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КУРСЫ ПО СОВЕТОВЕДЕНИЮ В БАРНАРДЕ

What do you know about the Soviet Union? That is, what do you *really* know? Most of us have ideas about life in Leningrad or in the Russian countryside, based on a blend of *Dr. Zhivago*, *Gorky Park*, and Walter Cronkite, but our image of Main St., Moscow is murky, at best. Some of us cut through the stereotypes and the statistical generalizations by reading good books or even joining an exchange team to the Soviet Union, but we know there are still many holes in our understanding of a mighty nation and its peoples.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ERRATUM: The final paragraph of Peggy Dunlap Little's "Letter from the Farm" in our Fall '85 issue should have read as follows:

When it comes to economics, our little farm does not produce a real income, although I think we have gotten to the point where it is holding its own. My husband is not mentioned in these farming activities because most of his time is spent in the business world, so that we can live this comfortable farm life. But husbandry is a rewarding occupation and I'm glad to have had the opportunity to share all this with our children as they grew. It didn't remove us from any of the hazards of bringing up kids in this age: there was pot in the garden one year, too much drinking at parties sometimes, car accidents, and more. But I do think it gave the kids a sense of purpose—work never stops even on such a small farm as this.

Our apologies to the author.

Let's like ourselves the way we are

To the Editor:

During Alumnae Council last November, I was struck by the recurring theme of many of our discussions: while many alumnae are eager to reunite with Barnard, others are almost aggressive in avoiding any Barnard contacts, primarily because they feel that their achievements would not measure up to those of classmates and others.

The issue here seems to me to be a matter of self-actualization, of feeling positive about one's choices rather than comparing oneself to a set of standards imposed by others. Maslow suggests that one look inside oneself and try to shut out the noise of the world in order to listen to the "impulse voices" and arrive at an answer of authenticity. One of the most wonderful responses I heard to the common question of "What do you do?" was "I'm a mommy," said

with delight by a person obviously capable of choosing among several options but in touch with what pleased her at this time in her life. Another woman spoke with pride of being a doctor, a goal she had set for herself in grade school. A recent graduate, on the other hand, said she felt compelled to change jobs almost every year in order to climb up the corporate ladder—it was a behavior she felt was expected of her, although she regretted the losses in personal relationships.

In the announcements of some recent alumnae events, the question has been asked: "When you left Barnard, did you think you would be where you are today?" Perhaps the question should be: "What are your feelings about where you find yourself today?" In his book *The Search for Authenticity*, Bugental uses the word "ontology" to mean helping people to grow to their fullest possible height. Some training to help us become more full, more actualizing and more realizing in fact what we are in potentiality would be a wonderful continuation of the marvelous academic education we have received.

Wendy Supovitz Reilly '63
Sea Island, GA

Barnard Travels . . . in all directions

To the Editor:

On Friday morning the Alumnae Magazine of Summer '85 arrived . . . and there was my picture on page 18 with Pat Glendon in Jerusalem. I am thrilled. It was a memorable evening and I am delighted to have this souvenir. As a matter of fact, one of the outcomes of that evening is our current effort to keep an up-to-date file of Barnardites in Israel. So far I've had ten replies to the form letter I sent out to alumnae in the area.

I retired from teaching English in high school five years ago but I've been active in teacher training since then. I am still a member of the Ministry of Education's Advisory Committee on English studies. I have eleven Israeli grandchildren plus four in Pittsburgh and in the tradition of grandmothers I do a lot of knitting for them. Their mothers are always pleased and I never get complaints that it doesn't fit right.

I am looking forward to attending our Fiftieth Reunion in May. When Elizabeth Dew Searles was in Jerusalem, she phoned and gave me the exact dates. And yesterday I got a letter from Marjorie Runne Allen urging me to attend. It is clear the '36ers are leaving no stone unturned

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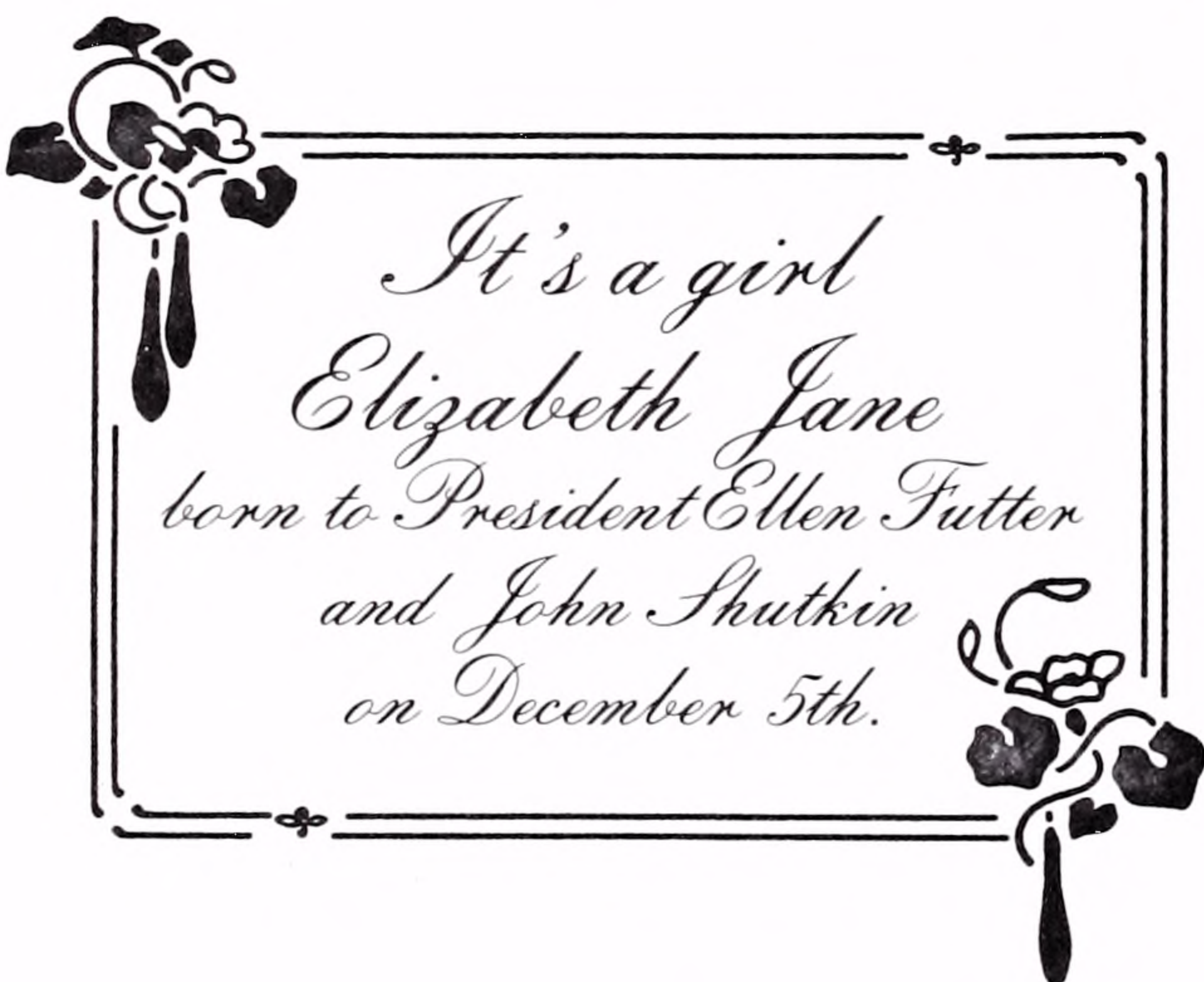
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Soviet Studies at Barnard

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For young women who recognize such gaps in their own knowledge, the Barnard curriculum offers several paths to get behind the headlines and horror stories. As majors in Russian or Russian Area Studies they can master the Russian language, absorb its literature, make sense of its history, and learn about everyday Soviet life. A fortunate and adventurous few even spend time studying in the Soviet Union.

For Russian majors, the aim is that they be able to read current journals, take part in serious conversations, and read literary "classics," according to department chairman Richard Gustafson. Russian is considered the most difficult of the European languages for Americans to learn. Although its roots are totally different from English, Professor Gustafson believes that knowledge of Latin, with its prefixes, suffixes, and roots, helps one grasp the relationships among Russian words and parts of words, just as in Romance and Germanic languages. Unfortunately, few of today's students have studied Latin.

As they move beyond syntax into literature, students are expected to read the classical authors, especially Tolstoy and Gogol. Their value lies not only in their insights into human nature and their identification of issues critical to Russian life. Russian classics, notes Professor Gustafson, are an important element in contemporary thought; characters from 18th and 19th century literature live on in modern conversations as symbols of human traits. If you want to communicate seriously in Russia today, "you have to know Chekhov."

Students who plan to learn Russian but want a broader major than language and literature can enroll in Russian Area Studies. According to Professor Peter Juviler, this program is designed "for a select group of students able to synthesize a wide-ranging variety of courses on Russian and the Soviet Union and to bring proficiency in Russian up to a level adequate for research." In addition to four years of language, majors must complete a year of Russian history and at least a year of Russian or Soviet literature. A course in Soviet politics, such as Professor Juviler's Colloquium on Politics and Human Rights in the USSR, is required, and students can choose additional courses in Russian art or geography, or in Marxist economic theory or social

thought. The culmination of each student's work is a senior essay, for which a substantial portion of the research is done in Russian language sources. In addition, several courses draw on Russian literature in translation. Popular electives include Professor Marina Astman's "Russian Women—Myth and Reality" and "Modern Russian Religious Thought," which is taught by Professor Gustafson.

In addition to the inherent difficulty of the Russian language, there is the challenge of keeping one's knowledge up to date. No language is static, but in the 20th century the Russian language has been forced to absorb the impact of both technology and revolution. Many of today's words and concepts will not be found in the classical works, and the Russian curriculum is being reorganized, university-wide, to increase students' exposure to the Soviet world and contemporary texts. Students who study in the summer and/or continue their studies after Barnard will be able to follow a six-year sequence in the language and also branch into current literature and social sciences.

The resources of New York City are invaluable supplements to the formal course offerings. In addition to visits by Russian opera and ballet companies, a Russian monastery is nearby, and students can spend a Sunday afternoon in Brooklyn's Brighton Beach, where restaurants and shops offer opportunities for conversation with recent immigrants. New York's tradition of Russian cultural influence is combined with the strong Soviet presence and the constant stream of people concerned about the Soviet Union who come to the U.S. for any reason.

A recent addition to the curriculum is a course entitled "Understanding Soviet Media." Classes are conducted in Russian and deal with the treatment of current events by Soviet newspapers and television. Reading foreign newspapers is hardly a novelty in language study, and current magazines and films in many languages are readily available in New York City, but Soviet television is something else again. Thanks to a large antenna atop the School of International & Public Affairs, television signals from Vladivostok are received daily at Columbia's Harriman Institute for Advanced Study of the Soviet Union. The most obvious value of this is for students seeking to polish their Russian, who can listen to a steady stream of unaccented, idiomatic discourse and keep up to the minute with new terminology.

Live television also gives students a view of Soviet cultural life as it is experienced by 260 million or so Soviet citizens. In other media, notes Professor Jonathan Sanders, Assistant Director of the Harriman Institute, we see only formal statements of official Soviet policy, not what is being said to the majority of the Soviet people. On the other hand, since Soviet television has a conscious didactic purpose, we can assume that the values being presented reflect what the leaders want the people to think about a given subject. And the reaction—or lack of reaction—to a particular event will often tell Soviet watchers more about the Kremlin's views than a string of



Prof. Richard Gustafson

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official communiques.

For students it is also interesting “to watch the news programs in which America is not presented as the center of the universe,” Professor Sanders observes. “The first news of the day is generally about the home front, whether it’s an official pronouncement of the Party or a report on the grain harvest.” International news, including mention of the U.S., usually comes quite far down in the show. Not all programs are news or other serious subjects, however. The variety extends from soap operas to sports events and cooking classes, and students often remark that the people don’t look much different from themselves.

Access to Soviet television is far from the only benefit which Barnard students derive from their proximity to the Harriman Institute. Many are enrolled in graduate courses, have work-study jobs there, or use the formidable resources of its library. They soon find that the Institute is not concerned only in politics, but that it actively pursues the “knowledge and understanding” to which Governor Harriman referred at its inaugural ceremony. Its scholars are interested in ninth century folk tales and the nomadic peoples of Siberia, Russian religiosity and the evolving status of Soviet women in industry, as well as Soviet military strategy and weapons of tomorrow.

For those whose orientation is political, the Institute presents no one way of thinking about the Soviet Union, no orthodoxy, and its graduates can be found in organizations ranging from the Committee on the Present Danger to the Fellowship on Reconciliation to International Physicians for Social Responsibility. Professor Sanders is often called upon to present his own views on network news programs, including those of National Public Radio, CBS, and the BBC World Service.

But “cross-cultural learning is very difficult,” notes Professor Sanders, “and the American people have been subjected to stereotypes and propaganda which provide additional hurdles. For the future, there’s nothing more important in the world than understanding the other great superpower, and it’s a very complex task. It takes longer to develop a scholar or an analyst who can understand the Soviet Union than it does to develop a new weapons system.”

One student who has taken some giant steps toward this level of understanding is Rachel Alekman '86 (daughter of Alice Finkelstein Alekman '62), who spent last spring at the University of Leningrad. Rachel came to Barnard with an interest in international affairs and decided to study Russian because it would support that

interest. She found that she loved the language, and as her knowledge of Russian literature and history grew she became interested in studying there.

Rachel was one of a group of 35 Americans at Leningrad last year. Their courses were entirely related to language studies, since the Soviets expect that exchange students are planning to become Russian teachers. “They are not interested in students who just want to study the political system, or learn about Soviet life,” she points out. There were some limitations on their mobility (no riding in a private car with a Soviet citizen, no staying in a private home) but there were many opportunities to meet Russian people.

There is no question that her language skills were enhanced by the experience, but Rachel found that some of her other academic goals were difficult to achieve. In preparation for the work on her thesis, which is on Soviet-Syrian relations, she had hoped to do some interviews, “but things there are very closed.” The foreign students were permitted to take other courses in the university, but information is hard to find — there are no registration booklets or guidance counselors. Besides, “you can’t imagine what an enormous and disorganized country it is. It’s very backward, and things don’t work. It takes a lot of time and energy to do anything.”

Among her most vivid recollections are the “soap opera lives” of the people. “They do not feel that they have any political influence so there is no point in knowing about current events. They have no access to things outside, so their energy is turned inward, toward themselves and their friendships. It is such a bleak place, in general, but relationships are very complicated and overly emotional.”

In her conversations with Jews, Rachel was surprised by their “rightist” reaction to her own views, which they considered “leftist.” “The only concept they have is force, and they couldn’t understand how I could support Zionism and not support Kahane’s wanting to drive the Arabs out of Israel,” she recalls. And in this she identified what may be the most important truth of all international study: “You can’t make ideas in a vacuum.”

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Letter from Turkey

by Linda Moscarella

Our trip to Turkey was intense, hectic, short, tightly scheduled, and very, very exciting—trying to capture it on paper is like trying to put an octopus in a box!

The official side of the trip was all schedules, briefings, military bases, luncheons, teas, buses, and airports. The focus was on defense and economics, with a smattering of history to make it comprehensible. Health, education, housing, men, women, families, and the ambience of daily life were not officially included, but we picked up bits and pieces as we went along.

Most memorable, perhaps because I wasn't expecting it, was the intensity of people's desire for American understanding of, and sympathy for, Turkey. Reporters and photographers met us at the airport in Istanbul clutching League publications which they had actually read. The Prime Minister gave us a lecture on capitalism in developing countries. An "off the record" briefing with the editors of a new national newspaper was refreshingly candid—not a hard sell, not the party line. (Despite the continued threat of censorship, the editors felt the climate was improving for the press.)

A neurologist came to a reception because she wanted to impress us with the sincerity of Turkey's efforts to be democratic. A slick, smart, silver-haired Istanbul businessman spent a lunchtime proselytizing for the government's economic efforts and the need for U.S. support. "Doctors, lawyers, and chiefs"—all were desperate to get through to us, to counteract the image created by "Midnight Express" and by Greece, not to mention the Armenians. Many had been educated in the U.S. or in American schools in Turkey, and they spoke English fluently.

As for the "man on the street," he did not speak English

well, but seemed friendly. The "woman on the street" did not exist, but more on that later.

In a short time we gained a vivid picture of this fascinating nation, which experienced sweeping changes after World War I with the fall of the Ottoman Empire. The upheaval, led by Ataturk and accomplished without civil war, was in some ways as far reaching as that brought about in Russia under Lenin or in China by Mao. Flying in the face of Moslem tradition, everyone was made equal under the law, including women. Church and state were totally separated (one journalist told us how shocked he was to see "In God We Trust" on American coins). They adopted the Western alphabet and Western social ideals, and in 1923, with Communism a rising ideology and Russia at the border, chose democracy and capitalism.

Ataturk was a progressive and a liberal, and at the same time an authoritarian military man, and that dichotomy characterizes Turkey to this day. Since the death of Ataturk in 1938, the military has stepped in when things were shaky, and then, amazingly, stepped out. This happened in 1980, and a new parliament was elected in 1982, with a new Constitution. When I asked the silver-haired businessman about the compatibility of this practice with democracy, he bristled. Ataturk, he explained, had charged the Army with the responsibility for making democracy work! Sort of like our Supreme Court, I thought to myself.

Unofficially, the role of women in Turkey was much on our minds. What was the state of women's liberation? Did women wear the veil? Go to college? Work outside the home? We asked questions of all the women we met—limited, of course, by the number who spoke English.

A woman member of Parliament assured us that women had complete equality under the law, pointing out that in Turkey, unlike America, women had their rights handed to them without their asking. There were no Turkish suffragists; there is no Turkish NOW, and there are more women doctors and lawyers in Turkey in proportion to the population than in the U.S.

Some women were in the group of reporters who came to our press conference in Istanbul. They were young,



Linda Green Moscarella '58 was one of ten representatives of the League of Women Voters of the United States who went to Belgium and Turkey in September on a fact-finding tour sponsored by NATO. Here she is introduced to an F-16 at Beauvechain Air Base in Belgium.

On the military side

En route to Turkey, we spent a full day at NATO headquarters in Brussels, where all the planning takes place. It is a pleasant, modern building, far from the scene of potential military action. In addition, at least one third of our time in Turkey was spent talking to U.S. NATO personnel. It was not particularly reassuring. A major problem, as summed up for us by a candid briefer, is that "the degree to which NATO can tell members what to do is limited, and the process of persuasion is time

consuming." France will not place her forces under NATO command. Greece did not participate in the NATO maneuvers held recently in the Aegean and eastern Mediterranean. Alliance members spend what they want on defense, making planning and coordination difficult.

Furthermore, and most critical, it seemed to me, no one knows if NATO will work, and, unlike a nuclear device, it can't be tested.

Did we learn anything about how NATO works in Turkey? Possibly. The briefings we got from military personnel were often less informative than *The New York Times*, and an "unclassified" map of the Aegean which we re-

ceived in several briefing packets was about as detailed as a third grade geography lesson. But some useful facts emerged.

We received our first briefings in the historic Missouri Room at the American Consulate in Istanbul. The room was named for the Battleship Missouri, sent by President Truman to Istanbul with the remains of the Turkish ambassador to the U.S., who had died in Washington during WWII. That gesture of solidarity had cheered the Turks in a dark hour, and we have been allies ever since. We were told, several times, of Turkey's strategic importance astride the Bosphorus and next to the Soviet Union, and of the Turkish military effort,

Invisible women . . . a city "shimmering with mystery" . . . politically sensitive baklava . . . a harem closed for renovation.

bright, articulate, and dressed in Western clothes. Yes, they said, they had enjoyed equal access to education, equal opportunities for employment, and generally equal pay as well. But no, they did not feel liberated in their personal lives—Turkish women do have full rights, but Turkish society has not really changed that much. Gradually, we began to understand what they meant.

There was something not quite right about the street scene in Istanbul, but it took a while before I realized what it was—there were no women out there. Actually, there were a few, carrying parcels and hurrying purposefully along, not veiled, but often wearing an ample scarf over their heads and necks. And there were lots of men, mostly "hanging out." They were sitting in cafes (something women absolutely did not do); they were bending over board games; they were standing in bunches on the sidewalks. Clearly, the street was their turf; women could pass through but not loiter. Unemployment was high, we learned, and the unemployed seemed mainly to be men. No wonder, considering what we had been told, that Turkish men have traditionally been either soldiers or administrators. Foreigners and women have always taken care of trade, and everything else, apparently. In times of peace, unemployment must always have been endemic for Turkish men.

We wondered about the less educated women, and rural women. Their lives, it seems, are much as they have been for centuries. They work in their homes and in the fields. Literacy is within the reach of every man, through the army, but only six years of school are compulsory, and girls in rural areas often quit before they should.

By and large, women aren't visible to the tourist. If they hold jobs, they generally do not meet the public—they are not waitresses or salesclerks; in hotels, they do nothing but clean the rooms. One day, from a look-out tower near our hotel, I saw a group of women on the roof of an ancient building below me. They were sitting cross-

legged on a carpet and doing something with their hands, shelling something, or carding something, and a pile of whatever it was was growing in the middle. Their dark clothing made them almost invisible from above. From the street they *were* invisible.

A very helpful and intelligent woman with a degree in anthropology took us to the ancient city of Ephesus. By profession she was a guide, but her passion was improving the education of children in her native Izmir (the third largest city in Turkey, formerly Smyrna). She told us what a difference it had made when American aid had been earmarked for teaching English, and how disappointed she had been when it was withdrawn. She writes regularly to our President to tell him so! After days of hearing about Turkey's need for weapons, tanks, and jet fighters, it was refreshing to hear someone pump for more aid for education.

The Turks have a unique approach to low income housing. An old tradition allows a man to claim as his own any structure with a roof which he can raise before dawn, provided no one catches him at it. Consequently, although people without resources are pouring into the major cities and settling in makeshift housing on the outskirts, as in most developing countries, the Turkish suburbs are owner-occupied and they are not slums. Most of the land surrounding the cities belongs to the government, but the rule applies also to private lands. Let the absentee landlord beware! Once there is a settlement, then the city finds itself pressured to supply water, sewers and electricity, and so the city grows. The effect is somewhat disorderly, but not grim.

Turkey has a food surplus, and produce markets in Istanbul are a delight. The plentiful grapes, pears, eggplants, tomatoes have a homegrown goodness. In Izmir we sat at a sidewalk cafe on the deep blue-green Aegean bay and ate fish we had selected from a display case. We found that the baklava was good, but politically sensitive.

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which is greater for its size than that of any other country in the alliance.

Over tea and outrageously good cakes at the home of the Prime Minister in Ankara we were gently reminded of what we had been told at the Ministry of Defense that morning over still more tea, that Turkey spends one fourth of its annual budget on defense and has a standing army of 500,000, second in size within NATO only to the U.S. But over drinks at the American Consulate in Izmir, I learned that the Army is equipped with Korean War era weapons and obsolete tanks, which could not stand up to a conventional attack by better armed and more numerous Warsaw Pact

troops. At an elegant lunch at the American Embassy in Ankara I heard more than I cared to about the tank modernization program. Over the ubiquitous glass of tea somewhere, we learned that General Dynamics will build F-16 fighters in Ankara, with American guarantees to protect it from going broke in the process.

It became apparent that American military personnel have genuine regard for the Turks as soldiers. And indeed, soldiering is important to the Turkish man. Every man between the ages of 18 and 46 must serve 18 months in the military, and they and their families are severely disappointed if some handicap prevents them

from it. In the rural villages, sons are sent off with festivities, and if they do not know how to read, write, and operate machinery when they leave, they will know when they return. It is a significant part of the education system.

From NATO's point of view, Turkey's army is important because the availability of its strong conventional force "raises the nuclear threshold"—that is, makes it possible to wait longer and be pressed harder before considering the use of nuclear weapons. If you accept the premise that NATO is essential to the protection of the West, then the evidence of our trip was that Turkey is a necessary component of NATO and a worthy military ally.



Sports and Health — In College and Beyond

A New Look for Athletics — The Barnard-Columbia Consortium

by Mary Witherell

When I was a Barnard student I was so familiar with the athletics program that I knew immediately when a stranger had wandered into the gym.

In 1983, after lengthy negotiations, Barnard entered into a consortium with Columbia that created one program of varsity athletics for all undergraduate women in the university. When I returned to the campus only a year later for a look at the new arrangement, it was I who was the stranger.

It's taken me until now just to get used to the consortium, so smooth is its operation, so improved are the athletes. Here are a few examples of change:

- In a recent issue of "Lines on Lions," the university's sports newsletter, there was a story on Amy Perkel, a Columbia College freshman, who had just won the Division I New York State Tennis Singles Championship. In 1982 a Barnard senior named Leesa Shapiro won the state championship, but that victory was in Division III, the lowest category in the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Division III includes the schools which do little recruiting and give no special privileges to athletes; Division I is the high-rent district.

- Several members of the Barnard Athletics staff were retained by Columbia when it assumed responsibility for the women's program. One of these is basketball coach Nancy Kalafus, who taught me how to bowl in a physical education class when I was a freshman. In her new life, Nancy no longer teaches physical education classes. Furthermore, she has a full-time assistant coach, a half-time assistant coach, and a secretary. Her days are filled with activities she could never do before, such as traveling around the country recruiting talented basketball

players, watching films of her players, and raising funds for the team's training trip to Puerto Rico during winter break.

- Columbia's Associate Director of Athletics, Margie Tversky, is another member of the Barnard connection. She notes that the Dodge Physical Fitness Center not only contains women's locker rooms, but that each team that practices there regularly has its own private room. There are also "swing" rooms where teams that just use the facility as a home base have closet space. In the days before the consortium, Barnard athletes went home from competitions and practice sessions unshowered and in their sweaty athletic attire.

Similarly, women's teams no longer have to practice at 7 a.m., there are no more tennis practices in the gym, no more four athletes to a room on overnight road trips, no more passing out subway tokens to the cross country team to get to Van Cortlandt Park, no more fencers fencing in running shoes, runners running in basketball shoes, etc.

Do you blame me for feeling lost? My predictable feeling of distance from new faces was compounded by my unfamiliarity with the new program and my concern that nobody but me remembered and missed the Barnard Bears.

The athletic program featuring the Barnard Bears came into existence in 1975, and most Barnard students paid it little attention. I was different: I was the founding sports editor of the *Barnard Bulletin* and the first sports information intern. I virtually ran the sports information program when the director's post was cut from the budget in my junior year. And I parlayed my experience in Barnard athletics into a sportswriting career.

Despite my identification with the Barnard program, even I realized that the consortium was inevitable. Without the use of Columbia's facilities, which would be available rarely or not at all if Columbia had its own women's program, Barnard could not dream of offering half of its eight varsity sports (volleyball, archery, basketball, tennis, fencing, swimming, cross country and track).

Moreover, Barnard's program would forever have remained in Division III, while Columbia's would gain Division I status like the rest of the Ivy League. The comparison would overshadow Barnard's position as a "separate but equal" partner.

"We would always have been the poor relative across the street," commented Charles S. Olton, Dean of the Faculty, who headed Barnard's "team" in the consortium negotiations.

There are strong positive advantages for Barnard, too. "We are the only women's college offering athletes the chance to play in Division I," says Christine Royer, Director of Admissions. "Without the consortium, we probably would never attract that caliber of athlete except by chance. Now, even though we sometimes compete with Columbia College for the same athletes, our applicant pool is that much larger."

Columbia's chief gain was similar to the advantage one

Mary Witherell '83 is a writer for *World Tennis*. This winter she has been the announcer for the very successful Barnard-Columbia women's basketball team.

gets before making a long jump: a running start. After only two years, the program is already at or near Division I status in all consortium sports, with thriving clubs in crew and soccer. In addition, on a campus where physical education and recreation programs compete with varsity teams for the use of facilities, Barnard's gym and pool are put to use at all hours.

Management of the consortium is handled by a University Advisory Committee for Athletics, on which Barnard is represented, and there is specific provision for liaison with Barnard's Admissions Office and Department of Physical Education. All materials promoting the athletic program clearly state the participation of Barnard, Columbia College and the School of Engineering, and the Varsity "C" Club welcomes Barnard alumnae to its membership.

In exchange for a monetary contribution to the overall consortium budget roughly equivalent to what it formerly spent on its entire program, Barnard gets none of the headaches of running a program and all of the benefits of having one — except a name.

What's in a name? For me, that was the sticky part of this arrangement. No matter how much better things are, the Barnard Bears are still defunct. The old program was respectable, but not outstanding. There were a handful of all-Americans, a shelfful of trophies, and a few decent teams — and some very bad losses, unspeakable losses that don't accomplish anything positive for anyone on the losing side. "How can you miss that nonsense?" I ask myself.

