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How Sweet It Is!
College Acquires SugarLoaf Estate

On August 2, College President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D. announced one of the most transformational moments in the College's history: the acquisition of the SugarLoaf estate from the Albert M. Greenfield Foundation for the purchase price of $11 million. SugarLoaf Hill, a 30-acre property situated diagonally across Germantown Avenue from the College's existing campus, offers the College a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to nearly double the size of its campus and allow for expansion to accommodate a growing student body.

Acquisition of the property was achieved through a combination of private funding and an interim financing plan developed by the College and Beneficial Savings Bank. Chestnut Hill College will continue to seek the remaining $3 million needed for the acquisition of the property and has established a special SugarLoaf fund for that purpose.

Subsequently, the College will pursue additional contributions for the development of the property.

“...to purchase this picturesque hill,” observed Sister Carol, “we, in a very real sense, have climbed a mountain. Truly, this is an historic moment for the College, one in which many, many people rightfully and joyfully share.” In celebration, a signing and blessing ceremony marking the formation of “The College on Two Hills” was held that same day in Sorgenti Arena, with nearly 400 strong in attendance: the College’s benefactors, board of directors, administration, faculty, and staff; near neighbors, representatives of the Chestnut Hill Community Association, Business Association, Friends of the Wissahickon, members of the board of the Albert M. Greenfield Foundation, and the Sisters of Saint Joseph. In a ceremony wrapped in blessing, all witnessed the final document signing between Sister Carol and Priscilla Luce, president of the Greenfield Foundation, deeding the SugarLoaf property over to the College.

Patricia Kelly, SSJ, president of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and chair of the College’s Board of Directors, toasted the president’s daring, saying, “Sister Carol dreams off the map,” and hinted that those impossible visions had caused many a sleepless night for the College’s board. The two presidents then emptied a container of College earth along with a container of SugarLoaf soil into a single vessel during a “Blessing of the Earth.” The new sign was then unveiled: bright scarlet with gold leaf lettering, linking SugarLoaf Hill with Chestnut Hill to create “The College on Two Hills” for the ages.

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Your CGI Dollars at Work

Thanks to your contributions to Phase II of the Annual Capital Gifts Initiative, improvement projects to campus buildings and grounds continue to be implemented. This summer alone, reports Rosemary Scheirer, SSJ, vice president for the administration of institutional services and events, many important campus renovations have been made.

Classrooms in St. Joseph Hall and Clement Hall have undergone a facelift with fresh paint, refinished floors, and the addition of dropped ceilings for improved lighting. Modern new furniture will finally replace the old tablet arm desks. New projection screens were installed in Fournier and the window frames were repaired and painted.

In the Music Corridor, practice rooms and offices are being transformed with acoustic paneling, new paint and carpeting, and ceiling lights.

Landscaping has been completed in front of the College, around the front gates, and around the piazza outside of the new residence hall, and fences and gates are being installed on either side of the new residence at entrances to the old cemetery.

And at long last, Logue Library is getting a new roof, thanks to the generosity of a bequest from Louise Torraco ’53.

All of these capital improvement projects have been made possible through ongoing alumnai/i support of the Capital Gifts Initiative. For more information, please call Catherine Quinn, director of development, at 215.248.7137, or e-mail quinnc@chc.edu

Profiles in Planned Giving: What’s In Your Attic?

When Margaret Conner ’43 passed away last year, she had bequeathed to the College two important postimpressionist paintings by Boston-born artist Maurice B. Prendergast (1858-1924), who studied in Paris with Georges Seurat. The Prendergast works were estimated to have a value that could bring as much as $150,000 at auction, and so were offered at Sotheby’s in New York City in May 2006. The sale of these paintings brought the College a generous gift from Miss Conner’s planned legacy. Naming the College your beneficiary of a gift-in-kind, such as a valuable work of art, is another way you can leave a legacy to your alma mater.

For additional information about gifts-in-kind and other planned giving opportunities, please contact Mary Theresa Shevland, SSJ, director of planning giving, at 215.753.3617, or e-mail shevlandm@chc.edu

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Dear Fellow Alums:

“…let us always remember how good it once was here, when we were all together, united by a good and kind feeling which made us, for a time, better perhaps than we are…” (Dostoevsky, The Brothers Karamazov).

