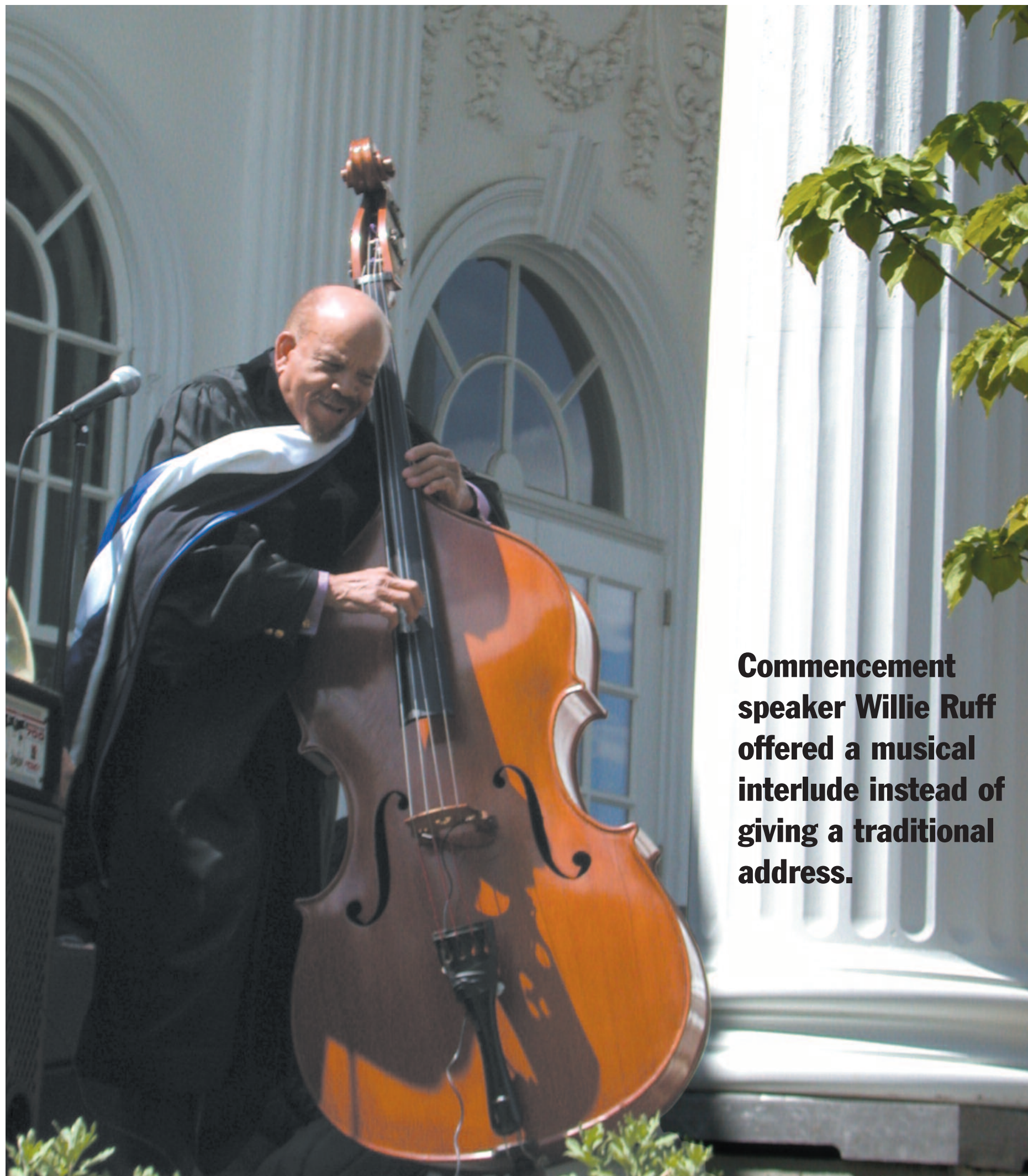


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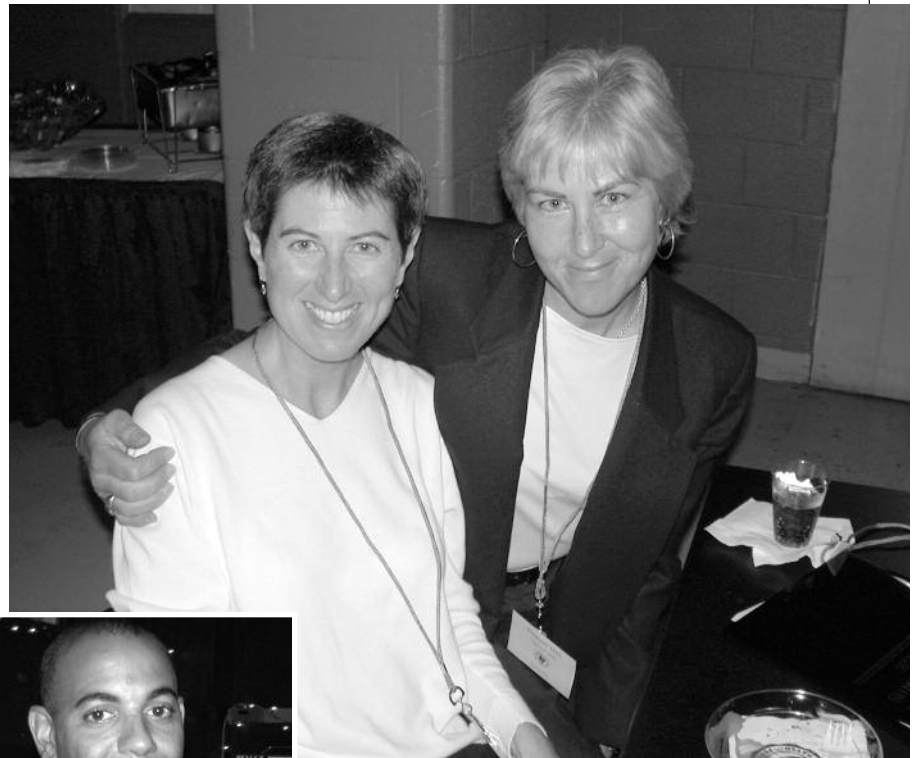
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Reunion 2002



Children, grandchildren, vacations...classmates catch up while waiting for the campus tour to begin.



