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| **Class of 1971****SAVE THE DATEOur 50th reunion will be on Reunion I Commencement Weekend   Thursday May 13 to Sunday May 16, 2021****A MESSAGE FROM THE CLASS PRESIDENTS**Dear Classmates, By the time you receive this newsletter we will be just a bit over a year away from our 50th college reunion and our world has been turned upside down by the COVID-19 virus.  We hope that everyone is taking the necessary precautions and staying safe.  This is a great time to reach out to classmates, make connections and write your submission for the class reunion book as described below.   Don’t give up on the future, we hope that you will all make plans to attend reunion and encourage your friends to come too. There are things you can do from home to participate now—the reunion book, think generously of supporting Smith philanthropically with gifts and scholarship aid, and joining the reunion team to make it a great weekend in 2021.  Your class officers and reunion team have been hard at work but still need your help and support. Throughout this newsletter there are ways to join in and participate. You can find the updated virus information about the virus and the precautions taken at Smith on: [Smith COVID-19](https://click.connect.smith.edu/?qs=8dee2041bebe8e0a4b5d35add81e489e0706811bb87024d74c57557d2c63c50b82f7ffb8c32d983287f0c445c49a1d8f7a03b934d0e04344). Graduation 2020 has been cancelled.Reunion 2020 has been cancelled. The College will notify you about those decisions separately. As always, please feel free to contact us.Carol ‘Pinki’ Fontein                   Cheryl Winter Lewycfontein@icloud.com                 cheryl.lewy@gmail.com        |

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| **50th MILESTONE REUNION UPDATES****Reunion Book needs your stories, memories, photos! Don’t be left adrift!**Get on board with our 50th Reunion Book. With all of us now at home, hopefully healthy and safe, this could be just the right time to send in your story and photo. By April 1st, we’ll be sending you a form for your submissions. In the meantime, you might think about “Your Story.” In 300 words or less, please tell us about your life after Smith. However, you’d like to write that up—in paragraphs, bullet points—whatever works for you is great. And BTW, no Pulitzer Prize needed for us all to love hearing about you!**Topics from the Times–Who We Were**We are also looking for comments, memories, observations of the following topics as they related to your experiences on campus. Please send your material to Sandy Cate, reunionbooksmith71@gmail.com.**The Rules**What do you remember about parietals? Behavioral norms and expectations that changed in our four years?**Going Co-Ed**Did you try a semester at Williams or Dartmouth? Did you transfer? If so, what stands out to you about that experience?**1970 – The Strike**Did you choose to participate? If so, how? What was your experience? If not, please share your experience as well.**Junior Year Abroad**How were the late 60s/early 70s in Europe?**As a Woman of Color****Exploring Our Sexuality**And please let us know if there’s another topic you’d like us to include.See the [Class of ’71 website](https://click.connect.smith.edu/?qs=8dee2041bebe8e0a2673ff32b7273b006fae25433a3ed1fc945014681e5b58d8917ea603a04b8ec3a1e3e7c9e8989b1f8fac74e6ec51f180) for more information on how you can help to make our reunion book a treasure.And please make sure that the Smith College [Alumnae Directory](https://click.connect.smith.edu/?qs=8dee2041bebe8e0acc4ed210d5e2731c70a02677ac30ad4a3ad9bc13b5cef1674081807b12398a8c801c8fefedaf3ae73e4636b05fc9f930) has your current email, since that is how classmates will contact you with reminders and updates.   |

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| **Call for House Reps**Smithies of '71, our 50th Reunion is 15 short months away. Where will you be May 13-16, 2021? What House were you in? We are still looking to find volunteers for House Reps. Being a House Rep is the easiest, most efficient and fun way to contact and reconnect with your housemates. Your only responsibility is to reach out and encourage, entice, cajole them to come!! There is NO fundraising component to being a House Rep. You can always ask a friend to join you.Just imagine being back on Campus for Graduation and WE the Class of 1971 are the 50th Reunion Class?! I remember thinking on Ivy Day 1971 “50 years? Can you imagine coming back in 50 years? Who are they? What have they done? Some look really good. Others... Wonder where we’ll be and what we’ll look like?” Well, now is our time to find out!We have a wonderful team planning our 50th but we still need to find some House Reps. Please consider coming on board to help us reach as many classmates as possible! A reunion is only as good as the people who attend.We need reps for: Clark, Dawes, Dewey, Duckett, Gardiner, Gillett, Haven, Hopkins, Hopkins A & B, Hubbard, Jordan, Lawrence, Morris, Morrow, Parsons Annex, Scales, Tenney, Tyler, Washburn, Wilder, Ziskind. Unlisted houses have reps.  Please sign up!Co-Heads of House RepsSusan Brundage                Annie Nickel Curtin917 545-0718                     917 602-1579 |

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| **Submit your class notes for the *Smith Quarterly* to:**Class secretaries Jan Fullgraf Golann at j.f.golann@gmail.comorKaren Rohn Osar at karenosar@gmail.comAll news and pictures are welcome.    |