I am Joanne Fink, Class of ‘76, your new president of the Alumnae & Alumni Association. Over the years Chestnut Hill has always been an important part of my life, and I am honored to have this opportunity to serve the college and all our graduates. I hope you all share my enthusiasm for the many dynamic changes taking place at our college. It is an exciting time to be involved. I would like to thank Suzanne Schulz Dressler ‘71 for serving the association so well over the past two years, and express my gratitude to Suzanne and the Alumni Association Board of Directors for the faith and trust they have placed in me.

Whenever I return to Chestnut Hill, no matter how long I’ve been away, a week, a month, a year (at one time I think it was about 10 years) I always feel welcome and at home. As I walk through the halls, I think of the people who meant so much to me, the times we all shared, and the sense of community and belonging I had. Good feelings and memories come rushing back. (And, when I walk past the Dean of Students office, I still get that same old familiar feeling – RUN!)

If you have not been back in some time, even 10 years or more, find a reason to return. You can see for yourself that even though there have been many changes, the Chestnut Hill you remember is still there. Make plans with your friends to enjoy one of the special events listed on the last page of this newsletter, cheer at a men’s basketball game, lose 10 lbs. and come to your reunion, or just return for no reason but to see the changes on campus. And while you’re at the college, you’ll “remember how good it once was here.”

During my two-year term as president, I plan to work with the Office of Alumnae Relations to make our association a more relevant organization, to work with the office in carrying out the strategic goals that it and the College has for everyone’s benefit. During the upcoming months I would like to see our association put the college motto — Fides-Caritas-Scientia — into action. There have always been opportunities for alums to volunteer at the college, but I would like to work to develop an alumni volunteer presence out in the community, and bring recognition to our college. I would also like to see the association organize and sponsor educational and career building sessions for alumni and students alike. We need the support of all interested alums to help with this plan to make our association a more productive one. Please contact me with your ideas and suggestions.

Over my term as president, I hope to see this become a relevant, vital, and contributing part of our College community. In two years’ time, when the next president takes office, I hope that maybe he or she will be taking the reins of an association that is “better perhaps than we are…” today.

Joanne Fink ‘76 President, Chestnut Hill College Alumnae & Alumni Association

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In the short term, existing structures at SugarLoaf will provide “swing space” as buildings on the main campus are prepared for adaptive re-use and renovation. Long-term, the property will provide space for additional residential and academic buildings. This acquisition will also enable the College to avoid additional building on the existing campus thus preserving its remaining open space.

The SugarLoaf property will expand Chestnut Hill College’s stewardship of a significant portion of the Wissahickon Valley watershed, which supports a basic concept of the College’s mission statement: Concern for the Earth. The College is committed to placing approximately one-third to one-half of the SugarLoaf property under conservation easement to assure the protection of these acres in perpetuity and to extend our commitment to preserving valuable open space. The preservation of this open space is critical to the 15-mile corridor that currently extends from central Philadelphia to the heart of Montgomery County (via the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, along the Schuylkill River drives, and Wissahickon Park to Fort Washington State Park). The College’s campus and the SugarLoaf property provide the crucial connecting joints between city and suburbs in the region’s longest and largest open space corridor.

During the blessing ceremony, Patricia Kelly, SSJ, chair of the College’s Board of Directors, told the jubilant crowd, “Sister Carol dreams off the map.”
Reunion Weekend 2006 Declared “A Blast”

New activities, terrific accommodations, and twists on traditional events marked Reunion Weekend 2006. From the opening enrichment sessions on Friday afternoon to the closing Golden Griffins Brunch on Sunday, Reunion Weekend offered something for everyone, including first occupancy of the new, air-conditioned, all-suites residence hall.

Chestnut Hill on June 2-3-4 was the place to be, as more than 250 alums from classes ending in “1” and “6” enjoyed a get-away weekend of renewed friendships, inspirational presentations, and great hospitality.

“Pure and simple, reunion weekend was different,” said incoming alum association president Joanne Fink ’76. “You could just feel it. You could see it on their faces. There was a terrific feeling, an energy, about what was happening. It was a blast.”

