

Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming



Fall 2020 Newsletter

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President's Letter ♦ Meredith Badler

Dear Smith Alumnae,

I've been trying to think of a way to start this letter without the words uncertain, unprecedented, upheaval, scary or strange. I gave up. How else do you describe the historic circumstances we find ourselves in? Between a global pandemic and public health crisis, a societal reckoning with racial justice, and a heavily divisive country, we are living through extraordinary times.

As I reflect on the past year, especially since March 2020, there is another cliché word that comes to mind: opportunity.

The shift to virtual programming has provided an opportunity to connect across our region. Our most recent Book Club gathering over Zoom had the highest attendance, including participants from Avon to Wyoming. I received a thoughtful message from an alumna in Fort Collins thanking us for the virtual Annual Meeting in June, as it was the first Smith Club event she was able to attend in several years and she was grateful for the chance to connect.

Meanwhile, we were still able to host a very special Farm to Table Dinner in Lafayette for our 2020-2021 Members this September. This exclusive event had been in the works for a while, long before the pandemic. And Smithies all over the state participated in our annual Rocky Mountain Day in October.

The Smith Club of Colorado (SCOC) Board is also discussing strategies to ensure the full diversity of our alumnae community feels included and welcome and has equitable access to participate in. That includes alumnae of color, graduates from the last ten years and Smithies in rural areas.

There's more work to be done to seize on this opportunity. The Smith Club Board is exploring lots of ideas for increased and varied programming opportunities, both virtually and in person as we're able. Thank you to those who completed our survey this summer. Your input has been helpful in guiding our brainstorming and we'll be piloting some new ideas.

Please consider donating to the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund to support future Colorado Smithies. Help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000 for the scholarship by the holiday party on December 13.

We couldn't do this without your participation, membership and support. We also couldn't do this without an incredible volunteer board. Thank you to the SCOC Board for your dedicated efforts.

Visit smithclubofcolorado.com to stay up to date on Club activities and events. Join our Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/smithclubco. You can always contact us directly at smithclubco@gmail.com or (720) 432-4136.

With gratitude and enthusiasm,
Meredith Badler '08

Treasurer's Report ♦ Tanya Mathews

I am pleased to report that 102 members have joined the Club so far this fiscal year, which began July 1, 2020. These generous members have contributed \$6,550.00 in Dues and Additional Club Support and have also contributed \$2,075.00 to the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund.

The number of members at this time last year was half this amount! Needless to say, this is an amazing level of interest, especially given (or because of?) the unusual, chaotic year we have had so far! I should add that almost a dozen are brand new members. Welcome to you all! Although the Club might not be able to plan many indoor and larger events in the upcoming months, we know that having this extra money will come in handy as we try to be creative with our programming.

Thank you to all who continue to support this Club. I know I speak for all of us when I say that I hope to be back to our normal, in person events soon!

Annual member dues are \$40 and \$25 for recent alumnae ('16-'20). Remember that 100% of your dues payment and additional contributions are deductible for tax purposes and all proceeds directly fund events for Club members. Please mail your dues form and check to me at 2030 South Humboldt St Denver, CO 80210. Or you can pay your annual membership dues using our Paypal account, smithclubco@gmail.com. Please feel free to contact me with questions at 303-588-5453 or tanya.mathews@gmail.com.

2020-2021 Club Membership

Thank you to the alumnae sponsors who made additional donations to support Club activities and scholarships for current students. Their names are indicated in **bold** below.

Membership dues are essential to sustaining the Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming. Dues fund engaging, educational and interactive events for alumnae throughout the year. The Club does not receive financial support from Smith College. Thank you for supporting the Club through your dues and participation.

