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INTRODUCTION

This 25th Reunion Class Book almost did not happen! Nan Smith Stifel, our Class President, offered to begin work on the book last summer (2001), and that fall was going to be her time to collect material for the book. Along came 9/11, and like many such projects, the Class Book was “back burnered” by many of our classmates. Unanswered book forms accumulated from coast to coast and beyond.

Undeterred, Nan refused to let the book idea die. Responses trickled in slowly. By January of 2002, we did not think enough classmates were interested in the project to make a book of it. We began to discuss “cutting our losses.”

For some reason, our classmates kept checking our class website (www.smith77.org) and reading their emails as our 25th Reunion approached. People started sending in their questionnaires … by the dozens. In one week, Nan received over 50 forms from classmates — some via internet, some by Fed-Ex Delivery. One classmate emailed her Book Form at 11:59 pm on the night of the deadline.

This book makes for some good reading. It is fun to know that we remember so clearly our Joni Mitchell and our Yorkshire pudding. Some classmates could not recall a memorable book they read or a professor’s name, yet they remembered the zebra pudding! It is interesting to see that many of us are reading the same books now and have ties that bind as well as fascinating differences in our lives.

This is a special book. It celebrates the quarter century of our lives since college graduation, and anticipates our 25th Reunion with friends who did and will continue to inspire and support us in our lives.

As our “Prime Time” theme implies, so much has happened, and there is so much to do ahead. Let’s stay in touch.

Luck Gambrell Davidson
Class of 1977 Vice President / Reunion Chair
The information in this book came from print or online book form submissions. A copy of our book form is included as Appendix A. In August, 2001, the book form was mailed with our newsletter to every living member of the Class of 1977, regardless of whether she graduated with the class. The form was re-issued in our February, 2002 Class Newsletter, and posted on our website in both a printable form and as an online form.

Over 180 forms were returned, and I certainly have enjoyed reading them. The late night input may contribute to a few typos here and there, but I trust they’re not critical errors. For me, the midnight hour has been “Prime Time” for this project, and now that it’s done, I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion. Remember to pick up your photographs at our Class Headquarters!

A note about one of the survey questions: when those of us who designed the survey added the category “have you ever had plastic surgery?” we meant it in a lighthearted way, a little poke at aging and vanity. Respondents who have undergone reconstructive plastic surgery following an accident or breast cancer made it clear that a “yes” answer does not imply vanity. In retrospect, we should have asked, “Have you ever had Botox injections?” Well, have you?

Happy reading, and enjoy our 25th Reunion! Here’s to the next quarter century as fantastic Smith alumnae — Cheers!

Nan Smith Stifel
President, Class of 1977
This Class Book would not exist if not for the support and timely contributions of so many classmates. Thank you, all contributors, and especially those who submitted their pages promptly. Everyone who shared their photographs and memories helped broaden our collective understanding of what Smith College continues to mean to the Class of 1977.

Luck Gambrell Davidson, Kathleen Brueger, and Lynn Smith Fox have been enthusiastic coaches ever since we first considered this undertaking back in July, 2001. Their assistance in designing the survey was invaluable.

Alumnae House staff members were very helpful. Holly Bowyer, of the Alumnae Outreach Office, welcomed all calls about publication issues, and oversaw production and distribution of the Class Book forms. She and Samantha Pleasant shared with me other Reunion Class Books that were available at Alumnae House. Amy Holich, also of the Outreach Office, has lent endless support to this and all other 25th Reunion undertakings of our class. Finally, Smith College Archives Specialist Aimee Brown helped dig out old Sophians and other “historical” material relevant to our times at Smith.

Lastly, I must say a special thank you to Peter and Drew Stifel for tolerating the stacks of papers and my nightly Class Book sessions at the computer. Order will be restored, and you may take Domino’s phone number off our speed-dial.

Nan Smith Stifel
SURVEY RESULTS

The results that follow are based on classmates’ responses to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Class Book Form (see Appendix A for a sample form). Specific Section 2 responses about reading and listening habits may be found on individual classmate pages; some samples are included in these results.

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OUR POLITICAL ACTIVITY  
(or lack thereof)

The first question on our Class Book form survey was a simple yes-or-no option: Are you politically active? As the chart below shows, over two-thirds of us answered, “No, not really.” We did not ask “If not, why not?” — whether these numbers are due to apathy, time constraints, or other factors is not clear. Certainly as students at Smith we were part of a political buzz. During our time at Smith we monitored the Watergate hearings, wore “ERA YES” buttons, and filled out our absentee ballots for the 1976 Presidential election.

The second chart reveals answers to the second question, “If yes, indicate level.” Several classmates are active at multiple levels, but that data is not compiled here.
OUR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY
Another class of Smithies helping our communities

When asked if they participated in volunteer activities or community service, eighty-two percent of the survey respondents said “yes.” This should not come as a surprise to Smith graduates. Smith empowered us to improve our minds and find our own way, yet even as students, we were encouraged to help others. Despite our academic workloads we made time to participate in S.O.S. programs off campus. Twenty-five years later, several classmates indicated on their individual pages that they have made “giving something back to the community” a priority in their lives.

Individual classmates’ pages reveal the variety of community service endeavors we undertake. We volunteer at churches, our children’s schools, hospitals, community centers — and for Smith College! Whether we work outside the home or not, most of us make time for volunteer activities. For example, of 61% of our classmates who work over 40 hours/week in a paid job also volunteer each week.

The following chart shows the number of hours classmates report they participate in volunteer or community service.

Weekly hours spent engaged in volunteer or community service

- 0%: 18%
- 1-5 hrs: 17%
- 6-10 hrs: 9%
- 11-20 hrs: 1%
- 21-40 hrs: 0%
- >40 hrs: 55%
OUR PAID EMPLOYMENT
“We work hard for the money…”

What percentage of the Class of 1977 would you guess works in a paid job? If the survey responses are at all representative, the correct answer is 76%. The chart below shows how many hours per week we are on the (paid) job. Over one-third of the survey respondents reported that they work more than forty hours a week. At the other extreme, almost one-fourth do not work in a paid job. That figure includes some classmates who have retired from the workplace by choice or are victims of layoffs.

As you glance through individual classmates’ pages, you’ll find women employed in financial, educational, nonprofit, and government sectors, as well as health sciences, industry, and law firms. We’re dot coms, dot orgs, dot govs, dot nets, and dot edu’s! Classmates in a wide variety of professions credit Smith with providing them the background knowledge, critical thinking skills and confidence that enabled them to become achievers in the workplace.

This pie chart may have looked different had it been plotted ten years ago, and will look different ten years from now. One thing is clear from all the forms received: we’re a dynamic bunch, not likely to produce static results in any of the categories sampled. While some classmates may be empty nesters re-entering the (paid) workforce after being at-home moms, others are still cutting back on their work hours be with their children. Our reunion motto, “Prime Time” may refer to peak earnings, or the ability to retire and pursue different goals.

How many hours we work in paid jobs per week

Reunion note: if you’re in a position to help Smith students obtain Praxis internships or post-graduation employment, let the College know! The Career Development Office is open during Reunion Weekend. (Remember when it was the “V.O.,” before the word “career” was commonly ascribed to women? Are we that old?)
Understanding that spirituality means different things to different people, we elected to ask if classmates consider themselves spiritual. As the chart at left shows, eighty percent of the survey respondents indicated that they do think of themselves that way.

Our follow-up questions was intended for those who responded “yes” to the spirituality question. Sixty-seven percent of the self-described “spiritual” respondents take part in organized religious activities.

Note: the question about non-academic classes was near the edge of the page — some classmates may have missed it.
**OUR LEISURE PURSUITS**

*Things we do because we want to!*

While there are many leisure activities available to us all, the survey concentrated on exercise, reading, gardening, attending live performances, and traveling. Individual classmates’ pages include other interests, specific types of exercise or sports, performing, and hobbies.

The chart below indicates the number of respondents who engage in the activities surveyed. Several classmates who returned the survey left some questions out, so the totals don’t always equal the number of surveys returned. Of classmates who did answer the questions, 77% indicated they exercise regularly. Our most common leisure activity is reading, a habit enjoyed by over 97% of the respondents, and why not? It’s an affordable, accessible pursuit. While gardening is not as popular among our classmates as other activities (62% of the respondents indicated they garden), it provides great satisfaction to certain individuals, and we might find the number of participants higher if we were to repeat the survey in another 10 years or so. Even non-gardeners can appreciate Smith’s Botanic Garden — visit it during Reunion! The Class of ’77 enjoys live performances, whether musical or dramatic — 84% of those who responded to the question said they attend performances. The last category, travel, is undertaken by 87% of the classmates who answered that part of the survey.

Whatever leisure option we choose, the Class of 1977 is not an idle bunch!
SMITH ‘77: A CLASS OF LIFELONG READERS

Smith encouraged us to read, and it was a lesson that “took.” Ninety-seven percent of our survey respondents reported that they read for pleasure. Whether the reason was intellectual curiosity, escapism, or a class assignment, literature was a big part of our lives as Smith students, and it remains so today.

What were we reading at Smith? Assigned reading in the Reserve Room, textbooks galore, Berlioz, Browning, Chaucer, Dante, deTocqueville, Dickens, Dostoevsky, Eliot, Faulkner, Joyce, Lawrence, Plato, Proust, Pynchon, Tolstoy, and more. Although dead white male authors seemed to dominate the reading assignments, dead white female poets also were in vogue, and several classmates selected the novels of Jane Austen and Mary Shelley as their memorable book from their days on campus. Copies of Jong’s Fear of Flying, Greer’s The Female Eunuch, and Our Bodies, Our Selves circulated throughout the houses. National Lampoon and Rolling Stone kept us entertained, and the earliest Sunday risers enjoyed the New York Times — before the crossword was claimed! As you read the classmates’ pages, you may find yourself thinking, “Oh, yeah! I read that!”
Although Friday meant tea and road trips, Thursday meant *The Sophian*. The Smith newspaper was the source to check for news and sports and community events of interest to us all. News of campus goings-on shared space with advertisements for Zorba’s, Beardsley’s, Fitzwilly’s, and The Shoe Bin (“your clog headquarters”). During the days of gas rationing, one station advertised its price of 48.3 cents per gallon, with a $3.00 limit. Less fortunate stations indicated, “out of gas until Saturday.” *The Sophian* notified us of local concerts by Harry Chapin and Jimmy Cliff, and the newspaper remains fascinating documentation of our lives and times at Smith from 1973-77. The College Archives maintains back issues of *The Sophian*; you might enjoy browsing through them and old yearbooks when you visit campus. (The College Archives are located in Alumnae Gym — the transformation of that place is unbelievable!)
A QUARTER OF A CENTURY LATER…
We’re still reading!

What have we been reading lately? Survey responses are included on individual pages, but authors cited repeatedly include Barbara Kingsolver, Janet Hamilton, Toni Morrison, Amy Tan, and Wallace Stegner. Some of Oprah’s choices and the publishing phenomenon that is Harry Potter also make the cut. Some classmates checked out the titles that the College requires incoming first-year students to read. Several of us have returned to (or never left) the novels of Jane Austen and Pearl S. Buck. We listen to books on tape while driving to work, running errands, or exercising. Some of us have been inspired by our children’s reading lists to revisit titles such as Death of a Salesman, Native Son, The Great Gatsby, and Catcher in the Rye; those same lists can lead us to discover newer classics by Toni Morrison, Sandra Cisneros, Tim O’Brien, and Billy Collins. Also, we share our opinions about our reading in book groups. We love our book groups so much we’re hosting a 25th Reunion panel about them, including how to start one, and what titles are good choices for book groups according to subject, genre, and reading audience. (Remember, the Class of 1977 is an amazon.com associate, and if you order books from amazon.com via the link on our website, the Class earns money!)
What music did we enjoy at Smith? The albums depicted here are samples of music that emanated from our windows on the first sunny day of Spring. Numerous respondents listed Joni Mitchell, Cat Stevens, Stevie Wonder, James Taylor, and Earth, Wind & Fire. Students who hailed from areas with a single AM top 40 radio station (and no FM stations!) were released from their auditory drought as they discovered “album rock” and Dr. Demento on their clock radios. Folk rock, soul, heavy metal, funk, classical, jazz, and a bit of reggae emanated from our rooms. Only early disco seemed to be able to knock Minnie Ripperton’s “Loving You” off the top of the charts. (And you thought disco was all bad!) Although we may not have continued to listen to our old Woodstock albums, sun worshippers found that they made great sun reflectors when covered in foil. From Abba to Zappa, we listened to it all. Concerts were cheap by today’s standards, and local venues provided something for everybody. Although rock ruled the day, other styles could be heard on campus, as well. Jazz favorites that were cited by survey respondents included Keith Jarrett, Ella Fitzgerald, and the Modern Jazz Quartet. Music majors and others listened to classical works by Beethoven and Mozart, as well as the repertoires of their choral or instrumental groups.

Performers, clockwise from top left: Allman Brothers; Peter Frampton; Boz Scaggs; Earth, Wind & Fire; Genesis; Tom Petty; Bonnie Raitt; Roberta Flack; James Taylor; Frank Zappa/Mothers of Invention; Cat Stevens; Isley Brothers; Bruce Springsteen, Eagles; Bob Marley; Gordon Lightfoot; Tubular Bells; A Chorus Line; Wings; David Bowie; Heart; Kool and the Gang; Doobie Brothers; Maria Muldaur; Harry Chapin; Little Feat; Joni Mitchell; Jackson Browne; Elton John; Barry White; Linda Ronstadt; Boston; Thelma Houston; AWB; Joan Armatrading; Fleetwood Mac; Steely Dan; Bob Seeger; Hall & Oates; Bob Dylan; Paul Simon; Stevie Wonder.
OUR MUSIC PREFERENCES, 2002
Songs in the Key of Our Lives

What music do we listen to today? Classmates’ listening preferences may be found on their own pages that appear later in this book, but the CD’s depicted here are a reasonable representation of our favorites. Twenty-five years after our graduation, we’re still converting our collections to CD or downloading old favorites onto our computers. We hear those songs we once loved in the grocery, on car commercials, on elevators, and on the Oldies stations, and we think about attending the Who concert when they come to town on their tour this year. Sadly, half the Beatles are gone, along with Zappa and Garcia, and Stevie Wonder already has collected his Kennedy Center Award. Still, we listen to their music, along with that of Sting, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Dave Matthews Band, and Frank Sinatra. Parents among us listen to their children’s choices, from Raffi and Shrek to Britney and Creed, and were rather amused when their teenagers “discovered” Santana on MTV. The Class of 1977’s eclectic tastes are reflected in the recordings shown here.

Performers, clockwise from top left: India Arie; James Taylor; Alanis Morissette; Dave Matthews Band; Alicia Keys; Frank Sinatra; Miles Davis; Enya; Jimmy Buffet; Diana Krall; “Shrek” soundtrack; Beatles; Sting; Carole King; N’SYNC; Andrea Bocelli; “Forbidden Broadway” soundtrack; Eric Clapton; Eva Cassidy; Anonymous 4; Alison Krauss; Heartland; John Coltrane; Ella Fitzgerald; Barenaked Ladies; Cesoria Evora; Artur Schnabel; Mary Chapin Carpenter; Natalie Merchant; David Gray; Buena Vista Social Club; Sade; Steve Tyrell; Joni Mitchell; U2; Gypsy Kings.

Need proof that we’ve been out of college twenty-five years? Think about it: we graduated before the Sony Walkman was introduced!
The Class of 1977 is as diverse now as it was twenty-five years ago — maybe more so — and that diversity applies to our family situations, too. We count among us grandmothers and new mothers (both biological and adoptive); Some of us are single, some are married, some have life partners, and some are divorced. Sadly, some of us are widows. When we first mailed the Class Book form to all classmates, we neglected to include the category, “widowed.” The oversight was corrected on later versions of the survey.

Right: Over three-fourths of the survey respondents indicated that their personal lives include a long-term commitment to one person. Some marriages date back to right after our graduation, while others are quite recent. You’ll find more specific information on individuals’ pages.

Below: It seems we went forth and multiplied, because a whopping 80% of us say we are parents. More information about — and many photographs of — our kids may be found on classmates’ pages. Surely there are some future Smithies among the bunch!
THE BEAT GOES ON ...
Grandmas among us

How many of us are grandmothers or step-grandmothers, and how old are the little darlings?

- 97% have grandchildren
- 3% do not have grandchildren

Five survey respondents indicated they have grandchildren or step-grandchildren. Does anyone want to start a five-year pool estimating how many of us will join the ranks by our 30th Reunion?

MISCELLANEOUS
Just curious about a couple of lifestyle trends & alternatives...

The classmates who designed the Class Book survey were a little curious about a couple of things that really are not important, but they may say a bit about how we live.

In some areas of the country, sports utility vehicles (SUV’s) seem to rule the road. Clearly, they are less visible among the Class of ‘77; non-SUV drivers outnumber the SUV drivers by almost three to one.

Seven survey respondents said they have had plastic surgery, and as noted in the preface, some of those cases were reconstructive, following an accident or cancer surgery.
THE BOTTOM LINE
Hypothetically speaking ...

The last question on our survey was “If you were applying to colleges all over again, would you apply to Smith?” Seventy percent of us answered, “Yes.” Only seven percent replied, “No,” and the remainder was unsure.

As you tour the campus during Reunion, or as you read in the College’s publications or website about the new programs, buildings, and opportunities for Smith students today, you may wish you could be one of today’s lucky Smith students. Smith is a dynamic institution, continually changing to provide outstanding educational opportunities for young (and not-so-young) women. Yet, even as it changes, it remains faithful to Sophia Smith’s dream and to the values it has held dear for generations. In particular, Smith recognizes and treasures the loyalty of its alumnae, and seeks to provide continuing learning opportunities to them, through Alumnae College and Alumnae Travel programs. Local Smith clubs also provide us alumnae educational, social, and professional networking opportunities. The Class of 1977, in turn, has supported the College through generous contributions to the Alumnae Fund of Smith College and membership in special groups such as the Friends of the Botanic Garden.

That’s it for the survey information. Enjoy your classmates’ individual pages, but first stop and remember our five classmates who have died since graduation. We shared classes, meals, living space and our lives with Shaun, Anne, Robin, Joan and Melissa, and wish they were here with us today.
IN MEMORY

SHAUN BENET, MARCH 28, 2000

C. ANNE HATHAWAY, SEPT. 1, 1996

ROBIN PARKER LONGMAN, APR. 4, 1999

JOAN MARHEFKA, JAN. 1, 1991

MELISSA MILLER, JAN. 1, 1993
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Thanks to everyone who submitted text and photographs for these pages. In the “some things never change” department, it is interesting to note that about one-third of the individual Class Book Forms were received within a few days of the deadline.

As you will see, we’re a class of diverse interests, yet some responses were particularly popular. Apparently, Joni Mitchell and Cat Stevens were staples of our college music choices, while on the other end of the spectrum, liver was almost universally despised! Take a look at what others are reading, and you may discover an author or book that’s interesting.

Read what your classmates say is important to them, and how Smith influences them today, a quarter century since we lived and learned there. Seek out someone you don’t know, but with whom you have something in common — and you’ll find a new friend as an alumna.

Classmates who did not submit individual pages are listed in the Class Directory, which is included as a supplement following the index. The Class Directory supplement is sorted by last name while at Smith.
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House at Smith: Hubbard
Favorite Course: Political parties
Memorable book I read at Smith: The Life of Emma Goldman
Memorable book I read recently:
Music I listened to at Smith:
Favorite Smith menu item: Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding; chocolate chip cookies
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver
Key issue in my life today: Balancing career & family
Classmates with whom I stay in touch:

Right: Dianne, July 1999

Left: Dianne Abeloff, Max, Jake and Sandy Nager
House at Smith: Albright
Major at Smith: Biology
Favorite Course: Oceanography
Memorable Professor: can’t remember
Memorable book I read at Smith: can’t remember
Memorable book I read recently: can’t remember
Music I listened to at Smith: Joni Mitchell, “Court and Spark”
Music I listen to now: Susan Warner, “Between Trains”
Favorite Smith menu item: can’t remember
Least favorite Smith menu item: can’t remember
Key issue in my life today: Wanting more time!
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Karen Barrett

I work as a freelance writer and in 2000 released a book, *Divorce Your Car! Ending the Love Affair with the Automobile* (published by New Society Publishers, www.newsociety.com). I write frequently about the environment but have also published articles on travel, food, wine, wildlife, and business. My Albright classmates may remember I’m a native Californian, but I now live with my husband in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, on some land we have turned into a nature preserve.
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House at Smith: Dawes
Favorite Course: all Junior Year Abroad courses
Memorable book I read at Smith: Viola Spolin’s *Theater Games*
Memorable book I read recently: Tolkein again!
Music I listened to at Smith: Phoebe Snow
Favorite Smith menu item: joe froggers
Least favorite Smith menu item: none

Key issue in my life today: 2 older children graduating from college, youngest in high school
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Charlotte Alexander Morpurgo

Currently teaching French full-time in Connecticut. Pursuing degree at Yale in Educational Psychology. Three children: Carolyn (22) graduating from Colorado State University, Robert (21) graduating from West Point USMA, and Mary (14) High School. Married 22 years to my best friend, Scott. Smith College was responsible for my proficiency in the French language, and for my never-ending quest for answers in how to teach more effectively.
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House at Smith: Hopkins A
Favorite Course: Abnormal Psychology
Memorable Professor: Gerald Hyman; Iva Dee Hiatt
Memorable book I read at Smith:
Memorable book I read recently:
Music I listened to at Smith: Barry White
Music I listen to now:
Favorite Smith menu item: London Broil
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today: kids
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: none
May—June ‘02 will be an especially busy time for me. Our older son Andrew graduates from Drexel — computer graphic design. (Dan, son #2, is a freshman at Cornell.) My certification meeting for PhD takes place (Union Institute and University, Organizational Studies). And it looks as if I will have to reschedule my dental exam with Dr. Melissa Hollander Smith ‘76! (Thanks to Melissa, my teeth are probably the fittest part of my body!)