It's progress, and I think I can cope with it — as long as I see my Barnard classmates, athletic and not so, staying active in the program, as long as I see that the consortium's roots are respected and its Barnard presence stable. I would like the Barnard Bears to become the John Lennon of athletic programs: dead but not forgotten.

If it's "mens sana" you want . . .

It may be the varsity teams that make the headlines, but the "meat and potatoes" of athletic activity at Barnard are still the physical education program, recreational sports, and intramurals. The classroom requirement, which once called for four full years of phys. ed. (and not all that long ago, either!), has gradually been reduced to two semesters, but the department encourages students to continue beyond the minimum, and many do.

The traditional focus of the Physical Education program, and one of the reasons stated in the catalogue for its inclusion in the curriculum, is the development of skills which will provide lifelong enjoyment. Alumnae are welcome to enroll when space is available. Courses

include aerobics, archery, badminton, bowling, fencing, fitness, self defense, stress management, various levels of swimming, tennis, volleyball, weight training, and yoga.

As the formal program has been cut back, extracurricular sports have been expanded. A new position, Director of Intramurals and Recreation, was created last year, and all corners of our facilities are put to use. Both Barnard and Columbia students have shown increasing interest in intramural sports, in which league competitions run for several weeks each semester. Most popular of the co-ed sports are volleyball, where there are 26 teams, and indoor soccer, which has grown from 13 teams in 1984-85 to 21 this year. Sign-ups for archery and fencing tournaments usually close out in a few days, and the bowling tournament was expanded this year from one day to two; next year a third day will be added.

Special events provide additional opportunities for physical activity and fun for students and faculty whose energy exceeds their athletic ability. These include an annual square dance with professional caller and seasonal "fun runs" in Riverside Park. On "Fitness Awareness Day," special educational sessions and exercise programs are offered to the college community, and all are invited to enjoy the special "healthy" menu which is presented in the faculty dining room.

For less structured activity, the Barnard pool, track, and weight room (with Universal weight machine, free weights, and exercise bicycles) are open to students and also to alumnae when they are not in use by classes and teams. (For more information call the Physical Education Department 280-2085.)

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Karen Jolkovski

Lisa Piazza '85, sixth-ranked woman fencer in the U.S., captain of the fencing team during two or her years at Barnard, continues her winning ways as she works for a place on the U.S. national fencing team. Lisa was awarded a post-graduate scholarship by the NCAA last summer, one of 20 women so honored and the first ever from Barnard. She spent most of the summer in training for the World Championships and the World University Games, in which she was one of five women on the U.S. team. Back in New York, she is working in medical research, applying for medical school, and continuing her training under Coach Alydar Kogler.



Getting the facts for research in women's health

One of the scarcest commodities in the world of scientific research is valid information regarding the health of college women. There is no shortage of subjects in which such data might be useful, with pregnancy, contraception, menstrual disorders, and sexually transmitted diseases being only the most obvious areas, but most studies have suffered from poor experimental design, inadequate sampling, lack of control subjects, and the absence of follow-up. Dr. Harriette R. Mogul, Director of Barnard's Health Service, observed this gap in research potential and responded by setting up the Barnard Institute for Medical Research.

As a first step, Dr. Mogul designed an extensive questionnaire, which all students now complete, that calls for a detailed medical history, including eating pattern and other habits, family health history, and a self-evaluation of "mental status." A copy of the questionnaire is kept in the student's file in Health Services and the results are entered, anonymously, into the Institute's computer for research purposes. With 100% participation, a heterogeneous population of articulate women, and the opportunity for longitudinal studies of hundreds of factors, the Institute will be uniquely equipped to conduct meaningful, well-designed, and properly implemented medical research.

The copyrighted questionnaire has also become the Institute's first "product," available for use by other institutions. It was sold last year to the health service at Smith.

Dr. Mogul expects that the Institute will publish a medical newsletter and sponsor conferences on a variety of women's medical issues, supporting the commitment of the College to the definition and solution of issues of significance to women. There will also be opportunities for internships for Barnard students.

The Institute for Medical Research will be guided by an advisory board made up of distinguished representatives of the Barnard community, the medical profession, and other interested individuals. Board chairman is Helen Ranney, M.D. '41, chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of California, San Diego. Other alumnae on the board include President Ellen Futter '71; Trustee Emerita Eleanor Thomas Elliott '48, who is also a Governor of New York Hospital; Trustees Chair Helene Finkelstein Kaplan '53, a trustee of Mt. Sinai Hospital; and Elena Ottolenghi Nightingale, M.D. '54, adjunct professor at Georgetown University Medical School and visiting lecturer in health policy at Harvard. Vice-chairman is Robert Ebert, M.D. of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, former Dean of Harvard Medical School, who is also a vice-chairman of the College's Board of Trustees.

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College Athletics and Long-Term Health — The Alumnae Health Survey

by Rose E. Frisch, Ph.D.

A number of Barnard alumnae, along with alumnae of seven other colleges and two universities, recently participated in a study of the long-term health of American college women. The background and first results of the study are set forth in this article.

Does athletic activity in college help women avoid serious health problems in later life, such as cancer of the breast and reproductive system and diabetes? According to the first findings of the Alumnae Health Survey, the effect of even a mildly athletic life on the later health of alumnae has been more far reaching than we ever anticipated.

The purpose of the survey was to determine what factors affect the long-term health of college women. In particular, we wanted to know if athletic activity during the college years had any effect on the risk of occurrence of the serious health problems that occur later in life. As far as we know, college women had not been surveyed on these questions, although the long-term health of college men has been extensively studied.

In 1982 we sent out a 14-page questionnaire that contained detailed questions on physical characteristics of an alumna; her physical activity during the college years, in secondary school, and at present; her medical history and problems; and her reproductive history and problems from menarche to the menopause. The questionnaire was mailed to 7,559 alumnae of the seven major women's colleges, Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Radcliffe, Smith, Vassar, and Wellesley, and the alumnae of Springfield College and the Universities of Southern California and Wisconsin.

Alumnae ranged from 21 to more than 70 years old, and they lived in every geographical area of the United States as well as abroad.

Skeptics said not many women would take the time to answer so many detailed, open-ended questions. Others predicted that alumnae might be offended by questions on the use of contraceptives, infertility, or menopausal history. The skeptics were wrong on both counts. We had a remarkable response: 5,398 alumnae (71.4%) filled out and returned the questionnaires. Some even called up to offer more information, or to suggest more questions for future use. Replies came from as far away as Peking,

China (with an apology that forwarding from Kansas City to China had been slow). Many alumnae thanked us for seeking information on medical problems that they felt had not been sufficiently recognized.

Athletics and amenorrhea

The impetus for the alumnae survey came from the results of an earlier study on the women varsity runners and swimmers of Harvard University. We had found, as reported in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (Frisch RE, Welbergen AV, McArthur JW, Albright TE, Witschi J, et al., 246, 1559, 1981) that a high proportion of the well-trained athletes on the teams were amenorrheic (absence of menstrual cycles) or had irregular cycles. We also found that this disruption of reproductive ability increased in direct correlation with the increase in intensity of training during the athletic season. The effect of the physical activity was reversible: weight gain or reduction of physical activity was followed by restoration of regular menstrual cycles, after varying periods of time, depending usually on how long the athlete had been amenorrheic. We found that every year of athletic training delayed menarche by five months. The average age of menarche of the girls who began their training before menarche was 15 years, whereas for post menarchically trained girls it was 12.7, similar to the average age of the general population. These results have been confirmed by numerous other studies.

How did we happen to study the athletes? A decade ago, Dr. J. W. McArthur of Massachusetts General Hospital and I published a paper showing that women with weight loss in the range of 10 to 15 percent of normal weight for their height became amenorrheic; weight gain above the critical weight for height restored menstrual cycles (Frisch RE, and McArthur JW, *Science*, 185: 949, 1974). These standards, based on a fatness index, are now widely used clinically. I was teaching a class on the subject of fertility and when I discussed these findings, one of my students remarked, "My roommate is on a varsity team, and she doesn't have any menstrual cycles either." The student then did an independent study on the incidence of amenorrhea among varsity athletes. Her preliminary results were so interesting we then did the larger prospective study on the women runners and swimmers. Our study and the research of many others on different kinds of women athletes, and other women who dieted injudiciously, established that the changes in body weight and body composition were correlated with changes in the hormones that normally control reproduction. The hypothalamus (the part of the brain that controls reproduction, food intake, temperature, and emotions) ceases to secrete a releasing hormone or secretes this hormone abnormally. The pituitary gland therefore no longer secretes the hormones that stimulate follicles in the ovaries to grow and ovulate, or secretes these hormones in an abnormal pattern. Estrogen levels decrease. We found that weight gain or reduction of

athletic activity was usually followed by a return of the normal, mature pattern of secretion of the reproductive hormones (although the time it took for resumption varied).

The next important question was: Did women who were regularly athletic differ later in life from women who had not been athletic? Was the fertility the same later in life? Was the risk of hormonally-related diseases such as cancer of the breast and reproductive system different? Was the the risk of bone fractures in the menopausal years greater because of the possible periods of low estrogen among the athletes?

Our cover letter did not state that we would be comparing former college athletes and nonathletes. However, 2,622 of our respondents were former athletes and 2,766 were nonathletes. We had definite criteria of hours of training per week, month, and year, and what sports were sufficiently energy-intensive to include an alumna as an athlete. The athletic offices of the participating colleges provided lists of varsity teams of the included sports, but we also checked the classification with the detailed replies of the alumna on athletic activity. Over 82 percent of the former college athletes had started regular athletic activity in high school or earlier, and 75 percent of former athletes are still exercising regularly. Nonathletes were chosen for each alumna class at random from the roster of living alumnae. Only 25 percent of nonathletes had participated in precollege athletic training, but 50 percent of these alumnae are now exercising.

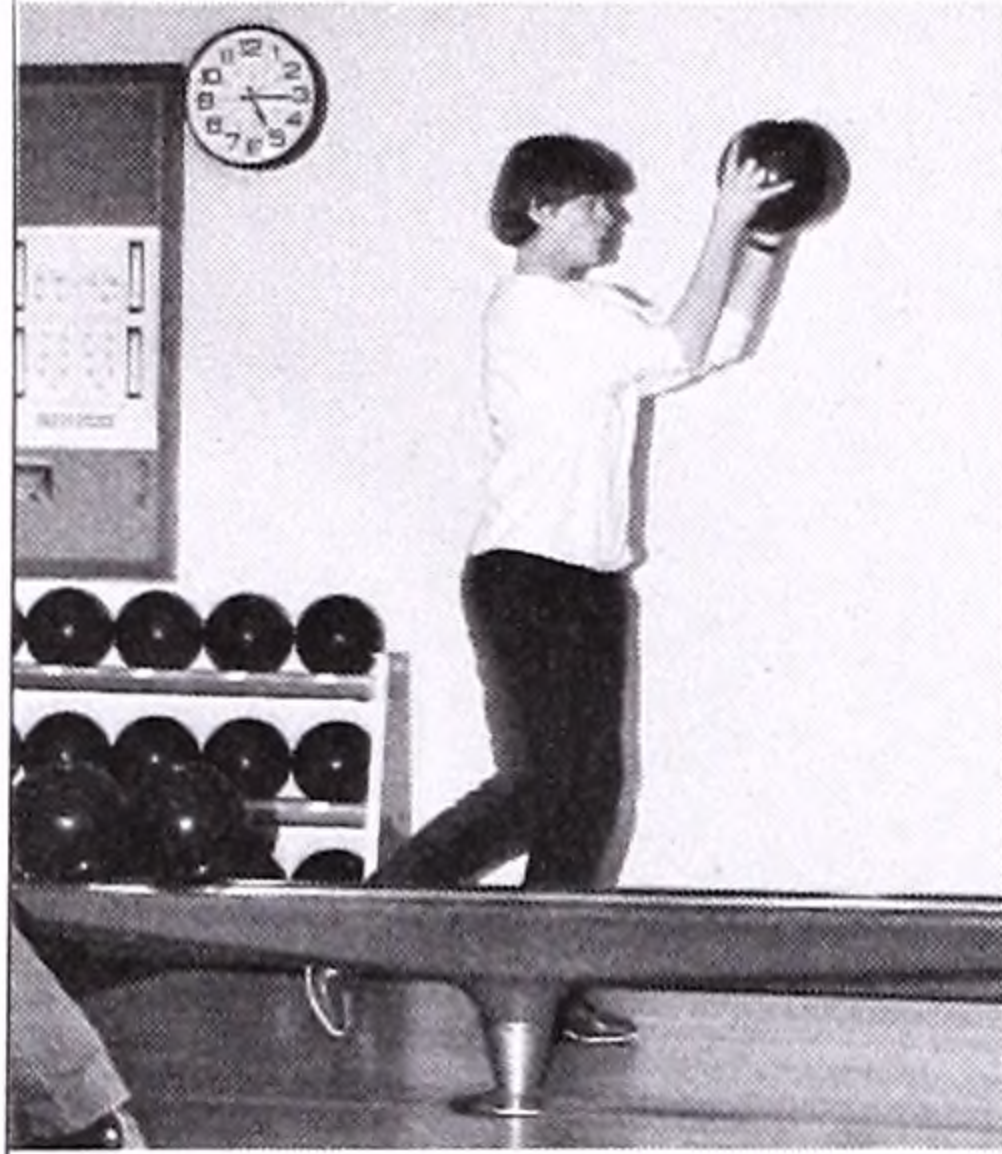
Findings

We have four major findings so far, which we have presented at scientific meetings. (These results are now published as abstracts; a paper on breast and reproductive cancers was published in the *British Journal of Cancer* in December.) First, women who were former college athletes had a significantly lower lifetime occurrence of cancers of the breast and of the reproductive system. Second, former athletes also had significantly lower lifetime occurrence of benign tumors of the breast and reproductive system. Third, the former athletes had a significantly lower lifetime occurrence of diabetes and polycystic ovaries than did nonathletes. Fourth, former athletes were not at greater risk of bone fractures in the menopausal and perimenopausal years. A greater risk had been suggested, because former college athletes may have had episodes of lower levels of estrogen when they were amenorrheic. Estrogen is protective of bone mass. But, since exercise is now known to increase bone density, exercise can also be protective.

Data on the alumnae were also interesting: alumnae are taller and leaner than the general population; alumnae on average had 2.2 live births, with 27 the age at which they had their first child. Former athletes and nonathletes did not differ in these fertility data. The age of menopause is now 52, which is later than reported some decades ago. Menarche is now about 12.6, which means



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that a woman has a reproductive span of almost 40 years. Alumnae clearly are aware of current health advice: only 40 percent now smoke; both former athletes (75 percent) and nonathletes (57 percent) now exercise regularly; about 40 percent of both groups are now restricting their diet.

We would like to emphasize that the athletic lifestyle of the former athletes in our study was regular, and long term for the majority, but only moderately intense compared to current training of marathon runners or Olympic champions. Yet this athletic lifestyle is correlated with a lowered risk for the diseases that are most serious for women in later life.

We will continue to analyze the data for other major medical problems such as cardiovascular disease and arthritis. For those alumnae who may not have received our follow-up letter, we thank you for your participation and we thank our other participants again. We think the results of our project will have an important influence on the long-term health of American women.

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Why, several Turks wanted to know, did Americans think that this traditional Turkish dessert was Greek? It was an insult, and additional proof of the power of the Greek lobby in Washington! And Moslem or not, Turks drink wine and raki (an anise flavored liquor).

At about 5:30 each morning we were reminded that we were in a Moslem country when the call to prayer, recorded and amplified, issued from mosques everywhere. Their graceful slender minarets were evocative of things Eastern, and lent a touch of magic to even prosaic cities like modern Ankara. Istanbul positively shimmered with Oriental mystery. The fantasy materialized in the covered bazaar, where merchandise and salesmen (never saleswomen) spilled out from the many tiny stalls

into the crowded walkways. It was hard not to look, and once a salesman had your attention, it was hard to get away. We were grateful to the Turkish guide lent by the American consulate for keeping us out of trouble and translating at crucial moments in the bargaining process, although I think we could have managed alone.

On the last day we had time for some sightseeing. Topkapi Palace was full of wonders, not the least of which were the other tourists. Many were middle eastern Moslems who pressed themselves against the glass cases of silver and jeweled reliquaries holding hairs or nail parings and other mementos of Mohammed. We even got a quick, furtive trip through the Harem, which was closed for restoration. An enterprising Turk took us in, and we tiptoed through enormous tiled rooms lined with cushions. Whenever we started to giggle, he drew his finger across his throat, indicating what would happen to him if we were caught behind those locked doors. Since this was in fact what happened to anyone who got into the Harem in the days when it was in operation, it was an authentic touch.

At the end of the day we climbed into a taxi for another terrifying trip across the Golden Horn to our hotel. In this city of six million, there is not one traffic light. Turks drive the way they must once have charged in battle, lacking only the swords raised above their heads. They give no quarter. When the traffic going their way is too slow, they move out into the oncoming lane and stay there until the last possible moment. Like Turkey in general, it isn't relaxing, but it is exciting, improbable, and unexpected.

Departing from the armed fortress that is Istanbul Airport the next day, we said goodbye to the by now familiar portrait of Ataturk in the lobby. The bushy inverted V's of his eyebrows make his face instantly memorable, and it is always accompanied by a famous saying of his. We still didn't know a word of Turkish, but we now recognized the words: "Peace at home, peace abroad."

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... if that's a suitable metaphor.

Is there any way I can get a copy of my picture with Pat? I thought the photographer was Israeli.

Florence Ribakove Bar-Ilan '36
Holon, Israel

Editor's Note: *This gives us the opportunity to make a correction; the credit for the photograph at the reception for alumnae travelers in Israel belongs to Sarah Schachter '75, who lives in Jerusalem.*

The Liberating Arts

To the Editor:

I absolutely detest the life of the modern career woman. Having burnt myself out of two different career fields, I found myself asking—Is

there more to life than this?

Fortunately, the answer exists in *Teach Your Own* by John Holt (Delacorte Press/Seymour Lawrence, 1981), a well-written and informative book about parents who chose to teach their own children at home instead of sending them to school. I cannot imagine a better life for an intelligent liberal arts-educated woman than to be a full-time mother who teaches her own children. The thought of being able to continue pursuing my own interests in the various arts and sciences and to share them with my (yet unborn) children has given me a new hope and optimism for living. I did not choose a liberal arts education with the aim of becoming a specialist in one narrow field.

I regret the years I wasted pursuing the wrong direction. And I wonder why the women who brought us women's lib did not conceive of this higher feminine life instead of joining the

masculine fields. At least, they should have given us a choice.

Maureen Chen '77
Flushing, NY

Help Wanted

To the Editor:

I am editing a collection of stories by Fannie Hurst for a volume to be published for her 100th birthday in October 1989. I am asking a number of people to share in choosing the stories, and it has occurred to me that Barnard alumnae might be a good group from which to solicit participants for this project.

Fannie Hurst wrote with all the oi veys and waving of arms and tearing of hair of new ethnic Americans. White bread people don't like that kind of writing and assimilationists were eager to repudiate her literary value because they were

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Having It All – Is It Worth It? Complexities my sabbatical taught me

by Judith Feigin

Judith Shapiro Feigin '67, a graduate of NYU Law School, is an Assistant U.S. Attorney in San Diego. Her husband is on the faculty of the University of California. They spent the fall of 1984 in Washington, D.C., with their sons, Matthew, 10, and Eric, 7, and things haven't been the same since.

It started as a lark. After all, I've never not worked. In fact, I've always prided myself on working, beginning summers in high school and extending through law school. Later I identified myself by my work.

"Pleased to meet you. What do I do? I'm a lawyer." People react to that. A certain presumption attaches. Oh, it's very rebuttable. Heaven knows you can be an idiot as well as a lawyer. But at least at the outset, they think you've got some inherent worth, especially if you are a woman who first entered law school more than 15 years ago.

Yet when my husband told me he had a chance to take a sabbatical, I embraced the idea of not working with fervor. We would go to an exciting city, the time was finite (six months), and my job would be waiting. I was still a lawyer after all, only on a vacation.

Now that the "vacation" has ended, the lines are no longer so clear. To my delight (and my husband's chagrin), I've found not working can be more exciting than the alternative.

Granted, my situation is unusual. We were able to go to a city filled with stimulation—Washington, D.C.—and rent an apartment walking distance from all the activity. Moreover, since I felt that I would have to justify to myself (as well as to my working companions) how I spent my time, I went at the city with a vengeance. I attended lectures, took a course with a heavy reading load, and went to every new museum exhibit, show and concert. In short, I worked at being fulfilled. I became what I used to look upon as a "dilettante."

And I found myself bursting with the excitement of it all. At the office, despite the public perception of the upwardly mobile professional woman, there is a lot of sameness to the work, and every job has its scut. One

hopes to find a career in which the scut is not overwhelming and the rest of the work is uplifting. A few of us do; in truth, most of us don't.

But perception, of course, shapes reality. Whereas I had come home from the office each day to a husband interested and anxious to share my work experiences, that was not true now. Even though I thought I had more interesting news to report (after all, a new exhibit or lecture at the Smithsonian makes a routine legal brief pale by comparison), my husband seemed much less interested.

Why? Well, as he would readily admit, part of it was jealousy. But it goes far deeper than that. What I was doing is perceived as lacking "redeeming social value," as the jurists would say. I found myself wanting to justify my own worth. "Look at me," I felt like screaming. "I am still as bright (or as dull) as I was when you met and married me. Only now I am not defined by my career, either in your eyes or in the eyes of your colleagues."

Even the children were unnerved by my being home. They too think of me as a working woman, and would ask what did I do all day.

This change in our lives has caused us to reexamine ourselves and adjust family relationships. My husband and I both have had to make peace with the fact that I am not as goal-oriented as I used to be. Not only didn't I miss work; I actually enjoyed even the "scut" of my new role: driving the kids to and from school, making the snacks, taking them on their errands—in short, being part of their daily routine. They are fun: nice human beings whom I enjoy being with each afternoon at 3. I never realized quite how much I've missed—a thought I would have ridiculed months ago.

So what have I learned? Just the obvious truths. That life is more complex than we tend to see it at the beginning of our careers. That I have become a fish out of water in many ways: an east coast woman who, after six years on the west coast, has adopted enough western values and styles to be uncertain where I fit geographically; and a career woman who has welcomed the opportunity to play homemaker and "dilettante."

What this will mean for the future I don't know. I have returned to my career track—for many reasons. There is the simple fact that we need my salary, but also I know (or think I know) that part of last year's excitement was due to its limited time. Also, my home town doesn't offer the stimulation of D.C., so that life style would not suit my needs here.

But when I returned it was with a much deeper understanding of the complexity of my role. And I realize that this may cause problems. Having had the rare and wonderful luxury of time—to contemplate, to observe, and to reevaluate—I may never again enjoy the career carousel quite so much as I did when I was blissfully ignorant of the alternatives.

Things that used to be black and white to me (work and a career are "good"; being a homemaker is "bad") are



no longer so. I see now how many jobs are more confining than homelife, and it is what one does, whether with one's job or one's leisure, that is at issue.

Of all the lessons I have learned, the most important so far will be not to judge so quickly a person's value by her job. "What interests you?" seems now to be a much more revealing question than "What do you do?"

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Stop the world – I'm getting off

by Robin Lichtenfeld

Robin Lichtenfeld '84 wrote a letter to *New York* magazine in August, responding to an article entitled "Why One Wonder Woman Packed It In." Her letter described her decision to move off the yuppie track and become a teacher, and it obviously struck a nerve: several dozen New Yorkers called or wrote to express their agreement and support. This article is an expansion of that letter.

When I was a little girl, I wanted to grow up to be a mommy. I never really dreamed of being a nurse, a ballerina, or even president. I wanted, like my own mother, to have two little girls and a handsome husband. I wanted to smell nice and look beautiful. Most of all, I wanted to be loved and needed.

After six years at a prestigious prep school, filled with pressure to excel in corporate America, I was at a loss as to my place in the "real world." I knew only that I was supposed to make a lot of money, and have a title that sounded good. This was expected not only *of* me, but *by* me – I had to be successful.

After graduating from Barnard, I discovered that struggles lay ahead for an English major who loved to write, liked children better than bosses, and could type 35 words a minute. I conducted a brief but nerve-racking search, and found a job as a sales assistant at a media buying company. I was less than a glorified secretary, but I was "in advertising," and it sounded good.

To make a not so long story even shorter, the job lasted five months. I hated doing meaningless work for people I didn't like. I was nervous and irritable all the time, and my job performance showed it.

Once again, the English major with no marketable skills didn't know what to do. But now I realized the importance of two things Barnard had taught me – first of all, that learning is a lifelong process, that it is accomplished not only through books and numbers, but also

through relationships, both transient and lasting. And I finally saw that following the trend, becoming a carbon copy of one's peers, is not necessarily to be successful. Success should be measured on one's personal scale, not by dollar signs or corner offices.

I had never really liked working, but I had always attributed this to laziness and "lack of ambition." And then, one day, it all came together. I loved children, loved the English language, and, yes, loved short work days. What better way to share a part of myself and the truly superior education I had received all of my life, than to teach.

So, as I write this article for the school that gave me the happiest years of my life, I am now an elementary school teacher. Every day, I teach science and English to nursery through sixth graders at Carnegie Hill, a private school on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

I love what I do, and now, instead of my life being my job, my job is my life. Where else but here could I find such complete and unconditional love and trust, every day seeing tangible invaluable results of my labors?

No, I do not make a lot of money, but it is enough. I don't have my own office with designer furniture, but I have a classroom whose walls are filled with fingerpaintings by extraordinary children, given with love to "Miss Robin." I don't sit in paneled conference rooms and go on business trips, but I'm home at 3:30 every day, and have more vacations than God. Most of all, I am more proud than I can say of what I do.

I'm not a mommy yet, but this is certainly good practice. Teaching grammar may seem somewhat dry and tedious, but what it's really all about is introducing children to a world of dreams, hope, and choice. Little can exceed the eloquence of a seven year old reading his first composition aloud. Few sounds are sweeter than that of ten three year olds singing "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

I know that I am successful because I am happy. And that should never be measured by a bank account or impressive title.

Where does superwoman go from here?

Nearly seventy years ago, American women gained the right to vote, and many thought there would soon be changes in the issues on which elections were decided. In fact, there was almost no change, and a "gender gap" in politics did not begin to appear until this decade. Now that women are moving into the world of work in increasing numbers, will it take them that long to influence the values of corporate America? Should they try?

Please let us know what you think.

–TCC



The Thoughts Behind the Gift

Remarks by Trustee Arthur Ross at the dedication of the new campus courtyard bearing his name

Confession, it is said, is good for the soul, and so I would like to begin my remarks by confessing that when I first became a Trustee of Barnard College and wondered how I could best serve its needs, I thought at once of this very Courtyard and how I would like to introduce into it what Keats calls "...the green felicity of grass and trees."

But the size of the project somewhat intimidated me, and I had ringing in my ears lines from Longfellow's *Moriturus Salutamus*, "Be bold! be bold! . . . ; but Be not too bold!" I decided to undertake something I could more readily put my arms around at that time, and that was the Milbank Courtyard, a little jewel with its classical colonnades, where landscaping and fresh brick walks could bring new life. I think we all agree its restoration in 1981 was a great success, and it emboldened me to carry on with my earlier inspiration for God's half acre here, surrounded as it is by the traditions of Barnard Hall and the Hewitt, Brooks, and Reid buildings.

We are much indebted to the late Helen Altschul for foreseeing the opportunities of this area and laying the foundation for its further improvement. We are also much indebted to, and encouraged by, the Class of '59 who, early on, wished to improve this Courtyard and raised funds as a 25th reunion gift toward making it possible.

To plan and execute the improvement of this precious half acre, we retained Mr. Richard K. Webel, one of the nation's most distinguished landscape architects. Mr. Webel, who also performed miracles for us in the restoration of the Milbank Courtyard, was able to put that experience and knowledge to good use.

Our planning was concerned with providing a formal visual link between these four buildings to improve their connections, one to the other, and at the same time increase the usefulness of the area by creating a central commons which can be used for meetings and for moments of relaxation.

A certain overall disparateness existed which we endeavored to overcome by strategically placing 12 carefully selected sweet gum trees with their attractive bark and star-shaped foliage. Two of the trees have been placed on either side of the Brooks Hall entrance; four more were placed in each of two allees, one parallel to the Hewitt building, the other on the opposite side of the Courtyard parallel to Broadway, thus achieving a certain architectural and arboreal outline to the Courtyard.

