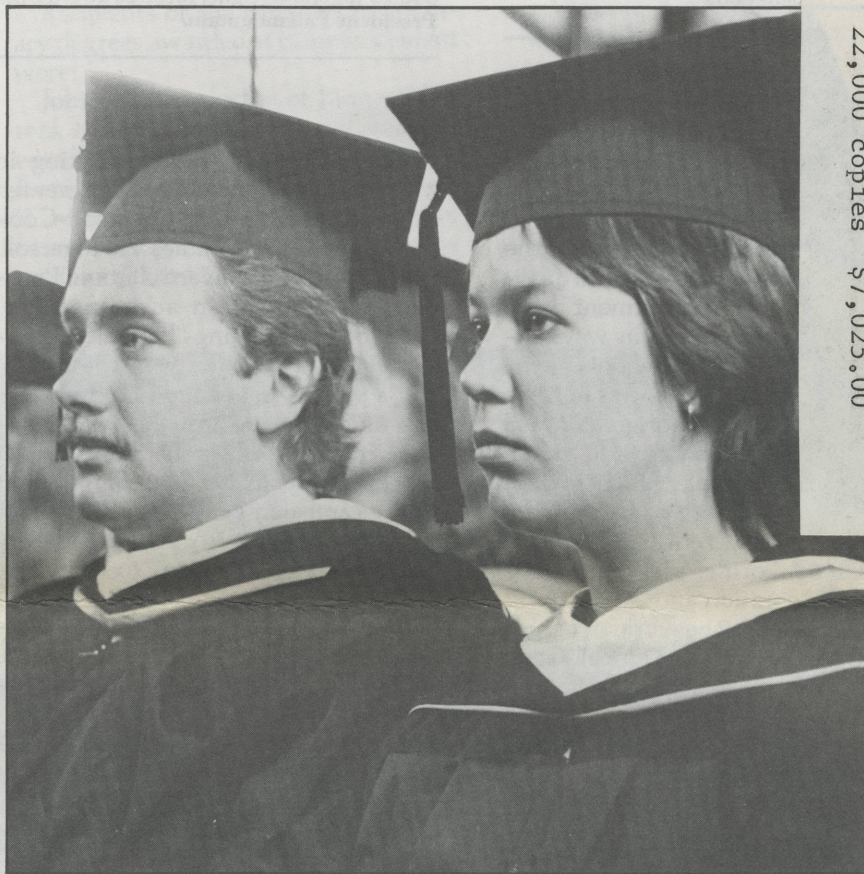


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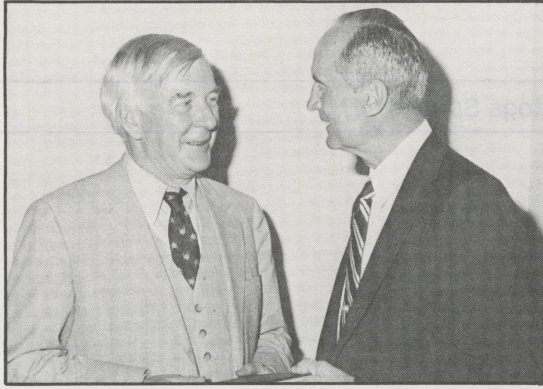


On Campus

College Creates Kemball-Cook Award



Denis B. Kembball-Cook



James Ingersoll (right) receives award from President Palamountain.

In recognition of the extraordinary service that Trustee-Emeritus Denis B. Kembball-Cook contributed to Skidmore College, the college has created the Denis B. Kembball-Cook Award. This award will be bestowed from time to time upon outstanding members of the Skidmore Family whose personal qualities and sense of commitment have contributed to the college in ways exemplified by Mr. Kembball-Cook.

Mr. Kembball-Cook, who was personally presented with the original award by President Palamountain at his home in Darien, Connecticut, this past April, served on the Skidmore Board of Trustees for 11 years, retiring from the board in 1980. Former president of the Shell Oil Corporation and an acute and perceptive leader in the world of corporate management, Mr. Kembball-Cook (in the words of the award citation) "translated his professional expertise into wise and sensitive counsel on college matters," thereby gaining "the profound respect of his Skidmore colleagues" and "inspiring all those he worked with at Skidmore to renewed energy and commitment."

At the annual Trustee meeting in May, President Palamountain presented the second Denis B. Kembball-Cook Award to Trustee James H. Ingersoll. Reading from the award citation, President Palamountain acclaimed Mr. Ingersoll for bringing "boundless energy, a passionate loyalty to the college and a proven leadership capacity to his role as co-chairman of the Wide Horizon Program. During the three years of his chairmanship, his total commitment to the campaign goals, his selfless contribution of time to travel tirelessly throughout the country to carry the Skidmore message, and the eloquence with which he spoke of the college's proud history and bright future, all spurred the campaign to a success exceeding its established goal. The example he set earned the respect of the thousands of people he reached through the Wide Horizon Program and the lasting gratitude of all those who continue in service to Skidmore College."

A Challenge Met, a Challenge Accepted — Grants Support Faculty, Curriculum Development

The academic year 1981-82 saw one challenge grant met and another accepted.

In February, the college announced that a challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities had been met six months in advance of its June 30 deadline.

The NEH award of a \$485,000 challenge grant to the college in 1979, for faculty development and library support in the humanities, was the largest college grant in New York State for that year.

It provided one dollar in federal funds for every three dollars raised by Skidmore from private sources. Under the terms of the grant, Skidmore had to raise an additional \$1,455,000 in new and increased gifts by June of 1982.

Successful completion of this challenge has resulted in a total of approximately \$2 million in endowment support to boost Skidmore's endowment by about 33 percent over the three-year period.

The importance of the grant to the faculty was stressed by Dr. Eric Weller, dean of the faculty, who noted that with restricted mobility in the teaching profession, the opportunity for faculty members to conduct research and enhance their knowledge is tremendously important. He pointed to the variety of faculty development activities that the

grant has made possible — research grants, sabbatical leaves, participation in professional meetings, curriculum development and special programs offering new opportunities to faculty for further growth.

President Palamountain stressed the importance of the NEH grant in strengthening Skidmore's financial picture. "The success of Skidmore has always been based on our ability to respond to student needs with outstanding programs," he said. "This NEH challenge grant helps us to continue that tradition."

Hewlett, Mellon Foundations Provide New Challenge

In December, 1981, Skidmore announced a new challenge. A joint grant of \$200,000 was received from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation of Menlo Park, California, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation of New York to establish an endowed fund for institutional renewal in the areas of faculty and curriculum development. Skidmore must match this grant on a 3-1 basis within the next three years, thereby establishing an \$800,000 permanently restricted endowment.

Professor Sturm Retires

Dr. Rudolf Sturm, professor of foreign languages and literatures, retired at the close of the academic year after 24 years on the Skidmore faculty.

As President Palamountain pointed out in a farewell tribute, Professor Sturm lent a very special distinction to the department of foreign languages and literatures since 1958. He was edu-

cated in his native Czechoslovakia and received an absolution in law and political science from Charles University in Prague. He earned his Ph.D. in languages and literatures at Harvard in 1956. Before coming to Skidmore, Dr. Sturm taught at Boston College, Yale University, the City College of New York and Hershey Junior College, where he headed the language department.

A man of far-ranging interests, Professor Sturm taught courses in Slavic and Italian literature, history and culture. He lectured frequently on the politics of Eastern Europe and Russia, where he led a January winter term for Skidmore. He served as secretary-general and vice-president of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences in America.

A frequent contributor to professional journals in his field, he is the author of several books on Slavic countries and cultures, including a bibliographic guide to Czechoslovakia. He was an associate bibliographer of the Modern Language Association and a past president of the Northeast division of MLA.

At Skidmore, always an active member of the faculty, he served on numerous committees and organized the Skidmore Employees Credit Union of which he was elected president.

The American Association of University Professors is another of his interests, and he has served that organization in several capacities, rising to his present position as executive director of the New York State Conference.

Along with his academic-related interests, "Rudy," as he is affectionately known to his colleagues, has also been active in his local community of Wilton, serving on its town planning board and heading a citizens' advisory board for the Mt. McGregor Correctional Facility where he has helped develop courses for the benefit of some of its inmates.

Dr. Sturm has a further tie to Skidmore — his two daughters are Skidmore graduates. Lydia Sturm Castle '64 is an attorney in St. Petersburg, Florida, and Toni Sturm, who was graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Skidmore in 1980, is now in medical school.

"Everyone will be delighted to know," President Palamountain said, in his farewell remarks, "that as executive director of the New York State Conference of AAUP, Rudy will be maintaining an office on campus, and keeping in close touch with the Skidmore family and its day-to-day life. We wouldn't have it otherwise."



President Palamountain sees the Hewlett and Mellon grants representing the beginning of a new phase of the college's development, concentrating on endowment and academic growth.

"This opportunity comes at a time when we have just completed three years of emphasis primarily on the need for capital dollars through the Wide Horizon Program," he said, pointing out that the National Endowment for the Humanities challenge had added almost \$2 million for academic development.

"An expression of confidence of this magnitude by two leading foundations is a statement on Skidmore's academic excellence and its potential for future development," he added. "We are deeply grateful to both the Mellon and Hewlett foundations for their support, and we intend to make the most of this challenge for faculty and curricular development. I have no doubt that Skidmore's friends will respond to the challenge."

The grants call for Skidmore to establish a presidential discretionary fund, the income from which will be used for faculty and curriculum development and other activities that will sustain institutional vitality in the years ahead.

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Commencement 1982



After assembling under a shelter of bobbing umbrellas, the 525 graduates of the Class of '82, their spirits (if not their caps and gowns) undampened, stepped out to the strains of bagpipe music and marched into the Saratoga Performing Arts Center amphitheater, which was filled to capacity with more than 5000 proud relatives and friends, assembled for Skidmore's 71st commencement exercises.

At the May 23 ceremony, Henry D. Paley, president of the Commission of Independent Colleges and Universities of New York State, delivered the main commencement address. Honored with a doctor of laws degree from Skidmore for his aggressive efforts on behalf of independent higher education, Paley — who has fought for legislation to make independent institutions ever more accessible to increasing numbers of students — opened his remarks with high praise for Skidmore's leadership in the campaign for student financial aid. He then asked his audience to consider a problem even more serious than the current threat of cuts in financial aid — the ever-worsening threat of nuclear war and what could be done to alleviate it.

Proposal: To Hold World War III Hostage

Noting the failure of past and present political and military efforts to "remove the spectre of extinction which for four decades" has hung over our planet, Paley suggested a plan which just might, he proposed, serve to "hold World War III hostage," a plan involving the voluntary exchange of masses of U.S. and Soviet citizens. Recalling how, during the Iran hostage crisis, the presence of only fifty American citizens located in a potential strike zone effectively nullified America's military response, "what would be the effect," Paley queried, "if we could devise a means to exchange hundreds of thousands of citizens of the two superpowers and assure their being located in all potential strike zones?" Especially if those citizens were all young people of college age: "There is no horror that haunts parents more [be they Russian or American parents]," Paley said, "than the thought of their own children's death. . . . Parental love knows no political or national boundaries."

While admitting that the political and logistical obstacles to the implementation of his plan were enormous, Paley suggested some possible ways to surmount those obstacles and invited the students "to take the lead to spread this idea from Skidmore across the campuses

of our country." He then announced that, as a personal contribution to this student effort, he would donate the honorarium he received as Skidmore's commencement speaker to the Skidmore student government. "It is a small wager on an important race," Paley concluded, adding: "Given the leadership of this institution, I am betting you will win."

Recipients of the three other honorary degrees awarded at commencement were:

John Martin, doctor of humane letters. Mr. Martin, who served as dance editor and critic for the *New York Times* from 1927 until his retirement in 1962, is recognized as one of the primary forces behind the development of modern dance in America. As the first

Virginia Kettering, doctor of laws. Virginia Kettering's lifetime record of service demonstrates her concerns for health care, cultural affairs, civic development and education. Co-founder (together with her husband, the late Eugene Kettering) of the Charles F. Kettering Memorial Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. Kettering also serves on the boards of trustees of New York's world-



CICU President Henry Paley addresses the Class of '82.

Dance critic John Martin (right)

Virginia Kettering

In addition to the doctor of laws degree presented to Henry Paley, Skidmore College awarded four other honorary degrees this spring, including a doctor of letters degree to Elizabeth Hardwick at Honors Convocation in April.

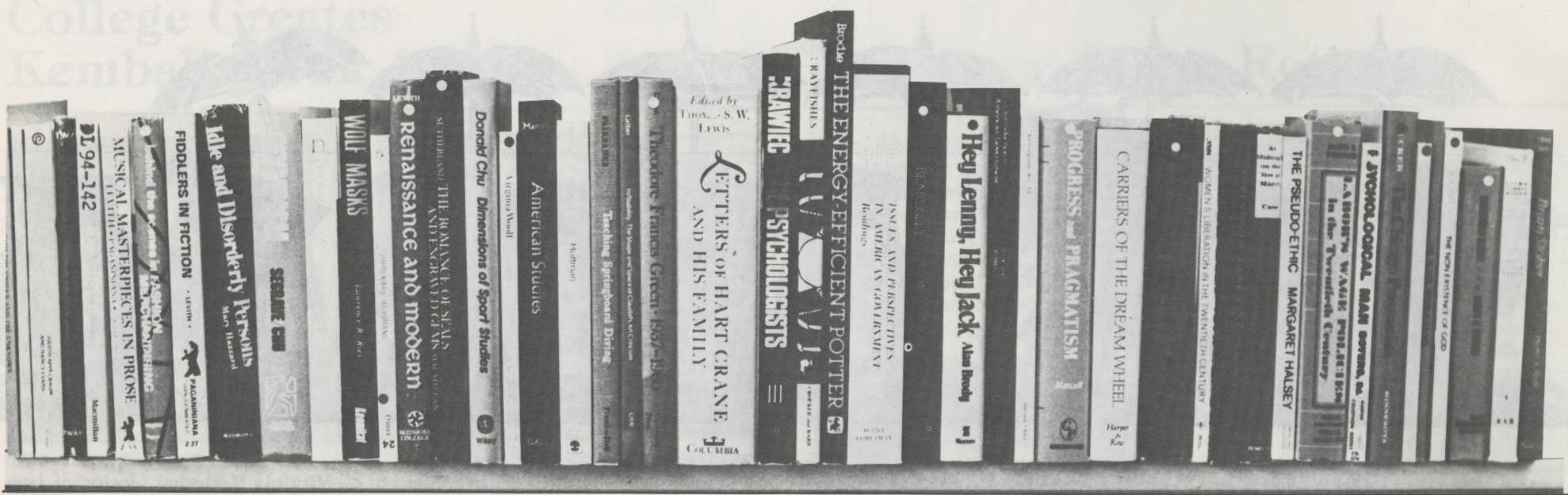
Elizabeth Hardwick, novelist, essayist and critic, has figured prominently in *Partisan Review*, *Harpers* and the *New York Review of Books*. The first woman to win the coveted George Jean Nathan Award for dramatic criticism, Ms. Hardwick has lent considerable energy to New York's literary and intellectual communities. Many of her incisive essays on literature, modern culture and sexual politics are collected in *A View of My Own* (1962) and *Seduction and Betrayal: Women and Literature* (1974). Of the latest of Ms. Hardwick's three novels — *Sleepless Nights* (1979) — Susan Sontag expressed the admiration shared by many contemporary writers when she wrote: "Nobody writing prose now gives me as much pleasure as Elizabeth Hardwick. She honors our language and enlivens our woe." In celebration of her diverse talents and of her "full and superb" use of them, Skidmore College honored Elizabeth Hardwick with the degree of doctor of letters.

dance editor of an American daily newspaper, his definitive comments on the emerging careers of Martha Graham, Doris Humphrey and other founders of modern American dance led *Dance Encyclopedia* to eventually credit him with "almost singlehandedly establishing [modern dance] as a recognizable art form." Mr. Martin's influence was also felt in the world of ballet, particularly in regards to the ballet company founded by George Balanchine and Lincoln Kirstein, which came to be known as the New York City Ballet. While Mr. Martin was, according to Lincoln Kirstein, one of this company's "earliest critics and strongest negative mentors," he later became one of the New York City Ballet's most enthusiastic supporters. "Without [John Martin's] first notices and final confidence," Kirstein has said, "we would never have been as stubborn, insistent and directed as we have been." The author of eight books on dance and a former lecturer on dance history and criticism at UCLA and other colleges, Mr. Martin was honored by Skidmore for his many accomplishments and in particular for his role in bringing the New York City Ballet — "one of Saratoga's most popular summer visitors" — to its present status as "the foremost purveyor of classical ballet."

famous Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research. One of Dayton's most creative philanthropists, Mrs. Kettering has devoted her time and talents to numerous civic and cultural projects and organizations there, among them the Dayton Art Institute, the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra and the construction of the Air Force Museum. A pioneer in the effort to revive Dayton's downtown district, Mrs. Kettering inspired other Dayton business people to follow her example when she supported the construction of that city's first high-rise office building, a facility as praised for the art which she personally commissioned for it as for its stature and efficiency. The Kettering family's philanthropy extended to Skidmore College when in the late 50s Mr. and Mrs. Kettering's daughter Susan (now Skidmore trustee Susan Kettering Williamson) enrolled at the college just prior to the decision to build an entirely new campus. Since then, most major new campus projects, including the now nearly-completed Sports and Recreation Center, have been moved from drawing board to reality largely through Kettering family and Kettering Fund assistance. In celebration of Mrs.

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Skidmore Books and Authors



A Kaleidoscope of American Culture

American Studies: A Guide to Information Sources. (Vol. 10 in the *American Studies Information Guide Series*, part of the *Gale Information Guide Series*). Edited by David W. Marcell. Detroit: Gale Research Co., 1982, 207 p., \$38.

American Studies: A Guide to Information Sources, published in April, 1982, was compiled and edited by David W. Marcell, professor of American studies, provost and vice-president for academic affairs at Skidmore.