The Hart sisters—Rachel '86, right, and Ellie '81, left—make the decade party a family event.



Kevin Rasch '92 catches up with friends on Friday night.

Eileen Maher '97 and Natalie Drenzewski '97 enjoy a moment together during the cocktail reception.



Creativity abounds! Dr. Susan Cole, professor of English, with Kate Sullivan '72 and Kim Mancuso '74 discussed the creative process during the afternoon session of Alumni College. The session ended with Kate playing the Alma Mater on a saw. The entire audience stood and sang along with pride.



1982 classmates Mary Mahar, Tammy Royka Kerems and Marisa Calvi-Rogers.



The 1987 Prospect yearbook made an appearance on Friday evening.



Robert J. Buccino, Vice President for Advancement and Planning, toasted the class of 1952 in style.



The 2002 Alumni of the Year Award recipients, Tomoko Takahashi '77, right, and Julia M. McNamara '02 Honorary, stand with Robert Behan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Katharine Curnen Mullen '37. Please see page 4 for more information on our award recipients.



After her induction into the Alumni Association, President McNamara is surprised to learn she is the recipient of the Alumni of the Year Award for Loyalty and Service to the College. Patricia Sanders Behan '55 and Robert Behan join in the applause.

"A little to the right..." Following the champagne toast, spouses of our 50th Reunion class orchestrate a group photo in the Italian Garden.



Golden Society Induction Inaugurates Restored Italian Garden

On a perfect June afternoon, the view from the Italian Garden is magnificent. The newly renovated courtyard of Rosary, with its spectacular view of West Rock, played host to the class of 1952 as they were inducted into the Golden Society. The ceremony, followed by a champagne toast with President McNamara, was the first event to be held in the newly restored Italian Garden.

Jean Andros '95 (CE), president of the Alumni Association, said, in inducting the newest members: "Our pride in you also encompasses the pride we have in this College because of the many fine values it offers—social conscience, tolerance, generosity, creativity and lifetime intellectual pursuits, to name a few. You consistently exhibit those values in your considerable contributions to the world—through your careers, your volunteer work, your families and friendships."



Class members attending were: Bette Ann Curtin Bailey, Sheila Kiley Brady, Jean Viering Carnese, Marion O'Donohue Connelly, Sr. Joan Delaney, M.M., Mary Ellen Fannon Dennehy, Marguerite St. John Gabriele, Janet Dowling Hanson, Colette Ledoux Mayer, Sr. Patricia McCabe, O.P., Dorothy Cerulli Mulholland, Patricia Owens, Patricia Flanagan Robertson, Phyllis Aldous Russell, Dorothy Kotulich Stawarky, Grace Murphy Thomas, Mary Meyer Traynor and Katie Burns Weil.

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Alumni Elect Fuller and Kefford Alumni Trustees

Alyce Tuttle Fuller '68 and Samantha Kefford '93 have been elected by alumni to serve as Alumni Trustees on the College's Board of Trustees. They will serve for three years.

Fuller, a former high school teacher, has focused her volunteer work on education, most recently as a board member for Chicago's Ounce of Prevention Fund and Erickson Institute. She is a resident of Evanston, Illinois.

Kefford has been with Quick & Reilly, Inc., now a division of Fleet Boston Financial, since graduation. Starting as a stockbroker trainee in La Jolla, California, she is now an assistant vice president serving on the corporate legal team in Manhattan. She will begin law studies in the fall and resides in Long Beach, New York.

Joan Edwards Sacco '59 and Jean Dennison '78, elected as Alumni Trustees for the 1999–2002 term, have been appointed to the Board.

Thanks to our two other nominees for Alumni Trustees, Tina Barsh Mulhare '77 and Tim Quinn '88, for their willingness to stand for election, and to all who voted.

Hartford Reception A Grand Success

Over 150 alumni, faculty, staff and current New Dimensions students gathered at the East Hartford Learning Center to welcome President Julia McNamara. During the reception, alumni (representing classes from 1949-2001) were treated to a tour of the facility, which includes 10 state-of-the-art classrooms and a computer "smart" classroom. The East Hartford Center is home to over 500 New Dimensions students pursuing associate, bachelor and master level programs in business. Shown enjoying the reception are, left to right, Patricia Hurley Folmsbee '60, President McNamara and Betty Hurley Candels '48.



Rosanne Zudekoff '90

President and College Trustee Receive Alumni of Year Awards

The Albertus Magnus College Alumni Association at its annual meeting during Reunion weekend inducted President McNamara into the Association as an Honorary Alumna and presented her with the Alumni of the Year award for Loyalty and Service to the College. Tomoko Takahashi '77 received the award for Outstanding Professional Achievement. Excerpts from their citations follow.

"Distinguished administrator, dedicated teacher and innovative leader *par excellence*, Julia M. McNamara has served Albertus Magnus College for more than 25 years. In 1976 she came to Albertus as a lecturer in French and from 1980 to 1982 was dean of students and adjunct assistant professor of French. She was named the College's thirteenth president in 1982. She has led the College through a remarkable and unprecedented period of renewal and change. During the two decades of her leadership, the College has expanded to include both women and men, instituted the Accelerated Degree Program, completed a successful Capital Campaign resulting in the construction of the Cosgrove Marcus Messer Athletic Center, launched an innovative business degree program for the adult learner known as New Dimensions, introduced four master's degree programs, brought the benefits of information technology to students and faculty, undertaken a campus renovation and beautification initiative, and continued to honor its Catholic identity and its roots in the liberal arts tradition....



Tomoko Takahashi

Julia McNamara has graced Albertus Magnus College for these many years with her great generosity of spirit, her unsurpassed energy and her extraordinary loyalty and service."

"Administrator, educator, linguist, published author, translator, Tomoko Takahashi has achieved in the many realms of academe. She came to Albertus in the fall of 1973 as a foreign student and majored in English. That was the foundation for an extraordinary career, one that has taken her to the position of provost, or chief academic officer, of Soka University of America, and she continues to serve as dean of its Graduate School, a post she has held since 1994.

