, Dr. Vlavianos-Arvanitis has been six times nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize."

Ann Marie Farver Norton writes that she and her husband, Larry, look forward to celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 21. They've made six trips to Mongolia with volunteer medical teams since 1998, in addition to some 15 other countries. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

Joanna Bressler has moved to Santa Monica, Calif., "to be near my daughter, son-in-law, and new granddaughter, Alexandra Emily Biel. I am editing dissertations, writing fiction, and babysitting."

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58 Peter Hare, husband of the late **Daphne Kean Hare**, sent an article from *Rochester Medicine* about a University of the Rochester School of Medicine program conceived and started by Daphne that has transformed medical education in Ukraine. According to the article, as a result of Daphne's efforts, "Ukraine now has rigorous, standardized testing at its medical schools, where, just seven years ago, none existed. The decades-old system of subjective oral exams has been transformed—a change considered the foundation for a solid medical education system." Daphne was already ill with the melanoma that would soon take her life, but worked from her hos-

pital bed to get the program started. Thank you, Peter, for the opportunity to remember our talented classmate.

Jean Houston was featured in the December 2004 issue of *Spirituality & Health* features. The article states, "Renaissance woman Jean Houston is now working with the United Nations Development Program to groom the next generation of leaders—people directed by their souls' demand for change." We wish Jean success with her efforts, which sound intriguing and laudable.

In April, **Cassandra Morley Klyman**, M.D., presented a paper at the annual meeting of the College of Forensic Examiners on "Murder in the Nursery: Homicide, Suicide and Post-Partum Psychosis." She says, "If any other Barnard alums have experience re: this subject and ideas about appropriate national, rational therapeutic jurisprudence, I'd love to hear about it. Not guilty by reason of insanity and guilty but mentally ill seem both inadequate because confinement thereafter can be so indeterminate." Cassandra hopes to one day publish her thoughts.

Ellen Weintrob Schor has three grandchildren: Melissa, 12, Tommy, 10, and Justin, 14, (born on Tax Day, "he's our tax dividend," she writes). "I have started painting again and I am so happy. I hum while I paint and the high lasts all day."

Barbara Barre Weintraub sold the house she lived in for 40 years and moved to a condo in Melville, N.Y. She retired two years ago when her employer moved to lower Manhattan, which required a four-hour commute a day. "Our children are firmly ensconced in their careers and our grandchildren have grown up—I think, when my back was turned. Our granddaughter is completing her college interviews and our grandson will celebrate his bar mitzvah ... Time seems to fly by and I am looking forward to our next reunion, which is certainly going to be a memorable one."

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59 Iris Nelson, a rehabilitation counselor and retired school counselor, just completed a year as president of the National Rehabilitation Association, metropolitan chapter, and continues to work part time for the New York City Department of Education, at a school in the Bronx. Iris's life partner, Alfred Schwartz, retired from his oral surgery

practice. They are both happy to have more time to do things together.

And the Lacoste Career Achievement in Film Award goes to ...

Anthea Giannakouros Sylbert.

According to an article in *Variety*, Anthea has been a costume designer, a studio executive, a producer, and a screenwriter during her extensive film career. Among the films she's worked on are "Rosemary's Baby" and "Chinatown." Anthea and her husband, Richard Romanus, live in Greece and are writing a feature film together, which she plans to produce.

We regret to report that **Myriam Jarblum Altman**, associate justice in the Appellate Division, Second Department, New York City, passed away on Jan. 29. Prior to her appoint-

ment in the appellate division in 1994, Myriam served as justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, judge of the Civil Court of New York, and before that as acting justice of the Supreme Court, among other posts. She is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren, brother, and sister.

If you're interested in writing this column, or sharing the position with another class member, please contact Alumnae Affairs, 212-854-2500, or one of our class officers.

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60 One of our Barnard Fund Phonathon volunteers spoke to **Linda Kaufman Kerber**, who says she earned a master's degree from New York University and a



RUTH WEICHSEL HOFFMAN '61

Ophthalmologist Sees the World Through Bright Eyes



Today, about 18 percent of ophthalmologists are women, according to the American Academy of Ophthalmologists. That may seem like a small number until you think about 1967, the year Ruth Weichsel Hoffman '61 became an ophthalmologist. Then, she represented a minority of 3 percent. Now she has her own practice and is clinical associate professor of ophthalmology at New York University School of Medicine.

Her success, however, has not been without struggle. Opening a practice presented challenges such as locating an office, managing employees, and determining what equipment to purchase—aspects of running a business that are second nature now. Despite the learning curve, being on her own is something she has always found rewarding. "Occasionally, it would be nice to have a colleague to communicate with about cases and interests, but you can do that

without a partner," she says.

Hoffman was inspired to become an eye doctor when she was 11 and her aunt had eye problems. At Barnard, where she majored in zoology, she found the atmosphere to nurture her confidence to pursue her ambitions and to enjoy liberal arts classes in art history and sociology. She admired the fact that she could take so many science classes at Barnard with other women. "The professors were very knowledgeable and supportive, which I appreciated very much," she says. She was also encouraged by the fact that about 5 to 10 percent of her class was pre-med.

After Barnard, she attended New York Medical College and was graduated from there in 1965.

Just as she has kept up her ties at her graduate school, she is involved with Barnard as a member of the Science Advisory Council. And she's still impressed with Barnard's science and liberal arts program. "The spirit of Barnard has always encouraged me, and whatever success I have had, I owe in large part to my college."

—Laura Shin

Ph.D. in history from Columbia University. After holding visiting appointments at the University of Chicago and Stanford University, she's now the May Brodbeck Professor in the Liberal Arts & Sciences and professor of history and lecturer in the College of Law at the University of Iowa. A past-president of the Organization of American Historians and of the American Studies Association, Linda is the president-elect of the American Historical Association, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and an elected member of the Society of American Historians, the American Antiquarian Society, and PEN/American Center. She's also found time to author several books and co-edit two! She serves as advisory editor to the Gender and American Culture series of the University of North Carolina Press and is on the editorial boards of *Signs: A Journal of Women in Culture and Society* and *The Journal of Women's History*, chair of the executive committee of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, and a member of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, a federal agency.

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61 Carol Alexieff Hilton writes from Oceanside, Calif., that she retired from the Unitarian Universalist Ministry in June 2003. She spent January through June 2004 in Baton Rouge, La., filling in for a minister on sabbatical. The six months provided a contrast to California. She enjoyed the food, the intriguing people, and the special ambience of Southern hospitality and Creole culture.

Carol Krepon Ingall writes from Providence, R.I., that her husband of 43

years, Michael, died in August 2004, leaving "his children, Marjorie and Andrew, his extended family, community, and me, bereft." Fortunately, the arrival of Maxine Annabel Ingall Stever on Oct. 21, 2004, helped to assuage her grief.

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We're planning a mini-reunion in the Massachusetts Berkshires that will be organized by **Francine (Frankie) Stein** and **Anne Broderick Zill**.

Joan Breibart, Dorothy Berger Davis, Judith Rothgart MacDonald, Wendy Supovitz Reilly, Pola Auerbach Rosen, and **Susan Robbins Stern** had a pot luck in November at **Marian Mandel Bauer's** home, where they drank four bottles of wine and had a lot of fun.

Lots of impressive news from our class: **Harriet David Lyons**, with her husband, Andrew, recently published *Irregular Connections: A History of Anthropology and Sexuality*, through the University of Nebraska Press. Harriet's also working with **Virginia Greene** and **Luisa Barbara Margolies Gasparini** in connection with a memoir about Ann Chowning, Barnard professor of anthropology, for a Festschrift in her honor. **Susan Aurelia Gitelson** received an honorary degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in June 2004. **Marion Brown Just**, professor of political science at Wellesley College, received the

Excellence in Mentoring Award from the Women's Caucus of the American Political Science Association in 2002 and in 2003. Her co-authored book, *Crosstalk: Citizens, Candidates and the Media in a Presidential Campaign*, received an award for the Outstanding Book in Political Communication for the Past 10 Years.

Carol Fink Jochowitz reports that she has retired from *Jewish Currents*, where she was production editor for 30 years, to enjoy her 6-year-old grandson, Uriel, while his mother Miriam works on a master's degree in psychology at New Paltz. Carol's older daughter, Eve, is getting a Ph.D. at New York University in culinary ethnology. **Esther Bromfeld Elkin** weekends in Wellfleet, Mass., with her husband, Richard. She says they come to supervise the tides. Her daughter, Rachel, is friendly with Nora, **Alice Miller Weiss's** daughter. Her son, Carl, is married and has a Ph.D. from Harvard University in biophysics. Esther is the controller of Radiation Monitoring Devices, Inc.

Loretta Tremblay Azzarone, our networking chair, requests that all classmates send their e-mail addresses to her at azza@nyc.rr.com so that we can be in touch more easily. Thanks.

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Congratulations to everyone in our class who helped to make our 40th reunion a resounding success. We had the largest attendance of any 40th reunion class ever, and also the largest gift, which at \$200,986 made us eligible for a second plaque in Barnard's Reunion Courtyard.

Cynthia Insolio Benn and Class President **Jane Gross Perman** are both new grandparents. **Edith Cohen's** daughter, Molly, celebrated her bat mitzvah recently at a ceremony attended by **Jane Dexter Coleman**, **Jane Gross Perman**, **Sydney Diamond Ratner**, **Andrea Machlin Rosenthal**, and **Kathryn (Kitzi) Stevens**.

Ruthana Donahue is "alive and well and living in the Berkshires. Working more than full time as a real estate broker." To relieve stress, she attends "a variety of classes: aerobics, kick-boxing, Pilates, yoga, etc. Sorry I didn't do more sooner."

Karen Black Burgin, who attended nursing school before entering Barnard, has assisted almost 1,500 births as a midwife. She has two daughters and is a new grandmother.

The author of our reunion yearbook, **Diane Fabiny Byrd**, works full time in her own business providing financial services for small businesses. She has no plans to retire, but loves to travel, particularly to Paris. Recently, she took her two nieces there for their 16th birthdays.

Virginia (Ginny) Lo Cicero Wortham and her husband have retired and live on a lake in Texas, where they're building their dream home. In addition to doing volunteer work for a mobile medical care unit for indigent and uninsured children, Ginny reports "plants have become a passion."

Joan Brazauskas Ashbourne's husband is also retired. Living in London, they're able to enjoy all the city offers and they vacation in Cape Cod every summer. After various jobs in publishing and administration, Jean found a satisfying new career 15 years ago as a Lithuanian/English interpreter.

Beth Pessen started a marketing research company in 1990. She conducts focus groups and individual interviews for corporations, nonprofits, and, as a volunteer did research for Barnard

on what programs alumnae would like. She doesn't plan to retire, but sees "this coming decade as my last chance to at least start to get good at some things I have been wanting to do for a long time, like play the piano."

Africa is the place that calls to **Carolyn Hillman**, who wants to see West Africa now, after having visited East and South Africa last year. She's a psychoanalyst and sex therapist in New York.

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40TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

65 Before I convey this month's news, I want to apologize to everyone who sent us an item in the past five years, but did not see it in our column. I have to say mea culpa because it's been a hectic time for me, with both domestic upheaval and job change. I know that things have slipped through the cracks and the problem with things slipping through the cracks is that you never know what precisely slipped. So my apology is general but very sincere. Anyone whose item was not included, please re-submit the item and please forgive.

For the past five years, **Dominique Anne Lunau Avery** has been the executive producer at CT-N, Connecticut's equivalent of C-SPAN. Dominique finds it a "fascinating and demanding" job and feels very fortunate to have found it. She stayed at home to raise her daughter—giving up her career as a television reporter—with no regrets. By chance, her daughter's departure for college coincided with the creation of CT-N. Dominique writes, "It wasn't easy to find a company that was willing to take a chance on

an 'older woman' who'd given up a career to stay at home." She "looks forward to sharing stories with others at our reunion."