The central green lawn creates a North-South axis which further ties the area together. The 535 low yews bordering the commons, the six crabapple trees, the 52 roseum rhododendrons, the 723 Delaware white azaleas, the elegant merion blue grass, and, finally, the brick walks, all combine, we hope, to provide the Barnard community once and for all with a beautiful urban campus comparable to what exists anywhere in our country or abroad.

I hope that this lawn, its walks and trees, will give joy to Barnard for many generations to come.

ALUMNAE COUNCIL '85



There were many of us who wished the Brooks-Hewitt-Reid courtyard were grass-green instead of gravel-gray, but it was the Class of '59 who did something about it. Its 25th Reunion gift to the College provided the impetus for the courtyard renovation, which was completed with the support of Trustee Arthur Ross. Several past and present leaders of '59 attended the dedication ceremony which was the first event of Council, including (l. to r.) *Madeleine Pelner Cosman, Judy Weber Taylor, Janet Feldman Steig, and Evelyn Goldstein Gelman*. At the Council luncheon, a special Alumnae Recognition Award to the class was accepted by past president Firth Haring Fabend.



AABC President Elise Alberts Pustilnik '53 presents a special Recognition Award on behalf of the alumnae to Trustee Arthur Ross, following the dedication of the Arthur Ross Courtyard.



Guest of honor at supper was Professor Emerita Mirra Komarovskiy '26, author of *Women in College: Shaping New Feminine Identities* (Basic Books, 1985). She described some of the conclusions of her research to the alumnae and, here, to Margot Yanney '87.

"Barnard Women: Making a Difference"

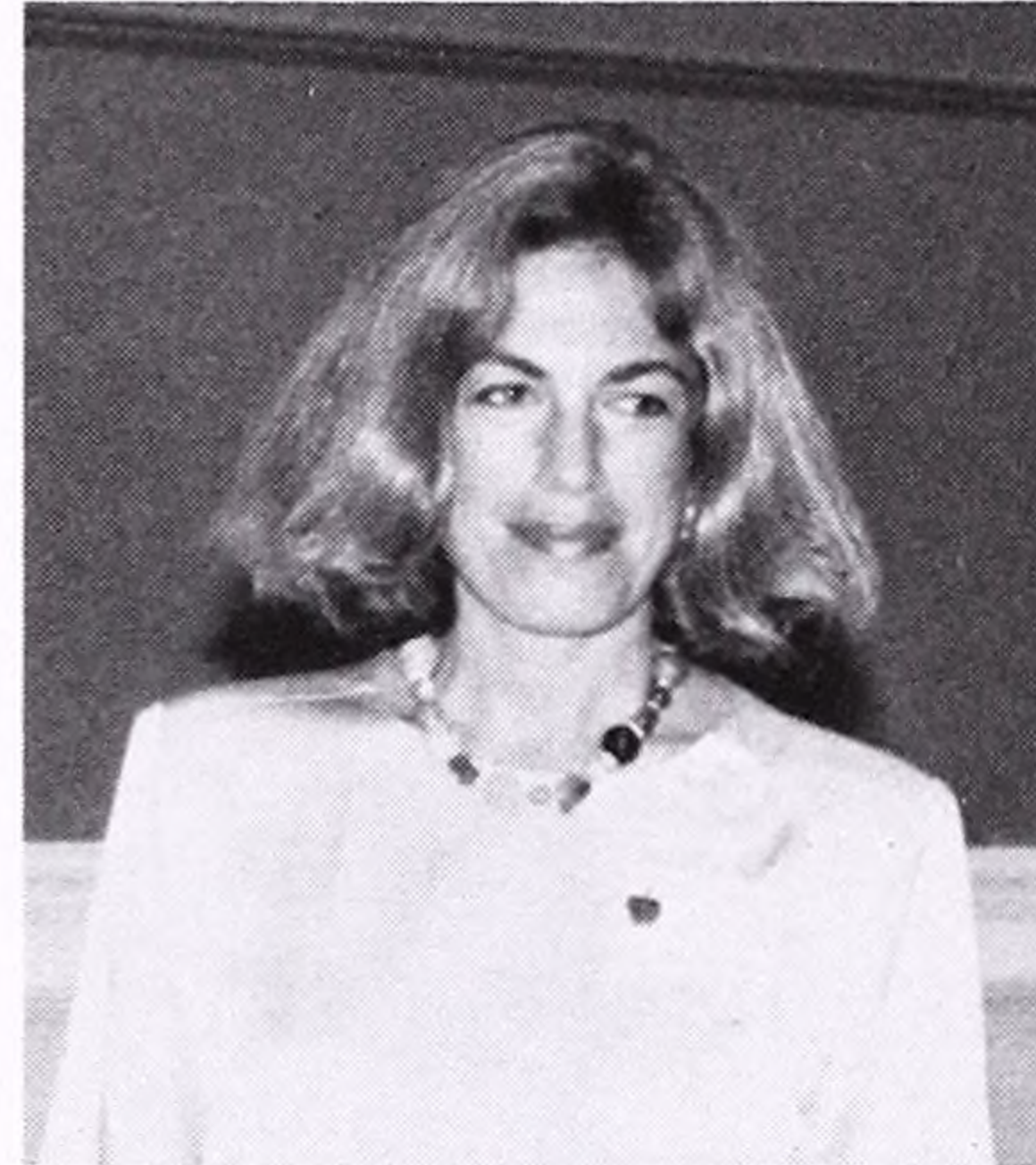
Workshops related to class, club, and admissions responsibilities provided the primary focus of Alumnae Council, but the final session presented a close look at the broader role played by Barnard women in their communities. *Janet Bersin Finke '56* (second from left) was moderator of a panel featuring four women who have "made a difference": *Denise Lewis '66*, former Director of Human Rights for the City of Detroit and civil rights activist; *Beth Rosenthal '74*, founder of the Institute for Social Service Alternatives, former Director of the Washington Heights-Inwood Coalition, now a Revson Fellow; *Kathleen Burge Lukens '52*, Executive Director of Venture, Inc., 1984 New York State Woman of the Year in human services, recipient of an honorary degree from the College of New Rochelle for her years of advocacy for the disabled; and *Leah Salmansohn Dunaief '62*, founder, editor, and publisher of *The Village Times*, weekly newspaper serving four communities on Long Island's North Shore and winner of the New York Press Association Grand Prize for "Outstanding Achievement."



Barbara Colby



Lucy Garcia-Mata



Barbara Goltz



Cecile Singer

Time Out for Recognition

"It takes one to know one," goes the saying, and Alumnae Councillors, who serve Barnard as class and club officers and admissions representatives (BARs), know hard-working volunteers when they see them. They were an especially appreciative audience, therefore, for the presentation of Alumnae Recognition Awards to five of their number:

Barbara Heinzen Colby '42, long-time member and former president of the Washington, D.C. Barnard Club, and a veteran BAR who has been a regular representative for Barnard at College Fairs;

Lucy Appleton Garcia-Mata '36, who has arranged 16 scholarship benefits for the Fairfield County (CT) Barnard Club, including bus trips to museums in Boston, Philadelphia, and NYC;

Barbara Bergman Goltz '66, San Diego BAR—in a few short years she has developed an innovative recruitment program in the San Diego school system, including special meetings with minority students;

Cecile Singer '50, former chairman of the Barnard Fund Alumnae Committee and the Alumnae Classes Committee, who was instrumental in the development of the class officers handbook and the Campus Calendar;

Andrea Katz Stimmel '76 (who was unable to attend Council), has been chairman of the Committee for the '70s and '80s and served on the planning committees for Reunion, the Annual Spring Benefit, and Alumnae College.

"There are times in many people's lives when they are pushed up against the extremes of life and compelled to be their own last, best resource. What they once valued, they are driven to reassess, developing a new set of values more appropriate to survival as a human being they can respect.

"That effort to survive as a humanist may impel some to think well, others to act well, and still others to suffer well. But the power to make those choices, or even know a choice exists, is the product of one's educational experience.

"All education, especially higher, should prepare us for a life of power, "the real world," including the capacity to find power in helplessness and virtue in powerlessness."

— *Kathleen Lukens*

In Appreciation: Blanche Graubard



The December 1985 meeting of the Barnard Board of Trustees marked the retirement of Blanche Kazon Graubard '36 as an active member. The following "minute" in her honor was presented by Eleanor Thomas Elliott '48, Trustee Emerita and former chairman of the Board.

No matter how closely many of us, both former and current trustees, have worked with Blanche, none of us can really know the literally thousands of things she has done for Barnard, the thousands of thoughts and actions—letters, memos, phone calls—that add up to her total service to the College.

Her posts are on the record, starting with the presidency of the class of 1936 for their 20th reunion. Then there was: her chairmanship of the Barnard Fund Alumnae Committee, her membership on myriad special fundraising committees during and between capital campaigns, her chairmanships of the Alumnae Nominating and Budget Committees. All these led naturally to her election as presi-

dent of the Associate Alumnae, making her a part of the Board as an alumnae trustee. She did so handsomely that in 1975, before the end of her term, in order to keep her "in the boat," she was elected a regular trustee. She has served as an astute and ambitious chairman of the Trustee Committee on Development ever since.

So that's 1956 through 1985—thirty years of devotion. Devotion expressed by work, by a good head, by follow through, by candor, by humor, by conviction about what Barnard stands for—qualities that add up to unswerving loyalty, the loyalty that a place like Barnard deserves. God help anyone who says anything against Barnard in Blanche's hearing!

Blanche's contributions have been recognized often through the years, most notably by her election as President of the Associate Alumnae, for which she received the gold bear pin which she so proudly wears. And in 1976 she received the highest award given by the Alumni Federation of Columbia University, their medal for "conspicuous service" which cited especially her "imaginative leadership."

That Columbia award had two nice extra features: Blanche shared the limelight with another great Barnard alumna and trustee, Elizabeth Hughes Gossett '29. And the letter announcing the medal was signed by the Federation's president, Victor Futter, who later achieved fame as the father of Ellen Futter, Barnard '71.

For such devotion as Blanche's there can be no end. Such love and work for Barnard is chronic and reflexive. She has not only the gratitude of all her colleagues on the Board, past and present, but the cheers of hundreds of faculty, staff, and alumnae whom she inspires, and who share our pride in her.

Eleanor T. Elliott

From the Campus Calendar

Alumnae are welcome to attend the following events to be held on the Barnard campus during the Spring semester. Unless otherwise noted, further information can be obtained through the Office of College Activities, 212-280-2096.

Samuel R. Milbank Lecture in Health and Society
Frederick C. Robbins, Nobel Laureate
Past President, Institute of Medicine
Thursday, April 3

Phi Beta Kappa Ceremony and Honors Assembly
Tuesday, April 22

Spring Festival — Saturday, April 26

In the Minor Latham Playhouse (280-2079)

April 2-5

The Bonds of Interest by Jacinto Benavente
(presented by the Spanish Department—
the performance of April 5 will be in Spanish)

April 11-12 — *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*
(directed by Margaret Thompson Cezair '79)

April 13-19 — Spring Dance Concert

April 26-27 — Performances by "Young & Gifted"
(Black students' drama organization)

In the Sulzberger Parlor

Music for an Hour — April 4, April 10 (8 p.m.)

Women Poets at Barnard—Readings (8 p.m.)

April 22 — Pamela White Hadas
with Patricia Jones



Karen Jolkovski

A high spot of Alumnae Council '85 was an exciting presentation by the Barnard College Theatre Program of selections from *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf* by Ntozake Shange '70. The cast of Barnard and Columbia students included Michele Boissiere, Michelle Carey, Kimla Wilkins, Tonita Austin, Cheryl Derricotte, and Lydie Pierre-Louis.

In the Women's Center (280-2067)

Conversations (4-6 p.m.)

Politics and Abortion Struggles in Ireland & Italy
April 10

The Feminist Avant-Garde in Movies Today
April 17

Women's History Seminars (12-2 p.m.)

German Women Doctors and the Destruction of
Sex Reform — April 16

Protective Legislation and the Limitation of
Women's Work Hours in Nineteenth Century
America — April 22

Women's Issues Luncheons (12-2 p.m.)

Women and Depression — April 8

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embarrassed by her "gushing" and "overemotionalism." But she was one of the most beloved writers in human history. Most of her audience was female and she told stories that still move me and illuminate women's lives.

Fannie Hurst published eight volumes of short stories between 1914 and 1937 — a total of 63 stories. I want to publish a volume of twelve stories, those that we decide are the "best" (whatever that means) and most likely to appeal to audiences who encounter her now for the first time. I would like to find about twenty women who would volunteer to read all 63 stories and tell me which ten you like best, find most moving or most "valuable" literarily. I must make the final decisions about which to include in the centennial volume by the end of 1986.

I do not have copies of the books to send you — presumably the public libraries have them

or can get them through inter-library loans. If you think participating in this project would be fun — by yourself or with some friend(s) — please write and let me know.

Susan Koppelman '62
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Retirement?

To the Editor:

Last June when I retired, I received a Revere bowl, a letter acknowledging my years of service, and, most important, TIME, time to do many things that a wife, a mother, and a teacher can't always realize. I did not head for the golf course, run for the School Board, or write a novel. I went back to study, "just because I wanted to." This was the answer I gave to interested young classmates and faculty of the College Year in Athens, where I was called a "mature" student.

From the time I majored in history at Bar-

nard and took a graduate degree in Classics, I wanted to visit Athens for more than a tourist's view. I wanted to be where, as one friend put it, "Intelligence is spoken." So last September I wrote a will, gave my sons power of attorney, packed my books, and flew to Greece, where our Western culture began.

Instruction was not just ivory tower. Required of all CYA students are 16 days of field instruction, plus optionals. Peripatetic scarcely describes some of our activities. I can't think of a formal term to indicate scrambling up a mountain to visit a Minoan peak sanctuary in Crete, or descending into a Mycenaean cistern. On the quiet side, there was the lesson on harmony that built the perfect theater in Epidaurus.

Each morning, as I headed for class, the Parthenon stood at one turn, framed between buildings as "Rosy-fingered Dawn" touched its marble. History, philosophy, archaeology, and literature all blended into one incredible experience.

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EVENTS IN THE ARTS

New Books

Lucille Frackman Becker '49, *Françoise Mallet-Joris*, Twayne/G.K. Hall, 1985, \$16.95.

In the first complete examination of Mallet-Joris's works, the author analyzes the various forms, common themes and important influences of the Belgian-born writer's books.

Yolanda Bedregal (Conitzer) '37, *Nafragio; Poemar; Almadia; Ecos; Nadir; El Cantaro del Angelito*, Libreria Editorial "Juventud," 1977.

Six books of poetry, published in La Paz, Bolivia, by a well-known author and member of the Bolivian Academy of Language.

Doris (Muller) Eder '61, *Three Writers in Exile: Pound, Eliot & Joyce*, Whitston Publishing, 1984, \$12.50.

Why did these three writers feel compelled to go into exile? While exploring this question, the author also deals with the effect of exile on their work and how they influenced, and were influenced by, their chosen environments.

Francine du Plessix Gray '52, *October Blood*, Simon and Schuster, 1985, \$16.95.

"Fashion makes the frivolous moral," declares Nada Fitzsimmons, editor of the high-fashion magazine *Best* and a heroine of this lively satire of international high style. Along another dimension, Nada is one of a line of remarkable women whose lives are a mix of lonely reality and glitzy illusion. An accurate and funny book.

Estelle B. Freedman '69, Barbara C. Gelpi, Susan L. Johnson and Kathleen M. Weston, editors, *The Lesbian Issue, Essays from SIGNS*, The University of Chicago Press, 1984, \$10.95.

Drawn largely from a special issue of *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, these essays concentrate on lesbian identity through history and the survival, in homophobic societies, of women whose primary relationships are with women.

Laura Geringer '68, *A Three Hat Day*, Harper & Row, 1985, \$9.95.

R.R. Pottle, famous hat collector, leads a lonely life until one day he meets someone special in the hat section of the department store. Delightfully illustrated.

Dawn Lille Horwitz '55, *Michel Fokine*, Twayne/G.K. Hall, 1985, \$18.95.

In the first book on "the father of Modern Ballet" to be written since his death in 1942, Ms. Horwitz traces the work of the eminent Russian dancer and choreographer, concentrating on the years he spent in the U.S. With a chronology, bibliography and photographs.

Norma Klein '60, *The Cheerleader*, Alfred A. Knopf, 1985, \$11.95.

When talk of sports and cheerleaders leads Evan to ask who cheers for the girls' teams, he realizes too late just what he's gotten himself and best friend Karim into. Entertaining and perceptive.

Ellen M. Kozak, J.D. '65, *Every Writer's Guide to Copyright Law*, Inking Publications, 1985, \$4.95.

Succinct answers to fifty commonly asked copyright questions. The author is both attorney and published novelist. Indexed.

M.L. Florida Omeis '20, *Across the Miles*, 1985.

Based on the author's travels spanning the years from 1908 to 1979, these stories tell of her adventures in New Guinea, Austria, Jordan and many other lands.

Eugene B. Borowitz and **Naomi (Steinlight) Patz '62**, *Explaining Reform Judaism*, Behrman House, 1985, \$7.50.

"What makes Reform Jews special? What do Reform Jews believe?" These and many other questions are addressed in this informative, generously illustrated book.

Suzanne M. Perrin '75, *Comparable Worth and Public Policy: The Case of Pennsylvania*, University of Pennsylvania, 1985, \$15.

Enormous cost, dramatic impact on the labor market, and harm to women are only a few of the flaws the author finds in the concept of comparable worth. Addressing the potential effects of such legislation on Pennsylvania, this book also includes an appendix of comparable worth developments in other states.

Sara Schachter '75 and Sol Scharfstein, *All About Israel*, Ktav Publishing, 1984, \$5.95.

Fifth-, sixth-, and seventh-graders can learn much about all aspects of Israel from this social studies text. Interspersed with the sections on history, religion and government are biographies of important figures, maps and numerous photographs.

Naomi Schor '63, *Breaking the Chain: Women, Theory, and French Realist Fiction*, Columbia University Press, 1985, \$25.

Although women are frequently central characters in nineteenth-century French novels, they are depicted as "fettered, forbidden to fulfill their ambitions. . . to move about freely," argues the author. Part of the Gender and Culture series, edited by Carolyn G. Heilbrun and **Nancy K. Miller '61**.

Lynne Sharon Schwartz '59, *We Are Talking About Homes: A Great University Against Its Neighbors*, Harper & Row, 1985, \$15.95.

When there was a fire in the Columbia-owned apartment building at 547 Riverside Drive, the author and her family were among those whose lives were disrupted. Combining her skills as a novelist with meticulous documentation, she tells about the people who were driven from their homes and University policies that compounded the fire damage.

Susan Kelz Sperling '64, *Murfles and Wink-a-peeps: Funny Old Words for Kids*, Clarkson N. Potter, 1985, \$7.95.

Do you often feel like a fopdoodle, especially when people snirtle at you? After reading this amusing book, kids will have new names to call their friends and a new vocabulary of words that were popular over one hundred years ago.

Ellen Handler Spitz '61, *Art and Psyche: A Study in Psychoanalysis and Aesthetics*, Yale University Press, 1985, \$18.95.

The author presents "a survey of the shifting perimeters of psychoanalytic interpretation in the arts," drawing examples from the visual arts, literature, music and dance. The interpretation is broken into three parts: the relation of the artist's life and his work, the work itself, and the relation of the work and its audience.

Martha (Kostyra) Stewart '63, *Pies & Tarts*, Clarkson N. Potter, 1985, \$18.95.

This second book in the author's Food & Entertaining Series emphasizes the sweetness, tartness and freshness that set pies and tarts apart as dessert favorites. Belle-of-Georgia Open-faced Pie, Kelsey Plum Tartlets and Candied Clementine Tart are just a few of the mouth-watering recipes in this attractive book.

Hal Stone, Ph.D., and **Sidra (Levi) Winkelman, Ph.D. '57**, *Embracing Our Selves*, Devorss & Company, 1985, \$10.

The authors' basic premise—to embrace our selves is to embrace humanity—is developed through an examination of the many selves that inhabit each of us.

Performances

Toby Armour '56 appeared at the Cubiculo in Manhattan in December; her "Angry Minute Dance Plays" combined dance with speech, presenting people in situations both eerie and amusing.

Soprano **Constance Cooper '65** sang songs of the 19th and 20th centuries, accompanied by piano and baritone, at Christ and St. Stephen's Church (NYC) in October.

Mary Ann Crowe '73 received honorable mention for the proposal submitted for "On a Grand Scale," a billboard art competition sponsored by the Maryland State Arts Council and Rollins Communications, Inc.

Michelle Marder Kamhi '58 is producer and director of *Books Our Children Read* (available through Films Inc., Wilmette, IL and Ohio Humanities Council). The 28-minute film deals with one community's constructive, non-confrontational method of dealing with parent-teacher differences over children's assigned reading. Included in this winter's "Collectors' Choice" series at the New York Public Library, Donnell Branch.

Ramona (Goliger) Laurence '61 was one of four artists whose work was shown in the Certificate Program Graduate Exhibit at the Pacific Basin Gallery of Textile Arts in Berkeley, CA, in December-January.

Works by **Susan McKinley '70** were included in the exhibition, "Three Berlin Painters," in 1985. Her work was also shown at Gallery Birgit Neuman and she was author of the catalogue for the exhibition, "Die die Von Heute Sind Morgen Von Gestern." She lives in West Berlin.

In November, composer **Faye-Ellen Silverman '68** performed the New York premiere of her work for piano, *Gliffs*, at Christ and St. Stephen's Church.

Judith Sokolow '73 is a founding member of Medvideo, Ltd., which won an Alfred I. DuPont/Columbia University Award for Broadcast Journalism for the documentary, "Whispering Hope: Unmasking the Mystery of Alzheimer's." Judy was responsible for the camera work and editing. The film also won the Special Gold Jury Award in the Houston International Film Festival and was nominated for two national Emmy Awards.

Around the Clubs

For the **Barnard College Club of New York** the 1980s have been years of transition, with shifts in its surroundings, its membership, and its activities. Its "home" is now at 3 West 51st Street, a location which makes it particularly valuable to business and professional women who need a midtown luncheon club, and its reciprocal arrangements with other clubs extend that benefit even further.

Alumnae who work in or near Manhattan now have the convenience of a "home base" where they can sign for guests at lunch or late-day social hour. For those visiting from out of town, the club provides a comfortable place to meet friends or "put up your feet" during a hectic day.

"The new facilities provide a number of valuable services at a relatively modest cost," noted club president Elizabeth Westcott. "Com-

parable private clubs in New York require an annual fee much higher than ours, and are more costly to use, as well."

The club is affiliated with the Columbia College Club at the new location, which is also the headquarters of the Women's National Republican Club. The Barnard and Columbia groups share use of the Second Floor Mezzanine, where there is a lounge, bar, and dining room. There is also a larger lounge and a larger, more formal dining room which are available to all members. In addition, a number of attractive rooms of various sizes can be engaged for private parties, and bedrooms are available for overnight stays.

Barnard Club members also have signing privileges at clubs in other parts of Manhattan, including the City Midday Club (near Wall Street), the Regency Club, and the Columbia University Faculty House, as well as the Essex Club in Newark. In addition, they have access to

Janet Sullivan '66, soprano, will give the following concerts, accompanied by pianist Margaret Rolfe: February 9, "Songs of Passion" at St. Michael's Church; March 6, "A Cabaret Evening" at Palsson's; and April 19, "Songs of Passion" at Merkin Hall (all in NYC).

And in the Sciences...

Anne (Hendon) Bernstein, M.D. '58, and **Gloria Marmar Warner, M.D. '52**, *Women Treating Women: Case Material From Women Treated by Female Psychoanalysts*, International Universities Press, 1984, \$32.50.

Finding that some women who seek psychoanalysis have residual problems, the authors have proposed a new theory that results in a better treatment outcome. Includes a history of female psychology and a glossary of terms. (Dr. Warner died while the book was in process of publication.)

Judith Herzfeld, Ph.D. '67, *Sense and Sensibility in Childbirth: A Guide to Supportive Obstetrical Care*, W.W. Norton, 1985, \$12.95.

"Choice," the title of the first chapter, is a key theme in this sensitive, practical book. The author starts from the premise that "it is hard to improve on a healthy woman's unhindered labor," and proceeds to describe supportive care and the best ways to get it.

Marietta (Dunston) Moskin '52, *Sky Dragons and Flaming Swords: The Story of Eclipses, Comets, and Other Strange Happenings in the Skies*, Walker & Co., 1985, \$11.95.

In this science book for young, non-science readers, the author describes meteors, solar eclipses and shooting stars, and tells how early people reacted to these astronomical phenomena.

Vicky Rippere '65 and Ruth Williams, editors, *Wounded Healers: Mental Health Workers' Experiences of Depression*, John Wiley & Sons, 1985, \$18.95.

In personal accounts with titles such as "It couldn't happen to me—could it?" and "Looking back," psychotherapists, psychiatric nurses and other mental health professionals talk about their own experiences with depression and how it has affected their ability to treat others.

Myra (Baker) Shayevitz, M.D. '56, and Berton Shayevitz, M.D., *Living Well with Emphysema and Bronchitis: A Handbook for Everyone with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease*, Doubleday & Co., 1985, \$15.95.

Sections on diet, exercise, work and leisure offer specific suggestions for improving the quality of life of those suffering from emphysema or bronchitis.

athletic facilities at the Uptown Racquet Club, Doral Inn Squash Club, and the St. George Health & Racquet Club in Brooklyn Heights. On Long Island, members may use Half Hollow Hills Health and Racquet Club, North Hollow Hills Club, Blue Point Club, and the Park Avenue Club in Huntington, and in Washington, the facilities of the Capitol Hill Squash and Nautilus Club.

The Barnard Club also continues to offer a range of membership programs, from an investment group to bridge to faculty lectures. An even wider array of social and cultural activities are open to members through the Intercollegiate Alumni Association, a consortium of college groups in New York City.

For a membership application, current newsletter, and further information, call or write to The Barnard College Club of New York, 3 West 51st Street, New York, NY 10019 (212-757-9240).

ALUMNAE CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee of the Associate Alumnae submits for your consideration the following slate of candidates. One person has been named to fill each of the positions on the Board of Directors that will become vacant this spring. Six candidates have been nominated to fill three places on the nine-member Nominating Committee. Directors and committee members serve three-year terms. One Alumnae Trustee is elected each year, for a term of four years.

As stated in Article XIII, Section 2 of the Bylaws, nominations may also be made by petition of not fewer than 20 members of the Associate Alumnae from at least four different classes. Such a petition must be filed with the chairman of the Nominating Committee, 221 Milbank Hall, not later than February 28, 1986, and must be

accompanied by the written permission of the candidate.

The official ballot will be mailed to all alumnae as part of the announcement for Reunion 1986. Please save this issue for reference when filling out your ballot, since the descriptions of the candidates will not be repeated there.

The members of the Nominating Committee which prepared this slate were: Gayle Robinson '75*, chairman; Ninetta diBenedetto Hession '39, Mindy Domb '81, Linda Krakower Greene '69, Linda Benjamin Hirschson '62, Arleen Hurwitz '67, Frances Evans Land '55*, Ethel Schneider Paley '49*, Duane Lloyd Patterson '55 (*denotes members whose terms expire in 1986).



CANDIDATE FOR ALUMNAE TRUSTEE **Olga Bendix '33**

After a distinguished career, Olga Bendix is now retired from The Bank of New York, where she had worked in the trust and personal banking divisions. At the time of her retirement she was a Vice President, in charge of the bank's branch at 63rd St. and Madison Avenue.

She has also compiled a distinguished record as a volunteer. She serves on the Board of Directors of the LCA Foundation of the Lutheran Church in America and is a non-governmental observer at the United Nations, representing ALTRUSA International. In her home community, she is a former president of her church, where she is still an active committee member, and a director of AAUW.

At Barnard, she has been treasurer and vice president of her alumnae class, and chairman of the Finance, Deferred Giving, and Nominating Committees of the Associate Alumnae. She has also been president and treasurer of the Barnard Club of Bergen County.

Commenting on her nomination she said: "I would consider it a distinct honor to serve as an alumnae trustee. My first reaction was, 'I'm too old, and am representative of only a small percentage of alumnae.' Upon reflection, however, I realize that I have seen many changes. I have watched, sometimes with apprehension, as the College has responded to changing conditions and mores, and rejoiced to see it adapt without any surrender of its intellectual luster and quest for excellence. Perhaps from my longer perspective I can add another dimension as an alumnae representative. That would be my hope and endeavor."

CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIRMAN, BYLAWS COMMITTEE



Rosalind Marshack Gordon '62

A 1973 graduate of Hofstra Law School, Roz has served as Assistant Regional Director of the New York Office of the Federal Trade Commission. She is now a litigator for LILCO and teaches frequently in the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. A member of the Boards of Directors of Planned Parenthood and the Legal Aid Society, both in Nassau County, she serves on several Bar Association committees. She has also been treasurer of her alumnae class and active in the Barnard Club of Long Island.

