February, 2007

Dear Classmates:

Here in McLean, Virginia, as I look out on freezing weather, it is hard to believe that spring will be here in a month or so. But it will be here soon. Now is the time to start thinking and making plans for Memorial Day Weekend and the Smith Class of ’77’s 30th Reunion. Paula Herold, our Reunion Chair, has mobilized a large team of workers who are busy planning many activities. In this newsletter, there is a terrific update of what will be in store – so mark your calendars, make your plans and urge your Smith classmates to come to our 30th Reunion.

On class news, I am happy to report that we obtained enough votes to pass the new Class of ’77 By-laws. Now Isabella Zagare, our Treasurer, has started work to obtain the necessary non-profit status for our class and its activities.

I would like to thank Charlotte Nad, Jacquie Ottman and Marge Ame-glio Bloch for hosting the first mini-reunion. A cocktail party was held on December 4th in New York City. There was a nice showing and I heard from a number of classmates who attended that it was a lot of fun. Thank you, thank you. And a mini-reunion has been planned for Washington, DC the beginning of March.

Deborah Romero Thal has kindly agreed to be our class Nominating

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I would like to welcome our 40 (yes, 40!) new reunion team members. These are our new house reps and their job is to get all of you to come to reunion. They are not calling you about money - they just want to see you in May. I’m pleased to announce that we have reps for every house except Northrop. By now, you should have heard from them. They know the latest on what is planned for Reunion so take their calls! A warm welcome to:

Albright: Maria Alkiewicz Penberthy
Baldwin: Julie McClure
Capen: Katie Huff Oberlin
Chapin: Elli Crocker Morse
Chase: Laurie Macintosh
Chase: Angela Derouin
Chase: Jaye Barbaresi Hensel
Clark: Sally Klasing Schroer
Comstock: Pat Tazzara
Cushing: Joan Freedman Goodman
Cutter: Felicitas Kulenkamplers Sloves
Dawes: Barrett Ashton Anders
Dewey: Karen Day
Drew: Stancy DuHamel
Duckett: Kim Radowiecki
Emerson: Adrienne Ferko Darling
Gardiner: Betsy Hetzler
Gillett: Marge Ameglio Bloch
Haven/Wesley: June Roberts
Hopkins A/B: Susan Wyman
Hubbard: Dianne Abeloff
Jordan: Donna Trebino Pare
King: Sandy MacGregor O'Brien
Lamont: Wren Writhers
Lawrence: Gwen Mattleman
Morris: Ellen Smith Rudman
Morrow: Kathleen Dougherty Ewing
Off Campus: Florence Quinn
Park/Park Annex/150 Elm: Luck Gambrell Davidson
Parsons: Ginger Kelly Ackerman
Scales: Mary Louise Beardsley
Sessions: Kim Black Bennett
Talbot: Ann Wilson Forsyth-Smith
Tenney: Maryann Doherty Marston
Tyler: Michele Katz
Washburn: Martha Montgomery
Wilder: Sheryl Roth-Rogers
Wilson: Sharon Jungreis Bowers
Ziskind: Susan Podger Mills

Chair, so she is now out seeking individuals to fill our class officer positions. Any volunteers and suggestions are welcome.

Finally, I would like to urge all of you who have not paid your class dues ($77 for the 5 year period) to please do so now. I know how tempting it is to put it off till next month or to pay nearer to Reunion. But please do it now – it is so easy. You can either pay via PayPal from our class website at www.smith77.org, or mail the dues to Isabella at: Smith College Class of 1977, P.O. Box 2232, Westerly, RI 02891.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Reunion! Start making your plans now.