Marcell's book (Vol. 10 in the *American Studies Series*) is a capstone to the series of topical volumes preceding it. Integrating and citing interdisciplinary studies, it pulls the series together. Known for editing the bibliography on American studies published annually in the *American Quarterly*, Professor Marcell presents, together in one volume, a subject-arranged guide to the materials. In an introductory essay he notes that in preparing this bibliography he was guided not by his preconceptions and prejudices, but by the emphases of scholars and teachers in the field. His entries were gleaned primarily from bibliographies, course lists, research materials and journals created and used by American studies teachers throughout the United States over the past two decades.

Dr. Marcell's introduction to the volume surveys briefly the historical development of the American studies movement from its beginnings in the 1930s when, hampered by the rigidity of traditional disciplinary mores, a number of scholars moved to the creation of interdisciplinary programs, to the founding in 1949 of the American Studies Association, and to present-day emphases.

Marcell states in his introduction that to be useful a bibliography must chronicle as well as organize and must be useful both to those who know the subject and to those who do not, and the organization of the book reflects these imperatives.

The first major section in *Guide to Information Sources* furnishes access to works dealing with the history, theory, curricula and programs of the field. Reflecting the diversity of concerns within American studies, the second section is arranged in thirteen topical parts, including biography and autobiography; cultural and social anthro-

pology; folklore and folklife; history; literature; women, minorities, ethnic groups; national character; performing arts; philosophy, law, religion, intellectual history; popular and mass culture; science and technology; regions and regionalism; visual arts, film and architecture.

A third section lists additional bibliographies of interest.

The only American studies interdisciplinary series, *American Studies Information Guide Series* is published to aid students, scholars, teachers and others involved in American studies.

Firbank Bibliography Updated

A Bibliography of Ronald Firbank by Miriam J. Benkovitz. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1982. £17.50

A second edition, considerably enlarged, of *A Bibliography of Ronald Firbank* by Miriam J. Benkovitz, Professor Emerita of English at Skidmore, appeared in January. It was published in both England and America by the Clarendon Press, a part of Oxford University Press.

The first edition appeared in 1963 as one of the Soho Bibliographies. This is a series started in the 1950s by Rupert Hart-Davis Ltd. It includes the records of such authors as Henry James, W. B. Yeats, Ezra Pound, Virginia Woolf and others. After Sir Rupert Hart-Davis' retirement from his firm, the bibliographical series was taken over by Oxford Press. They are now issuing a number of new bibliographies and revised editions of some of the earlier ones.

This second edition testifies to the continuing interest in Firbank. It lists for the first time publications about him and brings up to date the published titles by him. Because even the dust-jackets were an essential part of the aesthetic image which Firbank had of his novels, he considered supervision of their design and printing as one of his rights and responsibilities, together with frontispieces, illustrations, cloth and paper; whenever possible, therefore, this bibliography traces the development of each of Firbank's works from inception to publication. Miriam J. Benkovitz is the author of *Ronald Firbank, A Biography* and *Frederick Rolfe Baron Corvo, A Biography*. She has recently published *Aubrey Beardsley, An Account of His Life*.

Penetrating the Publishing Mystique

How to Get Happily Published by Judith Applebaum and Nancy Evans. New York: New American Library (Plume, 1982, 271 p. \$5.95 U.S./\$6.95 Canada).

A totally revised and up-to-the-minute edition of the popular *How to Get Happily Published* by Judith Applebaum and Nancy Evans '72 has just been published in paperback.

The book that *Kirkus Reviews* describes as "the No. 1 strategic guide to today's volatile marketplace," provides a full, frank and knowledgeable inside view of the contemporary publishing scene, covering every step of the publishing process from learning how to write effectively to following up after the publication of your book. Finding an agent, submitting a proposal, writing a cover letter and selecting the correct publisher for each particular project are a few of the topics on which the authors offer seasoned advice. They also show writers how to assist the publisher at each stage in the publishing process: editing, designing, producing, advertising, publicizing and promoting the book.

Drawing on their extensive publishing experience with magazines, books and newspapers, the authors also include a special section on self-publishing, along with a comprehensive, totally updated resources section which includes an annotated bibliography, lists of courses, magazines, newsletters, research centers and writers' organizations to give the writer hands-on access to whatever information or materials are vital to his/her development.

"Next to a typewriter and a good dictionary, *How to Get Happily Published* is the most useful tool anyone who writes can buy," wrote John Fischer of *Harper's Magazine*. "It is full of indispensable information, sage advice, and tricks of the publishing trade that will be news even to the most experienced authors." **About the Authors:** Judith Applebaum, managing director of Sensible Solutions — a consulting firm serving publishers and authors — is a contributing editor of *Publishers Weekly*.

Nancy Evans, Skidmore '72, a writer whose works have appeared in *Ms.*, *Family Circle*, and *Seventeen*, among others, is author of the ongoing series "Who Does What in Publishing" for *Publishers Weekly*. Currently she is a contributing editor for *Glamour* magazine, and also *Glamour's* book columnist.

The Vietnam War and Domestic Disorder

Idle and Disorderly Persons by Mary Hazzard. Seattle, Wash.: Madrona Publishers, Inc., 1981. \$12.95

Idle and Disorderly Persons is Mary Hazzard's ('49) third novel. She is the author of the highly praised novel *Sheltered Lives* and an award-winning Harper suspense novel, *Close His Eyes*.

The setting for *Idle and Disorderly Persons* is suburban Boston in the early 1970s when the anti-war movement represented radical chic as well as a passionate cause that disrupted the relationships of the settled academic couples involved in it. Daniel and Phoebe Wayatt are viewed as a perfect couple: he's a professor at the university, she's a mother involved with her family and community causes. To their neighbors they represent domestic bliss until the Vietnam war intrudes upon their orderly lives and creates the emotional tensions that shake their beliefs. They find their original assumptions about life, love and marriage overturned.

In this sensitively written novel, two marriages come apart — both painfully. Says a *Booklist* review, "Mary Hazzard . . . follows (her novel) *Sheltered Lives* with a parallel sort of dilemma involving the same kinds of characters: East Coast liberal college professors, their wives and teenage children who are making antiwar stands (of varying intensity) during the Vietnam-Nixon era. . . . The characters — save one — are all good people caught up in a slow-paced, irreversible unraveling. They all hurt and cry, yet each one comes to terms with truths that were previously unthinkable. Quiet, masterly writing about large ironies and suffering cloaked in diurnal details."

Commenting on the author's earlier work Arturo Vivante wrote, "In turn innocent as a dewdrop, subtle as a witch's brew, and a consummate observer of nuances, Mary Hazzard, like her protagonist, misses nothing."

Mary Hazzard is currently studying playwriting at the Yale Drama School, where her play "Diary of the Seducer" was awarded the Molly Kazan Award in Playwriting for 1981.

The Arts

Opera Star Takes Leading Role at Skidmore

She rose at four in Manhattan each Tuesday morning to catch a flight to Albany. After a forty-minute drive from there to the Skidmore campus, she began her morning schedule of private lessons. At 7:45 one Tuesday night, she was still going strong: "Who wants to sing next? Don't worry about the clock (the class was scheduled to end at 7:30); we've plenty of time."

Displaying the kind of unstoppable energy that, combined with rigorous discipline applied to enormous talent, brought her to the very top of her profession, world-famous opera soprano Anna Moffo gave her attention to Skidmore student singers for two long days a week this spring. As artist-in-residence from March 16 through the end of April (her residency made possible by a grant to the music department from the Lincoln and Therese Filene Foundation), Miss Moffo taught individual artist's lessons on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, conducted a master class each Tuesday night, and culminated her residency with a recital on May 3.

At one of those master classes, Anna Moffo appeared — despite the rigors of a schedule that would exhaust most others — to have energy to spare, and above all, to be genuinely glad to be spending it on her students. With a vivacity as soaring as her soprano and a graciousness as generous as her own gifts, she addressed each student by name, attending with practiced eyes, ears, voice and — notably — her hands, to each student in turn.

A young baritone's breath kept faltering as he stretched toward the end of a phrase. "I can't seem to find enough breath," he started to explain. "Here's where you find it," Miss Moffo showed him, placing her hand on his midriff: "Make my hand move. Breathe from *here*." A few practice breaths, and the student tried again, this time completing the phrases with strength and ending the song with an intimate sense, not only of what proper singing should *sound* like, but also of how it should feel.

"You must glot. Don't hit your throat with the notes," she told another, demonstrating her instructions by singing a passage, first reproducing the student's error, and then repeating the passage correctly, gloriously.

One student forgot her lyrics. Miss Moffo tempered her chastising comment with humor: "If someone wakes you up in the middle of the night, you should be able to come up singing. I can't remember my Social Security number, but if someone wakes me up, I'll sing *La Traviata*." (But then, she has sung, by her own accounting, the role of Violetta in that opera 730 times, since making her New York Metropolitan Opera debut in that role in 1959.)

"Why do you move about so?" she asked an accomplished soprano who had just sung an aria from Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* with the expansive gestures one would tend to think appropriate for Italian opera. "Remember, this woman is *Japanese*," Miss Moffo explained, assuming the restrained, demure, hands-folded stance of a traditional geisha.



Above: Paul Sigrist '82 wins smile of approval from master teacher Anna Moffo.



Left: Anna Moffo in recital

Opera, Film and TV Star Takes on New Role as Teacher

Ah yes, of course! And that's just one example of the kind of detail Anna Moffo could choose from out of her vast professional experience (she has sung, so far, 152 different roles) to place before Skidmore students. The role of Cho-Cho-San in an Italian television production of *Madama Butterfly* was her very first leading role, causing her to become an overnight sensation throughout Italy and much of Europe, attracting offers from most of Europe's leading opera houses, and very soon after, the one most prized by all American sopranos: an invitation to make her U.S. debut at New York's Metropolitan Opera. She has triumphed in leading roles at renowned opera houses throughout the world — Milan's La Scala, London's Covent Garden, Vienna's State Opera House, to name just a very few — and as a recitalist she draws adoring audiences wherever she appears: in North, South and Central America, Europe, Australia, the Far East. (Her recital at Skidmore was sold out weeks in advance.) She has had her own television series in Italy and has made many guest-star appearances on American television.

She has performed in 14 feature-length films, including several in which she played straight dramatic roles. Opera diva, film star, television performer, recording artist — Anna Moffo is celebrated and acclaimed world-wide for her superb dramatic talents and splendid beauty as well as her brilliant voice. The question occurred: What was Anna Moffo doing here, working a 16-hour day, spending a rainy Tuesday night with a dozen or so college kids of widely-ranging musical abilities and training?

"Loving it!" she answered, "And I'm also learning a lot." Teaching, she explained, is a relatively new experience for her, and it certainly appeared, from observing her happy rapport with students in class, that she was enjoying the experience immensely. "I've done some teaching with older students," she continued, "and I've been offered residencies before, but I never accepted them because I never had the time." The six-week schedule of the Skidmore residency, she added, made Skidmore's offer one she felt she could accept.

"I'm very impressed by the quality of the students here," she exclaimed, admitting that she "didn't expect such talent and ambition. But many of these young people (and that includes a

number who are not current music majors) have truly exceptional abilities, and could certainly go on to specialize in music at the conservatory level."

Training, Study, Experience: All Add to Performance.

A Philadelphia native, Miss Moffo received her musical training at Philadelphia's Curtis Institute of Music, winning a Fulbright scholarship for opera study in Italy following her Curtis years. But she is quick to point out that she considers the liberal arts courses she studied at the University of Pennsylvania while matriculated at Curtis as a valuable part of her overall education. "Musical performance involves so much more than instrumental training," she commented, "especially the performance of grand opera," which combines elements of music, literature, drama, dance and the visual arts to form a "total art" experience. "To bring full richness to any role," she said, "one must experience as much of life as possible."

"While it's true," she continued, "that I don't directly apply algebra, say, or physics, in my profession, still, I'm glad that I studied them, for what they contribute to an overall understanding of the world. But I also took many art history courses and I can honestly say that what I learned in that discipline (reinforced by my travels throughout the world) has helped me to place each role that I sing — whether in German, French or Italian, by a nineteenth-century composer or a modern one — within its appropriate culture and historical era."

But of course, for the serious musician, she asserted, the development of the instrument must be the

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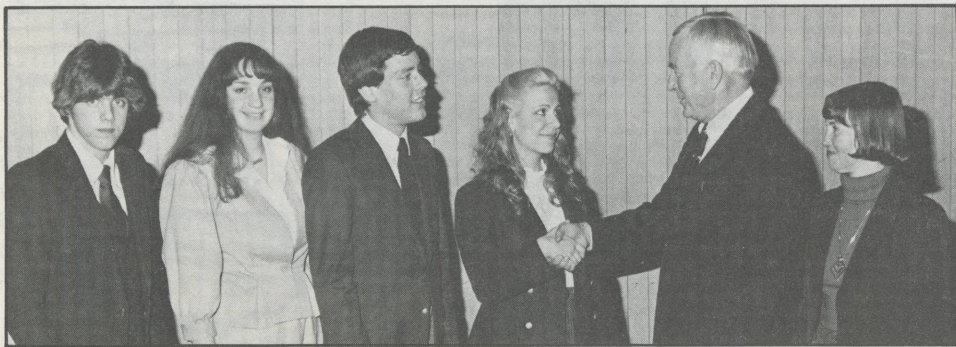
Four Young Musicians Win Filene Scholarships

More than 200 high school seniors from around the country were contestants in the first Filene Music Competition at Skidmore College. The winners, recipients of four-year \$20,000 scholarships at Skidmore, are four talented seniors: Tina Czepiel of Englewood, N.J.; Mark Brennan of Valley Stream, N.Y.; Andrea Miller of Wayne, N.J.; and Jonathan Wachtel of New York City.

The competition was established earlier this year with support from the Lincoln and Therese W. Filene Foundation of Boston. The foundation's grant provides for scholarship assistance to currently enrolled students as well as tuition awards for a total of 16 music majors to be named over the next four years.

The Skidmore music faculty judged the first round of the competition and selected 10 students to compete in the final round, held in April. The finalists performed live before a panel of distinguished judges, including opera soprano Anna Moffo, artist-in-residence at Skidmore. Other judges were Burton Kaplan, professor at the Manhattan School of Music and the Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music, and David Burge, concert pianist and chairman of the keyboard division at the Eastman School of Music.

The winners include two vocalists — Tina Czepiel and Andrea Miller; a pianist — Mark Brennan; and a violinist — Jonathan Wachtel.



President Palamountain and Music Department Chair Isabelle Williams congratulate scholarship winners (left to right): Jonathan Wachtel, Andrea Miller, Mark Brennan, Tina Czepiel.

Anna Moffo (continued from p. 5)

first priority. Asked what was the most important lesson she hoped to convey during her residency here, she replied, "The importance of discipline." Skidmore students are fortunate, she said, to have such an excellent faculty to provide them with the essential technical training, "but the students must take it from there. There is absolutely no substitute for practice, practice, practice. I find that college students, with their many distractions, both social and academic, tend to cram for a voice lesson as they might for a course exam. That is very, very bad for the voice. If there is one thing I hope to get across to my students here, it is the necessity of daily scheduled practice, the gradual, progressive development toward excellence. Only then can they be ready for the challenge of opportunity."

She cited her own Cinderella experience — when, as a young Fulbright scholar, she made her operatic debut before millions of television viewers and became, almost overnight, an international celebrity — as an example of the importance of artistic preparedness. "The chance for the top can come just like that, at a stroke of luck," she said. "The hard part then, is staying there. That's when the training tells."

Master Teacher at Work

With that, she excused herself to return to her reason-for-being-here: the training of Skidmore students. The assembled students greeted their master teacher with a mixture of eager anticipation and awe, and if they felt any understandable intimidation at the

prospect of laying bare their faults before this operatic super-star, they didn't let that stop them from taking advantage of what one student referred to as "a rare and wonderful opportunity, a chance to learn from one of the very best!"

As the class proceeded, it became obvious why her students, whatever their gifts or their limitations, were pleased to perform for her. Her approach was direct, personal, encouraging; her critiques, while thorough ("She comes right at you when you make a mistake," said one of her students, Paul Sigrist '82), were never abrasive, and were tailored to each individual's capacities. With student after student, Miss Moffo listened, challenged, complimented, corrected, informed. She moved to the back of the classroom to assess the singer's projection; she moved in close to lay her hands on the source of a singer's problem: on a midriff to check if a diaphragm was expanding properly; on a throat to show how tense neck muscles were holding back full sound. A problem corrected, she raised her hands before a young singer's face. "Now," she assured, "when you sing this time, you will fill my hands with air!"

Master Artist in Performance

Her students (plus more than 200 other music lovers who came from miles around) had a chance to hear how their master teacher could fill Filene Recital Hall with song, when Anna Moffo, together with her piano accompanist Kenneth Merrill, performed in recital there the evening of May 3.

Senior Theater Project Benefits Wolf Trap Farm



Guest artist Eugene Pressman performs with student actress Sara Rogers '82.

Senior theater majors, Skidmore faculty and guest professional artists combined their knowledge, skills and talents to present a delightfully successful production of George Feydeau's madcap comedy *Ball and Chain*, adapted from the 1894 French farce *Un fil à la Patte*. Nine performances of the play were presented over two weekends in late April, culminating a year-long effort by senior theater majors and their senior project director, Assistant Professor of Theater David Rosengarten.

Beginning last September, Professor Rosengarten led his students through a full semester of "critical process" — an examination of the theory of all forms of comedy from many points of view — before launching into the "creative process" of actual production during spring term.

The play, as described by Professor Rosengarten, is a "sprawling ballet of absurd confusion — now hilarious, now painful and frustrating, but always lively and theatrical." For this ambitious pro-

duction, calling for 13 major performing roles, the student actors were assisted by three professional actors, among them the New York actor Eugene Pressman, who has performed with the Lincoln Center Theatre Company and on the television series *One Life to Live*.

The final performance of *Ball and Chain* was presented as a benefit for the Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts near Washington, D.C. Wolf Trap Farm, the nation's only national park for the performing arts, was founded by Catherine Filene Shouse, a member of the same Filene family that has contributed so generously to Skidmore over the years. On April 4, Wolf Trap's Filene Center Amphitheater was completely destroyed by fire. The Skidmore theater department, recognizing the contribution of Wolf Trap Farm to the performing arts in America, responded to the disaster by donating the proceeds of the May 1 performance of *Ball and Chain* toward the reconstruction of the Filene Center.

