Chestnut Hill College announced that it has signed an agreement of sale with The Albert M. Greenfield Foundation to purchase for campus expansion the Sugarloaf estate, a 32-acre property located in the northwest section of Philadelphia. The property, which is situated diagonally across Germantown Avenue from the College's existing campus, most recently served as The Albert M. Greenfield Conference Center of Temple University.

The College will immediately focus on conducting due diligence and on completing efforts to raise funds necessary for the purchase of the Sugarloaf property. The transaction is expected to close in the third quarter. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

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Dear Alumnae, Alumni, and Friends of the College:

As you see from the story above, this is an exciting and historic time for Chestnut Hill College. The opportunity to purchase the Sugarloaf Estate offers possibilities of expansion that will improve and enhance our beloved College forever.

Since signing the agreement of sale to purchase Sugarloaf last month, we have focused on raising the funds needed to make this dream a reality. We have established a Task Force of prominent community members who are working to surface names of potential individual donors as well as foundations and corporations that may assist us with significant contributions. While we do have several substantial commitments already, only 25% of our goal has been met and our window of opportunity is small.

I ask, therefore, for your assistance. If you know anyone who might be interested in providing significant support, please notify me or Lorraine Aurely, vice president for Institutional Advancement. Your contacts can help make this happen for Chestnut Hill College.

As you consider how to help, please keep in mind the various aspects of this project that may be of interest to prospective donors. In addition to enhancing the educational experience of our students, acquiring Sugarloaf will extend Chestnut Hill College's stewardship of a significant portion of the Wissahickon Valley watershed. We intend to maintain open green space and, toward this end, the College will place appropriate portions of the Sugarloaf property under conservation easement to assure their protection in perpetuity.

The College's neighbors share our excitement at the possible acquisition of Sugarloaf. At a series of meetings with groups including the Chestnut Hill Community Association, the Chestnut Hill Business Association, the Chestnut Hill Historical Society, Friends of the Wissahickon, the Morris Arboretum, and Woodmere Museum, along with individual neighbors, College representatives shared the vision for Sugarloaf. Many neighbors praised our plans as sensitive to the architectural heritage and environmental concerns of the greater community and encouraging of civic and cultural partnerships. The changes on campus continue to astound us as the student population increases at unanticipated rates. Applications for next year have increased more than
Try to remember what it was like when you were a college student like Angela, or George, or Jennifer, or Stacie. Your dreams were fostered in the classroom, and with extra-curricular activities, and by treasured friends and teachers. From a practical standpoint, you probably never thought to ask how the roof got fixed, or the staff got paid, or where new library books and athletic uniforms came from. You only knew that you had everything you needed to enrich your life and follow your dream. Wasn’t it great?

But behind the scenes, the College relied on a critical source of revenue, the annual fund — now known as The Griffin Fund — to pay for its general operating costs that supported those dreams. Things like academic and student life programs; faculty and staff salaries; equipment purchases and upgrades; building and grounds maintenance; athletic uniforms and equipment, library acquisitions, and utility costs.

The Griffin Fund is also used to attract grants from corporations, foundations, and government agencies. That’s why the percentage of participation in fund giving is equally important to the dollar amount raised.

Every dollar given to The Griffin Fund contributes to a need, meaning someone like Angela is at work with the best technology, someone like Stacie is experimenting with top-notch lab equipment, someone like Jennifer has the extensive library resources she needs, and someone like George can enjoy competitive soccer play. Our students will soon have much to offer the world. What can we offer our students?

Fulfill a promise to the student you once were yourself, and stay true to the dreams of your youth by making a contribution to The Griffin Fund this year. Contributions to this year’s Griffin Fund must be made by June 30, 2006. For more information, please contact Catherine Quinn, director of development, at quinnc@chc.edu or 215.248.7137.
Dear Alums,

This is a special year for you – it’s time to celebrate your class reunion at your alma mater and we’re pulling out all the stops to make it the best ever!

By now you should have received a rather large and colorful “save the date” postcard alerting you to the dates for your special weekend at the College: June 2-3-4. When you spotted it in your mailbox, what was your first reaction? Was it “Great! Can’t wait to go!” Or was it more like, “Oh, no, not again!” Or if you’re from the class of ’01, you may have thought, “It has to do with what?”

If your reaction was positive, you’ve attended a reunion before. Previous attendees know that the weekend is one of fun-filled activities, fabulous food, and the chance to be a kid again with the people who still think of you as one. If you’re like me, your real best friends today are your friends from C H C, with whom you can pick up a conversation as if you saw each other yesterday. There’s a special ease about being with old friends – and a lot of laughs, too. Just bring your yearbook and photo albums and the laughs and stories will flow profusely! Also bring along the music from your era and your favorite “adult beverages” and a party will surely follow.

On the other hand, if your reaction was not quite so positive, I’m guessing you have never been to one of your reunions or haven’t joined in for quite some time. Or, if this is your first invitation as a member of the class of ’01, you have no idea what to expect. So let me tell you a bit about how reunion weekend works:

First of all, you need to know that the menu of weekend activities is presented “a la carte.” What I mean by that is your official invitation package will show you what’s planned for the entire weekend. While we hope you’ll come for all, we realize you might have a family wedding or a vacation and can only join us for part of the weekend. No problem. Pick and choose which events you want to attend and make your reservation accordingly and pay only for what you select. Or select the whole weekend package, which includes two nights in a dorm room, all the meals and snacks (and there are a lot of them), and all the events. It’s your “best buy.” Besides, don’t you deserve a weekend of kicking back with your pals, letting a chef prepare all the meals, and savoring all those memories as you stroll our gorgeous campus? Yes, you deserve the royal treatment at your C H C class reunion!