Sarah Ahn SSW '13	Donna Feldman '73	Penny Leather '57	Elizabeth Rohrbough '84
Sara Armstrong '80	Emmi Felker-Quinn '06	Margaret Levy '69	Rebekah Rotstein '98
Nora Asbury '00	Rebecca Freyre '82	Kathryn Bell MacPhail '88	Kathleen Rowland '92
Meredith Badler '08	Gail Niemitz Fritzinger '81	Ellen Mangione '74	Barbara Schlein '62
Laura Barton '82	Martha Fulford '68	Tanya Mathews '93	Ellen Selig '71
Shannon Berg-Casini '93	Cornelia Gibson '57	Lisa Matter '99	Janet Shaw '67
Anne Bekoff '69	Anna Gilbert-Cic '03	Amy Benson May '05	Susan Soloyanis '72
Gavin Bell '20	Margery Goldman '71	Pamela McCarthy SSW '78	Diane M. Stanbro '50
Julie Bock '87	Melanie Grant '61	Karen McClure '61	Barbara Stanton '67
Katherine Sharp Borgen '64	Susan Greene '68	Heather McGaughey '79	Kirsten Steinke '06
Geraldine Brimmer '79	Ellen M. Greenhouse '68	Megan McIntyre '01	Cathryn Stewart '78
Andrea Buglione '09	Melody Hardy '71	Victoria Merritts '71	Alexandra Stoecklein '77
Margaret S. Chase '66	Kathryn Harhai '73	Barbara Miller '66	Mary Strizek '82
Cameron Claussen '85	Laura Harmacek '06	Augusta Molnar '73	Randi Stroh '71
Shelia M. Cleworth '55	Carol Harmon '71	Lorna Grindlay Moore '68	Chambri Swartz '19
Ann-Berit Oskey Coleman '97	Mary Hoagland '46	Kim Morss '74	Therese Thatcher '61
Christine Cox	Martha Howland '85	Barbara Neal '56	Erin Tierno '98
Natalya Cruz-Teixeira '02	Joan Hutchinson '67	Cynthia Neil '90	Ana Tolentino '85
Katie W. Day '81	Ann L. Jesse '57	Nora Neureiter '89	Francesca Tronchin '95
Judith S. Denison '57	Nancy Jianakoplos '72	Kimberly O'Connor '96	Joan Turner '65
Tisha Durbin Doppler '81	Julie Jones '77	Elaine Osborn '63	Kimberley Tyson '81
Meredith Duncan '08	Rochelle Jones '78	Diane Ryerson Peake '65	Monica VanBuskirk '01
Kathryn Dunn '75	Cynthia Kahn '61	Edie M. Petrock '67	Pamela Wakefield '77
Mary Ann Dyka '79	Jan Kennaugh '73	Rebecca Resnik '92	Suzanne White '06
Anna Dyste '08	Margaret Klein SSW '17	Gudrun Rice '65	Lizzy Zacharias Owens '01
Dianne Ewing '63	Marian Lauterbach '72	Roberta Ritvo '94	

Recruitment Report ♦ Megan McIntyre and Suzi White

Like so many things, recruiting and interviewing students look a little different in 2020. Megan McIntyre and Suzi White are continuing as Alumnae Admission Coordinator co-chairs for the Club. Before the pandemic started, the Club finished recruiting students for the class of 2024 with the help of nine alumnae volunteers who interviewed students from all over Colorado and Wyoming in person and virtually. We had 26 students from our region apply to Smith to be part of the class of 2024. By the time 12 area students had received an offer of admission to Smith, the new normal of 2020 was in full swing so our usual admitted student tea took place virtually in April this year. Though the cookies and in person interactions were missed, there were a few new positives to doing the event virtually. Students from a wider geographic area could take part and we were joined by Maya Younoszai, a current Smith student from the Denver area that was able to answer many questions about life at Smith for the accepted students at this Zoom tea. From Colorado, eight students accepted Smith's offer of admission in spring 2020.

Student recruitment for the class of 2025 has begun and will be all virtual this year, but it is still especially important to have the help of local clubs and volunteers. While this feels different, interviews and conversations with prospective students are more important than ever since many students applying may not have a chance to see campus in person. Alumnae can help students gain a better idea of Smith from the physical campus to classes, houses and more. The admissions office also finds the extra details about a student that can come out of an interview with an alum so helpful in making the prospective student's application really come to life! Another positive to virtual interviews is it provides more flexibility for setting up an interview since students and the alum don't have to be in the same city.

If you're interested in volunteering to help with virtual interviews please contact Megan McIntyre (mcintyr2@gmail.com) And as always, a big thank you to all the alumnae that help to promote Smith and help with recruitment efforts year-round!