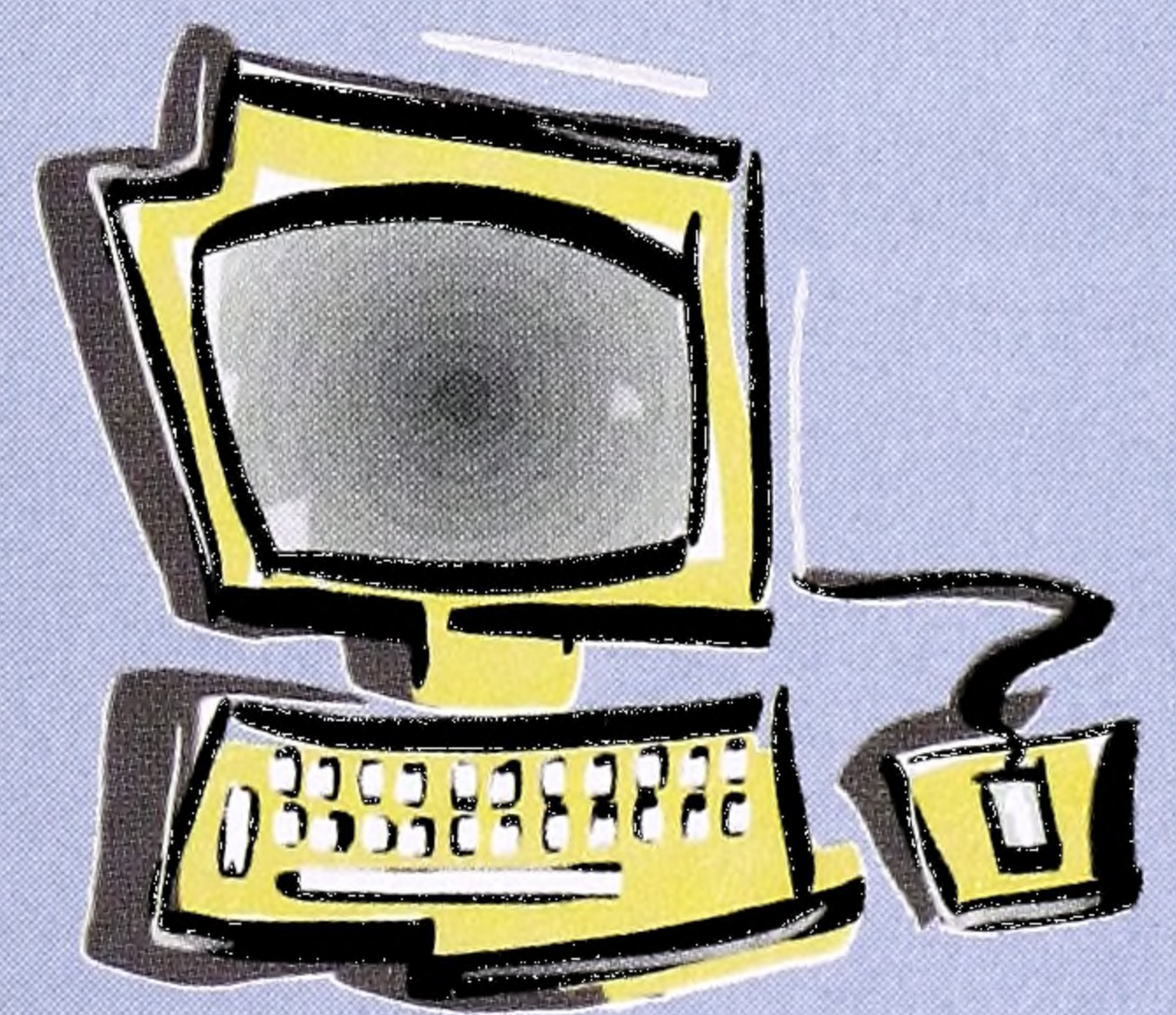
Bayla Tulchin Silbert is a social worker at North Shore/Long Island Jewish Hospital and also enjoys a private practice. Her four children are doing very well: one works for Goldman Sachs; one works for Toyota; another just completed a master's degree in public policy; and the fourth is studying for the LSATs! Bayla enjoys theatre, opera at the Met, the Alliance Française, and traveling.

Nancy Martz Merberg is sure that she "was the first in our class to marry," as she got married in 1962 and had a baby in 1964! She is still married, has three children, six grandchildren, and teaches gifted children. She writes,

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"Can't believe it's been 40 years!"

Carol Adler Berkowitz of Torrance, Calif., was elected president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the nation's largest pediatric organization. After attending Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, Carol trained at Roosevelt Hospital, and eventually moved to California. She is a professor at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center focusing on child maltreatment.

There was a wonderful story about **Ruth McKinney Fitch** in the *Boston Globe*. Ruth is married with two children. According to the article, she went to Harvard Law School at 37 "and soon became the first African-American female partner at a large Boston firm," Palmer & Dodge. Now she's the chief executive officer at the Dimock Community Health Center in Roxbury, Mass., where she oversees 500 employees. It was like "coming full circle," because Roxbury is where she grew up—her office is less than four blocks from her childhood home and is near the church she attended back then. The *Globe* story quoted a friend saying, "Fitch always sets the stage for her own life, guided by the belief that, 'if it can be done, I can do it.'"

Sadly, **Janet Voorhies** died on July 14. We hope classmates who knew Janet will send in something on her behalf.

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gram that brings specially-trained dogs to visit nursing home patients, and teaching a creative writing class for children. In addition, she's finishing the course work to become a Presbyterian lay minister, interning at a local church, and participating in a Bible study program with prisoners who are enrolled in a master's program through New York Theological Seminary. No wonder she says, "It's trite but true, when you retire you won't be able to understand how you ever had enough time to hold down a job!"

Linda Bellotti Fischetti is the manager of education and programs of the San Jose, Calif., Children's Museum. There, she works with professional performers, and writes and directs the museum's annual summer play. Through her job she has become friends with touring circus performers. So, in celebration of Christmas, New Year's, and her 60th birthday, Linda visited her circus friends in Merida, Mexico, and had an amazing time. Music, dancing, food, and all-night parties in the circus tents—what a birthday!

Harriet Cohen obtained a paralegal certificate in March 2004 and now works at a small but innovative probate, trusts and estates, and elder law firm in White Plains, N.Y. She enjoys the "treks" to Surrogate Court and the client contact, and expects to do more legal research. "It's never too late to make a career change, and I'm glad I did," she says.

The Great Smoky Mountains Association published **Doris Gove's** new children's book, *It Came From the Smokies*, about 30 plants and animals. Doris also reports that she's been training for a marathon in March.

Naomi Achs Foner is now using the name **Naomi Gyllenhaal**. Married for more than 25 years to director Steven Gyllenhaal and mother of actors Jake and Maggie, Naomi was recently profiled in *The New York Times*. According to the article, "she has a

quartet of new high-profile projects, not least the eagerly anticipated 'Bee Season,' due out next year from Fox Searchlight, with Richard Gere and Juliette Binoche."

Helen Longino will join the Stanford University philosophy department this September.

Constance Hess Williams was reelected to the Pennsylvania Senate from the 17th Senatorial District. Prior to her 2001 election to that seat, Connie served for five years in the state House of Representatives.

Kathy Candel Epstein's daughter Samara was married in October.

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67 Carol Stock Kranowitz enjoys being "Granny" to Aaron, Asher, and Eden. She recently published *The Goodenoughs Get in Sync*, a book about a family with sensory processing problems. She'll do presentations on the topic in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Singapore, and Sydney.

Eva Mayer has retired after teaching French and Spanish in the Greenwich, Conn., public schools for 36 years.

Helene Meier Houge survived the four hurricanes that hit Florida this past summer and fall only to return to her Delaware home and be exposed to the steam leak at Hope Creek nuclear plant. Hope Creek is the second largest nuclear plant in the United States.

Susan Burchell Profeta's daughter Katherine married Steve Bodow.

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66 After more than 30 years in public education, **Barbara Grado Devir** retired and moved to Ossining, N.Y. Since her retirement she's been working out at a local gym, learning Spanish and Japanese, volunteering in a pro-

68 Bronwen Murphy writes from Cambridge, Mass., that she's taking

classes at Harvard Divinity School, teaching yoga, and going out dancing “now that the bars in Cambridge are smoke-free.” She even tries to get to New York occasionally. Hopefully, she’ll be able to come in three years for our 40th!

Barbara Goldman’s son, Isaac, got married. Barbara is the coordinator of the Brookline Parent-Child Home Program, a preschool literacy initiative. Her husband, David Fine, is a lawyer in private practice in Boston.

Along with the good news also comes the sad report of the death of **Sarah Wells Robertson** last October. Our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

My co-correspondent, **Jerilyn Seife Famighetti**, and I meet for lunch when our schedules permit. I also see my former roommate **Martha (Marti) Lee Shames Groen** and her husband, Cliff. Marti and I meet for dinner when possible, and exchange many amusing e-mails, usually of a political nature, since they live near Washington, D.C.

Class President **Linda Rosen Garfunkel**, her husband, Richard, my husband, Jeff, and I and a few other friends celebrated Chinese New Year in February with an elaborate feast. It was just an excuse to see people and have a good time, which we did. I hope that you’re all having informal reunions so that when the big 4-0 comes in three years, we can all compare notes!

In the meantime, tell me about your children, grandchildren, jobs, retirement (I do that in June!), new lives, etc. Remember, what you consider dull or commonplace is interesting news to someone else—maybe even an inspiration!

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69 Patricia Hunter lives in New Canaan, Conn., and is a leadership development consultant for organizations and individuals. Before starting her own practice in 1993, she held leadership positions in corporate human resources at The Bank of New York, Chrysler Capital Corporation, and Irving Trust Company.

Elinor Knodel is celebrating her 25th anniversary at DuPont this year. She and her husband have two children, a 14-year-old son and a 17-year-old daughter.

With nine colleagues from Wellesley College, I traveled to Morocco in January as part of a grant-funded faculty development project. I worked on the first stage of a research project on recent changes to Moroccan family law, in the areas of marriage and divorce. I had the opportunity to work with a cultural anthropologist from the University of Rabat, as well as a woman activist in divorce reform from one of Morocco’s NGOs. This was a unique and valuable experience for me both as a scholar and as a legal practitioner. On the home front, my son Will is enjoying his freshman year at Bates College and our younger one, Tony, is enduring a challenging junior year in high school.

Because my life, with both professional and family responsibilities has reached “disk full” status—at this time I know what you’re thinking: Whose hasn’t?—I’m hoping to pass the job of class correspondent on to one or two of you. If you’re interested in writing this column, or sharing the position with another class member, please contact Alumnae Affairs, 212-854-2500, or one of our class officers.

70 Dora Eisenberg Polachek, who teaches French at Binghamton University’s department of romance languages and literatures, received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, granted by the Chancellors State University of New York.

Kerry Drury has been living in a nook of the Sierra foothills for the past 25 years. She recently divorced (a good thing, she says) after a long marriage. “Related to that have been several hitches in my career development—I have a master of social work degree I am choosing not to use, but am having trouble finding the energy to fully launch myself as a garden designer after just completing an associate’s degree in that.”

Bonnie Fox Sirower has been appointed executive director of the Community Blood Services Foundation in Paramus, N.J.

After 30 years as a C.P.A. and medical practice administrator, **Susan Parker Papillon** is a first-year student at the Seattle University School of Law, where she’s employed as a research assistant, investigating support programs for older students. She lives on Mercer Island, reachable only by pontoon bridge.

After the “strange experience” of not working for a year, **Camille Kiely Kelleher** is earnestly seeking employment again. “The lack of intellectual challenge and the absence of colleagues is starting to wear thin.”

Camille also provided news of two classmates. After a 10-year hiatus from work, **Weslie Resnick Janeway** is now working part time for the investment firm Warburg Pincus. **Priscilla Greer Jones** is teaching in upstate New York. She and her husband, Chaffee Minnell, have one daughter, Carly, who lives and works in the Boston area.

Abby Glazer Robinson was awarded an individual photographer’s fellowship by the Aaron Siskind

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Foundation. As a recipient, she'll contribute one of her photographs to a permanent archive founded in conjunction with the Art Museum at Princeton University. Her work is also in two traveling photography shows: "Critical Mass" at the Paul Paletti Gallery, Louisville, Ky., April through June; Gallery Sink, Denver, Colo., July through August; and the Houston Center for Photography at Williams Tower, Houston, Texas, September through early October. "In This Place" was exhibited in New York and Birmingham, Ala. She's going to Sri Lanka this summer to complete her grant from the American Institute of Sri Lankan Studies.

Melanie Washburn Braun's daughter will receive her master of social work from Simmons College in May. Melanie is in Flagstaff, Ariz., teaching piano and playing chamber music.

Katalin Roth, division director of geriatrics and director of the primary care internal medicine residency program at the George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates, is serving on a panel to advise the

Montgomery County (Md.) Council on a plan to give county employees the option to buy lower-priced prescription maintenance drugs from Canada.

Wendy Stone's daughter, Gina Costagliola, will graduate from Barnard this year as a President's Scholar. Her older daughter graduated from Vassar in 2002, and she has a 14-year-old at home. Wendy says that she has made new Barnard friends through one of the Barnard Club of Boston's book groups. **Deborah Cohen Levine's** son graduated from Tufts, and her daughter is a freshman at Northwestern. Deborah is a clinical social worker for Jewish Family Services.

Zelda Stern, a freelance writer and consultant, lives in Williamstown, Mass. Her husband, Ralph Bradburd, is an economics professor at Williams. She has a daughter at Brown and a son at Yale.

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71 At The Barnard Fund phonathon, I was happy to notice that many of us look much younger than our age. Barnard has so many alumnae benefits including courses to audit, gym privileges, and Project Continuum events. Please demonstrate your commitment to women's education and make a donation today. Thank you for your generosity.

Ellin Kardiner Curley married Tom Curley. They live in Connecticut.

Elizabeth Wasik Thompson has four sons and is still married to her college sweetheart and living in Brooklyn.

Ruah Donnelly is researching material for a second book on plant nurseries.

Congrats to **Jan Halle** on the admission of her daughter Sophie Suberman

'08 to Barnard. Her son, Tom, is in the post-baccalaureate program at Columbia to prepare for medical school. Her daughter Abbie works as a senior associate in strategic planning.

Linda Elovitz Marshall, in Selkirk, N.Y., is enjoying being a grandma and using her "generativity"—using creativity to make products that may generate income.

Amelia Anzalone Kittredge is corporate counsel at E.I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co. in Delaware, handling complex litigation. Her husband is a partner in a firm in Philadelphia.

Elayne Lerner Grossbard writes from the San Francisco area that her daughter, Sylvia, graduated from high school, is in Israel, and will be in Columbia College's Class of 2009. Elayne's son Joseph is a sophomore in high school. Elayne is a Judaica curator at the Judah L. Magnes Museum in Berkeley, Calif.

My son Jon is juggling two jobs and attending Rutgers. My son Jordan passed his driving test. **Lily Soohoo Louie** and I have been discussing plans for our 35th reunion next year. Let us know if you have any ideas.

On a sad note, **Catherine Bilzor Cretu** writes that **Anna Gromadzka** died on March 15, 1994. She worked as a librarian at the Town School in Miramar, Fla.

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73 Hello all. I'm pleased to say that two alumnae contacted me with news. **Carol Ann Nelson Read**, of South Dartmouth, Mass., writes to that her daughter, Katherine, has been accepted

early decision to Brown University. Congratulations, Carol. Many of us have children this age and we know how hard it is to get into great schools these days.