Most alums who have limited time come to the most important event: the official reunion luncheon and Association meeting on Saturday. Held in Sorgenti Arena of Martino Hall, this beautifully prepared and served meal is the signature event of the weekend. You’ll cheer for your class during the opening “Roll Call of the Classes” and share a champagne toast. You will be the first to know the identity of this year’s winner of the Eleanore Dolan Egan ’28 Award for Outstanding Service to Chestnut Hill College through the Alumnae & Alumni Association. Your class photo will be taken to preserve the day and its memories. And you’ll be privileged to hear and enjoy the annual “State of the College” address from our president, Sister Carol Jean Vale. This year’s presentation promises to be a blockbuster as our College is growing by leaps and bounds in every way! You won’t want to miss the luncheon!

After the luncheon, class meetings are held and new officers are elected for the next five-year term. Saturday night we’re having a new event: Casino Night with a martini bar! Should be a ton of fun that you won’t want to miss. There are also individual class parties, outings to the Chestnut Hill community, tours, lectures, swimming, workouts in the fitness center, worship, reflection, and more. Phew! What a weekend!

So now that you know more about it, how can you resist? When your Reunion Reservation Package arrives in the mail, read it promptly and say “Yes!” Talk to your friends now and get a huge turnout organized. Call your class officers for info about your class party. Volunteer for our “phone-a-thon” at the Alum Relations Office later this spring to encourage classmates to attend. Just call Alum Director Pat Canning at 215-247-7144 to help out.

If you plan now to celebrate your class reunion, then it will be my distinct pleasure to greet you in the main lobby of Fournier Hall on June 2 and say, “Welcome Home to the Hill!”

Best regards,

Suzanne Schulz Dressler ’71
Alumnae & Alumni Association President

P.S. Be the first to know news about everything going on at C H C by sending your e-mail address to alumni@chc.edu. You’ll join thousands of other alums who are already receiving electronic news flashes about lectures, games, faculty, updates on construction, academic programs, and more. Log on now, send us your e-mail address, and stay connected.
Sugarloaf Estate — continued from page 1

College President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D., said, “It is not hyperbole to state that the acquisition of Sugarloaf is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Chestnut Hill College, an event of historic and transformational proportions. With the implementation of the decision to go coed, growth accelerated at an unprecedented rate and a metamorphosis of the campus began. When Sugarloaf is purchased, it will herald a second change unprecedented in the 81 years of the College’s existence. The implications of the addition of these lush acres to the already exquisite College campus are staggering and, in fact, life-altering in terms of the future. If I sound excited and enthusiastic, it is because I am.” Adding Sugarloaf to the College will nearly double the size of the campus, allowing for expansion of the campus that would balance the best interests of the community, the environment, and advancement of the College’s mission. We believe we have found the perfect buyer in CB Richard Ellis, Inc. represented Sugarloaf for the sale.

Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D., President — continued from page 1

30% over this same time last year, deposits for next year are up 69%, and the incoming class will be the largest in the history. While this is incredibly positive for the institution, it brings new challenges. In fall 2006, a new 155-bed residence hall will open and be filled immediately. Even with this additional facility, some students will have to live off-campus. The rate of growth is superseding our ability to keep pace, but to slow down the acceleration would be unwise.

The acquisition of Sugarloaf is an unprecedented and likely once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Chestnut Hill College and presents a transformational moment. The prospects for growth and expansion of the College that would be possible on this tract of land cannot be accomplished on our current site. Furthermore, the benefits and possibilities afforded by its adjacency to the College cannot be duplicated. This addition to the campus is crucial if we are to achieve our goal of a full-time undergraduate enrollment of 1,200 to 1,500 students within the next decade. This acquisition will facilitate greater collaboration with the Chestnut Hill community and help us to serve better our neighbors in northwest Philadelphia and its suburbs. Please do everything you are able to help Chestnut Hill College to acquire Sugarloaf.

Sincerely,

Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D., President

Nest Builders - A troupe of nine students and three staff members accepted Habitat for Humanity’s “Collegiate Challenge” for an alternative spring break and traveled to Goldsboro, North Carolina in March to spend the week home-building. Fran Vorsky ’05 says of the experience, “While the mission of the group was to serve others, it was we who were served. The First Baptist Church of Goldsboro, its members, and the people of Goldsboro showed the group the true meaning of southern hospitality. The group arrived as strangers but parted as friends, making it a trip with memories and lessons that will last a lifetime.”

The group included: (kneeling L to R: Stefanie Patronostro ’08, Laura Mattesini ’06, Angela Garofalo ’06, Fran Boshell ’09; (standing L to R) Bill from Habitat, Anne Ruckdeschel ’06, Roy Sands ’08, Heather O’Keefe ’08, Fran Vorsky ’05, Seth Jacobson ’07, George Roitzsch ’07, Campus Minister Ryan Murphy, Director of Campus Ministry Rebecca Losimno, and Katie from Habitat.

Caro Ruckdeschel ’06, President
New Faces

Joseph D’Orio, Jr., Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Psychology

Sara English, B.A. ’05
Resident Coordinator

Ryan Murphy, M.S.
Admissions Counselor and Campus M.Inder

Kathleen Nash, M.S.
Counselor for the Equal Opportunity Program

Sheila Walsh B.A. ’05
Athletic Communications and Community Outreach Coordinator

Transitions

Christine M. Lundt, Ph.D. (left) and April T. Fowlkes, B.S. (right) have joined the ACCELERATED Degree Program.

In a reorganization of the area, Dr. Lundt has assumed the newly-created position of Director of the ACCELERATED Degree Program in the School of Continuing Studies, overseeing the school’s operations. Associate Dean Christine Nydick will continue to supervise academic advising. With thirty years in higher education, Dr. Lundt was most recently with Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania, as associate director in the Center for Social Concern.