Stories on Stage ♦ March 8, 2020

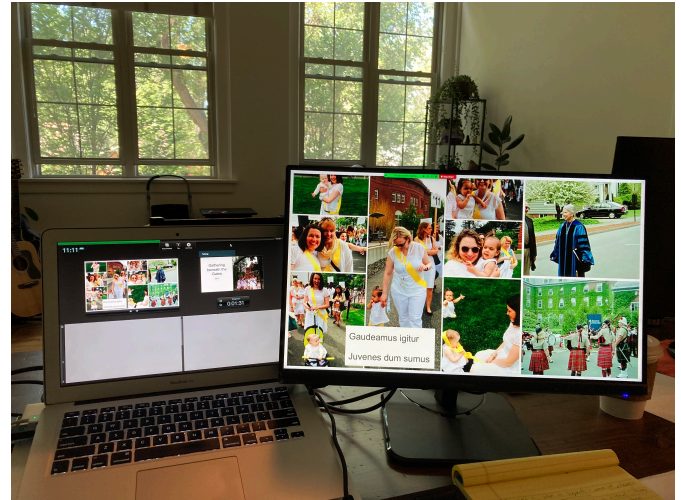
Story time for adults featuring narratives of strong women as read by the region's top theatre actors? That's what was on the menu for this event last March. A group of about a dozen Smithies attended Stories on Stage's performance of "Wilder Women" at Denver's Su Teatro Cultural & Performing Arts Center on the evening of Sunday, March 8, 2020. A few Smithies also met up for happy hour at El Noa Noa before the show across the street to enjoy some chips, salsa and margaritas. The show featured dramatic readings performed by Rhonda

Lee Brown, Jada Suzanne Dixon and Allison Watrous. The production was inspiring and engaging! It was also one of the last in-person events that many of us participated for months afterward – a treasured memory. If you are curious about "story time for adults," Stories on Stage has been producing wonderful virtual performances in their 20th season. More information available at www.storiesonstage.org.



Annual Meeting ♦ June 20, 2020

On Saturday, June 20, Colorado and Wyoming Smithies gathered on Zoom for our first ever virtual Annual Meeting! The usual business items on the agenda were speedily attended to with the usual enthusiastic procedural motions. We were given a warm welcome by president Meredith Badler, who also gave an overview of the past fiscal year's events. Tanya Mathews presented our annual Treasurer's Report, and we also heard from our very own Susan Greene, President of the Alumnae Association, on some updates from the college. New this year was our special Ivy Day theme, in which meeting attendees were encouraged to wear their "whites" and sport their class color of blue, green, yellow or red. It was a joy to log on to a familiar sea of Ivy Day white accompanied by cheerful accents. To round out the experience, we enjoyed a special digital "parade" slideshow. Club members submitted photos of their own Ivy Day and graduation photos spanning many decades, which were compiled in a moving tribute to one of our most beloved college traditions.



Farm to Table Dinner (Member Exclusive) ♦ September 12, 2020



On the crisp evening of a perfect September day, when we got a reprieve from both the sweltering heat and stifling smoke, nearly 30 club members and current Smith students gathered for an exclusive farm to table dinner at Three Leaf Farms in Lafayette. This was our first in person event since the pandemic began; ironically, a gathering that Board Members had talked about hosting for years, and required very few tweaks to accommodate new plans once the pandemic hit. We gathered outside for appetizers and beverages as we mingled (socially distanced and with masks, of course) and wandered around the farmyard, admiring gardens and animals alike. Alumnae Association President Susan Greene, fresh from a day of Zoom board meetings with the Smith, gave an impromptu update on the College, interrupted only by a modest flock of ducks quacking and waddling their way around the farm. We were eventually served a delicious buffet of locally grown food as flavorful and unique dishes prepared by the farm's catering and restaurant group. We ate at rustic wooden tables beneath the glow of twinkle lights and blinking stars overhead, and few of us could even taste a difference between the dessert with or without gluten. All were especially encouraged to have multiple current students join us, and we enjoyed hearing how they are navigating Smith's decisions and experiences during the pandemic. We look forward to repeating this members-only event again in years to come, although hopefully next time we can gather and dine al fresco without having to coordinate a mask with our outfits!