Mona Geller of New York wrote to let us know that she's in the entry to practice program at Columbia School of Nursing and will graduate this May. She confesses that school is very challenging at our age but says she's learning a lot. Hats off to you, Mona. School IS really challenging. What's it like to be in class with all those young kids? I'm sure you bring a wealth of wisdom and experience to your studies and will make a fine and compassionate nurse. I wish more women our age would take the plunge and enter this very important profession. Anyone who's ever

been sick in the hospital knows just how important good nurses are.

Sadly, **Lynne Stewart** died on Dec. 1. She is survived by her parents, her sister, and her companion, Kenrick Jacobs. This is a first for me. My aunt, Madeline Russell Robinton '29, sees this often in her class column, but for us a death is rare. Remember Lynne in your thoughts this month, ladies.

Stay well and keep reading. Next quarter I'll get back to my surprise calls to catch up with some of you who haven't contacted me. Be ready.

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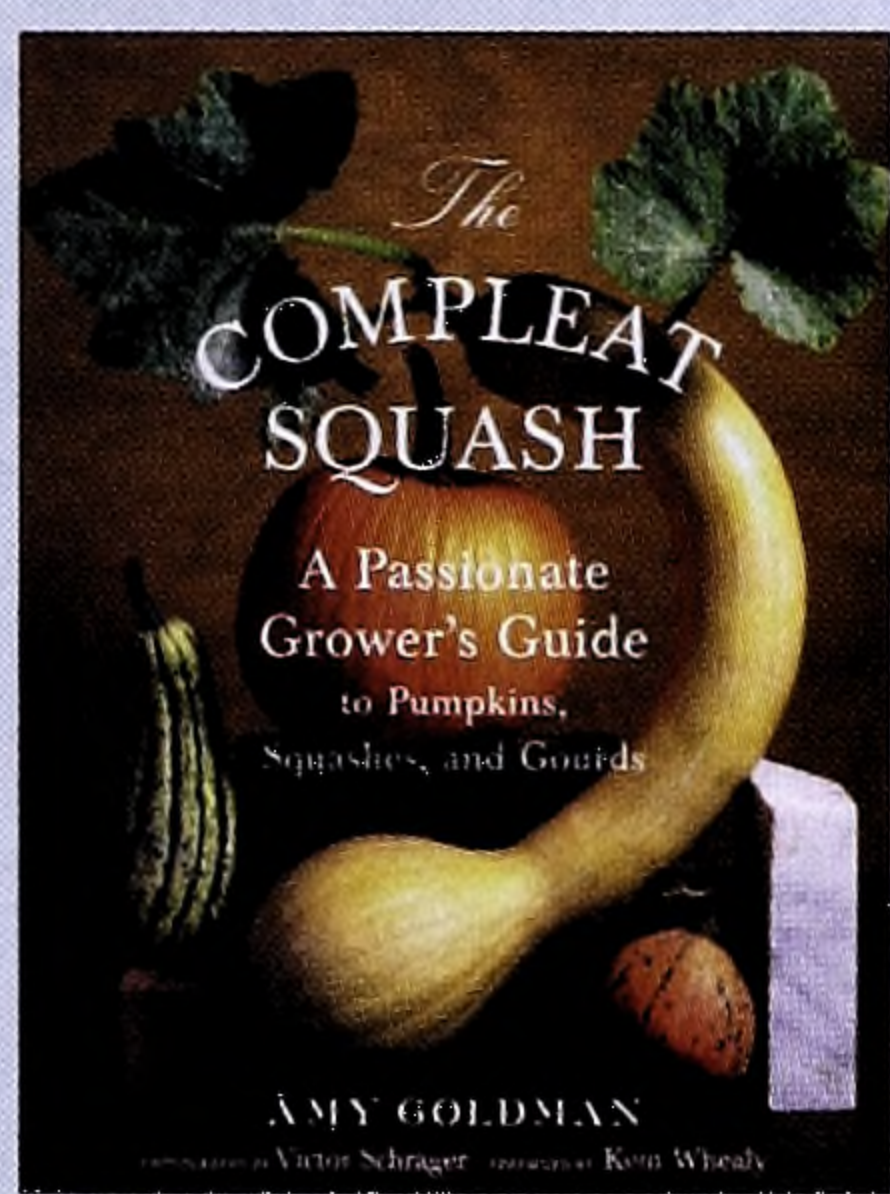
Janice Clark Chance writes from Brooklyn, where the departure of their youngest for college would have left her and Bruce with an empty nest, if their oldest didn't happen to live nearby with a 3-year-old. Having a grandchild nearby is my definition of sound family planning. Their middle daughter is a public defender. Bruce and Janice will celebrate their 30th anniversary in May, along with our 30th reunion.

Nina Scherer Werner is a writer



AMY GOLDMAN '76

Discovering the Magic of Melons and Squash



When Amy Goldman '76 moved to a 200-acre farm in upstate New York's Dutchess County, she couldn't wait to get her hands dirty.

On the farm, she transformed her passion for growing vegetables into something she describes as "the equivalent of earning a doctoral degree"—entering 70 horticultural classes at the county fair, ambitiously pursuing blue ribbons for her produce, and ultimately emerging with the fair's Grand Championship in 1995.

"I've always been a vegetable and fruit grower," says Goldman, who previously worked with autistic children as a clinical psychologist. "At 17, I discovered I had a natural talent for kitchen gardening," she says, adding that her family encouraged her early interest in growing fruits and vegetables.

Her success at the fair led to a new career in gardening and garden writing. Goldman, who is married and has one

daughter, writes regularly for *Garden Design* and *Organic Gardening* and has appeared on television shows including "Martha Stewart Living" and "The Victory Garden." Recognition as a gardening expert led her to pen *The Compleat Squash: A Passionate Grower's Guide to Pumpkins, Squashes, and Gourds* (Artisan, 2004) and *Melons for the Passionate Grower* (Artisan, 2002). She has been written about in *Country Living Gardener*, *Good Housekeeping*, *House & Garden*, and *The New York Times* for her accomplishments as a farmer, writer, and artist (she casts vegetables in bronze).

About 15 years ago, she became involved with the heirloom seed movement. As she writes on her Web site, www.rarereforms.com, these seeds have been preserved and handed down among generations of farmers and gardeners, yielding a "more delicious and beautiful" alternative to hybrid and genetically modified vegetables.

Goldman credits Barnard, where she majored in psychology and was captain of the archery team, with providing an "encouraging atmosphere" that has helped her shift from field to field.

—Merri Rosenberg '78

of computer software for medical applications in the SAS language, working in Madison, Wis.

Kim Lane Scheppele writes from Philadelphia, where she was recently named John J. O'Brien Professor of Comparative Law and Professor of Sociology at Pennsylvania State University, although this academic year she's visiting at Princeton. Kim and her husband, Serguei Oushankine, recently celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary. Serguei is a Russian anthropologist who is finishing a Ph.D. at Columbia.

Judith Weisman writes from Plattsburgh, where she has practiced general and colon-rectal surgery for 15 years and is now vice president of the hospital medical staff.

Cheryl Kovacs Warner is looking forward to attending reunion for the first time. (She wanted to come, but deaths in the family prevented her from being at our 20th and 25th.) Cheryl's oldest, Rebecca, will graduate Phi Beta Kappa from Columbia this spring—she was drawn to Morningside Heights by the Barnard dance program.

Denice Figaredo Collazo is paying three tuitions: her eldest daughter, Gretchen Collazo '02, is in law school at Emory; twins Abigail is a junior at Mount Holyoke and Allison is a junior at Randolph Macon.

Eva Gomolinski has a pediatrics practice in Middletown, N.Y. She ran into **Alka Gupta** at party last summer, and spotted one of **Lois Adams Coover's** poems in a journal, *To Genesis*. Eva certainly lives in one of the most beautiful parts of the country, especially in the fall. Nevertheless, she dreams of moving back to the city. I think I'll have a drink with her in May to fantasize about giving up the big, center-entrance colonials, now that the kids are grown, and moving to downtown condos with a view and a bookstore you can walk to.

I'm saddened to report the death of **Patricia Ann Long** on Jan. 27. We

send our condolences to her family and friends.

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76 Barbara Rosenthal is married to Marty Birnbaum and has two children: Sarah, 21, a senior in college, and Joshua, 18, a high school senior. After graduation, she worked for a real estate management company in Manhattan for 10 years, where she became vice president. After Sarah was born, Barbara worked part time in commercial production. After moving from Manhattan to Rockland County in 1989, she continued to pursue her interest in Jewish philosophy and theology, and in May 2004 received her master's degree with distinction from the Graduate School of the Jewish Theological Seminary in Bible and ancient semitic languages.

Bettina Lande e-mails from Paris that her daughter, Sophie, 16, is starting the "age-old drama" of passing the French baccalaureate, and her niece, Sarah Lande, entered the Barnard Class of 2006 as a sophomore last year. Bettina plans to get involved in the new Barnard Club of Paris.

Jessica Dee Zive Rohm tells us that since graduation she has owned and sold a couple of businesses, received her MBA from Columbia Business School, worked for IBM, and now works for Thompson. She and her husband, Eberhard, live in Greenwich, Conn., with their son, Lucas, and their daughter, Olivia. Jessica finished her first novel, which is widely available now, and her heroine went to college—where else?—at Barnard!

Beth Steinberg Mermelstein writes that she garnered a second bachelor's, and a master's in January from Pacific College of Oriental Medicine and has a private acupuncture practice

on the Upper West Side. She says she returned to school believing that she could do anything (having graduated from Barnard) including going back to school full time. Her husband, Josh, is still a partner at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver, and Jacobson in New York. Their eldest son, Avi, graduated Yeshiva University in 2004, and is keen on a TV or movie writing career—she'd like advice on this from anyone gracious enough to pass it along. Their son, Jesse, is beginning his sophomore year at Johns Hopkins; their youngest son, Jonah, will be a freshman at Ramaz High School.

Lisa Phillips Davis has been appointed president of the Chappaqua (N.Y.) board of education. Lisa, who holds an MBA in finance from New York University, has served as AABC board member for the past six years, and has been very active in many other local and state educational associations. Congratulations, Lisa!

On a very sad note, we learned of the passing of **Elizabeth Lesman** on Sept. 25, 2003. We will all mourn the loss of this treasured classmate and offer condolences to her family and friends.

Rhea Zirkes Schwartzberg sends a loving tribute to **Deena Myerowitz Haber**: "We met in a psych class taught by Dr. George Kelling and became the closest of friends. We shared all the ups and downs in our lives. Dina died on Oct. 9, 2004, after a long fight with cancer. She was one of the kindest, most thoughtful, and courageous people I've ever met." Deena will be missed.

My son Reid, a high school junior, is taking a college trip with his dad. When I took him to Columbia, he listened to all my reminiscences of my time there, and saw all my old campus haunts. He really loved the school (of course) and the environment.

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77 Congratulations (and hugs and kisses) to **Celia Weisman Chance** and her husband. Celia writes, "After a very long wait, and with some major reproductive assistance, our first child was born on July 6, 2004. Her name is Dena Martha Weisman Chance, and my husband and I have fallen totally in love with her. No doubt Dena will be starting Barnard in 2022!" The Weisman Chance family lives in Seattle. (Please, no jokes about some of them being sleepless.)

Sarah McNaughton Deppa writes that she and her husband, Jim, now live in Cherry Hill, N.J., with their three children. Brian, 17, and Jeff, 15, attend Cherry Hill High School East, while Lisa, 11, attends Beck Middle School.

Evelyn Berger Hartman, a psychoanalyst practicing in Manhattan, lives in Riverdale with her husband, Jim, and their three children: Alisa, Benji, and Jakey.

Teresa Jankovic was recently made a partner at KPMG, LLP. Teresa has been married to Bernie Yozwiak for more than 19 years. They have three children—Jeff, 15, Madeline, 12, and Xavier, 6—and live in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y.

I received a fascinating clipping from the business publication *Crain's* about **Janet Claire Kamin**. Janet, who attended Columbia Business School, worked in management consulting and now owns Janet's Low Carb Foods. Frustrated with the lack of low-carb food options, she began working on her own recipes. Once she'd developed a recipe for bread with only three grams of carbohydrates per slice, she test-marketed it at a New York diner and soon had her first customer. By last year, the company had almost 200 customers, including Starbucks. There are six full-time employees, and Janet no

longer does the baking herself. Operations are conducted out of a large factory in Maspeth, Queens. Janet now concentrates on administration, product development, and marketing. The company also makes hamburger buns.

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78 It's our philosophy here at the Class of 1978 column that, like Orson Welles' 1970s TV ads for Paul Masson ("We will sell no wine before its time"), we will print no news items before I can locate them in the piles on my desk.

Which brings us to what we'd like to call News of Yore, this month featuring ... oops, I can't find it. If anyone has sent in class news over the years that never appeared (and there's no statute of limitations), please re-send, and be gentle with me.

Meanwhile, here's something fresh and up-to-date: **Vivian Levmore Tannor** lives with her family in Rehovot, Israel. "I love my work as a clinical psychologist and karate teacher. I have finally acclimated enough so that I do not translate in my head during sessions, and sometimes I have dreams in Hebrew." Vivian worries, naturally, about the state of affairs in the Middle East. "I wish I had some brilliant plan," but instead, "I try to do some good in my little corner of the world and at the same time pray for peace."

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tor who'll curate an exhibition of Miller's paintings at the American Indian Community House Gallery in Greenwich Village (May 19 through June 30, 2006). A piece of Diana's own artwork was on display in the gallery as part of an exhibition titled "New York Mix: The Art of the Five 'Civilized' Boroughs." Way cool, Diana!