A choice of three afternoon enrichment sessions kicked off Reunion Weekend 2006. Alums could decipher The DaVinci Code with Religion Professor Marie Conn, or take a stab at Sudoku with Ruth Carver ’88 SCS – as three in the group are shown doing here – or learn how to protect themselves and their assets whatever their age with an Edward Jones investment firm advisor. All three sessions were big hits with their participants, who pushed each one well beyond the scheduled one hour.

The new residence hall lounge offered the perfect setting for the President’s Reception early Friday evening. Sister Mary Theresa Shevland (standing), director of planned giving, welcomes (l-r) Peggy Richardson O’Rourke ‘51, Ellen Mullaney O’Laughlin ‘51, and Barbara Purcell ‘51 to their 55th reunion.

“Bravo! This was a terrific reunion... The College presented itself as an intellectually vibrant and forward-thinking institution.”

Nancy Day Kelley ’71

Close to 100 alums enjoyed the new look and taste of the traditional Friday night buffet, as three Dining Around the World food stations – plus butlered hors d’ouvres and desserts – tempted even the strongest of will powers. Appreciating the various cuisines and the chance to catch up were alums from the Class of 1976 celebrating their 30th reunion and from the Class of 2001 returning for their first.

Humidity and rain moved the new Friday night event – Margaritaville on the Hill – from the Mandell Courtyard to the air-conditioned West Dining Room, but spirits were far from dampened. Plenty of Buffett on the CD player, chips and salsa on the tables, and thirst-quenching margaritas and non-alcoholic fruity beverages on hand turned lemons into lemonade, especially for these alums of the Class of 1991.

Saturday’s registration in the Gallery before the annual reception and luncheon gave everyone a chance to purchase College merchandise. Copies of Tradition and Risk, a history of the first 75 years of the College written by Professor of French and Russian Mary Helen Kashuba, SSJ ’55, were especially tempting to these 1976 alums. As she does each year, Sister Mary Helen led more than 30 alums on an hour-long historical tour of the College earlier that morning. Several outdoor activities were also available to early risers.

Reunion Weekend 2006’s most senior of celebrants, Lois Deacon Hofmann ’36 (left) and Ruth McGillicuddy Clark ’36, enjoying their 70th reunion. An orchid wrist corsage was presented to each at the conclusion of the Roll Call of Classes, which opened Saturday’s Reunion Luncheon.

Lunch chatter, cheers, and good cheer.

Alumnae & Alumni Association president Suzanne Schulz Dressler ’71 (l) presents Ellen (Sperky) Whiteside Byrne ’56 with the 2006 Eleanor Dolan Egan ’28 Award for Outstanding Service to Chestnut Hill College. Sperky’s award citation, as well as the citation naming Elizabeth Marron Cooper ’71 this year’s winner of the Distinguished Achievement Award, is posted on www.chc.edu, Alumnae/i, Awards and Honors.

Always a highlight of the luncheon is the annual “State of the College” presentation by the College president. Sister Carol Jean Vale updated the 250-plus alums on the College’s growth in enrollment, academic programs, and new campus facilities. Alums were especially riveted by the president’s comments on the [at the time] hoped-for acquisition of the 30-acre SugarLoaf estate.

“The Friday and Saturday night activities were great! The weekend was very well organized. The food was fabulous!”

Kristin MacDonald King ’91
“What do I treasure the most about this Reunion Weekend? Reconnecting with classmates and CHC; memories; PRIDE in being a CHC alum.”

Michelle Sprague Guerard ’66

Celebrants from the Class of 1966, one of several classes to be photographed in Martino Hall classrooms during class meetings immediately following the luncheon. Many alums later enjoyed another new activity, an early evening architectural tour (walking and air-conditioned van) of Chestnut Hill led by history professor and noted regional historian David Contosta, Ph.D.

Reunion Weekend’s newest event – Casino Night & Martini Bar – following Saturday night’s barbecue proved to be the most talked-about event of the weekend. The Fournier Hall Social Room turned into the Casino Royale for alums, spouses, and friends who tried their luck at five games of chance while sampling Cosmopolitans, chocolate martinis, and non-alcoholic and other frothy concoctions, various coffees, and sweet treats.