Helen Chaikovsky
Class President
In January, I woke up one day with what I thought was a “brilliant” idea. Why don’t I ask Weight Watchers to follow the class of 77 as we get nearer to our Reunion? I called the press office and they were intrigued. No one had ever asked them anything like this. They said they would get back to me. As I waited, I contacted “What Not To Wear” and asked if they wanted to follow 3 volunteers from our class. They liked my idea but said that they were not currently planning on doing a reunion show this year. If they changed their minds, they would call me. Still waiting, our classmate Julie McClure told me about an article she had read in the Business section of The New York Times about our classmate Elaine Sarsynski, President and CEO of MassMutual International. Elaine has now agreed to give an informal chat on Saturday afternoon. She will talk about her career and the choices she made along the way and why. Still waiting to hear, our Friday night co-chairs Lynn Fruehauf Charlton (lynn@smith77.org) and Ibbits Warriner Newhall (ibbits@smith77.org) told me that they had decided to do a fashion show during dinner. It’s called “The Way We Were” and each “model” will carry a blown up picture of herself while at Smith and wear a similar outfit for the fashion show. Gwen Mattleman told me that she is actually wearing a red swing coat circa 1974. Welcome Gwen as our first model. Lynn and Ibbits are looking for more volunteers. Please email them and start searching through your old albums. As the waiting continued, Sheryl Roth Rogers, one of our 40 house chairs, suggested that we do a panel on “transitions”. Sheryl is now in charge of it. (In other words, don’t put your two cents in unless you want to do a lot of work.) Finally, Weight Watchers contacted me and said that they would love to set up a special membership for our class. I told Smith and they asked if every reunion class could take part. I was thrilled. A judicious classmate said that we should not offend some people who are trying to move past the whole body image perpetrated by women’s magazines and that I was politically incorrect. Moi! I told her that it was about health. I was also thinking about how much better I feel when there is no blubber hanging over the top of my pants. An anonymous classmate said that Weight Watchers was trying to pitch their business to us. I was pitching our business to them. Another classmate told me I should be careful as to how I present this to our class. As she said this, all I could think about were my days as a film executive and how lucky I was to have developed such a thick (but still porcelain) skin. It could give us (okay me) the impetus to lose a few pounds so we (I) could look good in our (my) whites for the parade. Anyway, Weight Watchers has just informed me that I will be hearing from the marketing department and they will help us figure out how to implement the great ’77 weight loss experiment. Please check our fantastic website (thanks to Nan Smith Stifel) for more information.

Off to cancel the botox and liposuction panels.

Controversially yours,

Paula Herold
Vice President/Reunion Chair
paula@smith77.org

PS – I am developing a stand-up routine about my travails as Reunion Chair. Really.
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<td>Alumnae Parade; State of the College Address; Alumnae Association Annual Meeting; Presentation of Awards &amp; Smith Fund Gift</td>
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<td>Illumination of center campus with jazz music</td>
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<td>12:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Residence Houses close</td>
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Updated Schedule Information for the Class of 1977
*Remember to check our website for the latest updates*

**Class Headquarters: Tyler House.** Pop by our Class HQ after you check in at Alumnae House upon arrival on campus. At our HQ we’ll have last-minute information about class activities, name tags, and snacks, of course. **Sue Bunnell** is our HQ chair. Tyler is at the end of Green Street, close to just about everything. Classmates who register to stay on campus will be assigned to Tyler, Morris, and Lawrence Houses.

**Friday Cocktails and Dinner** will be held across Paradise Road at the Smith College Club. Event co-chairs **Lynn Fruehauf Charlton** and **Ibbits Warriner Newhall** are planning a special fashion show entitled “The Way We Were.” Was your style at Smith a glittery tube top and hot pants, Fair Isle sweater and cords, or t-shirt, bandana and painter’s pants? If you thought they were flattering back then, you should see them now!

**Saturday Morning:** we’ll meet as a class, wearing white outfits and yellow ribbons to stroll in the Alumnae Parade with chair **Joyce Knoller Cohen**. Details about the time and exact meeting place will be available at Class HQ. The Alumnae Association Meeting and presentation of Class gifts will follow the parade.