The Oct. 18, 2004 issue of *Fortune* named **Beth Seidenberg** as one of the "Five Women to Watch." Beth is the chief medical officer for Amgen, which is the world's largest biotechnology company. She's responsible for the testing and clinical trials that bring new drugs to market. According to *Fortune*, "She pushed 22 new products or applications through the pipeline to regulatory approval worldwide last year."

Kathryn Papadakis works at Connecticut Occupational Health Network, performing the valiant tasks of occupational medicine, which is so fundamental to the survival of our workforce. She traveled with her husband and son to Paris for the February break; their first European venture since 9/11. They're also having an addition put on their house—a slow, painstaking process that has my sympathies!

Elizabeth Warren Pierce lives in Arlington, Mass., with her husband, Tom. They're enjoying being first-

time homeowners as of September 2004. Elizabeth, a clinical psychologist with a private practice, works at Children's Charter providing evaluations for families involved in court or DSS adjudications.

Renee Price wrote the luscious article, "Vienna: An Uninhibited Tour of the City's Idiosyncratic, Playful Design and Seriously Fun Food" in *Food & Wine's* December 2004 issue.

My daughter, Emalyn, has been accepted at the People to People Leadership Summit on global citizenship. My son, Jay, helped introduce S2142, the Gifted Disabled Community Needs Study Commission in the New Jersey Senate. Our testimony to the committee on education is on the New Jersey legislature's Web site. Please write to me so that I can include YOUR news in the next issue!

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Liza Redfield passed away in August 2004. Our deepest sympathies go out to her family.

Use your powers for good. Right now I shall use mine for laundry. As reunion fast approaches—and I expect to see all of you there, possums—I won't say goodbye, but *au revoir*.

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81 This quarter we have radiant news from our new moms. **Sherry Sontag** is in bliss, having just given birth on November 2 to her second son, Samuel Henry Matan Sontag. He came into the world at 9 lbs. and Sherry says he's the best little brother that her older son, Coby, could ask for. Sherry sent me pictures and both boys, of course, are adorable. Sherry lives in Manhattan and is working on a second book—about motherhood and fertility.

Ann Fisher is also in the land of joy. She traveled to Russia in late October to adopt Zahava Sara, then 9 months, on Nov. 1, 2004. Zahava Sara comes from a small village in the Ural Mountain region, near the border of Russia and Kazakhstan. As of Ann's writing, Zahava Sara had just turned 1 and is doing great, gaining weight, learning new skills, and generally being a delightful, easy baby. Dina, the older sister, 6, who came from St. Petersburg, Russia, is getting used to having a sibling and sharing her mom. "This too shall pass," Ann says. Ann lives in Boston and works for Bank of America.

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82 My plea for updates worked: this column includes news from some of our formerly reticent!

Lisa Abelow Hedley writes: "I am one of those Barnard alumnae: I became a lawyer but retired to have four kids." During her tenure as "a crazed mother," Lisa bought an art house cinema called the Bantam Cinema in northwest Connecticut and then became a documentary filmmaker. Her "Dwarfs: Not a Fairy Tale" for HBO was nominated for an Emmy Award. On a break from filmmaking, Lisa has put her "life-long passion for yoga and wellness" to work on opening a destination spa at her family's Mayflower Inn in Washington, Conn. The spa will have treatments, classes, and outdoor programs complemented by cultural programs in film and literature—"a sophisticated blend of body-mind experiences," Lisa says. Her children range in age from 15 years to 18 months, and she's excited that her baby, Iris, will "attend" Barnard in the fall through the Barnard College Center for Toddler Development.

Amy Lacheen Baker, a developmental psychologist who received her Ph.D. from Teachers College in 1989, is the director of the Center for Child Welfare Research at The Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. She has written extensively about parent involvement, early intervention, and child welfare, and is working on a book about parental alienation syndrome, which she describes as a child being turned against one parent by the other. Amy is married to a therapist, lives in Teaneck, N.J., and has a 17-year-old daughter who's involved in equestrian activities, the subject of Amy's two latest books. Amy is also involved with the Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County and is a founding member of the Teaneck Peace and Justice Coalition.

Julie Marden enjoys teaching in the music department of the Putney School and has played violin in the Springfield (Mass.) Symphony since 1987. Her daughter, Nora, 10, loves growing up in southwestern New

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80 I think the greatest satisfaction in life must come from utilizing your special talents, and I hope that satisfaction belongs to all of you, my friends. Attend the tales of two classmates.

Fiona Irving Donovan was feted at the Whitney Museum of American Art in November in celebration of the publication of her book, *Rubens and England*. She resides in New York and has three charming daughters: Lucy, Flora, and Tess.

Sarah W. Fitts-Romig makes her life a blessing in Rochester: "I continue the challenging work of teaching kindergarten in Rochester's inner city. My two sons, Henry and Peter, are growing like weeds. The 14-year-old is already 6 feet tall! Parenting and family are Nos. 1 and 2 on my list of priorities."

With regret I add that classmate

Hampshire, attending school across the river in Vermont, and traveling to New York with Julie.

Arlene McCarthy lives in Kensington, Md., and moved from the general counsel's office at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to the general counsel's office at the U.S. Department of Education, focusing now exclusively on government ethics. Her daughter is in the middle of the time-consuming college application process. Arlene says, "I thought life as a single, working mom was busy, but every time I complain I think next year I will be an empty-nester. Will it be better or worse?"

Mary Lopez is involved with diabetes education and management and spent a week at the International Diabetes Center, where she took professional courses while simulating life as a diabetes patient. Her two "healthy and happy" sons, George and Alex, just celebrated their 13th and 10th birthdays, respectively.

Best wishes to **Marina Rabinovich**, who married Igor Goshchinsky in June 2004.

Phyllis Furman Wagner, a business columnist at the *New York Daily News*, is thrilled to report that her daughter, Ariel Wagner, will be starting at Barnard in the fall.

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Benette Gilbert Rosen, recovering from major surgery, is "very happy to be alive and breathing in the sweet smells of flowers and trees and enjoying my beautiful family." Her life is busy in

St. Petersburg, Fla., with pianist and gymnast Miranda, 8, violinist Maxwell, 7, and fish expert Adam Micah, 2. Her husband is chief of staff this year at the hospital where he's an anesthesiologist. When the kids get a bit older, Bennette hopes to do some theater again! Prior to moving to Florida, she acted in commercials, TV shows, and off-off Broadway productions. She graduated from The Neighborhood Playhouse, where she studied with Sanford Meisner.

Bayla Travis' new play, "Kiss & Tell," will open at The Drill Hall Theatre in London this summer. Bayla says the play was inspired by pop icon Dusty Springfield and will feature "dykes in beehives." Alumnae in London interested in saying hello should look her up in the online directory (www.barnard.edu/alum).

Jacqueline Kamber married Christopher Hosford, a professional journalist and writer she met through Match.com. After selling her Manhattan home of the past 18 years, Jackie and Christopher bought a three-bedroom home in Riverdale, N.Y. Jackie writes, "Even this crazy real estate process has been a joy to accomplish with him." Her career as a designer with the American Association of Interior Designers is blossoming as well.

Mindy Siegel Ohringer celebrated her son Noah's bar mitzvah in February. Her best friend and former roommate, **Lorraine Levitt Katz**, M.D., took time away from her NIH grant to attend with her husband, Eric, and children, Daniel and Chloe. She also saw fellow Alpha Delta Phi Society brother Mark Foldare (CC '83) and his wife, Lesley. Noah's bar mitzvah luncheon was held at the temple where Mindy got married in 1986, never dreaming that she'd be living in Great Neck!

Lorraine Newman Mackler returned from a visit to Israel, where she and her family visited with

Lorraine's cousin, Gloria Smilowitz Mosenkis '87, a social worker caring for victims of domestic violence, and mom extraordinaire to four beautiful children. While in Bet Shemesh, Lorraine saw **Margo Lee Kossoff** and Naomi Quint Silverman '83 (Lorraine's junior year suitemate in Plimpton). Lorraine reports that Naomi recalled long past boyfriends, backstage discussions during "The Mikado," and every other detail of the suitemates' lives. Naomi has become a massage therapist. She and her husband have four children.

Irene Friedland and her dog, Spike, are now an official pet therapy team. The dynamic duo will be visiting people who have Alzheimer's disease at their residences on the Upper East Side. Pictures from an amazing week she spent in Death Valley with Spike in his "uniform" can be found at <http://f2.pg.briefcase.yahoo.com/otte-rwear>.

Cynthia Bishop lives in her hometown of St. Louis, Mo., and is interested in joining a local alumnae group, if one exists or is in the process of forming. She owns a home in the garden district, which she shares with two dogs and three cats. She's divorced from John Abrahams (CC '84). Cynthia would like to hear from the other folks in our class who are living "ordinary lives."

Robyn Goldowski lives in Merrick, N.Y., with Phil, her husband of five years. The mother of Rosa, 16, and Victoria, 14, she writes, "Parenting teenagers is quite a challenge!" After 20 years battling corporate red tape, Robyn opened a bridal and evening-wear salon in Merrick, called Moonlight Couture. She enjoys being part of the happy occasions in so many people's lives.

Maria de Lourdes Hinojosa, a CNN correspondent and host of NPR's "Latino USA," returned to the campus in January to talk to students about connecting their volunteer work as activists to professional opportunities

when they graduate. the talk was sponsored by Barnard's New York City civic engagement program.

Abby Schachter Fink handed in her Ph.D. dissertation in psychology (on the long-term outcome of child psychoanalysis) this past fall to University College London. She writes, "It is over 10 years since I began it and am very eager to be finished. After six years in London, I am back in Israel (nearly five years ago), married with three boys (ages 11, 8, and 5). I'm still in touch with Ellie Richman Cohen '83, **Rachel Bressel Eisen**, **Ruth Borison Shaked**, and **Karen Gornish Wilcheck**; so those Barnard connections remain strong!"

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I brought in the New Year with my 40th birthday, and the ritual snowstorm that occurs on that date just about every year. I'd asked you this time if you'd updated your holiday celebrations. Some of your very gratifying answers are below.

Laurie Gaughran received her Ph.D. in political science from Columbia. She's teaching social studies in a New York public school in Chelsea for at-risk students. She enjoyed a tour of Barnard with some high school students in September 2004, when she visited

Professors Dalton, Pious, and Juviler. Laurie has a son, 1, and a daughter, 5.

Eva Grayzel Cohen has started including the tzedakkah (charity) box at every family holiday gathering. The attractive, artistic container, which reads "enrich life by giving" is passed around the room and everyone says what they are grateful for. Over the years, Eva says, her children say very meaningful things that make her proud.

Cynthia Groomes Katz writes that she and her husband, Ed, just celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary. They were married in Miami Beach, Fla. The bridal party included **Tracey Greene-Johnson**, Pamela Groomes Harris '88, and **Juliet Howard**. Ellen Weintrob Schor '58 and Mahalia Joseph '87 helped celebrate.

Juliet and her life partner, Norma Jean Jennings (Columbia Law '90), had Nicholas James Howard-Jennings, their second child, on Sept. 28, 2004. Juliet carried him, and his 7-year-old brother Jordan adores him. Juliet's on maternity leave from her job as a court attorney in Manhattan Civil Court. She celebrates Kwanzaa, and shares that the discussions and principles have given celebrating the holidays new meaning.

Michelle Lindholm-Benjamin is gearing up to teach yoga, launch her daughter Jessica into kindergarten in the fall, work on five quilts, and finish a book of poems about fruit. (I've read some—they're delicious!)

Congratulations to **Louisa Oakenell-Florea**, who had her third son, Finian, on Aug. 31, 2004. He joins Bobby, 8, and Brendan, 5. Unfortunately, Louisa's husband passed away on Feb. 15, 2004, and did not get to see her new, beautiful baby boy. (Our condolences, Louisa.) She's staying with her mother in Oregon, and plans to return to work as an emergency medicine physician sometime next year.

Alison Rabil started her new job as director of financial aid at Barnard.

She's very excited and happy to be "home." Her twin boys, Nathan and Daniel, are 6 months old, giving Alison plenty to do. She writes that it's probably the happiest time in her life. "Who says it doesn't all get better when you hit 40?" Amen.

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87 After two years in Israel, my former Plimpton suitemate **Shira Atik** and her family have moved back to Springfield, Mass. She's a literary translator (Hebrew-English) and also enjoys being a mother of four. Her daughter, Tal, was born in August 2003 and joined her three brothers, Ariel, Carmi, and Eitan.

Diane Phillips Thornton and her husband, Mike, have lived in Durango, Texas, for the past 10 years. They have two sons, Sean, 5, and Patrick, 2. They moved to Durango for Diane's mountain bike racing career and have been lucky enough to stay.

Lorna Sessler Graham writes for "Dateline NBC" and last July wrote the script for John Kerry's biographical movie that was played at the Democratic convention.

I hope everyone is doing well and, as Signe mentioned in her last column, we'd love to hear what you're doing as we all enter our 40s.

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88 I know how you feel, my fellow alumnae. Even I don't want to "write in" to me and seem like I'm tooting my own horn about a life that others might perceive as a hum-drum existence, but come on! There has to be someone out there who got a new job, quit an old job, wrote a new book, read a new book, moved into a new apartment, got kicked out of an old apartment, got grease stains on their sweat socks riding their bike through Tuscany, or got grease stains on their sweat socks riding their 2-year-old's tricycle down the driveway. I'll take anything, ladies! I'm all ears!

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89 We had such fun at our 15th reunion that we didn't want to wait another five years to see you! Watch your mail for a postcard about our plan our plan to see an exhibit at the New York Public Library, followed by dinner and drinks. Contact our class president **Namita Modi-Patel** at nmodi@denniswedlick.com with questions.