"After graduating from Albertus *magna cum laude*, Tomoko went on to receive an M.A., M.Ed and Ed.D. in applied linguistics from Columbia University. Her research in the field of language education has been published in numerous professional and scholarly journals. She has authored and co-authored many books, including 13 textbooks in English and Japanese, several of which have been translated into Chinese and Korean. She is the official translator of the works of civil rights leader Rosa Parks into Japanese. Tomoko was elected an Alumni Trustee of the College for the 1996–1999 term and serves now as a Trustee on the Board."

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Mark Your Calendars —Upcoming Alumni Events

October 26—First Annual Alumni Tailgate Party at Fall Fest

The 6th annual Fall Fest weekend begins on Friday, October 25, and features a variety of activities throughout the weekend and concludes on Monday, October 28, with the traditional Candlelight Ceremony. The ceremony, held at Rosary Hall, is where the senior class passes on the light of knowledge to the freshman class.

Friday night, October 25, features the Clayton Miller Blues Band (www.claytonmillerbluesband.com) fronted by an eight-year old harmonica player. This event is open to all alumni and their guests at no charge (cash bar) and begins at 9 p.m. in the campus pub.

Saturday Alumni Tailgate Party features:

- BBQ lunch
- Alumni tent and beer garden with a view of the field
- Soccer game (AMC vs. arch rival Norwich)
- Volleyball tri-match (lady Falcons vs. St. Joseph College and Emerson College)
- Hypnotist and comedian Jim Spinnato (www.jimspinnato.com) will perform in the pub following the soccer game.

The cost to attend the Tailgate Party is \$12 per person and includes lunch, alumni tent/beer garden, and entertainment in the pub. (Note: during the show, the pub will be open for a cash bar—pricing \$1 per beverage and free soft drinks.)

Registration forms may be obtained on line at www.albertus.edu in the Alumni and Friends section. Completed forms along with credit/debit card number (Visa, MasterCard, Discover) should be faxed to 203-785-8652. Formal invitations will be mailed in early September.

November 1—All Saints Day Mass and Alumni Luncheon

All Saints Day Mass is scheduled for Friday, November 1 at Noon in the Behan Community Room of the Campus Center. All are welcome to attend. An alumni buffet luncheon will follow

Mass in the DeDominic Dining Hall. Luncheon: \$13 per person, \$10 per person for Golden Society members. Formal invitations will be mailed in late September.

The Rovers are coming, the Rovers are coming...

Mark your calendar for the annual Celebration of St. Patrick at Albertus. The Highland Rovers Band will take the stage on Saturday, March 15, 2003. Last year this event drew a record crowd of 264 alumni, friends and members of the College Community. Call your classmates and friends, warm up your voices and shine up those dancing shoes. A night of food, fun and music in the traditional Irish spirit awaits you at Albertus!

CAMPUS NEWS

College Receives Two Grants for Faculty Training

The Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium selected Albertus Magnus College for a \$12,000 grant for the Summer 2002 Faculty Training Program. Faculty from the Day and New Dimensions programs attended workshops for upgrading and training in the use of electronic equipment and instructional technology to further integrate technology into teaching and learning.

The grants are funded by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut through the Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium. Last year Albertus received a similar grant, which enabled 100 full and part-time faculty members to attend the sessions.

Workshops are under the on-campus direction of Sr. Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., assisted by staff members Robert Hubbard, Diane Campanella, Carrie Horvath, Steven Denegre, Garrett Dell and Greg Knobelsdorff.

The College also received an additional grant to fund the panel discussion "Three Practitioners' Views of Distance Education: Perspectives from the Sciences, Social Sciences and the Humanities." This session will be on September 27.

College to Observe Three Events for September 11 Anniversary

The Albertus Magnus College community will observe the first anniversary of September 11 with a candlelight service in front of Rosary Hall on September 10 at 8 p.m. Speaker for the evening will be Sr. Mauryen O'Brien, O.P., a member of the College's Board of Trustees. The next day there will be a Mass in the Campus Center at noon. On Wednesday, September 18, Sr. Patricia Cusack, O.P., from St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City, the closest trauma center to the World Trade Center, will recall how the hospital responded to the events of September 11.

Yale's Gutas to Speak on Campus

On September 19, Professor Dimitri Gutas, chairman of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization at Yale University, will speak to the College community at 11:15 a.m. in the Campus Center. His topic: The Difference Between Islamic Fundamentalism and the Modern Western Scientific World View. Dr. Sean O'Connell, Associate Dean and professor of philosophy, will introduce the program.

The presentation is made possible through a grant from the American Scientific Foundation in conjunction with the John Templeton Foundation.



The Business and Economics department of the Day Program and Continuing Education Division, and all programs under New Dimensions, received full accreditation for ten years from the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education, the national accrediting agency. Dr. Phyllis DeLeo, dean for New Dimensions, accepted the Full Accreditation Certificate from Dr. Robert Roller, past chair of the IACBE Board of Commissioners. Framed copies of the certificate are on view in the office of Dr. William C. Schulz, vice president for academic affairs, the office of Nancy Fallon, chair of the Day Business and Economics department, and the Long Wharf, Hartford and Stratford offices of New Dimensions.

On April 17 the College welcomed Sr. Mary Faith Geelan, O.P., center, prioress of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, whose six-year term as leader of the Congregation ended June 30. Sr. Mary Faith spoke to a noon-time gathering of faculty, staff and students about the mission of the Dominican Sisters. In the afternoon, President Julia M. McNamara, left, hosted a reception in honor of Sr. Mary Faith. Sr. Gilmory McCabe, O.P., director of campus ministry, is at right.



Rosanne Zurekoff '60

Open House for Prospective Students

Coming up on Saturday, November 9 will be the annual Open House for prospective students. Each year high school students and their families attend the daylong event on campus to get an overview of an Albertus education. Scheduled are tours, speakers, special presentations and entertainment.