Reunion Weekend officially closed with Sunday’s Golden Griffins Brunch immediately following Mass in the Rotunda. Celebrating their 50th reunion and entry into the Golden Griffins were the Class of 1956’s (seated, l-r) Mary Jane Gillespie, Margaret Fleming, SSJ, Barbara Gillespie Olivieri, Clare Shanahan, (standing, l-r) Lynn Murray White, Ann Corr Potterton, Ellen (Sperky) Whiteside Byrne, Patricia Monaghan Belcher, and Esther Moriarty McCarthy. They joined (l-r) Anne Duffy Mirsch ’52, Joan Mathers Eaves ’52, Mary Ellen Carroll Brown ’52, and Margaret Stelhi Morris ’52 for the annual brunch. Tours of the neighboring Morris Arboretum and Woodmere Art Museum were available in the afternoon prior to the Libris Society Reception and Celebration Dinner.
IN MEMORIAM
Margaret McCloud Atanasio ’37
Leonee Smith Crowley ’37
Louise Gorski Stater ’56
Mariellen O’Donnell Layton ’75

MARRIAGES
Melanie Lynn Freeman ’02 SGS to
Jerry D. Berger

BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS
Riordon John McGill Mathews to Kathleen O’Boyle ’84, ’97 SGS
Zoe Faith to Theresa Walsh Grabowski ’89
John Gerald to Bridget Hill Panza ’94

ADVANCED DEGREES
Roseanne Kane Fulmer ’83, Ed.D., Immaculata University, 2006

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Pamela Lorenzon Simms ’90, Psy.D., clinical psychology
Lizanne Welding Mills ’92, M.S., clinical & counseling psychology
Margaret Morris ’92, M.Ed., elementary education
Joycet Velasquez ’92, M.Ed., elementary education
Tara Macatee ’93, ’95 SGS, Psy.D., clinical psychology
Wendy Locker Bartley ’94, M.Ed., elementary education
Gina Girardi ’95, M.S., clinical & counseling psychology
Regina Smith ’96, M.Ed., elementary education
Joanne Coyte ’96, M.S. clinical & counseling psychology
Michael Tancredi ’99 SCS, M.Ed., elementary education
Teresa Hagan ’01 SCS, M.Ed., elementary education
Sarah Jones ’02 SCS, M.S., human services administration
Dawn Yozy ’02 SGS, M.Ed., elementary education
Margaret Kerr ’03 SCS, M.S., human services administration
Karrielle Wallace ’03 SGS, M.S., human services administration
Deirdra Pleasnette Thomas ’04 SGS, M.S., human services administration
Ana Caro ’04 SGS, Psy.D., clinical psychology
Sharon Beard Tosta ’05 SGS, Psy.D., clinical psychology
Cecile Turner ’06 SGS, Psy. D., clinical psychology
Wendy Spencer ’07 SGS, Psy. D., clinical psychology
Ann Durshaw ’08 SGS, Psy.D., clinical psychology
Douglas Shaw ’09 SGS, Psy.D., clinical psychology
Yetta Steinberg ’99 SGS, M.Ed., elementary education

ALUM NEWS
Janet Piedmonte South ’50 reports that she was planning to move from Florida to Audubon, Pa., in June and “looking forward to living near my alma mater after all these years.”

Patricia Whalen Bolger ’51 and husband Gary were eagerly anticipating a houseboat trip down the River Barrow in Ireland in August.

Anne Collins Babrocki ’51, enjoying life in St. Michaels, Md., raises cut flowers as well as butterflies that she releases at weddings, and looking forward to living on a houseboat.

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Alumnae/i Online Community to Debut in Fall

This fall, the Office of Alumnae & Alumni Relations will be launching the College’s first online community, a members-only section of the College Web site where alumni will be able to search the alumnata/i directory for classmates, post comments on a message board, read class announcements and news, register for College events, keep up to date on career networking opportunities, and much more.