Radiant in a spangled gown, she looked every bit the diva she is as she sang and conveyed through expression and gesture a full range of human emotions set to music: the grief of a man bidding farewell to his dying wife (Richard Strauss's "Befreit"); the ardent longing of separated lovers (Bellini's "Il fervido desiderio," Donizetti's "A mezzanotte"); a betrayed woman's plea for mercy and justice (the aria "Vissi d'arte" from Puccini's *Tosca*); coquettish charm ("Musetta's Waltz" from *La Boheme*); brazen flirtatiousness (Manuel de Falla's "Seguidille"); the triumph of the human spirit ("Let the Bright Seraphim" from G. F. Handel's *Samson*).

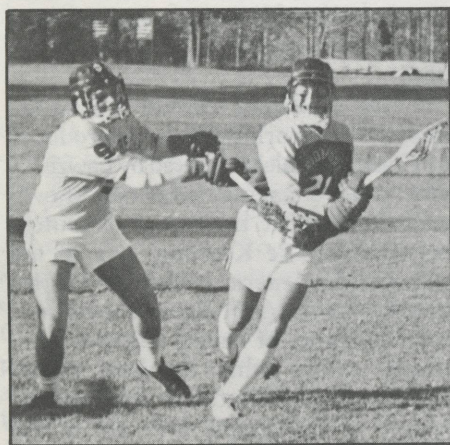
At the end of the richly varied program, which included selections from English, Italian, German, Spanish and French composers and concluded with

three songs from Franz Lehar's *The Merry Widow*, the audience rose to its feet to resoundingly applaud Miss Moffo's splendid performance and to call her back, with cries of "Bravo!", to perform *encore* three times.

Among the most enthusiastic applauders were her Skidmore students, participating in the artistic triumph of this woman who had shared her gifts with them for the past six weeks and who had expressly designed her recital program to show her students all she had tried to teach them. Accepting a kiss and a bouquet of roses from student soprano Laura Imperia '84, she swept her arm in affectionate gesture toward her students in the audience. "I've never sung for my own students before," she told them. "I had no idea how difficult it would be."

Spring '82 — A Championship Season for Skidmore Sports

Mayflower Crown for Men's Lacrosse



The men's lacrosse team won three out of four encounters on their spring-break tour to lacrosse-strong Virginia, North Carolina and Washington, D.C. Losing only to Virginia Military Institute, the Skidmore laxers defeated Radford College (9-8) and Davidson College (19-5) before crowning their tour with a 9-8 victory over Division I Georgetown University.

This pre-season winning momentum kept the team right on rolling throughout their spring-season conference schedule back home. During this, their first year in the challenging Mayflower Conference, the Skidmore squad remained undefeated in conference play all spring, emerging victorious over conference rival New England College to secure the Mayflower Championship.

Coach Mike Garcia, who led his team to the first conference title for Skidmore men's lacrosse, was elated over the victory. "We've been working since the first week in September for this and we've finally done it!" he said. "I don't think any school around has such a bunch of hard-working athletes. I'm really proud of them!"

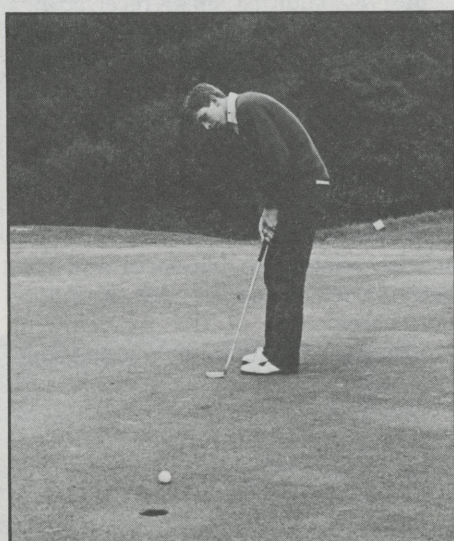
NAC Crown — Two Years in a Row for Skidmore Golf

Coach Tim Brown's golfers spent spring break on the campus of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, within easy travelling distance of several of the nation's finest golf courses. After playing on both university and country club courses in the area — including UNC at Chapel Hill and the Pinehurst Country Club (home of the World Golf Hall of Fame) — last year's NAC champions came home to win their second NAC crown in as many years.

Skidmore College played host to this year's NAC tournament, held April 27 at nearby McGregor Links Country Club. Skidmore sophomore John Maddox from Redding, Connecticut, won the tournament's gold medal with a score of 78, while teammates Al Antonez and Jim Meeker (both juniors)

followed closely with 80 and 84 respectively.

These three — Maddox, Antonez and Meeker — joined with Skidmore freshman Rick Kennedy (who shot an 88) to make up four of the five members of the tournament's all-conference team.



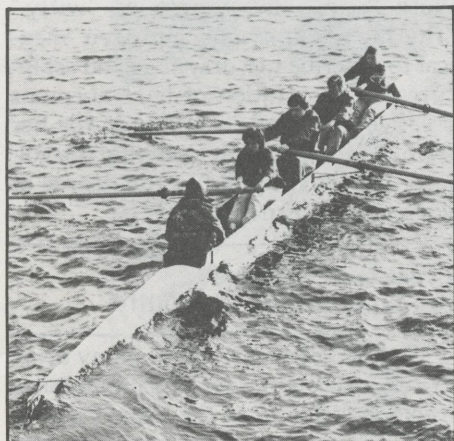
Women's Eight Row to Metropolitan Championship

The Skidmore women's varsity eight-oared crew went down to New York this spring and showed some big-city rowers there that Skidmore ruled the waves.

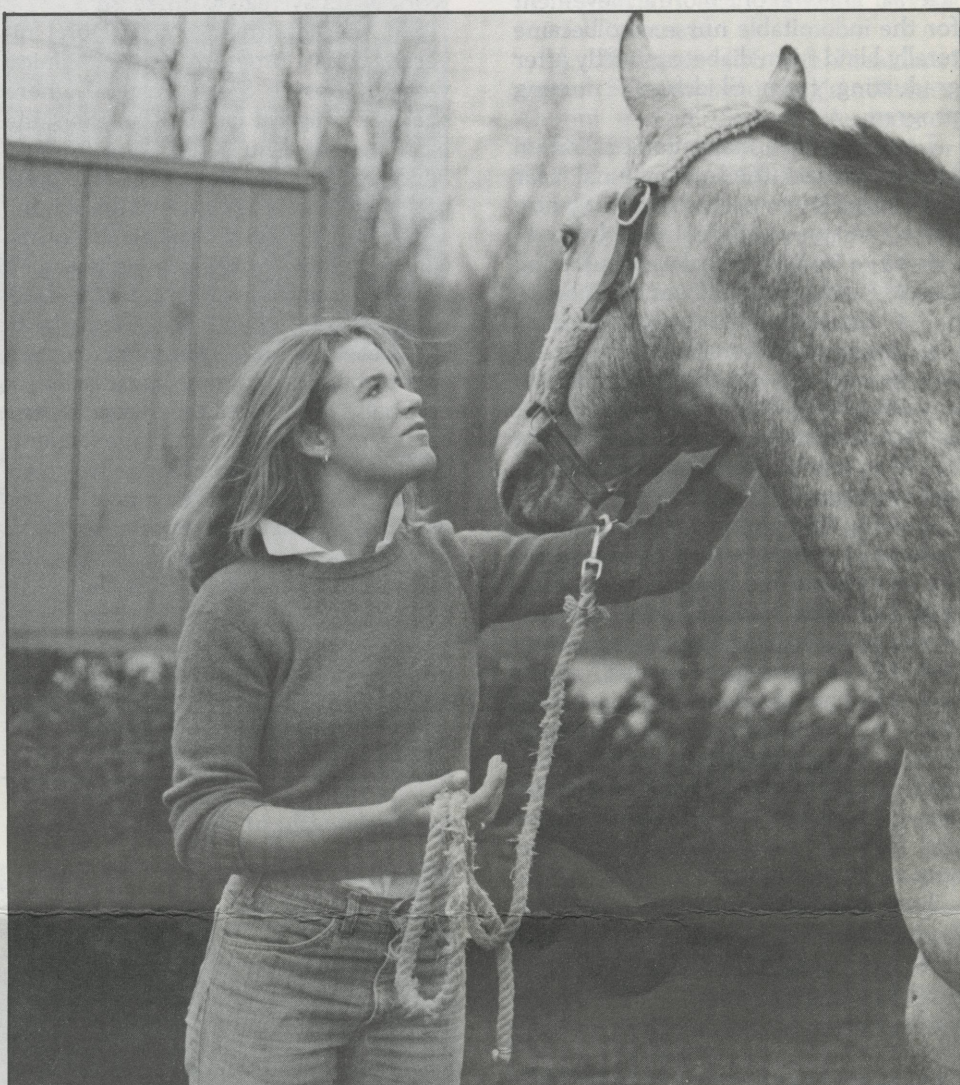
Outrowing crews from St. John's and Fordham Universities, the women's eight swept to the finish four boat lengths ahead of second-place St. John's to win the Metropolitan Collegiate Rowing Championships, sponsored by the New York Athletic Club at Orchard Beach Lagoon.

Other crew highlights:

On April 17, Skidmore revived the historic Saratoga Cup Regatta, last held 106 years ago when Saratoga Lake was the site of major nineteenth-century intercollegiate regattas. Then, on May 7 and 8, Skidmore crews travelled to Philadelphia to race in the 44th annual Dad Vail Regatta, the largest intercollegiate rowing event in the world, attracting more than 2000 competitors from as far away as Vancouver, B. C., and Seattle, Washington.



Skidmore Riders Shine at National Show



Jean Bickley with Danny Deever

Four Skidmore students — Jean Bickley '83, Kathleen Foley '82, Sarah Katz '85 and Tamsy Smith '85 — qualified for the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's National Horse Show held at Mount Holyoke this spring. There, Jean Bickley mounted a horse she had never ridden before, rode off to her event — the open horsemanship over fences championship — and, after competing with 17 of the nation's top regional riders, returned to Skidmore the number-two college rider in the United States.

Jean, who has kept five horses of her own at her home in New Canaan, Connecticut, and who had shown extensively before coming to Skidmore, attributed her success at the national show to Skidmore's riding instructors, facilities and horsemanship program. After all, she said, it was Skidmore's Van Lennep Riding Center — with its indoor and outdoor rings, its 56 stalls, hunt course and trails — that led her to choose to enroll at Skidmore in the first place.

"It's probably the best facility, and it certainly has the best horses," said Jean, who during the school year leases a college-owned thoroughbred named "Danny Deever," a former stablemate of Secretariat who was given to Skid-

more by Meadow Stable owner Helen Tweedy Ringquist. Danny is one of about 30 horses (another, called "Victor," is a grandson of racing champion Bold Ruler) the college keeps for student use in its outstanding riding program.

While Jean and Danny are daily companions on campus, the horse stayed home in its stall when Jean and her three fellow Skidmore riders travelled to Mount Holyoke. As Skidmore riding instructor Jeff Garen explained, in intercollegiate equitation competition, team members from visiting colleges draw lots for which of the host college's horses they will ride and hope for the best. "It's a real test of horsemanship," Garen said, "a test of the rider's analytic ability to get the best from any horse."

Jean certainly proved her horsemanship when she got enough from her borrowed horse to outperform all but one of the nation's best college riders. Jean's teammates at the nationals also contributed to Skidmore's reputation for winning horsemanship. Tamsy Smith from Vicksburg, Mississippi, placed third (right behind Jean) in the open equitation over fences class, while Kathleen Foley from Potomac, Maryland, took a fifth in the intermediate over fences class.

Alumni in the News

Another Summit for a Pioneer

Judith Oehler '68 was appointed an assistant professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin last fall. This was one more achievement for the indomitable nurse who became totally blind from diabetes shortly after graduating from Skidmore's nursing program.

Last year, as a major demonstration project to mark the International Year of Disabled Persons, she helped organize Project Pelion and led 11 disabled individuals — 7 blind, 2 deaf, one suffering epilepsy and a Vietnam war amputee — to the summit of Mount Rainer. Each was accompanied on the climb by an experienced, non-disabled mountaineer. It was Oehler's first climb with mountaineers, but in the past 12 years her life has been marked by personal and professional accomplishments.

Looking back, Judith Oehler remembers her first two years of blindness and the depression that accompanied them. Although she had suffered diabetes from age 8, she was not conscious, she said, of the consequence until, at 22, just after her graduation from Skidmore, her ophthalmologist, finding it difficult to give her a prognosis, let her read her own chart. Her feeling then was that everything she valued most was lost — her bedside nursing, the outdoor life she enjoyed; running, tennis, sailing. There followed a period of great depression.

Nursing colleagues helped her fight back. At Massachusetts General, where she had interned, the director of nursing

suggested she teach nursing students. When she asked to work with patients in the psychiatric unit, they put her to work as a psychiatric nurse.

She was admitted to the Boston University MSN program and did clinical work at Boston State Hospital where she was assigned patients on the same basis as sighted nurses, finding her own blindness and her seeing eye dog "gave patients something to talk to me about."

She worked as a psychiatric nurse clinician while completing her master's and studying for a doctorate. When she formed a counseling service for patients losing their vision, she found clients were able to talk to her about their feelings, especially the doubts they were experiencing in being blind and independent.

Prompted, she thinks, by her consciousness of being a role model for her patients, she decided to enter an Outward Bound program in 1978. Also she wanted to test her own psychological and physical endurance. She successfully passed screening tests requiring her to jump from a 20 ft. pier into the sea, sail 10 hours and spend 2 nights alone outdoors with limited provisions.

The successful completion of the Outward Bound program was an impetus for her to resume many of the physical activities she had enjoyed earlier and, more significantly, she felt she "broke stereotype images people have of the blind."

In 1980, Judith Oehler received her doctorate of education degree, having specialized in special education, counseling and psychology, and the next year was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing, where she is recognized as the pioneer in researching the psycho-social reactions of diabetics to blindness and as an author of numerous articles relating to blindness and diabetes. When she appeared at the induction ceremonies of the Academy in Washington, D.C., she was warmly applauded.

Of her new job at the University of Wisconsin, Oehler writes: "My real challenge now is teaching. I am enjoying my new responsibilities and have been impressed with the faculty's ability to look past my blindness to my achievements and expertise."

Painter de Kooning Subject of Film

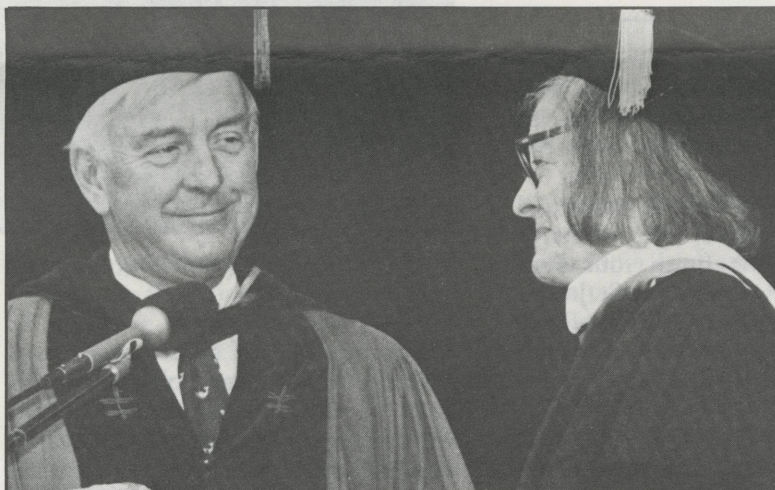
Courtney Sale '70 recently produced "De Kooning on de Kooning," a 58 minute documentary shown at the Festival Theatre in New York City in the "New Directors/New Films" series.

In his *New York Times* review of April 23, 1982, Vincent Canby wrote of the film:

"'De Kooning on de Kooning,' directed by Charlotte Zwerin, produced by Courtney Sale and edited by Lawrence Silk, is an engaging, informal, knowledgeable look at the career of Dutch-born Willem de Kooning, one of the giants of the American Abstract Expressionist movement. It also has the distinct advantage of having a subject who clearly enjoys what he does, enjoys talking about his work and enjoys the society of the people who are in the process of making this film."

Most of the film is devoted to an examination of the de Kooning work. It features Mr. de Kooning speaking about his early days in the United States, the Depression and its influences on his style, the evolution of his talent and his friendships with other painters.

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Skidmore alumna Dorothy Dehner receives honorary degree

"Catch '82" Catches On

The Class of '82 graduated with honors, setting a record of 83% participation in a new program inaugurated with their class.

Titled "Catch 82," the program is designed to introduce senior class members to the college's Annual Alumni Giving (AAG) Program.

Co-chaired by seniors Richard Harwood and Judy Shapiro, the new project's emphasis was not so much on total dollars pledged as on numbers of people participating. The goal of 82% was chosen to match the year of graduation. During a two-week period in April, 64 designated class agents met with as many class members as possible in the class, which numbered 526.

Overwhelming support was evident in the total pledge of \$6,300, representing more than 83% of the class. The average gift was \$17.50.

"The success of the program demonstrates the large amount of dedication that current students have toward our college," Harwood said, attributing the success of the campaign to the personal contact established between class agents and their fellow graduates.

The Class of '82 also set a new class record for giving to the college. The previous participation record for annual alumni giving for a class not celebrating a reunion was established by the Class of '28 which had 80% of its members contribute to the AAG program in 1980-81.

Kettering's unstinting generosity and service to mankind in general and to a grateful Skidmore College in particular, the college conferred upon her the degree of doctor of laws.

Dorothy Dehner '52, doctor of humane letters. Noted American sculptor, painter, printmaker, Dorothy Dehner has exhibited in major galleries and museums (the Chicago Art Institute, the Whitney Museum of American Art and many others) throughout the U.S. and Europe. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the Hirshhorn Museum, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the private collections of Nelson Rockefeller and Gertrud Mellon — these are only a few of the nation's finest art collections (both public and private) that count Dorothy Dehner works among their permanent holdings. Skidmore's own collection includes (thanks to Miss Dehner's generosity) one sculpture and nine original prints. Major American corporations such as E. F. Hutton, American Telephone, Time-Life and Chase Manhattan Bank have commissioned her to execute reliefs and monumental sculptures for their important buildings, with her most recent architectural work a bronze relief for #50 Rockefeller Plaza.