Rocky Mountain Day ♦ October 3, 2020

What better way to gather and connect in today's socially distant times than a hike in our beautiful state? A small but mighty crew from the Denver metro area gathered at Littleton's South Valley trailhead on October 3. The hikers enjoyed each other's company and the bluebird day! This year, we were happy to have a second club-organized event for Summit and Eagle County residents, thanks to Lizzy Zacharias Owens '01.



Our Club received a handful of photo submissions and social media tags with #RockyMountainDay from other alumnae across the state, commemorating the occasion. Some members went in search of apple cider and donuts and changing leaves, while others opted for mountain explorations with their kids and furry friends. One thing is for sure: Colorado Smithies sure love the great outdoors!



Current Colorado Smithies' Adventures in Virtual Learning ♦ Fall 2020

This fall, Smith is doing virtual learning for all students, so starting college or going back to school was destined to be quite different for Smith students. Smith first year Jamie Anderson from Boulder and Senior Maya Younoszai from Denver share a little bit about what their fall 2020 as Smith students at a distance has looked like in their own words:

"I'm spending the fall at home in Boulder, I have some friends from high school who are also here, and I've started to make some friends at Smith through my house, classes, and the softball team. House teas have been a great way to connect to my house community, and I've been able to make some good friends who I text and facetime with periodically. I've definitely been busy with schoolwork, but the professors have been very accommodating of the situation this semester and overall it has been a smooth transition to Smith!" Jamie Anderson

"I am spending my fall semester taking classes remotely from New Haven, CT where I am living with my girlfriend and getting to enjoy one more New England fall. Though I'm from Denver (and spent the spring and summer there with my family), it is lovely to get to be closer to Smith for this odd semester. I am also working on an internship with the FDA's medical policy office, where I'm working with a Smith alum! And working with Gold Key on the Central Board to facilitate remote visits for prospective students. I've been enjoying cooking, baking, taking a ballet class, and getting to connect with fellow Smithies virtually and in person via hikes and visits to Northampton!" Maya Younoszai

Smith Club Book Club

The Book Club focuses on fiction / non-fiction books authored by or written about Smith women. Everyone is welcome, whether you've read the book or not. The conversations are always illuminating, convivial and wide-ranging, and it is fascinating to hear what each book brings out in our members. Together, we decide on the next book selection at the conclusion of each gathering.

We meet at **2:00 pm on the fourth Sunday of every other month**, with some exceptions. Until Covid set upon us, we met in a cozy reading room in BookBar, located in North Denver's Tennyson District. Now we are Zoomin', and it has increased our participation numbers! Our regulars are still present, along with alums hailing from across Colorado and Wyoming. Discussion is as lively as ever.

Interested in joining us? Contact smithclubco@gmail.com to get on the list, and we'll send you reminders and the Zoom link and password. For updates on the Book Club, you can always check <http://www.smithclubofcolorado.com>.

Our next gathering is coming up on Sunday, November 22, where we'll be discussing *Julia Child: The Last Interview and Other Conversations* by Julia Child '34, Introduction by Helen Rosner '04

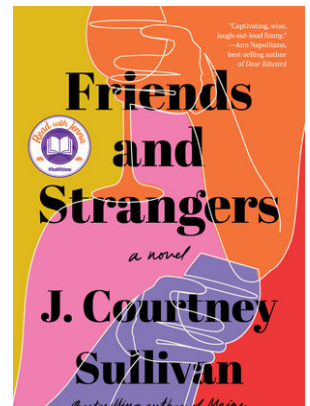
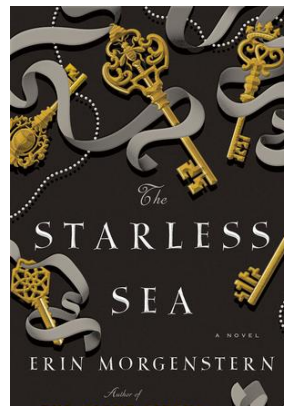
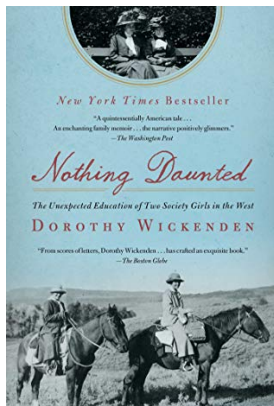


Books we read in 2020 ...

