The atrocities of September 11th have impacted us all. Some of our own classmates lost family members and friends, and heightened security measures are felt by all. More than ever, I believe it’s important for us to feel connected to friends and families. Our common bond as members of the Class of 1977 can be a great source of emotional support.

With hope in my heart, I invite you to return to Northampton for our reunion in May. We are fortunate to live in a country that encourages young women to be inquisitive and educated. Let’s make a collective statement in support of women’s right to higher education by supporting Smith financially as it carries out its mission, and by convening in a show of female unity in May. Luck Davidson is putting together a great program; read her article on the next page and look over the agenda on page three. Check our class website often for the latest news, and be on the lookout for a Reunion Registration booklet the College will mail in late February.

Finally, I appeal to everyone: please send in your Class Book Forms or submit them online. I’ll see you in May!

Nan Smith Stifel
25th Reunion Update

It’s the New Year! I’ve been thinking about our 2002 reunion for two years now, so I’m excited that the date is drawing near. At this point we planners don’t know how the fallout from 9/11 will impact our reunion numbers, but we have adopted the most positive attitude possible. We’re still hoping that 250 of you (out of more than 700) will return to Northampton May 16-19.

It is time to nail down your plans. That means actually making your plane reservations, work-leave, and/or babysitting plans. Many of you will soon be hearing from a “House Rep,” encouraging you to attend reunion. Why don’t you call or email the people who are important to you to touch base? These next few months will fly by.

Was it just a fluke or was there a reason I heard from more friends this Christmas than in years past? I do believe we all yearn to reconnect with some people from our past in a way we never have before. Seeing college friends, visiting the Smith College Campus (see Box), and being reminded what a vital place we all have in common is exactly what many of us need right now. I believe that we will draw strength from the experience.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in May!

Luck Gambrell Davidson
Class VP and Reunion Chair
## Reunion Weekend Agenda as of 1/23/02

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**Saturday Book Group Chair:** Lee Fox, 9 Merryhill Lane, Pittsford, NY 14534; leeffox@aol.com

**Saturday Dinner Chair:** Laurie Macintosh, 70 Parkwood Dr., Milton, MA 02186; lauriemaci@aol.com

**Sunday Brunch Chair:** OPEN — PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

**Fund Team Chair:** Debra Romero Thal, 40 Camino Del Tecolote, Placitas, NM 87043; dthal4104@aol.com

**Treasurer:** Kathleen Brueger, 5013 N. 24th St., Arlington, VA 22207; threebruegs@aol.com

**Newsletters, Website, Class Book:** Nan Smith Stifel, 5320 Blackistone Rd., Bethesda, MD 20816; nstifel@home.com

Please call Luck Davidson at (336) 275-6870 and ask how you can help make our 25th Reunion great! Add your perspective to a panel discussion, or pitch in for a little while at our Class Headquarters. Contribute a little “Prime Time” of your own to a great weekend!

**Housing option:** Each year the Hampshire County Smith Club holds a Bed & Breakfast Program as its only fundraiser. Hostesses are alumnae who offer the hospitality of their homes as an alternative to on-campus or motel accommodations. The alumnae homes are usually within a 20 minute drive of the campus and have ranged from a 19th century farmhouse to a townhouse condominium. Questions regarding this program may be directed to Mia Whitenour ’95 at 413-253-1303.
As of 2/4/02, the following classmates have indicated that they intend to come to our 25th Reunion in May. Add your name to the list via our website (www.smith77.org — then click on Reunion, then “who’s coming.”) Remember, you’ll need to register officially via the college’s forms in a few weeks.

Ginger Kelly Ackerman
Judith Silber Ballan
Cecilia Barbosa
Mary Beth O’Connell Bardeen
Betty J. Belanus
Kimberly Black Bennett
Margarita Bloch
Kathleen Brueger
Sue Bunnell
Paula J. Caceci
Lisa Winton Callahan
Helen Chaikovsky
Lynn Fruehauf Charlton
Rachel Coan
Joyce Knoller Cohen
Penelope Corcoran
Martha Simons Dale
Luck Gambrell Davidson
Melissa Parker Draper
Debbie Driscoll
Gail Balentine Dufek
Constance DuHamel
Mary Lou Wienski Elson
Susan Atwood Eschenroeder
Susan Etheredge
Juli Falkoff
Lee Fox
Lynn Smith Fox
Stephanie Larkin Frost
Joan Freedman Goodman
Ann Lichty Giesler
Paula Herold
Diane Dziama Hollister
Elizabeth Sawyer Kelly
Susan Kerins Klein
Trish LaPointe
Marian Barrett Liebold
Judith Holender Loeb
Terry Keepnews Luskin
Laurie Macintosh
Jean Sandman Manthorne
Vivian Marmaras
Maryann Doherty Marston
Lisa Boe Mason
Gwen Mattleman
Elissa Mautner
Ellen Maxwell
Julia McCabe
Christine McCarthy
Bonner Menking
Megan Miller
Elli Crocker Morse
Amy Nutt
Harriet Madoff Oswald
Jacquie Ottman
Kathryn Quaintance
Florence Quinn
Barbara Randall
Jorie Roberts
June Roberts
Margy Robinson
Sheryl Roth Rogers
Tracy Garrett Rubin
Sally Klasing Schroer
Catherine Senghas
Renee Mock Sidman
Nan Smith Stifel
Larissa Strautman
Dianne M. Terp
Debra Romero Thal
Marianne Loiacono Thomas
Sally Thorner
Kate Vandemoer
Nancy Nadel Walsh
Lesley Miller Warrick
Claudia Werner
Liz Wilson
Ellie Wotherspoon
Isabella Zagare