Already an accomplished artist (with extensive training acquired in this country and abroad) when she enrolled at Skidmore, Dorothy Dehner earned her B.S. in only two years of intensive work and study, graduating in 1952. In 1972, she was named one of Skidmore's fifty most distinguished alumni. Miss Dehner has won many awards and prizes, and critics have consistently praised her work, using such terms as "witty," "rhythmic," "luminous" and even "magical" to describe her drawings and sculptures. In recognition of her enormous creative gifts and in gratitude for her example to Skidmore students, the college conferred upon her the degree of doctor of humane letters.

President Stresses Student-Faculty Mutuality

The commencement ceremony drew to a close with President Palamountain's traditional charge to the class. Praising the students for their accomplishments and their contributions to the life of the Skidmore community — the president emphasized the mutuality of the educational experience. "Your professors have challenged you, and you have challenged them," he said to the students, noting

that "when the faculty processed in today, they did so through your ranks so that you might symbolically express your gratitude for all they, your mentors, have done for you, both inside and outside the classroom, for their professional talents and their personal concerns for you."

"And when you recess," the president continued, "it will be through [the faculty's] applauding ranks, symbolically registering their pride in what you have become and what you promise to be — their gratitude for the challenge and satisfaction you have afforded them."

Drawing parallels between the relative youth of Skidmore College and the youth of the members of the graduating class, he indicated what a powerful impact a single class can have on a college as "youthful and malleable" as Skidmore College is. "Skidmore today," President Palamountain told the Class of '82, "is significantly different because of your class, because of your performance in the classroom, because of your co-curricular vitality, because of your high expectations and equally high accomplishments."

Challenge Grants

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Income from the fund will be used specifically for institutional renewal projects, including planning and evaluation studies, experimentation, program initiation, or response to special opportunities.

The challenge grant brings the total in grant funds Skidmore has received from the Mellon Foundation over the last decade to more than \$500,000, all of which have been used in academic development areas. The \$100,000 grant under the current program represents the first funding of Skidmore programs by the Hewlett Foundation.

Reunion 1982

A chilling rain was no match for the warm spirits of the approximately 700 alumni attending annual reunion June 4-6.

They gathered from near and far — from Saratoga Springs, New York; from Spokane, Washington; and from London, England.

Brightly striped class tents, pitched on the Case Center Green, were a setting for Friday night's welcome parties. Dinner with the Association president, Linda Kulik Fraser, and the induction of new board members followed. Inducted were Samuel W. Croll III '73 as first vice-president; Carole Kaspin Polacsek '61 as third vice-president; Toni Levin Smith '60 as alumni fund chair and Jessica Weis Warren '48 as alumni trustee.

On Saturday the class tents were abandoned, when the rains came, and activities moved indoors. There were panels and symposia. Leslie Hammond '72, floor broker for Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith, gave a lively, first-hand description of "A Day in the Life of a New York Stock Exchange Floor Broker," and Lee Lockhead Davis '67, a free-lance TV director, found a receptive and enthusiastic audience for her talk on "Women in Television."

Celebrating their 25th reunion, the Class of '57 met for a panel discussion which spanned the 25 years of living and job experiences. Chaired by Ann Talbot Brown, the panelists represented a variety of careers. They included Joan Page Hayes, volunteer; Sheila Josefsberg Kasten, attorney; Sue Fogarty Kelly, special education teacher, Calais School; Lynn Rosenfeld Laitman, vice chairman, board of finance, City of Stamford,



Newly elected alumni board members (left to right): Carole Kaspin Polacsek '61, Toni Levin Smith '60, Jessica Weis Warren '48 and Samuel W. Croll III '73.



Ruth Prentiss Lee represented the class of '17.



Outgoing reunion chair Clare Lenchan Swain '71 toasts the returning reunion classes on Saturday evening.



Pat Naigles Lyons, 1957 class president (left), and Mary Glassey Ehbrecht, president-elect (right), carry the class banner in the alumni parade.

Presidential Tour Dates for 1982-83

President and Mrs. Palamountain are looking forward to meetings with Skidmore alumni, parents, and friends in the following cities during the 82-83 academic year.

September 28	Dayton, Ohio
September 28	Cincinnati, Ohio
September 29	Columbus, Ohio
September 30	Cleveland, Ohio
October 12	Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota
December 6	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
December 7	St. Louis, Missouri
December 8	Tucson, Arizona
December 9	Phoenix, Arizona
December 13	Dallas, Texas
December 14	Houston, Texas
December 16	New Orleans, Louisiana
January 26	Miami, Florida
January 28	Stuart, Florida
March 25	Manhattan, New York
April 12	New London, Connecticut
April 13	Providence, Rhode Island
April 14	Worcester, Massachusetts
May 10	Binghamton, New York
May 11	Syracuse, New York
May 12	Utica, New York



The class of 1922 (left to right): Agnes Joslin Griswold, Rachel Kimball Farnham, Margaret Bolles Zehner and Helen Filene Ladd.

Ruth Brandle Williston, 1932 class president (right), and Ella Van Dyke Tuthill (left) lead the class in the alumni parade.

Connecticut; Sara Sprague Monick, co-owner of a cooking school, The Cookery; Alice Hawkins Wells, personnel consultant and co-owner of Personnel Resources.

"A Dialogue with the President" capped Saturday morning's activities. Alumni packed Gannett Auditorium for President Palamountain's update on what's happening at Skidmore. Included was the presentation of a recent film showing a cooperative program of the Saratoga Retirement Center and Skidmore's Child Development Center, featuring the interactions of senior citizens and three-and four-year olds.

Saturday afternoon offered a display of Skidmore talent in verse and song when reunion classes joined in reunion parades to Gannett Hall.

Celebrating their 50th reunion, the Class of '32, a symphony in yellow and white, with yellow and white umbrellas, were a visual delight.

Silver balloons waved over the Class of '57 as they made their way to center stage. They also came off winners of the song and verse presentations. The Class of '47, led in spirited song by Martha Ward Carver, placed second.

For the Class of '17, it was a 65th reunion and Ruth Prentiss Lee was on hand to represent them.

The Class of '22 celebrated a 65th birthday — coinciding with the college's 65th birthday. Present from that class were Helen Filene Ladd, Margaret Bolles Zehner and husband, John, Agnes Joslin Griswold and Rachel Kimball Farnham.

Throughout the day there were tours and tournaments and the classes of 1917, 1922, 1927, 1932, and 1957 attended the traditional Gold and Silver Reception given by the President and Mrs. Palamountain.

Ending the day's activities, the annual alumni dinner was held this year in both North and Murray dining halls, and Tom Ellison's Jazz Quartet provided music for the dance that followed.

In remembrance of their classmates, alumni gathered on Sunday morning in Filene Music Hall for the annual alumni memorial service, addressed by Patricia Passmore McKeon '72. The Skidmore alumni choir offered tribute in song.

And by Sunday afternoon, another happy reunion was a memory.

In Memoriam:

John Reeves

Professor Emeritus of English John K. Reeves died on April 28, 1982, at the Saratoga Springs, Hospital at the age of 75. Dr. Reeves who taught English for 25 years at the college, took early retirement in 1963 to pursue his own literary interests and in 1975 he was granted emeritus status by Skidmore's board of trustees.

Born in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, John Reeves was educated at Williams College where he earned his A.B. in English and was graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He received his B. Litt. from Oxford University in 1932 and his Ph. D. from Harvard University in 1938.

William Dean Howells was a writer of special interest to him. He published

many articles and studies on Howells and chaired a Modern Language Association Conference on Howells in 1958. He was a Fulbright lecturer in American literature at Ankara University in Turkey, in 1969.

Dr. Reeves' first wife, Alice Phelps Reeves, an instructor in English at Skidmore, preceded him in death in 1960.

Dr. Reeves is survived by his wife Janet Ahlfeld Reeves, a son John Reeves and two daughters, Virginia Vishanoff and Susan Williams.

Robert Davidson

Robert W. Davidson, associate professor of art emeritus at Skidmore College, died Saturday, July 3, 1982, following a long illness. A native of Indianapolis, Robert Davidson came to Saratoga Springs in 1933 for a year's residency as a guest artist at Yaddo, and

joined the Skidmore College art faculty the following year, in 1934. He retired from teaching at the college in June, 1972.

Professor Davidson began his study of art at the age of eight, when he became an apprentice to his father, and later continued his study at the Chicago Art Institute, the School of American Sculpture in New York City and at the Bavarian State Fine Arts Academy in Munich, Germany. He also studied privately, both here and abroad, with such noted sculptors and master artisans as Robert A. Baillie, Anton Bauer, Otto Korn, and Joseph Wackerle.

His work has been exhibited at the Chicago Art Institute, the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts, the Whitney Gallery in New York, the Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco, and at the Chicago World's Fair and the Glass Palace International Exhibition in Munich.

Professor Davidson is represented in the permanent art collection of Skidmore College as well as the permanent collections of various museums and galleries, and he has executed commissions for libraries, schools and other institutions throughout the country, including a sculpture for the Legislation Building of the New York State Government Center in Albany.

Preceded in death by his wife, Maryetta Mauck Davidson, who was also a professor of art at Skidmore, Professor Davidson is survived by his daughter Jalia (Mrs. Claude) Seward, five grandchildren, one brother and several nieces and nephews.

The college has planned a memorial service to be held at the Wilson Chapel on campus. Memorial contributions may be made to the Maryetta and Robert Davidson Scholarship Fund at Skidmore College.

class notes

Editor Patricia Totten

Editor's Note: The following class notes for this issue were compiled, with a few later additions, on April 25.

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Mary Taggart Schock writes that Katherine Spofford Dunham '18 was a close friend during college days and the only attendant at her wedding 60 years ago (August 20, 1921). Mary's seventh great-grandchild was born this April 4th. One son lives in San Diego, two live near Boston. Mary heard from Ruth Prentiss Lee at Christmas and she included a lot of snapshots of the 1917 art class — her gift for the Memory Book. Mary also keeps in touch with Helen Snyder Russell '19 in Ft. Lauderdale. Mary has been a member of the Great Book Club for over 50 years and is the only surviving member of the original group.

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A few faithful '19ers have returned their cards with news. I will hope for more replies for my next report.

Ruth Trask Emery is now living in a Senior Citizen apartment in Gary, IN where she enjoys talking books because of failing eyesight. She had recently visited her sons and families in Denver, CO and Bloomington, Indiana. Good to hear from you, Ruth.

A nice note from Doris Atwood McLean, who keeps busy playing the organ and piano at the retirement home where she lives. In May she expects to fly to Portland, OR to visit her daughter Edda (named for Edda Bennett). Doris keeps in touch with Mary Robertson Dodds '20 and Dede Niles '20.

Due to broken hip, Ruth Thompson Thomas spent the winter close to home in Factoryville, PA. We wish you well, Ruth.

Megg Heaton Doremus is now residing at Gengariss Manor, Glen Cove, NY. Dot Wilson Miller has moved to Lombard, IL to be near one of her daughters.

A telephone call from Olive Southwick Whitten who now lives at East Ridge Village, a retirement center south of Miami, FL, says that she and her husband recently enjoyed celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

Bea Keeney Day wrote Christine that she and Bob had enjoyed a month at Ft. Lauderdale this winter. She saw Snyder who now lives there permanently. Snyder is happy to have daughter Sally living nearby and she is a great help to her.

On March 11th, Christine Hope attended a concert at college given by a world-famous pianist — Alicia de Larrocha. Filene Hall was sold out, and Christine reports that she played brilliantly. Christine saw Miss Williams who is doing a great job as head of the Music Department. Hopie has a very talented student, Maryanne Snell, who has been chosen one of ten semi-finalists for one of the four new music scholarships, final judging to be held in the near future. She also plays a very "mean flute" and is one of four semi-finalists in that category.

Lucille Crittenden McChesney died on September 28, 1981 at the home of her daughter Ann. Crittie was always an enthusiastic member of our class and we shall miss her.

Gig Lathrop Anthony wrote to the Alumni Office that she attended a Skidmore luncheon in Sarasota on January 26th and was pleased to meet President and Mrs. Palamontain and so many alumni. Gig still lives in Venice, FL, and has seven grandchildren.

Snyder's Christmas greeting always contains one of her humorous poems for which she is noted. A recent poem reads, "I have on by bifocals, My false teeth fit me fine, I have my hearing aid turned up, But, Lord, How I miss my mind."

As for me, I am still enjoying life at my retirement home near Skidmore in Saratoga. Whoever thought I would be living here sixty-two years ago? Many changes in town since then, but for the better. Most of the dorms on the old campus have been converted to apartment houses, and Skidmore Hall is now an attractive apartment house. From my living room windows, I have a wonderful view of the new campus and have watched the progress in building the huge gym which they expect to finish by next fall.

Keep your cards coming!

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Helen Hutchins Simonds is active at church, local AARP, bridge and golf. Her first great-grandchild was born in June to her oldest grandson and his wife in Denver, Colorado.

Mary Robertson Dodds and husband celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in September. They are expecting their fifth great-grandchild in June.

Helen Crane Hill still keeps going and had a large garden again this past year — 60 x 80'. Things were most prolific, even though the summer was dry. She canned everything she could and stocked enough for a couple of years. "The coons got the corn!"

We are sorry to learn of the death of Dorothy Dean Gordon in Worcester, MA, on November 20, 1981. Her son, Harry Gordon, Jr., of Root Road, Somers, CT 06071, survives.

At Christmastime, 16 of my family were at my nephews' in Middlebury, VT. This past Easter I spent in a New York hotel, enjoying meals with numerous old friends.

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It's that time of year again when we start to think of Skidmore and what we can do to help financially to keep our class alive with our annual contributions. We have done pretty well in the past, so let's keep up the good work and let the younger members of the association know that we are still able to help meet the goals.

Our world traveler, Eloise Hall Hammel, is travelling this year with a Tucson, AZ group, and a recent card from her reported that she was on her way to Florida via the Mississippi Queen for three days and nights. She has seen the Vicksburg Battle Grounds, Natchez homes, Carlsbad Caverns and the Alamo.

Jo Lennox visited her brother this Spring. She and Dottie Noble finally got together last fall after many years of not seeing each other.

We were pleased to see Dr. and Mrs. Palamontain and Alumni Director Candy Fahy when they were in Saratoga for a delightful luncheon at the Field Club in January. Many of you may remember Gracey Pelton Harrison '25 who was also there with her husband.

Our twelfth great-grand was born recently. Can anyone top that? Please send me some news, if only to say Hi! HAPPY SPRING.

Correspondence from '21 friends hasn't been too lively of late. How about a note from you to keep us in touch?

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Such wonderful telephone conversations with each and every one in the class. I can report that in spite of the wear and tear of Sixty Years, we are all hanging in there and we're on the move.

Helen Filene Ladd has returned to Maine from their place in Tucson, Arizona and Evelyn Warner Banister is in her old Vermont home after a winter's stay with her son in Connecticut.

Mildred Johnson Scott supervised from a wheelchair as a grand-daughter helped her move from a home of twenty years to an apartment in Rochester.

Myrtle Stansel Lair included Lake Louise in her travels this past winter; Mally Lane drives her car to visit shut-ins, and Mildred Tucker Nalen looks forward to living in North Carolina where golf courses are green all year.

Pauline Haynes was Chairman of the Music Department at SUNY Brockport for forty years, and has been so happy in Brockport that she has no desire to move.

Lillian Goldman McKenzie is supervising the construction of an addition to her home in Boulder, CO, which had been planned by her husband.

Grace Schoonmaker Raym, Harriet Schwartz Backenstoe, Rachel Kimball Farnham, Agnes Joslin Griswold and Margaret Bolles Zehner

continue to be very busy with a variety of interesting projects.

We were saddened to learn from her husband that Wilva Atkins Dimmock had died. We remember her as a very happy classmate. Our sympathies are extended to T.S. Dimmock, New Port Richey, FL 33552 and trust that his health is now improving.

Mildred Jenks Beebe's correct address is Broomall Presbyterian Home, Maple Road, Broomall, PA 18008.

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Miriam Pitts Pitt (Deceased May 21, 1982)

In Tribute: It is a great sorrow to feel the loss of a dear friend whom we have known, admired and loved since 1919. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

At Skidmore, music was her major and continued to be her great joy all her life. We remember her talented organ playing in College Chapel.

Pittsie has been the leading spirit keeping our class of '23 together over the years. Her enthusiastic, friendly letters helped inspire us by her loyal devotion to Skidmore — past, present and future.

Our lives have been enriched by her cheerful, kindly loving personality. Happy memories remain and we give thanks as we honor our dear classmate whose joy and faith will continue to sing in our hearts.

Joyce Mather Glassey

Frank and Betty Williams Gilloon have been busy reading and finding ways to give so the Class of '23 will gain recognition and so that Skidmore benefits from their gift while they are alive. Betty and Frank have many interests in education, medicine, wildlife, etc.

Joyce and Jerry Glassey are holding their own, too, out there on Mercer Island near their two boys, with yearly visits to their daughter's in Connecticut. Mary Joyce Glassey Ehbrecht '57 celebrated her 25th Reunion at Skidmore this year.

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We have Kay McKinlay Brehm to thank for the following news items.

Kay had lunch with Grace McClelland Leslie recently and they telephone visit very often.

Florence Buhrmaster Harr is recovering from a broken hip and her husband reports that she is getting along well.

Peggy Hayford Taylor's son taught at Skidmore in the Art Department this year and is having a show of his work in New York City.

Kay reports that she is fine and has kept busy and contented during this past winter's ice age. She expects it must have been good for ski business in Vermont. (Right you are, Kay, but I could gladly have done with less of the white stuff!)

Esther Case Williams wrote to the Alumni Office that she had a delightful cruise on The Mardi Gras, the first of March, to the Caribbean and Mexico.

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Dorothy Hensel Axford 497 N Abington Road Clarks Green, PA 18411

Gracey Pelton Harrison and husband Schuyler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past year, and daughter Hope Hollister ran it all, at Canoe Brook Country Club, in South Hills, MA. Five of the original 14 in the wedding party were on hand for the occasion. The couple then spent 10 weeks at their camp in the Adirondacks as usual — Gracey's 74th time there. Then, at the end of September, they flew to San Francisco for 10 days with daughter Nan and family. The Harrisons expect to stay in Sarasota until June of this year.