Laura Sheridan Powers married Richard Powers on Nov. 6, 2004, in Lenox, Mass. In attendance were Laura's first-year suitemates **Daphne Shweky Albert, Deborah Ward,** and **Christiana Wright**. Christiana's husband, Mark Wittenborn (CC '89), was there, too. Deborah's husband, Ivan Gonzalez (CC '89), stayed behind to care for Deborah's mother, who was ill. Laura's mom sang during the service to great emotional effect. Laura met Richard when they both worked at Bloomberg Financial Services; Laura now works for KPMG in public relations.

Eve Bernstein visited **Nicole Kranidas French**, her husband, and their handsome son, Evan William,

who was born in December. Eve also visited **Jean Lin Pao** and her husband, Winston, who have two beautiful children, Spencer and Caitlin. Eve is finishing a master's degree in physical education at Brooklyn College, where she was observed by Professor Ula Lysniak '87! Eve hopes to get a doctorate at Teachers College. She teaches martial arts at Bergen Community College in New Jersey.

Nancy Mendelson Gates and her husband, Stephen, welcomed their daughter, Morgan Royce Gates, on June 8, 2004. Nancy's a talent agent at United Talent Agency in Beverly Hills. Nancy attended a first birthday party for **Michelle Kluck's** son Jackson in Los Angeles.

Veena Cabrerros-Sud is enjoying success as a writer for the CBS cop drama "Cold Case," now in its second year. Her son, Kumar, is 13, and they live with Veena's fiancé Steve, an attorney at Brown/Winfield/Canzoneri.

On the East Coast, **Ann Goldhirsch** was married in August to Barry Love. Guests included **Gail Weiker Krasner, Andrea Lehman,** Sharon Pressner '90, Shulamit Rubin '93, **Robyn Gratt Sealander,** Edina Sultanik '92, and Jeff Weinberg (CC '89). Ann and Barry live on the Upper West Side. She's been an architect for almost 10 years ("yikes!"), the past eight at Rivkin/Weisman.

Shinta Widjaja Kamadani lives in Jakarta, which is on the coast of Indonesia that wasn't hit by the tsunami. She was visiting Los Angeles when it happened and is now working with friends and institutions to support the relief programs. "It is imperative that the [Indonesian] government prepares the blueprint for rebuilding the infrastructure so that the funds can be utilized properly." Shinta is married and has four children, ages 12, 11, 8, and 3. She works for a family business with consumer products, property develop-

ment, and industrial products. She's on the board of a number of organizations, including the Indonesian AIDS Foundation, the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce, and the World Wide Fund, and she started a local Columbia alumnae group.

Karen Cesarski is pleased to announce the opening of her yoga studio, Yoga Jivana, located in Manhattan on East 65th Street. Classes, including Ashtanga, Vinyasa, and Restorative yoga, and Pilates Mat, are taught by instructors experienced in teaching people of varying ages and experience levels. For more information please visit www.yogajivana.com or look up Karen in the online directory (www.barnard.edu/alum).

I'm happy to announce that the first five books in my series, *What Can You Do with a Major In ...* are being published by Wiley as I write this!

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15TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

90 Thanks to all who wrote in with news. There was so much, some of it will be in the next column! I hope many of you are planning to attend our 15th reunion, June 2 through 5.

After years as a stay-at-home mom, **Lainie Blum Cogan** now teaches third grade in Livingston, N.J., public schools. "I am overwhelmed and humbled by a sense of responsibility for shaping the lives of these children." She celebrated her 13th wedding anniversary in October and thoroughly enjoys her two amazing children, Sam, 8, and Mimi, 6. "I am planning to attend reunion!"

Robin Waldman Tameshtit and her husband, Allan, have moved from Boston to his hometown, Toronto. "It was hard to leave my family and friends, especially after having moved

around so much since graduation (California, New York, Rhode Island). Still, we've made a nice life for ourselves." In addition to buying a house, they had a baby girl, Sidonia Sarah, in February. In May 2003, the couple visited Morocco, Allan's birthplace. "It also helped show me where some of their more colorful traditions come from." After graduation, Robin, a French major, received an MBA from New York University and worked in marketing at Disney and Playskool before joining Nelvana, where she's a director and works on brands like Babar and Franklin the Turtle. "As we're all turning 36 this year, I realize these same wonderful women have blessed half of my life already, and we're still going strong. Whether in person, by phone, or e-mail, we still discuss the sublime (new chocolate recipes), the mundane (our work lives), the miraculous (the incredible things babies learn in their first year) and the surreal (the recent elections), all while supporting one another's triumphs and holding each other's hands through loss and hardship."

One of **Rachel Kobin's** favorite times at Barnard was protesting of the destruction of Audubon Hall in her senior year when she was in the Progressive Union of Columbia Students. "I was surprised at how much of a stink we were able to raise. With everything that's going on in the world, I miss that girl (yes, I was a girl when I was at Barnard!). I get so caught up just trying to keep my job to keep my health insurance to pay the rent ... I know it's possible to create that kind of community and make some kind of difference ... You know, I wasn't going to go to my 15th reunion, but clearly I miss it, so perhaps I'll reconsider!"

Michelle Lewis and her husband moved from Brooklyn to Los Angeles two years ago. She writes, "Part of the decision to move was to focus more on

writing music for film and TV, which is a little more prevalent out here. It turns out there is also a great community of artists and musicians and songwriters, which I find very supportive and inspiring." She's part of a female band, the Dilettantes, which is "putting a record out on Columbia!"

Heidi Michelsen Jost, an orthopaedist, married Danny Jost, whom she met in Switzerland. Danny runs the computers at Teton National Park. Their son, Oliver Gabriel, was born last August. They live in Jackson, Wyo.

After 14 years in Boston, **Karen Usdan** returned to New York to be a writer/editor at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Amrita Master Dalal and her husband, Yash, had a baby girl, Yamini, in February. "She's an absolute gem!" Amrita is the employment and labor counsel at GAF Materials Corporation in New Jersey.

Uzma Sarfraz-Khan writes, "As you may recall, my late husband, Fazalis, was killed trying to prevent an honor killing five years ago. You wrote about it and I cannot begin to tell you and amount of support I was offered from alumnae. I'll never forget, it was overwhelming and I'll always be grateful for it." After her husband's death, Uzma went to work in Afghanistan with the United Nations, "commuting back and forth from Pakistan because of the children ... It forced me to go into the poorest parts of our society and document the violent abuse women suffered." The experience opened her eyes and she says, "I thank God everyday for what I have." Needing to find a new home and job that allowed her and her children to be together, she took a job as the regional director Middle East for Global Management Consortium Trade Information Network and lives in Dubai with her family. "My job is to promote subsidized e-learning courses

to developing countries and multinationals for corporate social responsibility programs." During Uzma's trials, a friend of her late husband's was often looking out for her welfare. He also moved to Dubai and opened an office. "When he proposed one day, I accepted. Akbar and I were married six months ago. I didn't know it was possible to be this happy ever again. Thank you again to everyone who reached out to help me during my toughest ordeal."

Jane Jackmore Barton is a partner in a law firm based in Riverhead, N.Y., works mainly out of East Hampton. A single mom, she's very proud of her 2-year-old son, Kell. "I definitely love the mommy part, but not so much the lawyer part, though it enables me to survive in this incredibly beautiful place that I've called home for the last 10 years." Jane would like to hear from other alumnae who had the New York experience but missed out on the "college" experience, and now feel shy about going back for reunion. She finds that the people she did remain in touch with are not the "usual suspects" for reunion. "But then again, I'd love to make some new connections if that were possible, especially if there are other Barnard alumnae out this way." Jane's new passion is the Buddhist dharma and she has joined a meditation group through which she takes long retreats in monasteries all over North America. She finds it has changed her view of the world in a very positive way. We hope to see you at reunion in June, Jane!

Gloria Gadsen, the first African American woman to earn tenure at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Madison campus, just bought a home in the Poconos and loves it. One of her favorite Barnard memories is "the sociology of family, taught by Dr. Lynn Chancer. It was absolutely the best course I took at Barnard and it convinced me to pursue a Ph.D. in sociolo-

gy! I also have very fond memories of my roommate.” And to my question about her passions she named, “Writing, teaching, reading mystery/thrillers, spending time with my partner and friends, and making the world a better place by educating one person at a time!”

From **Amian Frost Kelemer** we received this note: “I am writing you from the Old City of Jerusalem where I am on a three-month sabbatical from my position as associate executive vice president at the Center for Jewish Education in Baltimore. My family has had an incredible experience learning and growing and living a different culture. All four of my kids: Risa, 11, Oriana, 9, Barak, 7, and Rami, 3, are in school here and enjoying the freedom and ‘depth’ that comes with life in this special spot. I bumped into **Shulamith Haberfield Miskan** who lives in Alon Shvut and is a phenomenal tour guide here. ... I think fondly of my years [at Barnard] and have had the startling realization that it is not too far from the day when my daughter could choose to study at Barnard as well!”

Christine Palmieri-Bumgarner moved to Silicon Valley with her husband, Bill, and their 4-year-old son, Roger. She started playing flute again with the Saratoga Community Band. “I’m in the process of starting a business that combines my two passions, music and technology. I also participate in the 7 Sisters Book Club of the South Bay and Peninsula. One of my fondest memories from my time at Barnard was jamming with Dreamspeak on the roof of Delta Phi and hanging out with my wonderful roommate **Jennifer Egert**.”

Pamela Rittelmeyer is finishing her first feature-length documentary film and hopes to have distribution by reunion so she can tell us all about it.

Robin Aronson has written a

holistic pregnancy book with Dr. Joel Evans, titled *The Whole Pregnancy Handbook: An Obstetrician’s Guide to the Wise Use of Conventional and Alternative Medicine*. “Bigger news for me is that the day after I finished the manuscript, I had twins myself—Elliot Aaron and Helen Zipporah Stone. ... After trying to have kids for years, literally (there must be other class members who’ve dealt with fertility issues?), my pregnancy was a funny thing that happened on the way to the adoption agency. ... And finally, we’re very much enjoying [Amy Correia’s] new single!”

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91 For those who haven’t sent any news, please resist bashfulness and let me know anything you want to share.

Alyssa Cohen Kaplan announces her new online venture, koshergourmetmart.com. “The idea came to me after being in charge of the Sharon, Mass., Goods and Services Auction, where I bookmarked kosher Web sites. Our site’s mission is to provide the adventurous kosher palate with a variety of interesting, unusual, and quality kosher products from multiple companies in one convenient stop.” Products include Israeli honey and olives, South African marinades, French fois gras and truffles, baked goods, and chocolates. Alyssa encourages you to subscribe to the site’s newsletter to learn more about new items.

Leslie Taylor Davol works at the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation on the development of cultural programs and the memorial museum at the World Trade Center site. She and her husband, Sam, live nearby with their children, Emma, 5, and Malcolm, 3.

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92 Catherine McKay Araiza announces the birth of her first baby, Alejandro Malcolm Araiza, on April 27, 2004. She and his father love parenthood, and the baby delights and amazes them every day.

Aviva Patz and her husband, Tripp Reynolds, proudly announce the birth of Dahlia Elizabeth on April 25, 2004. She joins older sister Sadie. They also bought a new house in Montclair, N.J., where Aviva works as a freelance writer for parenting and women’s magazines.

Katherine Barnhart and her husband founded a nonprofit, Por un mejor HOY, which was incorporated recently. HOY carries out multicultural-themed workshops and cultural events in New York and arranges trips to Mexico and other countries, in which travelers perform community service abroad. Through volunteerism, participants experience more profound and meaningful contact and exchanges with the culture they are visiting. HOY calls this socially conscious tourism, “participatory travel.”

Susan Halper Berkley attended **Anne Farrar Hayes**’s beautiful and fun wedding on an island off the coast of Maine last August. **Sarah Van Ness** was a bridesmaid.

The Women’s Financial Network Online reports that **Eileen Markett Lomoriello** joined Mintax, Inc., as project manager of economic development services. Eileen received a second undergraduate degree in accounting from SUNY New Paltz and a master’s degree in public finance from the University of Pennsylvania.

Edina Sultanik and two other fashion industry insiders recently formed a marketing firm, Brand P!mps \$ Media Wh*res, or BPMW to the

more name-sensitive clients. They've already been quoted in several fashion trade papers, as well as *The New York Times* and *Crain's*.

Jennifer Byron Mercurio married Joseph Mercurio in June on Block Island, R.I. **Sarena Straus** was the maid of honor. **Alexandra Militano** was a bridesmaid. Jennifer has started a lobbying firm, JB Mercurio & Associates. Sarena is general counsel for MDx Medical Management Inc. in White Plains, N.Y., and is vice president of the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art in Peekskill, N.Y., (where Nazanien Monasebian '90 does pro-bono legal work). Alex is with the Bronx district attorney's office in the sex crimes unit.

Laurie Mintzer Edberg and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their daughter Arielle Chana, Sept. 9, 2004. She joins her big brother, Jesse, 3. Laurie is a policy analyst for the Independent Sector, a nonprofit umbrella organization for charities and philanthropies. Laurie and her family live in Chevy Chase, Md.

Rachel Marshall married Pierluigi Rossi at the Basilica of Saints Cosma and Damiano in Rome, Italy. They met in 2000 through the Roman Archeology Group. He's an engineer and works for Telecom Italia. Rachel owns Marshall Language Services. They plan to stay in Rome.

Laura Cane is studying painting and psychology in Haifa and is happily back in touch with **Hee Kyong Yoo**, who's working at the United Nations.