April Fowlkes serves in the dual capacity of off-site and transfer coordinator, with half of her time devoted to community outreach, and the other half in transcript evaluation to facilitate credit equivalencies for incoming students. She previously worked as a pre-college coordinator, admissions counselor, and multicultural student advisor at the University of Wisconsin, from which she is currently pursuing a distance master’s degree in higher education.

RecycleMania Sweeps Fontbonne Hall

RecycleMania has kicked-off at Chestnut Hill College and Fontbonne Hall has taken on the challenge of—well, recycling. According to www.recyclenicians.org, “RecycleMania is a friendly competition among university recycling programs in the U.S. that provides students with a fun, proactive activity in waste reduction.” There are different categories that schools can compete in: the largest amount of recyclables, the least amount of trash, and the highest recycle rate.

The 10-week competition started January 29 and will end April 8. There are 93 colleges and universities participating and Chestnut Hill College is putting up a good fight! After the first week, the College was tied for second place with Kalamazoo College in the targeted category of bottles and cans.

Resident Coordinator Jennifer Mowad ’05 is heading up the competition in Fontbonne. “During our RA re-training in January we were talking about programming and the core values of the College and how to integrate the two. Two of the core values are ‘Service’ and ‘Concern for the Earth.’ Recycling immediately came up. After I did some research I found out about RecycleMania. It sounded like a fun project so we decided to enter,” she said.

Mowad isn’t worried about competition from the larger colleges and universities. “The competition is per capita, so the size of the campus or number of people involved is not that much of a factor. We have just as good a chance of winning as a big state school. We’ve been encouraging students to drink more Snapple, since an empty glass bottle of Snapple weighs approximately 16 times more than an empty plastic bottle of water/soda. I hope this is the start of something big here — I think we’ve paved the way for a campus-wide recycling program to be established. Next year I would love to see the whole campus involved in the competition.”

Weighing-in for Recycle Mania:
Resident Assistant J enifer Mowad ’05 (foreground); behind her, left to right: J enifer Wilmot ’06, Lauren J ackson ’08, George Roltzsch ’07, Roy Sands ’08, and J amar Turner-Jackson ’08.

Christine Nydick, M.Ed., associate dean of the School of Continuing Studies ACCELERATED Degree Program, welcomed 16 new inductees into the Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society at a ceremony on December 13. The honor society is devoted to the advancement of scholarship and to the recognition of adult students in continuing their higher education. The College has fashioned its chapter to emphasize that even busy lifelong learners can attain high scholastic achievements while being actively involved in the College community. To be elected to the society, students must complete 30 credits and maintain a 3.6 grade point average.
In Memoriam

Helen Veronica McKenna, SSJ, Ph.D. 1918 – 2006

Helen Veronica McKenna SSJ, Ph.D., died in her 88th year on January 6, 2006 at St. Joseph Villa. She graduated from Hallahan High School in 1936, and entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph the following year. She subsequently taught elementary grades at Philadelphia’s Ascension School and at St. Luke’s, Glenside, Pa., then mathematics and physics at Wildwood Catholic High School in New Jersey. Nurturing a keen interest in psychology, in 1953 Sister Helen Veronica undertook full-time studies at the Catholic University of America, earning a master’s degree in psychology in 1955. She continued full-time graduate studies at Fordham University and was awarded a Ph.D. in psychology in 1958, becoming one of the first Sisters of Saint Joseph to earn such a degree. From 1958 through 1969, she taught psychology at the College as well as a few courses in philosophy, and published a number of scholarly articles in professional journals. She cited these years of teaching as the happiest of her career.

In 1969, then-College President Sister Mary Xavier Kirby appointed Sister Helen Veronica as the academic dean, a position she held until 1980. Among her achievements as dean were curriculum revisions; the introduction of majors in elementary education and business; and the development of the continuing education program.

Sister Helen Veronica taught psychology part time at the College from 1980-1990 and then worked in ACCESS (later ACCELERATED) and in the Kirby Program as an evaluator of transcripts until 1997, when she retired to the Villa.

Professor Mary Helen Kashuba, SSJ, D.M.L., says of her colleague, “Fidelity and devotion characterized her relationship with her many friends, both personal and professional. She and Sister Mary Xavier shared almost 12 years in the administration of the College and understood and supported each other totally, often through challenging times in the turbulent sixties and the early seventies. In addition, she developed lasting relationships with her students. Her Christmas mail, even up until 2005, always included cards and letters from alumnae who continued to revere her.”

Sister Helen Veronica is survived by nieces and nephews. Contributions in her memory may be made to Chestnut Hill College, 9601 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118.

Back By Popular Demand:
Mathematics and Music Education Majors

Not every problem solver is meant for M.I.T., nor is every music lover suited for Juilliard or the Curtis Institute. So, here at the College there’s a place once again for the mathematically inclined and musically talented, as the College has reinstituted these courses of study as majors.

Attracting music education majors also helps to support some of the College’s long-held traditions, such as Carol Night and the Spring Musical. Kathleen McCloskey, SSJ, chair of the music department, observes, “Performance is integral to music and music education majors. Groups such as the Hill Singers, Instrumental Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Improvisation Lab and the Chorus provide abundant opportunities for performance. Young men and women interested in a career as a music educator can also pursue a Bachelor of Science in music education. After completing their coursework and tests required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, students are eligible to teach music K-12. This certification program is currently in progress.”