So if I don’t make the reunion, please visit my company’s website, email me and we’ll catch up. www.cultureconnects.com
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House at Smith: Chapin
Favorite Course: Tudors & Stuarts
Memorable book I read at Smith: The Strange Death of Liberal England (George Dangerfield)
Memorable book I read recently: Consolations of Philosophy (Alain DeBatton)
Music I listened to at Smith: Kris Kristofferson, The Eagles, Jackson Browne
Favorite Smith menu item: Tuna and popover
Least favorite Smith menu item: Turkey Tetrazzini
Key issue in my life today:
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Christine McCarthy, Maryann Doherty Marston
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House at Smith: Gillett  
Major at Smith: Music  
Favorite Course: Tri-Partite Medieval World (Haddad)  
Memorable Professor: Peter Bloom, Frank Ellis, Iva Dee Hiatt  
Memorable book I read at Smith: Homo Faber (Max Frisch)  
Memorable book I read recently: Crossing to Safety (Wallace Stegner)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Schnabel, Complete Beethoven Piano Sonatas  
Music I listen to now:  
Favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire pudding  
Least favorite Smith menu item: nothing  
Key issue in my life today: Trying to raise children who are happy, healthy & well-educated when popular culture, the schools, and society in general make it so difficult.  
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House at Smith: Emerson & Haven
Favorite Course: Genetics
Memorable book I read at Smith: La Chute (Camus)
Memorable book I read recently: The Sweeter the Juice (Shirlee Taylor)
Music I listened to at Smith: Stevie Wonder
Favorite Smith menu item:
Least favorite Smith menu item: Salisbury steak
Key issue in my life today: my family
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Ling Chin, Valerie Natsios, Janine MeVay, Diane Sylvia, June Roberts
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House at Smith: Chapin  
Favorite Course: Latin American Politics  
Memorable Professor: Susan Bourque, Allen Weinstein  
Memorable book I read at Smith: Our Bodies, Ourselves  
Memorable book I read recently: Rapture (Susan Minot)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Beatles, “Rubber Soul,” Reddy Teddy  
Music I listen to now: Dispatch, Pat McGee Band  
Favorite Smith menu item: Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding  
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver  
Key issue in my life today: Advocating for children with special needs  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Elli Crocker, Leslie Teichgraeber, Julie Dolan, Sarah Morse, Julie Sullivan, Betsy Hetzler

Max, Will (13), Ben (9), Beth

My time is divided between my family and volunteer work. I am a trustee at my older son’s school and work on the development committee at Perkins School for the Blind. My younger son has special needs and is legally blind. Both boys keep me busy and happy. We do spend an inordinate amount of time in hockey rinks!
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House at Smith: Lamont
Major at Smith: American Studies
Favorite Course: playwriting
Memorable Professor: the guy who taught it, can’t remember name
Memorable book I read at Smith:
Memorable book I read recently: *The Hungry Ocean* (Linda Greenlaw)
Music I listened to at Smith: Fly like an Eagle (Steve Miller Band)
Music I listen to now: *O Brother, Where Are Thou* soundtrack
Favorite Smith menu item: Cheese strata
Least favorite Smith menu item: Veal Marengo or liver
Key issue in my life today: keeping a balance
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Felicitas Sloves

I work at the Smithsonian’s Center for Folklife and Cultural Studies, on a research-based folklife festival that is really a living exhibition. I have curated five festival programs since 1988. I find myself using everything I ever learned in producing a festival program, from research skills to people skills, writing, organizing, you name it. I also find these skills (many of which I started learning at Smith) helpful in other situations in my life: being the Cookie Mother for my daughter’s Girl Scout troop, renovating a house we will move into next year, or presenting a workshop for Social Studies teachers. Never a dull moment!
My life is very full, living with my terrific husband Gordon, and enjoying an active schedule including skiing in New Hampshire in the winter, sailing on Narragansett Bay in the summer, and running our own small manufacturing company in Rhode Island.

Three years ago, I was able to attend my sister’s (Donna) 25th Smith Reunion and visit many favorite spots. It reminded me of the terrific education I had received at Smith and the many wonderful people I had met. Smith gave me the background and knowledge that I could do anything I really wanted to do! It has served me well throughout my life and my career.
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House at Smith: Sessions
Favorite Course: The English Novel
Memorable book I read at Smith: *Mansfield Park* (Jane Austen)
Memorable book I read recently: *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* (Christopher Paul Curtis)
Music I listened to at Smith: Joni Mitchell’s “Court and Spark”
Music I listen to now: Talking Books — novels by Jane Austen
Favorite Smith menu item: Veal Wisconsin
Least favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire Pudding
Key issue in my life today: My 11-year old son, Kevin
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Edith A. Bershadsky, Jacquelyn Ottman
Life is full with four adolescents, two field dogs and the hectic schedule of a Head of School’s family. I haven’t practiced law since the third child was born, but have been privileged to work on a range of projects from low income housing and public education to children’s theater and a Quaker farming camp. As a family we slow down in Vermont in the summer. Smith encouraged me to think creatively, work hard, take risks and be flexible. The powerful sense of community at Smith, amazing mentors, and the strong friendships after Smith have grounded me along this hectic but fascinating journey.
I’m a college professor who teaches British and European history at the College of Notre Dame, a liberal arts institution for women in Baltimore. On a typical day, I teach two, or occasionally three classes in the morning and early afternoon and then work on my research, a monograph on legal history in early 17th century England. Occasionally I attend seminars in late afternoon at Johns Hopkins, my PhD. Institution. In addition, I collect rare books, primarily 1st editions of Jane Austen, but also 17th-century classics of English history and political theory. Thus the interests I pursued at Smith — Tudor/Stuart history, early modern history, English literature and political theory — have proved very important since graduation.
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House at Smith: Lawrence / Chase
Major at Smith: Art History
Favorite Course: Japanese Art; Post-Impressionism
Memorable Professor: Jaroslaw Leshko — lecturing on Seurat
Memorable book I read at Smith:
Memorable book I read recently:
Music I listened to at Smith:
Music I listen to now:
Favorite Smith menu item: Tea!!
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today: Balancing family and career
Classmates with whom I stay in touch:

A picture of what (or who) is important to me — my wonderful family. My twins are seven now, but this remains my favorite family picture.
As I reflect on my years at Smith, I realize what a great privilege it was. It was a nurturing and stimulating environment which prepared me very well for graduate school and the business career that followed. A beautiful campus and beautiful memories that will always be cherished . . .
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House at Smith: Morrow
Major at Smith: Education
Favorite Course: Geology
Memorable Professor: Pat Skarda
Memorable book I read at Smith:
Memorable book I read recently: *The Road from Coorain* (Jill Conway)
Music I listened to at Smith: Average White Band; Silk Degrees by Boz Scaggs
Music I listen to now: City of Angels
Favorite Smith menu item: Blueberry pie (to watch everyone’s teeth turn blue)
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver = pizza delivery night
Key issue in my life today: not enough time in the day
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Joanne Quamo Llorente, Lynn Banis Silvestri
I teach history at a large, public, urban, open-admissions university in the Midwest -- a place very different from Smith. Yet, my education and experiences at Smith come back to me every day. They taught and displayed for me a range of things that have stood the test of time: the importance of close friendships, dedicated teaching, innovative scholarship, service to colleagues, strong and independent women, celebration of diversity, the enduring value of the liberal arts. Today, when I meet a Smith graduate, I never ask, “Did you like Smith?” My question is always, “Didn't you love it?!” The answer has always been a resounding “Yes!”
I am currently Chairman and CEO of Brooks Food Group, Inc., a family-owned business that manufactures and markets specialty frozen foods for national restaurant chains. The Company's plants are located in Virginia and North Carolina, employing 360 people.

I am proud to have been honored recently as Ernst & Young's Virginia 2001 Commercial Products Entrepreneur of the Year.

After college, I received a fellowship to the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of management at Northwestern University. I began my career working in commercial finance and investment banking related activities before my late husband, Frank, and I decided to expand our family-owned company.

My daughter, Nara, is 23 and an Associate Producer with Kurtis Productions. I also have two stepchildren, Marc, a telecommunications entrepreneur, and Tracey, a housewife.
When I think reunion, I get anxious. Particularly when I read the brochure that’s supposed to encourage us to attend, and find that my reservations seem to best fit the category of those who “hated” Smith, the group nothing can be done about. Uh oh. But, I didn’t totally hate my experience there. I am considering showing up for some reason. Despite being a theatre performance major, the only part of a stage I have graced since college has been the audience chairs. When people have asked me what I thought of Smith, I’ve answered that through osmosis, I seem to have gotten a good education. Osmosis? What exactly is that? I don’t know.

God, it was such a vulnerable time! I felt so lost, yearning for an anchor within myself. Yet, during those four years, I was somewhat oblivious to the difficulty — I managed by desperately clutching onto whatever transitory fragments of myself that felt positive. Plays, parties, food, alcohol, freshman year roommate. Mostly, though, I clutched onto male relationships to support my ebbing identity. Not a great strategy. Being a “guy-magnet” was definitely not cool, the lowest of capabilities at Smith. Running away (usually to Amherst) provided some much-needed soothing, but, at the same time, it reinforced feelings of stupidity, inferiority, isolation and fragility, just what I was trying to get away from. The vocal students, either in class or the dorm, frightened me — they seemed much smarter, more competent and sure of themselves. Some young women who were also struggling, leaned heavily on supportive parents for their anchor. I didn’t have that base.

In the 25 years after Smith, I have worked hard on understanding myself, my experience and using that knowledge to make choices. I married, have two wonderful children (my greatest challenge and reward), my daughter a freshman at Amherst, my son at a New Hampshire boarding school, got an MBA, later a PhD, practice as a clinical psychologist, teach at Harvard Medical School, and continue to pursue personal and intellectual growth through psychoanalytic training. Not too bad for a Smith grad, much less a disenfranchised one. So to what do I attribute the substantial shift? A partner. I would not have been able to accomplish what I have without the love and support of one good Amherst man — Jeff Libert — whom I met senior year. Ironically, it was my guy-magnet capability that did lead to what I needed most, that is, a loving relationship. His love provided critical scaffolding for my individual well being. On some level, during Smith, I must have known. I guess I wish I hadn’t felt so defective because of it.

When I think reunion, I wonder, can I fact the failures of those years? The failures of friendship, scholarship and general community investment? Feeling so defective. Am I strong enough to face both the good and the bad of my past experience? Probably, my sense of failure is greater than many of my peers. But the difference between then and now is that I know I’m not alone in my feelings, today or 25 years ago. I still don’t know if I’m up for the challenge. Coming back to Smith presents a complex task, and I, for one, can appreciate why some choose not to attend. The sometimes overzealous promotion that “everyone” must show up is one way of avoiding dealing with our own ambivalence. Another is to not show up. So, if I don’t make it, know that it isn’t that I simply “hated” Smith, but that I’m working on the courage to face painful and confusing feelings, old feelings made vivid by returning.
What’s most important to me at this point in my life is being the mother to my two daughters, Molly Pan-Wei (age 5) and Phoebe Zheng-Siyu (age 2), whom I brought home from China in 1997 and 2000, respectively. I don’t know if this will change once they are older, but it’s hard to think that far ahead when you are still working on potty training... I never imagined I would become a parent this way, nor did I think I would be doing it as a single person, but here I am, and I marvel on a regular basis at the journey that allowed us to find each other. I credit Smith (and virtually everything else in my life, including unfortunate ex-boyfriends!), for playing some part in getting me to Kunming and Zunyi and thinking I could take on being a single parent to two and starting in my forties, no less. I am not able to measure the impact Smith has had on my life, but I know it is huge, and the Smith friends, both old and new, are in a special place in my heart. I think of my years at Smith as being almost magical, in memory anyway. I will be grateful forever that I was not able to transfer to Dartmouth when I went for junior year! Love to you all!

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House at Smith: Talbot
Major at Smith: Psychology
Favorite Course: Organizational Behavior
Memorable Professor: Fran Volkmann
Memorable book I read at Smith: *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden* (Joanne Greenberg)
Memorable book I read recently: *Guns, Germs and Steel* (Jared Diamond)
Music I listened to at Smith: Cat Stevens — all of his
Music I listen to now: Nanci Griffith, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Windham Hill
Favorite Smith menu item: Sticky buns
Least favorite Smith menu item: Turkey Tetrazzini
Key issue in my life today: Getting 2 kids into college
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Julia McCabe, Irene Spielman-Hodge

It is extraordinary to reflect on the time since our last reunion. I have acquired a wonderful life partner in Kurt Piper, a furniture designer/builder and cabinetmaker. My son, Alex is graduating from high school and has applied to art colleges. He still plays the drums and has taken up dj scratching. Last year Kurt's 2 daughters came to live with us, Korri after graduation from Florida Southern College and she is now working at Mt. Holyoke as she looks at graduate school. Kyla is applying for transfer status as a junior in International Relations for the Fall 2002. I do some marketing and bookkeeping for Kurt's shop and am on a couple of Town Committees which seems to keep me plenty occupied. It was certainly an unexpected pleasure to acquire a new family in mid-life, but I wouldn't have it any other way. Life will change once again as Alex and Kyla go off to college in the Fall and we complete the house renovations that will allow our expanded family to be accommodated for years to come.
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House at Smith: Haven/Wesley
Favorite Course: Gothic Novel
Memorable book I read at Smith: Poetry of William Butler Yeats
Music I listened to at Smith: Cat Stevens; Simon & Garfunkel; Boston
Favorite Smith menu item: Cookies at Tea

Major at Smith: English Literature
Memorable Professor: Pat Skarda
Memorable book I read recently: Jane Hamilton
Music I listen to now: Cowboy Junkies
Least favorite Smith menu item: Bananas in Orange Juice
Key issue in my life today:
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House at Smith: Sessions
Favorite Course: Major at Smith: English
Memorable book I read at Smith:
Memorable book I read recently:
Music I listened to at Smith:
Music I listen to now:
Favorite Smith menu item:
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today:
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Jacquie Ottman, Rosemary Moukad

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It is difficult to believe that it has been 25 years since I was a student at Smith. I do think having a Smith College education has prepared me for life in so many ways. In college, I learned to think for myself, analyze situations and come up with creative and constructive solutions to problems. These skills help me tremendously in my day-to-day experiences as I juggle many different roles as gracefully as possible. As a social worker, I counsel individuals and families of diverse cultural backgrounds. As a community volunteer, I teach English as a second language to immigrants and refugees and also support Jewish organizations by monitoring how Israel is portrayed in the media. As a wife, I am fulfilled by having found a soul-mate with whom to share a life full of love and adventure. And perhaps most importantly, as a mother to 4 children aged 7, 11, 14 and 17, I am a listener, mediator and organiser while also a cook, activity coordinator and driver! Currently living near Seattle, Washington, our family has grown to appreciate nature by hiking, biking and camping. Have also been keeping up with the international “Geneva” connection having lived in Israel for 10 years (1980-1990) and continuing to travel extensively to Italy and Mexico. To all classmates: come visit us in the Pacific Northwest!  
Love, Sabrina
A job-offering phone call in the middle of July following my ‘77 graduation brought me from Massachusetts to Baltimore. I thought I’d work as a music teacher for a year or two, pick a graduate school somewhere and move on with my life. Well, like many I suppose, that was 25 years ago, and here in Maryland I remain. Still a teacher (well, an administrator as of this year), but also a wife, and mother of three children.

What’s important? Certainly my family: the duties and joys of motherhood and marriage, though frantic and stressful at times, help keep me focused on and believing in a future filled with promise and hope. And then there’s still music, which continues to fill the bits and pieces of time I have available for pleasure: listening to a favorite CD while dashing around the Beltway delivering kids to various places; making dinner to the strains of a 9 year old practicing piano; shrieking wildly with other 40-something moms as our guitar-playing sons wow a crowd with their version of “Psychokiller,” singing Brahms on Tuesday nights with my choir The Canticle Singers (20 women, a cappella). However it happens, music lifts me up and settles me down, and for that I am grateful.

Touring the Smith campus last summer with my two daughters, I recognized how happy I would be for one of them to choose to attend someday. For me, fond memories of my time at Smith have dimmed from clear recollections to warm feelings of simple appreciation and thanksgiving.
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House at Smith: Albright
Favorite Course: Reflections of the world
Memorable book I read at Smith:
Memorable book I read recently: The Best Loved Poems of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis
Music I listened to at Smith: Jefferson Starship
Music I listen to now: Bobby Caldwell
Favorite Smith menu item: Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding
Least favorite Smith menu item: Cheese strata
Key issue in my life today: being the best parent I can be
Classmates with whom I stay in touch:
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House at Smith: Cushing  
Major at Smith: Biochemistry  
Favorite Course: Early Christian Thought  
Memorable Professor: William MacDonald  
Memorable book I read at Smith:  
Memorable book I read recently: *Flanders Panel* (Arturo Perez-Reverte)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Diana Ross and the Supremes; Stevie Wonder  
Music I listen to now: Audrey McDonald  
Favorite Smith menu item: zebra pudding  
Least favorite Smith menu item: can’t remember  
Key issue in my life today: finding time to do everything I want to do  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Nan Heald, Dolores Kunda, Sue Frost, Betsy Chase, Paula Herold, Glenna Webster, Lynn Fox
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House at Smith: Baldwin / Chase
Major at Smith: Math
Favorite Course: Geology
Memorable Professor: Mr. Cohen
Memorable book I read at Smith: *Born Again* (Charles Colson)
Memorable book I read recently: *Dominion* (Randy Alcorn)
Music I listened to at Smith: Jackson Browne
Music I listen to now: “Sonic Flood” Andrea Bocelli “Romanza”
Favorite Smith menu item: Roast beef and Yorkshire Pudding
Least favorite Smith menu item: can’t remember
Key issue in my life today: Family
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Paula Herold, Julie McClure

My days are spent caring for my family and my 2 dogs. In my free time I attend Bible Study, exercise, and play sports. For the past 11 years I have been a Bible Study Leader. My faith in Jesus Christ is important to me. It has helped me in raising 2 teenagers.

One of the best things about Smith is the lifelong friends I have made.
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My memories of Smith are like a kaleidoscope of beautiful images: a crisp day in fall with the campus wrapped in the bright hues of red, yellow and orange foliage; a crystalline winter day with all the buildings standing out in bold relief against the snowy ground and bright blue sky; a soft spring evening with new leaves emerging, the smell of lilacs and the sounds of laughter from students reveling in being outside; the peace of studying in a quiet spot in Nielson Library absorbed in a book; the energy, spirit and sense of being part of a single organism in a Chamber Singers rehearsal. Yet, while many of the recollections are visual, the lessons are intellectual and emotional. Smith helped me develop and hone my analytical and writing skills and to constantly seek intellectual challenges. It taught me that hard work and curiosity about the world would be rewarded by new and exciting information and opportunities. It helped me realize that relationships with others of different values and backgrounds would not only enrich my life but give me perspective. It helped me appreciate the incredible ability, power and potential of women to contribute to and effect change in society. Smith motivated me not only to remain an active participant in life but to try to make the most of each moment. Smith will always be an inspiration and a reminder of how fortunate I have been to have had such an enriching educational experience.

House at Smith: Lamont
Major at Smith: History (European)
Favorite Course: Art 100
Memorable Professor: Mrs. Hoyt (Eur. History)
Memorable book I read at Smith: Country of the Pointed Firs (Sarah Orne Jewett)
Memorable book I read recently: The Poisonwood Bible (Barbara Kingsolver)
Music I listened to at Smith: Bonnie Raitt, “Streetlights”
Music I listen to now: Bonnie Raitt
Favorite Smith menu item: Merry Widows
Least favorite Smith menu item: most meat dishes
Key issue in my life today: insufficient personal time
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Sarah Walen, Elizabeth Masterton

Mud Slide during Finals
Freshman Year

Left, Melissa Parker (with A. Linnear), Mary Branwood, Lisa Ruffin, Rachel Coan

Right, Pyramid, Lamont kitchenette after mud slide
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House at Smith: Gardiner
Favorite Course: Art 100
Memorable book I read at Smith: War and Peace (Leo Tolstoy)
Memorable book I read recently: Color of Water: a Black Man’s Tribute to his White Mother (James McBride)
Music I listened to at Smith: Joni Mitchell
Music I listen to now: Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald
Favorite Smith menu item: Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding
Least favorite Smith menu item: coffee!! terrible!!
Key issue in my life today: raising kids
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Harriet Madoff Oswald, Val Urry, Florence Quinn, Rachel Wilder
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House at Smith: Dawes
Major at Smith: English Literature
Favorite Course: The Ballad
Memorable Professor: Pat Skarda, Frank Ellis
Memorable book I read at Smith: The Source (Michener); Wings of the Dove (James)
Memorable book I read recently: Captain Correlli’s Mandolin (Louis DeBernieres)
Music I listened to at Smith: Moody Blues, “Nights in White Satin”
Music I listen to now: “The Essential Waylon Jennings”
Favorite Smith menu item: London Broil
Least favorite Smith menu item: spare ribs
Key issue in my life today:
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Smith has had a profound influence on my life. Would I apply again? In 1973, given who I was,
House at Smith: Hubbard (first two years)  Major at Smith: Government
Favorite Course: “Introduction to Fortran”  Memorable Professor: Charles Robertson
Memorable book I read at Smith: Portrait of a Lady (Henry James)
Memorable book I read recently: A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius (Dave Eggers)
Music I listened to at Smith: “Countdown to Ecstasy” (Steely Dan)
Music I listen to now: “American Roots Music” box set
Favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire pudding / hard sauce (tie)
Least favorite Smith menu item: chow mein / chicken marengo (tie)
Key issue in my life today: transition / “what’s next”
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Sandy MacGregor O’Brien, Kathryn Quaintance, Debra
Kent, Victoria Dobeck Davey, Kathleen Brueger, Luck Gambrell Davidson

where I was from, and what I knew then, yes, I would apply again. If it was 2002, and I knew now what I did-
n’t know then? I’m not sure.

The more important question is: Do I regret having gone to Smith? And the answer, happily, is no.

One of the most rewarding aspects of having chosen Smith for my college education is being a Smith alum. I knew this even as a graduating senior: College is four
years of your life; being an alum is forever. Granted, those are four very important years, but I think they
would have been tough for me no matter where I went to college. And I don’t think I would have found such
an amazing community of intelligent, independent, interesting women to help get me through it had I gone to school elsewhere. My lasting friendships with other women who chose Smith are what I cherish most from my college years.

I also think Smith uniquely prepared me for real life. It forced me to focus on my dreams. To
“make my own fun” (remember that Gold Key line?) To value myself as an intelligent woman.
To value the friendship of other intelligent women. To read and write and think and ready my
mind to learn whatever I needed to learn next.