Alumni can help prospective students receive application information about Albertus. If a student receives information at the request of an alumna or alumnus, and then does apply, the application fee will be waived. Call 800-578-9160.

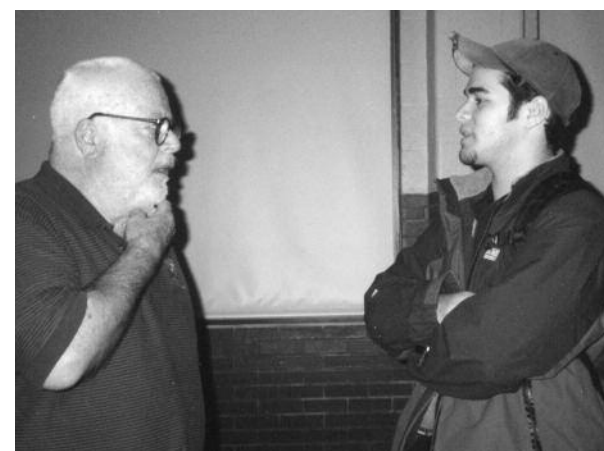
STUDENTS



Thomas W. O'Neil, co-author with internationally-known forensic scientist Dr. Henry C. Lee of "Cracking Cases: The Science of Solving Crimes," spoke at an informal lunch with a group of students about writing and publication. He is a professional writer and instructor of journalism at Gateway Community College in New Haven. O'Neil is shown with students Jessica Simons, center, and Liz Bouley.



Twenty-two students, mostly juniors and seniors, visited the annual spring Career Fair held at Central Connecticut State University. At the Fair, representatives of 130 companies met with students about job opportunities in their industries. Getting ready to depart from the Campus Center are, front row, left to right, Germán Jimenez, Teresa Buffone and Natasha Jean-Paul, CE; back row, Michael Torres, Elma Redzic, John Adams, Suzanne Yurko Wall, director of career services, and David Quintana.



Actor William Windom spoke to students in the spring about his 55-year career on Broadway, in film and on television. Known for his role as Dr. Seth Hazlitt in "Murder, She Wrote," he also appeared for many years in a one-man show about James Thurber. After the informal talk, student Juan Yopez, who aspires to an acting career, had several questions for Windom.

Two Members of Class of 2002 Honored at State Capitol

Jodi Lombardozzi '02 and C. J. Roper '02 were among outstanding students from Connecticut colleges honored at the Connecticut General Assembly's College Academic Day.

The event took place at the State Capitol in Hartford. Honorees received citations from the General Assembly and were presented to members of the House and Senate. Members of their families also attended.

Commencement 2002



Commencement was a family affair for the Andersons. Marcella Anderson and her son, Marques, received the associate of science degree.



Bruce Rotensperger

High spirits ruled the day.

Pictures, pictures, pictures. It's time for a rest.

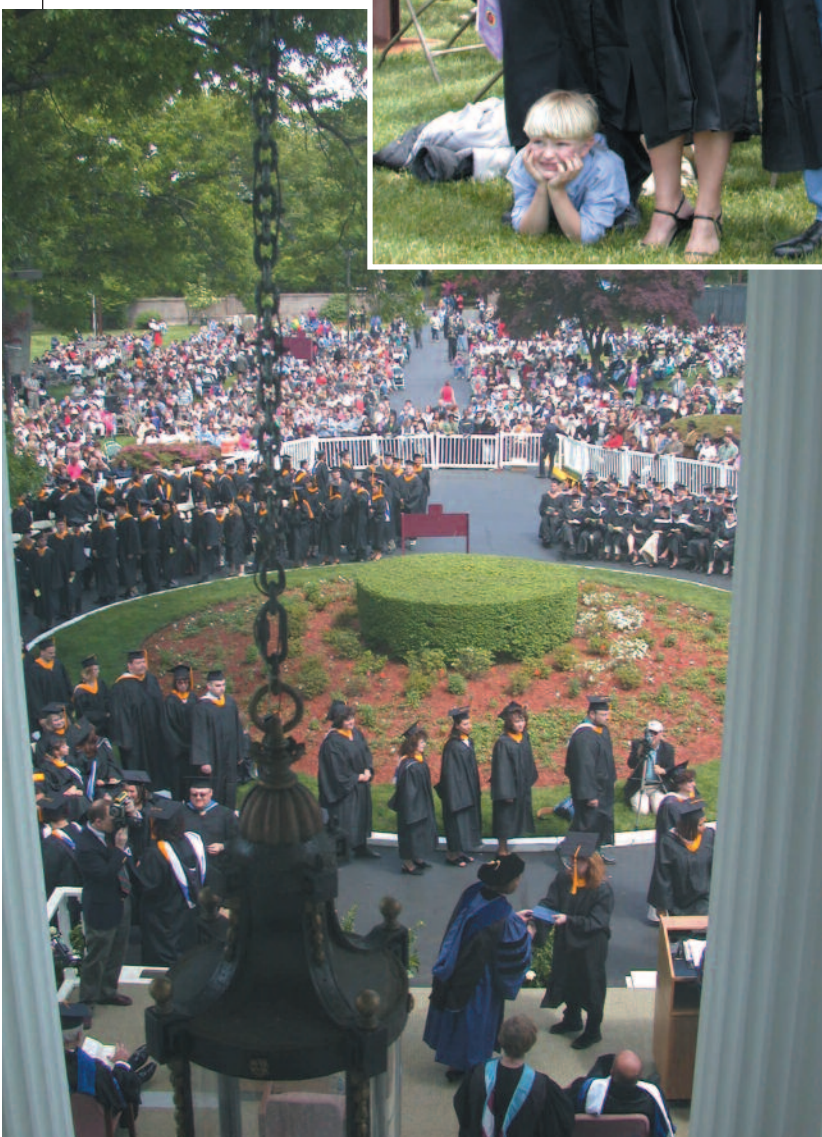


Sr. Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., congratulates Mark O'Connell on a job well done. Enjoying the occasion is his father.

It was a day for hugs and happiness.



Colette Ledoux Mayer and Dorothy Cerulli Mulholland took part in the ceremonies as members of the 50th Reunion class.