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| **A Message from our Class Fund Team Chairs**In just a little over a year, we’ll be back on campus celebrating our 50th Reunion—and our connections with each other and with the larger Smith community. You may also be celebrating a favorite professor, a favorite place on campus or a special moment when your future began to take shape in your mind.  Our memories and our reasons for celebrating may differ, but they all have the same core—Smith College.  Without Sophia Smith’s bequest and the gifts of countless alumnae, there would be no connections and no memories to celebrate.  The hard truth is that excellence in higher education cannot be maintained without money.  Our gifts make so many things possible at Smith:* Scholarships for promising young women
* The New Nielson, a building and grounds that transform what it means to be a library
* A new Center for Performing Arts that will increase Smith’s influence in the arts and humanities and unify arts planning and programming across campus
* Athletics, the Botanic Garden, and the Museum of Art

If you have already made a gift to the Smith Fund this year, thank you!  If you have not yet made your gift, please join us in supporting Smith before June 30. Giving is easy to do online at [Give to Smith](https://click.connect.smith.edu/?qs=8dee2041bebe8e0af249029b457d5627f8d0bfef84b0612f892c6f2784c0c7bb2da2246c09c96618f896ae19e9f6032a263decf113e5fea2).  And, if you want to learn about savvy ways to give (one-time or over time) such as using your IRA or RMD, a gift annuity, or a bequest, check out our short summary at [50th Milestone Reunion Giving.](https://click.connect.smith.edu/?qs=8dee2041bebe8e0a706a43babcf8b21cd9b28936cd3338fecc0f73a1966f245960f84be612781c6027b6c2fad980e077df6d1d443bf80297)Did you miss Smith’s Planned Giving recent webinar about *Leaving a Legacy for Smith: What Counts for Reunion* or you want to watch it on your own time, you can do so by [clicking here](https://click.connect.smith.edu/?qs=8dee2041bebe8e0a8ee84d18815a16df22c0a3fa67b5e01fb774df732bbf74e8bd365f53d1969c22dc7a3126eab1fa766ad66c5d86c03226) for the complete webinar with Sam Samuels, Director of Gift Planning.  Please get in touch if you have any questions about giving opportunities and ways to give or want to get involved with fundraising.  Just let us know.  Angelica Didier Light, Fund Team Chair angelica.light@gmail.com(757) 639-8018Suzy Ross McDowell, Fund Team Chairsmcdowell@steptoe.com(301) 717-6960Deb Lans, Planned Giving Chair dlans@cohenclairlans.com(518) 392-3427  |

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| **Why/How to Switch Your Designated “Senior House”**The Alumnae database includes the house we were in as seniors. Many of you who moved to Chase or Duckett house for our senior year have expressed interest in being affiliated with your freshman (or other) house for reunion planning purposes. Some of the planning our class does is based on Smith Houses. Similarly, the Alumnae Office does its best to assign reunion rooms near each other for classmates from the same senior houses. There will be a lot of us at our 50th and the seniors will still be in their rooms so it’s challenging and there are no guarantees.  Many of you from Chase/Duckett have expressed interest in changing your senior house info in both the Alumnae database and our class database. To change your house in the Alumnae database, there are two options: 1)  contact Smith directly at alumnaerecords@smith.edu  or 2) go online into your profile in the [Alumnae Directory](https://click.connect.smith.edu/?qs=8dee2041bebe8e0a12fd29893e6706fe9d1205f7d13bf700f2b2a1f96caa37bd0f743a9d89c6c3ef3fdb327d68741ce32dbe1beffc4a2843). You will need to login or [set up an account](https://click.connect.smith.edu/?qs=8dee2041bebe8e0a7af3974002cbba7db343b41001ac37e09f86dd65546f7402886d86fdcae42319accbfceb6c43561dcb35f678e0aece54) if you haven’t already.  To change your Senior House in our class database, please email me at cfontein@Smith71.com.  Just to be clear, Chase/Duckett classmates do not have to change their Senior House; I promise you will still get a room at reunion!**PLEASE BE SURE TO LET****PINKI****KNOW IF YOU CHANGE YOUR SENIOR HOUSE so we can change it on our class database and group you with that house for our reunion planning purposes.**  |

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| **NEILSON LIBRARY UPDATE**Check out the amazing progress on the Neilson Library webcams - there are views from the [north](https://click.connect.smith.edu/?qs=8dee2041bebe8e0abe57fbe54b969a7eb40ee8e40197ae27b47063260369be82e48a4a302a0ab45a3e923442fd977b3fbf06f902ff6f5904), [south](https://click.connect.smith.edu/?qs=8dee2041bebe8e0a54f423722642ee51ae272c710c54296beb389cd3f1d1db847910cbf6b33ed9475081800afc0c7f89f58e73456a23a701), and [Burton Lawn](https://click.connect.smith.edu/?qs=00798c9c02b920022fef567785a3c71c3a3d18ff345c8a37e9d3d819989fbbc21e174a8332e7a43d340059fdc17d6ec73572fbed57dcc959). |

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