Life is one long process of transition and reinvention. Men come, and men go. There are times
when we are alone, by choice or by accident. When we are forced to take care of ourselves or
others, with or without help. When we have to walk smiling into yet another mixer, introduce
ourselves, and make a lasting impression. Smith taught me how to do this. It wasn’t always fun,
but I’m eternally grateful.
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House at Smith: Tyler  
Major at Smith: Music  
Favorite Course: Music 200; History 351 with von Klemperer  
Memorable Professor: Peter Bloom / Ron Perera / Ruth Solie / Klemens von Klemperer  
Memorable book I read at Smith: *Doktor Faustus* (Thomas Mann)  
Memorable book I read recently: *Undaunted Courage* (Stephen Ambrose)  
Music I listened to at Smith: nothing — just the radio  
Music I listen to now: Lou Harrison/Keith Jarrett Piano Concerto/Suite for Violin, Piano and Small Orchestra  
Favorite Smith menu item: American Chop Suey  
Least favorite Smith menu item: hotdogs  
Key issue in my life today: work/life balance  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: MaryBeth Kenney Sweet, Catherine Clark Gaylard ’80

=A typical day in my life is spent in the car=
Until recently, I was a programmer/analyst at Brandeis University, working afternoons and Mondays from home. A "typical" day, then, consisted of getting my kids off to school, driving an hour to Brandeis, working, and then driving another hour in time for the kids' arrival home. In the afternoons I'd work from home and do chauffeur duties.

=My most favorite things=
My husband and family are most important to me, followed by my hobbies of music, reading, and watching TV. Watching the E! Channel "Hollywood Mysteries and Scandals" show is just one of my many guilty pleasures.

=Smith has always been for me a "beacon of possibilities"=
I still have dreams on occasion where I go back to Smith to take the courses I missed the first time around, particularly the survey courses on English Literature. I am probably the only Smithie who hasn't read "everything", as I've spent more free time playing the violin than reading! Ironically, I've found a way to make amends with the past. I play the violin in two chamber groups - a quartet and a piano trio - and almost all of the women in these groups went to Seven Sisters colleges, though none of them attended Smith. After we play music, we have a snack, and they tell me about the books they're currently reading - so it's a bit like combining a book club with a concert. Now that I'm out of work, perhaps I'll have more time to do more reading!
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House at Smith: Wilder
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Favorite Course: Art History & Special Studies at the Museum
Memorable Professor: Pat Skarda and many, many others
Memorable book I read at Smith: Too many to choose from
Memorable book I read recently: Shakespeare’s plays, again
Music I listened to at Smith: Eclectic — Crosby Stills Nash & Young; Brandenburg Concertos
Music I listen to now: Eclectic — The Last Waltz; Beethoven
Favorite Smith menu item: Sunday brunch
Least favorite Smith menu item: Cheese strata
Key issue in my life today: Family!
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Maude Fish, Marybelle Hu, Carol Bresnahan, Sarah Morse
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House at Smith: Emerson
Major at Smith: Government
Favorite Course: Calligraphy
Memorable Professor: Elliot Offner, Donald Robinson
Memorable book I read at Smith: A Moveable Feast (Ernest Hemingway)
Memorable book I read recently: Plainsong (Kent Haruf)
Music I listened to at Smith: Fleetwood Mac
Music I listen to now: Beatles Anthology
Favorite Smith menu item: Brownie pudding
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver
Key issue in my life today: children
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Emily Soltanoff, Eve Oxley Guernsey (our daughters are in the same class)
House at Smith: Hubbard
Major at Smith: Biology
Favorite Course: Mammalian Physiology
Memorable Professor: Margaret Olivo
Memorable book I read at Smith: Crime and Punishment (Fyodor Dostoevsky)
Memorable book I read recently: Prodigal Summer (Barbara Kingsolver)
Music I listened to at Smith: Allman Brothers, “Live at the Fillmore”
Music I listen to now: cds my teenage daughter burns for me
Favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire pudding
Least favorite Smith menu item: Veal marengo
Key issue in my life today: balancing family life and work life!
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Penelope Corcoran, Eulalie Sullivan, Cindy Ballenger, Mimi Zolan
After I left Smith, I was in pursuit of a career. I obtained a post graduate degree and began teaching and caring for patients. Administrative activities took on an increasing share of my time, and I have now been working for a national company in a regional position for the last 5 years. Then, at the beginning of this year, our company reorganized and I was laid off. During that time, it has become ever more apparent to me that the relationships that I have are the most important thing to me. My identity is becoming based less in what I do and more in my connections with other people.

There is a cyclicity of life that I am coming to appreciate. All of one's experiences blend together, forming a cumulative frame of reference that continues to evolve over the course of a lifetime. Smith provided a significant part of the backdrop for my life and I am grateful for the enduring friendships that I made while I was in college.
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House at Smith: Park/Park Annex
Favorite Course: Art 100
Memorable book I read at Smith: Night (Elie Wiesel)
Memorable book I read recently: Independence Day (Richard Ford)
Music I listened to at Smith: Joni Mitchell’s “Blue” and “Court and Spark”
Favorite Smith menu item: tuna salad
Least favorite Smith menu item: I loved it all!
Key issue in my life today: challenging apathy and complacency
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Kathleen Brueger, Lynn Fox, Nan Stifel (etc.!)
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House at Smith: Parsons
Major at Smith: English
Favorite Course: Chaucer
Memorable Professor: Arthur Parsons
Memorable book I read at Smith: The Protestant Ethic and Spirit of Capitalism (Max Weber)
Memorable book I read recently: Liar’s Poker (Michael Lewis)
Music I listened to at Smith: Mothers of Invention, “Weasels Ripped My Flesh”
Music I listen to now: Alan Sherman, “My Son the Folksinger”
Favorite Smith menu item: party dates
Least favorite Smith menu item: blotted it out of memory
Key issue in my life today: balance
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Jill Chamberlain Brookoff; Pia De Santis Pell (sister-in-law); Louise Zanar
My day usually starts with a prayer for strength, to keep my goals and perspective about what is important in life, and amid the chaos, to be able to be kind and caring to the world. With all the sadness and loneliness, poverty and violence, sickness and hunger, I am focused on making this world a better place to live, one smile at a time. After prayer, I say good-bye to my two independent children, Katie (17) and Bill (13) and take off for a stimulating and hectic day at the lab. At Wyeth, I lead a project team in assessing live, attenuated virus strains as viable vaccine candidates to prevent severe respiratory disease in young infants. In the evenings, I am involved in church activities that focuses on helping others less fortunate as head of the Missions and Social Concerns Committee. My fun and personal growth activities include reading and developing my writing skills.

I am living an ordinary life extraordinarily well. I
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House at Smith: Chase
Major at Smith: Economics / Psychology
Favorite Course: Organizational Behavior
Memorable Professor: Andrew Zimbalist
Memorable book I read at Smith: ? Probably something about guns and butter
Memorable book I read recently: All the Harry Potter books
Music I listened to at Smith: anything by Linda Ronstadt
Music I listen to now: Carly Simon, Mary Chapin Carpenter
Favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire pudding and roast beef
Least favorite Smith menu item: liver and onions
Key issue in my life today: Plans for the future — on lots of different levels and making a difference
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Rosemary Harvey Minhas, Jean Sandman Manthorne, Laurie Macintosh, Kate Martin and misc. others

What’s important? A life well lived, and making a difference.

What has Smith meant to me? Lots. Lifelong friends. Forever memories. And guaranteed mail!
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House at Smith: Hopkins A  
Favorite Course: Introduction to the Middle Ages  
Memorable book I read at Smith:  
Memorable book I read recently:  
Music I listened to at Smith:  
Music I listen to now:  
Favorite Smith menu item: fruit pies  
Least favorite Smith menu item: anything with rice  
Key issue in my life today: 2 year-old daughter Carys  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Barbie Bangert; Deborah Wilkinson ‘78, Debbie Sussman Steckler ’76

A late bloomer, I got married at 40 to a fellow grad student, Bruce Diaz (a cell biologist), and two years ago we had a daughter, Carys (a Welsh name; it rhymes with “Paris”). Late parenthood is a delightful and terrifying thing, and we are just crazy about that little girl.
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House at Smith: Morrow
Major at Smith: Government
Favorite Course: Constitutional Issues (Leo Weinstein)
Memorable Professor: Burr Overstreet
Memorable book I read at Smith: American Government
Memorable book I read recently: John Adams (David McCullough)
Music I listened to at Smith: Boston
Music I listen to now: Dido / Counting Crows
Favorite Smith menu item: Sunday brunch
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver
Key issue in my life today: Parenting (being a good parent; balance between work and home)
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Katy Winn, Betsy Gardner, Gail Dufek
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House at Smith: Talbot
Favorite Course: Art 100
Memorable book I read at Smith: A room of One’s Own (Virginia Woolf)
Memorable book I read recently:
Music I listened to at Smith: anything by the Beatles
Music I listen to now: Alison Krauss
Favorite Smith menu item: Sunday brunch
Least favorite Smith menu item: Veal-something-or-other
Key issue in my life today: getting enough sleep
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: not enough!

Although I haven’t been back for other reunions and do not stay in touch with more than a few Smith friends, my Smith experience is very much a part of who I am today. It has opened doors for me, introduced me to intellectual and cultural pursuits I couldn’t have discovered on my own, and empowered me to stand up for what I believe is right. Most importantly it is my favorite thing to have in common with so many talented, beautiful women.
I had a dream last week that I was still a senior at Smith and couldn’t decide what to do for a job, or where to do it. I woke up and discovered that 25 years had gone by and it still feels like I just am about to leave Smith. (Granted, with a daughter applying to colleges this year, the feeling is less pronounced.) But, what I interpret from that dream is that Smith lets you have that choice about where and what you’d like to do in your life. The few things that Smith doesn’t prepare you for — raising children, giving birth, fixing dinner for family every night, coping with the odd catastrophe, etc. somehow are more manageable because you know, ultimately, you can do other things, sometimes even competently.

The reality of my life is that I have four children, three dogs and a kitten. And, a wonderful husband of nearly 20 years. I stopped being paid for work after my 2nd child and worked harder than ever as a “volunteer” in every school, library, woman’s club (is this sounding familiar to so many of you…?) that I had contact with. Smith women are incredible volunteers, if not a little impatient with less competent volunteers…

The essential items about my life now are: my children are incredibly wonderful and active. Ditto my husband and pets. I am very dedicated to international women’s causes and sit on the board of Population Action International in Washington, DC. I can prepare vast quantities of dinner on short notice, have wonderful parents and in-laws all within close radius and count on my “girlfriends” more than at any other time in my life. This is the biggest gift of Smith — the value I place on women friends and their support in my life. (And, no, my daughter is not applying to Smith. She is looking for a very large, very active and very coed college or university to attend.)
I feel very fortunate and blessed to have had the education I had and made the friends I did while at Smith (and in Rome for a semester.) Alums of all ages are a bright, fun, energetic and welcoming bunch, and reunion will be no exception.

After graduation, I moved to New York City and worked for a few years in a wonderfully entrepreneurial position for Jacoby & Meyers before going to b-school at Yale, '82, and heading for Wall Street. I’ve been in institutional sales (munis) for the last 15 years and since '93 with UBS PaineWebber. It's definitely approaching the time for a change. Not in million years would I have imagined myself being surrounded by a sea of men. It has its challenges, to put it mildly.

This August Carolyn Handler and I will celebrate 19 years together. As my parents used to say, Divorce? Never. Murder? Many times! She is a trust & estates lawyer at Skadden, Arps here in NYC. On weekends we escape to a place in the woods north of here in Dutchess County. We've got 2 spirited flat-coated retrievers who enjoy the outdoors with us. Carolyn is a fabulous cook so most Saturday nights our table overflows with neighbors.

My five sisters, three of whom followed me to Smith (yes, my mother & her mother went as well) have 6 children among them, ages 1-10, and we are all very close, most being between NY, CT& Boston with one outlier in Minnesota.
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House at Smith: Franklin King / Chase
Major at Smith: Psychology
Favorite Course: Anything by Peter Pufall
Memorable Professor: Peter Pufall
Memorable book I read at Smith: The Bell Jar (Sylvia Plath)
Memorable book I read recently: The Bible; the Qu’ran; To Life! (Rabbi Kushner)
Music I listened to at Smith: Cat Stevens, “Buddha and the Chocolate Box”
Music I listen to now: Vision (Hildegard Von Bingen); Enya; Bach
Favorite Smith menu item: Zebra pudding & broccoli with lemon juice
Least favorite Smith menu item: Unfortunately I didn’t have one
Key issue in my life today: Making a difference
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Melanie Foster, Laurie Macintosh, and several others from Franklin King in 1973-77
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As you can see from the photo, I’m the “shrimp” in the family. We’ve hiked high above Sandy Beach in Acadia Nat’l Park on a beautiful summer day in July 2001. My husband, Mark (Amherst ’75), and I have been married 25 years this May and have lived in Brookfield, WI for the last 17 years. Our son, Matthew, turned 18 on Sept. 11th and is a nationally-ranked gymnast who would like to go to the College of William & Mary next year. Our daughter, Martha, is 14 and a figure skater, basketball player and varsity golfer and … hopefully, maybe, a future Smithie?!? My life is full and challenging raising 2 teenagers and keeping up with all of their activities, as well as my own. I’m a retired Physician’s Assistant (Northeastern Univ.) who worked in OB/GYN for 5 years before deciding to be a full-time mom. Besides volunteering in their schools, at our church, in the community, I’ve also been a children’s garden guide at our Botanical Gardens, active in my Bridge Group and started both a Gourmet Dinner Group and a multi-generational book club called the Ladies of Literature. I’m still playing classical piano, passionate about golf, gardening and tennis, love the theater and to travel. We try to see at least one National Park with the kids every year, and ventured to England, France and Italy. I enjoy keeping up with all the changes at Smith and news about classmates in the Quarterly. I still would pick attending Smith College as my first choice if I was given the chance to do it all over again! I have met Smith alums all over and I’m always proud to say I too attended Smith College!
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I am probably among the minority of Smith women in the class of ‘77 who, after having chil-

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Favorite Course: Dutch & Flemish Art; Senior Seminar on Margaret Sanger
Memorable Professor: Peter Rose, Jill Conway, Allen Weinstein
Memorable book I read at Smith:
Memorable book I read recently: Stolen Lives: 20 Years in a Desert Jail (Malike Oufkir)
Music I listened to at Smith: Jimmie Spheeris, Gordon Lightfoot etc. etc.
Music I listen to now: Mary Chapin Carpenter, Beatles, Whatever my kids are listening to!
Favorite Smith menu item: Desserts
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver
Key issue in my life today: Raising my children in a world full of challenging influences
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Nan Smith Stifel, Peggy Bunting Lyons, Avery Hughes,
Rosemary Moukad, Mary Haines

Some time has passed since I wrote the above para-

graph. Since then, Tom returned from Montana, and two
days later our world changed when terrorists attacked New
York City and Washington, DC. Even though the kids go to
school every day and I go about my business, the days are
different. Thoughts are different. Priorities are different. An
important aspect of my Smith experience is the friendships
formed while there. Talking with my Smith roommate of
two years days after the attack, sharing our feelings, it felt
as if no time at all had passed since 1973-1977. Days at
Smith were so full of classes, papers, projects, exams, and
challenges that prepared me for days post-Smith. My fon-
est memories of Smith are of time spent with friends.
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House at Smith: Gillett
Favorite Course: 
Memorable book I read at Smith:
Memorable book I read recently:
Music I listened to at Smith:
Music I listen to now:
Favorite Smith menu item:
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today:
Classmates with whom I stay in touch:

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House at Smith: Albright
Favorite Course:
Memorable book I read at Smith:
Memorable book I read recently:
Music I listened to at Smith:
Music I listen to now:
Favorite Smith menu item:
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today:
Classmates with whom I stay in touch:

After Smith, I went to Harvard Law School (with classmates Jorie Roberts and Melanie Dorsey) and practiced law in New York City. Currently, I am an executive in the online division of West Group (Westlaw), publishers of legal information. I live in Boston and work in both New York City and Boston, traveling back and forth regularly. I have no children, but I am a devoted aunt.
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House at Smith: Wilder
Favorite Course: Gothic in Literature
Memorable book I read at Smith: *Frankenstein* (Mary Shelley)
Memorable book I read recently: *Interpreter of Maladies* (Jhumpa Lahiri)
Music I listen to now:
Favorite Smith menu item: salad and cottage cheese; cookies
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today: My children, education, music
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Linda Currie, Deb Fox
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House at Smith: Talbot
Major at Smith: Art History
Favorite Course: Baroque Architecture
Memorable Professor: Miss Horner, Mrs. Kelly
Memorable book I read at Smith: *Women in Love* (D H. Lawrence)
Memorable book I read recently: *Personal History* (Katherine Graham)
Music I listened to at Smith: Carol King, “Tapestry”
Music I listen to now: Buena Vista Social Club
Favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire pudding
Least favorite Smith menu item: can’t remember anything terrible!
Key issue in my life today: my family
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Joanna Parkins Dowey, Linda Koury Ducruet, Lisa Ruffin Harrison, Melissa Parker Draper, Irene Spielman-Hodge, Sarah Morse, Robin Stroup, Rosemary Moukad
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I came of age at Smith. In high school, I was young and untested but at Smith I faced intellectual, social,  
work and health challenges that were fun and terrifying and broadening.  

Chinese art, city planning, geology, economics and German were all taught with the intellectual rigor that Smith remains proud of to this day. The ability to do research, to write a document (previously known as a paper), to read critically and to discuss are all skills acquired at Smith that have served me well in life.  

Within minutes of pulling up to Comstock House on that first day, I met Diana Hamilton. When I saw her on the dock in Southwest Harbor, Maine this past summer, those 28 years seemed like a mere heartbeat. Lesli Rice and I along with friends from Smith and Hampshire spent weekends in New Hampshire hiking and carousing. I met a “guy” from Dartmouth who I dated for 4 years. The social life at Smith (not an oxymoron) allowed me to have lots of friends from other classes as well as from around the 5 colleges. Kayaking in the Hampshire pool and standing atop Mt. Holyoke with Kate Grace ‘78, now of Singapore, were integral parts of my Smith.  

I saw my first tongue being prepared for lunch at the Faculty Club. Washing dishes next to the kitchen ladies who picked asparagus and cucumbers on nearby farms was eye opening. So was working for Blanche in the Comstock kitchen, researching Persian art for Judith Lerner, or working as an assistant in the Smith College Museum. The campus jobs were an excellent and flexible venue for income and responsibility.  

I managed to have two health crises while at Smith. Despite surgeries and chemotherapy, the college helped me to keep going and when I later had a full leg cast, my friends drove me to chemistry class at UMass, helped me to keep going and to graduate. The cast did interfere with my lacrosse career but not with receiving my diploma from President Conway.  

My husband and I met on a rugby field in New York City and our life has taken us around the country and finally to Rochester, NY where the weather is changeable, the health care is in flux and the paddle tennis wires are taut. Our 3 teenagers (the 11 year old thinks she is one) are musicians, hockey players, dancers, and much more. Smith has remained a part of my life as I encourage young women to consider the College, I discuss books with Smithies of all ages, and I always enjoy my trips to Northampton. Viva Smith!
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House at Smith: Park
Favorite Course: too many to list!
Memorable book I read at Smith: The Mind of the South (W. J. Cash)
Memorable book I read recently: The Vintner’s Luck (Elizabeth Knox)
Music I listened to at Smith: Earth Wind & Fire
Music I listen to now: John Coltrane
Favorite Smith menu item: Coffee Cake
Least favorite Smith menu item: Roast
Key issue in my life today: work/family balance
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: lots!
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House at Smith: Scales / Drew  
Favorite Course:  
Memorable book I read at Smith:  
Memorable book I read recently:  
Music I listened to at Smith:  
Music I listen to now:  
Favorite Smith menu item:  
Least favorite Smith menu item:  
Key issue in my life today: time  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch:
I’m just happy to be alive after the events of September 11th, especially given my office’s proximity to ground zero. After making sure my younger daughter (Lillian, age 9) was safe in Brooklyn, I walked uptown to pick up my older daughter (Eleanor, age 12) at school (Brearley). Eleanor and I then sought refuge with dear friend and fellow Smith Alum Bridget Moore ’79.

My office, in the white building (upper left), faced WTC #7 (collapsed); the Twin Towers (collapsed, in foreground) were just across the street, to the south.
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After 15 years of coordinating the volunteer programs at the Los Angeles Philharmonic, I am working part-time managing the Los Angeles Children’s Chorus, accompanying several children’s choirs, an active volunteer (including local Smith Club), traveling, playing tennis, skiing, scuba diving, gardening... married to Greg 24 years in June (lawyer, tennis, travel, wine, scuba, skiing) ... mother of Alison (18 in June, senior in high school, water polo, swimming, opera, scuba, skiing) and Tracy (11 — Fifth Grade, gymnastics, singing, tennis, swimming, opera, scuba, skiing) ... Smith continues to be a central part of my life — as the years pass, the bonds of friendship and the intellectual stimulation that began there do not diminish — how blessed we all are to have shared such an extraordinary and unique experience!
This year, I have very little routine in a "day in a life." On September 10, 2001 I settled into an apartment in New York City, as my daughter entered 9th grade in a local school...and my son already attends a New York school. My husband and I made this decision...we still have a home in Longmeadow, Mass., to provide our children with a Jewish high school education.

So my day consists of working out, networking in order to find jobs in the television/video world...discovering New York and making new friends. I do of course try to take advantage of the wonderful cultural opportunities NY has to offer...while still being there for my daughter. Weekends find me on the road...either returning to Longmeadow...or my husband will join us here. I do have a couple of quite interesting projects in the works, so I'm in constant communication, trying to make those happen. And I shop...only occasionally, believe it or not!

What is important in this life is the health of ourselves and our loved ones, giving of oneself to them, and love. It is equally important to recognize the gifts and talents we have been given, and learn to use them to achieve our fullest potential...each individual trying to make this world a better place. I am full of gratitude for the many gifts I have been given, of family and special friendships.

When I look back at my days of Smith, I find it did give me the confidence to take myself out into the world...but most significantly...it taught me the value of true friendship and the appreciation of what women can achieve...though it took some time, after graduation, to learn that some things could not be achieved all at once...but step by step.
When I left Smith, clueless about what to do with my future, I returned to Maine. Shortly thereafter, I began working as a cashier on the four-to-midnight shift at the "old" L. L. Bean store in Freeport (which, by the way, turned out to be my favorite job of the past 25 years). Because it seemed like the thing to do at the time, I left the store to enroll in business school. Ouch. Finance, organizational behavior, accounting, statistics, and economics sat with me like jagged glass. Twenty-one months later I limped away with my MBA, but to add insult to injury, I still felt clueless.