- January 26: *Nothing Daunted: The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West* by Dorothy Wickenden – Non-fiction about two 1909 Smith alumnae, Dorothy Woodruff and Ros Underwood, teaching homesteaders in Elkhead, CO
- March 29: *The Starless Sea* by Erin Morgenstern (Erin McCauley '00)
- May 31: *Bad Feminist* by Roxane Gay
- July 26: *American Spy* by Lauren Wilkinson
- October 4: *Friends and Strangers* by J. Courtney Sullivan '03

Proposed dates for 2021 meetings:

- 22 January
- 28 March
- 23 May
- 25 July
- 26 September
- 21 November



In Memoriam

The Smith College Club of Colorado and Wyoming was saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Tiedman Hoagland, Class of 1946, on October 31, 2020. Mary was a dedicated advocate for women and an active member of our Colorado community. Below is an excerpt from her obituary:



"On October 31, 2020 Colorado lost a remarkable citizen. Mary Tiedman Hoagland, born August 19, 1924, died peacefully, surrounded by family, in the home she cherished, in the town she treasured. Mary was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother, an inspiring role model, a pathbreaking attorney and a diehard Rockies fan... Mary was born in Savannah, Georgia, but spent most of her childhood in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. She graduated from Smith College in 1946, majoring in economics. After she and Don Hoagland married in 1949, they lived in Manhattan and she worked at the Museum of Modern Art. The young couple moved to Denver in 1951. They built a life enriched by family and a dedication to furthering the ideals they shared for educational opportunity, civil rights and access to legal representation. They also developed an abiding attachment to Colorado. In the 1970's Mary became increasingly involved in the women's rights movement. She was a founding member of the National

Organization for Women (NOW), and the Women's Forum and an active supporter of female candidates for political office. She determined that to have the impact she wanted, she had to be a lawyer. She earned her J.D. at the University of Denver Law School in 1975, at the age of 51. As a family law attorney, Mary championed the rights of women facing discrimination, divorce, custody battles and abuse. She led a class action lawsuit to secure equal pay for Colorado's nurses. She was a leader in the Colorado Bar Association, the Colorado Women's Bar and the Women's Lobby. She chaired the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women and served on the board of Safehouse and countless others... Later in life, Mary's interests expanded and she became President of the Colorado Hemlock Society, which became Compassion in Choices, and served on its National Board. She believed fervently that people deserve the ultimate civil right, the right to die with dignity, which she did. She would want to remind everyone, "Don't wait to tell someone you love them." In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to [SafeHouse-Denver.org](https://www.safehouse-denver.org). There will be a celebration of her life when we can all safely gather."

Join us in honoring the memory of other Smith College alumnae who passed away between winter 2019 and fall 2020. May their families and friends find peace and comfort.

- Grace W. Beehier, Class of 1943, from Aspen, CO
- Mary Ann Cash, Class of 1947, from Boulder, CO
- Peggy Wells Dobbins, Class of 1947, from Jackson, WY
- Julia Wagoner, Class of 1949, from Boulder, CO

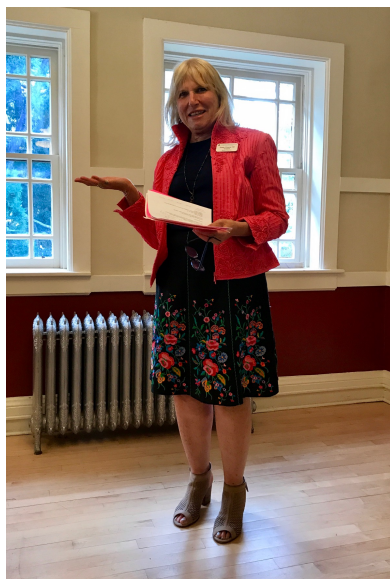
Make a gift to the Clare Parker Davis Scholarship

The Clare Parker Davis Scholarship provides critical support to Smith students from Colorado and Wyoming each year. 59% of Smith students rely on financial aid, and alumnae support is essential to support this need. Gifts of any size add up to bring more students from Colorado and Wyoming to Smith. Furthermore, donations of ANY size count toward the alumnae participation rate, a metric on which college rankings are measured. So please make a gift of any size today, and help Smithies of past and present!