Virginia Brandt is now at Oxford Manor, 7 Locust Street, Oxford, PA 19363. Please drop her a note.

Emily Beach Smith wrote to say that she is still active in her church. She and her sister drove up the East coast to Maryland last June and spent Christmas with family in New York State. ... Grace Phillips Michelsen was in the process of moving to Delray Beach, FL, when she wrote in January. She and Rolf are settling into an adult retirement community. He is 82 and has both glaucoma and cataracts while Grace has been recuperating from a serious operation. Their new address is 1115 SW 22nd Avenue, Apt. 327, Abbey Delray, Delray Beach, FL 33445.

As for the Axfords, we have 12 grandchildren whom we see often. Two are graduates of Skidmore. I am still painting — poorly, but manage to sell every now and then.

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Frances Tompkins Fuller Rydel Park 460 Rydal, PA 19046

Christmas cards brought news of several classmates, the most detailed with interesting pictures from Marj Smith Davis. She and

Deane were planning to go to Sarasota this year instead of to Arizona.

Bernice Alexander Cummings has visited her girls out west a couple of times during the past year, and also spent ten days touring Vermont.

Gen Anderson Morgan seems to be having a very busy time with family and friends in and around Avon, NY, now that she is settled back in her old hometown.



Class of 1927

On my Metroliner trip to Boston, Betty Honness McKaughan just happened to be sitting across the aisle. We had a fine visit before she got off in New York to spend the holidays with her daughter and family.

Two sad items: Dr. Hazel Richards died on November 15, 1981, in Longmeadow, MA, and Olive Roy Armstrong's husband Harrison died September 25, 1981. We extend our sympathy to Dixie's daughter, Jennifer Hatcher '54, of Denver, CO, and to Olive and her family.

Lois McAdams Standfast wrote to the Alumni Office that she and Alfred celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 1981. Their three children put on quite a party, with 10 grandchildren, many cousins and other relatives and friends attending.

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Mary Roberts Tear 45 Goode Street Burnt Hills, NY 12027

Norma Lippold Howard has moved back to Spring Lake Heights, NJ, where she has bought a townhouse near a golf course. She is glad to be back in the area where she lived for so many years. A note of interest: The President of her women's club is Dr. Borst's daughter. Remember History of Ed?

Mary Thompson is enjoying her new home in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Mac Hunt Evans and Alton took their boat to Florida for another winter of cruising and visiting friends.

Connie Goodwin Cheney wrote to the Alumni Office that it was a most nostalgic and delightful day when the Palamontain entourage came to Saratoga in January. Elinor Griffin McFarlane sends her love to all the Class. She is at Hamilton Nursing Home, 141 Chestnut St., Needham, MA 02192, and would love to hear from classmates.

The class mourns the loss of "Luddie", Evelyn Ludlow Bowers, who died March 29, 1982, three weeks after her husband of 56 years, James Bowers, died on February 21st. Luddie was our creative and dependable arranger and accompanist for the last several reunions. Although she left before graduation to marry James, she continued piano lessons with Mr. Johns after he married and moved to New Jersey. She was active in the Altar Guild and Choir of St. John's Episcopal Church, a 55-year member of Red Cross, a member of Somerville Civic League, Womans Auxiliary of the Somerset Medical Center, Somerville History Club and Bound Brook Garden Club. James, a past president of the Rutgers Law School Alumni, had served as State Assemblyman and Senator and leader of the Democratic Senate Minority, as Prosecutor of Pleas of Somerset County and as Judge of the first Judicial District. He was a Brigadier General in the NJ National Guard, Director of the Somerset Trust Company, and a member of the NJ Civil Service Commission. The Bowers are survived by two daughters, E. Guinevere Bowers Brokaw '50, of 9 Fieldstone Drive, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, and Marjorie

Bowers Rogers, '55 of Shepard Hill Road, Newton, CT 06470 a son, Dr. Louis V. Bowers, of Bridgewater, NJ; and her sister, Marjorie Ludlow Lindabury '32.

Marjorie Ludlow Lindabury is the wife of Ruth Lindabury Rand's brother.

Can you believe that next year, 1983, marks our 50th reunion. Hope that all of you will attend, and think about doubling your contribution as a reunion gift.

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Betty Lally Rice
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Jane Stearns and her sister have moved to a retirement community in Kennett Square, PA, after 25 years in Durham, NH. Louise Crossley Bogart and son visited them in Durham before their move.

Our new Class President, Collier Klidder Kropper, had a fascinating trip to Mexico last fall. She and Fliv Woollard Morris visited Kay Marshall Sambrook at her summer home at Ticonderoga, NY, in September.

Ruth Godfrey Tucker flew to Hawaii last winter. Last June she was in New England for a grandson's graduation and to sit with a granddaughter for three weeks. After four weeks at home she went to New York to board the Royal Viking Sky for a three week's cruise to Newfoundland, Iceland, Quebec, Boston and Newport, and then, returned to New England for her daughter's wedding in Windsor, CT.

Marge Land Rounds has moved to Green Valley, Arizona. She and her husband spent a day with Ike McCord Stroud in Sedona. The Strouds had a fine holiday in British Columbia last summer. Their new address in Sedona is 105 Mountain Shadows Drive.

Gert Schanck Wolcott had a fine summer last year in Rhode Island. She and Marmie Williams Hoyt '28 went to Duxbury, MA, to attend the 50th anniversary of Alice Potter Hoyt's wedding. Gert was preparing for a National League of Pen Women art show in Lincoln Center.

Peg Berry did the Atlantic seaboard last summer, from Maine to Fort Lauderdale. When she returned to California, she was more than glad she had chosen LaJolla for retirement.

I enjoyed a trip to England last Spring. The summer on Cape Cod was fine, too.

Agnes Ritchie Talcott wrote to the Alumni Office in February that they are in their new home at Panorama City, a retirement complex, near Olympia, WA. Mary Elizabeth Close Pease keeps up with garden club and shows, as well as with needlepoint, and writes that she is hanging in there with her 14-year-old golden retriever, "Moses."

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Alice Hageman Ballantine
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The sympathy of our class is extended to Marie Mills Enberg, whose husband Edward died in February, 1981. Those of us who enjoyed knowing him at our 50th reunion in 1980 will remember his outgoing personality and geniality. When he and Marie were married at The Little Church Around the Corner in NYC, Edward was with Wilson Mechanical Instruments. WWII sent him to service in North Africa and Europe and he attained the rank of Colonel. Back in the States again, he and a friend established metal hardness testing and he became a recognized authority and consultant for the National Bureau of Standards. In 1968, he received his Master of Divinity Degree and served two Episcopal churches. For Marie, our sympathy and wishes for a stable readjustment.

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Jean Tyre Mason
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Rhoda Stockman Bentley, sent me a copy of the letters she mailed to the Alumni Board at the time of our reunion. It was in appreciation to all who made our 50th such a success, and it included suggestions gathered from class-mates who offered them in the spirit of improving future reunions, especially for the elderly! Rhoda served as Alumni Trustee for four years, from 1969 to 1973, and still cherishes that experience. She also mentioned regret at not turning in more material for her history.

"Mid" West Nitchie went with Ted for a relaxing vacation in Munich in September, with a Rhine cruise included. Ted had been very ill prior to the trip, and the trip was part of his convalescence. We are glad for his recovery. He and Mid were anticipating separate holiday visits with their three children in Virginia, Massachusetts and New Jersey.

Flo Mills Jennings is especially happy to have her daughter from New Orleans now living nearby on Long Island. Flo reported that Betty Weatherby Hollowell returned from another trip — a six-week's cruise on the "Vistefjord" with her new husband.

In late October, Gin Redford cruised on the "Rotterdam," stopping at three Caribbean ports, and also enjoyed an interesting trip to the Finger Lakes with her church group.

Gwen Quimby Bowlen reported another successful and rewarding season on their Christmas Tree Farm in New Hampshire. Last summer afforded the Bowlens a chance to visit with Tiny Harding Thomas and her husband in Marshfield, Massachusetts. Gwen and Dick also spent a week with friends in Bermuda.

Peg Carpenter Oest loves their new home in San Diego. A mild heart attack hospitalized her in November just as she and George were preparing to fly to Hawaii to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary. Peg assured us that this attack was far less serious than her 1977 "affair" in Saratoga.

Ellie Parrott Lumianski '32 still feels part of our class since we spent our first two years together. She and Bob were as glad to come down from Lake George to see us last June as we were to see them.

By now you have received the letter from our co-presidents, Gladys Haupt and Millie Vanderveer Schwiebert. We did do well in our giving last year, but perhaps we can do better! Let us try.

I was saddened to learn of Anne Colby Washburn's death from cancer on 3 January 1982 in Williamstown, Massachusetts. Anne had been faithful in her attendance at class reunions, so there are many classmates who will be missing her. Anne had taught Physical Education in Ohio schools and served as VP of the Berkshire-Bennington Skidmore Alumni Club from 1958 to 1962. Class sympathy has been extended to her family.

Remember to send your news. Ruth Fenton Haman and I will be waiting! Thanks to each one who has contributed by writing. May the year ahead be good to everyone.

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Marjorie Yetter Walls
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Betty Walker Clark is planning to attend our 50th as are Dot Latham Walker and Wib who visited Betty in September. The Walkers are also looking forward to a trip to Ireland in March with a group they have traveled with before.

Dill and Reg Walrath had a large birthday celebration last July when Reg became 70.

Evelyn Eckert Grounell is well pleased with her accommodations in the retirement home. Her granddaughter is a senior at Dennison and her grandson works at an inn in Vermont.

Jane Simon Teller had an exhibition of her wood sculpture at The Squibb Gallery in Princeton, NJ, in March and April of this year.

We extend sincerest sympathy to Henrietta Schneider Morse whose husband, Edward, died last Fall.

Dorothy Wagenseil Hussennetter, after living in Roslyn Harbor, L.I. for 30 years, has finally moved to Sugarloaf, PA. Her oldest daughter and three granddaughters and son-in-law live nearby. The youngest daughter lives in Kentucky.

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Elizabeth Norlander Newell
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Barbara Gruntal Allen resigned from the Council for Career Planning in September, but still works for the council on a part-time basis. Last August she visited Ruth Wood Bagg and Al in Canandaigua and also saw Kay Jones Tuthill and Mary Kates Good. Barbara now has more time to enjoy New York City cultural events and is also volunteering with the American Cancer Society. Recently, she bought 25 acres in Putnam Valley, NY, where daughter Judy lives.

Helen Hull Fuller finds her Waltham, MA apartment very convenient to both private and public modes of transportation. She moved recently after living many years in Newton Centre, MA.

Marjorie Saisselein Woodbury and Perry spent August and September in Dorset, Vermont. They drove over to Saratoga for a short visit and were delighted with the college.

In October Charlotte Smith King and Jerry spent a weekend with Muriel Scribner Rice and George in New Hampshire for the Dartmouth-Cornell game. Ibba Eames Hagerman and Don joined them on Saturday. Don's appointment as Interim Headmaster at Chatham Hall

ends this June and Ibba says Don was "recycled" when he had his bypass surgery. The Hagermans have 12 grandchildren.

I talked with Muriel in March when she and George had just returned to Manchester, NH from their New London condo and some great skiing. Scrib had heard from Jessie Rathbone Froemke at Christmas. Jessie lives in Tallahassee, Florida.

Margie Hackstaff Robertson is one of our most traveled classmates. Last year she spent 35 days touring the South Pacific. She flew east to New Jersey in August for her 50th high school reunion and, in October, took a 16-day opera tour in Scotland, England and Ireland. At Christmas time she was off to spend the holidays with daughter Nancy Jane and husband Allen in Houston. Then, to start the New Year right, she left on January 28th for a 26-day tour of Africa. Margie still works at the Phoenix Zoo and wants to "see animals in the wild before they are all gone."

A letter from Charlotte Smith King enclosed notes from Janet Roukes Seaver and Esther Ferguson Edelen. Jan and Ed enjoyed their winter holiday in Arizona and also spent two weeks in the San Diego area visiting relatives and friends. Jan and Ed were "co-chairs" for their 50th high school reunion last September. Esther and husband spend quite a bit of their retirement traveling to see family. They have a daughter in West Virginia, a son in California and a total of six grandchildren, five boys and one girl. Esther's 95-year-old mother lives in Pennsylvania.

Jean MacNaughton Fisher has several health problems, but finds music good therapy. She records classical music from radio and has developed an extensive cassette library. She also hopes to get back to playing the organ soon. Husband Milton has benefited a great deal from recent by-pass surgery. The Fishers have a daughter in Clifton Park, NY and a son in government service in Thailand. Jean keeps in close touch with Nellie Hegeman Teale who lives in Lebanon, NJ.

The Class will be saddened to know that Valerie Twibell Tibballs died of cancer on her birthday, March 27, 1982. Helen Hull Fuller had heard from Val in December at which time Val had returned to the work she loved with the local school department. She is survived by her husband, Cyrus E. Tibballs III, 115 N Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey, NJ 07446.

Anita Farrington Earl keeps in shape by jogging four miles and more each day. She also keeps busy doing fancy cooking, designing and making her own clothes.



Class of 1932



Class of 1937

The Class extends deep sympathy to Beth Twigg Goff whose husband Bob died in mid-February after a long illness. I have talked with Beth and she is well.

Our sympathy, too, goes to Betty Boeve Schoonover whose husband Wear, known to us as "Jake," died of cancer on May 15, and to Dorothy Blinner Conner whose husband Bob passed away on November 10, 1981.

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Lucille Hogan Burkhardt
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As I sit down at the magic typewriter, the one that only types the "good news," I find to my regret that only the dear friends have been sending in the Word. There have got to be some enemies out there, so let's hear from you.

Elsa Thum Lutz had a two-week's cruise to Alaska in September on the Royal Viking Sun, but says she never seems to run into anyone from Skidmore. She always lists her maiden name, as well as married name, on the passenger list in hopes someone might see it, remember her and say hello. "No luck, so far!"

Doris St. John Bayliss has added to her usual volunteer work. She is busy doing registration of donors for Red Cross Blood Banks and has also joined AAUW.

Last summer was great for Ginny Sturz Hare who visited friends in Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Long Island. She even got to see Disney World.

Now, how about this from Ruth Suttie Whiting? "I want you to know that computers can be incorrect. Lucille Hogan is still your witty and faithful secretary. I... am just a part of the 50th Reunion and am still plugging for donations to our fund. I need less than \$100 to make our fifth thousand which will be sent to Skidmore to be invested for the next five years." Ruth's regular, part-time work as a nurse was interfering with her volunteer and social life, so she now only works as needed and available. She is on the Waterloo, NY Board of Education and is active in Red Cross, as an instructor and on the executive committee; Retired Teachers; AAUW, North Seneca Ambulance, and more. (Editor's Note: Phewl!)

Incidentally, in her latest letter, Ruth goes on to say, "Mother and I will venture forth again on our first AARP trip to the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. We will see the International Flower Show in Holland. Mother saw it 20 years ago but in another country (occurs only every 10 years)." (Mrs. Suttie, we bet you will see the one on the Moon.)

In November Ginny Vought Walters and husband had a two-week vacation at Hilton Head Island where they saw Paul and Mary Bross Settle almost daily.

Sympathy is extended to Betty Rogers Heffel whose husband Gene died April 17, 1982, following a long illness.

The Class also expresses its sympathies to the family of Edith Mary Stevens Cummings Willes who died in Vernal, Utah on March 25 after a long illness. She is survived by a daughter, Marydith, of 10495 2000 S., Vernal, Utah.

Enid Kay Schiff is back at her job in New York after some surgery. (Keep well, Enid, we need you!)

Edith Shackelford Eddy wrote to the Alumni Office in February that she now has two great grandsons and wonders how many other great grandmothers there are in the class. Edith says, "Despite that distinction I rarely find a day I'm not busy as some volunteer task." She also wrote that she had driven to North Carolina twice recently.

The Class extends its sympathy to Betsey Allan Troutt whose husband George, a retired executive vice president of Associated Dry Goods Corporation, died on February 13, 1982. Since his retirement, George had served as financial advisor to Alexander Proudfoot, an international consulting firm. Mr. Troutt is also survived by two daughters, Wendy Rowem of Tampa, FL, and Karen Thoman of New York City; his mother, and two grandsons.

Leston and Lucille grumped their way through the Florida winter, missing grandchildren, house plants, family and neighbors. Soon, soon, Spring will be 'yucmmmin in. Love to you all and keep in touch, y'hear?

Janet Wyckoff Carpenter
In Loving Memory

"Good Bye for now. I'll see you tomorrow." I kissed Jan, leaving her slumped in a wheel chair at the Fishermen's Hospital in Marathon on the Florida Keys. She had been there since early February. March was almost over. On her days of weakness she would sleep through my visit while I read cards and letters from friends and classmates. Days of glee, I would push the I.V. machine, like a Rube Goldberg lamp, into the enclosed garden so she could glimpse clouds and be warmed by the sun — hear the birds and smell and touch the exotic island flowers — ordinary things people do every day.

Her husband, Miles, visited early in the day and in the evening. Otherwise, Janet was mostly alone, for the devastating illness that had turned her from a Sailor Lass enroute to the Dry Tortugas into a sad woman in a hospital nightie, had struck when she was a long way from home.

We never knew how ill she was. With her husband she talked of her daughter in California, her son in Maine — the boat trip home to Martha's Vineyard. How could they manage it? When could they start?

Jan and I spoke of Skidmore and our friends, classmates we met almost 50 years ago when we started college. We spoke of South Hall

The couple stayed in Japanese inns and private homes, absorbing the culture and customs such as sleeping on futons, "mastering" Japanese-style toilets, and eating raw fish and bean soup for breakfast. "After kneeling on mats for a two-hour tea ceremony," Betty writes, "the old bones protested when we tried to stand up."

Jean MacTaggart and Dick Morrison traveled last Spring to Vienna, Greece, Turkey, and the Balkans and Hungary. Betty Murphy Koerner came up from Wethersfield, CT, to house-sit while the Morrions were in Maine. Jean and Betty's twin sister, Audrey, spent their annual fall day together, going places they'd wanted to go all summer.