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House at Smith: Lawrence / Chase
Major at Smith: Art History
Favorite Course: Asian Art
Memorable Professor: Whoever it was that taught Asian Art
Memorable book I read at Smith: — uh oh, don’t remember
Memorable book I read recently: Maine Memories (Elizabeth Coatsworth)
Music I listened to at Smith: George Benson’s “Breezin’”
Music I listen to now: Steve Tyrell’s New Standard
Favorite Smith menu item: tea & cookies
Least favorite Smith menu item: the coffee
Key issue in my life today: peace
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Susan Bowers Fetterling, Ann James, Avery Hughes, Emily Axilrod Hildner, Nancy Jenkins, Delia Marshall, Julie McClure, Lynn Fruehau Charlton, Rosemary Moukad

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The most important thing in my life and the greatest gift that I’ve been given are my four children — Brian (18), Meghan (13), Michael (10) and Daniel (7). Smith College nurtured my love of learning, as well as my passion for music, and I have tried to pass on the importance of both to my children. My oldest son, Brian, is a talented guitarist and will be entering Colgate University in the fall; my daughter, Meghan, is a gifted student and flautist, and the two younger boys, Michael and Daniel, are showing similar promise.

It has been fun coming back to my old stomping grounds since graduating. Though the campus is constantly being renovated and expanded, the overall sense of beauty, vitality and community remain the same.
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House at Smith: Martha Wilson
Favorite Course: Art 100
Memorable book I read at Smith:
Memorable book I read recently:
Music I listened to at Smith:
Music I listen to now:
Favorite Smith menu item:
Least favorite Smith menu item: Popovers
Key issue in my life today:
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Corrine Smith, Susan Atwood Eschenroeder, Jennifer Howland, Gigi Newcomb

Left: July 2001, during the President’s trip to Kosovo. We chopped to Camp Boudsteel.

Above: November 2001, Presidential pardon of the Thanksgiving turkey in the Rose Garden

Left: January 2002, advancing the President’s visit to the Great Wall of China on 2/22/02.

Major at Smith: French
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House at Smith: Cushing  
Major at Smith: Government  
Favorite Course: MacDonald’s Architecture  
Memorable Professor: Pat Skarda  
Memorable book I read at Smith: *The Education of Henry Adams* (Henry Adams)  
Memorable book I read recently: *Waiting* (Ha Jin)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Stevie Wonder’s “Innervisions”  
Music I listen to now: anything by Tracy Chapman  
Favorite Smith menu item: Brownie pudding  
Least favorite Smith menu item:  
Key issue in my life today:  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Sue Frost, Glenna Webster, Lucy Look Kat, Betsy Chase, Paula Herold, Helen Chaikovsky, Tot Kunda
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House at Smith: Cutter / Morrow  
Favorite Course:  
Memorable book I read at Smith: *The Bell Jar* (Sylvia Plath)  
Memorable book I read recently: *Beyond the Void* (J. Simpson)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Boz Scaggs  
Music I listen to now: Classical / Jazz / R&B  
Favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire pudding  
Least favorite Smith menu item: cottage cheese  
Key issue in my life today: work/family balance  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: June Roberts, Jorie Roberts, Robin Jones

My life is fairly frantic, like most, with a husband and three children living in London. I work in the “City” (financial district) at Goldman Sachs as a Sell Side Analyst for Consumer Products in Global Investment Research/Equities and am feeling more and more like a relic as the average age in the Equities division is probably thirty. We live in central London, which is great, with our children: Kate 15 years, Ted 13 and Ben 9. My husband and I are involved on the Board of a Theater Group that owns Theaters in London which brings new plays/musicals to London and feeds our need for an artistic outlet! I do think that Smith probably more than anything else made me the person that I am today and I feel that some of the best times were definitely in those four years. I don’t keep up as much with Smith friends as I would like but when I do see them it is great and I feel as close as if I were still living “down the hall.”
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House at Smith: Baldwin / Cushing / Sessions  
Major at Smith: Theater  
Favorite Course: English Novel  
Memorable Professor: Helen Chinoy  
Memorable book I read at Smith: Old Testament  
Memorable book I read recently: Marjorie Morningstar (Herman Wouk)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Boz Scaggs  
Music I listen to now: “The Producers”  
Favorite Smith menu item: Roast beef & Yorkshire pudding  
Least favorite Smith menu item:  
Key issue in my life today: career change  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Julie McClure, Lynn Fruehauf Charlton, Fran Black, Nan Heald, Helen Chaikovsky, Dolores Kunda, Ibbitts Warriner, Kathryn Quaintance
House at Smith: Talbot  
Major at Smith: Cultural Anthropology

Favorite Course: most memorable, Art 100
Memorable Professor: Peter Rose; entire Anthropology faculty
Memorable book I read at Smith: no memory!!
Memorable book I read recently: *101 Ways to Help Your Daughter Love Her Body* (Brenda Land Richardson) —not a *New York Times* Best Seller perhaps, but indicative of where I’m at in this phase of life!
Music I listened to at Smith: Cat Stevens — no memory of titles!
Music I listen to now: By default: NSYNC! By choice: Cheryl Wheeler
Favorite Smith menu item: Don’t remember being passionate about any one thing!
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver, of course!
Key issue in my life today: Trying to find balance between friends, family and community involvements — Is there time for 1-on-1 with husband/partners?
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Margy Robinson, Rosemary Moukad (“Rosie” to Talbotites)
In the last year I have been diagnosed with, and operated on for, breast cancer. It has been a year since I was actually told I have the disease, and what a year it has been — emotionally, physically, spiritually. I have never been so frightened, yet at the same time, I have never felt such support. All the trite sayings apply. I count my blessings every day now, my life did flash before me early on when I was first told, and the day I was told was just about the worst day of my life. So, what’s important to me? My husband who has been there for me, supporting the difficult decisions I had to make, seeing me through 4 surgeries and recoveries, picking up the pieces, writing thank you notes, and, most importantly, being a fantastic father. My children who weathered a lot for a 5 and 10-year-old! My family, my doctors, my colleagues, my neighbors, my friends. Three of my Smith friends, all of whom live far away, arranged it so that they would call, write, send packages at least once a week. They carried me through. Another Smith friend wrote beautiful, upbeat letters; others sent their concerns over the holidays. Friendship, sisterhood, is powerful and sweet, and I feel so lucky.

One more thing, a word to my classmates: Have mammograms; for me the mammogram caught the cancer early, and I’m going to be around for many more reunions!
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Major at Smith: American Studies  
Favorite Course: Am. Studies senior seminar with Jill Conway  
Memorable Professor: Donald Robinson  
Memorable book I read at Smith: *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men* (James Agee, Walker Evans)  
Memorable book I read recently: *The Poisonwood Bible* (Barbara Kingsolver)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Joni Mitchell, “Ladies of the Canyon”  
Music I listen to now: Tim Janis  
Favorite Smith menu item: Brownie pudding  
Least favorite Smith menu item: Soybean casserole  
Key issue in my life today: balancing family life and professional life  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Sheryl Roth-Rogers

Smith opened up the world for me by stimulating my curiosity, sharpening my senses and giving me the tools and confidence to keep exploring, asking questions, meeting new people and trying new things -- while at the same time resolving to keep an open heart and mind.

After graduation, I went charging off to New York City where, for almost a decade, I continued trying to open new doors. After a few "false starts," a little persistence and luck led to an all-consuming job working on a national television news show. And I still had the energy and enthusiasm (which was re-invigorated every time I went back for reunion) to keep pursuing other interests, both old and new--traveling, choral singing, volunteer work and eventually working part time on a masters degree in Communication.

Then came a needed change of pace. After moving to back to the suburbs, starting a more "corporate" job, marriage, and a daughter, I was able to honor a new set of priorities. (The "aura" of Smith started to seem a little more distant.) Now, instead of wanting to add new things to my repertoire of life, I want to treasure and protect the important things I am so grateful to have gained: family, friends, good health, an old-fashioned "Leave it to Beaver"-type neighborhood, church, choral singing, a troop of great Brownie moms and daughters, cooking and pets. A typical day is spent balancing these things with my part-time job at a bank, while usually wishing, as I sink into bed (with still unchecked items on my list of to-dos), that I'd made a little more effort to set aside a chunk of time just for me. But wait, these are the things that I've wanted and worked for--just for me. And the Smith experience has prepared me just as well for this stage of life as it has for other stages, both past and, as I am confident, for the future.
Smith has meant a lifelong sense of community with my classmates and a larger sisterhood of women. My Smith education reinforced a foundation of intellectual self-esteem and provided a nurturing environment for curiosity and creativity.

Nowadays, I find myself shifting away from a relatively independent focus on self and personal growth. I'm feeling a greater need for connection. Pursuit of a consuming career, the perfect home, the "everydayathon"—are what I remember most about my thirties. Now, at forty-six, some of my greatest joy comes from my most insignificant moments: laughing with a friend, feeding my horse, hanging out with my husband.

A balanced life—with times of intense work and productivity, times of slow meals and lingering conversations, times of adventure and risk, times of dreams and beauty—is a life I aspire toward and is a happy balance I had a taste of, all those years ago, at Smith.
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House at Smith: Gardiner
Favorite Course: Psych
Memorable book I read at Smith:
Memorable book I read recently:
Music I listened to at Smith: Joni Mitchell
Music I listen to now:
Favorite Smith menu item: Tuna salad
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today: maintaining “balance”
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Betsy Hetzler, Sue Kaiser, Sandy McGregor O’Brien, Sharon Jungreis, Grace Yeomans Thaler
I left Smith to jump into the labor movement at its lowest rung, as a rank and file member of the Machinists Union. After ten years as a labor union activist and elected union leader in Connecticut, I decided to take the easier path of serving in a different capacity — as a labor lawyer. Working in Washington, DC with the Mineworkers, the Teamsters, the Service Employees International Union and now in private practice, I’ve been lucky to have played a role in some of the exciting events of contemporary labor history, such as the 1997 UPS strike. I managed to squeeze in marriage and my first child at the ripe ages of 37 and 39, respectively. To my great — and somewhat unanticipated — delight. I now have two children, ages 7 and 5. Just this year I have decided to cut back on my work a bit, and am learning the meaning of having “some air” (just a little bit”) in my life-time for yoga, Spanish lessons, travel and the never ending needs of my young children. I look forward to reconnecting with long lost Smith friends at the reunion.
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Major at Smith: English  
Favorite Course: Medieval Epic, Saga & Romance  
Memorable Professor: Vernon J. Harward  
Memorable book I read at Smith: *Goodbye to All That* (Robert Graves)  
Memorable book I read recently: *Snow in August* (Pete Hamill)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Joni Mitchell, “Ladies of the Canyon”  
Music I listen to now: Joni Mitchell, “Ladies of the Canyon”  
Favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire pudding  
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver!  
Key issue in my life today: time management  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: none, really

It would be clearer and more legible if I were to do this on the computer at home, but the truth is, I’m sitting in the orthodontist’s waiting room with my 15-year-old daughter, and it’s the time slot I’ve allotted this week for this task. The reason I mention this is that it represents the crazed state of my life right now — 2 part-time jobs, so I can be (!) home for the children, but which robs me of any kind of balance, as far as having time for myself. Also, issues of caring for / coping with a parent going through a major transition from independent living to what-comes-after. I could probably appreciate this time of my life, but I have no time to contemplate the question.
This picture of my family and dearest friends was taken on December 23, 2000, at the Little Sanctuary at St. Albans School in Washington, DC. On that freezing cold day, we had plenty of warmth: I got married to my sweetheart and best friend, Harris Benjamin Hull, Jr. Ben and I enjoyed the entire day with the whole-hearted support and affection of: my children and stepchildren and their dear families; Ben’s children; my dear parents and step-parent, my sister Alethea Williamson ‘83 and her boyfriend; and of course, my husband’s family. This will always be an especially poignant anniversary for me because my dear mother Marie Ahearn Williamson passed away suddenly three weeks later. So, this is the last day I spent with Mother.
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House at Smith: Capen
Major at Smith: Psychology / English
Favorite Course: The Tragic Muse Memorable Professor: Donald Reutener, Dr. Petersen
Memorable book I read at Smith: Dante’s Inferno
Memorable book I read recently: Fury (Salmon Rushdie); Paris to the Moon (Adam Gopnik)
Music I listened to at Smith: Joni Mitchell, Judy Collins, Earth Wind & Fire
Music I listen to now: Ethnac World music, India Arie, Luther Vandross
Favorite Smith menu item: homemade cream puffs with homemade hot fudge
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today:
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Amie Rose, Joan Sampson, Susan Motzer, Carola Calsibet, Pam Godfrey

Martha Iversen
Daughter Anna
Son Jack
Husband John
In 1995, I founded Chicspeare Production Company, a Chicago-based theater specializing in Shakespeare; our name reflects our commitment both to the city and the plays. In addition to touring productions to neighborhoods, we bring professional actors into classrooms to show students how actors play with the language in rehearsal to figure out what’s happening in a text.

Below, James and actor Jonathan Pereira help two freshmen physicalize the “hand” words in a conversation between Romeo & Juliet to discover they’re dancing. (Photo by Deirdre DeVey Britt ‘77 on a visit in May, 2000!) To the right, actor Abdul-Malik guides 4th graders creating a witches’ scene in Macbeth.
My strongest memory of Smith was one of accepting an opportunity to do something I'd never done before. Walking onto the backstage of the Mendenhall Performing Arts Center's theater my second day as a freshman, I was recruited to run lights and build sets for the first production of the autumn. I've always believed this wouldn't have happened at a coed college, with so many men maneuvering to have access--not only to recreational but also to academic opportunities. Since leaving Smith I have enjoyed numerous adventures and an interesting (and digressive) professional career, and each step along the way began with a sense of entitlement to access that I learned in those first days at Smith.

I have lived in Boston for 21 years, and worked as an architect and urban designer for most of them. I'm currently enjoying a "sabbatical" that has lasted five years, and have been exploring new fields and capabilities. I include a picture of my three sons, Anders, Liam and Hugh, plus a picture of myself working in the studio of Elli Crocker '77.
I went to LAMDA in London after Smith to study acting. Graduated, went to Australia to visit my folks and got cast as the lead role in the biggest mini-series Australia had ever seen (which gave me my 15 minutes of fame)! Did a few movies and TV stuff down here then got married to husband number 1 and delved into personal growth to wake up my spiritual side. I learnt lots, got divorced and founded a corporate training company - The Voice Business (www.voicebusiness.com) which I still run today. We specialize in training execs in Presentation skills, public speaking etc.

I keep my performing hand in by doing voiceovers...I'm the voice for Discovery Channel over here in Asia-Pacific. I got married and divorced again! (can't keep a good romantic down!) and now I'm onto my third husband (and we've been married 11 years. phew.) We have a son who's 10 and about 6 ft tall!

Lots of Love to you all,
Juliet Jordan
My life has changed a great deal over the last year. After working full-time since I finished business school in 1982, I took a partial sabbatical from my work and moved full-time to our weekend home in the country. My children and I spend the week together and my husband joins us on the weekend and also occasionally telecommutes one day a week. After the initial six-month period, we decided we preferred living by the beach in a small town and have commenced our move here permanently. I also quit my full-time position and took a part-time position with a leading French software company that had been my client for five years. So I am telecommuting virtually 100% of my time with some travel in the US and to France. I miss the strong friendships from college and would like to find a way to reconnect with old friends from Smith as well as get to know Smithies in the NY/Long Island area.
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Major at Smith: English and Economics  
Favorite Course: British Novel, Comp Lit.  
Memorable Professor: Edith Kern, Helen Adams  
Memorable book I read at Smith: Books by Virginia Woolf  
Memorable book I read recently: *Pavilion of Women* (Pearl S. Buck)  
Music I listened to at Smith:  
Music I listen to now:  
Favorite Smith menu item:  
Least favorite Smith menu item:  
Key issue in my life today: Juggling competing interests  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Michelle Lorand  

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Recently I have been reflecting not just 25 years back but to 30 years ago to the time when college catalogs filled our rural mailbox. Attending a co-ed public high school I welcomed the camaraderie a woman's college would offer. Now, our mailbox again overflows with postcards and brochures of far away college campuses. Erika, our 17 year old, is a junior at an all girl's academy in a large city. She is immersed in the process of evaluating, prioritizing, and categorizing her list of requirements, which seem very unique from my list of 1971. Yet the more time as a family we spend discussing the merits of large universities, small college towns and community "belonging" the more I appreciate what I gained from Sophia's legacy. The education was superior and the liberal arts foundation has served me well.

My life today is full juggling my many fulltime jobs of project manager, volunteer and most importantly loving wife and Mom to two great kids, Erika and Alex. Keeping up with teenagers schedules and being involved in their extra-curricular activities makes me happily crazy. I reminisce with fond memories but am very blessed and content with my life. As all Americans have learned this fall we need to appreciate and savor what we hold dear in life. For me, this means putting family first.
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Major at Smith: Economics / Psychology
Favorite Course: Macro Econ
Memorable book I read at Smith: War and Peace (Leo Tolstoy) — so long!
Memorable book I read recently: Girl with a Pearl Earring (Tracy Chevalier)
Music I listened to at Smith: Fleetwood Mac, Dan Fogelberg
Music I listen to now: David Gray, U2
Favorite Smith menu item: Pot Roast
Least favorite Smith menu item: Veggie Food
Key issue in my life today: Career transition after 22 years with J. P. Morgan Chase
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Karen Day, Jeanne Carley, Vicky Lynch Knight
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House at Smith: Jordan  Major at Smith: Biochemistry
Favorite Course: Greek Art  Memorable Professor: Phyllis Lehman
Memorable book I read at Smith: don’t recall
Memorable book I read recently: *Midnight’s Children* (S. Rushdie)
Music I listened to at Smith: Stevie Wonder’s “Innervisions”
Music I listen to now: Before these Crowded Streets (Dave Matthews Band)
Favorite Smith menu item: Home Baked muffins at breakfast
Least favorite Smith menu item: New England Boiled Dinner
Key issue in my life today: Balancing work and family life
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Anne Davidson, Martha Novick Kelley

One of my fondest memories of Smith was an episode involving a fellow classmate, Anne Davidson. It occurred in a 300-level biology course called Cellular Neurophysiology with Mr. Olivo. Although I was a Biochemistry major, I was not a memorable student by any means. In this course, we were assigned an independent lab project. Mine had to do with attempting to record electric information from cells in a crayfish, and my stupid crayfish did not oblige (it probably didn’t help that I waited until the last minute to start the project). So I wrote a report and waited for a tight-lipped head shake from Mr. Olivo. Anne’s project was more original and creative. She decided to see how earthworms responded to different levels of anesthesia (at that time, she wanted to be an anesthesiologist). So, she put earthworms in petri dishes with different amounts of ethyl alcohol (moonshine!) to see how they would be affected. Mr. Olivo took his time looking at the different demonstrations, and our table was one of the last. When he got to us, all of Anne’s earthworms were drunk! None of them did anything except lay around. Anne and I fell out laughing (Mr. Olivo did not find it quite as funny as we did). Thinking about this story brings me back to the friends I made at Smith (Anne and I still are friends), the arbitrariness of student life (which will probably never change), and the importance of a good sense of humor! Anne became a psychiatrist, and I became a child neurologist. I’m happy to say that I have never had to do any type of intracellular recording, either.
I nearly succumbed to complacency, working for the same company for twenty years, putting in my garden, and living in a small Massachusetts city. I was content, but not quite present in my own life. My career and my perennial border defined me.

Five years ago, I opened Elizabethan Arts, an online historical costume studio. It began as a whim to occupy the long winter evenings. Soon, I found myself traveling to New York City in search of exotic fabrics and trimmings. I tuned in to the energy and pace of Manhattan and discovered how to harness it. I returned to school in 2000, studying fashion design as a part-time student at Parsons School of Design. I was still working full time in Massachusetts, and I commuted seven hours round-trip every Saturday.

Last summer, I joined Guardian Life Insurance Company in Manhattan as eBusiness Manager for Group Sales, to be closer to school and all the resources that my small, but growing, business requires. I moved to Larchmont. I am no longer complacent. I am still taking classes. There are weeds in my garden in Massachusetts, but I no longer care.

Best wishes! Trish
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Major at Smith: Comparative Literature  
Favorite Course: English courses on D. H. Lawrence  
Memorable Professor: Prof. Ball  
Memorable book I read at Smith:  
Memorable book I read recently: *Cane River* (Lalita Tademy)  
Music I listened to at Smith: James Taylor  
Music I listen to now: *Phantom of the Opera*  
Favorite Smith menu item: Scallops  
Least favorite Smith menu item: Cauliflower something  
Key issue in my life today: College education for my children  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Pauline Shoback

What do I do today? I go to work, I go to church and I go home. At home, I pet the dog and watch my kids eat. Not very exciting, but I have a job I love, a church that needs serious help, and a very supportive and loving family. I feel very blessed. I want to say hello to all of my Smith friends out there, and even though we haven’t stayed in touch, I still love all of you guys. I spent some very happy years at Smith, and you were a large part of that happiness. Thank you so very much. Rosalind
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House at Smith: King and Park  
Major at Smith: Zoology  
Favorite Course: Vertebrate zoology  
Memorable Professor: Elizabeth Hoener  
Memorable book I read at Smith: Plato’s Republic  
Memorable book I read recently: Ahab’s Wife (Sena Jeter Naslund)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Allman Brothers  
Music I listen to now: Sting  
Favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire pudding  
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver  
Key issue in my life today:  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Susan Egan Burke; Susan McCall Macowski ‘76, Charlotte Mullen Sullivan ‘76, Cathy Stirling ‘76, Dodi Warfield ‘76.

While at Smith, I began to discover the knowledge and personal accountability to allow me to be who I am today. Never before had I dreamed that I could actually become a physician — often I reflect back to those four years and realize with thanks that I would be a very different person had I not had new doors opened while I was at Smith.
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A day in my life consists of getting my three girls off to school, trying to keep the house in order (I'm barely any better at being neat than I was in college), then sitting down to do some bookkeeping for a not-for-profit that pays me, my dad's bookkeeping or my own. Then I get to tackle sales and marketing of the children's book I wrote, Chelsea's New Home. Often these tasks are interrupted by my "mom job" for which I am on the school PTO, help out in the classrooms & help out in the school library. Come 3:30, I put on my chauffeur's cap and start driving the girls to piano, soccer, Hebrew school, play dates, etc.