“Mathematics is one of the oldest and most fundamental sciences,” says Judith Sullivan, coordinator of the department, “but it continues to be an excellent choice of major in today’s world. It provides a solid foundation for any career choice in which strong problem-solving and critical thinking skills are imperative, such as law, medicine, and business.” The reinstatement of the math major is effective July 1, 2006.

The faculties of both departments have been increased with the addition of former adjunct instructor Edward Strauman, Ph.D. as assistant professor of music, and Merilyn Ryan, SSJ, Ph.D. as professor of mathematics.
A Second Blooming:
Jean Robinson Turns 80, Enrolls in Graduate School

by Anne Vey Stewart

“There’s someone in my course that you have to meet,” a student in the College’s master’s program in clinical and counseling psychology told me. “She’s 80 years old.” “Getting a masters?” “Yes, and she plans to go on for her Psy.D.” I was immediately guilty of making assumptions about type — in this case, an 80-year-old type — and vaguely pictured a frail person with blueish curls and sensible shoes.

Jean Love Robinson, the College’s oldest student, is tiny all right, but far from frail, since decades of dance lessons and yoga practice have endowed her with a sure grace. She is chic in a yellow sweater and corduroy jeans, with lustrous dark hair, a dazzling smile, and firm handshake. She gives me a copy of her autobiography, How to Survive in Spite of Your Family, written in longhand over a 20 year period and published in 1996. The book, she offers, is a history of a black family in the twenties; it is also a frank account of the racism she faced in her own Philadelphia family as the only dark-skinned child in a light-skinned African-American family. Another person might have been crushed by the emotional abuse, but Jean, optimistic and spiritual by nature, turned the other cheek. She says simply, “Once I discovered that God loved me, it didn’t matter who else didn’t.”

Jean excelled at Philadelphia Girls High, and went on to graduate magna cum laude from Virginia State College. Afterwards, she reconnected with Leon Robinson, a childhood neighbor, and the two wed in 1948. The happy union would last 55 years. Leon was a psychiatrist and Jean taught physical education, then got her real estate license and managed apartment buildings. In between, the two raised a daughter and pursued an enriching life of shared values that included a commitment to volunteer work. Suddenly in April 2003, Leon died after taking a walk. Jean reflects, “The first phase of my life had a time frame of 78 years. The second phase, which I’m in now, defines and confirms my purpose for being born. I attribute this to my unusual response to widowhood when my wonderful husband died. I responded not by mourning his transition to God’s kingdom, but by celebrating his life by continuing to be the same happy, optimistic person he loved and admired, and to continue my personal growth, which he encouraged so much.”

Becoming a psychologist seemed a natural choice for a woman whose ability to forgive and reconcile had been her salvation. Jean is now in her second year of the master’s program with a concentration in marriage and family therapy, and maintains a 3.8 grade average. She volunteers at the Senior Citizens Center in Germantown and anticipates doing her practicum at the Germantown Home, a long-term care facility for the elderly. “I love my classes, adore my professors, and thoroughly enjoy and treasure the camaraderie and friendships that I’ve developed with my younger classmates. Since it will take five years for my next program, I will receive my doctorate degree in 2012 at the age of 86.”

Graduate Partnership With Emlen School Is Thriving

It’s time to buddy up on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the lunchroom at Eleonore Emlen Elementary School in Germantown. That’s when 200 sixth-graders and kindergartners pair up for buddy activities — the girls on Tuesdays, the boys on Thursdays. It’s all part of the plan of behavioral and academic supports devised by Chestnut Hill College, in partnership with the School District of Philadelphia, thanks to a continuing grant from the School Reform Commission. The grant was originally awarded in November 2004 and renewed in November 2005 due to the successes of goals laid out in the original grant. Among the yearly goals are to reduce suspensions and increase academic achievement and parental involvement. So far, suspensions have decreased by 35 percent, while reading assessment scores rose from three to six levels. A school-sponsored parent “movie night” in January (featuring the film Madagascar) drew more than 250 people versus the projected 75.

The project continues to support four graduate students from the College: Kristine LePonte and Marie Beresford from the education department; Judy Johnson from human services administration; and Alissa Brown from the department of professional psychology. Dr. Carol Pate, chair of the education department, is the project director, assisted by Dr. Stephen Berk, assistant professor of psychology, and former school psychologist David Kahn. Annual renewal of the grant could potentially go on indefinitely, says Dr. Pate.
Reunions All Around

Plans continue to unfold for reunions of graduates of the three Schools of the College, beginning with the School of Continuing Studies (CED, Kirby Program, ACCELERATED). Alums will gather on Saturday, May 6, in the Sorgenti Arena of Martino Hall for their 1st Annual Reunion consisting of a cocktail reception hosted by the Office of Alumnae & Alumni Relations, followed by dinner.

The West Dining Room provides the setting for the 1st Annual Reunion of graduates of the School of Graduate Studies on Saturday, May 20, immediately following the School’s 25th Anniversary Celebration Academic Conference. A cocktail reception hosted by the Office of Alumnae & Alumni Relations is planned. [See reunion invitation below.]

Graduates of the School of Undergraduate Studies will return for their traditional Reunion Weekend on June 2-4 for more than two days of fun, relaxation, and reminiscing. Reunion celebrants will enjoy several annual favorites plus a number of enhanced and new activities throughout the weekend. The full registration package will be mailed by early April.

Reunion Weekend closes on Sunday (June 4) with the annual Golden Griffins Brunch for the 50th reunion and earlier classes. This year, however, additional activities, opportunities to explore the surrounding area, and other downtime choices will be available for those who remain to enjoy the new, added event that occurs that evening --- the Libris Society Celebration Dinner.