For our annual donation drive, please support the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund, which benefits current students from Colorado. Financial aid is needed now more than ever. We've already raised over \$2,000 this fiscal year. **Help us hit our goal of \$5,000 by the Holiday Party on December 13.**

Our club can accept gifts of credit card through PayPal or through the Smith College Website. Checks may be mailed to Smith Club of Colorado, c/o Tanya Mathews, 2030 South Humboldt Street, Denver, CO 80210. Be sure to clearly designate your gift to the *Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund*. More information about how to make a gift to this scholarship fund can be found on our website at www.smithclubofcolorado.com.

Update from Alumnae Association President



President Kathy McCartney has been a recognized leader among peer colleges, effectively managing the balance between protecting the health and safety of the entire Smith community – student, faculty, staff and local community – while maintaining the outstanding academic experience that Smith is known for.

Although the College has been operating remotely, the faculty has risen to the challenge, embracing innovative teaching methods via Zoom. Creating community for first years has been a focus of our new Dean of the College, Baishakhi Taylor, who has created CLiCs (Campus Life Connections), where groups of 15 students are paired with a staff advisor to help build connections virtually. First years have been assigned to houses where they participate in monthly house meetings, game nights and virtual teas.

“Towards Racial Justice at Smith College” is well underway, bringing faculty, staff, students and alumnae into the conversation. Many colloquia, seminars, book club selections and discussions on topics related to racial reckoning are open to alumnae. Watch for notices from the College.

We are celebrating the \$50 million gift from an anonymous alumna – the largest single gift to any woman’s college. \$40 million will be allocated to financial aid and \$10 million will be utilized to enhance career services.

Finally, check out the new Nielson Library video tour at the Smith College Facebook page. The library is truly a work of art as well as a place for scholarship. Neilson Library will be complete in a few months and we can’t wait to tour in person.

- Susan Greene '68, President, Alumnae Association of Smith College

Save the Date: College for a Day 2021

College for a Day is going virtual in 2021! Instead of our usual onsite lecture series, we will be hosting a series of virtual lectures from the colleges in the nine college consortium. Featured this year will be Smith '85 alumna, Tomi-Ann Roberts, professor of psychology at Colorado College. In her talk, "Objects in Mirror Are Closer than They Appear", Professor Roberts who co-founded "Objectification Theory," will review more than 20 years of research on the consequences of the sexualization and objectification of girls and women, focusing on findings and implications for the workplace, the courtroom and the boardroom.

The lectures will be announced via email in early January and will be accessible free of charge via the College for a Day website: www.collegeforaday.org. For more information, contact Ana Tolentino '85 at atolenti@aol.com or Katie MacPhail '88 at kmmacp@msn.com.

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Join the Board!

Do you enjoy attending Smith Club Events? Do you have ideas or suggestions for Smith Club events or opportunities? Do you enjoy spending time with Smithies and staying connected to the college? We welcome anyone interested in serving on the Board of the Smith College Club of Colorado as a committee member, chair, or officer, and helping with things like fundraising and events. The Board gathers about 6 times a year to share a meal together and work collaboratively on all aspects of our club events and outreach. Our requirements are Club membership, commitment, and enthusiasm!

Contact Us!

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Please note that the Smith Club of Colorado will contact you by mail and email using the personal contact information you provide to the Alumnae Association. In addition to this annual newsletter, we also send out electronic invitations to all Club events. **If you are not receiving email from us, then the Alumnae Association does not have a personal email address on file for you, or you have previously OPTED OUT of getting Club communications.**

Please ensure that we can include you in all Club events by updating your information with the College. If you have recently moved or changed email addresses, be sure to update your records!

You can make changes by logging in to the Alumnae Directory at <https://smith.force.com/alumnae/login>, or by contacting the Alumnae Association directly at (413) 585-2036 or alumnaerecords@smith.edu.

Visit <https://alumnae.smith.edu> for more information.

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