**Official registration materials from the college should arrive at the end of February or the beginning of March. Register early for lower prices!!**

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Our best-selling author and classmate Ann Martin will receive the Smith College Medal on Rally Day in February! Read about her by following the link on our home page, www.smith77.org.

Two of our classmates offer Smith alumnae financial advice on the college’s planned giving webpage. Ellie Wotherspoon, Vice President, Private Client Group, First Union Securities in Washington, DC, contributed a great column about finding and working with a Financial Advisor. Harriet Madoff Oswald, Financial Advisor with the Private Client Group of Merrill Lynch in Stamford, CT, is the author of “Philanthropy — a Win-Win Opportunity for Prudent Investors.” Harriet’s terrific article outlines how gifts to Smith of appreciated stock, tangible property, and other non-cash gifts help lower the donor’s taxable estate, as well as benefit the college. To read the full text of Ellie’s and Harriet’s articles, go to www.smith.edu/advancement/pg/index.html.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR CLASS OFFICERS

Helen Chaikovsky is the Chair of our Nominating Committee, and she is in charge of putting together a slate that we'll vote on at our Class Meeting. Email Helen (markradke@aol.com) ASAP if you want to nominate someone and would like to read the qualifications and responsibilities of the offices. The term of office is five years. You may want to "get your feet wet" by volunteering to help at Reunion; in that case, email Luck Davidson. Current officers' email addresses:

President: Nan Smith Stifel: nstifel@home.com; Vice President: Luck Gambrell Davidson: ld2ck@aol.com
Secretary: Susan Atwood Eschenroeder: SAESch232@aol.com
Treasurer: Kathleen Brueger: threebruegs@aol.com
Class Fund Agent: Debra Romero Thal: dthal4104@aol.com
Special Gift Chair: Rachel Coan: rbcoan@llgm.com; Special Gift Chair: Martha Dale: MDale59587@aol.com; Special Gift Chair: Ginger K. Ackerman: virginia_k_ackerman@hud.gov; Special Gift Chair: Jean S. Manthorne: jmanthorne@aol.com
Memorial Gifts Chair: Christine McCarthy; christine.mccarthy@disney.com

HOUSE REPS STILL NEEDED

House Reps will be contacting their former housemates soon, encouraging a high Reunion turnout for each house. If your house isn’t listed, call or email Luck Davidson and volunteer for the job! The job is simple, consisting of writing a letter, postcard, or email to housemates and acting as a sort of cheerleader for house participation at Reunion.

Chapin House: Julie Sullivan Jones
Clark House: Sally Klasing Schroer
Comstock House: Margaret "Peg" McGirr
Emerson House: Catherine Senghas
Gardiner House: Harriet Madoff Oswald
Gillett House: Leslie M. Warrick
Hubbard House: Kathryn Quaintance

King House: Sandy McGregor O'Brien
Lamont House: Elizabeth L. Ambos
Park Complex: Kathleen Brueger
Sessions Complex: Maryann D. Marston
Talbot House: Irene Spielman-Hodge
Tenney House: Maryann D. Marston
Wilson House: Mary Lou Wienski Elson

PLANES, TRAINS, & AUTOMOBILES

Those are some of the ways you might travel to Reunion. Check out some of the options on our Reunion page. The Alumnae Association is able to provide limited financial travel assistance to reuniting alumnae. Any alumna who would like to apply for the AASC’s travel stipend program must submit a request, in writing, postmarked by April 5th.
PANEL DISCUSSION ON TRANSITIONS MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1977 ARE FACING

This event will take place after the Parade and the State of the College address. Classmates will describe recent life-changing transitions in the areas of career, family life, spirituality, or health. Panelists also will share the techniques, adjustments, or coping strategies that they found useful or necessary. Most likely, we will schedule the event so that attendees may bring their box lunches with them.

SEMINAR / DISCUSSION ABOUT BOOK GROUPS

Judging by the responses to the Class Book survey, the Class of ’77 reads voraciously. Professor Pat Skarda, frequently cited as classmates’ memorable professor, is contributing ideas and time to this event. Plan on attending and learn what traits make specific titles good choices for book group discussions. We’ll hear about successful genre-specific and audience-specific book groups, and how to start a book group when we return home after Reunion, energized and full of ideas. We also will share book lists, so bring yours along! The time and place for this panel will be announced later, but most likely will take place Friday or Saturday afternoon.