Libris Society Celebration Dinner

The Libris Society Celebration Dinner, which will welcome new members chosen by a selection committee, begins at 5:30 on June 4 with cocktails. All alums, especially Libris Society Charter Members inducted during the College’s 80th Anniversary celebration last spring, Reunion Weekend celebrants, and classmates, families, colleagues, and friends of this year’s honorees, are encouraged to attend. Call 215.248.7085 or e-mail garnettea@chc.edu by April 20th to request an invitation.

Athletics Day Attracts Alum-Athletes, Young Alums

A number of alum-athletes of the last 25 years participated in Athletics Day at Chestnut Hill on January 20. The Admissions and Alumnae offices collaborative event consisted of a morning Athletics Open House and afternoon basketball double-header, followed by a post-game Alum Happy Hour at nearby Brittingham’s Irish Pub. Alum-athletes were joined at the festivities by close to 30 young alums, women’s basketball coach Jackie deMarteleire, Athletics Director Bill Stiles, and Alumnae & Alumni Association officers Suzanee Schulz Dresler ’71 and Joanne Fink ’76. Margo Mongil-Kwoka ’80 traveled from the Baltimore area to join Diane Wasyluk Iardella ’87 from Wilmington and local residents Julia King Gorniak ’99, Kathleen McKenna Pestich ’92 and continued on page 9
Christine McCrane ’01 at the Open House in welcoming prospective students and parents, then staffing an information table during the lunchtime mini-fair. More formalized athletics-admissions ambassador activity is expected to evolve for these and other alum-athletes next year.

**College President Visits Alums**

Sister Carol Jean Vale and VP of Institutional Advancement Lorraine Aurely ’71 updated Southeastern Florida alums on College expansion, curriculum development, and other news during a luncheon on February 11 hosted by Mary Lou Stafford McGill ’54 at Jonathon’s Landing in Jupiter. Additional visits and presentations to alums took place in March in Los Angeles and San Diego, each hosted by Trudy Carlin Rutledge ’63, and in San Francisco, hosted by Bonita Jones ’79. Elizabeth Shafer Tetenbaum ’70 and Carole Wimberg Cadora ’63 assisted with the Los Angeles and San Diego events.

**Reaching Out in Print, On Screen, and by Phone**

In an effort to increase the frequency, timeliness, and dimension of communications with Chestnut Hill graduates, the alum office this year moved beyond traditional flyers to a series of blast e-mails and jumbo postcards. The newest items are a Spring 2006 Activities postcard mailed to all alums in recent weeks and the Libris Society nomination postcard mailed in January. Alums with e-mail capability are asked to either register or update their addresses by contacting alumni@chc.edu. All alums are encouraged to check the College Web site www.chc.edu/alum for continuous updates to the events calendar and to other news items. Electronic communication and other services are expected to increase with the introduction of an alum online community scheduled for implementation by iModules, Inc. during the next several months.

Alums from the class years ending in 1 and 6 will call classmates during an April 5-28 phonathon to encourage Reunion Weekend registrations. The phones also got a workout when students and Alumnae & Alumni Association directors rang alums during a March 20-31 Griffin Fund phonathon. This fundraising activity resumes at Chestnut Hill after several years’ absence to solicit charitable gifts for the College’s annual operating budget. The Griffin Fund, the new identity and name to what was traditionally known as the annual fund [and many years earlier as the alumnae fund], is the College’s single most important annual philanthropic priority.

Graduates of all schools of the College are encouraged to contact Director of Alumnae & Alumni Relations Patricia Canning ’70 with news, comments, and suggestions by either phone or e-mail (215/248.7144; canningp@chc.edu).

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**13-Day Greek Isles Cruise**

**July 2 – 15, 2006**

Your journey will begin in the storied city of Venice, then you’ll embark on the Grand Princess bound for the isles of Greece, such as the shores of the sunny island of Corfu. The trip includes stops in Athens, Naples, and Rome. There is a 2-night optional extension in Rome with exclusive private tours of the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museum. Fares for the regular cruise begin at $3,416 per person, and include round trip air from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, or Newark, airport transfers in Europe, port charges and all meals and entertainment aboard ship. Taxes of approximately $113 per person are additional.

**9-Day Irish Heritage Tour**

**August 11 - 19, 2006**

Your 9-day tour begins in Shannon as you sightsee by luxury motorcoach with a professional Irish tour director. The trip includes round trip air from selected U.S. gateway cities, airport transfers, 7 nights superior first class hotel accommodations with private bath, a daily sightseeing program, full Irish breakfasts daily, table d’hote dinners in Killarney, Waterford and Galway, a medieval banquet and entertainment in a 15th century Irish castle, a traditional Irish evening with dinner and entertainment at the Abbey Tavern, and admission to local attractions. Prices begin at $2,494 per person with air from JFK. Prices do not include air taxes.

For more information on these Alumnae/i Association sponsored trips, please CALL TOM OR CRAIG AT CRUISIN’ INC. at 1-800-506-7447 or visit the Web site at www.alumnivacations.com.
Alum Lacrosse Star Megan McHugh ’03 Returns as Head Coach

In her junior year of lacrosse play at the College, Megan McHugh ’03 had the thrill of being featured in the *Sports Illustrated* column, “Faces in the Crowd,” which highlights special accomplishments by amateur athletes. She was distinguished for scoring 99 goals that season and for finishing first in the country in Division III in scoring goals per game, with an average of 6.19 in 2002. McHugh went on to score a total of 284 goals and played in AWCC championship games in both lacrosse and hockey during her senior year. After graduation, she accepted a job teaching health, social studies, and language arts to the middle grades at Immaculate Conception School in Jenkintown, Pa. She kept up her sports chops as an assistant lacrosse coach at Cheltenham High School and as an assistant for both lacrosse and field hockey at Widener University.