All in all, however, I am grateful that I have children, my husband and that we have our health. I am grateful that I don't have to worry about having a roof over my head or that we will have food or clothing. I pray that I am being a good enough parent that my daughters will become happy and productive members of society.
House at Smith: Martha Wilson
Major at Smith: English & German
Favorite Course: all lit courses by Connolly
Memorable Professor: Frank Ellis & Prof. Connolly
Memorable book I read at Smith: Der Tod in Venedig (Thomas Mann)
Memorable book I read recently: River Horse (William Least Heat Moon)
Music I listened to at Smith: Doobie Brothers & Beatles
Music I listen to now: Beatles & Raffi
Favorite Smith menu item: Roast beef & Yorkshire pudding; Zebra pudding cake
Least favorite Smith menu item: none
Key issue in my life today: raising/educating kids — 7 & 1 years old
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Caren Sands, Carolyn Gresham, Mary Haines, Melissa Mann Holland

Elliott (7), Harmony (1), and Jessica, aka Mom, (46)
House at Smith: Talbot
Favorite Course: Chemistry / Chaucer
Memorable book I read at Smith: Plato’s Republic
Memorable book I read recently: When We Were Grownups (Anne Tyler)
Music I listened to at Smith: Joni Mitchell — any album
Music I listen to now: Frank Sinatra — any CD
Favorite Smith menu item: Roast beef & Yorkshire pudding
Least favorite Smith menu item: Everything was great!
Key issue in my life today: Caring for family members and growing in my work
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Maureen Foley ‘76 — my roommate at Hopkins House, 1973 & 1974

I feel truly privileged to have been educated at Smith College. Smith gave me a vision of excellence which has sustained me in so many ways, and I thank the faculty and friends I met as a student for enriching my life. I only hope that I can return the many blessings I have received as a Smith student to my friends and community in the years ahead.
After Smith, I went to work at Honeywell Electro-Optics outside Boston, designing infrared imaging systems for military applications. While at Honeywell I attended Boston Univ. School of Law full-time (it was interesting doing both at the same time!) and graduated in 1984.

I moved to Tampa in 1984 to practice environmental law with the firm of Carlton Fields -- one of the oldest, largest and finest firms in the state. I've been with CF ever since, and now co-chair the firm's Government Law Practice Group (environmental and land use law and other regulated businesses). More recently, I've gotten involved in historic preservation and serve as a Commissioner on the City of Tampa's Historic Preservation Commission.

When I moved to Boston, Smith alums Alison Smith and Scout O'Connell got me involved in rugby (!), and I ended up refereeing men's and women's rugby until about 2 years ago. I had a great fun with it, ending up as the highest ranked women referee in the U.S., officiating at various men's and women's regional and national championships, as well as the 1991 Women's World Cup (in Wales) and 1993 Canada Cup.

Life's been great, but busy! I haven't gotten back to Smith too often, but surely treasure those years and the memories. It was a wild time -- I'm lucky I survived it!!
House at Smith: Jordan / Lawrence
Favorite Course: Art 100
Memorable book I read at Smith: I actually liked reading Dante in English Lit class
Memorable book I read recently: Today I am a Boy (David Hays)
Music I listened to at Smith: Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto #2
Music I listen to now: Classical of all types
Favorite Smith menu item: breaded eggplant
Least favorite Smith menu item: pork
Key issue in my life today: Transitions
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: To my regret, I haven’t kept I touch. However, it is nev-er too late to get reacquainted!

Smith College nostalgia:

Paradise Pond: vivid Fall colors; pristine white snow; ice skating; canoeing
Sage Hall: my home away from home
John M. Greene Hall: Iva Dee Hiatt; SC Glee Club; Chamber Singers; Conducting; Orchestra
Jordan House: the quadrangle; my pre-med friends; long walks to cam-pus
Lawrence House: fellow music majors; Green Street
Art at Smith: Museum and Art 100 Study Room
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House at Smith: Emerson  
Major at Smith: Biology  
Favorite Course: D. H. Lawrence & Thomas Hardy  
Memorable Professor: Harold Skulsky  
Memorable book I read at Smith: The Women’s Room (Marilyn French)  
Memorable book I read recently: Kitchen Confidential (Anthony Bourdain)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Lots of them: Rolling Stones; Leon Russell; James Taylor  
Music I listen to now: Mose Allison, “I Don’t Worry About a Thing”  
Favorite Smith menu item: Zebra pudding  
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver  
Key issue in my life today: Keeping a good balance between family, friends and work  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Ellen Maxwell, Elizabeth Sawyer

What’s most important to me now is time; Time to spend with my husband, kids and dog; Time to enjoy my friends; Time to still do a good job at work and maybe make a difference; and Time to just read, relax, eat, drink and make merry.
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House at Smith: Laura Scales
Favorite Course: Russian politics
Memorable book I read at Smith: there were so many!
Memorable book I read recently: there are so many!
Music I listen to at Smith:
Music I listen to now:
Favorite Smith menu item:
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today: raising a teenage daughter!
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Because I was a transfer student, they’re all in the Class of ’78
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House at Smith: Emerson / Lawrence
Major at Smith: Anthropology w/ linguistics minor
Favorite Course: Transformational Linguistics (really!)
Memorable Professor: Harriet Lyons—anthropology
Memorable book I read at Smith: The Lord of the Rings (J.R.R. Tolkein)
Memorable book I read recently: Galileo’s Daughter (Dava Sobel)
Music I listened to at Smith: Aerosmith (any)
Music I listen to now: Dave Matthews (any)
Favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire pudding & roast beef
Least favorite Smith menu item: Cheese strata
Key issue in my life today: “dancing on a teeter-totter,” aka “which one wins my attention varies hourly” (husband, daughter, school, house, community, and—oh yeah, I remember now—me)
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Gwen Mattleman, Pam Gorden Wakefield
The past 25 years have zoomed by. Wasn’t it only last week that we all gathered in the quad, sat with friends from our houses, and proudly walked up one by one to receive our diplomas? My life since Smith has been full of exciting challenges, moves, travel, a wonderful marriage and a family, a serious illness, many incredible friends and numerous lasting memories.

My family is clearly the most important part of my life. My husband and I have been married nearly 22 years, and our lives together began while I was at Smith and he attended Yale. We have a 16-year old son, who is the love of our lives. He is beginning the college search himself now, and we look forward to introducing him to some of the East coast schools.

We all love to travel, and have been fortunate enough to have been to some extraordinary places. This summer we will be traveling to Italy for several weeks, then dropping our son off in Paris where he will begin a five-week trip with classmates from home. Perhaps my favorite place on earth, though, is our tiny cabin nestled in the mountains near Telluride, Colorado. That is our slice of heaven, and becomes our destination of choice quite frequently. In fact, I suspect my husband and I will live out there at some point in our lives.

My personal life is full. I am involved in a number of community organizations in Kansas City, and have served on several boards on non-profit agencies. I find it very gratifying to work in the non-profit world, and feel very blessed that I am able to “give back” to the community. There are so many needy organizations around, that I have little trouble hooking up with those that really interest me. For example, I have been able to use my love of dance to work with some incredible kids at a summer dance camp. I have also drawn from my own experiences as a cancer survivor to start up an organization to address the needs of the entire family of a chronically ill person. It all keeps me busy.

I still love to swim, and haven’t ever really stopped since Smith. I also take Pilates and yoga classes, play tennis, run and ski when we are Telluride. I love to cook and I pretend to think I know how to garden. And of course I love to read and listen to music.
HOW DOES ONE COPE WITH THE REALIZATION THAT ONE’S DREAMS FOR ONE’S DAUGHTER CAN NEVER COME TRUE? We were all going to change the world when we left Northampton in ’77 … and some of us have! But in the ensuing 25 years, many of us have re-directed those hopes from ourselves to our daughters. OK, I didn’t quite do it, but she can! My daughter Bonnie, however, never will. She is mainstreamed in 4th grade with a full-time Aide, and at 10 years old, is reading at the 1st grade level. She counts on her fingers and is just mastering the concept of coins. I am not only disappointed that she will never change the world, I worry how she will cope in it. What’s going to happen in the teen years, and worse yet, what will she do as an adult? Will she be able to live on her own? Or, after my parents sacrificed to send me to Smith, will my excellent education be wasted as I finish out my adult years caretaking my daughter? There are no solutions, of course, the answers will just unfold with the years. But the reality of the situation drains me of my energy at times, and it’s so hard not to feel cheated that she’s not dynamic and verbal and brilliant, with the unlimited potential that I’d dreamed she’d have.
House at Smith: Park / Park Annex / Tenney / Sessions  Major at Smith: Religion
Favorite Course: Russian Literature (in English)  Memorable Professor: Jochanan Wijnhoven
Memorable book I read at Smith: *The Brothers Karamazov* (Fyodor Dostoyevsky)  Memorable book I read recently: *The Gates of the Alamo* (Stephen Harrigan)
Favorite Smith menu item: cheese strata  Least favorite Smith menu item: fish, cauliflower, potatoes (“the white meal”)
Key issue in my life today: my children/work  Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Debby Cushman
House at Smith: Jordan / Laura Scales
Favorite Course: Music Theory
Memorable book I read at Smith: The Tin Drum
Memorable book I read recently:
Music I listened to at Smith: Elton John, “Madman Across the Water”
Favorite Smith menu item: Zebra pudding
Least favorite Smith menu item: none
Key issue in my life today: Our being at war
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Anne Biggar Neville


Love traveling with my husband — last year went to the Khumba Mela in India and to Vietnam for him to complete being an officer there during the war.

Left, daughter Lisa with partner Meghan, daughter Tracey with her friend Scott, husband Tim, Judy and Magic

Above, Judy Maloney with husband Tim and Magic
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House at Smith: Lamont
Favorite Course: Art 100
Memorable book I read at Smith: 
Memorable book I read recently:
Music I listened to at Smith:
Music I listen to now:
Favorite Smith menu item: Popovers
Least favorite Smith menu item: Veal Wisconsin
Key issue in my life today:
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House at Smith: Hopkins A & B
Major at Smith: Russian Civilization
Favorite Course: Russian & French lit. courses
Memorable book I read at Smith:
Memorable book I read recently:
Music I listened to at Smith:
Music I listen to now:
Favorite Smith menu item:
Least favorite Smith menu item: Friday afternoon tea
Key issue in my life today: enjoying life
Classmates with whom I stay in touch:
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I live with Walter Booth (my husband of 19+ years) and with our daughter of 14 years, Sonia. We’re in Somerville, next to Cambridge/Boston, in a 2-BR apartment. Our nice landlady lives upstairs. We have no car but do have bus passes, and love it that way. Our small B&W TV we found on the street. No VCR, no cable, no e-mail. Letters, yes.

As I write this, Sonia is in English class a block away. Walter, a student-teacher, is gamely accompanying 100 middle schoolers on a snow-tubing field trip. I am blissfully between deadlines on the parents’ newsletter I write/publish at Sonia’s school.

The batch of whole wheat bread Walter mixed and kneaded last night is in the oven. As that incredible aroma wafts in from the kitchen, the morning sunlight is going into its Stonehenge routine. The darkest season of the year is over. Every Groundhog Day, the sun comes back like this. Shafts of light blast through our front window and reach all the way to our back door. Proof that even this unlikely spot is connected to the workings of the universe.

I would not trade this moment for anything.
House at Smith: Sessions/Tenney
Favorite Course: Yeats & Joyce (Connelley)
Memorable book I read at Smith:
Memorable book I read recently: *Pavilion of Women* (Pearl S. Buck)
Music I listened to at Smith: Joni Mitchell’s “Blue”
Music I listen to now: Indigo Girls
Favorite Smith menu item: Cheese Strata
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver
Key issue in my life today: small boys
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Margherita Tortora
House at Smith: Gardiner  Major at Smith: Education/Psychology
Favorite Course: Children’s Literature  Memorable Professor: Pat Skarda
Memorable book I read at Smith: *The Siege* (Clara Claiborne Park)
Memorable book I read recently: *Blackbird* (Jennifer Lauck)
Music I listened to at Smith: anything by Cat Stevens
Music I listen to now: anything by Gershwin
Favorite Smith menu item: Cheese strata
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver
Key issue in my life today: work / time management
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Claudia Werner, Grace Yeomans Thaler, Betsy Hetzler, Alex Pierson; also Kate Durgin ’76 and Cary McMullen ’76
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House at Smith: Hampshire
Favorite Course: Art 100
Memorable book I read at Smith: *The Exorcist* (William Peter Blatty)
Memorable book I read recently: anything by Ann Rule
Music I listened to at Smith: Stevie Wonder, “Innervisions”
Music I listen to now: Jimmy Buffet, “Songs I Know by Heart”
Favorite Smith menu item: Spinach lasagna
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver
Key issue in my life today: Business travel
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Laurie Macintosh, Pam Scavotto Barber, Jean Sandman Manthorne, Lisa Smith

What’s important to me:

- Ensuring a peaceful home life as a refuge from the crazy world
- Sharing ups and downs and frequent laughs with my husband
- Being a good role model for my 11-year-old daughter and raising her to be self-confident and think for herself
- Enjoying a variety of recreational activities
- Working efficiently at my job as an account executive for an internet software company (so I’m not working 24-7)
- Getting a good night of sleep!
- Defying the aging process
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House at Smith: Sessions
Favorite Course: Art History
Memorable book I read at Smith: Mrs. Dalloway (Virginia Woolf)
Memorable book I read recently: The Bible
Music I listened to at Smith: Joni Mitchell, “Blue”
Music I listen to now: Praise Music
Favorite Smith menu item: Homemade Granola
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver
Key issue in my life today: Being a single parent
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Kathleen Brueger, Lynn Smith Fox, Debra Romero

I have had a lot of major changes in the last two years. I can truly say that I have learned to live one day at a time. It was a painful lesson but one with many blessings coming forth.
I never thought I'd say this, but I actually love practicing law. We graduated from law school in Carnegie Hall. I'd left my graduate musicology program a few years before after a lot of difficult strategic life planning. I remember walking down the aisle toward the stage thinking that something was really wrong: I had three stripes on my gown sleeve but my hood was definitely the wrong color. After a number of extremely unpleasant 3000-billable-hour years, I was able to resume an active musical life.

And before I moved to DC, I joined a choir that both rehearsed weekly and performed regularly -- in Carnegie Hall.

Now I practice intellectual property and technology law with the U.S. Treasury Department in DC, sing with an SSAA chamber group and a larger SATB group here, serve on the Board of Directors of the chamber group, and sometimes do a bit of conducting. I can actually sit in a concert without analyzing everything to death (well, usually). I value my health, treasure my time with my friends, family, and the community, and try not to be a workaholic. I occasionally succeed.

Whatever choices you make, your education is yours forever.
(And one more thing: there should be a "not yet" box for the plastic surgery question....)
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House at Smith: Morris / Gardiner
Favorite Course: Art 100
Memorable book I read at Smith: The End of the Affair (Graham Greene)
Memorable book I read recently: Disobedience (Jane Hamilton)
Music I listened to at Smith: Ray Coniff Singers (I am not kidding)
Music I listen to now: Barenaked Ladies
Favorite Smith menu item: Spinach Lasagna
Least favorite Smith menu item: liked them all — gained 20 lbs.
Key issue in my life today: effective parenting of teenage girls
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Ronnie MacLaren, Rosemary Moukad

I have spent the last six years acting in plays and television commercials as well as writing and directing plays. It’s been a blast. I’ve slowed down recently to give extra, much-needed attention to my two daughters — one of whom is a teenager. Enough said.
House at Smith: Ziskind
Favorite Course: History 100 w/T. Mendenhall
Memorable book I read at Smith: The Prince (Niccolo Machiavelli)
Memorable book I read recently: Interpreter of Maladies (J. Lahiri)
Music I listened to at Smith: Rocky Mountain High by John Denver
Music I listen to now: Best of Enya
Favorite Smith menu item: Make your own sundaes
Least favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire pudding
Key issue in my life today: eldercare
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Sue Bunnell, Anne Kazak, Isabella Zagare, Helen Ruppe Stevenson, Laurel Whitehouse Horine, Paula Gaj Sitarz, Stephanie Larkin Frost, Carolyn Nesbitt Gresham
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**House at Smith: Morrow/Northrop/Parsons**

**Major at Smith: Music / Education**

**Favorite Course: Teaching fellowship at Campus Day School**

**Memorable Professor: Philip Naegele**

**Memorable book I read at Smith: Shakespeare**

**Memorable book I read recently: Ahab’s Wife (Sena Jeter Naslund); Prodigal Summer (Barbara Kingsolver)**

**Music I listened to at Smith: Elton John**

**Music I listen to now: Emerson String Quartet or Dixie Chicks**

**Favorite Smith menu item: “It is all a blur.”**

**Least favorite Smith menu item: “It is all a blur.”**

**Key issue in my life today: rearing children and balancing it with career**

**Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Betsy Hitchcock, Sarah Scrymser, Anne Deatly**
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New Years Eve 1995 — my life changed. I met my future husband Joe Robinowitz, a New York Post editor, at a party. It was fate.

Until then, my life was career driven, more as a matter of survival than choice. Joe steered me toward stability and happiness after years of depression and job uncertainty. We dated four years, married, and I moved to Manhattan in 1999. Our blond, blue-eyed daughter Lara June was born eleven months later. Shortly before 9/11 we bought a house.

My career, three Siamese cats, and lust for a life of adventure are secondary to my role as mother / wife. The turbulent, self-indulgent years of searching have yielded to a time of peace. After stints in art, advertising and publishing, Lara is my “4th career” and the most rewarding!

Time has become the most precious commodity. To combine the job of raising Lara and caring for Joe with my artistic pursuits is my quest. I’m more efficient, and a compulsive list-maker. You can’t buy time or recapture it. When Lara is awake, we make the most of ours; when she sleeps, we do the same. Having lived through 9/11 while living in New York City, I feel thankful for my family and friends and for every day.

My life has taken longer than planned to go in the right direction. I didn’t know where I wanted it to go. (Secretly, I wanted to be a painter and own a gallery.) I pursued options, and sabotaged my career. What matters is the journey and **having a direction**. Little things we do form our lives. My life is moving in the right direction. It feels great! Joe and Lara are my source, and for the first time, I realize I’m not searching. Life is good.

We’re enjoying our new home in Scarsdale and hope to travel again. Voltaire’s words “**Il faut cultiver ton propre jardin**” say it all — it’s great to travel the world, but sometimes the best things are in our own backyard. Happily, after waiting years, I have a backyard, and I’ve found them in mine.

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New York Post editor, at a party. It was fate.

House at Smith: Haven  
Favorite Course: Baroque Architecture  
Memorable book I read at Smith: Jans0n’s *History of Art*  
Memorable book I read recently: *Hidden Treasures* (Leigh and Leslie Keno)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Cat Stevens, “Tea for the Tillerman”  
Music I listen to now: Andrea Bocelli’s “Sogno”  
Favorite Smith menu item: Popovers  
Least favorite Smith menu item: Halibut  
Key issue in my life today: my family  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Caren Sands, Betsy Chase
House at Smith: Northrop
Major at Smith: Government
Favorite Course: Law of Sea (senior year seminar my advisor taught)
Memorable Professor: my advisor, but I’m blanking on his name!
Memorable book I read at Smith: ?
Memorable book I read recently: *Shrub* (Molly Ivins)
Music I listened to at Smith: Michael Oldfield’s “Tubular Bells”
Music I listen to now: Eric Clapton, “Unplugged”
Favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire pudding
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver & onions
Key issue in my life today: Politics
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Larissa Strautman, Karen Derian Williams, Irene Bick, Kathy Hughes Whall, and recently folks from Jr. Year in Geneva (!)
I don’t know quite what has made me care so much about Smith … why I interview prospective students, why I read the *Alumnae Quarterly* and *Newsmith* with such great interest. Perhaps it is because my four years there piqued my interest in so many things — art history, politics, literature, theater, etc. It was, and is, a place where the life of the mind is so important and so well nurtured. Since that time, my intellectual curiosity has continued, unabated — So much to learn … so little time.
I have recently completed my term as president of the Arizona Women Lawyers Association. While there are many more women lawyers now than when I was in law school (and when my mother was in law school) there is still much to be done to advance the interest of women in the legal profession and society in general, and this is what I am committed to do.

Fortunately, I live in a town and state where it is possible to meet and get to know other women professionals and candidates for judicial positions and political office. While Sandra Day O’Connor is from this state it has definitely not been on the cutting edge of women’s rights and issues. However, Arizona has recently had many more women appointed or elected to positions of legal and political prominence, both state-wide and nationally. I have worked on behalf of many of their campaigns, and will continue to do so.

For the past 16 years, I have enjoyed the friendship and support of my many friends in the Smith College Club of Tucson. So many of them are very remarkable women and true community leaders. They have been a real inspiration for me. However, having always considered myself one of our “younger” members, it has recently come as somewhat of a shock to see that my class is now the median in our club directory and that I am considered somewhat of a mentor and example for our even younger alums!

On one hand I’m flattered to be considered a role model but, on the other, I’m not really prepared to ascend to the status of senior stateswoman. In the meantime, I take comfort that, at a recent holiday tea for prospective and current Smith students, I was greeted by one of their fathers with the query “So, are you a current student?” So what if it was just a come on, it made me feel great.
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House at Smith: Ziskind
Favorite Course: Art 101
Memorable book I read at Smith: Jane Eyre (Charlotte Bronte)
Memorable book I read recently: The Color of Water (James McBride)
Favorite Smith menu item: Strawberry Shortcake
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver!
Key issue in my life today: juggling family schedules!
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Wendy Schmidt, Lucy Mondo, Helen Stevenson, Laura Blackburn, Dawn Lepore
I bumbled into Smith — an English teacher in high school gave me the application. I come from a working class background of non-college attendees, older parents who had been formed by the Great Depression. I was surprised by college. I went abroad my Junior Year, to Germany. That changed my life, because I returned after Smith and I lived there for twenty years in all. I wrote my PhD there, in German, about an architect. I traveled some, worked as an art historian, a writer. I returned to the U.S. in 1996, when my father became ill, and took care of him for five years together with other family members. My German husband moved to the U.S., too, also my daughter Louisa, who has become an American after starting school here. Our lives are determined by non-career choices. I have started a non-profit exhibition space in downtown New London, CT, in a hotel from the 19th century. It has no heat and no running water. Things can only get better! I have named it after a favorite poem that I got to know in a poetry class I audited at Smith — “The Circus Animals’ Desertion” by Yeats. The gallery is called The Burnished Chariot, which is an image from the poem. I hope it is a vehicle that will help this old New England town to revive, and will also take us exciting places! I discovered art history at Smith — it was a field of study I did not know existed until then.
My husband Paul and I share the joys and challenges of our family: Brian 9 (loves baseball, reading adventure books, and beating computer games), Kenny 2 (loves playing outdoors, getting dirty and wet, and trying to do everything on his own). As well, we are firmly planted in college life, doing research, teaching, and serving on too many committees! I’m head of the Psychology program at Emerson College, where I focus on social-developmental issues with a special interest in nonverbal behavior. Paul is a neuroscientist at Brandeis University. We are all very happy and very tired!