A crowd of 5,000 spectators came to campus to cheer their loved ones.



The front of the line waits for the procession to begin.

The long line of graduates is led to Rosary Hall by bagpipers Timothy Dalton, left, and Tucker Wood '05.

Checking out the program.



Lashell Rountree, Carrie Kelly and Carla Minniefield are a happy trio. They received bachelor's degrees and were in the same New Dimensions cohort for four years.

Honorary degree recipient Willie Ruff played Ellington and Gershwin in memory of the victims of September 11 and in honor of all rescue workers.



Honorary Degree Citations

Sister Mary Faith Geelan, O.P.

...Sister Mary Faith Geelan, you have approached your apostolic mission and all of God's universe with love and dedication. As a compassionate social worker, you have extended your hand to offer guidance and understanding; as a devoted teacher, you have awakened joy in creative expression and knowledge; and now as Prioress of the Congregation, you lead this vibrant community of women with a charisma committed to Christ and His church.

St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that three things are necessary for salvation: "To know what one ought to believe; to know what one ought to desire; and to know what one ought to do." Sister Mary Faith Geelan in your life and career you have met these precepts, and have complemented God's handiwork....

Sidney and Libby Glucksman

...You both found peace and solitude on freedom's shore, where you raised your daughters and furthered the long family tradition with Sidney's Tailor Shop on Chapel Street in New Haven. Yet your quiet and dignified lives have in no way minimized your roles in the Twentieth Century's war against Nazism and Fascism. Sidney—a Dachau death camp survivor, and Libby—a courier for Russian forces, you both demonstrated that courage is not the absence of fear, it is the ability to take action in the face of fear.

Sidney and Libby Glucksman, your continued efforts to speak for those who no longer have a voice magnify your belief that no member of God's community can be oblivious to the fate and future of others....

Willie Ruff

...As a son of the South, you came to New Haven more than a half-century ago fueled by jazz and destined to teach. Throughout your remarkable career, you have been able to blend your two greatest loves in the same creative and spontaneous way that you perform with Dwiki Mitchell for audiences in Russia and China. As the founding director of the Duke Ellington Fellowship at Yale, you have enlivened the senses of young people by bringing the giants of the truly American music—jazz—into their schools.

Willie Ruff, you are so much more than a composer, musician and teacher. We here today are confident that if Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong was asked to describe you, his response would be, "If you gotta ask, you'll never know...."

Honorary degree recipients join President McNamara for their class photo. Left to right are Sr. Mary Faith Geelan, O.P., Libby and Sidney Glucksman and Willie Ruff.



CLASS NOTES

1929

Kathryn Ankenbrandt Kolb, Mt. Carmel, IL, reports that she's in good health "for a 93-year-old!" She has six great-grandchildren; still drives, recently passing her driving test, swims and plays bridge.

1933 *70th Reunion June 13-14, 2003*

1937

Sr. Mary Norbert (Myra) McLoughlin, O.P., is retired and living at the Congregation of St. Mary of the Springs in Columbus, OH.

1938 *65th Reunion June 13-14, 2003*

1940

Rita Affinito Ferris, Pembroke Pines, FL, writes that her biographical profile will be included in the 20th Edition of Who's Who in the World, listed under Social Worker, state of Florida.

Theresa Sibielski Jarvis, Worcester, MA, sends word that she has a new granddaughter, making a dozen grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

1942

Beth Mason Becker, Madison, CT, who is retired, recalls a "wonderful career in market research when it was just beginning to flower. When I joined Young and Rubicam, George Gallup was head of the research department."

Mary Skipp Phillips Winter, Naples, FL, spends summers at the Connecticut shore in Branford. She married Edward Winter in July 2000.

1943 *60th Reunion June 13-14, 2003*

1947

Anne Connelly Dillon, Springfield, MA, is involved with golf, bridge and church activities. She has nine grandchildren.

Jean M. Harder, Southbury, CT, is a psychotherapist and psychoanalyst, specializing in borderline and narcissistic personalities.

Mary Benedict Killion, Hopkinton, MA, is getting used to her new house, which is a cottage attached to

Prospect Hill Society

Many loyal alumni and friends have indicated that they have included Albertus Magnus College in their estate planning. To recognize, honor and say thank you to these benefactors, the College has established the Prospect Hill Society.

If you have mentioned Albertus in your will or other estate plans, please let us know what you have planned for the College's future. We will list you as Member of the Prospect Hill Society in the College's 2002-2003 Annual Report. (The College's 2001-2002 Annual Report will be mailed in the fall). Please contact Frank Grosso, assistant vice president for development, at 203-773-8502; e-mail fgrosso@albertus.edu.

her daughter Beth's house. "It's perfect and I love it, which you might expect since it was built for me."

Anne Cretella Tutoli, Lady Lake, FL, writes that she is very active in the local AAUW branch and is the Public Policy chair. She is a founding member of the quilting guild in her retirement community.

1948 *55th Reunion June 13-14, 2003*

1950

Yvonne Tomei McKitrick, New Smyrna Beach, FL, has been honored by the School District of Hillsborough County for her many years of devotion to education. A new elementary school there is named the Yvonne T. McKitrick Elementary School.

1951

Sr. Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., New Haven, CT, director of the Office of Assessment and Institutional Research at AMC, has been elected vice chair of the Board of Directors of the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education, the national accrediting agency for collegiate programs in business, accounting, economics and management. She has served on the Board since 1998.

1952

Doris Savelle Breuler, Northford, CT, now retired, taught for 34 years at Guilford High School, serving for the last 14 as chair of the language arts department. She has been studying painting for the past five years.

Marion O'Donohue Connelly, Port Washington, NY, has two grandchildren. She enjoys AAUW activities, bridge and travel.

Janet Dowling Hanson, Bennington, VT, reports that her five children and Dean's four are married with families of their own. They are spread from Maine to California, Texas, Florida, South Carolina, New York, Massachusetts and Saudi Arabia.

Sheila Brady Kiley, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, is retired and involved with golf, reading, working out and visiting her five daughters and three grandchildren. She helps with the care of parents, ages 98 and 95.