CHAIRMAN, CLASSES COMMITTEE



Loretta Tremblay Azzarone '63

As a teacher of science and English at a Manhattan middle school and mother of two teen-age daughters, Loretta Azzarone finds "little time to do other than show parental interest in my children's school

and attend to church activities." She manages to find time for Barnard, however, and has served as vice president and treasurer of her alumnae class. She is also a member of the Classes Committee.

CHAIRMAN, FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE



Jacqueline Fleming '69

Jackie Fleming is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Psychology at Barnard and a consulting psychologist with educational institutions including the United Negro College Fund. Her recent book, *Blacks in College, A Comparative Study of Students' Success in Black and in White Institutions*, has been widely acclaimed. Currently a member of the Fellowship Committee, she has also served as a Director-at-Large of the AABC.

CHAIRMAN, REUNION COMMITTEE



Carol Murray Lane '60

Few alumnae have as much experience with Barnard Reunions as Carol Lane,

former member of the Reunion Committee, chairman of 1960's Tenth Reunion, and committee member for their 20th. She has also been secretary of the AABC Board of Directors and served on the Council and Nominating Committees. Former director of the Professional Children's School, she is vice president of the Board of Trustees of Storm King School and serves on the Education Committee of Museums at Stony Brook.

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE



Susan Levenson '62

One of the founding members of Barnard Business and Professional Women, Inc., in New York City, Susan Levenson has worked for IBM as a systems engineer, senior marketing representative and, currently, office systems consultant. She has also served on the Government Committee of the Financial Women's Association and was Journal Chairman for Hadassah. At Barnard, she has been vice president of her alumnae class and a member of the Nominating, Fellowship, and Classes Committees.

CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(three to be elected)



Marjorie Housepian Dobkin '44

Marge Dobkin "came back to Barnard" in 1952 as secretary to President McIntosh. In 1957, after publishing some short stories, she joined the English Department, and since 1971 has combined teaching with advising, as an Associate Dean of Studies. Her publications include *A Houseful of Love* and *The Making of a Feminist, The Early Letters and Papers of M. Carey Thomas of Bryn Mawr* (ed.). She is a former chairman of the AABC Publications Committee.



Cecile Singer '50

Cecile Singer also appears elsewhere in this magazine, among the recipients of the Alumnae Recognition Awards presented at Alumnae Council 1985. She has been chairman of the Barnard Fund Alumnae Committee, originating chairman of the Classes Committee, a member of several other committees, fund chairman for her class, and an area chairman in the recent Barnard Campaign. She is a Senior Program Officer at the Helena Rubinstein Foundation.



Margaret Broaddus '77

Margaret recently joined the staff of the Development Office at Columbia University, having served previously as Assistant Director of Development at the Visiting Nurse Service of NY. She has been active in the National Society of Fundraising Executives. At Barnard, she is a member of the Student Affairs Committee, the Committee for the '70s and '80s, and of the committee for the Annual Spring Benefit.



Jane Allen (Shikoh) '47

After more than 20 years with the Rockefeller Foundation, Jane is now a Program Officer with IRI Research Institute, an organization involved in agricultural development programs in Third World countries. She is also a member of the Institute for Research in History. She has been president of her alumnae class and chairman of the Advisory Vocational Committee, served on the Fellowship and Classes Committees, and was a member of the BBPW.



Elaine Frezza Yaniv '74

Known to many alumnae fund and class officers as a former Annual Fund Officer at Barnard, Elaine is now Director of Annual & Planned Giving at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. Still active "in the neighborhood," she is a committee officer at Morningside Gardens (co-op) and a board member at the Gardens Nursery School.



Suzanne Gaba '80

Readers of the *Alumnae Magazine* will recognize Suzanne as the subject of an article in a recent issue about Art Options, Inc., a fine arts consulting firm of which she is vice president. At Barnard she has been a speaker at the annual Art History majors' symposium and also worked on the Barnard Campaign.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

The following changes are proposed by the Bylaws Committee, Nancy Neveloff Dubler '64, Chairman, to be voted upon at the AABC Annual Meeting on May 16. Taken together, the amendments provide for the restructuring of the Publications Committee and the Editorial Board of the Alumnae Magazine into a single Magazine Advisory Committee, in order to make better use of alumnae resources. The present chairman of the Publications Committee would complete her term of office as chairman of the new committee. (*Italicized portions* are new language; portions in brackets are deletions.)

ARTICLE VIII. ALUMNAE COUNCIL
Section 3. The Alumnae Council shall be composed of the following: (d) The Editor of the alumnae publication [and members of its Editorial Board].

ARTICLE IX. PUBLICATIONS

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall, on the recommendation of the [Publications] *Magazine Advisory* Committee (after consultation with the Director of Alumnae Affairs and the President of the Associate Alumnae) appoint an editor-in-chief who shall [be the chairperson of an Editorial Board of nine members. The Editorial Board shall be appointed by the editor-in-chief, after consultation with the Publications Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors, to three-year terms, one-third to be appointed each year. A member of the Editorial Board shall not be appointed for more than one full term, although she may be reappointed after the lapse of one full year] *supervise the publication of the Alumnae Magazine and such other publications as may be authorized by the Board of Directors.*

ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES

Section 2. There shall be twelve special committees: Alumnae Council Committee, Barnard Fund Alumnae Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Bylaws Committee, Careers Committee, Classes Committee, Club Committee, Fellowship Committee, Nominating Committee, [Publications] *Magazine Advisory* Committee, Reunion Committee, Student Affairs Committee.

Section 4. (k) The [Publications] *Magazine Advisory* Committee shall consist of the chairperson, [and] up to [six] *eight* members of the Associate Alumnae, [of whom at least one shall be appointed in each year] *and one Barnard student.*

It shall advise on the editorial policy and content of [the] *any* alumnae publications with the editor-in-chief [and the Editorial Board].

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Florette Holzwasser Henri '29 died on October 12, 1985, surviving her husband, Col. Raymond Henri, USMC Ret., by some seven months.

After earning a Columbia M.A., Florette never turned her back on the challenge, "Besides teaching, what can one do with an English major?" As an editorial assistant in Columbia's Anthropology Department, she came under the influence of Franz Boas and worked for both Ruth Benedict and Margaret Mead. She won the Maxwell Anderson First Prize for *The Earl of Surrey*, a tragedy in blank verse, and later won honorable mention with another historical tragedy, *Sir Thomas Overbury*.

At the outbreak of WWII, Florette was drawn into the Office of War Information; her husband served with the Marine Corps in the Pacific and headed the team that prepared the official his-

tory of Marine action on Iwo Jima. After the war, the Henris devoted themselves to parenthood and to an experiment in back-to-nature living in Westchester County. Florette's first novel, *King's Mountain*, was published in 1950 and *For Love of Martha* appeared in 1956. In the '60s, she wrote historical articles for the Crowell Collier encyclopedias. In 1966, when her husband was recalled to active duty, the Henris moved to Washington and Florette returned to government service at USIA.

Next Florette turned to the study of racial discrimination in the U.S. A series of books followed, including *Those Sacred Rights* (1969), *Bitter Victory: A History of Black Soldiers in WWI* (1970), *George Mason of Virginia* (1971), *The Unknown Soldiers: Black American Troops in WWI*, in collaboration with Arthur E. Barbeau (1974), and *Black Migration: Movement North, 1900-1920* (1975). *The Five Civilized Nations*, of which she completed all except the index, will be published by the Oklahoma Univ. Press.

Florette was a real pro, a stickler for logic and usage, a factual yet imaginative writer. The Class of '29 shares with her family and friends both their loss and their pride in her achievements.

Eleanor Rosenberg '29

Laura Rosenthal Eisenstein '63 died on August 14 in Champagne, Illinois.

Laura received her Ph.D. in physics from Harvard and at the time of her death was an associate professor of physics at the U. of Illinois. She had been elected Fellow of the American Physical Society and was on the editorial board of the *Biophysical Journal*. She was a member of the Executive Committee of the APS Division of Biological Physics and an officer of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She was a strong advocate of women in science and chaired the national committee of the APS on the status of women.

Laura was married to Bob Eisenstein (a Columbia graduate) who is professor of physics at the U. of Illinois. They have three children, Matthew, Alissa, and Joshua.

Laura was a remarkable person who was committed to excellence. She could appreciate beauty in a physics experiment or in a masterwork in art or music. She will be sorely missed.

Marian Rosenthal Goldsmith '63

LETTERS

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I may have looked like a member of the geriatric set, but I felt like the 17 year old girl who pushed open the green gate at 3001 Broadway to enter the world of Barnard in 1940.

The extraordinary hospitality of the Barnard Club in Athens, headed by Helen Kyrou Zaoussis and Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis, was another highlight of my stay. Agni, who is a poetess of note in Greek and English, is another reason for sorrow over the demise of Modern Greek in Barnard's curriculum.

Anne Stubblefield Morrissett '44
St. Joseph, Michigan

A Cheer for Alumnae Art

To the Editor:

The cover on the Fall '85 issue is just stunning! Could we possibly have a series of covers of Barnard art work? Make a very nice collectible idea, and it certainly livens the appearance of each issue. How about making reproductions of the covers available at moderate cost? I'd want the present one immediately and get it framed!

Art covers are much more interesting than the usual campus photos — and these can always be inside the magazine (often are, anyway!).

Perhaps I can interest our local Barnard Club in having a Barnard art show at a local gallery — certainly worth a try — everyone likes looking at pictures, particularly zippy ones like the Fall cover!

Judith Paige Quehl '44
Norwalk, Connecticut

Editor's Note: *We will be pleased to hear from others who share Mrs. Quehl's views.*

CLASS NOTES

12 *Lucile Mordecai Lehair*
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We are sorry to have to report the death on October 16 of *Rosalind Case Newell* at the age of 95. An active member and former president of our class, she was the author of two books about her upbringing on the North Fork of Long Island which have been praised as "priceless references" to the details of life in a turn of the century household. Our condolences to her daughter, Mrs. Frederick Mayne.

13 *Mary Voyse*
545 Asharoken Avenue
Northport, NY 11768

Jeannette Van Raalte Levinson, who marked her 93rd birthday this January, is expecting her 16th great-grandchild in July.

It is with sadness that we note the passing of *Brenda Ueland*, journalist, author, teacher and prominent member of the Class of 1913. Upon graduation, she became the first woman reporter for the *Minneapolis Tribune*. Later she established herself as a freelance writer in New York City. Carl Sandburg called her book, *If You Want To Write*, "the best book ever written about how to write." A great proponent of physical exercise, Brenda was still setting swimming records when she was in her 80s.

From a "tribute to a writer" in *The Inkling*, we learned that "she kept voluminous diaries, believing that success in writing is achieved 'through repetition.'" In one of her columns, she noted, "we are like onions in layers. Many people live from the outer layer of the onion. . . They are merely imitative or conventional. Their conscience is that still small voice that tells them someone is looking. But we must try to find our True Conscience. . . Here lies all originality, talent, honour, truthfulness, courage and cheerfulness."

14 *Edith Mulhall Achilles*
570 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10021

16 *Alumnae Office*

Marie Chancellor Miller, who graduated from the Columbia School of Journalism in 1917, writes from Seattle that she has many fond memories of her years at Barnard and Columbia.

17 *Elizabeth Man Sarcka*
51-01 39th Avenue, W26
Long Island City, NY 11104

Big news is that we have a new vice president, *Ruth Wheeler Lewis*, who will organize our 70th Reunion in 1987. Planning for this was begun at the Alumnae Council meeting Nov. 1-2. Ruth, who has three children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, has had an active life. For three years during WWII she was a drill press operator with Wright's Aeronautics. She has worked for 25 years in the 800-member Ridgewood College Club and also in the 800-member Women's Club, four years with a thrift shop, and for five years was president of the local social service association. Our class produces wonderful leaders.

Miriam Siff Ratzkoff, before and during WWII, worked tirelessly to move children out of Nazi Germany into Israel, the USA, etc. She helped her husband for many years with his mail-order business, servicing ships. Traveling widely, she has gone around the world, made many trips to Israel, repeated visits to Japan, and also to Hong Kong which she loves.

Dorothy Bauer Walter has a son, a daughter, three grandchildren and four great-grands, all close

Adding Insult to Injury

Old age is a time of frustration,
if not to say desperation.
With vision unclear
and ears that can't hear,
skin tabs add another vexation.
Sure skin tabs have a fancy name,
SENILE KERITOSIS.
But senile is a nasty word
what e'er the diagnosis,
whatever the prognosis.

The same goes for senility,
which adds to instability,
increases disability,
and murders all tranquility.

The Rub

Now in my ninety-first year
I find,
something has happened to my mind.
It flitters about from this to
that,
altogether too much like a small
blind bat.
Fluttering frantically here and
there,
snatching sustenance out of
the air,
and never alighting anywhere. . .

Memories, memories pop in,
pop out,

some sure and certain,
some subject to doubt.
Are they true, are they valid,
just what they seem,
or, am I mixing them up
with a dream?
To reminisce carelessly I do not dare.
But why oh why cannot I
simply not care?
But I do care
and that's
the
rub.

Lucy Karr Milburn '17

to her in New Jersey. She worked for 25 years with her husband in his oil distributing business until it was sold. Her life-long concern has been the Visiting Nurses Association.

Jessie Kupfer Zimmer left Barnard at the end of sophomore year, married, and had two sons. Devoted to her home, she never held a paid job, but volunteered help in many directions. She has just moved into a new apartment, happy with two grandchildren and many friends nearby and a library opposite. She is an avid reader.

Our amazing *Amanda Schulte McNair*, totally blind, still knits six sweaters a month, plus scarves and caps for the Seamen's Church Institute. These are given in Christmas boxes to the seamen in every merchant ship that comes into the New York harbor, beginning in October and continuing past Christmas, until some 10,000 boxes have been distributed. They think Mandy is marvelous. And so do we.

Amelie Agnes Hall Long (known to us as Agnes) made her home for eight years in the Philippines, and for six years in Egypt, her husband being an International YMCA Secretary. Now back in New Jersey, she greatly enjoys two daughters, 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grands. The family boasts five doctorates, one daughter being a professor at California University in the graduate school, the other doing administrative work in the Community College in Holyoke. She has always worked for her church and for the Eastern Star, but these days leads a quiet life, likes to knit, crochet and read.

With deep regret, we have learned of the death in September of *Eugenie Hausle Currie*. We want to send a message of sympathy, but do not know whom to address. Would be grateful for any information.

19 Alumnae Office

We received a note from *Marion Benedict Rollins*, who says, "I am still living in Connecticut with my 103-year-old friend. I plan eventually to move to Westminster-Canterbury House in Lynchburg, VA."

20 *Granville M. Snyder*
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Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

21 *Helen Jones Griffin*
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Bridgeport, CT 06604

22 *Agnes Bennet Murphy*
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Red Bank, NJ 07701

It was a day that I appreciated—going in for the opening of the Barnard Alumnae Council on November first. The dedication of the beautiful Arthur Ross Courtyard in the area between Brooks Hall and Barnard Hall included speeches, Glee Club and trumpets from the balcony of Barnard Hall. President Futter's absence, they told us, was because she was taking on no extra duties while awaiting the birth of her second child.

Muriel Kornfeld Hollander and I were both invited to the Trustees Luncheon in the James Room. We met at the reception in Brooks and sat together at the luncheon (delicious). We enjoyed talking and Muriel looked great. The speaker's topic was the Festival of India. It makes you want to see it all.

At a later seminar with class representatives, 1922 seemed far back as I heard the advice, "the easiest way to keep your class records is to use your computer."

Isabel M. London, in a letter to *The New York Times*, says that her father, Meyer London, in 1916 introduced a bill in Congress to establish "social insurance" with provisions against unemployment as

well as old age benefits. This was the first time that protective legislation of this nature had been introduced in the House.

23 *Charlotte MacNamara Guedalia*
816 Seneca Road
Great Falls, VA 22066

Franziska Boas, whose home is in Massachusetts, is spending the winter months in Manhattan with her daughter, *Gertrud Michelson '52*. She would be delighted to hear from friends and can be reached at 795-1204. Thanks to her granddaughter *Carol Pinsky '79*, a member of the third generation of that family to attend Barnard, for letting us know that our classmate would be "in the neighborhood."

24 *Mary Pyle Fleck*
3758 Collins Street
Sarasota, FL 33582

As vice president of our class, *Georgia Giddings* has become our new president. *Eleanor Kortheuer Stapelfeldt* resigned due to ill health. At present we are not certain of her new address.

Eleanor Pepper, who was the first woman to be named a fellow of the National Institute for Architectural Education, has been appointed to the faculty of the Interior Design Institute in Woodcliff Lake, NJ.

It is sad to report the deaths of two of our class members. *Grace E. Kahrs* died on September 16. The class sends heartfelt sympathy to her sister, *Gertrude Kahrs Martin*, class of '29, and to the family of *Josephine Morrow West*, who died October 9.

Your correspondent is planning a return to Pennsylvania and will no longer be a contact person for the 7 C's of Sarasota.

25 *Helen Kammerer Cunningham*
574 Yorktown Road
Union, NJ 07083

Madeleine Hooke Rice, *Pearl Bernstein Max*, *Marion Kahn Kahn*, and *Emma Dietz Stecher* attended the November meeting of the Alumnae Council. They were enthusiastic and happy to hear about the new quantitative reasoning curriculum which was described in the last issue.

Madeleine had a busy summer. Her daughter Megan, a nun on assignment in Nigeria, was here on a two month leave. She and Madeleine visited relatives from New York to Maine. Megan is studying this winter at the Bible Institute in Jerusalem.

This fall Madeleine spent a day visiting *Marion Mettler Warner* and her husband in their home in Heritage Village, Connecticut. We missed Marion at Reunion and are happy that she is well again.

Emma Stecher is still teaching. She has two classes at Pace University.

Pearl Max's daughter Claire is head of the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics at the University of California at Livermore, CA. Pearl and her husband are selling their summer home in Kentcliff, NY in order to have more time to spend in California with their daughter and grandson.

Elizabeth Abbott is steadily improving. She has progressed from a walker to a four-legged cane. She still sounds cheerful after all these months of disability.

A note from *Dorothy Lang Nathans* told me the sad news that *Gertrude Gottschall* passed away July

18. Dorothy and Gertrude were friends from elementary school days. Gertrude has been an active member of the class and we will miss her enthusiastic support. We extend our sympathy to her family.

26 *Eleanor Antell Virgil*
Pennswood Village, Apt. K110
Newtown, PA 18940

I have discovered two more Barnard alumnae here in Pennswood Village, *Catharine Hitchcock '38* and *Kathryn Evans Grady '32*—that makes seven of us—maybe we can form a club...

In February 1984 Fred and *Anita Peck Low* lost their house in a one a.m. fire which burned it to the ground. If not for the smoke alarm, they would have lost their lives—they escaped in their pajamas and that was all they had left. Friends and relatives provided clothing and temporary housing, and they started to rebuild their lives at the ages of 84 and 80. We hope they are making good progress.

In summer 1983 *Lillian Stahl Newman* made a trip to "The Land of the Poets" in England and Scotland. She crossed both ways on the QE2 and the whole trip was a delight.

Helen Brandt Ross Haas writes from Florida that she runs into *Aimee Goldmann Greenberg* frequently. Both are enjoying retirement.

Velma Brown Mekeel Stauffer sent us a long, newsy letter from Madison, WI: "Velma Brown has been living in Wisconsin since 1940, when she came here with Scudder Mekeel the anthropologist. After marrying him in junior year, she was peripatetic, from France to the east and west coasts of the US, with and without sons and daughters. Of these, two are dead; one daughter, Joyce Mekeel, is a professor and composer of avant-garde music in Boston; and another daughter is on the west coast, married. Grandmothering Velma continued some editing and teaching formally and then with international students, as was her tradition. Music and reading are her mainstay now in a retirement center, a kind of segregated life she deprecates. She continues support of the League of Women Voters and as much community responsibility as is compatible with a walker. Travel has to be vicarious, through pictures and visiting students. A widow now. I probably won't make it to Reunion."

From Virginia came a note from *Catherine Mason Swezey*: "I have moved to the Westminster-Canterbury Residence in Richmond. My son is professor of Christian Ethics at Union Theological Seminary (Virginia) here in Richmond. I find living near him and his family delightful. I have grandchildren at Stanford, Duke and the U of PA—very interesting!"

27 *Mildred Gluck Tomback*
88 Lake Shore Drive
Eastchester, NY 10709

Elsa Lohrke Ronalds wrote that she was completing her first year as Senior Warden of All Saints Episcopal Church in Glen Rock, NJ. She is still teaching Junior High Church School Sunday mornings. She was in her second year of working with the Colorado curriculum, "Living the Good News," which follows the Propers for the week. As she said, "Very interesting and challenging."

We were very sad to learn that *Janice Moses Sullivan* lost her husband, William, on November 12. The class sends sincere condolences to Janice, who

lives in Delray Beach, FL.

The following memorial tribute was submitted by **Catherine Colucci Perkins**:

Adelaide Rodstrom Rosenfeld, our class treasurer for many years, died on August 23, 1985 after several years of debilitating illnesses.

The guiding principle of Adelaide's life was service. From the very beginning, she engaged in activities that challenged her intelligence and gave scope to her talent for organization.

After graduation she taught mathematics at the Wadleigh and Walton High Schools. In 1931, she married David Rosenfeld, the noted marine photographer. When their children, Adelaide and David II, required more of her personal attention, she transferred to St. Mary's Parochial School on City Island. She also found time to tutor many of her neighbors' children, who beat a path to her door to hone their mathematical skills. This warm and generous service she continued until the very end.

Always alert to the problems of our time, Adelaide organized the City Island Civic Association and the City Island Historical Society. She was also instrumental in founding the City Island Historical Museum in 1975, and served as its Curator-Director until she retired at the age of 75. The Civic Association then gave a gala dinner in her honor, where a letter of appreciation from Mayor Koch was read.

Besides her children, she leaves three brothers, two sisters, three adored grandchildren, and her grieving husband. As for her friends, they are legion. Her loving kindness and her sensitive understanding were a warm haven for many an anguished spirit. Above all, her keen intelligence challenged the best in us. We are the richer for having known her, and we shall miss her.

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Eleanor Michelfelder
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Mount Vernon, NY 10552

We have only one item for this issue, and I'm afraid it got buried so it is a little old. When **Elizabeth Sussman Griffin** wrote last May, she was having a very busy month—"first, celebrating with my husband our 50th wedding anniversary, and then helping him with the removal of his law practice from New York City to an office in Larchmont, NY, the town in which we live."

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Anny Birnbaum Brieger
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Olive Bushnell Morris
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Our reunion on Oct. 14th was a lovely party in celebration of the birth of our class 60 years ago. Dean Barbara Schmitter, Vice Pres. for Student Affairs, had graciously accepted our invitation and gave us vivid information as to the careers and whereabouts of the past winners of the **Marian Churchill White** awards. Among them, two are in medical school, there are three potential lawyers, and one is in an allied medical field; all are of unusual caliber. The most recent recipient, Marian Rothman '87, visited the class and charmed us with her sparkling personality. Those present also heard interesting news of what our classmates are doing.

Ruth Fine Balsam is an avid gardener and reader, who managed to produce two melons from an exotic French one. She writes:

"The French melon was *fantastique*,
With a *je ne sais quoi* kind of mystique;
Just wish my cukes and peppers were that
exotic—
Domage! Utah's weather's been very
neurotic."

For your pleasure, she recommends catching up with Flaubert, Verlaine, Colette which she missed long ago.

Your correspondent suggests reading *Whims of*

Fortune by Guy de Rothschild, and for those who majored in French, the original *Contre Bonne Fortune*—the language is beautiful.

Nancy Thomas Cort, who lives in Spring Hill, Fla. and is an active volunteer librarian, writes it would be worthwhile to reread Page Smith's fine biographies; she also liked David Nevin's *Dream West*. **Eugenie Fribourg** continues a very active medical practice. She is now Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus at the Downstate Medical Center.

"For a glimpse of the new world I took a short course in computers and learned about its bits and bytes. Now I've read about a computer that can supply a rhyme for any word in the language. Horrors! Will Barnard students some day be studying the poetry of a future Wordsworth by the name of Bits N. Bytesworth?" This item from author, playwright, mathematician, **Gertrude Tonkonogy Friedberg**. *Travels—Hither & Thither*

Eleanor Rosenberg was in England on her annual visit, but managed to tear herself away from Oxford to enjoy the charm of Copenhagen. **Ethel Perlman Hirsch** spent a delightful week in London over last New Year.

Ethel Robinson Nelsen reminisces about her travels in the NY subways with **Margaret Jennings** and **Mildred Clayton Curran**. She would have liked to come to our birthday party, but she is now too far away.

It was good to welcome **Dorothy Brindze Wolendenberg** at our luncheon. **Eleanor Frankel Silverman** told us of a visit to NYC with her husband last summer. They had not been here in 20 years. **Madeline Russell Robinton** was their able guide, who took them "on a grand tour including Barnard, so different from our college days and yet the same."

This past summer **Elsie Barber Trask** was in the Amish countryside, as well as Martha's Vineyard and beautiful Vermont. You couldn't find **Sybil Phillips** at home in December; she was planning to go cruising through the Panama Canal.

It is so good to hear from **Iris Tomasulo** that she is making wonderful progress from her illness.

Miriam Kanter Buxbaum gave a mini-course in Oct. at Queens College so could not join us at our luncheon. She speaks of a trip to France (Vence and Paris) and revisited the pension where she lived while a student at the Sorbonne in 1933.

It is with deep sadness that we mention the passing of an illustrious classmate, **Florette Holzwasser Henri**. A memorial tribute appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Helen Chamberlain Josefsberg
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Gertrude Glogau Drachman continues to pursue her musical interests. She is associate organist of the Christian Science Church in New Rochelle, pianist for the Westchester Women's Chorus, a frequent performer as soloist and accompanist in the Westchester area, and a piano teacher privately. Now her chief concern is finding a new home, as her sister's home where she is living will be sold. She should stay in the New Rochelle area, for it takes a long time to make new connections elsewhere. Ideally, she would like a room in the home of a music-loving widow. Ideas, anyone?

The highlight of '85 for **Ann Beers Backus** has been a trip planned by her youngest daughter. They went together to England and Scotland, Ann's first trip abroad, and it was thoroughly enjoyed. Many pictures were taken. They especially like Kew Gardens, and came back with Scotch woolens, etc.

It appears that **Edith Kirkpatrick Dean** didn't have too long a wait to get into her retirement complex in Chambersburg, PA. The complex has all the services anyone could need, including a fine library. Transportation is supplied to enrichment sites, such as seminar courses at Wilson College. Edith lives alone with her little dog, about five miles from her daugh-

ter. This is the first time in her life she's had a newly constructed home, and she finds it a heady experience. Her arthritis seems to be in remission and she walks a great deal, as does most everyone else in the complex.

Pauline Berry Dysart and **Harriet Brown Total '31** had a delightful tour which included Luxembourg, Paris, the chateau country and other interesting places in France. They went also to Monaco and en route home visited Iceland. Harriet lives in Winter Park, FL. She was planning to visit Pauline in Charlotte, NC for the holidays.

North Plainfield, NJ, the home of **Clara Udey Depperman**, is celebrating its centennial this year. Committees have been hard at work planning various functions. One such group is delving into the history of old buildings and is urging that they be maintained and preserved in their original state.

A letter from **Dr. Elaine Mallory Butler** states that she is still interested in ex-offenders. She is on the advisory council with the Department of Corrections, as co-chairman. Elaine does research for Armour-Dial and also for a firm out of Cincinnati, OH. She was invited to be in Marquis's *Who's Who in the World*. She is writing and illustrating children's stories. One granddaughter is married to an orthopedic surgeon, has three children and is a pre-medical student in Richmond, VA. Another granddaughter, an engineer, designs computer parts with her husband. They recently went to Korea to demonstrate their work. As for Elaine's grandsons, one is working for his PhD in classics; he is married to a PhD who also teaches at Ohio State. One is attending college and another is in the Air Force. The Butlers continue their citrus production, having put in drip irrigation. They also do Southwestern-style Indian jewelry.

Mary Goggin feels that she was blessed in having spent 38 years teaching Greek and Latin to remarkably able and appreciative students in the State College for Teachers, which about 1964 became the State University of New York at Albany. "We built up a program in classical archaeology also, and I went three times to Cyprus to start and further an excavation at Vergil's Idalion (*Aeneid IV*, 691-694). The site (Modern Dhali) was incredibly beautiful when I first saw it in late March 1970, with clear blue skies and

In the News

Emily Riedinger Flint '30

She has already compiled an impressive, delightful list of achievements and honors, but Emily Flint continues to contribute to her community, and to be honored by it. In 1984 she was named "Medford Citizen of the Year" upon her retirement from the Board of Trustees of the Medford (Mass.) Public Library, where she had served for 30 years. She is also a charter member of the Medford Zonta Club and the League of Women Voters.