I have had good fortunes in my life. I went to a truly exceptional college and from there chose my path and lived freely. I now have a remarkable family and true friends. I hope that I can make it all count in the long run.
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House at Smith: Ziskind
Favorite Course: Jazz Improvisation
Memorable book I read at Smith:
Memorable book I read recently:
Music I listened to at Smith: Lee Morgan
Music I listen to now: Wayne Shorter
Favorite Smith menu item:
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today: staying healthy
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Cassandra Dailey, Leslie Rankin-Hill

For me it's important to be true to who you are. If you are in a classic office situation, in a family setting or on stage, just being true to yourself will be important. If you are genuine it will show, if you are false that will come across as well.

There's no use in putting on because the orange always gets peeled.

I like working on social and government issues, in my day job. I direct an IT shop for a state agency. I also love music, it's really my passion; I sing jazz in clubs, at weddings, parties and will hopefully record a CD (soon) of the jazz music I love.

I sometimes really miss the innocence of my college years, my beliefs in idealism. Now it's faith that keeps me going and believing in this next moment.
Today a day in my life revolves around my family. I try to give my three children a good education and teach them to be productive citizens. It is important that they grow up in a world of peace yet understand the reality of our world today. I hope one of my daughters will choose Smith College and take advantage of an exceptional level of education. Smith College is really an incredible school!
I confess to feelings of deep satisfaction at this stage of my life. Hope you have the same. I think we deserve it as we look forward to the next half of our lives and that it's even better savored when difficult in the obtaining.

Right now I am... living my life! I reside in the suburbs of New York and have a house in an historic area. I'm a single mom of a daughter, Caroline, age 11, and a son, Tom, age nine. My career was in marketing -- first, entertainment advertising, then consumer product advertising, then marketing management. I retired, officially, two years ago though I've actually been at home for almost five years. It was a slow piecing-together of a new life after the terminal illnesses of my parents and, concurrently, my divorce. I started over. My children made me live again. I cherish every moment with them. We've taken karate together, art, music lessons, and filled this house with life -- to the cats were added hamsters, birds, a dog... then two, three, four and five dogs (pugs). I'm working with the library collection of the Bergen County Historical Society and am currently transcribing and translating, from the Dutch, the oldest family Bibles in our collection. I've done thousands of hours of research on my family history and am now helping others with early colonial roots in this area.

I wish you all joy, and satisfaction and fulfillment in whatever you do, and also frequent surprises and discoveries. I think fondly and often of you and our years at Smith. Please keep in touch and I will, too.

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It is so hard to believe a quarter century has passed since we graduated from Smith! And yet, here I am with my oldest child about to start college himself this Fall, and all indications that yes, twenty-five years have indeed passed. I was reminded of my own aging when plans were announced a few years back to completely rehab the arts center at Smith — which, of course, was considered a brand new building when we were there (having been built in 1971). You know you’ve gotten older when you’ve already witnessed the complete life cycle of a building!

What does a day in my life entail now? I divide my time professionally between my responsibilities as Associate Professor of Art at Clark University in Worcester, MA and my own artwork. I am a figurative painter, showing my work actively and undertaking commissions ranging from private portraiture to large public projects. I am currently enjoying a sabbatical year from teaching so am focusing more intensively on my art at the moment. My husband, John, recently accepted a severance package from Fleet (erstwhile Bank/Boston) and is looking for another job, which has been tough in the current economic climate. My reunion from Smith signals an anniversary for us — having set up house together immediately after graduation. Further proof of the time lapsed are our three children Alexander, Brittany, and Evan — who are all in high school this year. I do harbor the hope that Britt may attend Smith herself in a few years! I am very involved in our local Unitarian Universalist Society so many an evening will see me attending some church-related meeting or function. And the day is always finished with that late night walk with our yellow Lab, Ranger, gazing at the stars and checking out the neighborhood. I am often then overwhelmed with gratitude for the contents of my life, while also reflecting on the larger world to which we are connected, with all its recent convulsions. It’s both a blissful and a scary time.

House at Smith: Chapin  
Major at Smith: Art / Sociology  
Favorite Course: History of Sculpture w/ Prof. Holerbaum  
Memorable Professor: Peter Rose  
Memorable book I read at Smith: *The Pursuit of Loneliness* (Philip Slater)  
Memorable book I read recently: *A Woman’s Education* (Jill Ker Conway)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Aerosmith, “Get Your Wines”  
Music I listen to now: Natalie Merchant, “Ophelia”  
Favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire pudding  
Least favorite Smith menu item: (can’t recall)  
Key issue in my life today: It’s still “finding balance”  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Julie Sullivan Jones, Beth O’Connell Bardeen, Patricia McCobb, Mardee Brown, Megan Miller, + other Smithies from other classes: Karen Kenny, Betsy Armour, Melissa Fields  

Left to right: Evan (13), Brittany (14), Alexander (17), August 2001 in Nova Scotia
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House at Smith: Lawrence / Gardiner / off campus  Major at Smith: French Civilization
Favorite Course: 19th C. French Lit (romanticism)  Memorable Professor: Mme. DeMay
Memorable book I read at Smith: Crime and Punishment (Fyodor Dostoyevsky)
Memorable book I read recently: Back When We Were Grown-ups (Anne Tyler)
Music I listened to at Smith: Bonnie Raitt, Linda Ronstadt
Music I listen to now: BR5-49
Favorite Smith menu item:
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today: single parent
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Carol Judy Cronin, Julie Dolan Smith, Linda Koury Ducruet, Jan Benzel, Linda Currie, Leslie Teichgraebert

Highlights at Smith include: Paul Pickerell’s 19th Century British Literature; French classes (especially Romanticism), Music 100 (listening to Chopin on headphones in the music library while watching the snow fall outside); Russian Lit at Amherst. The horrible punch we used to make with vodka and sherbet … fondue for 20 in my bedroom for my 21st birthday … lasagna dinner at the boathouse … running the van service between Smith and Holyoke/Hampshire using our “secret” code on the CB radio (to discuss good-looking male passengers) … a fantastic senior year living on Crescent Street with the Ruby Slippers (“there’s no place like home”) — Leslie, Julie, Cara, Sue, and me — where we weathered a significant lack of heat and the constant smell of couscous next door … Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman … senior coffee before 20th Century Art with Mr. Leshko (“the curvilinear juxtaposition…”) I’m still in regular contact with all my close friends from Smith: Jan, Carol, Linda C., Linda K., Julie, Leslie … life is good with two lively daughters, a couple of dogs, and great friends.
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House at Smith: Talbot
Favorite Course: Major at Smith: English
Memorable book I read at Smith: Memorable Professor:
Memorable book I read recently:
Music I listened to at Smith:
Music I listen to now:
Favorite Smith menu item:
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today: care of elderly parents
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: lots — not all on a weekly basis

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SMITH COLLEGE
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I worked in museums and as a community organizer, and lived in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Colorado, North Carolina, and Maryland before discovering the best place, Arizona, in 1990. I tried the marriage thing twice, with poor results and no offspring. I finally got it right when I met Steve Slaff, a geologist from California, when we were both grad students.

Back when I was in Maryland, I thought it was time to figure out what to do if I ever grew up, and decided to save the birds (and their habitats) by becoming a hydrologist. After escaping the University of Arizona hydrology program, I worked as a hydrologist with a Tucson consulting firm. I was not saving birds, but I was helping a copper mine, our principal client.

Realizing that I was completely unprepared for retirement, I got a real estate license in 1995 so I could buy one investment property. Buying rentals became like eating potato chips. I bought another, then another, then another, then another. I helped some of my friends buy their first homes and rentals.

Gradually, I realized that my work in hydrology was counter productive. What I really enjoyed was helping people secure their financial future by becoming home owners for the first time, or investing in income properties. I happily left the hydrology business, and have been a full time real estate agent since 1999. The hours are long, but I don’t count them as I did when I was a salaried employee, because now I’m working for myself, and it doesn’t feel like work. I wish I had made this move years ago.

Working for myself has the additional benefit that for the first time in my life, I have enough free time and money to travel. Steve and I will celebrate 10 years as a couple with a trip to Costa Rica in early 2002. We have also shared a trip to Australia and two weeks of rafting in the Grand Canyon. I am able to get Back East every other month to see my parents, who at 86 and 92, are in incredibly good health.

It has certainly been a long strange trip, but I know it has all contributed to the journey that brought me to the wonderful place I am now. I am very grateful and aware of my blessings.
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House at Smith: Cutter  
Major at Smith: Government  
Favorite Course: Urbanization in Western Europe in the 19th Century  
Memorable Professor: Mr. Von Klemperer  
Memorable book I read at Smith: The Prince (Niccolo Machiavelli)  
Memorable book I read recently: Dubliners (James Joyce)  
Music I listened to at Smith:  
Music I listen to now:  
Favorite Smith menu item: Pancakes  
Least favorite Smith menu item: Veal Wisconsin  
Key issue in my life today: Answering this question  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Ginger Crowley
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House at Smith: Cushing  
Major at Smith: Sociology/Anthropology  
Favorite Course: Feminist literature  
Memorable Professor: Jill Ker Conway  
Memorable book I read at Smith: Too many to remember  
Memorable book I read recently: *The Hours* (Michael Cunningham)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Moody Blues  
Music I listen to now: Mark Knophler  
Favorite Smith menu item: Cheese Strata  
Least favorite Smith menu item: Nothing  
Key issue in my life today:  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Sally Currier

I am sorry to be missing the Smith Reunion. After having grown up in Southern California, Smith was a fabulous experience. I still cherish the beautiful campus, my fabulous professors and the wonderful women friends I enjoyed during my four years on campus.

After spending time in San Francisco and New York after graduate School at Yale, my husband John (Amherst ‘76) and I settled in the South Puget Sound area of Washington State. We had the great fortune to be able to renovate my grandparents’ 100 year old farmhouse on Henderson Bay and have lived on this beautiful farm for the last 19 years. We have one daughter, Elizabeth, who is now ten, and many animals.

Our life is filled with work (I am a Senior VP for a local health system), family, friends and many hobbies/activities. We enjoy sailing, biking, horseback riding, running, cooking, music and artwork. I am blessed with my health and much happiness. Have a wonderful reunion!
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Career and family must surely be the mantras of most of us. For me they are, but in ways subtly
different than others. My family includes 3 sisters, a brother, 2 parents, 51 years married,
and to my utter delight and constant enjoy-
ment, 12 nieces and nephews. Because 10 of
them live in New Jersey, I am also lucky to be
able to spend as much time as possible with
them, even as they are growing up and mov-
ing off to college. The rest of my life is spent
with dear friends and wonderful colleagues at
the Star-Ledger where I am a features writer.
It’s been a long strange trip, from graduate
school to teaching philosophy to being a fact-
checker at Sports Illustrated, to Columbia Jour-
nalism School to the Ledger. The first 20 years
after Smith were often a battle — with manic
depression (which I was diagnosed with after
college) veering me every now and then off
track. But all my experiences, from Smith on
out, have led me to my life today. It is stimulat-
ing, nourishing and gives me an endless sense
of wonder. There is much to be thankful for.
Left: Amy in 1989 with 2 nieces, Rachel (left)
and Maddie Nies

House at Smith: Haven
Major at Smith: English / Philosophy
Favorite Course: Romantic & Victorian Poetry
Memorable Professor: Pat Skarda, Murray Kiteley
Memorable book I read at Smith: Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man (James Joyce)
Memorable book I read recently: A Beautiful Mind (Sylvia Nasar)
Music I listened to at Smith: Jackson Browne’s “For Everyman”
Music I listen to now: Eva Cassidy’s “Songbird”
Favorite Smith menu item: Eggs Benedict
Least favorite Smith menu item: salad
Key issue in my life today: keeping all the balls in the air
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Kathleen Bjorhus ’78, Jane McInerny ’78, Linda Kost ’79

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House at Smith: Gardiner / Franklin King  Major at Smith: Government
Favorite Course: Art History  Memorable Professor: Leo Weinstein, Pat Skarda
Memorable book I read at Smith: all the gothic novels
Memorable book I read recently: Fortune’s Rock (Anita Shreve)
Music I listened to at Smith: Cat Stevens
Music I listen to now: Dream Street (my daughter is 5!!)
Favorite Smith menu item: Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding
Least favorite Smith menu item: none — that was the problem
Key issue in my life today: children
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Robin Tanchum Moore, Grace Yeomans Thaler, Penelope Corcoran

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House at Smith: Lawrence
Favorite Course: Russian History
Memorable book I read at Smith:
Memorable book I read recently: The Bonesetter’s Daughter (Amy Tan)
Music I listened to at Smith:
Music I listen to now:
Favorite Smith menu item:
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today: Education
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Kathryn Quaintance

Lower photograph: This is (me) opening night of “Jewels or Consequences,” an original opera I wrote, produced and directed with 70 3rd and 4th Graders at Atalaya Elementary School in Santa Fe, NM, May 2001. I am writing grants (and receiving funds!) to do a similar project in Fall/Spring 2002-03.

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House at Smith: Gardiner
Favorite Course: Art 100
Memorable book I read at Smith: Frankenstein (Mary Shelley)
Memorable book I read recently: Ahab’s Wife (Sena Jeter Naslund)
Music I listened to at Smith: Boz Scaggs
Music I listen to now: Frank Sinatra
Favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire pudding
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver
Key issue in my life today:
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Florence Quinn, Joyce Knoller Cohen, Grace Yeomans Thaler, Ellen Maxwell
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House at Smith: Sessions Major at Smith: Art History
Favorite Course: Art 100
Memorable Professor: Paul Pickrel, Wm. Averitt, Mrs. Lehmann
Memorable book I read at Smith: Emerson’s Essays
Memorable book I read recently: Creating Minds (Howard Gardner)
Music I listened to at Smith: Chicago, Beatles
Music I listen to now: Classical music
Favorite Smith menu item: Turkey Tetrazzini
Least favorite Smith menu item: Veal Wisconsin
Key issue in my life today: how to leverage creativity to help foster sustainable development
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Paula Caceci, Rosemary Moukad, Kim Black

Hiking in Cannon Beach, Ecola State Park,Portland, Oregon, September 2001
What I owe Smith is accidental. I broke my leg during Junior Year Abroad in Paris, which changed the course of my life. It has been interesting. I’ve spent more than half my life in France, a country that has been good to me. So even if Smith and I never quite “clicked,” it influenced what I’ve ended up being: a freelance translator married to a Frenchman, mother of three bilingual Franco-Americans.
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Major at Smith: Psychology  
Favorite Course: History of American Education  
Memorable Professor: Seymour Itzkoff  
Memorable book I read at Smith: *Women in Love* (D. H. Lawrence)  
Memorable book I read recently: *Ahab’s Wife* (Sena Jeter Naslund)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Fleetwood Mac  
Music I listen to now: Send in the Clowns (Judy Collins)  
Favorite Smith menu item: Vegetable Lasagna  
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liked everything!  
Key issue in my life today: aging parents  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Jill Timbers ‘76
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Major at Smith: English
Favorite Course: photography, literature
Memorable Professor: Pat Skarda
Memorable book I read at Smith: Portrait of the Artist
Memorable book I read recently: can’t recall
Music I listened to at Smith: Jimi Hendrix
Music I listen to now: Jimi Hendrix
Favorite Smith menu item: can’t recall
Least favorite Smith menu item: the horror of veal marengo
Key issue in my life today: getting out of bed in the morning
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Lisa Gilson Clancy, Anne DePrez
I do some recruiting in Minneapolis and host events where current Smith students can speak with prospective students. What amazes me is that, even though so much has changed (we used typewriters and carbon paper and there was no spell check and no engineering program), the things that are special about Smith to current students are the same things that were special to me: A sense of being at home; support, as opposed to competition, from my fellow students; the sense that we would all do well in the world and not leave some behind; the physical surroundings. These things have persisted for my 25 years and probably since the founding of the school. In some ways Smith was such a kind and gentle place that I was ill prepared to elbow my way through the crowds until I had experienced law school.

My life is the classic juggling act. My sons are 5 1/2 and 7. My husband and I both work full time — he as a psychologist, me as a judge. I am always trying to be Martha Stewart, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Helen Gurley Brown and a soccer mom simultaneously. But I have come to the conclusion that this juggling act or other versions of it is what distinguishes the lives of women from the lives of men. And I would be bored if I only did one thing at a time.
House at Smith: Gardiner
Favorite Course: Art 101
Memorable book I read at Smith: *Country of the Pointed Firs* (Sarah Orne Jewett)
Memorable book I read recently: *Stones from the River* (Ursula Hegi)
Music I listened to at Smith: Camelot
Music I listen to now: Buena Vista Social Club
Favorite Smith menu item: popovers
Least favorite Smith menu item: none!
Key issue in my life today: my son
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Harriett Madoff Oswald, Joyce Knoller Cohen, Rachel Wilder, Grace Yeomans Thaler, Betsy Hetzler
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House at Smith: Duckett
Favorite Course: Art 100
Memorable book I read at Smith: Our Bodies, Ourselves
Memorable book I read recently: A Woman’s Education (Jill Ker Conway)
Music I listened to at Smith: Stevie Wonder, “Songs in the Key of Life”
Music I listen to now: Vince Guaraldi, “Oh, Good Grief” (Peanuts themes, ca 1968)
Favorite Smith menu item: Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today: Balance!
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Bonnie Zima Dowd, Caren Leslie

I have returned, vicariously, to college life by taking a job at nearby Wesleyan University.

- The University Press, where I work, publishes the journal Meridians in collaboration with Smith
- The mom of a student whom I tutor happens to be a Smith alum.
- I recommend Jill Conway’s memoirs to graduating seniors as they venture into the world

And so the connections continue...
As this reunion approaches, I’ve found myself reminiscing about who I thought I was and where I thought I was going twenty-five years ago. Little did I imagine the strange and delightfully contorted path my life would take. Luckily, my years at Smith contributed positively to my ability to deal with the unexpected. At Smith I learned success wasn’t a given, whether academically or socially. (One mixer at Amherst was enough proof of that!) We worked harder than any other students I have ever met—that too, was a good preparation for real life. But being a Smithie certainly had its privileges, which I will always appreciate. Not only do I treasure the extraordinary experiences I had during the Smith year abroad program in Siena and Florence, I also value the opportunity I had to meet so many unique and outstanding women—I’m hoping they’ll all be at our reunion. These days, I’m in school again to get my certification as a high school English teacher. It’s been challenging to build up those synapses again, but also great fun. Best of all, my three sons (ages 13, 12, and 9) no longer whine about the amount of homework they have when they see my piles of work. I have never appreciated my wonderful husband and mother more, for without their support I would have collapsed by now. The decision not to go back into public relations or advertising or importing was not difficult. I was driven by the desire to do something tangibly worthwhile and the need to be available to my family. After all, life is an adventure isn’t it?

From left, sons Bonamico, Giancarlo and Jake
Smith solidified my appreciation and acceptance of many personality types. We live in a very intolerant world, but at Smith we learned to live with, and understand, women with varied backgrounds and emotional needs. The women’s movement has a major weakness because it has failed to celebrate different choices women in our culture make. We need to bridge the paths women take, whether it be CEO or mother who chooses not to work. Hopefully, the class of ’77 can build those bridges at our 25th!
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Major at Smith: Religion  
Favorite Course: Hinduism  
Memorable Professor: Dennis Hudson  
Memorable book I read at Smith: Art History (Janson)  
Memorable book I read recently: A Delicate Balance  
Music I listened to at Smith: Pippin (the musical)  
Music I listen to now: Maura O’Connell  
Favorite Smith menu item: popovers and chicken salad; dreambars  
Least favorite Smith menu item: ?  
Key issue in my life today: Balancing work & family  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Kim Hesse
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House at Smith: Wilder  
Favorite Course:  
Memorable book I read at Smith:  
Memorable book I read recently:  
Music I listened to at Smith: Carole King  
Music I listen to now: Country Western Music  
Favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire pudding  
Least favorite Smith menu item: Key issue in my life today: What I want to do for the next chapter of my intellectual life Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Ann Giesler, Mary Ann Legler, Liza Sullivan Hickey, Sheri Martin Bau  

Major at Smith: Psychology & Government  
Memorable Professor:

House at Smith: Wilder  
Favorite Course:  
Memorable book I read at Smith:  
Memorable book I read recently:  
Music I listened to at Smith: Carole King  
Music I listen to now: Country Western Music  
Favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire pudding  
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With each passing year I see more and more the great gift I experienced and received as a student at Smith in the 70’s. It was a place of focused, intellectually serious women who were untouched, for the most part, by the drug and sex cultures that pervaded and ensconced most other college campuses at the time. This allowed us to pursue an education that broadened our thinking to a degree unmatched at most other colleges and which now is enriching my life immeasurably.
Almost two years ago, I traded my brand management job at Kraft to be at home for my family … daughters Annie, almost 7, and Jennifer, 3-1/2 years and husband Michael. The challenges are every bit as great, with wonderful moments (reading with Annie, walks to the park) interspersed with lots of routine and occasional drudgery (scraping mac & cheese off floor). I do miss the stimulation and feelings of accomplishment working at Kraft provided … and sometimes think nature did not intend a woman of 46 to deal with a three year old! I’m glad to have this time at home, though, and am really enjoying this focus right now.
Life at 46 has turned out to be quite different, more challenging and certainly more fun than what I could have imagined it to be as a Smith senior. Instead of a more typical American suburban lifestyle, I’m now in French-speaking Ville-Marie, Quebec, a small town of 2500, five hours north of Toronto and Ottawa.

I lived my 20’s in Manhattan, working mostly at Christie’s and the Marlborough Gallery. NYC was exciting: the singles scene, gallery openings, theater, museums, street fairs, but still I found myself waiting for something to happen. The moment came in 1985 when I met my husband Alain, a French-Canadian doctor, at a party given in Quebec by Alison Smith Laurin and her husband Carroll. After a year-long Montreal-NYC relationship, I emigrated to Quebec in 1987, learned French, married and have loved it ever since.