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93 Thanks so much to those who've corresponded with me! The diversity of our lives is astounding. Our mutual desire to change the world and help the next generation of women is quite clear.

The next generation of Barnard Bears is definitely on the way! **Jennifer Fetner Saba** writes that she and her husband, Joe (CC '93), who live on the Upper West Side, became the proud parents of Carly Isabel Saba on June 7, 2004. Jen's a child psychologist in Manhattan, though she's taking time off of work to be a mom. She writes that she's "trying not to use my skills as a child psychologist to raise her (at least not too much)!" Jen hopes that her daughter and **Kristen Kubacki Krauss'** daughter, Ava (born July 4, 2004), will carry on their mothers' tradition as Barnard roommates. The babies are already good friends. Kristen and her husband, David, live in Haworth, N.J., and also have a 3-year-old daughter, Margot, and 7-year-old twin boys, Noah and Eli, who have performed in the Metropolitan Opera, where David plays trumpet.

Sarah Kelly and her husband, Tommy Cody, adopted a son, Henry Jung Ho Cody, from Korea. He was 5 months old when they first met. All are doing well and enjoying their new lives. Sarah and her family live in Brooklyn Heights, where she works as a freelance writer, mostly from home. She remains close friends with Michele Haberland '94, Sharri Kane '94, **Teresa Lai**, and Peggy Sotirhos '94.

Debra Markowitz and her husband, David Kaplan, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Batya, on Sept. 26, 2004. **Yaffa Regosin** works as a real estate salesperson in the Englewood/Tenafly, N.J., area, near where she lives with her husband, Noam Ohring (CC '92), and

their three children, Geffen, 7, Amichai, 5, and Carmel, 2.

Atoosa Behnegar Rubenstein became the editor in chief of *Seventeen* magazine in 2003 after founding *CosmoGirl* magazine in 1999. She's been married to Ari Rubenstein since 1998, and they live in Manhattan. **Francine Bard Fabricant** works in private practice as a career counselor and had a baby girl in September with her husband, Ken.

Kara Hartnett wed Aaron Hurst last October in Aspen, Colo. Kara is a director at Business for Social Responsibility, a nonprofit organization in San Francisco. After graduation, she received a master's degree in public policy from the University of California, Berkeley. Her husband is the founder and president of the Taproot Foundation, which matches volunteer business professionals with nonprofit groups.

Elicia Lisk Blumberg and her husband, Jeff, gave up their careers in environmental science and law, respectively, to join the Peace Corps and work in Belize and Ecuador. Elicia works with a non-governmental organization called Friends of Nature to enforce regulations of protected marine areas, conduct biological research and monitoring, and educate local community leaders and citizens on environmental conservation.

I teach high school science in Brooklyn Heights and am very proud of two students who were accepted early decision to Barnard.

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94 **Sophie Cardona** moved from New York to Washington, D.C., to go back to school. After working in design and architecture for 10 years, she realized it

was time for a change and decided to pursue a master's degree in international relations at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Affairs.

Caroline (Carrie) Doyle Karasyov and her co-author, Jill Kargman, have followed up *The Right Address* with *Wolves in Chic Clothing* from Random House.

Michelle Kuperminc finished her pediatrics residency at Duke University last July. She works at a pediatric hospital in Durham and this summer will begin her fellowship at the University of Virginia in developmental and behavioral pediatrics.

Farzana Lukmanji Walcott had quite a bit of news to share. She married Robert Walcott (SEAS '93) in Houston in 1997 and received a master's degree in public health from

University of Texas School of Public Health in 2000. They had a baby girl, Jennah Iman, in 2003. Last December, she finished medical school at Texas A&M College of Medicine and is interviewing for residency programs in anesthesiology.

Raquel Centeno-Fequiere, an environmental science major, is a criminal defense attorney in Arizona, where she's involved with the Barnard Club of North-Central Arizona.

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10TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

95 Finally, after months of no news, I have some to share. But first, a public service announcement: Our 10th reunion is this year, June 2 through 5. I look forward to catching up with each of you that weekend (hopefully you won't be thrown off by my increasingly graying hair).

After six years in Hong Kong, **Lareina Yee** and her husband, Humberto Galleno (CC '96), have returned to the United States. They live in San Francisco and enjoy life with their 2-year-old son, Nicolas (whom I'm hoping to meet at reunion). Lareina is a consultant with McKinsey and Company, specializing in high-tech company marketing and strategy.

Stephanie Drescher Gorman



ANDREA ZUJKO '96

Keeping Dancers on Their Toes



Andrea Zujko '96 left a professional dance career because of an injury. Now she's a physical therapist who works with New York City Ballet dancers on preventing and rehabilitating injuries.

A native of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., she first moved to New York to dance at the Alvin Ailey School. When a nerve injury to her foot forced her to quit dance, she enrolled at Barnard. "I loved my time at Barnard," she says. "I thought it was a supportive environment for women and it really encouraged people to go for their dreams." Zujko, however, didn't know what her dreams were until her junior year when she began to miss the performing arts and looked for ways to become involved in it again. Then, one of her friends died from an AIDS-related illness, and she became determined to pursue a career that would help others. Meeting two physical therapists

inspired her to pursue the same path.

After graduating from Northwestern University with her doctorate in physical therapy, Zujko stayed in Chicago, working with performing artists like the Hubbard Street Dance Company and the Joffrey Ballet. In the fall of 2002, Zujko moved back to New York to work at Westside Dance Physical Therapy, an outpatient orthopedic therapy practice that provides services to the New York City Ballet. Zujko spends her time either at the clinic or with the dancers and is also the staff therapist for the School of American Ballet. "I love teaching kids at that age," she says. "I get to do a lot of education on injury prevention. It's all about being a well-rounded athlete and preventing burnout physically, mentally, and emotionally."

Zujko, who is also a Pilates instructor with both public classes and private clients, started a private home care physical therapy business last year. Considering that she is able to juggle all that, plus her full-time job, she seems like a good coach on preventing burnout while performing.

—Laura Shin

joined Apollo Management, LP, as a partner and head of business development. Congratulations! Steph and her husband, Les, reside in Manhattan.

Melissa Sheer and her husband, Dave (whom she met at New York University Stern Business School), welcomed their baby girl, Allison Brooke, into the world on Dec. 21. They're excited beyond belief. "She is such a blessing," Melissa writes. The happy family lives in Manhattan. Melissa is on maternity leave from Neuberger Berman/Lehman Brothers and looks forward to three months with her little one.

I also heard from Melissa that **Kathryn Cassino-McHugh** is doing well and has an 18-month-old daughter named Julia. Melissa and Kathryn are excited to raise their girls together.

In May 2001 our classmate **Ann D'Apice** opened a clothing boutique in San Francisco (where she resides) called Minnie Wilde. Minnie Wilde carries its own clothing line in addition to clothing designed by local indie designers. Ann launched Minnie Wilde Magic, a new fragrance, and hopes to distribute the scent in New York. Until then Ann's fragrance is available at minnielwilde.com and luckyscent.com!

Well, I hope the letters will pour in after this—giving me one good last column.

Be well, Class of 1995. I'll see you at reunion.

P.S. It's not too late to make a special contribution to Barnard in honor of our 10th reunion!

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96 **Theresa Tebbett-Koubek** writes that our classmate **Shiva Sherafat** and her husband, Joe, welcomed their first child, Isabella.

Julie Scelfo and James Cavoli were married in Shelter Island, N.Y., in July.

Rebecca Dew Sodhi writes that she and Rahul Sodhi (Columbia Business School '92) were married last year. Their son, Neal, was born on Sept. 24.

Michelle Gucovsky and Noah Chasin were married on June 13 in New York. Michelle is a math and English tutor for Advantage Testing, an academic tutoring agency in New York, and she received a master's degree in public policy from Columbia in May.

Lilian Lee works at the Callen-Lorde Community Health Center as director of health outreach to teens.

Jennifer Mincin is the director of human services at the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management and is working on her Ph.D. in social welfare policy at Hunter College. "I am married to Dr. Gerald Esmond, who recently bought a practice in Valley Stream, Long Island," she writes.

In October, Allegra Blackburn-Dwyer '00, Jessica Ross O'Neill '98, and I attended the funeral of Mark Schlowsky-Fischer (SEAS '97), whom we knew from our days in the marching band. He died of cancer after an 11-month illness and is survived by his wife, Karen, his parents, and his brother.

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97 Thanks to all of you for sharing your news. I got such an overwhelming response that it won't all fit in this col-

umn. Please stay tuned for more news from our fabulous and successful classmates.

Molly Coffin Peryer reports that she got her master's of social work in May 2004 and moved with her husband to Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn.

Gabrielle Zimmerman was married in June 2004 to Joe Rosenfeld in Lenox, Mass. They live in Manhattan, where Gabrielle works full time at American Express and is earning a master's in library and information science, which she plans to finish this summer. She had fun being back on campus last year when she spent six months interning at the Columbia Business Library.

Anneka Norgren returned to work in the U.S. philanthropy department of Pfizer Inc. after a year of maternity leave with her daughter Isabel.

Violita Hernandez Kovchegov married Professor Yuri Kovchegov in May 2000. They've lived in several states and currently reside in Columbus, Ohio. Violita got her master's degree in computer science and engineering in June 2001 from the University of Washington. Yuri has a permanent, tenure-track faculty position in the physics department of Ohio State University. In April 2002 they had their daughter, Claire Isabelle. Violita has been a full-time stay-at-home-mom and is looking to start working again in the information technology industry.

Hannah Evans got married last August to Thor Denmark (CC '96) in San Francisco.

Alyssa Mt. Pleasant is thrilled that the history and American studies departments at Yale have offered her a joint appointment to their faculty. As an assistant professor, she'll be responsible for course offerings in Native American history and Native

American studies, and looks forward to working with faculty, students, and staff to build a Native American Studies program at Yale. She's also pleased to report that Yale has provided her with a one-year post-doctoral appointment at the Howard R. Lamar Center for the Study of Frontiers and Borders, beginning in July 2005.

After graduation **Jana Refowitz** moved to Los Angeles where she taught third grade near Compton. In July 2003, she married a U.S. Coast Guard pilot. **Judy Choe** was a bridesmaid and **Sumathi Reddy** attended. Jana and her husband moved to New Orleans, where Jana's getting her MBA. She attended **Natalie Pishanidar's** wedding last September, where she saw Binta Brown '95 and **Dalia Harooni**.

Lila Place has almost completed a two-year program in documentary film and video at Stanford University. Her short film, "Each One Teach One," is playing at various film festivals, and she's shooting another short film, "Under The Roller Coaster." She married Paolo Puliga in August 2003 and last September celebrated in his home country of Sardinia.

Meghan Hadlock reports that in April she left her wonderful Morningside Heights apartment and moved to Washington, D.C., to take a job with the Advisory Board, a health-care consulting and best practices research firm. She's enjoying her new city after so many years in New York! She was married in September to Greg Kitzerow. They met three years ago on a blind date arranged by Marisa Levine Marlin '99. Marisa, Jill Davidson (CC '97), Amanda Rhea O'Neill (CC '98), and Mary-Kathryn Silvestri '97, were her bridesmaids and kept her sane as they celebrated.

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98 Three cheers for **Stacey Borgman** for being named U.S. Rowing's Female Athlete of the Year. She won the B final of the lightweight women's double sculls at the Olympic Games, finishing seventh overall. Borgman also won the lightweight women's double sculls at the 2004 National Selection Regatta. What an honor to have an Olympian as one of our classmates!

Lilah Pomerance lives in Washington, D.C., and in February married David Gordon, a civil rights lawyer with the Department of Justice. The couple plan to move to Latin America next year.

Sarah Hochman lives in Manhattan and is in her second year of residency in internal medicine at Montefiore in the Bronx.

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99 **Joanne Lee George** reports some great news from several alumnae whom she has bumped into the past few months. For starters, after Joanne graduated from The University of Chicago's graduate program in the humanities, she moved back east to be closer to her family, because her husband is still traveling the country as a professional golfer. **Christine Hur Lee** has been happily married for more

than three and a half years. **Naomi Imatome-Yun** was married last year and just had her first child, a beautiful baby boy. Joanne says she'd love to meet up with other grads. You can look her up on the online directory.

Amanda Nathan married Daniel Gluck last November. They live on Long Island.

Stefanie Strauss Small loves living in Pittsburgh! She and her husband, Jason, had their first child on July 30, a boy named Gabriel Ian. Pictures of Gabriel are available at www.jasonsmall.net. Stefanie returned to her work as a geriatric social worker at Jewish Family and Children's Service. She's also quite involved with the Barnard Club of Pittsburgh.

Thanks for the updates! Look forward to hearing from you!

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5TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

00 By the time you read this, reunion will be just around the corner. So mark your calendars, as this is our 5th reunion!

Sarah D'Ambruoso graduated from Columbia's master's program in American studies in May 2004 and is pursuing a job in advertising or marketing. She still works at Columbia University's School of Social Work, where she runs a scholarship program for social workers researching aging. Sarah's looking forward to reunion.

Alexis Krajewski recently returned to the United States after two years in London, where she worked while getting her master of science degree at the London School of Economics. She's now based in Boston as a governance and socially

responsible investment analyst for a British investment firm, and loving it!

My former roommate **Bess Greenbaum** lives in Los Angeles and works as a freelance camera operator on the FOX program "Best Damn Sports Show Period." Bess also produced "The Artificial Retina," a video funded by the Department of Energy on returning sight to those who are blind via macular degeneration.

Amy Hwang, an architecture major, writes that after working for more than four years at a small architectural firm, "I left my job and loafed around Paris for a few weeks before looking for a new job. I now manage the office of Timothy Wheaton, Inc., a high-end residential interior design firm."