CLASS MEETING WILL OCCUR DURING SATURDAY DINNER

Every five years, we conduct our class meeting during Reunion weekend. This time around, our class meeting will take place during Saturday night dinner at Cutter/Ziskind. We’ll have a little business to conduct before we proceed to the election of our next group of class officers. Although we could have convened the class meeting during the day, Reunion organizers felt that by having it at dinner, we would have a greater turnout, and attendees would have more free time to see the Campus and Northampton during the day.

AND FOR YOUR DINING ENTERTAINMENT…

Friday night’s dinner will feature an engaging and inspiring chat or presentation, but that very special program is still in the planning stages. As this newsletter goes to press, our Friday dinner chairs are working out the logistics. Saturday’s dinner includes the class meeting and may include musical entertainment and/or a funky 70’s fashion show. Stay tuned! For all the latest reunion news, be sure to check our class website, www.smith77.org, often.
As the August newsletter reported, the Reunion Team is producing a Class Book. The book will include a class directory, and you still have time to be included! All submissions are due March 15, 2002. PLEASE return your book form ASAP.

IN A HURRY?? You may submit your information electronically, by going to our website and following the link on the Reunion page.

LOSE YOUR BOOK FORM?? You may use the copy reprinted in this newsletter, or print out another form from our website. (You'll need Adobe Acrobat Reader, a free download.)

There are two ways to order the Class Book: 1) If you’re coming to Reunion, the book is included in the registration fee; you may pick the book up at Class Headquarters; 2) If you know you can’t come to Reunion, order a Class Book now for $15.00 using the form on page 9, and we’ll ship your book after Reunion. Note: return your Reunion registration or the order form promptly; we cannot guarantee Class Books will be available to reunion attendees who do not register in advance!

As of 2/4/02, we have received book forms from the following classmates:

Mary-Barrett Ashton Anders  Susan Kerins Klein  Nancy K. Simpkins
Sylvia Milam Baird  Melissa Larsen  Nan Smith Stifel
Jamie Ball  Jessica Andrus Lindstrom  Lisa Goldenberg Stoppato
Judith Silber Ballan  Jean Sandman Manthorne  Dianne M. Terp
Cecilia Barbosa  Vivian Marmaras  Marianne Loiacono Thomas
Betty Jane Belanus  Maryann Doherty Marston  Pamela Gorden Wakefield
Kimberly Black Bennett  Ann Martin  Katie Friedeman White
Judith Silber Ballan  Elissa Mautner  Liz Wilson
Cecilia Barbosa  Julia McCabe  Ellie Wotherspoon
Betty Jane Belanus  Lynne White McMahon  Isabella Zagare
Kimberly Black Bennett  Megan Miller
Margaret Bloch  Donna Moulton
Kathleen Brueger  Laure Caillouette Nichols
Betsy Byers  Harriet Madoff Oswald
Lynn Fruehauf Charlton  Jacquie Ottman
Joyce Knoller Cohen  Alice Cobb Parte
Penelope Corcoran  Kathryn Quaintance
Lucy Gambrell Davidson  Florence Quinn
Melissa Parker Draper  June Roberts
Mary Lou Wienski Elson  Margy Robinson
Susan Atwood Eschenroeder  Sheryl Roth Rogers
Julie Falkoff  Tracy Garrett Rubin
Lynn Smith Fox  Priscilla Reger Hoeft
Joan Freedman Goodman  Elizabeth Sawyer Kelly
Nan Heald  Pauline Carol Shoback
Priscilla Reger Hoeft  What are YOU waiting for? Send in your Class Book form today!
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; see page 8 of the January, 2002 newsletter for ordering instructions.

All submissions are due March 15, 2002!!

**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 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
garden? _____Yes _____No attend live performances (concerts, ballet, etc) _____Yes _____No travel? _____Yes _____No
Do 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 _____Widowed
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!

Continued on other side
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 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. If you register for Reunion, a Class Book will be held for you at Reunion headquarters at no extra charge. *If you’re NOT coming to Reunion, use the order form in this newsletter.*
25th Reunion Class Book Advance Order Form

Do not use this form if you are coming to Reunion — the book is included in your registration fee, and it will be held for you at Class headquarters.

Here is my order for our 25th Reunion Class Book.

Name _________________________________
Address _______________________________
______________________________________

Enclose a check for $15.00 payable to Smith College Class of 1977, and mail it to: Nan Smith Stifel, 5320 Blackistone Rd., Bethesda, MD 20816. Books will be mailed after Reunion Weekend.

Include your Class Book Form if you haven’t already returned it!
Volunteers are needed to help plan and participate in special reunion events. Two Class panel discussions provide great opportunities for you to share your ideas, experience, or expertise! See details inside and volunteer ASAP!

WANTED:

- Memorabilia from our days at Smith which may be used to decorate our Reunion Headquarters bulletin board. Sue Bunnell, 41 E. Longmeadow Rd., Wilbraham, MA 01095-2443

- Labeled photographs that may be used to produce a slide show that can be shown at Reunion headquarters. Luck Davidson, 310 Wentworth Dr., Greensboro, NC 27408

- 25th Reunion Class Book Forms, complete with photographs and/or comments. Nan Stifel, 5320 Blackistone Rd., Bethesda, MD 20816.

Reunion Update Inside!