It’s as if our daily life is that of living in Europe while not being all that far from the States. Alain was a GP in Granby, an hour from Montreal, and I was a stay-at-home mom once our sons (10 and 12) were born. We’re a bilingual family: Alain speaks French to the boys and I taught them English when they were young. Dinner conversation is sometimes a bit crazy! In Granby, we were close to Montreal, 15 min. from great skiing and spent summers at our lake-side cottage. In 1999-2000 we made a big move when Alain made a career change from GP to anesthesiologist in Ville-Marie. We’re now renovating an older house on 30 wooded acres along the 60-mile long lake and enjoy water-skiing in summer, snow-shoeing/skating/skiing in winter, soccer for the kids in spring (too cold to play in the Canadian fall!) and generally taking each day as it comes.

I’m one of the few native anglophones in town, an oddity turned into an opportunity as I started teaching conversational English classes this year at the adult education center. I love it although it’s far more work than I would have thought. Hats off to all of you who have been teaching for years!

Although I didn’t make a lifetime “career” out of my Smith studies, I do believe that Smith taught me to take pride in my individuality while not being afraid of new challenges. It’s certainly proved to be useful up here as an American in Quebec. Meanwhile, come visit Quebec — it’s great!
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Favorite Course: Sociology of Religion
Memorable Professor: Arthur S. Parsons
Memorable book I read at Smith: Homo Ludens (Gyuzubga)
Memorable book I read recently: The Four Agreements (Ruiz)
Music I listened to at Smith: James Taylor, Carly Simon
Music I listen to now: Alanis Morissette, John Ondrasik
Favorite Smith menu item: ?
Least favorite Smith menu item: ?
Key issue in my life today: Balance!
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Susan Podger Mills, Dawn Gould Lepore, Lucy Hutchings Mondo, Helen Ruppe Stevenson, Laura Wilson Blackburn

I remember watching women back at Smith for their 25th Reunion in 1977 and thinking, “They look pretty good. Like they have real lives. Maybe I can have that someday.” Funny how it all happens — my wonderful husband of 22 years, two teenage daughters, the Pekingese, the houses. Work in Sociology morphing into Journalism and then again into Interior Design, which is how I spend my productive time now. (I edit furnishings and fabrics instead of words.) I am blessed with my Smith education that made it clear women can do absolutely anything. What’s more, we’re competent!
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Major at Smith: Biology
Favorite Course: Art 100
Memorable Professor: Stephen Tilley
Memorable book I read at Smith: *War and Peace* (Leo Tolstoy)
Memorable book I read recently: Sue Grafton and Patricia Cornwall
Music I listened to at Smith: Bonnie Raitt, James Taylor, Linda Ronstadt
Music I listen to now: Bonnie Raitt, Beth Nielson Chapmann, Red Grammar
Favorite Smith menu item: Turkey and dressing
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver
Key issue in my life today: Balancing elder and childcare — “sandwich generation issues”
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Lisa Gilson Clancy, Charlotte Gilbert-Biro

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Sally Klasing Schroer, second from left, with Clark House friends
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Favorite Course: Plant Morphology    Memorable Professor: Miss Benson
Memorable book I read at Smith: *Frankenstein* (Mary Shelley)
Memorable book I read recently: *Guns, Germs and Steel* (Jared Diamond)
Music I listened to at Smith: Beach Boys
Music I listen to now: Enya
Favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire pudding
Least favorite Smith menu item: a breaded meat thing
Key issue in my life today: keeping all the pieces of life working together
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Mary Haines

We live, by active choice, in a small, agricultural community in western Colorado. We have a “farmette” and many small creatures. One day last fall while doing chores, I was being pestered by 10 late-born ducklings that had been abandoned and that we were raising and I thought to myself, “… and for THIS I went to Smith?” It was a momentary fluke. We worked hard in several big cities before we managed to get here and it is a wonderful life. It just isn’t where I would have guessed I’d be when I graduated 25 years ago.
I am one of those odd people who never really left academia -- at least not for long. (After completing an MA at Johns Hopkins/SAIS and a Ph.D. at MIT, I accepted a teaching post in the Politics Dept. at Princeton University.) Unfortunately, my department's academic schedule doesn't fit very well with reunions, since mid-May is taken up with grading and comprehensive exams for the Ph.D. students. That alone would make it tough to squeeze in reunions. But in addition, my partner (of 18 yrs.) and I are moving in June to take new academic positions (in Boston!), and I have to fit in another trip still to Eastern Europe before then. All of which is to say, I'm sorry not to have been able to carve out the time to attend, but May is even more rushed than usual this year.

I'm not sure if I've ever written to the alumnae magazine, so here's a brief synopsis of what I do. My professional research, writing and teaching center mostly on Eastern European and Latin American political economy and political history; a majority of my publications have been about East Europe or the European Union. Recently, though, I've branched out to include cases from Latin America, and now have begun some new research on Central Asia. I paint and do graphic design work in my spare time, occasionally selling to a couple of New York manufacturers of things like pillows and children's toys. When I can, I also like to work in ceramics and several other media. My favorite thing to do is go on long walks with my golden retriever, Zoe; both she and my cat Tobias sometimes model for my sketches or paintings. I still read a lot, but since most of my work-day is spent reading, writing or lecturing, I find that I read fewer novels than I'd like.

Life since Smith has been interesting and varied, to say the least. It has included the Peace Corps in Afghanistan (for me, it has been especially strange and sad since September to attend conferences and to work with various organizations trying to help the Afghan people); reforestation work in Costa Rica; lobbying the Congress on aid to developing nations for maternal-child health; a brief stint in international banking; strategic consulting to universities; and finally, academia itself.

That's all about me. As to other Smithies and honorary Smithies: I occasionally see Sessions housemate Lesley Pollitt. She is a freelance consultant and trainer, and also works on her farm in western Massachusetts. She has multiple horses, which she rides a lot, and several dogs, cats, and other wonderful creatures. I've recently corresponded a bit via e-mail with our next-door-neighbor housemate, Dan Starer, who is successfully and happily doing exactly what he said he would do when I knew him at Smith: he started his own business, doing research for writers, and has published a variety of really interesting books. Dan is married to Maggie Meahan, who graduated a year or two after us, and they have a daughter.

Happy reunion to everyone and especially the Sessions House Crowd!
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House at Smith: Clark / Comstock  Major at Smith: Religion
Favorite Course: Travel to 18th c. gardens in musical cities
Memorable Professor: T. Unno, Lori Wallfisch
Memorable book I read at Smith: *Zen Mind, Beginners Mind* (Sunryu Suzuki)
Memorable book I read recently:
Music I listened to at Smith:
Music I listen to now:
Favorite Smith menu item:
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today: balancing family with work and play
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: — met Smithies in area.
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House at Smith: Duckett
Major at Smith: History
Favorite Course: Art History
Memorable Professor: Joan Afferica
Memorable book I read at Smith: *World of Late Antiquity* (Brown)
Memorable book I read recently: *Galileo’s Daughter* (Dava Sobel)
Music I listened to at Smith: James Taylor’s “Sweet Baby James”
Music I listen to now: Mozart
Favorite Smith menu item: Yorkshire pudding, London Broil
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today: Helping special needs children
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Vanessa Brooks, Elizabeth Masterton, Marilynn Whitney, Diane Jones Primo, Pat Winston Kennedy

Half of the women I count today as my best friends were with me at Smith. That is a tribute to the kind of women I met there.
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House at Smith: Emerson
Major at Smith: Japanese Studies & Political Science
Favorite Course: Con. Law
Memorable Professor: I can’t remember his name but he came to Emerson’s medieval feast in green tights
Memorable book I read at Smith: Memorable book I read recently:
Music I listened to at Smith: Riders of the Sky Music I listen to now:
Favorite Smith menu item: Roast Beef & Yorkshire pudding
Least favorite Smith menu item: liver — but it made a great excuse to go out
Key issue in my life today: We have a 2 year old nephew who recently came to live with us, which is quite an adjustment as my other 2 are in high school.
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Kacy Finkle Pierce, Dana Herko, Mary Racine
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House at Smith: Lawrence
Favorite Course: Embryology
Memorable book I read at Smith:
Memorable book I read recently:
Music I listened to at Smith:
Music I listen to now:
Favorite Smith menu item: Cheese strata
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today:
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Sally Redfern
House at Smith: Haven
Major at Smith: Anthropology/Archaeology
Favorite Course: English Lit class—can’t remember the name or the professor’s name
Memorable book I read at Smith: Who remembers what they read 25 years ago?
Memorable book I read recently: John Adams (David McCullough)
Music I listened to at Smith: Seals & Croft
Music I listen to now: Anything & everything
Favorite Smith menu item: Popovers — they were great
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today: moving on with it (my life, that is)
Classmates with whom I stay in touch:

I am recently separated (3 months) from a man I was married to two weeks after graduation (that’s 24 yrs). It’s truly amazing what we are willing to put up with when we don’t feel capable. It probably took me twelve years to work myself up to the point where I felt I could handle life on my own. I now feel I can. Who knows what opportunities are out there just waiting to be explored? I am looking forward to the journey. While I’m figuring out my path, I have two wonderful sons who keep me busy and challenged.
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House at Smith: Gardiner
Favorite Course: Poetry Reading
Memorable book I read at Smith: 
Memorable book I read recently: Snow Falling on Cedars (David Guterson)
Music I listened to at Smith: Joan Baez
Music I listen to now:
Favorite Smith menu item: Chocolate chip cookies at Friday tea
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today: Finding fulfillment
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Dale Gordon, Felicitas Kullenkampemmers Sloves until approximately 2 years ago
House at Smith: 1) 150 Elm 2) Cushing 3) Cutter 4) Off Campus
Major at Smith: American Studies
Favorite Course: Music 100
Memorable Professor: Peter Rose
Memorable book I read at Smith: Man’s Search for Meaning (Victor Frankl)
Memorable book I read recently: History of the World in 10 1/2 Chapters (Julian Barnes)
Music I listened to at Smith: Maria Muldaur “Maria Muldaur”
Music I listen to now: Maria Muldaur, “Richland Woman”
Favorite Smith menu item: Rock Cornish Game Hen
Least favorite Smith menu item: Roast Lamb
Key issue in my life today: I am still working on what I want to be when I grow up.
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Betty Belanus, Ann Gilkerson ’78
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House at Smith: Lawrence  
Major at Smith: Government

Favorite Course: American Presidency  
Memorable Professor: Susan Bourque

Memorable book I read at Smith: *The Prince* (Niccolo Machiavelli)  
Memorable book I read recently: *Video Night in Katmandu* (Pico Iyer)

Music I listened to at Smith: Carole King, “Tapestry”  
Music I listen to now: Sade, “Lovers Rock”

Favorite Smith menu item: ate large quantities of everything  
Least favorite Smith menu item: even liked the liver

Key issue in my life today: adjusting to the empty nest  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Sarah Morse, Linda Ducruet, Jan Benzel, Leslie Teichgraeber, Beth O’Connell Bardeen

*Above and below*: Julie and her four sisters, a.k.a public radio’s *Satellite Sisters*
Smith has intimidated and inspired me. When I graduated, the legacy of 100 years of amazing Smith women was daunting. I didn’t have a clue what to do with my life, and I wandered through my twenties looking for a direction, looking for adventure, and looking for some courage. Despite my aimlessness, life somehow did take shape, and I am very much aware that these are the best of times. My children, Sam, 10, and Rebecca, 7, are amazing, sweet, and fun. My husband, Arch, remains a true, and loving, and surprising companion. And I am very lucky to still have the company of my parents, though they are aging and my father is ailing. I’m working full-time (as an art director in educational publishing), am involved in some civic and volunteer activities, and I try to fit in some time to paint.

At 46, there are still times when I feel like I haven’t a clue. I could still use some growing up, and I’d like the courage to try a new career. The legacy of now 125 years of amazing Smith women is still daunting — and inspiring!
I'm still a performing musician, juggling all the aspects of being a singer, songwriter, pianist, instructor and all the business that goes with it. I released a CD late in 2001. I have become computer savvy only recently, and created a website: www.home.earthlink.net/~jtspadoro.

To balance all that, I enjoy being a homebody, imagining my dream home and digging in the dirt. I'm on an endless mission to get organized, while remembering to smell the flowers.

House at Smith: Chapin  
Major at Smith: English  
Favorite Course: Faulkner Seminar (Susan Van Dyne)  
Memorable Professor: Elizabeth Von Klemperer  
Memorable book I read at Smith: The Sound and the Fury (William Faulkner)  
Memorable book I read recently: Cold Mountain (Charles Frazier)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Linda Ronstadt  
Music I listen to now: Pat Matheny, “Speaking of Now,” and my own, Joyce Spadoro (checking it out!)  
Favorite Smith menu item: vegetarian lasagna  
Least favorite Smith menu item: Sloppy Joes and icky stuff like that  
Key issue in my life today: Still making it on my own  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: I’ve lost touch in the last ten years, though I’d very much like to reconnect with old pals from Chapin.

Midlife, for me, has been about accepting being single and childless, getting used to the jarring physical changes, and realizing I need new dreams to replace the ones that did or didn't happen in the first act. Life seems to go faster now, and I don't perceive opportunities to be open-ended any more. I would like to make more time for travel, and other memory making activities.
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House at Smith: Hampshire—commuter  
Major at Smith: Sociology / Education  
Favorite Course: Student Teaching  
Memorable Professor: Myron Glazer  
Memorable book I read at Smith:  
Memorable book I read recently: *The Greatest Generation Speaks* (Tom Brokaw)  
Music I listened to at Smith:  
Music I listen to now: Billy Joel; Kenny G; George Winston  
Favorite Smith menu item:  
Least favorite Smith menu item:  
Key issue in my life today: Personal fulfillment  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch:

Since graduating as an Ada Comstock student in ‘77, I obtained my M.A.T. and I have been enrolled in education classes every year since!! (life-long learner)  
Since graduation, I have been employed as a kindergarten teacher in Northampton. In addition, I am proud to be representing Smith College as a part-time Admission Counselor for the undergraduate Admission Office and the Ada Comstock Office. I am married to a grade one teacher and together we have four children ages 21, 20, 19, 18. Three are attending college and one daughter is a first year student at Smith!! I enjoy attending the concerts and events at Smith College and spending time doing a daily workout in the athletic facility. I am very excited about all the wonderful programs being developed at Smith and the plans for the new student center.
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House at Smith: Talbot
Major at Smith: Comparative Literature / Art History
Favorite Course: Art 100 / Calligraphy
Memorable Professor: Elliot Offner, Edith Kern
Memorable book I read at Smith: Master and Margarita (Mikhail Bulgakov)
Memorable book I read recently: At Home in Mitford (Jan Karon); Stretching Lessons: the Dar-
ing that Starts from Within (Sue Bender)
Music I listened to at Smith: Billy Joel
Music I listen to now: Sting
Favorite Smith menu item: Friday tea
Least favorite Smith menu item: Lima beans
Key issue in my life today: Family
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Joanna Parkins Dowey, Sue Bunnell

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As I reflect on the past 25 years, I am pretty close to the woman I suspected I would be, marching on Ivy Day 2002. After Smith, I earned an MS in chemistry at Yale, worked as a chemist, married my college sweetheart Frank (Amherst ’77, in charge of his reunion this May), moved to Dallas, worked, and then began my sabbatical from paid employment to become a full-time mom. We now have three teenagers: Caroline, 18 (Amherst ’06); Louise, 15; and John, 13. I find the challenges of parenthood to be much more consuming than I ever imagined—why do teenagers violently divest themselves of their problems and then move on refreshed, while the parent is left in a complete quandary?! Our lives together are intense but happy. Frank has a busy law practice. Our children attend challenging schools and have a variety of interests, but we are all active in our Presbyterian church and in scouting. The calendars are kept in pencil and wipe-off marker! Our raucous family dinners are an important touchpoint for each of us, candlelight and mayhem.

As the children have grown, I have increased my volunteer activities during the day. I have been a Girl Scout leader for ten years, and am also involved with a local children’s charity and with the public library system. I do wonder what my life will hold in the future, as my children emerge from the nest.

Our Ziskind House group has remained close through the years, first with a foundering round-robin letter, but now with the ease of email. We have made an effort to go to reunions and frequently manage a day together in New England during the summer. They remain my closest friends, a warm reminder of a joyous period when the world was our oyster.
At Smith I found my own voice — and not just musically. Being encouraged to speak up, to contribute ideas, and to question things formerly presumed helped me grow in ways I might not have in a coed setting in the ‘70’s. My four years at Smith represent an ever-shrinking percentage of my lifetime, but they seem to become more and more important to me. The music courses, Chamber Singers tours, and making friends from diverse hometowns were enlightening experiences. Attending Smith was the best choice I ever made; trading the blue Fiat Spyder for an Audi Fox in ’75 was the dumbest! (2nd dumbest: that tubular hairdo at left.)

Below, Chamber Singers pals Gwen Mattleman and Dianne Terp at our 10th reunion. Below right, Nan & husband Peter

Left, son Drew on the mound. Below, my studious roomie, Susan Atwood Eschenroeder — oh, wait, it’s just an album cover...
House at Smith: Lawrence
Favorite Course: Art 100; Sculpture 1 & 2
Memorable book I read at Smith: The Brothers Karamazov (Dostoyevsky)
Memorable book I read recently: A Palace for a King: the Buen Retiro and the Court of Phillip IV (J. Brown & J. H. Elliott)
Music I listened to at Smith: Joni Mitchell
Music I listen to now: Alanis Morissette; Elisa, Pipes and Flowers
Favorite Smith menu item:
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today:
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Delia Marshall, Althea Paige

from left: daughter Caterina Stoppato, husband Federico Stoppato, and Lisa Goldenberg Stoppato ‘77
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House at Smith: Chapin  
Major at Smith: Economics  
Favorite Course: Leo Weinstein gov’t courses  
Memorable Professor: Jr. year in Geneva was the best!  
Memorable book I read at Smith: too busy studying!  
Memorable book I read recently: *The Poisonwood Bible* (Barbara Kingsolver)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Gordon Lightfoot  
Music I listen to now: Eclectic — jazz to classical  
Favorite Smith menu item: Breakfast  
Least favorite Smith menu item: I ate it all!  
Key issue in my life today: Finding time for myself!  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Leslie Peterson Merrill, Marilyn Gottlieb, Marjorie Roberts, June Roberts

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Like most people, life is pretty hectic for me. I am working full-time in a demanding job at GE Capital while at the same time (with help from my husband) trying to raise 2 very active boys (ages 6 and 8). I try to stay involved at my kids' school and to attend all of their sporting events. This doesn't leave a lot of time for hobbies or other activities (although we do own a power boat). I feel very fortunate to live in a wonderful Victorian house (which always needs work) by the water in Greenwich, CT and have access to New York City. I attribute much of the success I have realized in business to my experience at Smith. Smith gave me the confidence to excel at whatever I choose to do. It also helped me to realize that there is no limit to what women can achieve. Lastly, the close friendships I made at Smith helped me to be comfortable with who I am as a person.
House at Smith: Scales/Hampshire
Favorite Course: New Testament (Karl Donfried)
Memorable book I read at Smith: *Waiting for Godot* (Samuel Beckett)
Memorable book I read recently: *Guns, Germs & Steel* (Jared Diamond)
Music I listened to at Smith: Labelle — Phoenix
Favorite Smith menu item: Mushroom Soup
Least favorite Smith menu item: Veal Wisconsin
Key issue in my life today: Human Rights
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: June Roberts, Isabella Zagare, Anne Davidson, Katie Budge

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*Smith College got me out of New Jersey*

*Smith College taught me how to sing*

*Smith College let me work out a lot of psychic knots*

*I met my life partner at an Alumnae Association dinner.*

*I have a Master’s from Harvard and spent a year at Boston Conservatory of Music, but Smith is my Alma Mater.*
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Going East. For this New Mexican, who had left the state fewer times than she had fingers on

House at Smith: Park / Park Annex / Tyler  Major at Smith: History
Favorite Course: Honors History Courses  Memorable Professor: Klemens von Klemperer
Memorable book I read at Smith: Plato’s Republic
Memorable book I read recently: The Map that Changed the World by Simon Winchester (non fiction) and fiction: well, there are just too many, but an interesting read is Lying Awake by Mark Salzman, and who could resist The Girl in Hyacinth Blue by Susan Vreeland
Music I listened to at Smith: Minnie Ripperton (I hesitantly admit)
Music I listen to now: Ottmar Liebert's Luna Negra, any Miles Davis and still cannot resist the occasional Rolling Stones
Favorite Smith menu item: Sunday Brunch coffee cake and Yorkshire pudding (but not at the same time)
Least favorite Smith menu item: I have no memory of not liking the food---evident by my Freshman "10"
Key issue in my life today: Realizing that my life is full of possibilities, many of which have not yet occurred to me. Besides that, I am busy raising 3 boys to (hopefully) become caring, productive men of character and conscience; in the alternative, getting them to do their homework and not body slam each other.
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: The highlight of my work on the Alumnae Fund Team for our class gifts has been the opportunity to work with classmates I knew 25 years ago and those I just met months ago. Lynn Smith Fox and I have been able to share family vacations. Jorie Roberts referred a case to my law firm. Several Park/Park Annexites are working on reunion, I have been able to see Luck Gambrell Davidson and Kathleen Brueger.

one hand, heading to Smith was an experiment. The amazing young women, the studies, New England offerings and the delightful dungeons of musty Neilson Library stocked with inviting books, influenced me during a time I was ready to try anything. I truly believe that my Smith experiences gave me the beginnings of what has been a rewarding life. I've had a fabulous law career, I'm raising three boys--15, 11, and 8 years old (yikes!), I love that I have returned to NM, after living in so many wonderful places, I have a marriage of 20 years, I've survived breast cancer, which gave me the most wonderful chance to prioritize a life, while I still have so much before me. And, seeing Smith friends again will be great.
My life has changed substantially since our last reunion — just a couple of weeks later, I became engaged and was married that October to Tom Thaler, a 1975 graduate of Amherst. Fate and our mutual interests finally led us to meet in the fall of 1996 at a lecture I had arranged at Sotheby’s in Boston. While my life up to that point had been a happy, busy, and fulfilling one, having someone to share it with is an unexpected blessing! We are living in Boston on Beacon Hill, and also have a house on Cape Cod, in Wellfleet, which is a wonderful refuge in the summer as well as on weekends throughout the year.

After seventeen years in the auction business in New York and Boston, I have been running my own independent antique appraisal business for the past seven years, which is tremendously satisfying, and allows me the flexibility to devote more time to volunteer commitments. I am active on the boards of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in Massachusetts and the Vincent Club, which supports the Vincent Memorial Hospital (Mass General’s ob/gyn division). I am also a corporator of the Worcester Art Museum, and am on the board of the China Students’ Club of Boston, the oldest ceramic study group in America.