Now McHugh returns to the playing fields as coach of the women’s lacrosse team, following up on a lead about the job opening from college friend Jen Johnson ’05, now an admissions counselor at the College. Noting that the athletic program and facilities have expanded impressively since her graduation, Megan says, “I look forward to being able to coach using all the new and improved resources available to the student-athletes and myself. I also look forward to the challenge of being a head coach and competing on our newly constructed lacrosse field.”

She Shoots! She Scores!

Bethann Castone ’06 Drains 1,000th Career Point

by Meredith Nicholson ’06

“Not only have the girls on my basketball team become my best friends, they’re like sisters to me,” said senior Bethann Castone, after scoring her 1,000th point* for the Chestnut Hill College Griffins on January 19 in Sorgenti Arena. A history and secondary education major, Castone has been playing basketball ever since she can remember. “I grew up around it; it wasn’t forced upon me,” she said. “My four older brothers always played, and I begged my mom and dad to let me play too.”

Castone grew up and still permanently resides in the blueberry capital of the world, Hammonton, New Jersey. Her mother, Rita, is a former nurse, and her father, Bill, is the vice principal of her high school, St. Joseph’s in Hammonton. Castone’s high school basketball team went to the state championships her freshman year and continued to make the playoffs each subsequent year. Along with basketball, she ran cross-country and track and received varsity letters all four years.

Even though there was some pressure around scoring her 1,000th point, Castone said she wasn’t too worried about it. “My goal was just to beat the Gators [of College of Notre Dame, in Maryland] because we had previously lost to them,” Castone said. “I also have a personal rival on that team who I played against in high school.”

Chestnut Hill College has been a very good fit for Castone. “Honestly, I chose Chestnut Hill College because of basketball. I was getting recruited other places, but I noticed that Chestnut Hill was a small community where people could shine. If you’re a shy person, it’s a great place to become outgoing. It’s a wonderful place to grow as a person, everyone is so nice— it just fit.”

After graduation in May, Castone hopes to pursue a career as a high school history teacher as well as coach either for a high school or college women’s basketball team. If she shows as much dedication to coaching as she has towards playing, somewhere there’s a lucky group of young basketball players awaiting her arrival.

*At the end of the regular season, Castone’s scoring had reached 1,159.*
**WOMEN’S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE**

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*For the complete spring sports schedule, check the College’s Web site at www.chc.edu/athletics and plan to support our teams at an away game near you!*

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**Scholars in Service Program: Living the Mission**

“Service to one another and to the global community” is being realized this year through Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania, an innovative AmeriCorps Education Award program that provides financial grants to students in return for community service.

Students enroll as an AmeriCorps member on a part-time basis, and upon the successful completion of 450 hours of service, receive an AmeriCorps Educational Award of $1,250, to be applied toward educational expenses any way the student wishes. In addition, the College’s Financial Aid Department has generously supplemented the program by offering $2,000 for both the fall and spring semesters, either through the Federal Work-Study program or through a Chestnut Hill College grant.

Entering these “scholars in service” are a campus committee that includes Dr. Marie Conn, professor of religious studies; Nancy Dachille, director of career services; Jackie deMartelere, manager of experiential education; Crystal Filer-Ogden, director of financial aid; Rebecca Losinno, director of campus ministry; and Kristy Wilhelm, associate director of financial aid. They provide the scholars with leadership and organizational training, and with the opportunity to reflect on the impact the program is having in their lives.

The committee has recruited and is training 12 selected College students: Lydia Adams ’09, Maria Bateman ’08, Stacie Bray ’06, Kristine Kozin ’06, Jessica Lauren Lambert ’08, James Luul ’07, Isabel Merino ’06, Heather O’Keefe ’08, Idalia Ortiz ’08, Gabrielle Waring ’08, and Jennifer Wilmot ’06. To date, these students have taken advantage of service opportunities through the SSJ Welcome Center, Global Education Mentors, the American Cancer Society, Variety Club, Teach for America, Carson Valley Day Care Center, Germantown Women's YWCA, and Project H.O.M.E.

The scholars were also an integral part of the planning and implementation of the College’s first ever Volunteer/Service Learning Fair held on November 8, which attracted 23 organizations and more than 50 students.
IN MEMORIAM
Mary Jane McGinnis McDonnell ’37
Helen Leary, MMS, M.D. ’38
Carol Burnham McQuade ’39
Anne Marie Robrecht Rhodes ’44
Mary Meehan Young ’44
M. Elizabeth Carlson, MSBI ’50
Joel Madden Norris ’50
Audrey Fitch ’52
Catherine Bradley Gould ’52
Jane Woznik Lamb ’61
Eleanor Barcklow Fellows ’63
Mary Lou Smith Williams ’63
Carol E. Kervick, Esq. ’63
Roberta Brytzcuk Williams ’64
Mary Lou Smith Williams ’64
Mary Jane Deanes Hopkins, Esq. ’85

BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS
Danyale Hammiel ’94 is now Danyale Hammiel Small
Alton Mark to Merwyn Furgia Sheeran ’88
Blanca Rose to Lara Doyle Jantotta ’90
Emma Grace to Jessica Laura Menastrugolo ’96
Sierra to Jasmine Sanchez Marsella ’96
Francis John IV to Erin Whelan McCann ’97
Anderson David to Meriann Reinoehl Lee ’02

ALUM NEWS
1940-1949
Gloria Perla Coe ’46—Reports that she and husband James “are still getting acclimated to life in New Mexico—the ‘Land of Enchantment’ and are ‘thankful for our good health and dear friends and family.”