The College has contracted with iModules Software, Inc., of Overland Park, Kansas, to design and operate the new Web portal. This company has quickly become a leader in the field, counting more than 150 colleges, universities, and corporations as clients. “We’re thrilled to take this step with and for our alumni,” said alum director Patricia Canning. “It’s been reported that approximately 25 percent of American colleges use similar Web browsers to reach their alumni. We’re very happy to be counted among these institutions that want to increase and enhance their services to their alumni.”

In October, a blast e-mail will be sent to all alumni with e-mail addresses on record in the office. The introduction of the service will be announced, and the alum will be invited to register through a Web address for the interactive site along with a personal identification login number. The office has e-mail addresses for approximately 30% of the living alum population. “We encourage anyone who has not sent us an e-mail address to do so now, to be one of the first to benefit from the online community,” Canning urged.

A postcard mailing will be made to the remaining alumni, outlining the process for registering for this online network. Alum volunteers who attend the Annual Fall Leadership Conference on October 8 will be the first to see this new communications tool, as a preview demo will be presented. For additional information, contact the office at canningp@chc.edu or 215.248.7144.

In Memoriam
Francis J. Dunleavy
Board Member Emeritus
June 13, 2006

Longtime champion of Chestnut Hill College Francis J. Dunleavy died at the age of 91 at his home in Blue Bell, Pa. on June 13. The retired president of International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. (ITT) grew up in Germantown and was a star shortstop at North Philadelphia Catholic High School for Boys. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Niagara University. According to his son Michael, Mr. Dunleavay was an “indefatigable fund-raiser” on behalf of Catholic education. He served several terms on the College’s Board of Directors in the 1980s and 1990s, and supported the College’s decision to become coeducational in 2002 while encouraging the implementation of new courses and technology. Mr. Dunleavy was a founder of the annual Chestnut Hill Golf Invitational, now in its 24th year, which raises funds to benefit academic and student life programs. He was the invitation’s honoree in 2003. Mr. Dunleavy is survived by his wife Albina Matuskowitz Dunleavy, his son Michael, daughter Patricia “Timmi” Vesci, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Alum Notes

Marianne Valvardi Dwyer ’76, mother of seven, is the coordinator of Teenagers, Inc., a Chestnut Hill community organization by and for teens, serves on the board of the C3O, the Chestnut Hill Community Association, and Bishop McDevitt High School, and is a parish Eucharistic Minister.

Patricia Bednaraki MacGloan ’76 is a special education paraprofessional at Bay View Elementary School near Elkton, Md.

Samuelia Lazzara Donnelly ’81 was recently appointed chair of the English Acquisition (ESL) Department at Liberty High School in Bethlehem, Pa. She was a 2004 Lehigh Valley Writing Project Fellow.

Christina Bleistine Felinski ’81 is the director of Victim & Community Service for the First Judicial District in Philadelphia.

Roseanne Kane Fulmer ’83 was named to Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges as she was awarded an Ed.D. degree from Immaculata University in May. She teaches fifth grade in the Lower Merion (Pa.) School District.

Sharon Myles Murphy ’86, married and mother of two boys, earned a master’s degree in elementary education and reading certification at Chestnut Hill in 2005.

Caroline Reilly Dignan, M.D. ’89 has been promoted to chief medical examiner, Monroe County, N.Y.

Juliane Grady ’91, a 1996 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, is a part-time small animal veterinarian and mother of two girls.

Julie Jarrah Schwartz ’94 is a site operations manager with continued on page 13
John Grim, Ph.D., Co-Director of the Forum on Religion and Ecology, will deliver the Fall 2006 Science and Religion Lecture, “Indigenous Traditions and Ecology: Land, Sovereignty, and the Wheel of the Universe” on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Fournier Hall’s Social Room. This talk explores contributions of indigenous peoples to the emerging ecological movement. For more information, please call Kathleen Duffy, SSJ, Ph.D. at 215.248.7197.

Carole Muto, R.N., B.S.N., CPAN and chair of the staff nurse council at PACU/Jefferson Hospital of Neuroscience, is the featured speaker at the fall 2006 Biomedical Lecture Series on Wednesday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the East Parlor of St. Joseph Hall. Her topic is “Peri-Operative Nursing Care of Patients Undergoing Neurosurgical Procedures.” For more information, please e-mail Lakshmi Atchison, Ph.D., professor of biology, at latchiso@chc.edu

The Legacy of Santiago Ramón y Cajal, a multidisciplinary conference celebrating the centenary of the 1906 Nobel Prize for Medicine, will take place from October 5 to 7th in various locations on the College’s campus. There will be three keynote addresses as well as a variety of paper presentations. For a program schedule, please call the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies at 215.248.7148.