Smith’s enriching influence has been a constant in my life. I treasure the friendships I made there above all others, and always feel refreshed and nourished in the company of those friends. Similarly, I have felt with the Smith alumnae of all ages whom I have encountered over the years immediate recognition of a bond between us; the Smith network is a strong, supportive one, and Smith women never cease to be a source of inspiration and pride for me.
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House at Smith: Parsons
Major at Smith: Economics/American Studies
Favorite Course: Memorable Professor: “Our” Jack Wilson
Memorable book I read at Smith: Memorable book I read recently: *Jackaroo* (Cynthia Voigt)
Music I listened to at Smith: Music I listen to now: Sinatra
Favorite Smith menu item: Brownie Pudding (I still fix it!)
Least favorite Smith menu item:
Key issue in my life today: My family
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: As many as possible

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Today I substitute teach at my children's school and am planning on beginning study to become a certified teacher, with plans to teach high school science. I spent 15 years doing medical research in cardiology and oncology, but stopped doing that several years ago with the birth of my second child. My 7 year old has diabetes and so I thought teaching would be an excellent way to fulfill my dream of making a difference while also being able to care for my son and be around for my 13 year old daughter. The kids and I get home around 4 pm when I try to exercise and help with homework, get dinner, feed the 3 dogs, 2 cats and 1 mouse. Our home is rather chaotic, but very warm. Living in Wisconsin, we shovel snow in the winter and garden in the summer. We have a acre of land that backs up to a dairy farm, so we are kind of in the country, but not really. We live a pretty simple life.
House at Smith: Comstock
Favorite Course: Social Psych and Playwriting
Memorable Professor: Fletcher Blanchard and Len Berkman
Memorable book I read at Smith: anything by Shakespeare
Memorable book I read recently: anything by Shakespeare
Music I listened to at Smith: Moody Blues and James Taylor
Music I listen to now: James Taylor, Sting and Natalie Merchant
Favorite Smith menu item: Cottage cheese
Least favorite Smith menu item: Mystery Meat
Key issue in my life today: family
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Joan Goodman and Heidi Schiller

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*September 11th changed my life, as it has everyone’s.*

*Family and friends are more important to me than ever before.*

*My job as a newscaster has become a lot more stressful.*

*I’m always “on call,” and find it hard to relax.*

*Traveling is no longer an escape.*

*But I’m coming to the reunion because it’s a way for me to reconnect with a very important part of my past. I could not do what I do today without the liberal arts education and confidence Smith gave me 25 years ago.*
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House at Smith: Ziskind / Oak / Hampshire  
Major at Smith: History  
Favorite Course: Course on English political poetry taught by Professors Nenner and Ellis  
Memorable Professor: Howard Nenner  
Memorable book I read at Smith: *Democracy in America* (DeToqueville)  
Memorable book I read recently: *John Adams* (David McCullough)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Dan Fogelberg, “Twin Sons of Different Mothers”  
Music I listen to now: Aerosmith / Santana / Miles Davis / Enya — depends on the mood I’m in  
Favorite Smith menu item: popovers  
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver / Bananas in orange juice  
Key issue in my life today: Retraining eating patterns to a heart healthier style  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Lyn Banis (regularly), Cindy Englehardt Rauch (occasionally)

What's important to me now is finding balance. After Smith I went on to receive both a Juris Doctor and a Master of Science in Taxation while holding full time employment. Then I embarked on more than 15 years of a busy schedule of volunteering several nights per week (in such organizations as Sojourn, the Northampton Housing Authority, the DPW board, and the United Way; as well as an elected term on the Northampton City Council), I found myself heading towards serious burn out. I switched gears and moved to NJ for a couple of years, where I did nothing but work. Since relocating to southern New Hampshire in 1999 I've found an opportunity for more balance. Here, I have a satisfying job, volunteer regularly for the United Way, and save time to enjoy with my social companion, Andrew.
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House at Smith: Comstock  Major at Smith: History of Art
Favorite Course: Ancient Architecture  Memorable Professor: Phyllis Lehmann
Memorable book I read at Smith: Decameron (Giovanni Boccacio)
Memorable book I read recently: Native Speaker (Chang-Rae Lee)
Music I listened to at Smith: Van Morrison, “Moondance,” Phoebe Snow
Music I listen to now: David Byrne and PJ Harvey
Favorite Smith menu item:
Least favorite Smith menu item: Triple mix
Key issue in my life today: Career / Family
Classmates with whom I stay in touch:

The women of Smith and my college experience, while so remotely different from the world in which I have lived and worked for twenty years, remains an important influence in my work and personal lives. I have not stayed in touch with my classmates and look forward to catching up with them whether at reunion or otherwise.
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House at Smith: Park  
Major at Smith: Education  
Favorite Course: Art History  
Memorable Professor: Sue Freeman  
Memorable book I read at Smith: I wish I could remember  
Memorable book I read recently: Harry Potter (J. K. Rowling)  
Music I listened to at Smith: Jimmy Cliff, “The Harder They Come”  
Music I listen to now: Jimmy Buffet  
Favorite Smith menu item: Brownies at Friday afternoon tea  
Least favorite Smith menu item: It was all great — we didn’t have to cook it!  
Key issue in my life today: that my children are almost grown and remembering and missing the years when they were little, learning to appreciate and enjoy them as young adults and trying not to have parenting regrets  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Lynn Smith Fox

I have happily chosen to and lucky enough been able to, spend the last 17 years as an at-home Mom and "full time volunteer". I left the work force, where I hadn't yet found my niche, when Christopher was born in 1985 and never looked back as Sarah came along in 1987 and Maria in 1990. Luckily, most of my volunteer work has been at my children's schools doing everything from volunteering in the classroom to serving on the Board of Directors to developing curriculum, so I feel like I am using my Education degree - just without getting paid for it!
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House at Smith: Sessions    Major at Smith: Hispanic Studies
Favorite Course: El Quijote    Memorable Professor: Joaquina Navarro
Memorable book I read at Smith: *Ulysses* (James Joyce)
Memorable book I read recently: *La noche de Tlatelolco* (Poniatowska)
Music I listened to at Smith: Bette Midler, “Friends”
Music I listen to now: Intenso: Gilberto Santa Rosa
Favorite Smith menu item: Breakfast muffins
Least favorite Smith menu item: LIVER
Key issue in my life today: Getting sons through college any myself out of debt
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Bobbi Randall, Maryann Doherty and Edie Bershadsky

A good friend of mine calls me "Santa Margherita de la carretera" (St. Margherita of the roads) because I'm always rushing to and fro, mostly on the highway between Guilford and New Haven. One word to describe my life: HECTIC. Between teaching at Yale, caring for parents in their late eighties, and keeping my eye on my two sons who are in college (Wesleyan and Trinity), I have a full schedule. But, of course, I still make time to go salsa dancing regularly!

What's the best thing that Smith gave me? Good friends and a love of learning (sounds trite, but it's true). Will be good to catch up with everyone at reunion!
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House at Smith: Lawrence
Major at Smith: American Studies
Favorite Course: Poetry
Memorable Professor: Allen Weinstein, Susan Van Dyne
Memorable book I read at Smith: ??
Memorable book I read recently: *The Red Tent* (Anita Diamant)
Music I listened to at Smith: any Beatles / any Beethoven
Music I listen to now: same as above
Favorite Smith menu item: roast beef & Yorkshire pudding
Least favorite Smith menu item: some yucky veal thing
Key issue in my life today: balancing a very busy family with a full time career
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Gwen Mattleman, Anne Goldstock Abend ‘76
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I have never regretted my decision to attend Smith. The people I met and the subjects I studied made a lasting impression, which I often reflect upon. For twelve years after graduating, I worked at the Bank of Boston. I interrupted my career there to stay at home with my children who are now ages 16, 13 and 10. As they have become more independent, I’ve taken on more outside responsibilities. Music, my avocation for as long as I can remember, slowly has become my vocation. I began as a cantor at my church and have gradually added jobs as a solo singer, cello teacher, and general music teacher in an elementary school. I find great fulfillment in passing on my love of music to children and feel it is a privilege to work with them. Overall, I would have to say that the biggest challenge in my life and also the one that has brought me the most joy is my family. A Smith education encourages you to make the most of your talents and I frequently ask myself if I’ve done enough. While I haven’t used my Smith education to become rich and famous, I use it every day while pursuing new projects at work, at home and in my community.
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House at Smith: Talbot
Favorite Course: Art History 101
Memorable book I read at Smith: Walden II (B. F. Skinner)
Memorable book I read recently: At Home in the World (Joyce Maynard)
Music I listened to at Smith: Janis Ian, “Aftertones”
Favorite Smith menu item: Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver
Key issue in my life today: family
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Mainly stay in touch with friends from other classes:
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House at Smith:  
Favorite Course:  
Memorable book I read at Smith:  
Memorable book I read recently:  
Music I listened to at Smith: Cat Stevens  
Music I listen to now:  
Favorite Smith menu item:  
Least favorite Smith menu item:  
Key issue in my life today:  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch:
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My life has taken many twists and turns since Smith. When I left with my music degree, my hope was that I would live in England, get involved in the English church music scene, and perhaps marry and have sons singing in one of the men and boys’ cathedral choirs (as a woman, I could not, myself, have sung at that time, although some of the cathedrals have now changed.)

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House at Smith: Capen
Major at Smith: Music
Favorite Course: Scottish Literary Tradition
Memorable book I read at Smith: ?
Memorable book I read recently: *The Alphabet vs. the Goddess: the Conflict between Word and Image* (Leonard Shlain)
Music I listened to at Smith: Judy Collins, James Taylor, CSNY
Music I listen to now: Carlos Nakai
Favorite Smith menu item: Zebra Pudding
Least favorite Smith menu item: Liver Night
Key issue in my life today: creative & spiritual self-expression
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Barb Way Shelley, Jill Myer Basta, Peg Jordan Merzbacher, Delia Marshall; also Susan Tague-Smith ’78

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My life is filled with the joys and challenges of raising 4 sons (ages 9-14) along with my husband of 20 years. No Smithies in this crowd! After graduating from Smith, I worked for IBM before attending law school at Emory University in Atlanta. I practiced for a few years before I realized that I would much rather be at home with my boys. The best decision I ever made! My math background from Smith serves me well in the homework department. We are blessed to lead very active lives with lots of travel with our boys. I am very involved in my children’s schools and manage to walk/jog 4-5 miles every day rain or shine. If I had to do it over, I can’t think of much I would change in my life. Best wishes to the Class of ‘77 and the Geneva group. Be healthy and happy.
Where am I in life right now, and what am I supposed to be doing?!

These are the questions I puzzle over daily as I juggle my myriad competing lives: family, work, spiritual, and volunteer.Balancing these competing areas requires focus, stamina, humor, and grace: all skills I began developing at Smith.

What’s in a typical day — what isn’t? Dishes, computers, meetings, decisions, prayers, hope, negotiation with children and colleagues, conversation, and a 45-min. walk with my partner and our dog.

What’s important to me right now? Honesty, integrity, making the world a better place.

My quest right now? Finding and maintaining the elusive quality of Balance. Balance between the extraordinary demands of my computer-software employer and the never-ending chores at home. Balance between volunteering to help others and carving out a few moments to better myself. Mine is the typical circus act of every working parent I’ve encountered.

Yet behind it all I’m grateful for all the gifts I do have: good health, good mind, healthy happy family, a beautiful home, a solid loving long-term relationship, caring friends, and supportive religious community. And I remain grateful too for everything I learned at Smith, both the academic and personal lessons. I’m still using those gifts today...
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House at Smith: Lamont / Chase  
Major at Smith: History & German  
Favorite Course: Baroque Architecture  
Memorable Professor: Hans Vaget, Klemens v. Klemperer  
Memorable book I read at Smith: *A World Restored* (Henry Kissinger)  
Memorable book I read recently: *Seabiscuit: an American Legend* (Laura Hillenbrand)  
Music I listened to at Smith: can’t remember!  
Music I listen to now: Dixie Chicks or “Turandot”  
Favorite Smith menu item: Pecan chewies  
Least favorite Smith menu item: none — ate everything  
Key issue in my life today: nutrition/fitness/well-being/health/balance!  
Classmates with whom I stay in touch: Lynn Fox, Ronni MacLaren, Anne DuBois, Rosemary Moukad, Annie Granger
Hi, everyone. I can’t believe it’s been 25 years since we graduated from Smith. The years have passed quickly, probably because my husband Gilbert and I have been busy raising three future “Smithies”: Jennifer (age 11), Rebecca (age 8), and Alyssa (age 5). In addition to my life as a mother, I am a pathologist and clinical laboratory director and run a large hospital and private outpatient laboratory and blood bank. I am active in Girl Scouts and my synagogue, and in my spare time (Hah!), I enjoy quilting, gardening, collecting antique dolls and shopping.
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I’ve lived a long time in California (Los Angeles, to be exact), and I absolutely love it, but I have therefore had little contact with the ‘East Coast’, despite having a sister in the Boston area! So, the 25th reunion is causing me to have much reflection and memories of those fine times and places which made up my college experience.

It has been my good fortune to meet a wonderful always-interesting man and to find a way to make a nice home here and to have an amazing wonderful young son. There are many things I would still like, so I find myself still in an ‘acquisitive’ mode. We are currently slogging around with our landscaping, after having spent a great deal of time and energy futzing with the interior. I like the idea of being able to change my environment so that it will suit me!

When I turned 39 I went back to school and earned my MFA in fine art; this has helped me to focus on my real love, which is the art world and art making. I studied ‘conceptual art’ and am grateful for the way that this knowledge and pursuit has enriched my life.

Right, Mary Yoder with son, William Chance Yoder Ruppenthal and husband John C. “Chris” Ruppenthal
After twenty years I California, I (finally) moved back to the east coast. It’s not exactly New York, but Rhode Island has its charms. I miss certain things keenly, like the variety of food and the lack of humidity, but what I really miss is the opportunity to make music. In California, I sang in such a variety of venues, everything from “community” opera in local theaters, lively Mexican and native Central American music in Spanish missions, solos in church, to grand requiems and world premieres at the San Francisco Symphony and even a tour to Carnegie Hall. Here such opportunities are limited but I do try. It’s also nice to be back near Smith. I’ve always stayed connected somehow and it feels good to know it’s only two hours away. Especially now, with the 25th reunion just around the corner.
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House at Smith: Gardiner
Major at Smith: Economics / Government
Favorite Course: International Politics
Memorable Professor: Burr Overstreet
Memorable book I read at Smith:
Memorable book I read recently: *On Mexican Time* (Tony Cohan)
Music I listened to at Smith: Carol King, “Tapestry”
Music I listen to now: Cher
Favorite Smith menu item: New England clam chowder, baked brown bread
Least favorite Smith menu item: none — all great
Key issue in my life today: getting my MBA
Classmates with whom I stay in touch:

Since my divorce became final very recently, I’m determined to relaunch my career in a bold new direction toward creating affordable senior housing locally. I am re-entering Mills College to get my M.B.A. this September to help me with the business aspects of this new venture. Anyone in this field? I’d love to know if there is anybody in the class working in housing.

Carol Leland Zischke and daughter Julie on vacation in August, 2001, in a gorgeous 40 acre botanical garden reaching the sea near Ft. Bragg, California
Appendix A

Smith College Class of 1977—25th Reunion Class Book Form
Please fill out the following information and mail the form in the enclosed envelope to Nan Stifel, 5320 Blackistone Road, Bethesda, MD 20816. We encourage you to include photographs. Be sure to put your name and address on the back of the photos! We’ll have the photos available at Reunion headquarters. If you prefer, you may submit your information electronically on our website. You also may use digital photographs, emailed to nanstifel@smith77.org in jpeg format (jpg), and not to exceed 300 x 300 pixels. This is not an order form for the book; you will be able to place an order with the College’s reunion forms in March, 2002. All submissions are due March 15, 2002!!

and

Section 1: Vital Statistics
Name (as you want it to appear in the book) ________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________
City __________________________ State ________ Zip ___________ Country _________________________
Email ____________________________________________________
Home phone ___________________ Work phone ____________________
One key issue in my life today ___________________________________________

Section 2: Smith Remembered and Contrasted with Today
House at Smith ________________ Major at Smith __________________
Favorite course I took at Smith ___________________________________________
Memorable Smith professor ___________________________
Memorable book I read at Smith __________________________________________
Memorable book I read recently __________________________________________
Album I listened to at Smith _____________________________________________
CD I listen to now _____________________________________________________
Favorite Smith menu item _______________________________________________
Least favorite Smith menu item ___________________________________________
Coming to Reunion, May 16-20, 2002? _____Yes _____No _____ Don’t know yet
Smith classmates I stay in touch with today _______________________________________

Section 3: Our Busy Lives
This information will not appear on your individual page, but will be used for statistical compilation. Check all answers that apply. Are you politically active? _____Yes, I am. _____No, not really.
If yes, indicate level: _____Local _____State _____National _____International
Do you spend time doing community/volunteer service? _____Yes _____No
If yes, approximately how many hours per week? _____1-5 _____6-10 _____11-20 _____21-40 _____More than 40
Do you work in a paid job? _____Yes _____No
If yes, approximately how many hours per week? _____1-5 _____6-10 _____11-20 _____21-40 _____More than 40
Do you consider yourself to be a spiritual person? _____Yes _____No
If yes, do you participate in organized religious activities? _____Yes _____No
Are you currently taking academic classes? _____Yes _____No Other classes? _____Yes _____No
In your spare time, do you:
exercise regularly? _____Yes _____No read for pleasure? _____Yes _____No
read for pleasure? _____Yes _____No garden? _____Yes _____No travel? _____Yes _____No
attend live performances (concerts, ballet, etc) _____Yes _____No
If you have any children or stepchildren? _____Yes _____No
If yes, indicate ages: _____0-6 _____7-12 _____13-21 _____Over 21
Do you have any grandchildren or step-grandchildren? _____Yes _____No
If yes, indicate ages: _____0-6 _____7-12 _____13-21 _____Over 21
Do you drive an SUV? _____Yes _____No Have you ever had plastic surgery? _____Yes _____No
Are you: _____Single _____Married/Life Partner _____Divorced
If you were applying to colleges all over again, would you apply to Smith? _____Yes _____No
_____ Don’t know

Please fill out both sides of this form and mail it to:
Nan Stifel
5320 Blackistone Rd.
Bethesda, MD 20816

Don’t delay!
Section 4: Comments/Reflections/Photographs. Please share photographs or information about a day in your life, what’s important to you, or reflect on what Smith has meant to you. Word-processed documents are acceptable (and legible!), so you may attach a printed version if you’d like. If you use a computer for this section, we prefer Times New Roman 12pt.

Remember to put your name on the back of each photograph. Photographs will be available for pick-up at our Reunion Headquarters. All submissions are due March 15, 2002, but PLEASE don’t wait that long!

All text and photographs must fit in the space below the horizontal line.

Check this box if you want us to use your yearbook photo!

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this form. You will be able to order the book when you receive the Reunion reservation forms from the College.
Appendix B

CLASS OFFICERS

1977—1982
President: Linda Koury
Vice-President: Christine M. McCarthy
Secretary: Elizabeth E. Gardner
Treasurer: Cathleen B. Knight
Class Fund Agents: Anne M. Deatly, Margaret Jordan, Judith Zeiner Potorff
Special Gifts Chair: Elizabeth Gilson Clancy

1982—1987
President: Christine M. McCarthy
Vice-President: Jamie M. Ball
Secretary: Jill Meyer Basta
Treasurer: Jean Sandman Peck
Class Fund Agents: Paula Braverman Schachat, Angela T. Derouin, Adrienne Ferko Darling
Special Gifts Chairs: Elli Crocker Morse, Julie Anne Sullivan

1987—1992
President: Angela T. Derouin
Vice-President: Lisa Boe Mason
Secretary: Laurie A. Macintosh
Treasurer: Kathryn P. Martin
Sophia Smith Rep: Irene Spielman-Hodge
Class Fund Agents: Jean Sandman Manthorne, Susan G. Santon, Lisa T. Smith
Special Gifts Chairs: Marianne Loiacono Thomas, Isabella M. Zagare

1992—1997
President: Lisa Boe Mason
Vice-President: Lisa Gilson Clancy
Secretary: Sharon Jungreis Bowers
Treasurer: Maureen Tobin
Sophia Smith Rep: Ellen Perl
Class Fund Agents: Lynn B. Silvestri, Martha S. Dale, Nan S. Stifel, Mary Donatelli Tonry
Special Gifts Chairs: Lynn Smith Fox, Michele Katz, Marianne L. Thomas, Martha S. Dale

1997—2002
President: Lynn Smith Fox / Nan Smith Stifel
Vice-President: Luck Gambrell Davidson
Secretary: Nan Smith Stifel / Susan Atwood Eschenroeder
Treasurer: Kathleen Brueger
Class Fund Agents: Debra Romero Thal (Team Coordinator), Marianne L. Thomas
Special Gifts Chairs: Ginger K. Ackerman, Rachel Coan, Martha G. Dale, Jean S. Manthorne
Memorial Chair: Christine McCarthy
Nominations Chair: Helen Chaikovsky
Appendix C

COLLEGE SERVICE

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Sheryl Roth-Rogers, 1977-79    Dawn Gould Lepore, 2000-05

Medal Committee
Susan Puracchio Etheredge, 1996-2001

The Campaign for Smith
Regional Phonathon Chair, Mary Beardsley, 1984-89
Regional Vice Chair, Ellen Perl, 1984-1989    Debra Romero Thal, 1984-89
Regional Solicitors, 1984-89
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Sharon Souther    Pamela Gorden Wakefield    Katharine Priedeman White

Campaign Steering Committee, Lynn Smith Fox, 1999-
Campaign Special Gifts Steering Committee, Diane Jones Primo, 2000-

Alumnae Association of Smith College
Board of Directors
Treasurer, Christine McCarthy, 1999-2002
Member, Lynn Smith Fox, 2000-2003

Nominating Committee
Chair, Kathleen Brueger, 1997
Regional Coordinators
Mary Beardsley, 1990-93    Angela Derouin, 1993-99    Lee Fox, 1997-2002

Alumnae Fund Committee:
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CLUB SERVICE

Mary Beardsley, President, 1990
Martha Simons Dale, President, Hartford, 1992-94
Angela Derouin, Vice President, Springfield, 1993-94; President, Springfield, 1994-96
Susan McCready Edwards, Vice President, Houston, 1991-94
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Wendy Boyle Schmidt, MG Advisory Committee, San Francisco, 1998-

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Paula Gaj Sitarz, President, Southeastern Mass., 1989-91

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