Patricia A. McCabe, O.P., Columbus, OH, handles computer graphics and website development for the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs. She is involved with creation spirituality and environmental issues, art, music and gardening.

Colette Ledoux Mayer, Greenlawn, NY, retired from teaching high school English and French 10 years ago and work part-time as a receptionist in the office of the Suffolk County Executive.

Dorothy Cerulli Mulholland, Douglaston, NY, reports a sad year. Her husband of 45 years died in February and her mother in March. All four children are married; she has nine grandchildren.

Noreen Brown Rogers, Stamford, CT, a retired writing consultant, sends word that her first grandson is on scholarship to New York University and her 14th grandchild was born recently in Ireland.

Phyllis Aldous Russell, Marlton, NJ, is a retired computer programmer/analyst. With seven grandchildren, she is grateful for the gift of free time. "Time flies more than ever, but I'm able to read and learn about all the things I never had time for," she notes.

Angela Scimone Sledden, Humboldt, AZ, lives on a mountaintop above the Sonoran desert. She and her husband, Richard, visited Connecticut in April. "Life is more hectic as retirees than we had imagined."

Dorothy Kotulich Stawarky, Westbrook, CT, reports twin grandchildren. She enjoys walking, traveling and swimming.

1953 *50th Reunion June 13-14, 2003*

1955

Catherine Wilkinson Coburn, West Hartford, CT, recently took an Elderhostel trip to Hawaii with her sister.

1956

Albina Sacco Cannavaciolo, North Haven, CT, an independent mathematics consultant, was recently named to a three-year term on the Mathematics Education Trust Board, established by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

1957

Delphine Barrett, Lakewood, OH, is retired and volunteers at the local hospital.

Margaret Mary Burns Clancy, New Haven, CT, teaches high school English and history. She is a member of the Long Wharf Theatre Guild and the Catholic Charity League.

Carol Alosi Euston, Washington, D.C., is retired from teaching in the Washington public schools. She enjoys making stained glass art.

Margaret McBride Fitzgerald, Stratford, CT, reports that her husband, Jack, has retired again. They'll be visiting grandchildren in Boston, East Hampton and San Francisco, and friends in Ireland. She audits classes at Fairfield and Sacred Heart universities.

Lillian Adley Germain, Fairfield, CT, gardens, golfs and does fund-raising for local charities. She enjoys her

Sheila Gallagher Murphy '57 *A Teacher's Teacher*

PROFILE

Many years ago in a Dominican high school in Watertown, Massachusetts, Sr. Florentia saw in a student the makings of a teacher, "but not the patience to teach small children."

Sheila Murphy remembers her early mentor with affection and says "She was right."

It was Sr. Florentia who instilled a love of Latin in her student and encouraged her to apply to Albertus. Once at the College, Murphy, who majored in English and minored in Latin, found that "Sr. Vincentia's depth of knowledge and Sr. Maria Patricia's enthusiasm for literature nurtured my lifelong addiction to reading, and my desire to teach literature." She went on to earn a master's degree in English from Boston College and another master's from Wesleyan.

Today, retired from a career in education that included 27 years as an English teacher in Glastonbury, Connecticut, Murphy has two part-time jobs that combine her love of teaching and her love of language.

She is co-director of the Connecticut Writing Project and co-editor of a planned collection of essays about the late Leo Connellan, Connecticut's second Poet Laureate.

Involvement with the Writing Project began in 1985 when Murphy took a month-long CWP Summer Institute at the University of Connecticut. There teachers learned research about writing and the teaching of writing, taught other teachers, and spent time writing. Now she plans programs, designs in-service projects for school districts and presents workshops for teachers. As part of an on-going workshop series, she serves as writing coach for teachers in a New Haven magnet school, supporting them as they experiment with new strategies for teaching writing. Working with CWP, she says, "became a way to improve my teaching, and to share my growing expertise with other teachers."

In fact, Murphy credits the "immersion in writing" at her first Summer Institute with encouraging her own writing. "I began, at my rather advanced age," she says, "to love writing for personal and well as professional satisfaction." At present she is writing a book of poems in memory of two grandchildren who died at ages 11 months and 14 months of spinal muscular atrophy, a genetic disease.

She is collaborating on the essay collection with Connecticut Poet Laureate Marilyn Nelson. Murphy got to know Connellan when she began to invite writers to her classes to talk about their work. "Leo would visit my classes, all grades, all achievement levels, to talk about poetry. He inspired my students, and me, to become more thoughtful readers and writers of poetry," she says.

Murphy's essay in the collection will recall her friend's visits to the classroom and how students responded to him. Each of her projects is "another new beginning. Always, I am grateful to Albertus—where this struggling scholarship student was nurtured in the lifelong wonder of teaching and learning."



3½-year-old grandson and is awaiting her first granddaughter in September.

Willa Perkins Hamilton, La Jolla, CA, has lived there for 30 years. She has three children and four grandchildren.

Nancy Francis Hopkins, Branford, CT, is a self-employed realtor and loves to travel. She's been married to Bill for 44 years and has five children and one grandchild.

Maureen Cleare Kiley, Fall River, MA, is very active in her church and parish council, a local human rights committee and the Bristol County Retired Teachers' Association.

Jeanne Yorke King, Kensington, CA, for more than 35 years has been an advocate for people with developmental disabilities. She currently serves as president of the Board of the Regional Center of the East Bay.

Sheila Gallagher Murphy, Portland, CT, sends word that Russ continues to teach American Government at Wesleyan. "We often 'commute' between Portland and Kingston, MA, where we've spent summers for almost 30 years."

Barbara Fappiano Spillane, Virginia Beach, VA, a real estate broker, has five married children and 12 grandchildren. She gardens, does yoga and participates in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life."

Mary (Marie) Bernacchia Vitelli, Woodbridge, CT, is semi-retired, doing part-time work at the New Haven Adult Education Center. She also volunteers at the Hospital of St. Raphael.

Margaret Carr Wallace, Cumberland, R.I., is retired and active in her parish as well as with Magnificat, an international ministry to Catholic women. Plans call for travel to Italy this summer.