Wedding bells rang last year for **Anne Motto Gilvarry**, who wed James J. Gilvarry on July 17 on Eastern Long Island. She's in her fifth year of teaching high school English at Mattituck High School on Long Island; James is a fourth grade teacher in a neighboring school district. After their honeymoon in Antigua, they now reside in Mattituck.

We hear from **Dania Kafka** that she received a master's degree in physical therapy in June last year, followed by a doctorate in PT in December, both from Columbia. Way to go, Dania!

Have news to share? I look forward to hearing from you.

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01 Adriana Galvan finished her Ph.D. in cognitive neuroscience at Cornell in New York. She's hard at work on her dissertation on the development of the reward system in adolescents. Her research involves using an MRI to monitor brain activity of volunteers from area high schools as they work on computer games, in order to test the brain's response to rewarding stimuli.

She may be living across the pond, but **Rachel Bloom** is still in touch with campus politics. Her letter to the editor regarding the Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures department at Columbia was published in *The New York Times* on Jan. 23, 2005. Rachel is pursuing her MSc in social policy and planning at the London School of Economics, and reports that she's getting involved with the Barnard alumnae group in London. She spent Thanksgiving with the Barnard group and recently saw **Victoria Slater** at a "Columbia drinks night" and looks forward to catching up with more alumnae while in London.

Vera Barkas works in the technology marketing department at KPMG and reports that she "is and forever will be living in New York City." In addition to her vows to the city, Vera made another important promise last October when she married Rob Newhouse at the New York Academy of Sciences. Classmates at Vera's wedding included Heather Benson (CC '01), Bonnie Coleville (CC '00), **Georgia Gelmis**, **Laura Hertzfeld**, and **Suzanne Rauch**.

In January, **Lisa Dean-Kluger** married Todd Jerles in her hometown of Miami.

Sarah Walker Caron and her husband have purchased a home in Newtown, Conn.

Karla Repple teaches at Columbia Grammar and Prep and is very involved in Barnard's New

Teacher Network. Karla and several other alumnae from the Barnard education program have written papers and will present them as a panel at the American Educational Research Association conference in Montreal.

After three years at Goldman Sachs, **Jyoti Menon** took a six-week summer break in India and began a master's program at SIPA, concentrating in international finance and business.

Tara Brannigan has been working in the strategy and business development group at Linens-n-Things for the past year and a half. She stays busy with the Barnard and Columbia Club's young alumni committees. Tara reports that Gena Oppenheim recently became a member of the Screen Actors Guild and appeared in "Hope & Faith," "Spider Man 2," and "The Stepford Wives." Gina combined her passion for acting and activism by organizing "The Uncovention," a forum for political change that took place during the Republican convention in New York.

Pooja Badlani is finishing her master's degree in graphic design at Pratt Institute. She put together creative design projects on hair removal and museum re-branding, and is doing her thesis on improving voter participation through design.

This spring, **Tippy Niyomchai** will finish her Ph.D. in biopsychology from CUNY.

Shuchi Batra is a second year at Washington College of Law at American University. She's a dean's fellow and was selected to participate in a journal review. I'm also at American University, finishing my master's degree in political science.

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02 Slow news cycle this time around, so please send me your updates for the next column.

Rachel Paneth-Pollak writes, "After graduation, I attended Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health and graduated with a master's of public health in epidemiology in May 2004 ... I presented the abstract of my master's thesis at a national public health meeting in November. After traveling in Argentina and Peru last summer, I recently started working for the New York City health department in the bureau of STD control and I am loving it! I live on the Upper West Side with Rona Behar (CC '04) and Kaitlin Kratter '05."

Alexis Barad does editorial work for Random House/Golden Books for Young Readers. She's written seven licensed books, slated to hit bookstores this spring. She had a three-week adventure in Mexico along the Pacific Coast that you can read about on her online blog, lex.zogblaster.com.

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03 Ruth Oland volunteered for the Society of the Protection of Nature in Israel in Tel Aviv for six months. She works as the Jewish Campus Service Corps Fellow at the Hillel House at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and lives in Northampton, Mass.

Danielle Schieber and **Nita Mickley** were seen driving down the California coast this summer and having the time of their lives.

Megan Isenstadt traveled to Australia and now lives in Thailand.

Janessa Stream returned from the Peace Corps in the Republic of the Fiji Islands, where she aided high-level

government agencies in disaster mitigation and management planning. Janessa is applying to graduate programs.

Molly Mahany, a teaching fellow, leads a special education class at P.S. 11, the William T. Harris School in Staten Island. She ran her third New York City marathon this year. Last year she ran the race in three hours and 12 minutes.

Victoria Sears is in her first year of a Ph.D. program in art history at Princeton. She'll most likely focus on 19th century British painting.

The New Yorker's Sept. 20, 2004, issue featured a write-up on **Kathleen Kerrigan's** performance in "The Woman Upstairs," which premiered at the New York Musical Theater Festival. Her piece was chosen from among many to be performed in this festival and will be put on by professional actors.

Rovika Rajkishun lives in Greenwood Heights, Brooklyn, near the famous Greenwood Cemetery with her husband, David Austerweil (CC '02). They share their first house with their cat, Zinc, and their dog, Hobbie. Rovika loves her job as a development associate for The Doe Fund, a New York-based nonprofit organization. Rovika is on campus so often, she feels as if she never left.

This past year **Hagar Hajjar** graduated with a master's degree in international affairs from Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs and now works for the subcommittee on national security, emerging threats, and international relations for the U.S. House of Representatives. She likes Washington, D.C. (although she could never compare it to New York), and hopes to go abroad soon to work for a humanitarian mission or in United States-Middle East relations.

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04 Jacquelyn Johnston was honored to meet Orlan, the French performance artist about whom she wrote her senior thesis. She's also proud to be moving into a studio at Objex Artspace, in Wynwood Art District in Miami, where she'll be the new resident artist. For pictures and more information, check her Web site: <http://newcube.tv>.

Lindsay Edgcombe is an editorial assistant for Levine Greenberg Literary Agency and is very happy with her job and new lifestyle in Brooklyn. Lindsay lives with **Chloe Cooney**, the executive office coordinator at the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS.

Allison Manus enjoys working in corporate development for Interpublic Group of Companies in Midtown New York, where she deals mostly with mergers and acquisitions. She lives in Midtown and manages to see her Barnard friends on a regular basis and knows that won't change.

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I N M E M O R I A M

Elizabeth Hall Janeway '35



We are deeply saddened by the death on Jan. 15 of former Trustee, Elizabeth Hall Janeway, 91, who served on the board from 1969 to 1980. Recipient of Barnard's Medal of Distinction and the Distinguished Alumna Award, she was devoted to her alma mater and to the advancement of women. Born in Brooklyn, she married Eliot Janeway in 1938 and had two sons with him. Eliot passed away in 1993. In the course of her illustrious career she reviewed and edited books, wrote profiles of prominent Washington figures, and published several books of fiction and several non-fiction books on feminist issues. She was president of the Author's Guild; a member of the American Center of Poets, Essayists and Novelists; a fellow of Berkeley College and Yale University; and director of the Legal and Education Fund for the National Organization for Women. She is survived by two sons.

Louise Rosenblatt '25

The author of *Literature as Exploration* and foremost proponent of "reader response theory," Louise Rosenblatt, 100, passed away on Feb. 8. After graduation, Louise received her doctorate in comparative literature from the Sorbonne in 1931 and published *L'idée de l'art pour l'art*, the first of several books. She returned to the United States and, after working as an assistant and instructor in English at Barnard and then as a professor of literature at Brooklyn College, taught English at New York University until retiring in 1972. She continued to promote critical thinking in the classroom through her writing and activism for the rest of her life. She is survived by her son and granddaughter.

- 1920 Elaine Kennard Geiger, Feb. 13, 2005
Paule More, July 1, 1977
Elise De La Fontaine Robb, Jan. 14, 1969
- 1924 Agnes Porter, Dec. 1, 1962
- 1925 Miriam Craiglow Daugherty, Aug. 1, 1969
Louise Rosenblatt, Feb. 8, 2005
- 1926 Margaret Hatfield Breckenridge, July 1, 1983
Rosamond Dermody Kunze, July 1, 1983
Selma May Shultz, Jan. 1, 1958
- 1929 Anny Birnbaum Brieger, Feb. 1, 2005
- 1930 Francine Alessi Dunlavy, Jan. 29, 2005
- 1931 Cornelia Merchant Hagenau, Dec. 22, 2004
Josephine Grohe Rose, Jan. 4, 2005
- 1932 Virginia Weil Burman, Oct. 24, 2004
Alice Fisher Cohn, Feb. 5, 2004
Catherine Riegger Harris, Dec. 15, 2004
- 1933 Ann Bossert Kenny, Nov. 12, 2004
- 1935 Aline Blumner, Dec. 9, 2004
Barbara Brohme, Jan. 1, 1975
Vivian White Darling, Sept. 4, 2004
Marguerite Osmun Gail, Dec. 7, 2004
Mary Selee Lawson, Dec. 21, 2004
Doris Nickerson Morris, March 27, 2004
- 1936 Lucy Appleton Garcia-Mata, Dec. 18, 2004
Patricia MacManus, Feb. 13, 2005
- 1937 Elsie Rowe Innocenti, June 3, 2003
Frances Lee Sprowl Nielsen, Feb. 16, 2004
Marjorie Allen Trousdell, Dec. 22, 2004
- 1938 Elaine Schwabach Goldman, June 13, 2004
Ann Haydock McCree, Feb. 15, 2005
Marguerite Kutschera Sewald, Feb. 3, 2005
- 1939 Susan Guy Bridges, Dec. 28, 2004
Theresa Crachi Briganti, Dec. 3, 2004
Harriette Adams Palen, Feb. 15, 2005
- 1940 Harriet Hall, Feb. 13, 2005
Katherine Caragol Montoro, Jan. 1, 1987
Lucia Agan Shifflette, Oct. 9, 2004
- 1941 Frances Lauber Baron, Jan. 25, 2005
Jessie Tallman Gilbreth, Jan. 13, 2005
- 1942 Mary Heyl, Jan. 29, 2005
Marcella Lawlor Towle, Feb. 1, 2005
- 1943 Jean Arfmann, Feb. 1, 2005
Mary Callcott-Hall, Feb. 16, 2005
- 1944 Joan Whiting Brush, Dec. 23, 2004
Alice Smith Rouzie, Dec. 25, 2004
- 1945 Miriam Fishman Aarons, Sept. 27, 2004
Virginia Conway Littau, Jan. 23, 2005
- 1946 Joyce Walsh Burgess, Jan. 4, 2005
- 1947 Bernice Clark, Feb. 1, 2005
- 1949 Margaret Ward, Jan. 27, 2005
- 1950 Vivian Tobiasen Ericson, Oct. 20, 2004
Beatrice Laskowitz Goldberg, Feb. 8, 2002
Winifred Kent Moore, Dec. 18, 1994
Nada Vodenlitch Scalettar, Dec. 13, 2004
Margaret Rintz Tolerton, Nov. 23, 2003
Nancy Quint Weiss, Dec. 23, 2004
- 1951 Joy Angelillis Dugan, Feb. 18, 2005
- 1952 Ruth Bumeisters Waldhauser, Dec. 23, 2004
- 1953 Carmel Roth Bernstein, Dec. 3, 2004
- 1954 Joan Blumenthal Merel, Feb. 18, 2000
- 1955 Jeanne Blanchenay Houghton, Jan. 25, 2005
- 1956 Joan Roach Weigley, Dec. 31, 1997
- 1957 Barbara Rosenberg Grossman, Dec. 20, 2004
- 1959 Myriam Jarblum Altman, Jan. 29, 2005
- 1960 Susan Loew Brannick, June 28, 1988
- 1964 Rosalie Mondani Flaherty, Dec. 19, 2004
- 1965 Mary Ford Lucas, Dec. 2, 2004
- 1976 Deena Myerowitz Haber, Oct. 9, 2004
- 1981 Hilary Jones, Nov. 29, 2004
- 1982 Elida Rivas Conte, Oct. 20, 1999
- 1984 Rhena Seidman, Nov. 17, 2003

FOCUSING ON FACULTY, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

After that first lecture, Alice went on to take two courses with Professor Basker, and she has been working as his research assistant since her senior year. Now she is helping him compile a new anthology, this one of short fiction about the slave trade, and so far she's found about 300 relevant titles. Meanwhile, she's pursuing a doctorate in 18th-century English literature at Columbia University and preparing for her own academic career.

At Barnard, we use the term "teacher-scholar" for faculty members like Professor Basker, because their pedagogical skills and dedication to students are as strong as their standing in and identity within an academic discipline. They can spark a student's interest in a new subject, spot an aptitude she hasn't yet developed, help her choose a major, and light the way to a career path she hadn't envisioned.

Unfortunately, the pool of faculty candidates with the credentials and commitment we seek is a limited one, and in our continual quest for new hires, we face rigorous competition. We are competing some of the time with our peers—highly selective liberal arts colleges known for attentive teaching—but increasingly with large research universities, including those in the Ivy League. For historical reasons, all of our liberal arts peers have income-producing endowments many times larger than our own, providing them with much more money for faculty salaries and other faculty support. Meanwhile, our vastly wealthy Ivy League competitors attract professors with offers of substantial pay and prestige, along with advanced facilities and ample funding for their research.

As we seek the best scholars in each field, we place a high priority on maintaining a high percentage of women in Barnard's teaching ranks. In years past,

Barnard had a big advantage in attracting outstanding women to the faculty, because many female academics gravitated toward the more hospitable milieu of a women's college. Today this advantage has waned somewhat, thanks to hard-won advances and expanded opportunities elsewhere (although the recent brouhaha at Harvard University says a lot about the attitudes and barriers women still face on coeducational campuses, as does the report released this year by a group of graduate students at Yale University—with statistics that reveal minimal progress throughout the Ivy League in the hiring and promotion of women, blacks, and Hispanics).