1950-1959
Patricia Whelan Bolger ’51—Maryann Hartzell-Sado, DPM ’86, who practices in the Lehigh Valley area, was profiled in the “Educator Spotlight” of The Dinosauria, a professional weekly in December 2004, teaches third grade in Chestnut Hill’s School of Graduate Studies at the University of the Sciences since 2003. She served on the editorial board of the Journal of Healthcare Murlotting from 1989 to 2004.


1960-1969
Mary Jane McDonnell ’60—Named by classmates to call her for more information (610/527-4877). She was named by her year “and encourages interested classmates to call her for more information” (610/527-4877).

1970-1979
M. Susan Dougherty Burke, M.D., FACP ’75—was named a “Top Doctor for Women” by Main Line Today magazine in its December 2005 edition.

1980-1989
Rita Buckley Connelly, Esq. ’75—was profiled in the “Educator Spotlight” of The Philadelphia Inquirer (December 4, 2005) as the first recipient of the Rancocas Valley (N.J.) Regional High School Lifetime Achievement Award. The Mount Holly school honored her for her 30 years’ experience in teaching English, developmental reading, language arts, and basic skills. She earned a master’s degree in reading education and administration at Rowan University and began her career as an English teacher in the Cherry Hill, N.J., school district before moving to Rancocas Valley in 1984, where she taught gifted and talented students and served as the basic skills department chair as well as the director of adult education. She led the school’s Read Across America program, initiated a regional writing contest for seven districts, and mentored first-year teachers. In 1997, the International Reading Association presented her with the Constance McClullough Award for her literary project that began as a book exchange program with the St. Francis Primary School in Kingston, Jamaica, and evolved into a teacher training exchange. She was named to “Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers” in 2000 and in 2005.

1990-1999
Beverly Dechanti ’90—Named by Cran’s Detroit Business to the Top 400 list of “movers and shakers” in the newspaper’s annual “Who’s Who in Metro Detroit” for 2005. She was also elected to the prestigious Detroit Economic Club’s Board of Directors. In February, she gave the keynote address, “The National Perspective on Homeland Security and the Role of the Community College,” at the Homeland Security and Emergency Response Institute in Springfield, Illinois. Dr. Spangler is chancellor of the 75,000-student Oakland Community College, the largest community college in Michigan and 14th largest in the United States, and the recipient of numerous awards and citations for her leadership and scholarship in educational administration. In 1996, her dissertation on the president’s role in developing a community college foundation won the national John Gromek Award for Outstanding Research in Philanthropy for Education awarded by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Kathleen Donahue Bruyere ’66—husband Tom has relocated from Baltimore to the San Diego area, enjoying the “lovely weather and being closer to some of Tom’s family, especially four young grandchildren.” She reports that as retired Naval officers, they will continue working with various volunteer organizations.

Susanne Stanton Regan ’66—serves as director of religious education at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Rochester, N.Y., and co-directs the Resurrection Choir. Suzanne reports that her fourth grandchild is due in April.

Margaret McKenzie Madison ’68—was profiled in the “Educator Spotlight” of The Philadelphia Inquirer (December 4, 2005) as the first recipient of the Rancocas Valley (N.J.) Regional High School Lifetime Achievement Award. The Mount Holly school honored her for her 30 years’ experience in teaching English, developmental reading, language arts, and basic skills. She earned a master’s degree in reading education and administration at Rowan University and began her career as an English teacher in the Cherry Hill, N.J., school district before moving to Rancocas Valley in 1984, where she taught gifted and talented students and served as the basic skills department chair as well as the director of adult education. She led the school’s Read Across America program, initiated a regional writing contest for seven districts, and mentored first-year teachers. In 1997, the International Reading Association presented her with the Constance McClullough Award for her literary project that began as a book exchange program with the St. Francis Primary School in Kingston, Jamaica, and evolved into a teacher training exchange. She was named to “Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers” in 2000 and in 2005.

1990-2000
Maryann Hartzell-Sado, DPM ’86, who practices in the Lehigh Valley area, was recently elected to the executive board of the Pennsylvania Podiatric Medical Association.

Vanzo Castello ’78 SGS—was profiled in the “Educator Spotlight” of The Philadelphia Inquirer (January 22, 2006) for her leadership at the Corpus Christi School in Upper Gwynedd (Pa.). The article focuses on her management of a planned 29,309-square-foot, $4.9 million addition to the K-12 school, which now enrolls approximately 500 students. The new space will include a wing for grades six, seven, and eight; wireless classrooms; expansion of fine art rooms; an honors math room, and art rooms; an honors math room, and enhancements to pre-K and K programs. Target date for completion is September 2007. Castello has been principal at the school since September 2001 and previously taught for 16 years at St. Stanislaus School in Lansdale. She earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Temple University.
Michelle Omiatek Siegle '89 is the Jane M. Fearn-Zimmer, Esq. '88
Krithika Balasubramanian '01
SGS: School of Graduate Studies
SCS: School of Continuing Studies
Jennifer Mowad '05
Becky Stortenbecker '03
Christine Sokso '03, '05 SGS, SCS
Stacy Schiele '00
2000-05
Jacqueline Sanchez Marelia '96
Robert Carr '93 SGS
1990-99
Merewyn Furiga Sheeran '88
Lightning Rod Co. in Collingswood, N.J.
new accounting manager for the Warren administration, and elder law.
represents clients in special needs
Law Firm in Haddon Heights, N.J. She
2004 and is an associate with The Sharp
received her LL.M. degree in taxation in
Partnership Act, was published in the
March 8, 2006 “In Practice” column of
the Journal. She
was published in the
the Journal.

Robert Carr '93 SGS is a behavioral health
specialist in the dementia therapy program
with NewCourtland Elder Care Services.