Betty Brown Vigour finished her stint as AAUW president. She and Hervey were signed up for the Skidmore trip through the Panama Canal in February. Betty's daughter lives in Olympia, WA, and her two sons and their wives and families live nearby. The clan gathers each summer for a week of sailing and general fun.

Ruth Jones Lindsay and Bob became grandparents for the first time when daughter Judy had a son in November. He is named after his father, Barry P. Shell III. Ruth's daughter Susan has been attending a class for mature adults at Skidmore and met "Lanlie" Doyle Norderhus who lives in Glens Falls. Wish Alen would tune us in on this experience.

Lee Blanchard Hotchkiss wrote to the Alumni Office that she is still teaching and is still seeing Skidmore buddies.

Marge Mapes Brett, Longboat Key, FL, has served 26 years as a Red Cross volunteer. She and Roger spend much time boating and he was awarded a trophy for outstanding contribution to yacht racing in the USA.

Janet Allen said winter came early to Rochester, so the remembrance of places visited in the Spanish sunlight will be much cherished. She and her sister enjoyed being with friends who live on the Costa Brava and also travelled to beautiful places in Moorish Spain.

The class extends sympathy to Dottie Ulman Brown who lost her father in November. In October, Dottie and her daughter Sue had fabulous but difficult travels to Japan, China and Hong Kong. Sympathy is extended also to Barbara Lord Richmond whose husband George died on January 3, 1981, and to Lenore Clark Hamilton whose husband of 40 years died on November 13, 1981.

Had a phone call from "Willy" Morison reminding me of my annual contribution to the Alumni Fund, and even though Morrow is retired, his former employer will provide matching funds. Hope our class will make a good showing when the final figures appear.

A 1980 Christmas card from Lenore Hurth Waldron suddenly appeared from out of the blue. There were four grandchildren at that time. Lenore wrote, "Guess who went on a three-week's European trip together? The Burbanks (Betty Carthus) and the Byrnes (Betty Colaman)." Why don't we hear some of this news firsthand? Come on gals, get pen in hand!

Libby Webster Simmons is my number one passer-on-of-news "Anne Allaben Farrell and Jim are grandparents. Erin Elizabeth, was born to eldest son Keith (architect) and wife Barbara. Youngest daughter Cindy is a nurse and is being married in May; daughter Anne Althea is following in her mother's footsteps as an artist in New York; and daughter Susan continues to be their outdoor girl, fighting forest fires in Idaho. Anne and Jim have bought a house in New Hampshire, which they have remodelled, and they both enjoy golf."

Other golf enthusiasts are Jane Sutton Andres and husband Charles. Charles has retired from teaching art and is finding time to paint for pleasure. They have a daughter and son living in California; the eldest daughter is at Cornell; and the youngest son, Mark, graduated from Williams with highest honors in English and Phi Beta Kappa.

Didn't we Peytons pick the best winter to spend away from the record cold and 37-inch snow in Minnesota? We love our new town house in Naples as well as our Hole-in-the-Wall golf club. Imagine my surprise in November when I absentmindedly left two irons on a green, and who should retrieve them but Betty Cane Bates playing behind us with husband Wells. Since then, Betty and I have golfed together, and in mid March the Bates and Peytons were rained out of a mixed foursome. However, at a later date, we enjoyed a seafood dinner together. We were disappointed that Petie Heflin Kindermann and Bill, who had planned to be with us, had cancelled their Florida vacation.

On March 13th, four in our class staged a mini-reunion at Marco. Jane Cooper Ellison and Tom drove down from Sanibel where they own a condo (Loggerhead). Tom met with nearby fraternity brothers while Jane joined with Hilda Bashekin Betten and Morris, Charlotte Appelbaum Lanzit and Bob, and Morrow and me for lunch. We shared family pictures and reminisced about our days on the old campus. The greatest change in the foursome we decided was hair color. Hilda's ebony hair is now short, curly and auburn. Apple made the most dramatic switch from blonde to brunette. Yours truly is "salt and pepper," and Jane is a lovely snowy white. Jane and I were interested to find that her married daughter, Nancy, and our son, Jay, and family are all living in Evergreen, CO, and have mutual friends. Jane's other daughter and two children live near Jane and Tom in Chagrin Falls, OH. Apple had photos of Mary Gunst Barnett's family taken at their summer place on Lake George where they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Such a handsome group. Daughter Carol is married to Allen Fuchs, a new rabbi in Cincinnati, and they have two sons; son Bill runs the family mill in Spartenburg; and son Larry owns a radio station and is a popular radio commentator. He and his wife Wendy have two children.

Apple and Bob are fortunate in having their twin sons residing in Cincinnati. She showed a recent snapshot of Norma Trabold Kerr and her mother. Tray's husband Harper recently retired as a physician and the family moved in a motor home to their new location in northwest Florida. Apple has wintered in past years, in Sarasota and while there enjoyed visiting with Julia Hysham and Miss Bridgeman who, she said, "looked as lovely as ever." At that time, Helen Mowrey and Marion Pease were living nearby. Apple's husband Bob's hobby is writing poetry and he entertained us with his stories. He and Harvey Miller, Roz Levine's husband, were school friends, and he had introduced Al Stern to Betty Jonas. Jonesy and Al met the Lanzits in Malibu two years ago, and it was fun seeing photos of this encounter. Apple sees Dotty Lippman Bobrow who is still living in the same house in which she grew up. One of her sons is an ophthalmologist in St. Louis.

Helen "Boots" Muller Rigo's husband, Charles P. Rigo, would be delighted to hear from Helen's friends, 5764 Stevens Forest Rd., Apt. 314, Columbia, MD 21045.

Please note an upcoming switch of class officers. Both Hilda and I agree that this is a wise time for a changeover. We are happy to report that Marjorie Kirk will assume Hilda's duties as President and Charlotte Appelbaum Lanzit will serve as Secretary. Marge plans to spend the summer traveling abroad after she retires from her teaching career at Allegany College. She is receiving one of the five Blue Citation Awards in appreciation and recognition for her 37 years of service to the college. Congratulations, Marge, and Happy Retirement.

Hilda and Morris Betten celebrated their 40th, and as a surprise gift their three children, Allen, Teena and Sandra, presented them with the news that they had established a Fund at Skidmore honoring their parents. The annual income will be used as a scholarship award to a social work student. The award will be given for the first time in April, and it is also the first time in Skidmore's history that the children of an alumni have honored their parents in this fashion. Our class can be proud of Hilda and her family.

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I seem to have missed the last few news deadlines, so forgive me if some of these items are a bit old.

My dear husband, Bob, passed away January 28, 1982, after a 3½ month ordeal with lung cancer, which was the main reason I did not reporting for the last issue. The news now is not lengthy, but I gleaned a few items from Christmas letters and three postcards. So, here goes:

Kay Cole was married August 16, 1981 to George P. Quinn. They were old friends who became reacquainted while Kay was attending Summer Six at Skidmore last summer. She sees Anne "Schiele" Faith, also remarried, and Helen Mahoney Cornish fairly often. One of Kay's jewelry pieces was displayed in a show at the San Jose Museum last October.

Gen Oliver Littlefield, faithful correspondent, spent part of last summer in Europe. She and Don covered 3,000 miles, travelling to eight countries. All our nurse friends are, of course, sad about the demise of Skidmore's Nursing Program.

Doris Luck Pullen retired on July 1, and she and Phil celebrated their 40th anniversary camping and snorkeling in the Virgin Islands.

Received the usual hilarious letter from Marion "Skippy" Klep Morrison and John. Son Robert was married recently so they gained a daughter and a granddog, "Buster." The Morrison's youngest daughter, Gigi, played the lead in "Carousel" in a dinner theater near Washington, D.C. in December.

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I was pleased to hear from Emily Pattison Dodge. She and her family reside happily at Westport, NY, on Lake Champlain. Her daughter and family are building a house overlooking the lake where they hope sometime to view the "Lake Champlain Monster" (from a distance, that is!)

Bessie Isenberg Reiner's departure for her winter home in Indian Wells, CA, was delayed because of gall bladder surgery. Her biggest news is that a border collie named Joey adopted the Reiners three years ago and travels with them.

Betty Jones Stern is still substitute teaching, grades one through high school, and claims the challenge keeps her hopping. She and Al spent a delightful three weeks in Japan in October visiting their youngest daughter, Beth, who is teaching English to Japanese adults.

Bets Flatow Kaufman and Jim spent this past winter plowing and replowing snow in Vermont. They had a wonderful trip last year, including visits to the Greenfield Museum near Detroit and the Science Museum in Chicago. They flew to Calgary, took a train trip to Vancouver, BC, and went on to Seattle where they rented a car and drove down the coast, flying home from Oakland.

Had a nice chat with Peg Mackey Lawrence recently — which reminds me, don't forget your annual alumni giving. Be generous! Also, please send news. I'll try harder to keep up to date from now on. Forgive me for any items I may have misplaced. I'm not improving in the organization department, I fear.

News items submitted to the Alumni Office: Emily Pattison Dodge '39 has been in touch with Betty Howell Jenkins. Betty and husband were in Vermont last summer visiting their son and his wife and then spent time at Basin Harbor enjoying Lake Champlain. Betty is continuing her painting and won a "Best of Show" and a Blue Ribbon in a juried art exhibit. . . . Betty Wiles is still doing sets for CBS in New York. She took time out last summer to design and supervise the building of a studio on her family house in Bayshore, NY, which she expects to enjoy when she retires. . . . The Class will be saddened to hear that Marie Tornello Hughes passed away in November of 1981. She leaves her husband, Vince, daughters Chrissie and Rennie, and her sister, Renata Tornello Griffith '43. Helen Mahoney Cornish has given up her job with the California State Department of Education after working with the Department's Office of Information, Graphic Arts and media productions (slide/tape shows and movies) for eight years. She and Danny Birdsall Bance have been corresponding with one another regarding the Voucher system which, she says, could put public education in the worst turmoil one can imagine if it gets on the California ballot in November.

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Dorothy Rose Murphy spent Christmas at Lake George, NY, with her family and five grandchildren. She and Gordon planned to visit Arizona and San Diego this spring.

Alma Steinen Jung sent the sad news of her mother's passing on October 5, 1981. We all send our sympathy to Alma and her family.

Winifred Green Fuchs is now living in Tarpon Springs, FL, since her husband retired in September. Enjoy!

Teddy Williams Vincent wrote of our reunion fun and is looking forward to a "ringer" for our Fiftieth! We'll all second that.

Pat Moseley Trepagnier wrote that she regretted missing our reunion last year.

Dorothea Bruning Herrmann is enjoying life in Austin, TX. Her daughter Nancy's two children are a great delight and her son Rick and his wife are frequent visitors.

Ruth Jensen McWilliams is excited at the news her oldest son Chris and his wife will be returning to the States in September.

Dorothy Dryfoos Olsan's daughter Margaret was married in October to Davis Lyons. Margaret attended Skidmore with the Class of '70. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

Norma Kapewich Rosenstein is still working at the Health Department and caring for her 93-year-old father. Her youngest son and his wife just made Norma a grandmother for the second time — both boys!

Keep the news coming, because your Secretary has many deadlines to fulfill.

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Marge Hall Halliday and Bill see retirement on the horizon. They're hoping to visit grandchildren in New England this summer (maybe another get-together for me?). Last summer they visited their daughter Kathy in The Hague and all had a driving tour of Belgium, Germany and France, ending up in Paris on Bastille Day when they heard Mitterand speak near the Arc de Triomphe.

Barbara von Lenz Chenhall enjoys being a docent at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque while Bob is busy planning the New Mexico Museum of Natural History. They spent three vacation weeks during the winter holidays in Portugal and Madeira and, for the rest of the winter, skied on the nearby Sandia Mountains.

Eunice Edwards Tenney's husband Tom has two sons with him in the Pepsi business. Eunice keeps busy with tennis, golf, and cross-country skiing as well as volunteer work. This year she finds tutoring adults to read very rewarding. The Tenneys have four grandchildren who insist on changing their life style. The Tenneys have visited China, Alaska, Bermuda and Scotland, with a trip to New Zealand coming up.

Connie Nathan Tupper is now resuming her painting, reading, tennis, swimming, etc., following a cataract operation in December. In her January letter she told of a two-weeks' trip in September that she and Gert Haas Friedman and husbands made. They drove through New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Utah, visiting all the canyons enroute. Connie and Monty celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in December. Also, congratulations to Connie for being featured as one of twelve women artists of Central Virginia having a painting reproduced in FOCUS (The Women's Organization calendar). Hers was entitled "Lone Apple," and appeared on the September page.

The Class extends sympathy to Julianne Oppenheimer Lewis whose husband Laurence died on March 31 of this year at Sloan Kettering Center. Also surviving are four sons, Laurence, Robert, Geoffrey and James, and one grandson. Laurence was VP of Pershing and Co.

Jane Hyde Radtke wrote a nice letter saying that she lost contact with Saratoga when her father (you remember Dr. Hyde) and mother moved back to Indiana. Since she knew only the old campus, she still has memories of Union Avenue. Jane is unable to come back for reunion and wishes us well.

Betty Morley Williams reported the following from her phone contacts. Betty Smith Reeve teaches fourth grade in New Jersey. This summer Norma Crooker Smoke will be visiting her daughter on Cape Cod after which she will go to her summer home in Cooperstown, NY. Statia Wrona McFarland had a golfing vacation in Jamaica in February. Connie Rice Bennett keeps busy playing tennis, doing painting and art shows. Jan Harding Butler has two daughters and three granddaughters and at reunion time expects to be at their summer home. Marion Melnick Crane enjoys teaching fifth grade.

Nancy Close Gibson wrote to the Alumni Office that this winter she was slightly slowed down by a broken leg, but spent her days writing a mystery story for children. . . . Word from Dorothy Lodgen Halpern is that one of her daughters was married in November. The daughter and husband are architects, living and working in New York City. The Halperns live in Waltham, MA.

As for your secretary, John and I just returned from a short vacation in Florida where I had a wonderful reunion with Abby Nutt Cipolla at her sister's home in Venice. We hadn't seen each other for 35 years so there was a lot to talk about. It was also the first time we had met each other's husband.

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This is the second deadline with no news from any of you, with one big exception — Mary Jane Leahy Wilson. What a pleasant surprise when a paperback book arrived in Clifton, NH, where Carl and I have a small temporary apartment (not 10 people know the address there). THE BOOK — a must for all '43ers — "Europe with a Bussybody" by Mary Jane Wilson, our very own! I quote from "about the author." "She is a writer, an actress, and a celebrity speaker. . . ." Mary Jane is the wife of John R. Wilson, consulting engineer, and mother of three sons and a daughter. She has spent eight years researching and working on this delightful book, and it shows! I am impressed beyond belief! You might get a copy at your favorite bookstore or have them order it for you. Published by Waldo Bruce Publishers, Dallas, TX 75214, you could also write to Europe with a Bussybody, PO Box 140906, Dallas, TX 75214. The cost is \$5.95 plus \$1.50 for handling.

The only other news is that Marnette Neuman Lieblich, Anne Campbell Rudner, and I are planning a '43 get-together for NYC area folk, so perhaps for the next issue we can have a big column. Keep in mind our 40th reunion in 1983.

The Class is saddened to learn of the death of Esther Burnham on March 3, 1982 and extends sympathy to her mother and brother.

Two items received in the Alumni Office: Gloria May Sessions writes that she is mother of five and grandmother of none, but there's hope! She is exhibiting in nine galleries and besides acrylic and watercolor paintings she is also into printmaking etching and figures in clay. Constance Hallik Schaffer and husband are planning a cruise through the Scandinavian Fjords this June.



Class of 1942



Class of 1947



Class of 1952



Class of 1957

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Jan Brooke Green recently returned from her mother's home in Florida where she was recuperating from a foot operation which necessitated a cast. Before her incapacitation, she and Bob had a wonderful trip to England with a group from our local Worcester Art Museum where Jan is a docent. They studied Norman and Medieval Architecture, visiting cathedrals and buildings of that time in Salisbury, Winchester, Wells and Bath. While touring Oxford University, they stayed at the Studley Priory which is over 1,000 years old. They visited Tintern Abbey in Wales, and the town council in our sister city of Worcester gave them a sherry reception and walking tour of Tudor houses. Jan and Bob have a new granddaughter, so they now have four grandchildren. Two of their sons work for the Bath Iron Works in Maine, another is a lawyer in NYC, and daughter Betsy is employed by a sound studio in New York.

Bobby Graefenecker Eaton wrote that their last child, Mike, got his degree from the U. of Michigan. They have been dividing their time between Endwell, NY and their new home on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina. She and Fred had an exciting time in December when they attended a reception at the White House with a group of Gahnett Publishers.

Congratulations to Virginia Gray McNear who received the 1981 Minnesota Nurses Association Creative Nursing Award for work in Maternal Child Health. She also received an award from the Minnesota Division of the American Cancer Society for work in Reach to Recovery.

Priscilla Comins Craig was busy visiting her mother and brother who were both hospitalized recently.

Ruth Hedlund Goss and John were planning a trip earlier this year to Eugene, Oregon, where son Paul is located.

Myrna Kroll Weed has a new granddaughter — Pete and Linda's third child. Myrna is very busy with her job which she finds fascinating — working with figures (after being a sociology major).

Sad news from Jean Poskanzer Rudnick; husband Ralph died in early April. In spite of her troubles, Jean took part in the Boston Phonathon and talked with Bets Welles Monroe, Floppy Gutchen Freedman (whose daughter is an M.D. in Boston), Elaine Baldwin Moffat (whose daughter Melissa Jane is Skidmore '83) Betty Anne Lowenstein Bernell, Ollie Clark Niven, Dodie Roman Guenther, Bobbie Roth Gordon, Lois Waite Bouman, Emma Schwartznek Rooms and Phyllis Gerish Ritchie. Jean was enthusiastic that the Class of '82 pledged 83% to Skidmore. Wouldn't it be nice if the Class of '44 could do that? Jean is presently at her home on Cape Cod where her father will join her for one month during the summer.