1958 *45th Reunion June 13-14, 2003*

Sheila McCue Hennessey, Wethersfield, CT, was re-elected President-Judge of the Connecticut Probate Assembly, which seeks to improve the administration of justice and achieve uniformity in the practice and procedures of the probate courts.

Mary Elizabeth Egan Mace, Pleasantville, NY, reports that she is "still teaching French at Scarsdale High School." She has four grandchildren and travels a lot.

1961

Angela DeFilippi Errico, Plandome, NY, sends word that her daughter Melissa took part in this summer's



Gathering at New York's Café Carlyle for a performance by Melissa Errico, daughter of Angela DeFilippi Errico '61, are, left to right, AMC director of communications Rosanne Zudekoff '60, Angela Errico, Melissa and AMC Trustee Lynne Farrell '60. In the top photo, Michael Errico joins his daughter at the piano for the final set. She was the subject of a story in the Sunday/Styles section of the New York Times on July 14 and will star in the new Michel Legrand musical, "Amour," on Broadway this fall.

Dora Kyryk Henel '59

PROFILE

When she retired, Dora Henel moved from isolating chromosomes to analyzing ancient artifacts.

She had been looking for a volunteer job that would combine a commitment to science and a deep interest in art developed during 12 years of living in Brussels, Teheran, Madrid, Rome and London.

Then, through a mutual friend, she met the chemist at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. "He was willing to train me in the use of infrared spectroscopy and x-ray diffraction to analyze art objects," she explains. "These techniques are amazing because one can work with a sample about the size of the head of a pin and not damage the object."

This new work analyzing the ancient was just what Henel hoped to find. It is part painstaking analysis, part solving mysteries of the art world...and for her the chemistry was right. Now she spends two or three days a week in a basement lab working on projects for art conservators at the Met as well as other museums. "They have questions about basic composition, pigments, coatings, corrosion, glues used in old repairs and varnishes on furniture.

"One of my more interesting projects was to analyze all the jade objects for an exhibition from Costa Rica. Since the name jade can be given to several different minerals—jadeite or nephrite, among others—curators needed to know the composition of each piece for the catalogue," she says.

Henel is an avid reader of mysteries and this makes solving real-life puzzles all the more satisfying. "I can't prove that an object is authentic, but sometimes I can cast doubt on its authenticity," she says. Recently she found a modern coating on a reportedly ancient Aztec statue and modern pigments on supposedly old paintings.

The foundation for Henel's scientific work stems from classes at Albertus with the "legends" of their time: Sr. Irmina, Sr. Mary Urban and Dr. Dorothea Rudnick. A biology major, she worked after graduation at Yale's Hunter Radiation Lab, trying to regulate blood supply to cancerous tumors, research in the news again recently. From Yale she went to the Rockefeller Institute in New York City where her lab was isolating chromosomes and laying the groundwork for today's gene project. After a 24-year hiatus spent raising four children and living abroad, she took courses at Columbia to brush up on her scientific skills. "After that, I went to Mt. Sinai Hospital and worked in a lab trying to insert 'good genes' in people with inherited liver disease," she recalls.

Her work at the Met is the most satisfying of all. "I wish I had gotten into this field much earlier in my life, but I'm thankful that I didn't miss the opportunity," she says. "I can still look forward to the search."



Stephen Sondheim Festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., playing Dot in "Sunday in the Park with George."

1962

Brenda Fanfesti LaBella, Wethersfield, CT, is retired.

Mary Ellen Semeraro Marra, West Chester, PA, is retired after teaching sixth grade science for 28 years. She has two married children and two grandchildren.

Mary-Ann Hammond Martin, Dallas, TX, a fourth grade language arts teacher, is involved with a church outreach program to aid and tutor refugees.

1963 *40th Reunion June 13-14, 2003*

1967

Jennifer Hoffmann Beard, Houston, TX, assistant regional administrator for the Texas Attorney General's Office, Child Support Enforcement Division, reports that her daughter, Jessica, will be a senior at Columbia in the fall.

Maria Scibelli DeAngelis, Wilbraham, MA, is the manager of volunteer recruitment for the Spring School Volunteers. One son is an orthopedic surgeon, the other a third-year medical student.

Sherry Dorso Flaherty, Derby, CT, is the ESOL coordinator and teacher for the Ansonia Public Schools. Her older son, the senior civilian Balkans intelligence analyst at a U.S. military base abroad, often travels to Sarajevo.

Jean Palmer Gallinelli, Southport, CT, and her husband, Frank, recently visited their son, Keith, who is teaching in a business college in China. In addition to business involvements, she is works with Literacy Volunteers in an ESL program in Norwalk.

Dorothy Yutenkas Mutkoski, Cheshire, CT, a conductor, choral clinician and private voice instructor, leads "Harmonia," a local adult choir. One of her former students, John Carrafa, was nominated this year for two Tony awards: for choreography of "Into the Woods" (Revival) and "Urinetown" (New Show).

1968 *35th Reunion June 13-14, 2003*

1969

Linda Rueli Kingston, Springfield, MA, a middle school social studies teacher, reports that her two sons have now graduated from college: Sean from Fairfield in 1998 and Michael from Fordham in 2001.

1970

Sherry Eichorn, El Paso, TX, was recently appointed principal of a new school, a kindergarten through 8th grade facility.