A former alumnae trustee at Barnard, Emily Flint was for 19 years managing editor of *The Atlantic*—the first woman to hold that position. She was co-editor of *Jubilee: 100 Years of The Atlantic* and editor of *Creative Editing & Writing*, a workbook published by CASE. She has also edited about 40 books for Harvard's Peabody Museum and other clients of her firm, Creative Editing, Inc. Although theoretically "retired," she is a frequent speaker at workshops for magazine editors. She is a former president of the Boston Center for Adult Education and past president of the New England Women's Press Association.

In addition to graduate degrees from Tufts and Columbia, she has been awarded honorary doctorates from New England College and Franklin Pierce College, where she is chairman of the board of trustees.

golden mimosa trees in full bloom spread over fields of red poppies. Now in retirement, I'm still doing some teaching in a church renew program. I'm grateful to the Barnard Student Fellowship program which enabled me to spend a year in Greece. I was a better teacher, I know, because of it."

The Class extends sympathy to the family and friends of **Sarah Elizabeth Roger Moore** on her passing.

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Sincere condolences to *Eva Michaelis Jacoby* and her family on the loss of her husband, Gustav, an attorney specializing in estate law and an expert on German law. He helped found Congregation Habonim in 1939 for Jewish refugees from Germany.

We also mourn the loss of *Winifred Scott Dorshug* and extend condolences to her husband, Harold.

Dr. Blanche Luria Serwer-Bernstein advises that she is Visiting Clinical Associate Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry at Cornell Medical College and Associate Attending Psychologist at New York Hospital, doing research in Family Therapy. In private practice, she works with the second generation adult children of Holocaust survivors. She expects to present a paper in March 1986 at the International Convention of Family Therapy.

Theresa Landes Held thinks she is the oldest to become grandmother of a first born child, John D. Held, the son of Dr. Martin and Lisa Held, residing in Berkeley, CA. She is still conducting a seminar on adolescence at Bank Street College.

Dr. Frances Markey Dwyer is convinced she is one of the lucky ones, cooking part time, volunteering part time, traveling part time and grandmothers part time, making the whole greater than its parts.

Helen Bosch Vavrina unfortunately had a miserable summer, having suffered two bad heart attacks. She has had to eliminate her former activities as president of the Floral Park Women's Club and board member of the Nassau County Medical Auxiliary Board.

Olga Kallos Ellissen had an art show along with two other artists called People and Pets. The exhibit was shown at a Bronxville art gallery last June.

From Mamaroneck, NY, *Doris Gilman Elias* writes that she has three children, five grandchildren, and a husband who is a practicing attorney. Her varied activities include serving as first vice president of the Central Bureau for the Jewish Aged, and as board member of the Women's City Club of New York and of the Eisman Day Nursery.

A note from *Ruth Levy Geller* says, "My granddaughter Elizabeth Geller is in the Class of 1987."

32 *Dorothy Roe Gallanter*
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Ruth Henderson Richmond reports that for the third year she has gone on a Barnard tour, this time to Israel. "A highlight of the tour was the evening we were invited (in groups of two or four) to have dinner at the homes of Barnard alumnae living in Jerusalem and visit with them. Arrangements were also made for us to have lunch at Hebrew University where *Naomi Harman Chazan* '67 spoke to us at length about Israel's problems." Ruth also visited the Spaford Children's Center in Jerusalem at which *Margaret Schaffner Tenbrinck* has volunteered her pediatric services. Ruth concludes: "I have really enjoyed the Barnard trips: Spain, Greece, and this year Egypt and Israel; stimulating conversation and always unusual serendipities." Ruth adds that she is a member of the executive committee for the Hutton House Lectures, a program of CW Post College on Long Island. Alumnae in the area can get information by calling 516-299-2580.

Also on travel, *Lorraine Popper Price* writes, "Twice I have looked toward Antarctica from the

mainland—the tip of New Zealand and the tip of Africa. At the Cape of Good Hope the wind was violent and penetratingly cold. The waves crashed furiously over huge boulders, the incessant noise a roaring of sea and air. Our courier broke out a case of champagne which served both to warm us and toast the occasion. Cape Point is a nature reserve where baboons, springbok, bontebok and ostriches amble about freely. This park was a preamble to the game parks we visited in Kenya. At Treetops a friendly baboon and some magnificent birds helped us to polish off our afternoon tea. From our Landrovers in Masai Mara at dawn we saw prides of lions, elephants, zebras and giraffes. Now I have seen sunrise over the Nile, the Ganges and the African wild, but never over the Hudson."

Dorothy Roe Gallanter visited South Africa recently with a botanical group because the Cape Province holds one of the world's greatest floral kingdoms ranging from the huge proteas to the colorful mesems near Darling on the Atlantic Ocean near Capetown (especially one named Dorotheanthus) to the great variety of painted daisies near Caledon. Dorothy showed her slides of these wildflowers together with scenes she took from the Blue Train to her Morningside Gardens Camera Club recently.

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On 23 October thirteen lucky classmates gathered for a mini-reunion arranged by *Olga Bendix*. We enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Deanery, and happy conversation around the table, especially happy because it turned out to be *Jean Waterman Bender*'s birthday. Others present were *Denise Abbey*, *Mildred Pearson Horowitz*, *Grace Iijima*, *Martha Loewenstein*, *Laura Smith Lomo*, *Muriel Kelly Major*, *Viola Wichern Shedd*, *Sylvia Thomas*, and *Virgilia Kane Wichern*.

Denny had just closed a five-week-long one-woman show at the Buriel Galleries in Seattle, featuring her photos of her earth-girdling travels, and is off again to visit old haunts in Europe. Grace spoke of her eye-opening experience at the UN Non-Governmental FORUM '85 in Nairobi, Kenya, which marked the end of the UN Decade for Women.

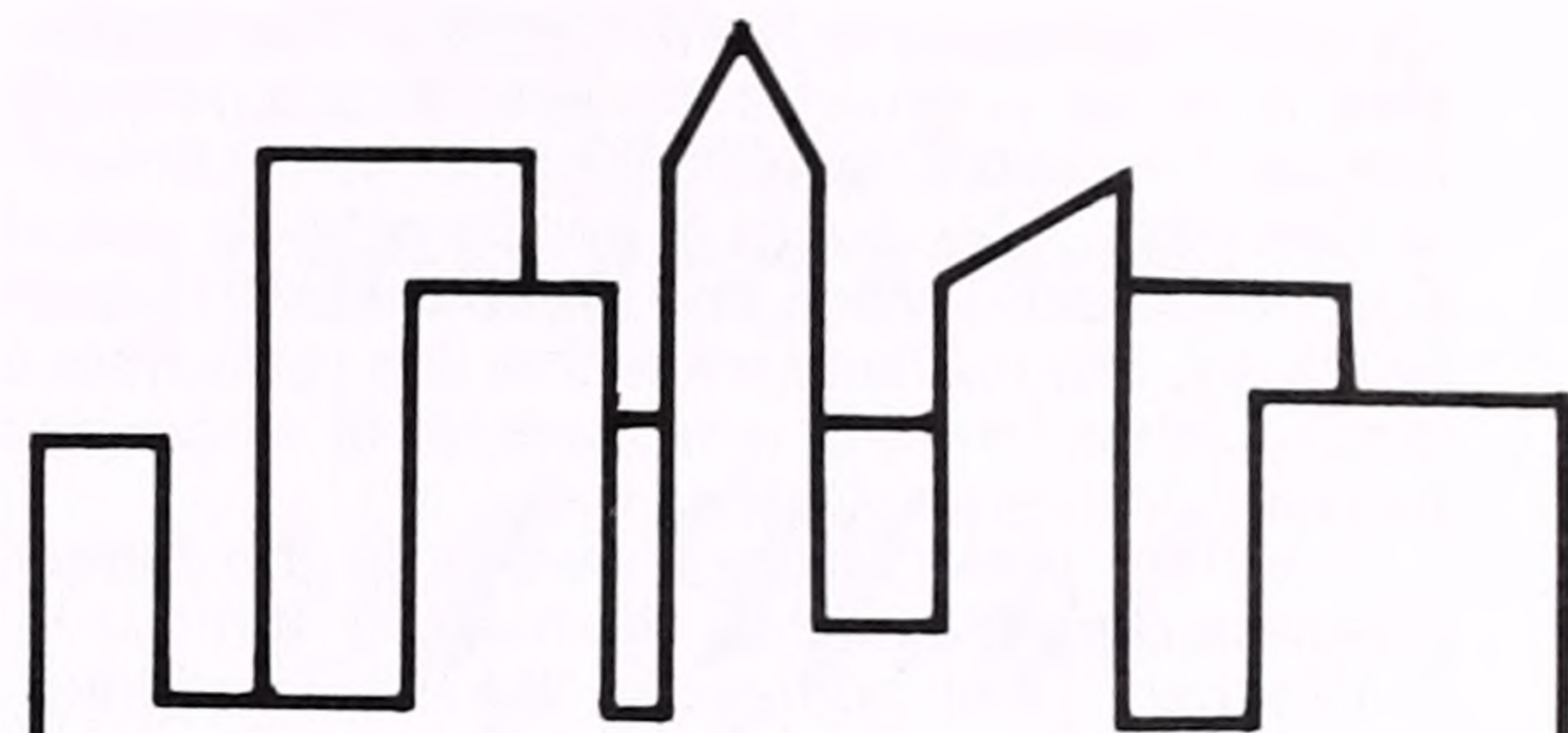
Muriel had traveled to Israel in March, then in August to Alaska, whose beauties she described, and in October she enjoyed a visit at her home on Lake George from her twin, *Eileen Kelly Hughes*.

Laura is active in the Northwest Bergen Chapter of AAUW, and is editor of the New Jersey division's bulletin, *The Garden Statement*. Laura had returned on 12 October from a trip to Spain and Portugal, renewing memories of her Barnard scholarship time there after graduation. Sylvia was preparing for a reunion of descendants of New England whaling captains, to be held in New Bedford, MA.

News from absent classmates included reports of cataract operations undergone by *Jo Skinner* and *Loretta Haggerty Driscoll*. Loretta also reported hearing from *Kitty Roderick Clift*. *Gena Tenney Phenix*, living in retirement in Virginia, is busy in Church Women United, The Food Pantry, works with ex-offenders and writes to congressmen; Philip is teaching philosophy in China this semester.

In July *Fran Barry* visited the Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, also Salt Lake City. *Adele Burcher Greeff* wrote that her Long Island seaside home escaped the worst ravages of last season's coastal storms, and that she was preparing for an exhibit of her paintings.

Left over from the last report is the celebration of *Doris Hyman Miller*'s 50th wedding anniversary with services at the synagogue and a family party at the Kellogg Center of Columbia University. Some of the guests were: *Dorothy Pearlstein Zuckerman* and her husband, *Judith Kaplan Seidman* and her husband, and *Janet Silverman Cohen*. Relatives included



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seven of the eight grandchildren and *Mary Dublin Keyserling* '30 and her husband as well as *Cathy Wein* '69 and her husband.

Lucile Scudder Matheson sends her regards to her Barnard sisters. As of mid-September the Mathesons had left Florida and returned to New Hampshire to live nearer their daughter Janet who is now residing in a Healthcare Center due to a devastating case of MS. While in Florida the Mathesons had the pleasure of renewing friendship with *Myra Grigg Diemer* and her husband. They also visited *Florence Dickenson O'Connell* and her daughter Janet, and the visit was extended to a call on *Helen Leonhardt Hoyer*. That made it all a very pleasant reunion. Lucile and her husband are settled and busy in many things. One is the organization of a Hand Bell Choir at the church. Their address is: Mr. and Mrs. L. Keith Matheson, P.O. Box 126, Center Harbor, NH 03226.

Our sympathy goes to *Mary McPike McLaughlin*, whose husband, Russell, died in January 1985; she wrote: "Russ and I must have done something right" because she was receiving loving support from their five sons, five daughters-in-law, and ten grandchildren.

We were also sorry to learn of the death of *Edith Haggstrom Nadel*'s husband, Ernest. He had been College Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the City University.

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The Alumnae Office has been notified of Dr. Ben C. Fisher's establishment of a scholarship in the name of our classmate *Sara Gehman Fisher* at

Campbell University in North Carolina. The scholarship is to be awarded each year to a student in teacher education. Sara received her MA in English at Columbia. She taught at private schools and at Gardner-Webb College and Southeastern Baptist Seminary. Her husband wrote that she came from a distinguished family of educators, all of whom had received scholarship assistance.

We have also received news from the former **Margaret Boney**. Last July she married Thomas H. P. Whitney. Their address is 180 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02116. Friends and classmates offer sincere congratulations and best wishes to Margaret and her husband.

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Our 50th Reunion notes and added items in the Fall magazine covered all our class news so well that no one seems to have any recent activities to list. We did receive one note of regret from **Gertrude Rubsamens Brooks** in Black Mountain, NC: "I sure wish I were able to join you for our Class Reunion." I would like to take one sentence of space to thank Toni Coffee for her cooperation when I needed help and to give special acknowledgment to Karen Jolkovski who did what I consider a monumental job in putting the scramble of my 50th Reunion notes into readable form.

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We are saddened by the deaths of two classmates: **Muriel Pulvermacher Seiler** in 1984 and **Margaret (Mita) Feuille Thompson** in September 1985.

Alumnae Council was again a stimulating experience. The officers of '36 were happy to be there, especially when our own **Lucy Appleton Garcia-Mata** received an Alumnae Recognition Award for her service in the Barnard Club of Fairfield County (CT). An added pleasure was meeting Lucy's daughter **Sarah** '73.

In bleak mid-winter, what better to do than look back on past travels or contemplate future travels (REUNION). **Dorothy Brauneck Vitaliano**, prompted to report the arrival of her first grandchild last April, brings us up to date on her travels. The summer of 1984 saw her on a five-week trip to the Soviet Union for the International Geological Congress in Moscow. "I was co-author of a paper in the mineralogy section, and we took two field trips—pre-Congress to see ore deposits in Uzbekistan and Kirghizia (including the sights of Samarkand, Tashkent and other points of touristic interest) and post-Congress to see granites in far northeastern Siberia, an area normally off-limits not only to tourists, but also to Soviet citizens unless on special business. After that we spent three days in Leningrad on our own." In 1985 Dorothy had another geological trip, to Brazil and Peru, which included a side trip to Machu Picchu. In 1983 the final lectures of her two-year Sigma Xi National Lectureship took her to Oregon and Washington where she visited **Jane Eisler Williams**. Following Dorothy's talk at the US Geological Survey's observatory she and Jane were invited to join the Survey's gas-monitoring flight over Mt. St. Helens. When she retires from the US Geological Survey this year Dorothy will continue to do freelance translations. This year Academic Press published her FOURTH book-length geological translation (from RUSSIAN). (Emphasis mine.)

Jane Eisler Williams's travels took her to Holland, France, Iceland and the Faroes. In Reykjavik she met **Selma Jonsdottir**, a graduate of Barnard and the only woman holding a PhD from the University of Iceland. (See '44 Class Notes for Jane's interesting account of their meeting.)

Charlotte Haverly Scherz, between trips to Italy and about the States, has been active in starting a

Jewish Family Service in Sarasota (FL). She is on their board and several committees and still has time for "minor jobs" for the Tallywood Condominium Assn., *et al.* Obviously, "retirement" is not in Charlotte's vocabulary.

Sylvia Shimberg Reay, Margaret Davidson Barnett and your correspondent were touring the British Isles in September but never crossed paths. We can play one-upmanship when we meet!

A non-travel note: **Florence Alonso Bosse** is continuing as head librarian of the Aguila (Ariz.) Public Library. She writes, "This is volunteer work, but we are a branch/affiliate of the Maricopa County Library. To celebrate 1936-86, I am on a program of reading books on science and technology—computers, lasers, astronomy, nuclear physics. We are considered to have an excellent library considering the small size of our community."

FUTURE travels for classmates of '36 should be to The Big Apple. The response to the first Reunion letter was great. The number of you coming from far or near went beyond expectations. Now you have or will be getting the questionnaire to complete and return to **Nora Percival**. Let's have a 100% return on this—your big chance to say what you think, to brag if you like, to criticize or complain if you must but, most important, to be a part of the portrait of a 1936 Barnard graduate. See you at REUNION.

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Belva Offenberg Plain was honored at a party marking the 40th anniversary of the passage of the State of New Jersey's anti-discrimination law. The well-known author, whose most recent book is *Crescent City*, was cited for her contribution to civil rights through vivid portrayals of "the horrors of racism and discrimination. Her ability to create a disturbing awareness of the injustice in today's society will keep the issue of civil rights alive."

Marion Gill Sears sent a long note from her home in Tucson, Arizona: "My husband retired in 1981 after 50 years in the ministry. We moved to Hawaii where he continued to preach about forty times a year. Then, in January 1984 he took a new little United Methodist church just getting started in Kailua-Kona. We sold our home in Kapoho on the other side of the island and moved to Kailua-Kona.

"However, on our October vacation trip to the mainland, we learned that he had bone cancer. The cancer now seems to be in remission. . . we are so grateful. Now we are living again in Arizona, close to one of our daughters and her family. We have always loved Arizona and we shall always love Hawaii also. Both are great places to live, and we don't mean just the climate—we mean the people."

From **Marie Bell Davis** in Birmingham, AL it was good to get a report of a busy, much enjoyed life. After nine years of employment as a psychiatric social worker and Red Cross Hospital Field Director, Marie has been a homemaker involved in club and civic work. She served on the boards of the Birmingham Audubon Society, the Cahaba Girl Scout Council and the AAUW. Marie's husband Bill, a lawyer, now retired, served two terms in the Alabama State Legislature, was State Campaign Manager for the late US Senator John Sparkman in his first two campaigns, Collector of Internal Revenue for the State of Alabama, and for 22 years Clerk of the US District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

Travel and the activities of the Birmingham Audubon Society are two of the couple's major interests, often combined. To study flora and fauna they "have traveled to some exotic parts of the world including Kenya, Costa Rica, Trinidad, Tobago and a number of barrier islands along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts as well as some mainland wildlife sanctuaries such as Avery Island, Louisiana, Wakulla Springs, Florida, and Okefenokee Swamp in Southeast Georgia. In 1986 we will go to Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee." In 41 years of marriage they have visited four continents, 42 countries and 48 states. Favorite trips: a photo-

graphic safari to Kenya in 1982 and a trip to Alaska in 1984.

Marie and Bill are the proud parents of Brenda Carraway, also the wife of a lawyer, who has been principal of four Jefferson County (Alabama) elementary schools over the past ten years, and grandparents of Ed Carraway, age 7, champion swimmer "who goes on 25-mile bicycle rides with his father (who goes on 100-mile ones)."

Marie concludes, "I'd love to have news of you and the rest of the class and regret that we are so separated by distance. . . Maybe the 50th Reunion will remedy that!"

Perhaps this is the time for all of us, with our 50th Reunion little more than a year away, to start making plans to be there. Keep it in mind!

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Dr. Maxine Meyer Greene, educational philosopher and author, received an honorary doctorate (Humane Letters) from Hofstra University on October 3. The degree was conferred by Hofstra president, Dr. James M. Shuart, at a special convocation as part of the University's fiftieth anniversary celebration. The subject of Maxine's address was: "The Spaces of Excellence: Widening the Possibilities in Public Schools."

Elspeth Davies Rostow and her husband traveled from July 1983 to July 1984 under the USIA and the Fulbright Program through 34 countries giving over two hundred lectures. Proof that Elspeth enjoys this peripatetic pattern is the fact that two months after returning home, she started out again as a Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar, adding new countries to her list.

Caryl Rothschild Feldman, having enjoyed a past summer at Williamstown, Mass., is considering a repeat for summer '86. A perfect complement to winter in Florida.

The opening of the Toulouse-Lautrec exhibit brought together for luncheon at the New York Museum of Modern Art **Helen Hirsch Acker, Edith Cohen Polk** (en route home to Michigan after a visit to her mother in Florida), Edith's sister, **Ruth Frankfurter Lehr**, Ruth's daughter, Nancy Lee, and **Adele Rosenbaum Curott**.

Claire Murray, just before leaving for a trip to China in August, wrote this letter: "Your words of consolation (Spring '85 issue) on the loss of **Erna Dengler Soszynski, Sheila Baker Carroll, Cynthia Griffin** and **Betty Armstrong Dunn** were most heart-warming to all of us who knew them.

"But, of course, as I was especially close to Betty, I appreciated the tribute to her all the more. Hardly a day goes by that I am not reminded of her bubbling, vibrant personality, which made the shock of her passing the more difficult to absorb. There was nothing in life that did not excite and stir Betty. The same enthusiasm she gave to her Barnard column spilled over into all her other fields of interest."

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This column is brought to you by your class president, **Eleanor Johnson**.

We certainly are a traveling class. **Helen Sessinghaus Blackmon** and her husband are off to Stockholm for two weeks, and as soon as they return to the US they have several trips around the country to use up their TWA Senior Citizen passes. **Judy John-**

son Snyder flew in from Denver last fall and stayed with the Blackmons in NYC for several days. During this time Helen hosted a dinner party for several classmates—Judy, Nancy Wagner Landolt, Bob and Betty Throop Wells, Hart and Pat Lambdin Moore, and Liz Harris Mersey.

Class correspondent Mary Graham Smith has been in India, living with an Indian family under the sponsorship of the Experiment in International Living. After India she was off for several months in England and on the continent.

Pat Draper tops us all, though, with a trip to China in 1983, and to Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Greece and Turkey in 1984, along with a trip on the Orient Express from Venice to London. Pat stopped off in Guernsey on the way home and visited with Helen Taft Gardiner while Adele Gillies was there. 1985 saw Pat on a trip across Canada and then up to Alaska.

Jane Goldstein Berzer writes from California that she is a "professional volunteer" working one or two days a week at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, one day a week at St. Johns Hospital in Santa Monica and also at the Vista Del Mar child care center for emotionally disturbed children. Ed and Jane are also travelers—having spent last June in England, Wales and Scotland. Their three children are all writers—Cindy is in the advertising department of a life insurance company, Jonathan is a copy writer at an advertising agency, and Vicki, while still a senior at the U of Arizona majoring in journalism, writes pop music reviews.

Vicky Hughes Reiss has moved to Shady, NY, but they still keep an apartment in Hoboken, and Vicky can be found in Manhattan libraries while she is working on cataloging a private library. Marie Mesrobian Nersoyan writes, saying she has no news to report other than that they are still living "in a state of utter contentment."

Mathilde Ros Stecker has been riding with a hunt in Hamilton, Mass. for some twenty years. She has been writer/editor of a monthly corporate newspaper. Daughter Darcy is a logistics management specialist for the Air Force as a civilian. Darcy is married to Charlie Norton, who works for the government; they live in Georgetown, Mass. Mathilde's daughter Michelle is a senior vp for the Texas Commerce Bank in Austin. She is married to Ken DeAngelis, and they have a daughter Jessica. Ray Jr. is married to Carlace Dillon. He is an acct. exec. for E.F. Hutton and they live in Westwood, Mass. Daughter Leslie is a project leader at Wang Labs in Wilmington, Mass.

"Hamilton is 25 miles north of Boston," says Mathilde. "Anybody live nearby?"

Don't forget Reunion on May 16 and 17—our big 45th, if you can believe it. Jeanette Halstead Kellogg is in charge of Reunion and she hosted a meeting at her home of volunteer workers from the NY area. Mark these dates on your calendar and plan to come meet your classmates. An exciting program is planned—you'll get the details soon. And if you have suggestions or want to volunteer, let Jeanette know, at Closter Road, Palisades, NY 10964.

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When I asked Angela Cuccio Schirone how long she had been with *Women's Wear Daily*, she laughed and said, "forever," but her career has been so exciting and fulfilling that she has no thought of retiring. Angela has served as editor in many different markets; beauty, dress, accessories, and has conducted all kinds of interviews. At present she is not only editor for children's wear, but also of their new quarterly magazine section, called "Y," for the young.

From their home at the corner of Fifth Avenue facing the arch in Washington Square, Angela and her husband, a professor at NYU, can both walk to work. They also do a lot of traveling, most recently to the island of St. Barthelemy, to Cape Cod, and to Kenya on a camera safari. They are both deeply concerned with environmental protection and are members of several conservation and environmental

societies.

Eleanore Mamel Wollack thinks retirement is great. She used to run the office and keep the books for her doctor-husband, but now that he has retired from practice they have time to see more of their daughter and two grandchildren. They spent the month of July in Detroit visiting and babysitting with them. Their daughter's husband is with a law firm there. Their son, who is both an MD like his father and a PhD, is in his final year of residency and considering a career in medical research. Eleanore's mother recently passed away at the grand age of 90.

Marie-Germaine Hogan, after serving in the WAC in WWII, went to France on a Fulbright scholarship to study art history. She admitted that these studies did not relate to her present job with Bloomingdale's, and said she really does "nothing special" but a lot of reading and quietly enjoying life.

For those who also enjoy reading, don't miss Patricia Highsmith's latest book, *Slowly, Slowly in the Wind*. Also, several of her books about Tom Ripley, her most famous character, have been issued in paperback version.

I regret having to report the death, in October, of our bright and witty Egyptologist, Joann McQuiston. Joann will be sorely missed.

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Our age is showing, ladies! The word retirement appears more and more frequently in the notes (far too few) I receive from classmates. But retirement in the best sense of the word—retirement in the sense of "now I have time to do all the things I have been too busy to do before." Maureen O'Connor Cannon, who says retirement is absolutely wonderful, writes "...this retirement has been too busy, so help me." Did any of you catch her lines in the *New York Times* Metropolitan Diary? It's called "September Jolt" and reads as follows:

Sweet summer gone? A pity,
Herewith I am resolved
To flee each new committee
I will not get involved.
I'll tear the phone out, like as not,
And soon,
I'll—oops, I did? I promised *what*
In June?!

Sylvia Klion Disenhof writes, "Although retired from public school teaching, I am still teaching... English to members of some ten Russian families, tutoring and teaching French and Spanish, lecturing and doing book reviews..."

From Lexington, Kentucky, Martha Livesay Whiteside says the League of Women Voters is taking quite a bit of her time, and by chance Laura Oberbech Nagel, Class of '72, is working on a LWV committee concerned with housing and building inspection. "It's fun trying to bridge the generation gap this way... My editorial talents have been at use for my husband's committee for the Kentucky Bar Association on Legal Concerns of the Elderly..." The Whitesides visited Mexico last spring and were planning a trip to Virginia to visit their daughters.

Travel looms large in the lives of many other classmates, among them Frannie Donnellon Updike, who was in Ireland not long ago, and Lucette Sanders Dix, who will have been to Europe and back by the time you read this. Lucette has also become a grandmother to Molly, her first granddaughter. Congratulations to Molly and all her family.

Unfortunately, along with the arrival of new life, we must report the passing of old—or older. The Alumnae Office received news of the death on July 29, 1985 of Elisabeth Winn. Our class offers its sympathy to the family of Betty who worked most of her life for the State Department in Washington.

Lillian Margolin Siskin sent a note that she met with Joan Borgenicht Aron when Joan was in Israel. The Siskins played host to a number of Barnard graduates. Says Lillian, "I hope more and more Barnard graduates will be coming to Israel."

Au revoir till spring, and best wishes for 1986.

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Would you believe there are still fragments of news gathered at the time of Reunion '84 which have yet to appear in this column?

But first a word about Selma Jonsdottir who, although unable to get away from Iceland at that time, graciously entertained Jane Eisler Williams '36 this year in Reykjavik. Little did Jane realize when she initiated the contact that Selma was the busy Director of the National Art Gallery. "Her museum," noted Jane, "is devoted to modern art, mostly paintings, but her personal interest, and the subject of her doctoral dissertation, is medieval art." As Ethel Weiss Brandwein reported in this column earlier, Selma is the only woman holder of a PhD from the University of Iceland. She has written extensively and, reports Jane, "is very much a personage in Iceland... called upon to serve many diplomatic functions... when important foreigners arrive."

Back on the mainland, Elizabeth Taylor Boyd, having retired three years ago from teaching and administration, is deriving new pleasure from her liberal arts education, the ability to be self-directed, and the "motive Wonder, which germinated in Barnard



Selma Jonsdottir '44, in Reykjavik

photo by Jane Eisler Williams '36

days." Commenting about her retirement, she said she was reveling in her "new climate of choice." She is on the Board of Colorado Common Cause and does volunteer monitoring and lobbying at the state legislature.