George and I had a quick trip to California last winter to see our West Coast children. Had lots of fun with our year-old granddaughter out there. We also enjoyed a tour of Universal City with our daughter Susan '75. We were sorry we did not have time to visit with Skidmore classmates there.

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Carol Fleischer Boswell writes that her married daughter Lucy lives in New York City and is in charge of public relations for Equitable Life Group Insurance, and that daughter Marianne, Skidmore '75, who lives in Boston, has just finished her MBA and is a market analyst for a firm in Boston. Carol who is still teaching, spent last summer at Cape Cod in a cottage which she and the girls own and on which they have done a lot of work.

Martha Ellis Disbrow wonders, as we all do, where the time goes. She enjoys her grandchildren and, in the good weather, her favorite game of golf.

Jalopy Ford Baldwin and Art are still enjoying their big, lovely old farmhouse which they share with "two dogs, four cats, and about 175 plants." Fortunately, most of their daughters live nearby with their families so that the house still rings with young voices. Son Henry is a sophomore at Boston College and son Art, III, is doing graduate work at U. Mass after having graduated from Worcester Polytech with distinction in electrical engineering. Jalopy is still teaching school.

Carol Mason Seaman and Fred recently visited their son Rick and his wife and new grandson in Florida. This is the first grandchild and they have joined the ranks of enthusiastic grandparents! Mase is teaching 5 and 6 year-old girls at a gymnastics school and having a great deal of fun with them.

Had a delightful call from Olga Massimiano Gigante when she was in New York recently. Her daughter Julie, an accomplished student violinist, appeared at Carnegie Hall on Christmas Eve, and also at the Kennedy Center in Washington during the holidays. Donnie and I were thrilled to hear her play on WQXR, one of the NYC radio stations which features classical music. She's following in her mother's footsteps, indeed. Olga continues to teach violin. Jim, Olga's husband, is now Deputy Director of the entire Refugee Program for the U.S. Government.

Nancy Brown Reuter keeps more than busy with her intriguing real estate ventures which feature the restoration and rejuvenation of old, historic properties into gracious, comfortable living quarters — apartments and homes. She and daughter Diana, an architect, work together. One of Nancy's charming projects, the Red Fox Tavern in Middleburg, VA, which she restored a few years ago, is beautifully described and pictured in one of the volumes of *Classic Country Inns of America*. Nancy's latest work is a condominium in Georgetown.

Nat Potter Voorhees is also interested in old homes. She and Alan have purchased one in Oldtown, Alexandria, VA, which dates back to 1790. They're having a grand time renovating it and furnishing it with antiques of the Federal period. Daughter Nancy, an interior designer, is assisting them.

Talked with Rita Gagnier Buffinton on the phone this winter while a blizzard was raging outside her home in Bloomington, Illinois. She reports that she and her family have survived the battering snows and storms which the severe weather dumped on them so constantly.

When Reggie Forgham Soule, Sue Rabinowitz Malloy, and Josie Savoca Jablons joined me at our apartment for lunch and a class leadership committee meeting early this year, we had a fine time. Reggie was enthusiastic about her part-time real estate work; Sue was looking forward to a skiing vacation in Austria; and Josie was full of glowing details concerning the exciting trip she and Mike had made to China with several friends at Christmastime. As members of the committee, it was great for all of us to visit with those of you whom we later telephoned, and we thank you again for your fine response.

Betty Crum Hodge and Dick had a grand trip to Hawaii and the Orient last fall. Betty reports that their four boys are busy adults — two in computer work, one in the explosives business, and one in the Coast Guard after having completed community college. The Hodge's have three granddaughters and one grandson.

Nancy June Morison Miller is also a proud grandmother. Two-year-old Elizabeth made Christmas extra bright for Nancy June and husband when they spent the holidays with daughter Christina and son-in-law in Massachusetts. The Millers' son Paul is an NBC foreign correspondent and was seen often on nightly news at the time President Sadat was killed. Their other son, Geoffrey, will be married this summer.

Another enthusiastic grandmother is Marilyn Maier Feinberg whose two grandsons live nearby and help fill her life with joy. Marilyn and Sam have two daughters, Karen and Jeri, both of whom graduated from Skidmore, in '68 and '71 respectively. Marilyn was a worker in Skidmore's Wide Horizon campaign. The Feinbergs have travelled widely over the years and recently returned from a trip to Indonesia, Singapore, Bangkok, and Hawaii.

Yet another ardent grandmother is Barbara Foster Mars who often finds herself traveling westward, from Pittsburgh to Texas and California to visit her three children, Sally, Andrew and Peter, and two grandchildren.

Ginny Lena Calanquin and Leon find their thoughts often in California, also, for that's where their daughter Sheila lives. She does camera work there for the *Entertainment Tonight* show, has completed her Master's and loves her interesting job. Two sons also keep life full and busy for Ginny in Connecticut. Ginny works as a literacy volunteer four hours a week. She also works as a volunteer in the hospital Lobby Shop.

Jan Sharp Adkins and Bill had another marriage in their family in February when oldest son Hugh was the groom. Jan feels especially grateful that the event took place at all, for Hugh was in a severe automobile accident last November in which he suffered many broken bones. Hugh is an attorney and will practice in Easton, MD, where Jan and Bill live. Alden, their second son, is also an attorney who completed law school last year. He and his wife live in Arlington, VA. Daughter Elizabeth and her husband live in Boston. Third son Leonard, is spending his junior year at Middlebury in Greece, taking part in a program called "College Year in Athens." Jan and Bill hope to visit him soon and hope, too, that he will serve as their guide on their upcoming vacation in Greece. Bill is still Court Administrator for Maryland, travels frequently, and Jan accompanies him occasionally.

Priscilla Tuttle Milligan and Bill recently interrupted their sailing life in Florida by visiting New Orleans, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Their son Bruce is now working for a travel magazine in New York City while his wife is a professor of psychology at Vassar College. Daughter Nancy recently married William Sauer, a graphics artist, and she is assistant manager of the bookstore at Nazarene College in Rochester, NY.

News sent to the Alumni Office for publication in SCOPE:

Kay Fahr was remarried in the fall of 1979 to William C. Martin, long-time friend and attorney. He is senior partner in the firm of Martin, Bischoff, Templeton, Boggs and Ericsson in Portland, OR. They spent their honeymoon in France, Austria, England, Germany and Switzerland and returned last fall for a six weeks' tour of the British Isles. For the past nine years, Kay has been a realtor and a member of the Million Dollar Club in Lake Oswego, OR, where she and her husband live. Kay's son, Peter Schenk, and his wife recently returned from the Peace Corps in Malaysia and have opened a PR and advertising agency-marketing research firm in Bend, Oregon. Daughter Susan Margaret Schenk, a fine skier, is an art major at Portland State University and Jonathan recently graduated from the U. of Oregon and is currently working in Seattle. Kay keeps busy traveling with husband Bill and is on the board of the Portland Chamber Orchestra and the New Rose Theater.

Joanne Glennie Hicks plans to do some travelling now that husband Frank has retired from Eastman Kodak after 30 years of service. They have a retirement farm in the hills of the Finger Lakes region, in Naples, NY.

Birgit Aron Neuberg and Hans visited China and Japan last October.

A gift of more than \$70,000 from the estate of Doris Morgan has been targeted for faculty research. The bequest will be used to establish the Doris E. Morgan Endowed Memorial Fund for Faculty Support, and income from the fund will be used to further faculty research and study projects.

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Barbara Smith Martien had a good reunion with Jeanne Tremble Davis '45 last summer. They were happy to see that neither had changed over the years. Bobbie's interests in sports center around skating, curling, nautilus, and gardening. She travels with her husband, gives time to civic volunteer projects, and keeps up with her art by designing and executing silver jewelry. She and Harry are not grandparents yet, although three of their five children are married. One offspring is a skating professional; another, an architect; number 3 works in the Registrar's Office in Ann Arbor while her husband completes work for his doctorate degree; the next is a teacher in Phoenix, and number 5 restores old cars.

Margaret Colby Doig retired from full-time teaching last June and is currently on the substitute list. Peg's husband had already retired from teaching physical education. The Doigs have two sons, one is in banking in Grand Gorge, NY, the other is a food service manager for a nursing home in Schenectady, NY.

On a Christmas card Elizabeth Bradley Kendall wrote that daughter Barbara is studying nutrition at the U. of Vermont and that Henry Jr. is busy filling out college applications. Betsy is a part-time aide for a science teacher. Henry Sr., an engineering administrator, works in Boston.

Pat Gibson Beelie was recipient of the Ruth and John Hall Blackburn Award at a special dinner given by The International Center of the Capital Region, Incorporated, at The Emma Willard School in Troy, NY, on March 26, 1982.

Janet Peters Gardiner writes that she has no special news, just that she is enjoying California and playing golf. She hopes one day to be able to visit the new campus. Janet had a long chat with Jan Hutton Sargent by telephone in October and they caught up on family and news.

Kristin Keough has recently been appointed head of the Interpretation-Public Service Section of the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society. She is living in Buffalo, NY.

Janice Brophy Billingsley is busy with her family in NYC. Kate, 5, and Hillary, 15 months, keep her life interesting. Janice is still doing some freelance writing and had an article published in the November '81 issue of *Mademoiselle* Magazine. She is also involved in charity work for a group of nuns call The Little Sisters of the Assumption. Janice took oldest daughter Kate to Chicago in November to visit **Susan Hirsch Schwartz** and husband Charlie and family who showed them the town. Janice had a visit recently from **Karen Belko Tracy '69** who lives in Washington, DC and works for a consulting firm called Strategic Planning Associates.

MARRIAGE:

Sally Belcher to John Conklin, November 28, '81

BIRTHS:

To **Nick Holbrook Sabbath**, a daughter, July '81
 To **Dana Kaufman Varnum**, a daughter, July '81

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Suzanne Jobb Tether is living in Santiago, Chile, where her husband Harry heads Chase Manhattan Bank. Suzanne coordinated her daughter Elizabeth's cooperative nursery program. She reported to us the sad news of her father's death after a long illness. Suzanne saw **Phyllis Stone Roy** and family recently.

Gayle Hitchmoch Eames wrote a great letter in which she discussed the last twelve years of her life. Back in New England with her husband and son, she is involved in a community theater group as well as teaching bridge to newcomers. (Special mention was made in her letter of those who remember Gayle's bridge playing in college!!!)

Leslie Ullman lives now in El Paso, TX, where she is an Associate Professor in the Creative Writing Program at the U. of Texas-El Paso. She is also part of the Goddard MFA program for creative writers, is currently working on a second collection of poems, and publishing often in magazines.

Karin Bigelow Faber is in Wilmington, DE where she flourishes with children, Benjamin and Sara, and husband George.

Paula Goldblatt Pearson was married last February, 1981, to Randall Pearson, a representative with the Bank of Nova Scotia, New York Agency. Paula is living in Ridgewood, NJ, working the last two years as a Clinical Specialist, Child Psychiatric Nursing, at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center.

Nora Steele Kelley now lives in Jayess, MS in their country place. She works in a small county hospital labor and delivery unit. She and husband Thomas rent their New Orleans home and are hoping to increase their cattle operations so the farm can become self-supporting.

Nancy Trapp Perlson is in Phillips, ME with husband Gary and two daughters, Kyle and Morgan. Nancy is a newspaper correspondent, serves as selectman in the local town government and, with her family, continues building their homestead and tending their animals.

Jan Babson Anderson is working on her MBA at U. of Connecticut as well as enjoying her two sons, David and Tyler, and their new St. Bernard puppy, Babe.

Laurel Greaves Grout is now Assistant VP at Morgan Guaranty Trust Company in NYC, in their Metropolitan Banking Division.

Gale Gurney Galante has taken a leave of absence from her job as school adjustment counselor, but will return in September and try to be a mother and work at the same time.

News sent to the Alumni Office for publication: Dr. **Patricia Nahormek** is Chief of the Cardiology Section at Virginia Medical Center in Hampton and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Eastern Virginia School of Medicine. ... **Anne Sherman** has been named art director in charge of industrial accounts for Miller and Bellone Communications Group, a full-service advertising agency located in Schenectady, NY. ... **Marsha Hollick** Brundage is working with IBM in White Plains, NY, as a senior planner in Information Systems. ... **Lillian Hurlbert** Thompson is employed by the Bell System as an account executive, responsible for communications services of three major universities in Washington, DC. ... **Lynn Ellefsen** signed up for a private ski lesson and the instructor said he went to a small upstate college (which turned out to be Colgate). In April '81, Lynn married R. Robert Sengstacken, and they are living in New Windsor, NY.

BIRTHS:

To **Gale Gurney Galante**, a daughter Nicole Gale, on May 9, 1980; **Maureen Kelly** Cooley, a daughter Mary Lyons, on December 23, 1980; **Kris Clarke MacMillan**, a daughter Marcie, on March 5, 1981; **Bailey Evans** Fine, a daughter Laura Bailey, on May 27, 1981; **Laura Fabel Dumouchel**, a daughter Renee Claire, on July 23, 1981; **Marsha Hollick** Brundage, a daughter Alicia, August 11, 1981; **Anne Schroeder** Hilmer, a son John, on August 28, 1981; **Jacqueline Ross** Ankeles, a son Daniel Joseph, on September 17, 1981; **Cathy Cordova** Reintz, a daughter Amy, Elizabeth, on August 23, 1981; **Anne Harvey** Grote, a daughter Elizabeth Bowdoin, on September 14, 1981; **Diana Dyer** Watson, a daughter Allison Dyer, February 22, '82.

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I hope everyone's year got off to a great start. Peter, John and I brought in the New Year in London where we visited for three weeks during December. It was super to see all of our family and friends again. On our return we got to partake in the record-breaking snows of Britain, as well as the record cold in Chicago (where our plane was diverted). We were glad to get home!

Andy Donkin Gartland wrote that she is redecorating for her first real client. The challenging part of the task is that the client, a high school classmate, is confined to a wheelchair, so they must be very concerned with furniture placements and heights. Andy is planning to take up golf this year.

Maureen Magee is living in Naples, FL and spent the summer living amongst the Cofan Indians in the Amazon Rain Forest (just like Tarzan) and then sailed around the Galapagos Islands.

Julie Goldberg-Botvin is the proud mother of a daughter, Tamar Miriam, born September 22, 1981. Julie now lives in Claremont, CA and has been on a leave from Pitzer College where she teaches English to foreign students.

Wendy Berman Bloom and Harold became the proud parents of twins on August 28, 1981. Stephanie Robin and Jeremy David were both thriving at last report.

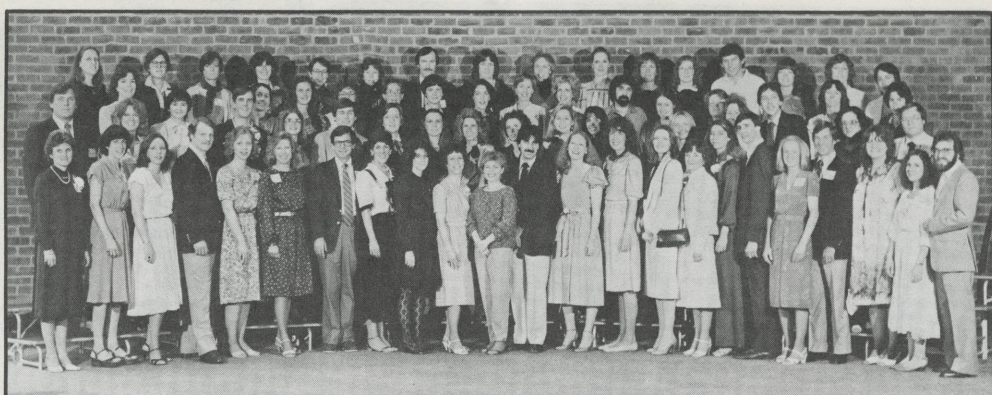
Melanie Sze was married to Dr. Randolph Hock on September 26, 1981. They are living in Wilton, Connecticut.

News received in the Alumni Office: **Gall Kern** continues to paint, full time, and recently had work shown at Guild Hall Museum, East Hampton, and at The Parrish Art Museum in Southampton. ... According to the *Capital District Business Review*, Dr. **Roberta J. Maras** has been named Director of Research and Human Services at Madison North Marketing Communications Agency, Ltd. in Schenectady, NY. She has her Masters from Harvard and Ph.D. from Clark University. ... **Eileen Molloy** Shepard, Editor of the *Sunday Times Union*, gave a presentation entitled, "An Editor Reads Her Paper," at a Sororist Club fundraiser brunch in January at the Hilton Hotel in Albany, NY.

A year ago, **Barbara Lydecker** Crane became interested in designing and making contemporary wall quilts. In October she had a quilt, "The Lucky Star Game," in the Massachusetts Contemporary Quiltmaking Show at Boston University. She wants to know if there are other contemporary quilters out there with whom she might correspond. Her graphic design business is doing well, and daughter Elizabeth is a bright and happy first grader.

News sent to the Alumni Office for publication:

After three years at the NYS Council on the Arts and one year as Comptroller for the NY Council on the Humanities, **Jessica Tomb** is now Director for Program Services at Cultural Council Foundation in NYC, serving 200 cultural groups with computerized financial services. ... **Joleen Johrde** and G. Kent Worden, a graduate of RPI and a registered architect, were married last April '81. Joleen has spent her last few months as an assistant professor at New Hampshire Technical Institute, teaching architectural drafting and working toward her own architectural registration. ... **Jane Hastings** Larrabee and Garey own and operate a general store in West Danville, VT. They are the parents of a daughter, Jenny, born June 11, 1981, who joins four-year-old brother, Curtis. ... **Carolyn Ray** was featured in an article



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which appeared in the February 22, 1981 edition of the *New York Times*. Carolyn, an artist and fabric designer, has her own business in Yonkers, NY, called Art by the Yard. Her hand-painted yard goods employ striped patterns, without repeats, executed in sophisticated colorations. They are produced on heavy cotton poplin and are sold in 10-yard lots. Her work is represented at Cotton Works in NYC and at eight other gallery/home furnishing showrooms throughout the country. ... **Elizabeth Keefe** thanks SCOPE for putting her in touch with Leslie Buchan Brown. Elizabeth is Compliance Officer for all regulations in addition to being Manager of the Credit Card Department at GECU.