**Ready, Set, Go! What’s Next?** Have you been dreaming about what you want to do with the rest of your life? Are you doing it? Bring your box lunch and join **Sheryl Roth Rogers** on Saturday from 12:15—1:45. She will be assembling a panel of our classmates who have made the leap forward to the next stage of their lives. Sheryl Roth Rogers is currently the Vice President of Marketing at Mothers Work, Inc., the leading maternity retailer in the world. She is looking for her next chapter.

**Jacquie Ottman** will lead a discussion about global warming, green marketing, and how we can respond in environmentally responsible ways to the challenges facing planet earth. We have reserved room 201 in Seelye Hall at 2:00 for this event. Jacquie is the author of *Green Marketing: Opportunity for Innovation* and an internationally recognized consultant to Energy Star, Nike, GE, and other leading companies.

**Sing-along with Dianne Terp** and other classmates in the Gamut between 2-4 p.m. Dianne and her team will lead us in a revival of some great tunes of the 70’s. Let Dianne know which songs are your favorites by going to our website home page, clicking the link to the song ballot, then voting for your five top choices from the menu that has been posted recently. Dianne also asks that we write our own parodies of some of the old songs; see the special notice on page 7 of this newsletter.

**Work out with Ibbits Warriner Newhall** Saturday afternoon. Be ready to “feel the burn,” as Jane Fonda used to say. The session will take place in one of the college’s fitness rooms starting at 2:00.

**Elaine Sarsynski**, President and CEO of MassMutual International, will be the featured speaker at an informal chat. She will discuss her own career path and the choices she has made. 4:00 in the Gamut (after the Sing-along)

**Saturday Night Cocktails, Dinner, and Quinquennial Class Meeting** will take place in the Tyler House dining room. We will elect new class officers during the class meeting. Dinner chairs **Sally Thorner** and **Kathryn Quaintance** are delighted to announce that our guest speaker for the evening is the Honorable **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend**, former Lieutenant Governor of Maryland, currently Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University’s School of Public Policy, and author of *Failing America’s Faithful: How Today’s Churches are Mixing God with Politics and Losing Their Way*, just published by Warner Books. Ms Townsend is the eldest child of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.
Look Who’s Coming to Reunion! (as of 2/21/07)
The following classmates have indicated through our class website that they will attend our 30th Reunion. Remember, you must register with the the AASC using their official registration materials. This list will be updated on our website.

- Elizabeth Ambos
- Barrett Ashton Anders
- Pamela Bailey
- Gina Belt
- Alice Fitzpatrick Bologna
- Kathleen Brueger
- Sue Bunnell
- Beth Drummond Casey
- Helen Chaikovsky
- Lynn Fruehauf Charlton
- Joyce Knoller Cohen
- Anne Deatly
- Susan Eschenroeder
- Lee Fox
- Lynn Smith Fox
- Nancy Stowe Forster
- Stephanie Larkin Frost
- Sue Frost
- Adrienne Gantt
- Jaye Barbaresi Hensel
- Paula Herold
- Elizabeth Hetzler
- Liza Sullivan Hickey
- Elizabeth S. Kelly
- Pat Winston Kennedy
- Karen F. James
- Melissa Larsen
- Alison Smith Laurin
- Laurie Macintosh
- Jean Sandman Manthorne
- Maryann Doherty Marston
- Kate Martin
- Gwen Mattleman
- Julia McCabe
- Julia McClure
- Marjorie Meiman-Robinowitz
- Ibbits Warriner Newhall
- Katie Huff Oberlin
- Harriet Madoff Oswald
- Jacquie Ottman
- Katharine Caldwell Parsons
- Kathryn Quaintance
- Florence Quinn
- Marjorie “Jorie” Roberts
- June Roberts
- Margy Robinson
- Sheryl Roth Rogers
- Tracy Garrett Rubin
- Caren Sands
- Elaine Sarsynski
- Heidi Schiller
- Sally Schroer
- Sarah Scrymser
- Jan Vachule Sheehan
- Irene Spielman-Hodge
- Nan Smith Stifel
- Dianne Terp
- Debra R. Thal
- Sally Thorner
- Nancy Nadel Walsh
- Wren Withers
- Ellie Wotherspoon
- Mary Yoder
- Isabella Zagare