Emmy Lou Epstein Geiger looks forward to increased time for volunteer work, as well as travel, now that she has done what others of us have done or are contemplating, *i.e.*, moving from a larger home into more condensed quarters. She plans to continue to do some work in interior design in the vicinity of her home in Summit, NJ.

Doris Nicholson Almgren has for some time devoted herself to volunteer community service in and about West Redding, CT and looks forward to continued opportunities. She was an elected member of the Planning Commission at the time of Reunion, working "to preserve our rural New England beauty in the fastest growing industrial region in Connecticut." Previously she served as a Registrar of Voters (12 years), was on the Democratic Town Committee (15 years), and helped guide building and curriculum expansion on the Eastern Redding Regional Board of Education (6 years). She speaks knowledgeably when she says that if people develop interests—athletic, musical, artistic, political, etc.—throughout their lives, they will continue to grow and enjoy living regardless of age and working status.

At Reunion time it was learned that **Amelia Brink Allison Boyce** had been widowed and remarried. Music has been both an avocation and a vocation for her. Giving private instruction on the piano and organ, serving as church organist and choir director, and conducting a community chorus have been fulfilling and rewarding. She, too, praised the education which will permit "activities of the mind and thought process when other activities are no longer available." She continues to live in Brimfield, MA.

Phyllis Hecker, after a diversified career (13 different jobs in 36 years!), has worked out a full schedule based on non-paying activities. The League of Women Voters, the Sierra Club, Spanish and the piano—all keep her occupied to the extent that she now feels over-committed. After some apprehension about whether she could adjust to not working, she now recommends developing "a routine which has in it a balance of different kinds of activities." I wonder if she has done anything about a contemplated move from Los Altos to San Francisco.

Nancy Rogers Saxon's third children's book, *Panky in Love*, was published in April. She is working on another book, about growing up in the Depression South, and says, "my IBM PC and word processor make it possible to write and do a lot else, too."

If we '44s are going to become MORE active after "retirement" than before, we are going to have to publish our own alumnae magazine. I'm out of space but not out of news!

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Classmates who were missed at Reunion and sent regrets were: **Frances Higgins Korda**, **Hendrika Bestebreurtje Cantwell**, **Clarice Koehler Fontaine**, **Carol Saums Schults**, **Ruth Bischoff Hucklebridge**, **Jean McKenzie Joyce**, **Carolyn Lauer Van Nostrand**, **Suzanne Weiss Bartzak**, **Betty Booth Smith**, **Helen Cran Cowan**, **Ruth Cretaux Kingry**, **Charlotte Adler Koch**, **Gloria Landsman Roblin**, **Frances Achilles**, **Victoria Glennon Gibson**, **Rhoda Oxenberg Miller**, **Joan Robinson Clark**, **Renee Friedman Cooper**, and **Miriam Fishman Aarons**.

To my delight I saw Miriam Aarons this summer in Los Angeles, where I went to be with my husband who is working there on films of the Muppets. I visited Miriam in her beautiful apartment (full of artistic souvenirs from her travels, which include China), and we went out with our consorts to eat at Hamburger Haven. Judge Aarons is so well known and such a glowing profile was written about him in the *LA Daily Journal* (Feb. 18th, 1985) that I can add nothing except that on the human side he is a won-

derful, lovable person. He and Miriam visited me in the hospital where I had emergency gall bladder surgery. Recuperation took a record-breaking five days and the doctors gathered round me as if I were a freak show, exclaiming, "What? You ate scrambled eggs? Then you can go home!"

At Reunion I was surprised and happy to see **Ninon Ballantyne Towns**, looking as pretty as she did when we were freshmen. She has a daughter who is a lawyer and is married to a lawyer, which causes Ninon to be "surrounded by lawyers." Ninon left Barnard early to marry, but never forgot us. After a prominent career in the fashion field she had to give it up "because of the imports" and is now on Wall Street with the Debt Division of Standard & Poors.

Eleanor (Ellie) Webber Gibson wrote to say how much she enjoyed Reunion, and subsequently a fabulous tour of Egypt and Israel with Barnard alumnae (see article in the Summer issue), a whale-watching stint off the Massachusetts coast, and—*dulcis in fundo*—a fantastic photographic safari in Kenya and Tanzania. Ellie, who teaches economics at Bloomfield (NJ) College, declares that now she'll have to behave and save her pennies or won't be able to eat in her old age.

An item in the Skidmore College *Scope* announces the retirement of **Anne Ross Fairbanks** after 18 years as associate professor of phys. ed. and dance, and recaps her prestigious career as educator, swimmer, diver, Hall of Famer and author.

Last January, while I was in Rome for my mom's funeral, I visited **Elsa Funaro Picone** and met one of her three daughters, Allegra. Elsa (known as Boots to her friends) is happy in Rome, but I detected a soupcon of nostalgia for the US of A, which makes me hope she'll come back for a visit soon.

In a bridge class in these parts (Long Island), I ran into a Barnardite, **Marion Alvis Chesler '27**, who came to play at our house once. Did I ever tell you I am a bridge maniac? Yes, I did, when writing about **Dare Reid Turenne** (who incidentally had told me she would come to Reunion, and I was really looking forward to seeing her after 40 years).

I didn't want to dampen the cheerfulness of my reportage by conveying sad news, but I must now tell you that through **Jean MacDougall Croll '34** I learned of the death of our **Mariane (Mike) Miller Page** at her home in Cape Cod. I am sure you remember her vividly, as I do, as announcer at Greek Games. She left her husband, three children, several siblings and her mother. And you probably know from the newspapers that we lost **Dorothy Terrace Bardin** (formerly **Krieger**), who despite her unforgiving illness was looking forward to Reunion and died just days before.

It's now October, and by the time you read this I will have gone to Alumnae Council, and will duly report on same in the next issue. I will also have attended the annual meeting of the National Coalition Against the Death Penalty in Philadelphia, as well as a symposium on translation at—Barnard! I have a lot to look forward to except rest, but that's fine, if my classmates remember to write to me.

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Reunion '86

Our 40th Reunion will be held on May 16 and 17. **Lorna Pitz Bunte** and **Doris Clark Tucher** are co-chairmen and hope many of you will attend.

Now that both of her sons have graduated from college, **Betty McIntosh Hubbell** of Pelham, NY spends much of her time working at part-time jobs in the community. She is also trying to restore the turn-of-the-century Victorian house in which she has lived for many years. For the first time in years Betty has enough leisure hours to read a great deal, thus making this period of her life extremely enjoyable.

Ruth Brofft La Mar and her husband are starting their eighth year of retirement. Their travels since retirement have been many—the most recent trip was a one month tour of China. They now have one granddaughter (age 2½). **Patricia Healy Sullivan** has three children and two grandchildren. Her son Brian

graduated from Fordham Law School last May. Patricia retired from New York Telephone this past March. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Reunion.

Betty Smith Grossman has been a real estate broker for 25 years. She is still living in Englewood, NJ, where she just ran the annual book sale for the "Friends of the Library." Betty has three sons: Peter has his own law firm in Beverly Hills, CA, David is a systems analyst with Chemical Bank in NYC, and Stephen is an artist in Los Angeles. Betty's husband is in his 41st year in the Metropolitan Opera Association Orchestra.

Cecile Parker Carver of Maine writes that she has passed the exam to become a Parliamentarian. She has spent innumerable hours rewriting bylaws. Cecile is very involved with the Family Planning Association of Maine, the Jones Gallery of Glass & Ceramics, the Animal Rescue League, and the Embroiderer's Guild of America, Inc. Cecile also teaches embroidery and lectures on that subject. She recently sold her work at various art exhibits and museum auctions.

Right after retiring from a 38 year career with the United Nations, **Jane Weidlund** was accredited by the Cardinal Secretary of State of the Holy See as an adviser to the delegation of the Holy See to the General Assembly in 1984. This voluntary work for the Vatican was so satisfying that Jane served in the same capacity again in 1985 when the 40th anniversary of the United Nations was celebrated. Several assignments also kept Jane professionally active during the past year: (1) a three week visit to Zambia as team leader of a mission to assess the technical assistance provided to that African country over the past five years by the United Nations Development Program; (2) research into the situation of women at the professional level in the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies and writing a report for the International Civil Service Commission, and (3) a short public relations assignment for the United Nations Development Fund for Women. In her free time, Jane enjoyed holidays in Maine, Romania and Vienna.

"The Coens' mother" has appeared in the newspaper a lot recently—that is, **Rena Neumann Coen**, mother of filmmakers Joel and Ethan Coen. Their first feature film, "Blood Simple," described in the *NY Times* as "a Texas Gothic thriller" and "a spoof of the 'film noir' style of the 1940s," won the award for the best independent film of 1984.

One of the articles about the film appeared in the alumni publication of St. Cloud (Minn.) State University, where Rena is an art history professor. Her book, *In the Mainstream: The Art of Alexis Jean Fournier*, was published recently, and she was guest curator and author of the catalog for an exhibition entitled "Alexis Jean Fournier: The Last American Barbizon." Says Rena, "As you can see, it has been an exciting year for me and my family."

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Last May Long Islander **Florence Shepard Breismeister** met with Jerseyites **Erna Ebeling De Anna** and **Shaigan Kiachif Toubia** and Californian **Patricia Pierce Pifer** for lunch in New York. Pat, the catalyst for this mini-reunion, was on her way to Greece, Turkey, Egypt, and Israel. Said Florence of their get-together, "We started talking and the years just rolled off!"

The news from **Marilyn Mittelman Check** is that her son Elliot, a pedodontist, was married last winter to Dr. Karen Rubinow, a chiropractor. The couple lives in West Hartford, Ct. Marilyn, still in Queens, is a member of Community School Board 26 and Community Planning Board 8.

Evi Bossanyi Loeb sent me a copy of "The Green Scene," the magazine of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. At the invitation of the editor she has written a delightful article, "Gooseberry: the fruit with a courteous taste." The magazine describes Evi as "an enthusiastic exhibitor at the PHS Harvest Show and the Philadelphia Flower Show. She is a

member of a number of local and national horticultural organizations. She gardens in her home in Jenkintown and her parents' estate-arboretum 'Three-brooks' in Bucks County." I suspect that Evi is better known for her rare begonias than her gooseberries — at least before the article!

Dr. Anne Attura Paolucci of St. John's was one of 11 educators recently appointed by President Reagan to the new National Graduate Fellows Program Fellowship Board. She is the only member from NY State and is one of the two women chosen. Anne has also recently been elected president of the recently-founded "Colombus: Countdown 1992," a non-profit educational foundation that is promoting projects and special events connected with the Columbus quincentennial celebrations. A special contribution to the Columbus "countdown" is her new one-act play about Columbus; "Cipango!" opened in a showcase production at Pace U in October.

Since it was only a very few months ago that **Cynthia Morse-Shreve Sturges** wrote of her latest service to her community as director of the Loaves and Fish program against hunger, it was a real shock to learn that Cindy died in August after a four year bout with cancer. Newspaper articles sent to me following her death attested to her leadership in many civic and artistic activities in Mobile through the years. Cindy is survived by her husband Frank and four grandchildren, as well as the four children she wrote about with such pride.

Also, the Alumnae Office has reported to me the death of **Phyllis Ruckgaber Winant** in June. She is survived by her husband William. Our hearts go out to the families of both of these warmly-remembered classmates.

In November I joined our other class officers, **Hazel Jane Davis Heaton**, **Jackie Branaman Bogart** and **Helen DeVries Edersheim** at Barnard for Alumnae Council. **Bobbie Paine** joined us for part of the program, as did **Marguerite Traeris Harris** who is active in the L.I. Barnard Club. According to the roster, **Edith Schultz Gordon** was also present but our paths did not cross. It was a very worthwhile two days. We came away impressed with what is happening at the College, both educationally and physically. The newly-dedicated Arthur Ross Courtyard between Barnard Hall and the dorms is a lovely oasis. The Campus has never looked better. Come and see for yourselves. Plan ahead. Start thinking Reunion. May '87 is not that far away.

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The same issue of a recent Sunday *New York Times* had news of the weddings of alumnae children. Leslie Feder, daughter of Arthur & **Ruth Musicant Feder** married Garrick Hillman Leonard. The bride is an associate fellow at the Harvard Business School and the groom is a medical student at Harvard Medical School. Guy A. Longobardo, the son of **Anna Kazanjian Longobardo** and Dr. Guy... married Diane Yokana. "Young" Guy, an associate with a New York law firm, is a Columbia Law School alumnus.

Sister Mary Lou Heffernan gave me news of another wedding that she attended, of **June Ross Marks's** daughter Nancy. Sister Heffernan has returned to The Cenacle in Flushing, administering and directing programs in spiritual direction. She has been working on a master's degree in theology at Fordham University. Her thesis was on Bernard of Clairvaux.

Other job changes, new directions, etc. involve **Jane Ritchie Rice** and **Marian Gutekunst Boucher**. Marian has left her editorship at Combustion En-

gineering and Jane has gone into condominium real estate while still maintaining her word processing business. Marian is director of publicity for the Nardo Music Society of Fairfield County and urges us to attend the '40s cocktail party to be held this spring at the Barnard College Club of NY. She's on the committee.

I have just been elected to the eleven-member board of the newly established Regional Library Cooperative of Essex/Hudson Counties in New Jersey. New legislation established and funded seven regions in the state to form cooperatives consisting of all types of libraries: public, school, special and institutional, for the purpose of furthering information and sharing resources. In addition to being immersed in libraries, I serve as the secretary of the county chapter of the American Cancer Society. **Ruth Feder**, the mother of the bride referred to earlier, is also involved in libraries, namely the New York Public Library, where she raises Friends and Funds, as Vice President of the Executive Council of Volunteers. —RSG

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The *NY Times* recently saw fit to print items which mention three of our classmates. An article dealing with relations between parents and their grown children included some advice from **Dr. Frances Fuchs Schachter**, who is associate professor of clinical pediatrics at NY Medical College and supervising pediatric psychologist at Metropolitan Hospital. (Dr. Schachter observed: "A lot depends on the tone of a parent's comment, whether it is humorous as against dictatorial, and on how the child takes that comment—with a wink, for example.")

The *Times* announced the Oct. 12 marriage of **Connie Collins Quigley's** daughter Rosemary to James Shannon Richards, a son of Dr. Robert C. Richards, of Fairfield CT, and the late Claire Shannon Richards. The bride, a Fordham graduate, is a traffic coordinator in the broadcast dept. of Scali, McCabe, Sloves, Inc., a NY advertising agency. The groom, also a Fordham grad, is a systems analyst for Metropolitan Life and Affiliated Companies in NYC.

Also from the *Times*: "**Joyce Engelson (Keifetz)**, who has been editor in chief of Richard Marek Books, will become editor in chief of (E.P.) Dutton... effective Nov. 11." Richard Marek took over as president and publisher of Dutton on the same date.

Helen Rippier Wheeler has sent a pamphlet enti-

tled "Getting Published—A Workshop (Mainly) for Women in Academe." The workshop, offered throughout the US and abroad, is a feature of Helen's consulting and counseling service, Womanhood Media. For further info, you can reach Helen at 2701 Durant Av., #14, Berkeley, CA 94704.

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First, my apologies for not synchronizing moving better so that files, typewriter and myself arrived at new condominium simultaneously and enabled me to bang out this column. The end of August found me happily moved, but still unsorted as I left for vacation. Let's hope for twenty years here, files and necessities in place! "Living in a reduced circumstance" is wonderful, though I suspect that the ladies in my Victorian researches at Barnard did not share my pleasure. I cleared out my 100-year-old farmhouse, with the help of all three kids, one kid-in-law, friends and neighbors, and moved into this delightful, time-saving, nifty condo (with tiger cat Mattie), all the while holding down Second Church's office single-handed, while my co-worker was on vacation. An interesting summer. Then fall began (after earthquakes and a hurricane) with my employers deciding to put on Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel" to raise money for the organ fund. It has all been a wonderful experience, but I am still rather unsure whether I'm a carnival character, Maine townie or bookkeeper/publicist for a large suburban church.

Helen Dym Stein received a Kaiser award for the best teaching at the University of California, San Francisco in 1982. In 1983 she became a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. In addition to teaching, Helen has a private practice as an analyst.

Carol Klavivko Hayes has been elected president of the Merritt Island (Florida) Executive Council. She is also president of the East Merritt Island Homeowners Association and past president of the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron Auxiliary. She is one of the few women in the country to have earned a Navigator's Certificate. Carol lists her hobby as "government-watching."

We have received news of the deaths of **Katherine Bulson Eberbach** in 1984 and of **Mildred J. Lowy** on August 16, 1985.

Please send news, now that your correspondent is no longer functioning as a dead letter office. And if you're planning to sell your house and need advice, just write or call!

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Or finish work towards the A.B. degree

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For information or advice, write or call: Office of Dean of Studies, Barnard College, 3009 Broadway, New York, NY 10027, 212-280-2024

TRANSITIONS

Informal Panel Discussion for Alumnae of the 1950s
"Where We've Been and Where We're Going"
Come back to Barnard for an evening of food and
conversation with classmates and friends from
neighboring classes.

Wednesday, March 19, 1986

Invitations have been mailed to members of the classes of the '50s. Other interested alumnae are welcome—call the Office of Alumnae Affairs for more information.

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Did you read *Francine du Plessix Gray's* deeply sensitive and informative article, "THE FRENCH — Portrait of a Country Through A Family" which appeared in the October 13, 1985 issue of *The New York Times Magazine*? In this moving article about her closely knit family of the Monestiers, Francine explores current French attitudes about such issues as religion, family, French-American relations, the threat of Communism, and the atomic bomb. Francine's latest book, the novel *October Blood*, has been published by Simon & Schuster.

Just learned that Eric Matthew Schlosser, the son of *Judith Gassner Schlosser* and Herbert Schlosser was married to Shauna Jean Redford, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Redford, in Provo, Utah. Eric is a *cum laude* graduate of Princeton and is due to receive a Master of Literature degree from Oriol College of Oxford University. Shauna is a graduate of the University of Colorado. Our classmate Judith is vice chairman of the Martha Graham Center in New York. Husband Herbert, formerly president and chief executive officer of NBC, is executive vice president of RCA.

Make a resolution to keep our '52 network alive by sharing your news!

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We sadly report the death of *Janice Donetz Morgenstern* of Ardsley on August 18 in New York City. She is survived by her husband Max and daughter Debra. Janice earned her MA degree at Teachers College in 1965 and began her teaching career at Mount Vernon High School the following year in the history department. After two years she became a guidance counselor and subsequently spent 14 years at Lakewood High School in Shrub Oak, NY. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Barnard and was also a member of the American Mensa Society. As movingly written by her husband, "she was a warm, caring person who touched so many lives — students, colleagues, relatives, friends — in so many beautiful ways." All who knew her will feel the loss of her passing.

Audrey Gerson Heimler writes from Hewlett, NY that three of her and Arnold's four sons are now working in the family jewelry business and the fourth is a student at Syracuse University. Audrey is the Senior Genetic Counselor at Long Island Jewish Hospital in New Hyde Park, NY (MS degree in human genetics from Sarah Lawrence). She is president of the National Society of Genetic Counselors and is on the Board of Directors of the American Board of Medical Genetics.

A letter from *Suzanne Demay Barcaro* brings us up to date with her activities since graduation. A former resident of Emerson, NJ, she and husband

Richard have relocated to the Tampa Bay area. Since 1953, Suzanne has been a translator at the French Embassy in New York, got her MA in education at TC, taught languages in New Jersey high schools, got certification in teaching Russian and also did guidance counseling in New Jersey. In 1977 she retired from teaching to nurse her ailing parents and husband.

Since retirement she has studied investment counseling and banking, and is planning to attend law school in St. Petersburg to pursue corporate and tax law. She would love to hear from classmates in the area and can be reached at: PO Box 66269, St. Petersburg Beach, FL 33736.

Noemie Benczer-Koller has been professor of physics at Rutgers University for 25 years. She received her MA in 1955 and PhD in 1958, both from Columbia. The academic year 1975-6 was spent at the Weizmann Institute in Israel. Throughout her career she has been active in the American Physical Society where she has chaired several committees — in university affairs, graduate education, and the teaching of physics to professional and nonprofessional students. She is pursuing a research program in low-energy physics.

It's nice to catch up with classmates after 32 years, and with our mobile society living in so many areas, it's quite possible to renew friendships through this column. Please let me hear from more of you.

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After several years of public school teaching, *Glenyth Alcock Turner* returned to school at San Diego State U, earning an MS in psychology in 1975. When she wrote to us, she was in her seventh year as a learning disabilities specialist/school psychologist at San Diego Mesa College.

Cecile Pineda's novel *Face* was nominated in November for a 1985 American Book Award in the category of First Work.

Last June, *Lillian Firestone Boal* was elected by Women Business Owners of New York to serve as editor of their monthly publication, *WomanVenture*, for the 1985-86 year. She is founder of Lillian Firestone Associates, a public relations company serving corporate clients, trade associations and public service groups.

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They told me when I took this job that my classmates would all send in their news and I would just write it up. However in the true spirit of '55 (or perhaps just exhausted from a grand reunion) nobody wrote anything at all this time. Consequently, I made a few random calls, class list in hand, and can report the following:

Joan Shelby Cunningham came back to this country about eight years ago after many years in Brazil and settled in Connecticut with her two sons. The eldest now has his MS in geophysics from MIT, the younger is studying forestry in Arizona. Joan works as a senior credit analyst in a New Haven bank. She still feels a strong sense of belonging to two countries.

Jane Were-Bey Gardner has just moved back to NYC — to City Island, in fact — where they can look straight out the window down onto their boat. Son James is an attorney for the Justice Dept. and Jeffrey is an actor and a student at NYU. Jane has moved this past year from classroom teaching to a job with the Central Board of Education in the Communication Arts Unit (that means English) where she works on curriculum and staff development.

Duane Lloyd Patterson, on the other hand, has just moved back from more supervisory duties at the Nightingale-Bamford School to teaching a fourth grade class and to a break from presiding over her pupils' parents' domestic wrangles. Husband, Remington, is on sabbatical from Barnard and finishing a book; daughter Sarah just graduated from Ohio Wesleyan and is doing an internship with Liz Claiborne in the publicity dept. and working in a clothing store to support herself in her own apartment; son Burns is the harbor master at the 79th Street Boatbasin!

Sonia Kase Berke left teaching some ten years ago to work full time for the union of the faculty and professional staff of Connecticut's Community Colleges, both in negotiation and grievances. Her husband, David, is investment manager with CIGNA Corp. in Hartford. The children from her former marriage are all grown now: Allan works in management info systems, Sara is married and teaching kindergarten, Ian just graduated magna cum laude from

In the News



There are 16,000 school superintendents in the U.S., less than two percent of whom are women. One of this group, **Carol Shufro Sager '55**, was appointed in 1981 to be superintendent of schools in Wilmington, Massachusetts, and last year moved to Illinois to become the head of the Highwood-Highland Park School District 111.

Dr. Sager had been a part of the Wilmington school system for 13 years, having served as Assistant Superintendent and Director of Reading, and had taught in school districts in Massachusetts at the nursery school, elementary, and high school levels. She had also been an adjunct faculty member at Boston University, where she had earned her doctorate, and at several colleges in that area. She is a past president of the Merrimack Valley Superintendents Association and chaired the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs. She was also a member of the Board of the Merrimack Education Center and served on the Science and Education Consortium Advisory Committee at Harvard Medi-

the Univ. of Conn. and is working as an accountant.

Barbara Collins De Anguita also has a recently married daughter, Marguerita, who is working in the data center of the Mellon Bank. Marguerita's husband, Brian Lessard, is doing an MBA at Harvard.

Mary Hetzel von Conta is teaching sixth grade in the Eastchester, NY public schools. She is a specialist in the teaching of writing and has particularly enjoyed attending Lucy Calkin's Writers' Institute at Teachers College the past three summers. Daughter **Martha** graduated from Barnard in '82 and spent some time on the west coast but is now back and working in Stamford. Mary seems to be exercising her managerial talents on shaping up the local yacht club in Southport!

Everyone I spoke to said she wasn't doing anything special; why put her in the news; she hadn't acquired at least two advanced degrees, written several books, or made substantial contributions to world peace. A bunch of bad cases—to use Mary's phrase—of Millicent McIntosh syndrome! In fact, I think we *are* interested in each others' work and families. They *are* important. Please write!

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I hope you've decided to attend our 30th Reunion on May 16th and 17th. The committee is planning a wonderful weekend which will be as memorable as *your* attendance makes it. Also, please remember to specify "Class of 1956 Reunion Gift" when you contribute to the Barnard Fund this year.

Harriet Wilner Pappenheim writes that she's looking forward to the Reunion. She's living in Manhattan with her husband, a psychiatrist, and her teenage daughter, "attempting to navigate through her

cal School.

Considering that she is one of such a small number of women "chief executives" in the field of education, we asked Dr. Sager to comment on this phenomenon. "In the Superintendency, as in many other top level administrative positions," she wrote, "women are finding out that even though the job tasks and skill requirements are the same for men and women, the context in which the job is carried out is different, and therefore will place different demands on women than it does on men.

"Transference patterns, for instance, vary for men and women. The woman is often seen as 'Mother,' the nurturer and caretaker. When this role is not possible or appropriate, resentments can arise. In other instances, 'Mother' is the one to rebel against to prove your independence," while a man is "more readily accepted as the authority figure, the boss.

"Even when experienced administrators advance to another position, women with the same track records as men are often expected to 're-evolve,' until the fears and fantasies of working with a female boss are played out. What's important is to understand the dynamics, deal with the substantive issues, and not react to reactions, even when this is easier said than done.

"I've also found that it's important for women to establish parallel networks. We need and want to work with our male counterparts, but we need to seek out female colleagues as well. There's a danger in evaluating our experiences based solely on what successful men do in similar situations. Our experiences vary and therefore the strategies of effective females will be different—not better or worse, just different—from those of men. We need to work with other women to keep this perspective."



Hard at work on the '56 Reunion are Julia Keydel, Diana Cohen Blumenthal, Alyce Degen Scimeca, Nicky Satescu and others behind the scenes.

photo by Janet Bersin Finke '56

adolescence." Harriet is a psychotherapist and psychoanalyst and is the new president of the Postgraduate Society in New York City.

Last March, **Jane (Cynthia J.) Covell Gover** spoke at Lehman College on "Women's Role in Bronx History." Jane is the Education Coordinator of the Bronx County Historical Society, and holds a PhD in American history. Her research interests are in the fields of women's history and American cultural and social history.

Barbara Barlin Schimmel must have strong ESP powers. She couldn't have known that I was writing about her for the last issue, since my source was a news clipping, but very soon after I submitted that copy I received a note from her. She added some notes about her children: daughter Josie is a junior in high school, son Jon is a Princeton sophomore, and Sue is a senior at Yale. Barbara's also hoping to be at the Reunion.

My husband and I bumped into Richard and **Carole Lewis Rifkind** and spent a few pleasant hours together. Carole is a freelance writer on architecture, and volunteers for the Municipal Art Society. The Rifkinds enjoy living in New York and spend some of their free time visiting art galleries and exhibitions.

Family notes: **Ellen Camisa Nelson's** son is at the Cornell School of Business. Donn and **Toni Crowley Coffee** became grandparents this past fall when Peter's wife Carolyn gave birth to Thomas Merritt (in Torrance, CA). **Natalie Twersky Berkowitz's** daughter Susan is in the MBA program at Duke University.

Here are some more "lost" classmates: **Rhoda Brandes, Lelia Wardwell Bullitt, Colette Guerard Butler, Christina Allen Caplow, Judith Johnson Clapp, Diane Engelhardt Cohen, Maxine Feingersch Cohen, Judy Jost Cone, Catherine Nebolsine Coulter, Judith Wilson Cox, Margery Cherner Dignan, Isabelle Emerson, Nelle Evans, Margaret Hickey French, and Hale Gabrielson.** Please forward any news you may have to me or to the Alumnae Office.

See you at Reunion!

57 **Judith Jaffe Baum**
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We interrupt the unceasing flow of news to remind you that our Thirtieth Reunion will take place in 1987! Committees are about to be formed and plans executed but if all the ideas that are floating in your heads are to be harnessed, we need to hear from you. Anyone who would like to put her two cents in or help in any way should get in touch with our Reunion chair, **Dolores Johnson Henderson**, 272 65 Street, Apt. 29C, Brooklyn, NY 11201, or class president **Carol Podell Vinson**, 262 Henry Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. We can even tap your brain long distance if you don't live close enough to attend meetings.

Watch your mail for further information and please keep sending class notes. Deadlines are so far in advance of publication that you may despair of seeing your name in print but faithful readers will be rewarded.

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Elaine Postelneck Yamin
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Your correspondent and her husband, Mike, had dinner in NYC last November with **Lourdes Romanacce Zavitsas** and her husband, Andreas. Lulu is now spending a few months in Australia, where Andreas is doing research in chemistry at the Australian National University in Canberra.