Maureen Corrigan, PBS Book Critic and author of Leave Me Alone, I’m Reading will share her thoughts on the book world on Thursday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the East Parlor of St. Joseph Hall. Corrigan teaches literature at Georgetown University and is a reviewer and columnist for Book World, The Washington Post. For more information, please contact Suzanne del Gizzo, Ph.D., assistant professor of English, at 215.248.3626.

Anthony Gittins, C.S.Sp., Ph.D., Bishop Ford Professor of Mission Theology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, will lead a Global Spirituality seminar, on Sunday, October 22, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Sorgenti Arena. His subject is “A Way of Being in the World With God,” followed by a panel of respondents representing the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faith communities. For more information, please call Mary Kay Flannery, SSJ, Ph.D. at 215.248.7087.

Ten Alumnae Inducted Into Libris Society

On June 4, 2006, ten alumnae whose life example of Fides — Caritas — Scientia were honored by induction into the Libris Society of Chestnut Hill College at a celebration dinner at the College. The society was established in 2005 to recognize graduates who live out the College motto by demonstrating different forms of faith, charity, and science in their family lives, volunteer efforts, and community service.

Joining the 77 charter members of the Libris Society were Catherine L. Albanese, Ph.D., ’62; Kathleen Rex Anderson, Ed.D., ’66; Patricia Canning ’70; Ruth Carver ’88 SCS; Harriet Corrigan, SSJ, Ph.D. ’54; Linda Taraborrelli Donahue ’67; Patrice Owens Hartung ’86; Patricia Kane-Vanni, Esquire, ’75; Mary Spence McCue ’57; and Ritamarie M. Moscola, M.D., ’78.

President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D. greeted guests and presented the inductees with a special Libris Society pin assisted by guest speaker, Mary Helen Kashuba, SSJ, D.M.L. ’55, professor of French and Russian Literature.

Psychology Students Hit the Convention Trail

On June 16, two Chestnut Hill psychology students presented their research posters in Harrisburg, Pa., as part of this year’s Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association.

Under the direction of Assistant Professor of Psychology Meredith Kneavel, Ph.D., Emily Loscalzo ’06 submitted a poster titled the Effect of Written Emotional Expression on Cortisol Levels: Handwriting Versus Typing.

Graduate student Priscilla L. Britnell, B.S., presented a poster on the Genetic, Environmental, and Biological Components of Schizophrenia. Along with fellow student Jessica L. James, Priscilla also participated in the 12th Biennial Conference of the Constructivist Psychology Network in San Marcos, Ca., this past July. Their workshop presentation, under the direction of Adjunct Psychology Professor Jay S. Efran, Ph.D., was titled Comparing CBT and Context-Centered Psychotherapy: A Demonstration of Mind vs. Self.

All Lectures Are Free and Open to the Public!
Griffin Days Orient Incoming Students

The Class of 2010 and their families enjoyed a pre-welcome to the College community during “Griffi n Days” orientation on July 27, 28, August 3, and 4. Orientation activities included math and language testing; sessions with academic advisors and the financial aid staff; and student ID photo-taking. Resource tables were set up for informal consultations with career services, health services, and the athletics department. During the lunch break in Sorgenti Arena, college faculty and staff members joined parents and students for introductions and casual conversation. Each Griffi n Day was capped by a lively CHC version of “Let’s Make A Deal” emceed by John Costa, director of student activities, with assistance from the Griffi n and student orientation leaders.

Griffi n Days Orient Incoming Students

Griffi n Days featured John Costa, director of student activities, inciting fierce competition in the audience during a College version of “Let’s Make A Deal.” He was abetted by the Griffi n and student orientation leaders Steven Torres ’09, Jennifer Davis ’07, Julieann Cappuccino ’06 (December), Elise Jacoby ’07, Tania Rivera ’07, Idalia Ortiz ’06, and Nora McCloskey ’08.