J jacqueline Sanchez Marelia '96 is a pre-clinical document specialist with
GlaxoSmithKline Research &

Meghan Steinman Watson '98 reports
that she was married two years ago and has
recently accepted a full-time
teaching position with The Charter
School of San Diego, a dropout recovery high school that services all of San
Diego. She will complete her studies for
a master’s degree in June while also
assisting with a family limousine service, Avant Carle Limousine, LLC.

2000-05
Diane Felcyn '00, curator of education
at the Telgraf Museum of Art in
Savannah, Ga., was named Museum
Educator of the Year for the Southeast Region by the National Art Education Association. She had earlier received similar honors at the state level.

Stacy Schiele '00 recently opened her
own business, Coltre Consulting LLC, a
sponsorship consulting firm, located in
Phoenixville, Pa.

Kritika Balasubramanian '01 is a second-year student in the Ph.D.
program in biochemistry at the Temple
University School of Medicine.

Christine Sokso '03, '05 SGS, who
married Matthew Ellis on September 10,
is a therapist and member of the case
assignment committee with Creative
Health Services in Pottstown, Pa.

Becky Stortenbecker '03 resides in
Abington, Pa., and is a financial analyst with Sovereign Bank.

Jennifer Mowad '05 reports that she is
“making lots of good money playing and
designing games” for Nintendo. She is
currently working on a game for eight-
to 12-year-olds called “Search for the
Porcupine Puffer.”

Senior Sara Colvin Works
“Christmas Magic” at Homeless Shelter

Still slightly damp from an early morning swimming
lesson at the College’s pool, Sara Colvin ’06 nevertheless
sparkles when she arrives to talk about a project close to her
heart: “Christmas Magic” for the homeless. It’s close to her,
she says, because of having known people in 12-step
alcohol and drug programs, and understanding how addiction often leads to homelessness.

“Christmas Magic” is a non-profit group organized
and named by Sara. Its success involved soliciting individuals
and businesses for money, merchandise, food, and decorations to bring
Christmas to 35 children (aged five months to 17 years) housed in a Red Cross
shelter in Levittown, Pa. With the help of friends, by Thursday, December 23,
the project was ready. “Fortunately, my brother has a big truck,” she smiles,
explaining how the accumulation of presents and goodies filled 35 white trash
each tied with a large red bow.

Now a senior, Sara completed an associate’s degree at Bucks County
Community College, then transferred to Chestnut Hill to earn a bachelor’s
degree in psychology. She chose the College, she says, because of its Christian-
based values -- ideals that echo those she learned at Conwell-Egan Catholic
High School while growing up in Croyden, Pennsylvania. As a high school
student, Sara explains, she was required to do ten hours of community service,
and of course, learning how to swim to meet this graduation

Sara expects to continue “Christmas Magic” next year and even to make it an
annual event. She’s already applied to graduate programs in psychology, but if
that doesn’t work out, she plans to work in a hospital like the H osham Clinic,
with an adolescent psychiatric unit. In the meantime, the commuter student has
a full plate balancing her volunteer activities and school, mothering a seven-
year-old daughter, and of course, learning how to swim to meet this graduation
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Special Events...

School of Undergraduate Studies
Reunion Weekend
Registration Phonathon
April 5 – 28
For classes ending in 1 & 6.
Information: 215.248.7144
e-mail canningp@chc.edu

12th Annual Biomedical Lecture Series
Dr. Joan C. Hendricks
Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
“Lessons From Many Species About How and Why We Sleep”
Tuesday, April 18, 4 p.m.
East Parlor, St. Joseph Hall
Open to the public.
Information: 215.248.7159

Information Sessions
School of Continuing Studies
Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, May 16, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, June 14, 6 p.m.
Social Room, Fournier Hall
Information: 215.248.7062

Sunday Visits
School of Undergraduate Studies
April 22, June 24, July 15, 10:30 a.m.
Information: 215.248.7001

Information Session
School of Graduate Studies
Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.
Rotunda, St. Joseph Hall
Information: 215.248.7020

Public Lecture
Chris Lowney, author of “A Vanishing World”
Tuesday, April 25, 2006, 4:30 p.m.
Social Room, Fournier Hall
Open to the public.
Information: 215.248.7148

Honors Convocation
Sunday, April 30, 1 p.m.
Speaker: Dr. Arthur Caplan
Director of the Center for Bioethics
University of Pennsylvania
Information: 215.248.7022

School of Continuing Studies
1st Annual Reunion
Cocktail Reception & Dinner
Saturday, May 6, 6:30 – 10 p.m.
Information: 215.248.7144 or e-mail canningp@chc.edu

Baccalaureate Mass
Friday, May 12, 7 p.m.
Chestnut Hill College Chapel

Commencement
Saturday, May 13, 2 p.m.
Speaker: Katherine Marshall, M.D. ’69
Physician and Educator
Yale University School of Medicine

School of Graduate Studies
25th Anniversary Celebration
Academic Conference
Ethics and Ethical Standards Across Disciplines
Saturday, May 20, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Keynote Speaker: Charles L. Brewer, Ph.D.
“A Talk to Teachers: Bending Twigs and Affecting Eternity”
Information: 215.248.7171
Or visit: www.chc.edu/graduate/anniversary

School of Graduate Studies
1st Annual Reunion
Cocktail Reception
Saturday, May 20, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Information: 215.248.7144 or e-mail canningp@chc.edu

School of Undergraduate Studies
2006 Reunion Weekend
June 2, 3, & 4
Classes ending in 1 & 6
Information: 215.248.7144 or e-mail canningp@chc.edu

Libris Society Celebration Dinner
Sunday, June 4
Cocktail Reception, 5:30 p.m.
Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
Information: 215.248.7085 or e-mail garnettea@chc.edu