Joan Ferrante, professor of English and comparative literature at CU, has been elected president of the Dante Society of America—the first woman and the first Columbian in that post. The organization was founded in 1881.

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It is discouraging when our postcards, requesting class news, go unanswered. Therefore, it was particularly gratifying to receive this response from **Anne Lake Prescott**. "I'm still teaching in the English department (Barnard, full prof.), although I also teach a couple of courses at Columbia's grad school (a survey of Tudor lit and a seminar on Spenser this year). Meanwhile my son is off to a social work program at Boston College and my daughter is in her senior year at Harvard (classics). My husband writes book reviews for *Newsweek* and is putting together an anthology of American short stories for Norton . . . My own research combines the elegiac and the cheering, for I am working on one project concerning DuBellay, Spenser, Shakespeare and the fall of Rome, and on another concerning Rabelais and jest-books. Meanwhile I very much enjoy my students at Barnard—not as rambunctious as a few years ago but far from being mere Yuppies in the making. They are as intelligent and lively as ever and a pleasure to teach."

A note from **Miriam Alexander Schneirov**, residing in Elkins Park, PA, brings us up to date with her happenings. "I was recently promoted to vice president of Woehr Associates, management and consulting psychologists. My oldest daughter Elizabeth, an '85 cum laude graduate of Wellesley College, is an economic research assistant at the Brookings Institution. Allison is a sophomore at the Univ. of Penn. and Jane is a sophomore in high school. Allan and I recently celebrated our twenty-fifth anniversary."

Our class boasts many published authors. Recent publications include **Firth Haring Fabend's** *Greek Revival* and the paperback edition of **Lynne Sharon Schwartz's** third novel, *Disturbances in the Field*; not quite so recent are **Susan Levitt Stamberg's** *Every Night at Five*; and **Tobi Bernstein Tobias's** *How We Got Our First Cat*.

The highlight for our class at Alumnae Council '85 was the dedication of the Arthur Ross Courtyard. (It's worth a trip to Barnard to see the landscaping.) The guests of honor at the ceremony were Trustee Arthur Ross and members of the class of 1959, contributing supporters through our twenty-fifth reunion gift. **Firth Fabend** spoke on behalf of all of us. We

also had the opportunity to meet Firth's "look-alike" daughter, who is Barnard '89. Attending Alumnae Council for a "mini" reunion were *Janet Feldman Steig, Madeleine Pelter Cosman, Barbara Giller Glazerman, Carol Herman Cohen, Evelyn Goldstein Gelman, Bonnie Goodman Orlin, Mary Goodloe, Audrey Gold Margolies, Louise Heublein McCagg,* and your correspondents. Fortunately for us, Louise was carrying slides of some of her sculptures; magnificent in concept and technique, many of them grace public buildings in Michigan.

Audrey Gold Margolies has her PhD in reading and is teaching on Long Island. Her elder daughter, mother of a four year old son, is completing her residency at Columbia's Physicians and Surgeons after completing her undergraduate studies at Brown and medical school at Yale. Audrey's younger daughter will be graduating from high school in June. Her husband is an attorney.

Gail Newman Gerstman's middle son Benjamin was married in October. Present at the wedding, representing the Brooks-Hewitt dorms, were *Mimi Klein Shapiro, Cherry White Carnell, Suzanne Waller Dudley, Mary Goodloe* and *Marilyn Levin Pet*. At the Bronx High School of Science's 30th reunion were several members of our class, including Judge (Criminal Court) *Myriam Jarblum Altman* and Evelyn Goldstein Gelman. A new one for the *Guinness Book of Records: Ruth Sulzbach Lewittes'* husband Joel and their three sons, Ronnie '83, David '84, and Michael '89 will soon share the same alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania.

A healthy and peaceful New Year to all of us.

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In the News



Elsa Adelman Solender '61 has been awarded the Smolar Award for Excellence in North American Jewish Journalism for 1985, as the result of an article on Ethiopian Jewry which she wrote for the *Baltimore Jewish Times* last year. The award was presented in November by the Council of Jewish Federations.

Elsa began writing for the *Baltimore Jewish Times* in 1975, when her family returned to the U.S. from Switzerland. She had served for three years as Representative to the United Nations in Geneva for the International Council of Jewish Women, and her first article was an account of the UN experience. She continued to write freelance for a time and then became Director of Communications for B'nai Brith International in Washington. When commuting began to take its toll, she returned to Baltimore, freelanced again, and then accepted a position as associate editor of the BJT, a weekly magazine of about 160 pages.

About two years ago, she moved to the position of contributing editor, "mostly so that I could write full time, but also because I wanted

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Linda Lopez McAlister, the first and only dean of the University of South Florida at Fort Myers, left her three-year-old post in September to become special assistant in the state office that oversees Florida's university system. In her new job she is involved in planning and coordinating cooperative programs among the state's nine universities and their array of branch campuses.

Belated credits to *Suzanne Frank Ruta* for my listing of "lost" classmates in the last issue. It was Suzanne's letter inquiring for addresses of two classmates which gave me the idea of the listing. I'm hoping that by the time you read this, you have helped us to locate many long lost friends who would love to join us for Reunion! Suzanne has, in recent years, begun to publish stories and articles in various papers and magazines. She and her husband, a painter, live in Santa Fe and New York. The two older children are high school age, the youngest 11.

Ruth Schwartz Cowan has been named director of the women's studies program at SUNY Stony Brook. In the same area, *Nancy Kipnis Miller*, associate professor of women's studies at Barnard, was a recent winner of a Rockefeller Foundation humanities fellowship. *Judith Gold Stitzel* continues to direct the Center for Women's Studies at West Virginia University. Last June she moderated a panel on developmental stages in the lives of women's studies administrators at the National Women's Studies Assn meeting in Seattle. In July she attended the End of the UN Decade on Women Conference in Nairobi. She writes, "Son David is at Swarthmore. He is a feminist, but can still get annoyed at Mom."

Ann Hutchinson Smith has been elected treasurer of the Schenectady (NY) branch of the AAUW.

to be able to accompany my husband on his travels. We have been to Ethiopia, Egypt, the Soviet Union, Italy, Morocco, England, Czechoslovakia and Israel (as well as around the U.S.) during that period. And I've written about most of those places. The BJT claims most of my time but stories of more than local interest are also published in ten other Jewish publications around the U.S.

"The story that won the Smolar Award was an account of the lives of Ethiopian Jews in five villages in the Gondar province. I had traveled with my husband and several other American and Canadian Jewish representatives to visit as many Ethiopian Jewish settlements as the government would permit, bringing medications and other needed materials, and establishing communications for the people with world Jewry. A particularly moving aspect of our trip was the opportunity to attend the Seggid, a unique Ethiopian-Jewish religious festival which took place on the same day as the American Thanksgiving in 1984."

Another story which grew out of this trip tells of the lives of Ethiopian Jewish women in the land of their birth and in Israel. It is to be published soon by *Lilith* magazine (of which Aviva Cantor '61 is an editor). Coming in the future is a book on Ethiopian Jewry.

Elsa also serves as theater and restaurant critic for the Times Publishing Group, a chain of community weeklies in suburban Baltimore, and teaches classes in writing and on Jane Austen for the continuing education program at Goucher College. Like most Barnard women, she finds time for volunteer work as well, and is vice president of the Barnard College Club of Baltimore. Her two sons are students at Columbia College.

A resident of Rexford, she is also active with Planned Parenthood, as deacon at her church, a vice president of the Women's League, and as recording secretary of the Schenectady Boys' Club Auxiliary.

Environmental attorney *Johnnie Brown Hazard* has been named partner of Bell, Boyd & Lloyd, a Chicago-based law firm with additional offices in Washington, DC and Oak Brook, IL. She joined the firm in 1983 and developed its environmental practice group, which she now heads. She also lectures widely on environmental, health and safety concerns in the law.

Murrie Weinger Burgan has been appointed supervisor of technical publications at the Johns Hopkins U Applied Physics Laboratory.

62 *Barbara Lovenheim*
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We received a very sad note about a classmate from *Ruth Nemzoff*: "I am sorry to report that *Andrea Ostrum* and her long-time companion Stanley Cooper were in a car accident last June. They were on their way to their weekend home when the car went out of control and hit a tree. Stanley was killed instantly, and Andrea lies in a coma at The Riverside Healthcare Center, 745 Main St., East Hartford, CT 06106. Her children — Eva, a senior at Yale, Ethan, a sophomore at Wesleyan, and Judah, finishing at Hunter high school — have shown the kind of loyalty, maturity and unity that we would all wish for in our children. I know the family would appreciate cards or flowers. They can be sent to the Riverside Healthcare Center."

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CLASS OF '63 MINI-REUNION DINNER

In conjunction with the Barnard Reunion
Friday, May 16, starting at 5:30 p.m.

To reserve a place, use the form included in the Reunion brochure which you will be receiving in March. Check the box for "All Other Classes Dinner," and enclose a check for the amount specified for "Friday dinner." Location will be posted at the Reunion Registration Desk. For more information, call Sharon Flescher, 212-628-7360.

There will be no separate mailing for this event.

Gail Hochman Effros writes from southern California that she has opened a law office with two other women. They have a general case practice with an emphasis on family law. She and Dick are busy trying to keep up with the younger set — Bonnie, a student at Brandeis who is spending her junior year at Oxford, Michelle who is in her first year at Stanford, and Jimmy who started high school this year.

Constance F. Row is now the administrator of Calvert Memorial Hospital in Prince Frederick, Maryland. She and her family have moved to Dunkirk, Maryland, just outside of Washington.

Julie Abeles Searls is working as a teacher of gifted and talented children in the elementary schools in Skowhegan, Maine. She has worked before in a basic skills program and as a first grade teacher and has taught computer literacy and photography.

Linda Holzman married James Creason on June 1, 1985 and lives at 1415 Avenida de Cortez, Pacific

Palisades, CA 90272.

Sharon Flescher, our class president, works for WNET/Channel 13 in corporate underwriting/marketing.

Roberta Kinstler Jaeger is a psychoanalyst at Columbia's Psychoanalytic Center for Training and Research, an assistant professor of clinical psychiatry at P&S, and has a private practice as well.

We are sorry to announce the death of our classmate **Laura Rosenthal Eisenstein** on August 14, 1985. Her husband, Dr. Bob Eisenstein, and children reside at 3012 Valley Brooke Drive, Champaign, IL 61821. Her sister is **Marian Rosenthal Goldsmith**.

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Karen Rothstein Brody and her husband, Abraham, announce the birth of their first child, Debra Ann Fay, on May 31, 1985. Karen writes that her "goal for a few years has been to marry and have and raise children. Becoming a mother has been an overwhelming experience—the start of a real full-time career." We all send our very best wishes to the new family, and have already notified the Admissions Office that little Ms. Brody will be applying to Barnard around 2003!

We missed **Henni Josefsberg Goldstein** at our 20th Reunion, but she has recently written to tell us of her latest news. Henni's older daughter has just started studying architecture at Cornell, her son is 17½ and hopes to go to university in England in the autumn, and her younger daughter is 14 and in high school. Henni's husband, Irving, is still a stockbroker and financial advisor. Henni has set up an antique broker and finders service with a partner, and "will find, buy, and deliver any work of art that is required, usually to the American market."

Congratulations are in order to **Jane Roberts Lockshin** who was elected this past spring to the Board of Trustees of The Packer Collegiate Institute. Jane has a graduate degree from Carnegie-Mellon University and is president and founder of Custom Databanks, Inc.

Sharon Klayman Farber was the speaker at a public meeting sponsored by the Irvington, NY Parent-Teacher-Student Association this past May. The program was entitled "Improving Communication With Your Teenager." Sharon is married and has a 10 year old son, David Adam. She received an MSW in 1970 from the Hunter School of Social Work and a certificate in psychoanalytic psychotherapy from the Institute for the Study of Psychotherapy. She is an adult and child psychotherapist, having previously been a psychiatric social worker, and has presented papers at the Society for the Advancement of Psychoanalytic Developmental Psychology and taught a course on "Contemporary Approaches to the Treatment of Narcissism." Those of us with adolescent children wonder if Sharon makes house calls!

Randall Watson Forsberg's talk at the 1983 Alumnae Council, "Women and Military Policy-Making," which was published in the *Barnard Alumnae Magazine* (Winter 1984), has been reprinted in *Five Questions on World Peace*, published by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Swedish Section.

A note from the mysteriously missing page of Ms from our Reunion book:

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Gina, whom some of you may know as Reggie, received her MA in 1966 and her PhD in 1971 from Columbia University. She is an associate professor of history at the University of Kansas. She was married to Bob Morantz from 1965 to 1978, and remarried in June 1984 to George Sanchez. She has two daughters, Alison 14 and Jessica 12, and a new son, Adam Max. Her book, *In Her Own Words, Oral Histories of Women Physicians*, was published by Greenwood in 1982, and she has another, *Sympathy and Science, Women Physicians in the American Medical Profession, 1840-1980*, which was published by Oxford University Press. She is active on the board of education of the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy, and in the New Jewish Agenda.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of **Barbara Eisenstein Cohen, Carol Symonds, Joan Sturgis, or Susan Nyman**? Please keep your notes coming—let's all keep in touch!

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By the time you receive this, dear classmate, preparations for your Twentieth Reunion will be moving ahead apace, and I hope you will already have sent in your questionnaire and the personal data sheet to be used in compiling a Class Booklet.

I distinctly remember (and I wonder how many of you have similar memories) swearing on graduation day to rejoin my freshman roomies, **Liz (Anne Elizabeth) Davidson Kidder** and **Celia Shinobu Genishi**, at our tenth reunion. We didn't pull that off, but we're making up for it at our twentieth and I can hardly wait. I've seen them separately, the one in Massachusetts and the other in Texas, a few times, too few times. The real treat will be seeing them *together* again, to relive for a moment that fun triplet, each of us so different and from such different backgrounds, all of us "clicking," getting energized by friendship, and somehow managing to find as much laughter as work through four tough years of Barnard. (Kudos, too, to the 2nd and 3rd sets of parents who welcomed us home to trees, sunshine, huge meals and cozy bedrooms on the weekends away that kept us sane.)

And I'm greedy. I want everyone to come—Connie and Betty and Marsha and Kate and Cheryl and Ruth and Merry and Jane and Mary Pat and Helen and Enid the Grape (the latter are '68 but I want them there) and so many, many others.

I actually did go to tenth reunion, and the delight there, in addition to an excellent program on the arts, was discovering that, instead of being disappointed that Ceil and Liz couldn't be there, I was swept into rediscovering all those other friends, the ones remembered and thought of ("I wonder what ever became of Ellen...") through the years who were suddenly right there to talk to and catch up with. At that time I was a Mom in the 'burbs, enjoying it but in dire need of Real Conversation, and I found many like me, conversed 'til I was blue in the face, and went home invigorated and refreshed.

Elena Zegarelli-Schmidt of Briarcliff Manor, NY who, as Chair for our Reunion, is doing the lion's share of the preparations, still found a moment to bring us up to date on her life and career: "Last May I received a master of public health in health administration from the Columbia School of Public Health. I am employed by Revlon Health Care Group in the Research and Development Division, Biomedical Communications Department, as a medical writer. This is the same Revlon that makes cosmetics, but the company also owns eight pharmaceutical companies. Our department is involved in the preparation of NDA's, or new drug applications, for the FDA's approval for marketing. I have also retained my faculty appointment at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons as an instructor in pathology.

"My husband David is an associate professor of dentistry and pathology at Columbia and is the director of the Oral Diagnostic Biopsy Service there as well as having a private practice in oral medicine.

My three children are now all attending school—David is 10 years old, Gayle is 9, and my baby Dana, 5, began kindergarten this last fall."

Elena seconds the urgings to send her the Reunion information and to reserve the weekend of May 16-17 for fun, friendship and intellectual stimulation.

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Our classmate, **Marcella Wanta Vogt**, died on August 11, 1985. Our deepest sympathies and condolences go to her family and friends.

Ilene Rubin Fish received a master's in business administration from NYU this past spring. A resident of Tenafly, NJ, she is also the mother of three and wife of Dr. Irving Fish.

An article by **Judith Herzfeld** on "Changing Male Expectations" regarding women in medicine appeared in the Summer '85 Harvard Medical School *Alumni Bulletin*. Judith recently left the Harvard Medical School faculty to become associate professor of biophysical chemistry at Brandeis (her office phone is 617-647-3527), and she wrote that she is doing "a great deal of theoretical research (primarily statistical mechanics) but am also increasingly involved in experiments. My interests center on self-assembly of molecules into supramolecular structures, transport of small molecules across cell membranes, and cooperativity among different protein functions." Her daughter Sarah is seven and Rachel is three. "My husband Bob Griffin continues as the head of a large research group in solid state NMR at MIT." Look for Judith's book, *Sense and Sensibility in Childbirth: A Guide to Supportive Obstetrical Care*.

In addition to teaching piano part-time at the U of Las Vegas, **Esther Hoffman Weinstein** serves as music critic for the *Las Vegas Sun* and for KNPR-FM, public radio for southern Nevada. Esther says, "I smile every time I consider that attending concerts, a life-long obsession, has become a line of work. For the second year, I'm producing a series of music appreciation programs on KNPR, funded by a grant from the Nevada Humanities Committee. Much to my own surprise, I've become an addicted jogger—I was probably one of the most unfit slobs of the 60s. And last year I took up downhill skiing, an even bigger laugh."

We received a funny press release from United Arts, a "public relations and marketing consultancy dedicated to promoting the arts and culture." Founded four years ago by **Linda Chiavaroli**, the firm recently became a partnership with the addition of her husband, David L. Rosenbloom, who had been in the computer business.

I hope you all had wonderful holidays. We took our three daughters to London for Christmas, a first for our family. Please remember to write! This column is your forum.

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I was delighted to hear from fellow biology major **Gwendolyn Lee-Dukes, MD** who apparently was moved to write after reading a recent *Alumnae Magazine* issue. Both Abby and I would be thrilled if more of you would be so inspired!

Gwen writes that she decided to make a mid-life career change, from medical director of a psychiatric hospital to active clinical work. She and her family therefore moved from Kansas to Houston where she is assistant professor of child psychiatry at the U of Texas at Houston. She is enjoying the rigors of academia and the possibilities for research. Her husband, McKinley, has moved his entertainment business (I.C.E., Innovative Creations Esquire) to

In the News



Susan Scrimshaw '67, associate professor at the UCLA School of Public Health, has received the 1985 Margaret Mead Award in recognition of her work in anthropology. The award is sponsored jointly by the Society for Applied Anthropology and the American Anthropological Association and is presented each year to a young scholar for work "which interprets anthropological data and principles in ways that make them meaningful to a broadly concerned public." It recognizes a person's skills in broadening the impact of science, a quality for which Margaret Mead '23 was widely admired.

"Margaret Mead taught me the importance of being willing to speak out and to try to translate anthropological insights for the public," Dr. Scrimshaw said. "She had a wonderful ability to relate to people. I've never stopped being her student."

Susan Scrimshaw has taught at the UCLA School of Public Health in the Division of Population, Family and International Health since 1975. She is also associate professor of anthropology and associate director of the UCLA Latin America Center. Her work focuses on cultural factors in health care delivery, including such areas as medical anthropology, human reproduction, demography, applied anthropology and cultural change.

A sampling of her most recent cross-cultural field research includes a survey of stress and other psychosocial factors in complications of pregnancy in high- and low-risk women; a survey of Latino, Anglo and black patients and families with epileptic and asthmatic children; and a study of the cultural and medical contexts of birth in Latino women. Over the years, she has worked in Guatemala, Colombia, Ecuador, Barbados and Bolivia on cultural aspects of contraception and reproduction.

"Anthropology is an essential component of public health because much of public health deals with preventive efforts and not curative efforts," she says. "People's acceptance of public health measures depends on what they believe about health and illness."

Dr. Scrimshaw is president-elect of the Society for Medical Anthropology and has authored and co-authored more than 40 journal articles, book chapters and reports. She received a doctorate in anthropology from Columbia.

Houston. Their only child is now 15 and Gwen reports that there's nothing as challenging or humbling for a child psychiatrist as dealing with one's own child. As the mother of a 15 year old I can well agree! Gwen would be delighted to hear from classmates.

Several other tidbits: **Dr. Ellen Pressman** is principal of a school in Tenafly, NJ and is thrilled to have Barnard alumnae among the school's parent body. **Grace Druan Rosman** was elected to the Library Board of Easton, CT. She hopes to improve the library's resources for high school age students.

In my own sphere I'm in the "home stretch" of the PhD program in experimental pathology at U of Colorado Health Sciences Center, and hope to receive my degree in August. I am finishing my research, beginning to write my thesis, and preparing several manuscripts for publication. I had an abstract accepted for poster presentation at a UCLA symposium on cellular and molecular biology of tumors and potential clinical applications. I am looking into post-doctoral fellowship options but am being selective as I balance career decisions with the dynamics of my wonderful family. We five took an unusually long vacation together last summer—a week in London and Paris, and then two weeks in Israel where we celebrated our son Michael's bar mitzvah in Jerusalem. It was a beautiful, memorable occasion for all of us. Several American relatives (including all the grandparents) joined us there as did many of my Israeli cousins. While in Israel I paid a quick visit to **Sheila Belman Wilensky**. She and physician husband David (Columbia '68) and their five children live in the newly renovated Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem. The area is a fascinating blend of ancient and modern and they were only too anxious to show it off. Sheila and I reminisced about our days as biology majors so many years ago and marveled at the diverse paths our lives have taken since. It was truly a pleasure to see her again. **Julianne Bohm Schorr** was also in Israel at that time and we enjoyed a phone chat. She and her husband and children live in Silver Spring, MD. —BPZ

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Phyllis Kay Dryden is senior vice president and general counsel of Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., a national discount brokerage firm. When we last heard from her, she was Paris-bound, for a vacation. **Jura Litchfield (Jurate Veblaitis)** has been appointed as first full-time director of development of St. Bernard's Institute in Fairport, NY. Jura has a master's in music from Columbia, and has taught music in the Greece, NY schools for 15 years. She and her husband Duane have two daughters. Duane is headmaster of the Allendale-Columbia School, upper division.

Orah Saltzman Platt, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, is the author of a delightful essay, "A Day in the Life," in the Harvard Medical School Alumni Bulletin, Summer 1985. Orah's research is in red blood cell membrane potentials. The recipient of a Harvard Medical School Prize for Excellence in Teaching in 1984, she is the mother of six year old Alex.

Pamela Munro wrote a long, newsy letter from L.A. where she lives and works with her husband Jack Favere. Pam and Jack have been producing an industrial film for the Plumbers Union. Their video "Deadline" debuted at the Summer Sci-Fi festival at EZTV Video Galley in L.A. Pamela is the Barnard Area Rep. for Southern California. In her spare (!) time, she and Jack sing in the St. Ambrose Madrigal, and have an Irish folk song act, complete with Irish drum and autoharp, which they "trot out in Orange County on St. Patrick's Day." Pam is looking for news of **Pat Touzeau**.

A correction: my husband Tom Viti and I have a

son, not a daughter; someone at the Alumnae Magazine misread my note! William will be a year old in April.

Judy Gould called to say she enjoyed the Fall Alumnae Council immensely. Also present from our class were **Linda Krakower Greene**, **Jackie Fleming**, **Pam Durborow Gallagher**, **Flora Sellers Davidson**, and **Pamela Munro-Favere**.

Susan Gould is spending this academic year at Temple University in Philadelphia as a lecturer in the College of Music, teaching German and Italian diction for singers. After her stint at Temple, she plans to return to her home in Florence, Italy.

Now that winter's grey days are upon us, I remind all of you to catch up on your correspondence. Drop me a postcard and I'll report your news.

—LS

Postscript from **Carol Stevenson Harlow**: "If any of you have written to me and have gotten no response, I apologize. Since early summer I have been in New Hampshire on family business, and my mail forwarding hasn't been particularly efficient. I expect to be back in Denver by December to resume life in the Rockies.

"I have heard from **Dr. Christina Surawicz**, a resident of Seattle. Chris and her husband Dr. Jim Bushyhead became parents of their third child, Daniel Walker Bushyhead, born October 3."

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Jorene Frenkl Robbie writes that she would like to hear from anyone who has information about private adoptions. Write to her in care of the Alumnae Office at Barnard and they will forward your letters.

Nina Maria Serafino received a master's in international affairs from Columbia in 1976, lived for several years in Chile and Argentina, and has now settled in Washington, DC. She has been working as an analyst in Latin American affairs for the Congressional Research Service (a nonpartisan research arm of Congress) since 1981.

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Harriet Levine Copel writes that **Carol Huff** became a judge in the Housing Court of the City of New York this past March. Also, **Nancy Platt Jones** is a vice president at Johnson & Higgins, an employee benefits consulting firm in Minneapolis. Last but not least, Harriet, married and mother of two (Adam 6½ and Emily 5), is a learning disabilities specialist working with handicapped children using microcomputers. In June, she received her certification to become a school district administrator.

Sarah Button married Peter Joseph White, Jr. in June. She received her degree from CU Graduate School of Journalism and is a reporter for *Money Magazine* in New York. Her husband, a lawyer and investment manager, graduated from CU, Albany Law School, and Union Univ.

Laura Jean Siegel Nagler and Dr. Jerry Nagler (CC '69) are proud to announce the birth of their son, Eli Andrew on August 13th in New York City.

Dr. Barbara E. Klein married Michael Schneider and lives in New Haven. She is practicing radiology at the Community Health Care Plan, Inc. (an HMO).

Ellen Geiger has been appointed manager of program development at KCET/Los Angeles, a public television station for Southern California. She was formerly West Coast Director for Affinity Enterprises, an international sales and producers' representative company for independently produced films. Her own consulting firm, Ellen Geiger Associates, specialized in developing, distributing and marketing for independent producers. She was co-director of the Mill Valley Film Festival and a programmer for last year's Women in Film Festival in San Francisco. Ellen is also past president of the San Francisco Film Arts

Foundation. (By the way, she received her MA in anthropology from the Univ. of California, Santa Barbara.)

Congratulations to all! A reminder that our 15th Reunion is in May. We are still open to suggestions and nominations and re-nominations for class officers. Hope you had a wonderful holiday season and best wishes for a happy, healthy, wealthy New Year. —JHS

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First off, I apologize for missing my column in the Summer issue. Though Marcia and I have batted close to 1000 in the 8½ years we've been reporting the class news, occasionally we're either too busy/overwhelmed/uninspired or have little to report. At any rate, at least the empty column generated some news.

Toby Fixel Grisanzio wrote from Lakeville, MA, catching us up on her whereabouts since graduation. She was very involved in opera, performed in an off-off Broadway production of "Patience," did opera scenes in the shell at Lincoln Center, and participated in various workshop productions. But she's "shelved her opera studies since starting a family." She and husband Joseph, a cardiologist, have two children: daughter Daria, 2, and son Francis, born September 18.

For the past year and a half **Helen Sax Potaznik** has been living in Jerusalem. She too reports that she's put her business career on hold to take on the mothering of her two year old son Yehuda and her daughter Reena, born last year. Her husband Daniel is a pediatric oncologist at a hospital near Tel Aviv.

We heard from **Ellen Wahl Sullivan**, who still lives on Morningside Heights and who wrote that she's "still married to the same man — going on 13 years" and has one child. As she described in an article in the Fall issue of this magazine, she's running a program for the national Girls' Clubs of America, aimed at encouraging girls' interest and participation in math, science, and technology.

Sherry Wolf, who also lives on Morningside Heights, wrote to catch up. As Sherry puts it, "We still live near Columbia, still swim at Barnard, and still ride the IRT from 110th Street." After a few years working in broadcasting, Sherry went to the Business School at Columbia. She spent a few years in NYC government in management and budget, then a few more doing similar work at NBC. Recently she became a financial analyst. About four years ago she married Nick Moy (CC '71) whom she describes as her "very first acquaintance" when she transferred to Barnard from Douglass as a sophomore. Their daughter Carla is about two, and Sherry very openly wrote about contracting a chronic illness very similar to lupus while pregnant. She asks that other women who have had similar medical experiences get in touch.

And on the subject of medical news, for the fifth time since we graduated, I'm entering the hospital for hip surgery. By the time this column sees the light of print, I should be the proud recipient of the latest in bionic hip technology. Though I'm determined not to let the surgery affect my teaching and writing schedule, I have vetoed my students' suggestion to hook up video receivers between my hospital room and their classrooms. For its part, the hospital has put the kibosh on my bringing my new computer with me. (I think the staff remembers the time I kept my typewriter on the eating tray.) I'm not sure any class correspondent has ever gone to such extremes to inspire guilt when asking for news. . . I'd love to hear from you, and the mail will help my convalescence.