Graduate Partnership With Emlen School Yields Buddy Mural

This past spring, 200 sixth-graders and kindergartners paired up as “buddies” for a semester of lunchtimes at the Eleanor Cope Emlen Elementary School in Germantown for a special project. Piece by piece, they patched together a “Buddy Mural” – a sort of painted wall quilt that grew into a 12 x 8’ mural of a vivid tree with abundant spreading arms. The collaborative work of art, which will be on permanent display on the second floor of the school’s main hall, was unveiled at a ceremony on June 8, 2006.

The project was funded by Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY) and the School District Philadelphia, and facilitated with academic and behavioral supports from the College’s School of Graduate Studies. Education Chair Dr. Carol Pate, who was the project’s director, explains that a grant from the School Reform Commission allowed four graduate students from the College (two from education, one from human services, and one from psychology) to participate in the formation of the Buddy Mural during the past spring semester.
Five sisters from five different orders and countries in Africa arrived in Philadelphia in June for a month-long study-visit under the sponsorship of the African Sisters Education Collaborative (ASEC), an initiative formed to educate the women religious of Africa. President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D., who is chair of ASEC, ensured that the sisters were presented with laptop computers before their technology training began under the guidance of Lisa Olivieri, SSJ, Ph.D., assistant professor of computer science, with help from Rose Reda, SSJ, a technology team member at the motherhouse.

Lisa Olivieri, SSJ, Ph.D. shows Kenya’s Eva Ngina Mutua, CPS how to navigate through her e-mail account.

At a farewell reception on June 28, African and American sisters alike celebrated their common bond of working together for the future of the African peoples. From left to right: President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D; Eva Ngina Mutua, CPS of Kenya; Clementine Obembe, OSF of Nigeria; Jacinthe Tumerine, OLGC of Uganda; Agnes Hildegarde Leonard Dondo of Tanzania; Regina Afia, HDR of Ghana; and Patricia Kelly, SSJ, president of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Plan Next Year’s Vacation Today

Mexican Riviera
January 17-25, 2007
What better way to see the Gold Coast of Mexico than from the decks of Norwegian Cruise Line’s extraordinary Norwegian Star. Sail from Los Angeles to four spectacular seaside cities, and experience all the vibrant culture Mexico has to offer. With this unique 8-night itinerary, you can dance all night long in Acapulco, discover the colonial beauty of Puerto Vallarta, dive into the exotic underwater world of Cabo San Lucas, and stroll the beaches and boulevards of Zihuatanejo and Ixtapa. Experience NCL’s “Freestyle Cruising,” with more freedom of choice than any other ship in the Pacific — more restaurants, bars, lounges, amenities, entertainment, and spacious staterooms than any other ship afloat. Prices range from $1,086 to $1,406 for inside cabins to private balcony cabins, including air from Philadelphia.

Glorious China
April 7-18, 2007 (10 Nights)
Discover China’s most renowned imperial treasures and travel along the legendary Yangtze River as you journey from Beijing to Shanghai. You’ll marvel at the mystical scenery of Asia’s most revered and dramatic natural attractions, the spectacular Qutang and Wu Gorges, and Three Gorges Dam. In Beijing, you’ll explore the site of pomp and pageantry at Tiananmen Square, and ponder the mysteries of the Forbidden City, historic home of the imperial family. Tour the elegant grounds of the Summer Palace and stroll the ramparts of the fabled Great Wall. Among China’s most unforgettable sights is Xian’s terra cotta army, an awe-inspiring group of more than 6,000 life-size clay soldiers, chariots and armored horses, unearthed from their burial. All this is included for as low as $2,919.

British Isles Cruise
July 3-16, 2007
Board the Grand Princess and enjoy the enticing destinations of Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and France. Optional tours are available to several great capitals of Europe, including Dublin, Glasgow, and Paris. What awaits? Tours of Scotland’s Edinburgh Castle, Wales’ Snowdonia Mountains, and the site where the Titanic was built in Belfast. The Grand Princess offers affordable balconies on standard staterooms, plus anytime, flexible dining at gourmet-style restaurants, additional dining venues such as Sabatini’s Italian Trattoria and Sterling’s Steakhouse, as well as 24-hour room service. Prices from $3,425 per person, including air from Philadelphia.