Recruitment is not our only task; retaining faculty and building our tenured ranks are just as important. When members of our senior faculty are lured away by Harvard and other Ivy League schools, it's small comfort to know that our professors are so good they're coveted by the best universities in the world. And while our affiliation with Columbia works in our favor, it also forces our tenure candidates to face an exceptionally difficult and protracted review by both institutions.

One of Barnard's greatest obstacles to attracting and keeping talented faculty is the exceptionally high cost of living in New York, particularly the cost of buying a home. Apartment rents and purchase prices in Manhattan are geared toward the buying power of Wall Street executives, not college professors. So this year, we're taking a very big and expensive step toward alleviating the faculty housing problem, with the construction of Cathedral Gardens, a new residential building for faculty and students. As I write this, passersby on West 110th Street can see that all 10 stories of Cathedral Gardens have risen, and can watch the exterior walls going up. When the building is completed in December, it will have 25 one-

and two-bedroom apartments for Barnard professors, some sharing floors with student suites. Most of the cost of the land, design, and construction for this project is being financed by bonds issued by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York.

While we can borrow money to pay for the construction of new faculty housing, we must draw from Barnard's annual operating budget to pay off the ensuing debt service and to keep faculty rents affordable, and we tap both the operating budget and endowment income to pay for other kinds of faculty support—the salaries, resources, and recognition our professors need and deserve at every stage of their careers. Donors who want to play a central role in this crucial effort can endow faculty support funds, which finance the lab equipment, computer software, book and journal purchases, travel grants, and leave time that our faculty members need to conduct research and publish their findings.

Equally important is donor support for named professorships, commonly called faculty chairs, which are awarded to senior faculty members who have reached a high level of distinction in their fields. Being appointed to an endowed faculty chair is a widely sought-after honor in academia. Barnard, like other institutions, establishes these chairs and makes these appointments to pay tribute to a full professor who deserves extra recognition for what she or he has already accomplished on campus, or to entice an internationally renowned scholar to join the faculty.

Superb teaching and scholarship have always been synonymous with Barnard. But we can never rest on this reputation. With the generous support of alumnae and friends of the College, we are acting forcefully and creatively to uphold Barnard's long-standing legacy of faculty excellence.

DIVERSITY, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 24

II anti-Semitism, and contemporary French reactions to North African immigration; Amanda Swarr, a Mellon post-doctoral fellow, taught a women's studies seminar last fall entitled " 'Real' Women: Transgender Queries."

The College strives to hire and promote male and female faculty members from a range of races and ethnicities, but a Latina faculty member doesn't necessarily teach Latin American history, Davidson points out. Training faculty about diversity is also important. Last year, Ago, dean for multicultural affairs, designed and began facilitating "Pedagogies of Diversity," a seminar that gives faculty, students, and administrators techniques for creating a more inclusive environment in the classroom.

EVERYDAY LIVING

Diversity, of course, extends well beyond intellectual pursuits. "You don't just learn in a classroom," Ago says.

With the opening of Sulzberger Hall in 1988, the College truly became a residential campus. Today, Barnard guarantees housing for all incoming first-year students for four years. Although students, including first-years, aren't required to live on campus, more than 90 percent of students live in campus housing, according to Denburg.

As a result, students are exposed early on to others from different backgrounds. Myrthil recalls friends she met on her floor during her first year at Barnard who later became suitemates their junior year—two were Asian and two were Hispanic.

One recent multicultural affairs initiative is to host discussions in the residence halls about diversity, which all first-year students are required to attend. "Multiculturalism is diversity in action," Ago says. "When you put all these people together,

what happens? Do they interact? Conflict can be a learning opportunity."

Together with Gloria Anderson, who works in the Office for Multicultural Affairs, Ago organizes and promotes cultural programs, like the heritage months, and supports student leaders who coordinate events such as the November 2003 "Beyond the Box" diversity conference (see Spring 2004, "No Shortage of Opinions Here," www.barnard.edu/alum/magazine).

"Diversity is not a skill you acquire," Ago says. "It's part of everyday living that benefits you as an individual. If you're on the subway and brush up against someone, is there a conversation? If someone's dressed differently, how do you ask questions? Diversity only works when you get people in the same room to talk."

THE IMPACT OF CLASS

The cost of higher education, as any parent is well aware, is substantial. At Barnard, a private institution that receives no financial support from Columbia University, tuition in 2004-05 was \$28,340, plus an additional \$10,152 to \$11,602 for room and board. (Barnard's tuition is comparable to, and in several cases, less than that at peer colleges with greater financial resources.)

It's a myth that a student whose family pays full tuition is covering the total cost of her education, Shapiro says. Last year, the total cost per student—including expenses for instruction, research, facilities, student services, and institutional support—was 30 percent more than tuition and fees. "In effect, every student received a 'silent scholarship' of \$11,340, whether or not she qualified for financial aid," Shapiro says.

Even for those students who come from families who have the resources to pay for their daughters' education, Barnard is an enormous investment. Since the cost over four years is six figures, more than half

of the current students—56 percent in 2004-05—receive some form of financial aid. The College has a "need-based" financial aid policy and makes every effort to meet the demonstrated need of admitted students with a package of loans, grants, and work-study opportunities.

One way the College promotes socioeconomic diversity is by participating in the New York State Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), which offers support services to students who are economically disadvantaged. Through a combination of institutional and federal funds, the College covers tuition, room, and board for HEOP participants—many of whom are the first in their family to attend college—for up to five years, Denburg says, adding that Barnard had a similar program prior to HEOP's creation.

Still, "fostering socioeconomic diversity is a real challenge," says Amy Lai '89, a trustee who sits on the board's ad hoc committee on diversity.

The median family income for students on financial aid in 2004-05, including independent students, is \$52,877.

For students from modest backgrounds, it can be intimidating to have friends with closets full of designer clothes who don't think twice about having dinner at Tavern on the Green.

"At Barnard and Columbia, having money has a certain cachet," says Isolde Raftery '04, a Caucasian political science major who's now a reporter at the *Skagit Valley Herald* in Mount Vernon, Wash.

"There are people who want you to know they don't work and they're not on financial aid," Raftery says. "They don't have work-study jobs, and they get internships through their parents. Then there are other kids who don't have a dime and work a lot harder, and who don't have that sense of entitlement.

"On the upside," she adds, "you see the daughters of librarians and the daughters of airline CEOs becoming fast friends."

A MOSAIC OR A MELTING POT?

At a town hall meeting in September 2003, sponsored by the Student Government Association, participants grappled with the question of what to do with Barnard's diverse community: "Do we make a mosaic in which there are a lot of different ideas and colors that are not connected, or do we want a melting pot in which all the different flavors are mixed together but are no longer distinct? Both represent extreme ends of the spectrum. Where do we want the Barnard community to fall?"

The topic reflected the challenge of having 80 organizations (the number recognized by the Student Government Association at press time), which appeal to students of various ethnic and religious backgrounds. Student organizations include Club Bangla, for Bengali students; Dimensions, for South Asian students; Mujeres, for Latina students; Q, for gay, lesbian, and transgender students; and the Russian Cultural Association.

"I understand why groups who historically haven't felt welcome at college would need a space, and feel comfortable, with people like them," Shapiro says. "You also want to reach across those boundaries, so people are able to move in different worlds. Balkanization is to be avoided. It helps being in a place like New York, where we're lucky to be as sophisticated and cosmopolitan as we are.

"People like to be comfortable, but there has to be a willingness to be uncomfortable, not to take the easy path," she says. "The reward is that a truly educated person can move between cultures."

Shapiro points to dinners that Hillel sponsored for Muslim students during Ramadan. "Muslim and Jewish students must be able to talk with one another. If not here, where?" The student government has taken note: One student initiative is to give grants for programs that are

collaborative among different organizations. Another was to sponsor "Celebration of Lights" in December, where students feasted on desserts representing different cultures and heard traditional holiday songs performed by students from various cultural backgrounds.

"We do promote diversity, but it's easier said than done," says Carolyn Cavaness '05, president of the Student Government Association. Cavaness, who is black, notes that diversity is a major concern for African-American students, but not necessarily for others.

"Some people's perspective will never be enlightened," she says. "They don't think it's their social responsibility to know people who are different." This perception defeats the purpose of being at Barnard, in her view. "We're part of a sisterhood. We're here to challenge each other," she says.

The renaming of BOSS is one way the African-American community has tried to reach out to others. The group, which was known for a while as the Black Organization of Soul Sisters, is reverting to its original name—the Barnard Organization of Soul Sisters—after alumnae questioned why the name had changed. Myrthil, who was involved with the group during her time at Barnard, says the goal of changing the name is "to communicate the idea that we're all part of the Barnard community—that's what ties us together. Stressing the Barnard sisterhood ideal can be very positive."

Creating a multicultural community is something that Myrthil believes is the College's responsibility, but "the school can't force it upon them." It's up to each student to participate and "step out of her comfort zone to meet people who are different." ☒

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JULIE BEAGLE '03 GUINEA, WEST AFRICA, 2004-2006

Julie Beagle '03 lives in a mud-thatched one-room hut in Morodou, a village on the Sankarani River, a tributary of the Niger. There's no running water or electricity, food is scarce, and the toilet is a pit. But her Guinean family, Beagle says, is "amazing."

As an agroforestry volunteer, Beagle, depending on the season, helps farmers alley crop (planting rows of multipurpose trees such as cashews, mangoes, and oranges, which provide not only soil fertility but also income opportunities) and works with women's gardening cooperatives. "I don't know more about farming than they do, but I do have access to new technologies, seeds, and ideas. I like to think that if enough technical ideas are exchanged, someone will benefit eventually—even if it's just one woman who decides that adding beans to the sauce is a good idea for her child's health." She also teaches ecology at the junior high school and started a girl's soccer team.

She'd wanted to join the Peace Corps for years and, after studying in Kenya her junior year at Barnard, knew she wanted to work in development. "I became entangled in the intellectual web of development theories and felt the only way to see what was really going on was to join the Peace Corps." Now, she sees flaws in the international development model of giving direct aid to countries: Not enough of the money trickles down to the people who need it. When Beagle returns to the United States, she'll be looking for another solution. ☒

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Three Days in New York

The blue catalog arrived in the mail one Saturday during my junior year of high school. I had not written away for it. I had never heard of the place. Barnard College. Part of Columbia University in New York.

I would find out soon enough that Barnard was a women's college and that its academic standards were exceptionally high. That was why my father ordered the catalog. He wanted me to go to Barnard. He expected big things of me.

I returned last June for the reunion of my class. I spent a lot of time staring up at Manhattan's unbroken vertical landscape, but even more time looking back across the years, to the moment when I obeyed my father and went to New York.

The writer E.B. White once said that no one should live in this fabled place unless he is willing to be lucky. When I went to college, I was desperate for luck. I didn't know what I wanted, only that I was thrilled to be free—thrilled, but also afraid. What I needed most was a backbone of self-assurance to propel me forward and keep me steady. I took challenging course after challenging course at Barnard, but this last study I never seemed to complete, not even as a grown woman.

And so I was reluctant to return for the reunion. I worried I would not measure up. I worried I would know no one. Instead I met women as wary as I, who too wondered if they would remember anyone. Or more accurately, if anyone would remember them.

The answers were yes, and yes again. For those few days, a handful of us experienced a most unexpected intimacy. We were thrown together and bound by common ground—memories of teachers we loved, reading lists we dreaded, Columbia men who had broken our hearts, and finally the astonishment that 30 years had passed since the days when we believed we would be forever as young as we were in the *Mortarboard* our senior year.

This is, simply, how I remember reunion weekend.

Memory is the sharpest editor. It holds onto what you think is important and tosses the rest. What I remember from college, and what I carry today, is Barnard's expectation of achievement. Sliding by, in school or in life simply would not do. So it did not surprise me that the first question I heard from my classmates was not about the personal but the professional. "What are you doing?" You were expected to deliver a significant answer.

Thirty years in journalism ought to be plenty significant. But still ... still, as I sat around a table with my classmates, the conflicts of my most unliberated existence rattled around in my head. I could hardly remember Kate Millet's brave words. Could I be a good mother? Was life worthwhile without a man? Had I lived up to my father's expectations? Was I, simply, good enough?

It is an unreasonable burden, probably, to place on just a few days time, but I went to the reunion looking for a way to silence the questions and to rest easily, finally, with my end-of-the-day self. Sitting among those women, taking in their faces, hearing their stories, I found what I hope is a start.

I realized that 30 years is too long to hang on to an unchangeable past. I would have to let go and redefine myself with words I didn't know, had never uttered, despite all that education.

Three days in New York. For me, they were another beginning, I think. ☒

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FRIDAY, JUNE 3

- 12:30 PM ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON
- 2:30 PM RANDALL BALMER, PROFESSOR OF RELIGION, ON "EVANGELICALS IN THE POLITICAL ARENA"
- 4 PM READING BY CATHLEEN SCHINE '75
- 6:30 PM CLASS COCKTAILS AND DINNERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

- 10 AM PANEL: "CRISES AND CONFLICT" DOES THE U.S. RESPONSE TO INTERNATIONAL CRISES MAKE US SAFER?
- 11:30 AM PERFORMANCE BY CHOREOGRAPHER PAUL TAYLOR'S TAYLOR 2
- 3 PM ATHENA THROUGH THE AGES: SIX DECADES OF BARNARD WOMEN TELL THEIR STORIES
- 7:30 PM REUNION GALA: HONORING ROBIN WAGNER '80 AND SARA STRANG

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