Wishing you all the best of everything for 1986!
—RBS

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I have very little news to report. As I previously mentioned, I would be happy to print anything you wish to share. It does not have to be information about your life. Let us know how you feel about the state of the world, the area of the country in which you live, the state of the arts, etc.

Pearl Beck and **Susan Ladner** are working on a special project for the City of New York which is attempting to address the problems of the homeless. Susan received an MPH from Yale and a law degree from U Conn.

Mary Johnson also graduated from law school at U Conn. She is working for a federal agency in Washington, DC.

Sarah Garcia-Mata recently attended the Barnard Alumnae Council where her mother, **Lucy Appleton Garcia-Mata '36**, received an Alumnae Recognition Award for her work on Barnard's behalf.

The Alumnae Office reports that it has no current address for the following classmates. If you are in touch with any of these people, please let me (or the Alumnae Office) know where they can be reached:

Jennifer Adler, Kathleen Andersen, Catherine Chan Aw, Rochelle Barrios Banta, Diane Bittern, Deborah Cardozo Blum, Anna Marie Bono, Bette Braun, Pamela Brighton, Sylvia Brown, Sonia Bu, Debra Burns, Mary Callahan, Susan Chadwick, Nancy Chu, Vicki Tencati Correale, Cathy Deitch, Stephanie Eller, Rose Eng, Guita Epstein, Susan Boehm Eyzaguirre, Anne Russell Geiger, Deborah Merkin Gerber, Anne Gilmer, Yolanda Irizarry Giraldo, Janet Gold, Janet Halpin, Lynn Roberts Harvey, Rita Heller, Sara Casey Ifft, Aurora Jose, Marsha Kaufman, Claudia Kawata, April Kihlstrom, Carol Loebel Kinzler, Ruth Weinberger Krieger, Sharon Labrot, Denise Lampert, Geraldine Kapp Larkin, Rena Lederman, Shellie Levine, Norma Livingston, Janet Mazer, Lynne McCusker, Maureen McGuirl, Barbara Mehren, Susan Melnick, Dinah Merkin, Norma Fleury Mills, Elizabeth Nicholas, Ellen Pan, Esther Strauss Perl, Theresa Quinones, Patricia Richards, Elaine Rundin, Linda Salzman, Francesca Canade Sautman, Seddon Savage, Hermine Schwartz, Lydia Silva, Esther Shulman, Melissa Smith, Suanne Steinman, Judy Davielle Stewart, Amy Swick, Ellen Tholfsen, Barbara Thomsen, Vanessa Villafane-Gregory, Judith Goldstein Weiner, Cathy Welsh, Robbyn Yoffee, Marilyn Zapinsky, Alexi Zweig and Katherine Zwerin.

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Your correspondent is alive and well, and living in suburban New Jersey. I have been married for 12 years to Erwin (C'74), a cardiologist. We have three children, Becky 6, Jake 5 and Joseph 1. I work part time as a clinical psychologist, and seem to spend most of the rest of my time as a chauffeur. Erwin and I are still involved with our hobby of making Hebrew Illuminated Marriage Contracts.

Last summer we attended Erwin's cousin **Lynn Neumann's** wedding to Tom Slomovitz. It was a truly elegant and splendid affair. Lynn and Tom are living in Pittsburgh where Tom is a neuro-ophthalmologist. Also at the wedding were **Ruth Kappel Sternlicht, Beverly Gribetz '72** and **Diane Ajl**.

Another classmate to be married last summer was **Karen Jackson**, to Glenn Vaughn. Congratulations also go to **Robin Matlin** and her husband Richard Driansky on the birth of their second daughter, Alexa Susan, on August 2.

Rachel Hendrickson is still in Baltimore and working as associate director of admissions at Johns Hopkins. Rachel would like to hear from **Sarah Michaels '75** and **Marilyn Chin**.

Felice Lesser has started teaching a special "Ballet for Adults" program in Manhattan and is willing to set up a class for Barnard alumnae or for an event if there is interest.

Monica Edinger is a computer specialist at the Dalton School. **Carol Goldberg** writes from Seattle



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where she is living with husband Lindsay Copel and daughter Sara, age 1½, "Barnard Class of 2004!" **Susan Bass Bolch** graduated from Georgetown U Law in 1977 and lives in Atlanta where she is general counsel to Racetrac Petroleum, Inc., wife to Carl, and mother of Natalie 2½ and Melanie 1.

Amy Daiuta is a founding member of the New York Swing Dance Society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to reviving and preserving swing dancing. Amy invites interested persons to contact her. **Jane Hsiung** received her PhD from MIT in 1983 and now resides in Brookline, MA with her family which includes a year-old daughter.

Karen M. Galatz was appointed one of fourteen White House Fellows for 1985-86. She was previously an executive aide/news secretary to the Governor of Nevada. A Soviet Studies major, Karen received an MA in Russian Area Studies from Georgetown and also studied in Leningrad and Moscow. She worked as a newspaper and television reporter when she covered federal courts, organized crime, gambling, labor, and the Nevada Test Site. Karen is also very active in fundraising for PBS.

Ricki Mermelstein is still keeping up the frantic pace she did in college. She has three small children, works part time as a clinical psychologist for a clinic in Chicago, has a rapidly expanding private practice, and is contemplating resuming her research.

Ricki reports that **Naomi Stamler Hanochi** has two adorable boys. Naomi is a social worker living in Israel. She was in the US last summer to run a training program for learning disabled youths at Camp Ramah. Ricki also reports that **Lisa Waxman** "looks terrific" and is a physician practicing in Milwaukee.

Abigail Dworetzky is the mother of three daughters. She is finding life as an active rebbetzin in Great Neck, Long Island to be rewarding and fulfilling.

As far as I know the most prolific member of the class is **Diane Cooperman Wander**—she and her husband Stephen have 4 children. Of course they got the jump on all the rest of us by starting with a set of triplets. Please let me know if there is anyone else in the 4+ category.

Hope to hear from all of you soon.

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From Israel comes a lovely letter from **Sarah Schachter**; she was inspired to write after reading this column—may it happen to more of you. Her first book, a text entitled *All About Israel*, was published in the spring by Ktav.

Since Sarah, by her own admission, has not written since graduation, let me bring everyone up to date. She received an MA in English Lit from CUNY and taught writing at Hunter, at New York area high schools, and at the Usdan Center, a summer program for gifted children, before "switching hemispheres." She is now the Israel correspondent for *The AMIT Woman*, the magazine of an American women's charitable organization that funds programs for disadvantaged youth in Israel. Sarah also freelances for the *Jerusalem Post* and other publications, and now she has a book. She nevertheless claims to have sufficient free time to act in an amateur theater group—and she is writing a play.

Jane McCormick Pette is heading even further east, to Japan to work on a dissertation on early twentieth century Japanese literature. Jane has been working full time for the last 2½ years, which has left little time to pursue her academic work. She has been rescued from this situation by a Fulbright grant that will send her off to polish her Japanese with her son John in tow. Her husband, John, Sr., will visit them as often as his work in New York allows. Jane has her MA from Harvard, and is a PhD candidate at Columbia.

Wendy Chambers was featured on *New Music +*, a New York TV series featuring the work of contemporary composers, in October.

Hannah Kliger is assistant professor of Judaic Studies at the University of Mass.

Sarah Rossbach recently married Douglas Flem-

ing, a New York investment banker. Sarah, who has her master's from the Journalism School, is a writer with magazine articles and a book, *Feng Shui: The Chinese Art of Placement*, to her credit.

Dana Kotcher wrote to announce her engagement to Lawrence Choy, MD, a 1975 Williams College graduate who practices internal medicine and nephrology in Queens. A February wedding is planned.

In the News



Elizabeth Bound Davis, Ph.D., '75 has been named Director of Educational Resources at Moss Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia. Her responsibilities cover development and coordination of all professional, patient, family, and community education activities for the hospital, including programs which are marketed internally as well as externally.

Dr. Davis began her career at Duke University, where her husband was attending graduate school. Although it was 1975, and she was seeking a research assistantship, the University Personnel Office, she recalls, was outraged by her refusal to take a typing test, and the first interview arranged for her was for a secretarial position. When she realized this and got up to leave, the physician in charge asked "where I went to school, my major, etc. On the spot, he offered me a position as Coordinator of Research for the Cardiovascular Department.

"Faced with an almost immediate decision, I agreed, and my career in health care was launched. We moved to Philadelphia the following year, and my interests moved from academic research to management and policy." The next step was to enroll in the Wharton School's program in Social Systems Sciences, "to gain the tools and techniques needed to examine the health care system and to boost my credibility in the field."

While working on her dissertation (on career development of hospital administrators), Dr. Davis was offered the opportunity to design continuing management education programs for nurse executives and hospital administrators at the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics at Penn. "Knowing a minimal amount about health care management education," she told us, "I thought this would be a great opportunity to translate academic theory into action . . .

"Five years of work at LDI, one dissertation, and one baby later, my interest and work in the health care field continue to sustain me, and my new position at Moss offers a new challenge. I have learned much these past ten years in the marketplace, and feel fortunate that Barnard provided me with the skills needed to form a strong foundation on which to build my career."

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After a real dry spell during the summer, I was pleased and relieved (not wanting to let you down again) to receive several letters in September after the Summer issue came out. Thanks to those who responded. . . .

The central theme of this season's mail is work versus children. **Nina Williams Keenan** writes: "After graduation, I married Tom Keenan (CC '76) and began a freelance editorial business in the city. After seven years, a baby, and a half-restored Brooklyn townhouse, we moved to Newton, Mass., where Tom produces stories for NBC News. I am consumed with managing the family investments, namely: Elizabeth 7, Madeline 2, Thomas 3 months, and a Victorian house, 115. I'm also a LaLeche League leader and an occasional graduate student.

"Did anybody else find working motherhood unsatisfying? Is anybody else surprised to find Cheever's suburbia thriving? Does anybody else read anything but computer manuals, real estate listings, and tax law?"

Perhaps because I am about to be married and am visiting my closest friends on the maternity ward, I find these questions gripping.

One response arrived in my mailbox from **Carolyn Aufses Blashek**, in the form of a feature article from the *Los Angeles Times* (9/26/85) titled "Women Trade Careers for Full-Time Motherhood: 'Having it All' Isn't All." The article, which includes sketches of several women who gave up interesting work in favor of careers as mothers, informs us that Carolyn, after finishing Columbia Law School, worked at a law firm and for a corporation, and taught at a law school. After the birth of her daughter, Jenna, she found her previous career less interesting than the prospect of raising her daughter. From the photo of Carolyn and Jenna that accompanies the article, it appears that she made some happy choices.

Carolyn notes that **Darlene Jody** is married to Dr. Michael Lampert, is chief resident in psychiatry at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City, and will have become a mother by the time this is published. Also, **Martha Bakos Dietz** had a boy, Christopher, in October 1984 and started teaching at Brooklyn Law School in the fall of 1985.

A different answer to Nina's questions came in a letter from **Ruth Tepler**, who reports that she is "balancing (key word) career, marriage, and motherhood" without neglecting herself—"I still read voraciously, take karate classes, have taken ballet . . . and practice piano." She asserts (cold comfort to one who has read only half of one novel since she got back from Greece in July) that she does not do all of these things at once, and is not competing for the Superwoman award. Ruth's career began with the volunteer directorship of the rape crisis center at Columbia Presbyterian, moved from there into nonprofit management, and then a shift into the profit sector. She got an MBA at NYU, and now works in corporate marketing at CIGNA Corporation, a financial services company. She reports that "the work I do is diverse and challenging—both important to me, especially since I have chosen to combine career with motherhood." As to motherhood, she has a 14 month old daughter (as of September) Dannielle Eve, who, having recovered from premiehood, is now "adorable, sweet, affectionate, and is wreaking havoc in our apartment. . . . neither one of us can remember or imagine life before Dannielle or without her." Ruth would love to hear from other Barnard alumnae in Philadelphia—and from **Chris Li**, wherever she is. Ruth notes that **Suzanne Masson** is a night student in the MBA program at NYU, is working in financial services, and is married to Tom O'Keefe.

Laurie Levinberg reported that she is in-house counsel for a major real estate firm in Manhattan, is married to Dr. Jeffrey Moses, associate director of the cardiac catheterization lab at New York Hospital, and was expecting a child around Christmastime. She will definitely be at the Reunion and hopes that her friends will be also. Laurie informs us that "Alice

Rafner was recently married to a musician and is alive and well and living in New Jersey."

Another family/work note came from **Beth Steinberg**: "Our second son Jesse David was born in May 1984. His brother Avi is 4½. Since 1980, I have reviewed the major construction plans of Mount Sinai, Memorial Sloan-Kettering, and Columbia Presbyterian in my capacity as a consumer representative of the NYC Health Systems Agency (a federally funded health planning agency). I am scouting around for part-time work in the health field. While not optimistic about my chances, I am persevering."

Elizabeth Neiditz Benedict's Slow Dancing received a nomination for a 1985 American Book Award in the category of First Work.

Terry Gotthelf, DDS writes that she has relocated her general dental practice to 19 West 34th Street in Manhattan. **Laraine Field** graduated from Albert Einstein College of Medicine and is a resident in internal medicine at University Hospital in Stony Brook and at the VA Hospital in Northport, NY.

Two brief notes (since random musings have been temporarily displaced by a large volume of gossip): (1) if anyone is interested in taking over this fascinating job and would like to talk to me about it, I would be happy to oblige. I am on one hand very attached to it, and on the other looking forward to passing it on. (2) I am really looking forward to the Reunion!

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Linda Fader sent a short note on her activities: "I'm working for the Sanford-Beckett Agency in Los Angeles—we represent screenwriters. I hope to combine my English degree with my MBA! By the way, I've made wonderful friends in the L.A. Barnard Club."

What have the rest of you been up to? Please write or call, and share your news.

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The winter of '86 is a good time to curl up in front of the fire with your copy of the *Barnard Alumnae Magazine*. You can use it to cushion your head while you nap. But first, this:

I attended the wedding of my old friend Matt Nemerson (C'78), who took a long walk down the aisle—all the way to Syracuse—with **Marian Chertow**. Matt's a vp at Science Park Development in New Haven; Marian's in city management in Windsor, Conn. Although Syracuse, Marian's hometown, is lovely this time of year, the couple will fulfill their heart's desire in Hartford (I believe).

Other Columbiana who made the trek to Syracuse included **Becky Wladis** and **Debby Waldman '77**; and from across the street, Alan Rothman, Merrill Weber, Jeff Klein, Rick Cohn, Roger Greenbaum, and, of course, Matt's brother David.

Plan A, for **Lucia Vail**, was film editing, which she did for four years. Plan B was getting an MA from NYU in psychology. Plan C is film editing: "I missed the industry too much to stay away." But the important thing, she says, is Plan J: that's little Jesse. "I have finally found a career I will never leave—motherhood," says Lucia, lately divorced. "Being a single mother isn't nearly as bad as I feared it would be. . . Jesse is a real treat to be around. He is lively and bright, and very tender and affectionate. Already he talks a lot, and is close to walking as a means of transportation instead of entertainment. I had always wanted a job that was demanding and which gave me lots of challenge and responsibility. This is it."

Emily Gaylord, our erstwhile Undergrad president, "has not fallen into the ocean," she assures me. "I am still very gainfully employed as a construction superintendent, working for a moderate-sized interim general contractor, The Civale Corp. I built five of the retail stores at the 'new' Herald Center last

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winter. Right now, I'm building an entire floor of offices for Drexel Burnham Lambert." Emi doesn't whitewash the issue when she describes her house in Whitestone, Queens: "It is my paradise. You should see the sunsets over the Whitestone Bridge from my kitchen."

An old note from the dusty alumnae files reveals that **Merri Rosenberg** was still writing and editing and taking care of her son, Jacob Harris Hupart. I spotted a story of hers recently in *Seventeen* magazine, but Merri—send us an update.

Reavis Ward is a ward of Cape Verde, "a small island of an archipelago off the coast of Senegal," where she works for the UN. "Living and working in Africa is a real challenge, but is very exciting."

Wendy Levoy Bazari received her PhD in molecular biology from Einstein College of Medicine in 1982. "Since then, I have been a post-doctoral research fellow in the department of cellular and developmental biology at Harvard. I have a daughter, Anissa, born Aug. 18, 1984. My husband, Hasan Bazari (C'76), is a senior resident at Massachusetts General Hospital."

Monica Green is in a two-year post-doctoral fellowship program at University of North Carolina, and the first thing she did to celebrate was apply to the Alumnae Magazine for a change of address label. Monica's not green when it comes to putting her priorities in order. Now that she's finished her PhD in history of science at Princeton, she'll have more time to pore over those fabulous back issues.

If you'd like embarrassing personal facts about you to appear in this space, it's gonna cost you. Many of the notes I get are from the flaps of the envelopes in which you send tax-deductible money to Barnard. So, either send in more money, or spring for the postage to drop me a line.

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Three of our classmates spoke on fall panels sponsored by the Office of Career Services. **Judith Friedman**, managing director of the James C. Penney Foundation, talked about fundraising and foundation work. The panel on fashion included two '79ers—**Chrysanthe Georges**, who works in new product marketing at Avon, and **Rise Gerber**, who is in the advertising/sales dept. at *Women's Wear Daily*.

Rosa Crum graduated from Harvard Medical School last spring. She was headed for an internship in psychiatry at Mass. General Hospital.

"I haven't been able to sleep lately." So began an op-ed piece by **Dana Wissner-Levy** which appeared

in the *NY Times* last fall. She wrote about being one of the victims of a purge at the company where she'd been working. The article's title was "Clean Out Your Desk—and Don't Expect Thanks."

Elsewhere in the *Times*, we learned of the marriage of **Therese Rosenblatt** and Marshall Sonenshine. Therese is a first-year student in the doctoral program in developmental psych at Yeshiva; her husband is a clerk to Judge Lawrence Pierce.

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Kiki Montamat informs us that she and her husband, Jeff Jannuzzo, are living in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and that they'll be there for the next three years. Kiki has been working on a book, a "suitably high-brow thriller," and plans to finish it in her new home abroad.

Raquel Kligman became Ricky Schechtel on October 27. ("Can you imagine anything more ridiculous than Raquel Schechtel?") Ricky writes that she and her husband, A.J., have moved to Princeton, NJ, where Ricky is doing freelance public relations work.

Ricky learns from **Debbie Lerner Gross**, who graduated from the George Washington University Law School in May 1984, that she is clerking for a judge in DC. She also heard from **Vicki Jetter** who is doing her residency in pediatrics at Einstein, and that **Tammy Rosen Gerosh** is practicing law in Detroit.

Rumu Sarkar is an attorney downtown at Lord, Day & Lord, where she is a member of their antitrust department. Before joining the firm, Rumu earned her JD at Antioch School of Law and her LLM at Newnham College, Cambridge University. Rumu writes, "Newnham is also a women's college," and that "it reminded me of Barnard tremendously."

Barbara Elliott Snedecor has moved to Utah, where she is both a mother and a member of the faculty at Brigham Young University. Barbara teaches English part time while she and her husband raise their two sons, ages four and one. Barbara's husband is getting his master's in management engineering at BYU.

The fall Career Services panel on fundraising and foundation work had as one of its distinguished members our class's own **Suzanne Nakasian**. Suzanne is a special liaison for the ethnic communities with the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation.

When she wrote to us last May, **Deana Greengus** had graduated from Tulane Law School in New Orleans and was practicing law in Chicago.

A letter from **Busisiwe Dube** gave us her new ad-

dress in Harare, capital city of Zimbabwe, and brought us up-to-date on her life and work. She writes: "I am employed as a public relations executive at Media Associates. I graduated with a master of science in agricultural economics from Ohio State University in September 1983—which does nothing to explain my current employment in the PR field! I was employed for some time as an economist in Zimbabwe's Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, but left in pursuit of more rewarding economic returns. I was married to Arnold Sibanda, a senior research officer in the Ministry of Labor, in April. He has a master of arts in sociology from the London School of Economics and is pursuing a doctorate. Although I am enjoying the diverse responsibilities associated with my work, which also gives me the opportunity to travel outside the country, I should like to get back into the field of economics some day soon."

81 *Chendy Kornreich*
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The letters have been coming in from 'round the globe. I'm wondering if any '81ers are still in the Big Apple.

Leanne Rubenstein writes that she's made aliyah and is a resident of B'nai Brak, Israel, with her husband, attorney Moshe Shilo. Leanne is putting in time on her stone sculpting and would love to hear from her old Barnard pals. (I've got her address, which I will exchange with any of you for news for the Spring column... I drive a tough bargain.)

Karen Bowyer-Bower, our British classmate, writes that she was number one in her second year class in law school. (Congratulations! We're very proud of you.) This earned her a place at the College of Law, Lancaster Gate, London, for her final year. Karen is specializing in the law of child abuse and care from the state's point of view. She writes that only 10% of the attorneys in England are women and that she's got quite a fight on her hands against sex discrimination. Her years at Barnard have supplied her with sufficient ammunition, no doubt!

Sharon Katz Pearlman may not be living abroad but she's certainly speaking a foreign language... "legalese" at Mintz, Fraade & Zeiger, a law firm specializing in real estate syndications.

From across state lines, *Lisa Ernst-Sumpter* writes that she received her MA in theology from Fordham and is working on her PhD at Boston College. Lisa married fellow theologian Jonathan Ernst last year. "Two points" for Lisa, whose husband is Mr. Ernst-Sumpter. They have a commuter marriage while Jonathan is completing his dissertation in NY. Lisa is looking to hear from *Maggie Elliott* and *Annabelle Mirto*. (Well, you two, have I got a deal for you... Lisa's address for some tidbits of class news.)

Another classmate in "Beantown" is *Jane Butkiewicz Parker*, who will soon add "Esq." to her name. Jane's at Boston College Law School where she transferred after making law review at Suffolk Law School. Jane has been Mrs. Parker for the last three and a half years since she "joined forces" with Skip, formally known as C. Jefferson A. Parker Jr., E.F. Hutton account executive. Jane's a true Barnard woman, with two sister alumnae (both Patricia and Mary are Class of '83), two brother alumni (Vincent CC'79, MBA'85 and Peter CC'85), and of course Skip's a Columbia grad (CC'82).

Another Barnard-Columbia match made in heaven is *Jolyne Caruso* and Shawn Fitzgerald (CC'80). Jolyne's an equity sales rep in the international department at Bear, Stearns & Co. Shawn is an assistant district attorney in the Bronx.

And now a news flash from the capital... *Maria Chiechi* is a med student in Georgetown. Say hello to my friend *Frances Erlebacher* while you're there.

And from the City of Brotherly Love (and the Liberty Bell), *Donna Kuhn Pesin* writes that not only is she licensed to practice law in Jersey and PA, but she's also mommy to Elyssa Sheryl, born August 31 of last year—mazel tov, Donna and Sam (CC'81). Sam's an ophthalmology resident at Wills Eye

Hospital.

Jill Nikas received her DDS from NYU and is in post-grad training at Eastman Dental Center in Rochester, NY. So what do you say, did our class produce every type of physician possible under the sun? Well, *Trini Lopez-Rodriguez* writes that she's a real woman of 1985, brave and confident enough to stay home to care for her baby boy, son to Trini and Ricardo (CC'80). Trini would love to hear from other alumnae who've made that same tough choice. She writes about some of her friends who are pursuing careers outside the home, namely *Deborah Halpern*, an attorney in NJ, *Sofia Kaczor*, who is pursuing a geology PhD at Stony Brook, and *Catherine Munera*, who has married and is a PhD student in math at Columbia.

Sharon Kleinbaum, director of the National Yiddish Book Center, presented a lecture and slide show entitled "The Yiddish Revival" at the Brothers of Joseph Synagogue in Norwich, CT last May. The program documented the history of the Center, located in Amherst, MA, which is home to over 150,000 rare and out-of-print Yiddish books. Sharon has lectured in Europe and the US, and is working on an anthology of Yiddish women writers.

Last June, the Institute of Health Professions at Massachusetts General Hospital graduated the first class from its three-year nursing program, and *Melissa Kaufold* was among those receiving a master of science degree. She planned to perform maternal and child health nursing in the Philadelphia area and had her sights set on earning her nurse-midwifery certification.

Don't forget that it's a Reunion year for us. I look forward to seeing all of you in the spring, so save the dates—May 16 and 17. You'll be getting information from the Alumnae Office soon... don't chuck it, fill out the form and come on down.

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Weddings and Career Services panels make up the Class Notes for this issue. *Jane Dorian* and David Haspel tied the knot in November. Jane is an actress who has appeared in television commercials and was last seen in a national tour of "Hello Dolly!" David is an independent film producer.

Last October, *Anne Moore* and Harry Mason Dent 3d were married in St. Paul's Chapel, right across the street. Anne was working as a reporter for *The Record* newspaper in Hackensack, NJ; her husband works in marketing for the Quaker Oats Company.

A fall panel on fashion, organized by the Office of Career Services, included two of our classmates—*Mary Regan*, jewelry department manager at an Abraham & Straus store, and *Vanessa Baran*, who works in editorial research at *Vogue*.

Susana Fried spoke on a panel on fundraising and foundation work in October; she is administrative coordinator for the Women's Funding Coalition.

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It's the dead of winter as you read this; hope you're all happy, healthy, and warm. I'm afraid I've fallen behind on reporting the letters you've written me—I'll try to fit it all in... *Margarita (Ari) Brose* wrote to report that she's working as administrator for the Da Capo Chamber Players as well as for a book production company. Ari's also alumnae rep for the women's track team on the Varsity C Club, and on the executive board as treasurer for the club (first woman ever!). She's continuing her singing as well with the New Amsterdam Singers.

A few recent and not-so-recent weddings: *Hedva*

Hiesiger was married to David Fensterheim in June and is studying for a master's degree in business administration at Hebrew University; David is working in electric optic engineering. *Liming Sun* is now Mrs. Charles Wong; they married in May. *Helen Rochlitzer* was married in September to David Niebaum. *Rania Teymour Ramzy* and her husband have, by the time you read this, had their first child. *Deborah Kase* and Jonathan Henry Lillian were married in May; *Anna Talamo DeJoy* was married to Robert DeJoy in June 1984, and was, last I heard, planning to attend Hunter College for a graduate degree in nutrition.

Ethel Gloade is working in NYC for Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Publishers as an editorial assistant in the Foreign Languages Division, which puts out high school language texts. She was kind enough to send word about some other classmates: *Allison Falconer* is/was studying for her MBA in finance at LIU; *Yuthika Siriwardene*, a bank executive in her homeland of Sri Lanka, is married to Dr. Kanishka Indraratna; and enrolled in Columbia's clinical nutrition program was *Polly Kanganis* (if all went as planned, she finished the program in October '85).

Suzanne Sefarian writes to say she is working for a video marketing firm, thanks to Barnard's Office of Career Services. *Naomi Schmelzer Stillman* was married over a year ago, and is in Columbia's dental school program. *Mireille Nogues* went west to Cal State Hayward to study for an MS in geology.

Jody Abramowitz wrote to say she's living in Queens and working at City Hall in the Office of Management and Budget. *Rosemary Siciliano* returned from a year in France, where she had to learn the language in order to work at the *International Herald Tribune* in Paris; she would have liked to stay, but apparently work papers are hard to come by unless you're married to a Frenchman, and since that seemed out of the question, she's come back "home."

Kristina Piirimae reports that she's working in NYC for Darcy MacManus Masius. A note from *Deborah Wegsman*, presently in Israel, finds her well, "thinking about physics," and learning Hebrew. My friend *Mollie Katz* is still working at Equitable Life Assurance in NYC and is studying in NYU's part-time MBA program, with an eye to a full-time MIS program in the future. A note from up north came from *Leona Miller* in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where she is enrolled in McMaster Medical School.

I'm running out of room... I'm working in a new (diagnostic) genetics lab at Mount Sinai, trying to decide which graduate-level path to take—genetics, medical school, clinical psychology... so many decisions! I'm applying to all for next year, so I won't have to decide until I see what I'm offered. Well, that's all for this issue; thanks to all who took the time to write; hope I'll be hearing from the rest of you soon!

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Greetings again and Happy New Year! *Beverly Belle* is a student of Public Health. During the summer she was an instructor in Columbia's Junior High Minority Students Summer Science Program at Physicians and Surgeons.

Sloane Six is involved in the Estuarine Sanctuary Research Fellowship program. She is doing a geological history of the marshes in the Stockport Sanctuary.

M. Lisa Morrone is working on Wall St. as Assistant to the President of First Investors in a management training program. Recently, she became engaged to Christopher Daniels.

The Alumnae Office sent news of the marriage last August of *Shira Spielman* to Robert Feuerstein. They live in Fort Lee, NJ.

Viviane Tubiana has been working for *Pret Magazine* since its inception in 1983. After covering Italy as Fashion Editor for two years, she moved up to the position of Editorial Director last July.

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