Packing reminder: you’ll need an all-white outfit for the Alumnae Parade. Yellow sashes will be available at no charge when you arrive on campus. Although the college will provide one towel, you might want to bring an extra — and perhaps a bathrobe and slippers for the trip down the hall to the shower. Another reminder: please pay your class dues before Reunion. Our class treasury needs your support!

STAY CONNECTED: BE A CLASS OFFICER

Nominations and volunteers are being accepted for 2007-2012 class officers for our 35th Reunion. The positions include President, Vice-President (Reunion Chair), Secretary, Treasurer, and Fund Team Coordinator. Descriptions of the positions are detailed on our class website; from our home page, click on the Officers tab.

Call up a best friend or room-mate from Smith, and jointly take on one of the positions. It’s a great way to stay in touch with classmates and in tune to the college.

If you are interested or would like to nominate a classmate, email Debra at debra@smith77.org or Helen at president@smith77.org
Update from our Fund Team Co-chair Jean Sandman Manthorne

The Fund Team would like to thank everyone who has made contributions to the Smith Fund so far and would like to encourage those who have not to make a pledge of gift online at http://www.smith.edu/future/giving. As of Tuesday, February 13, the Class of 1977 had a comprehensive total of $154,110, which includes Smith Fund gifts and pledges, matching gifts, and restricted class gifts. So far, 26% of our class has contributed. Our Thirtieth Reunion Goal is $500,000 with 77% participation, so we are well on our way to our goal, but have a lot more to do before Reunion Weekend.

We are very grateful to Helen Chaikovsky, Karen James and McKey Berkman for establishing a Challenge Fund to encourage donations. For every gift, this generous team of donors will contribute an extra $100 to the Smith Fund. Please take advantage of this special opportunity. Please also check to see if you are eligible to have your gift matched by an employer Matching Gifts Program: http://www.smith.edu/future/giving/match.php. See you at Reunion!

Jean Sandman Manthorne ’77 Fund Team Co-Chair

BREAKING NEWS — Our special guest speaker at our Saturday night dinner will be the Honorable Kathleen Kennedy Townsend. Look for more information about her on our website.

A smashing Reunion event you don’t even have to be present at to win!
Along with the seventies sing-along, we are soliciting entries for the first, great Smith College Parody Party

You, and any collaborators you can find, write amusing, outrageous or sweetly sentimental lyrics that can be sung to the tune of a song everybody knows.

We (Sue Frost, Paula Herold and Dianne Terp) will select the two most compelling entries (and a to-be-determined number of runners-up), and they will be sung at the sing-along, too. The Smith alum who submits one of the two winners will be awarded a parody prize. The runners-up will be allowed to choose anonymity

RULES (and these will be observed assiduously): The lyrics of your parody must mention Smith College or Smith or Smithies. That’s it. That’s the rule. Bonus mentions such as “Last Competent Class”, “30 is the new 20”, “no, it’s not a girl’s school” will be considered plusses.

DEADLINE: April 15, 2007 (You can remember that day, right?)

SUBMISSIONS: must be e-mailed to dianne@smith77.org (no snail-mail, fax or phone calls)
Our 30th Reunion is less than three months away! Look for the official registration information that will be mailed by the college very soon!

WANTED:

- Your news for the *Smith Alumnae Quarterly*. Send it to class Secretary Susan Eschenroeder at secretary@smith77.org

REMINDER:

- Vote for your five favorite songs from our days at Smith — and warm up those pipes for our 30th Reunion Sing-along! To select songs, just go to http://www.smith77.org/ and look for the Song Contest information.
- Make sure the AASC knows you’re coming to Reunion by using its official registration forms, to be mailed soon.