For any of these cruises, call Cruisin’ Inc. at 610.341.1979 or 800.506.7447, or click into www.alumnivacations.com for information.
Campus Wide Technology Upgrades Include Raiser’s Edge Database

Chesnut Hill College’s Office of Institutional Advancement is in process of changing its database computer system to Blackbaud’s The Raiser’s Edge. The new system, used by many colleges and universities in the United States, will enable the Office to use resources more efficiently and effectively. The technology, designed specifically for non-profit fundraising management, will help to modernize administrative processes and enhance stewardship and donor recognition.

“We are delighted to have this state-of-the-art technology available to us,” said Lorraine Aurely, vice president of Institutional Advancement. “The new system will make it possible for us to respond more quickly to our alumnae and alumni even as we save time and money for the College as our daily processes become streamlined. We are grateful for the decision to invest in this critically needed product.”

The conversion process will take approximately 12 to 15 months. During that time, the current system will remain in operation so that alums should not experience any interruption in contact with the College.

Sigma Beta Delta Chapter Established at College

A chapter of Sigma Beta Delta, the international honorary society in business, management, and administration, has been established at the College. The society’s purpose is to encourage and recognize scholarship and achievement among students of business, management, and administration, and to encourage and promote aspirations toward personal and professional improvement and a life distinguished by honorable service to mankind, explains John J. Gerace, Ph.D., assistant professor and chair of the business department.

Membership is limited to those of high scholarship and of good moral character. Candidates for bachelor’s degrees who rank in the upper 20% of their class and have achieved an overall GPA of 3.50 at the time of invitation may be included into membership following completion of at least half of the degree program in which they are enrolled.

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ATMI, makers of materials and materials packaging for semiconductor and flat panel manufacturers.

Charis Lacky ’96 was a soloist with the Lehigh University Choral Arts 2005 Christmas Concert. She performed excerpts from Beethoven’s Missa Solemnis.

Jeanette Krisko Marin ’96 is a stay-at-home mom in Hyattsville, Md., to three children as well as a graduate student in library science.

Amy Tieman Wheeler ’96 is a stay-at-home mom in Hanover, Pa., to three children, home schooling her five-year-old and teaching history and art to other home schooled children.

Krithika Balasubramanian ’01 is enrolled in the biochemistry Ph.D. program at Temple University.

Ayesha Hamid Khan ’01 is working toward a master of arts degree in legal studies at Montclair State University, after which she plans to pursue a Ph.D. She and husband Faris live in New York City, where she is a program assistant for Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood, a social service organization for senior citizens.

Jennifer Lott ’01 is studying for a master’s degree in library science at Drexel University.

Carmen Rocha ’01 is enrolled in the physician assistant program at Arcadia University.

Annie Sampson ’01 has been working in public health at the National Institutes of Health since earning a master of science degree at the London School of Economics in 2003.

Julianne Wade ’01 is a research associate in the fermentation department at BioRexis Pharmaceutical Corporation in King of Prussia, Pa.

Diana Sucharski ’04 recently moved to Virginia to work as a technical customer support representative at Geodey, the largest commercial remote sensing company in the world. She also recently became engaged to Johnathan Bush, a student at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. An August 2007 wedding is planned.

Kristine Kozin ’06 is joining the faculty of Norwood-Fronton Academy in Chestnut hill in the fall. She will teach fourth-grade social studies as well as computers to the first through fifth grades.
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<td><strong>24th Annual Golf Invitational</strong></td>
<td>Honouring George Nise, President, Beneficial Savings Bank Monday, October 9 Whitemarsh Valley Country Club</td>
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<td>Monday, October 30, 10 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Carol Bellamy, CEO World Learning</td>
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<td><strong>Christmas Concerts</strong></td>
<td>Featuring the Doctori Chamber Orchestra and Chestnut Hill College Community Chorus Sunday, November 19, 3:00 p.m. St. Malachy's Church 1429 N. 11th Street, Philadelphia Sunday, December 10, 3:00 p.m. College Auditorium Information: 215.248.7194</td>
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