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Ann Biderman, back in Rhode Island after six years in San Francisco, is working as an OB-GYN nurse practitioner at Women and Infants Hospital. She has also joined the Army as a Captain in the Reserves and notes that this venture is very interesting! Ann's favorite project is working on her newly-acquired 100-year-old house, and she mentions she's never realized what fun tearing down a wall can be!

Barbara Tsarris Greer is coordinating the Portsmouth, NH Chapter of the Women's Party for Survival. This is a national political organization working to halt the nuclear arms race. She also does some freelance writing after packing 5-year-old Alexa off to kindergarten each morning.

Susan Hufnagel Harvey, her two children, and lobsterman husband Bob live on an island in Penobscot Bay, Maine. She tells us that island living is great, especially for the children, Sarah and Jacob.

Connie Kniffin Keith and family visited the Harveys last summer. Connie writes that she, husband David and son Spencer are excited about returning East. They moved from St. Louis to Woolwich, Maine in October.

Judy Rauch Fruiterman enjoyed seeing old friends at reunion last May. She and Roy live in Delmar, NY with their son Seth. Judy is presently doing an internship in counseling at the Career and Planning and Placement Office at SUNYA and hopes to graduate in May.

Sibyl Waterman Haley (you all remember our Class Secretary Emeritus) has been giving me much encouragement, and for that I'm most grateful. Both daughters have learned to swim well and the oldest, Allison, just began kindergarten in September. Kick Kaplan '73 visited Sibyl in early fall.

Dana Warner Fisher and family live in Indiana where she does some acting but is primarily concerned with raising their two children. Jim is chairman of Wabash College Theatre Department and is preparing for the premiere of his first play, "The Bogus Bride."

Ann Wilkinson-West received her M.S. in child mental health nursing from the U. of California, San Francisco. She taught at the U. of Hawaii, then taught and supervised pediatric nursing at UCSF. Presently, Ann has left nursing to pursue a career in architecture.

April Thompson Green lives near Ann and they plan to run a marathon together soon.

Dory Hughes Spencer is physical therapy chief in a newly-developed geriatric rehabilitation center in LaMirada, CA.

Jean Schlosser Warren and family recently moved to Marblehead, MA. Jean's husband Tom is an obstetric anesthesia fellow associated with Harvard.

Allice Hart Krull received her B.S. in Elementary Ed from Ohio State. Her husband is a library director and they have two children, Rob, 12, and Marla, 8.

Serena Roth Bateman works part time for Cal State in Los Angeles, administering a grant in hospice nurse education and teaching in the program.

DeDe Williams Green and family live in Tazewell, VA, where she works as a medical record department administrator.

Katharine Kreisher finished her M.A. in photography and print-making at SUNYA in May.

Gabrielle Disario and Lewis Bangham were married on June 27, 1981. They are partners in Kennedy, Bangham, Disario Designers. The firm, which is located in San Francisco, does graphic, product, and exhibit design. As mentioned in the last issue, they had a winter term intern from Skidmore last January and found her and the experience quite valuable. Gabrielle urges those who can to participate in the program.

BIRTHS:

To **Diana Williams** Green and Charles, a son, Charles Edward IV, March 1, 1981; to **Dorothy Hughes** Spencer and Curtis, a son, Curtis W. Spencer IV, April 10, 1981; to **Linda Barton** Nicholson and Bruce, a daughter, Jessica Ann, June 22, 1981; to **Nancy Dunne** Bulger and Tom, a son, John Thomas, August 19, 1981; to **Anne Sunderman** Patterson and Mark, a son, Stephen John, October 21, 1981; **Joyce Cooper** Shopp and Allan, a son, Matthew David, July 9, '81.

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News received in the Alumni Office:

Hilary Fischman Soiefer is on maternity leave from her law firm where she is a senior associate in the real estate department. ... **Laura Griffith** appeared on the cover of *United States Banker Magazine* in November '81. Laura is currently an Assistant VP with Barclays Bank in New York City.

BIRTHS:

To **Dari Pollitts** Forman and Paul, a son, Seth Alexander, Jan. '81; **Sally Weil** DeForest and Richard, a son, Paul Richard, Oct. 31, '81; **Victoria Wirth** Larson and Daniel, a daughter, Elizabeth Sundberg, May 19, '81

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News received in the Alumni Office:

Rebecca Volkman Evans and Michael are living in Granville, OH where Michael is a mechanical engineer with Owens-Corning Fiberglass. Their two children are Robin and Seth. ... **Nancy Rotenberg** Peterson earned her M.A. degree from Tufts University in September 1980 and presently chairs the Regional Review Board for the State Dept. of Education, Special Education Division, in Brookline, MA. Joel is an International Banker with The First National Bank of Boston. ... **Dr. Wendy S. Berger** is finishing her second year of residency in internal medicine at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Miami. ... **Katherine Groves** Altverson and **Harry** are in Manama, Bahrain in the Arabian Gulf with their two children, Harry IV and Lauren Groves who was born in Bahrain on December 10, 1981. Harry Sr. is now as Assistant VP with the bank. ... **Lauri Landau** has been working in the Tax Department of Ernst & Whinney, an international accounting firm in NYC. She is a senior tax accountant. ... **Raejean Richardson** Fellows has a personnel placement service called Grove Personnel, in Downers Grove, IL, and she says that business has expanded to three full-time consultants and is prospering. ... **Linda Filon** Fowler keeps busy with Junior League of Hartford as Transfer Chairman, with Welcome Wagon as Treasurer, as Kingswood-Oxford Class Agent, and as Hartford Skidmore Alumni Club Secretary. Son, J.R., is two years old. ... **Faye Eldred** Mihuta is a reading/language arts teacher at the middle school level. Husband Jimmy has his own business — custom designing, constructing, and upholstering furniture. They are in the process of finishing the building of a shop and home, which are tucked away in the woods outside Saratoga.

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Randi Shenkman is working on a doctorate in educational policy and research administration at the U. of Massachusetts, and also teaches history at Belchertown High School. She heads her union's negotiating team and has recently been appointed to the Amherst Recreation Commission. She finds herself always busy and broke, but happy.

Emily Pavlovic recently joined First City Bank in Houston as a compensation analyst. First City is the largest bank in Texas, with assets of over \$11.7 billion.

Patti Sultan Justice still works as advertising manager at Clapp & Poliak, an industrial exhibition management firm. Husband Gary recently made a career move to E.F. Hutton where he works as an account representative.

Steffenie Oliver Keer lives in New Orleans and is a geophysicist at Amoco Production Company.

Regina McNutt Topp, husband Peter, and son Erik are moving to Saudi Arabia where Peter will serve two years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Kathleen O'Brien McGoldrick is an assistant secretary with Bankers Trust Company in New York.

Marie Musgrave Portilla passed her qualifying exams and has been advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. in History at UCLA. Marie won a Fulbright Scholarship and will be doing her dissertation reserach in Mexico City.

Debbie Bottomley Nelson was able to see two of her Skidmore pals during the past year. **Cathy Silver** McNamara and husband Robert visited Debbie in Denver. In September, Debbie came east with daughters Leigh and Lauren for a visit with good friend **Tina Bowle** Dove, husband Chris, and son Andy.

Linda Calderon moved from Paris to Corsica where she is setting up a large studio for drawing, lithography, ceramics, etc. She'd like to hear from any classmates who find themselves in France.

Joan Berger is currently employed as an attorney for the American Stock Exchange in New York City.

Libby Burrows Maupin and husband Jim live in Seattle where Libby works as a travel agent and Jim serves as a yacht broker. Libby was recently promoted to assistant manager of Doug Fox Travel. Her travels have included sailing throughout the Caribbean, a cruise to Alaska, and trips to the Orient and Hawaii.

Jenny Haviland's dream has come true. She's been appointed as a lecturer in the Dept. of Educational Foundations at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, West Africa. She will teach undergraduate courses in special ed and hopes to start a child development center there next year. Congratulations, Jenny!

Fran Silbert Garfield teaches elementary art in Pelham, NH, and serves as secretary of the New Hampshire Art Education Association. She recently coordinated an all-day art symposium in celebration of "Youth Art Month." Fran lives in Nashua with husband Rick, who is also a teacher.

Cindy Secaur Day completed a Ph.D. at the U. of Nebraska in December, '78 and spent a year teaching and doing post-doctoral work. In January, Cindy and her husband, a professor at the University, started their own company, Crystallatics. Cindy is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the company which provides x-ray crystallographic services for chemists in industry and academia. Cindy says she first became interested in crystallography at Skidmore during a winter term at G.E. in Schenectady.

News items received in the Alumni Office: **Pat Brown** is working for Blair TV as national rep in NYC. ... **Cindy Kriesmer** Peters and Chuck are in Houston where he is Assistant Professor of Surgery at U. of Texas Hermann Hospital. ... **Margo Peter** and Tom Randt are also living in Houston. ... **Martha Weaver** Teschner is working on her MS in Nursing at U. of Connecticut, while husband Doug is the administrator for outdoor programs at Becket Academy. **Karen Flaherty** and **Cindy Weaver** were the only Skiddies to attend their wedding on September 26, 1981. **Doreen Spence** was busy with nursing certification

exams in Boston, she completed her MS in nursing this past May. ... **Liz Ullman** wrote that she has been out of touch with Skidmore for 10 years. She spent two years at Skidmore, then graduated from the U. of Iowa, lived in California and moved back to New York this year. ... **Margaret Tipper** and Bill Feiss left NYC for Baltimore last July. She defended her dissertation this spring and graduated from Columbia Teachers College in May. ... **Theresa Elm** received her MSW from the U. of Connecticut in '79.

BIRTHS:

To **Nancy Garra** and David Peterson, a son, Garra Justin, July 25, '81; **Amy Essenefeld** Dolner and Harvey, a daughter, Allison Suzanne, August 1, '81; **Susan Schwedelson** and Steven Seigfried, a son, Michael Lawrence, Aug. 7, '81; **Regina McNutt** Topp and Peter, a son, Erik Kristofor, Aug. 13, '81; **Anne Peterson** Conolly and Neal, a daughter, Jane Goodhue, Sept. 1, '81; **Margaret Tipper** and Stephen Feiss, Jr., a son, Stephen Eimer, Sept. 10, '81; **Melissa Garlock** Goodspeed, a daughter, Jessica Ann, November 2, '81

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News sent to the Alumni Office:

Michelle Sullivan writes that she is currently a first-year MBA student at Northeastern University where she is employed as a graduate assistant. Her husband Frank Lichtenberg is an economist at the National Bureau of Economic Research in Cambridge. ... **Patricia Robbins** Bigelow is working as a Public Health Nurse with the Bureau of Handicapped Children in New Hampshire, and husband Tom has opened his own CPA firm, Leone, Bigelow and Co., in Wolfeboro. They have a daughter, Allison Margaret, born November 12, 1980. ... **Alice Comins** graduated from law school last May and is now an Associate at Brumbaugh Graves, Donohue and Raymond in New York City where she specializes in patent, trademark and copyright matters. ... **Dborah Bocchio** Giardino has been promoted to art director in charge of consumer accounts with Miller and Bellone Communications Group in Schenectady, NY. ... According to the February 15, 1982 edition of *Skidmore Theatre News*, **Ron Berglas** had completed work on the filming of the *Golda Meir* Story starring Ingrid Bergman. Ron's recent performances include a role in *Oppenheimer* with Sam Waterston, as well as the part of the chief prosecuting attorney in *Naming Names*, a program about Arthur Miller's testimony in front of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Both programs were done for the B.B.C. Theatrical work last year included the European premiere of *Mark and Mabel*. After leaving Skidmore, Ron attended the Central School of Speech and Drama in London, and is presently living in London. ... **Cathy Moore** Pomeroy and Ted are happily settled in Denver where she is pursuing course studies in management. Her present teaching job included a winter survival course — the duration of one week with 36 twelve to fourteen-year-olds "was fine until the six hour ride home ... great snow, great kids ... super to be home."

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Ingeborg Hegemann is working at BSC Engineering in Boston as an environmental planner. She also tells me that there is a possibility of returning to school this fall.

Elisabeth Chapus Tipples and "G.R." were married last April in New York City. They are presently living in Dallas where she is a buyer for Neiman-Marcus.

Gwenn Milewski is working on her MBA at the U. of Baltimore, part time, and is also a reference librarian at Towson State University.

Jerry Katz has entered the real estate field. He bought a building in the Back Bay section of Boston for renovation.

I recently read in the *New York Times* that **Grace Meade** and David Diggs were married on January 2, 1982. Jane is a first grade teacher at St. Bernard's School in Manhattan and David is a flute instructor at The Spence School.

Pamela Kray Dan has been living in Houston, Texas. She and Julian were married in May of 1980. Julian works for McDermott in the offshore oil business, while Pam has recently retired from her job at W & J Sloane to await the birth of their first child. Pam writes that they will probably end up living overseas in the near future due to the nature of Julian's business.

News sent to the Alumni Office: **Walter Bazar** is an art advisor for the Ukrainian Museum and the Ukrainian Institute of America. An art broker for several museums and collectors, he also manages art investment portfolios for collectors. Walter gave a lecture in February on "Esthetic Criteria and Collecting 19th Century Art" at the Schenectady Museum. ... **Collette Atkinson** is with Merrill Lynch in their Municipal Bond Department in Chicago, Illinois. ... **Elizabeth Lowe** is in the process of restoring and rehabilitating an Albany home which she hopes to move into. ... **Meloney Crawford** was married to James Chadwick in September 1981. She is a Temple Law School graduate and he is a commercial artist. ... **Liz Greenberg**, living in Washington, DC, is off on a business trip around the world, as a consultant in conference management. She is working in Jakarta, Indonesia, Bangkok, Thailand and Colombo, Sri Lanka, on conferences sponsored by the United Nations and the U. S. Department of State. After her Asian travels, she couldn't resist a week of vacation in Florence, Italy, where she had lived during her junior year in college. ... **Catherine Rice** Gorrell is working as a clinical nurse specialist in Adult Oncology at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. ... **Barbara Corvettl** Minkel and husband William, a law student at Albany Law School, are living in Saratoga Springs, NY. Barbara is a free-lance illustrator. ... **Anne Hughes** is a free-lance artist and part-time counselor for a treatment center for delinquent adolescents in Madison, Wisconsin. Husband, Stanley Livingston, M.D., is a resident in Family Practice at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison.

MARRIAGES:

Diane Dowling to Dr. Gian Piero Baron, Oct. 31, '81
Christine M. Wright to Daniel Francis Hanley, Jr., Jan. 2, '82
Marypat Rilengberg to Donald Melsheimer, Jan. 9, '82

Peggy Morrissey to John Clohessy, Apr. 24, '82

BIRTHS:

To **Kimberley Mensel** Majczan, a daughter, Allison Beth, Oct. 23, '81; **Nancy Sproull** Means, a son, Nov. 1, '81

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News received in the Alumni Office:

Lisa Preston Bertles is Manager of Fashion Planning for Danskin, Inc. in New York. Husband, James, is an attorney in Stamford, CT. ... **Eric Mitchell** is currently working as Head Photographer for the Philadelphia Museum of Art. When he wrote in February, he was anticipating a trip to Australia and the Far East. ... **Deborah Whittemore** is employed at Institutional Brokerage Company in Burlingame, CA, which covers the institutional food service needs of northern California. ... **Betsy Reinartz** Cutler and Bob have bought a house in Allentown, PA and are enjoying their son, Brian, Jr., who was born last May 30th. ... **Mary Boudreau** Katon is also at home with a new baby in Fitchburg, MA. ... **Linda Behlen** is busy working to fulfill the requirements for a Ph.D. in chemistry in her second year of graduate studies at the U. of Colorado. ... and **Shoneen** and **Jason Gervich**, UWV, celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary in November '81. Jason is selling computers for a retail computer outlet in Portland and Shoneen is in her fourth year as director of her own small driver education business which teaches in the private schools in Portland, Oregon.

The Class will be sorry to learn of the death of **Nancy Wells** Flanders on January 20, 1982 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Nancy was employed by the County of Boulder as a registered nurse, working with the mentally and physically disabled in both the adult and juvenile programs of the County.

Skidmore College *Theatre News* reports that **Laura Halper** had a part in *The Ghostics* which was presented by Optimus Productions at the Hotel Plaza in NYC in December, and that **Ann Jamison** is presently working for Characters at Large, an acting company in NYC. She has

On the Road for Skidmore — Admissions Office Sets Fall Schedule

Skidmore admissions officers will be visiting various communities throughout the country this coming fall according to the following schedule. Alumni who wish to inform prospective Skidmore students of the admissions counselors' visits to their home areas may write or telephone Director of Admissions Louise Wise for specific dates, times and locations. The Admissions Office is exceedingly grateful for the valuable communications work Skidmore Alumni perform for the college this way.

Week of September 13
and
Week of September 20
Nassau County, NY
Minneapolis, Rochester, MN
Seattle, WA
Portland, OR
North Andover, Waltham, MA
Fort Worth, Richardson, Dallas, TX
Long Island, NY
Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, NY

Week of September 27
Los Angeles, San Francisco, CA
Montreal, Canada
Portland, ME
Durham, NH
Minneapolis, MN

Week of October 4
Long Island, NY
New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford, CT
Worcester, Pittsfield, MA
Burlington, VT
Lawrence, Groton, MA
Providence, RI

Week of October 11
New Jersey
Albany, Troy, Schenectady, NY
Florida
New York City

Week of October 18
New York City
Westchester County, NY
Boston, MA
Connecticut
Richmond, VA
Atlanta, GA

Week of October 25
Memphis, TN
New York City
Fairfield County, CT
Westchester County, NY

Week of November 1
Miami, FL
Chicago, IL
Milwaukee, WI
Washington, DC
Worcester, Deerfield, Wilbraham, MA

Week of November 8
Philadelphia, PA
Hartford, New Haven, CT
Buffalo, NY
Pittsburgh, PA
Detroit, MI

Week of November 15
Baltimore, MD
Washington, DC
Springfield, MA
Cleveland, Cincinnati, OH

Week of November 22
Philadelphia, PA

ALUMNI DATES TO REMEMBER

Alumni Council — September 24, 25, 26

Homecoming, Classes of '75 — '82 — October 1, 2, 3

Physical Education Reunion — November 5, 6

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