In Memoriam

Ethyl Gerber Nash '29
Bridgeport, CT
May 11, 2002

Mary Riordan Boucher '31
Chelmsford, MA
May 23, 2002

Marion Crane Lee '34
Madison, CT
July 17, 2002
Grandmother of Sr. Kathryn Lee '87

Irma Chiappinelli Paliano '37
Providence, RI
August 8, 2001
Sister of Phyllis Chiappinelli '31 and Rita Chiappinelli '40

Josephine Terricciano DeCesare '38
Monroe, CT
January 2, 2002

Grace Hickey Kummer '38
Seymour, CT
May 15, 2002

Eunice O'Neill '39
New York, NY
November 7, 2001

Dorothy Young Kirk '41
Madison, CT
March 23, 2002

Nancy Covert Wiley '47
Newburgh, NY
April 5, 2002

Marilyn Phillips Happy '48
Wallingford, CT
May 23, 2002

Maureen Roche Jacoby '49
Chestertown, MD
March 4, 2002

Dolores Perfetto Giamette '55
Holden, MA
September 3, 2001
Mother of Lisa Giamette Cox '79

Marguerite Kost '58
Torrington, CT
June 25, 2002
Sister of
Mary Ann Kost Torrence '55

Margaret Fennelly DeLeon '68
New Orleans, LA
November 30, 2001

Darlene Ranno '75
Hollywood, FL
April 11, 2002

Dorothy Jackson '90
Middletown, CT
December 19, 2001

Keith Watkins '00
Bridgeport, CT
June 2, 2002

CLASS NOTES

1972

Karen Loncrini Sarat, Westfield, MA, is activities director for Springfield's Mercy Hospital Cancer Support Group. A cancer survivor advocate, she will represent her district in the September "Relay for Life" in Washington, D.C.

1973 *30th Reunion June 13-14, 2003*

Kathleen Ryan, Coventry, CT, was recently named Teacher of the Year at Howell Cheney Regional Vocational-Technical School, where she has taught for 28 years. Chair of the Connecticut Geography Olympiad steering committee since 1997, she will be one of four state teachers studying for two weeks this summer at the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C.

1974

Kim Mancuso, Ashfield, MA, directed *Faust 2002*, a new performance by the Pilgrim Theatre, which she co-founded, at the Boston Center for the Arts in April.

1977

Cornelia Gunn Dinnean, Hamden, CT, is an adjunct professor at Fairfield University and director of Faith Formation at the St. Thomas More School of Religion.

Veronica Krisavage, Southport, CT, is director of business applications for World Wrestling Federation Entertainment, Inc. She is a volunteer at the Westport Arts Center, and enjoys opera and biking.

Tina Barsh Mulhare, Far Hills, NJ, is retired and active with the Junior League of Morristown Board and the Morristown Memorial Hospital Women's Association. She has two stepchildren.

Tomoko Takahashi, Woodland Hills, CA, in May was named the first provost of Soka University. As the chief academic officer, she will oversee the graduate and undergraduate programs and continue to serve as dean of the Graduate School.

Sheila Tucke, Westford, MA, is a psychotherapist in Andover and Westford, and also a realtor. She would love to hear from classmates in the Boston area.

1978 *25th Reunion June 13-14, 2003*

Sheila Pepe '81

PROFILE

Her media is mixed; her palette includes wires, yarn, faceless dolls, light bulbs, shoelaces and rubber bands. Sheila Pepe defines the contemporary artist.

Last season was a banner one for her. There were solo shows at Colgate University, the Weatherspoon Art Museum of the University of North Carolina and the Susan Inglett Gallery in downtown Manhattan, as well as group shows in Brooklyn, Boston and Philadelphia. Add to that, winning the Louis Comfort Tiffany Award, the prestigious monetary prize awarded every two years to emerging American artists. The award, says sponsor The Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation, goes to "artists whose work shows promise, but who have not yet received widespread cultural and commercial recognition."

"I teach quite a bit," she says. "Last year I was at Bard College, RISD [Rhode Island School of Design] and Virginia Commonwealth University as a visiting artist. I still give my students Ben Shahn to read—Sr. Thoma Swanson's senior project reading assignment at Albertus." On her schedule for next year: RISD and Pratt Institute.

After graduation from Albertus, Pepe received a BFA in ceramics from the Massachusetts College of Art. "That really opened up my world in many ways," she says. "After that I spent years finding my place in the arts—most of the time at Smith College Museum of Art, considering a career as a museum conservator or curator. Eventually I knew I had to choose the studio full time. I began working more diligently, exhibiting in Massachusetts, and then hit a wall in my understanding of my own work." At this point, Pepe went back to school and in 1995 received an MFA from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. She also was a Bunting Fellow at the now-Radcliffe Institute.

Pepe describes her work as "a hybrid of drawing and sculptural interests." The New Yorker in a listing of her show at the Inglett Gallery said: "The artist spins (okay, crochets) sprawling webs in room-size installations made of everyday materials, in this case black and white shoelaces. The webs cast intricate shadows on the walls...." Her works are large; a 20' x 100' x 24' piece is not unusual.

Priority is always to "create an awareness of sensory experience and how we understand what we see and feel. My work is a suggestion that 'thinking playfulness'—and imagination—is common to us all and a critical part of our lives," Pepe says.

She points out that "artistically my influences are a contradictory lot: Eva Hesse and Judy Chicago, Jackson Pollack and Claes Oldenburg. And while the small and rare art world is a main source of inspiration, equally strong is the deli that my parents ran in Jersey while I was growing up."

In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community

Abigail Phillips Friedrichs, daughter of Mary Skipp Phillips Winter '42 and sister of Maryalice Phillips Hoogland '73 November 11, 2001

Charlotte Bradshaw Lucas, mother of Howard Bradshaw '00 and mother-in-law of Mary Ann Bradshaw '00 July 17, 2002

Denise Marahi, daughter of Louise Hogan Garvey '49 December 28, 2001

John F. McGroary, Jr., father of Karen McGroary Yardley '71 June 2, 2002

James F. McKeon, III, brother of Trudy McKeon Daly '61 June 7, 2002

Charles H. Mullen, former AMC Trustee April 14, 2002

Richard Smith, husband of Miriam Hayner Smith '39

Anne Stampfer, mother of Sherry Eichorn '70 May 10, 2002

Russell T. Sullivan, husband of Ann Hargett Sullivan '47 April 12, 2002

1979

Eileen Eder, Woodbridge, CT, taught a weeklong course in June on drawing with pastels at the Yale Center for British Art. She is an artist and instructor of drawing and painting at Creative Arts Workshop in New Haven.

1981

Jannine Zurolo Falvey was recently named marketing representative for the state of Connecticut for the Union Mutual of Vermont Cos., property and casualty insurers.

Sheila Pepe, New York, NY, had an exhibition of her room-size installations at the downtown Inglett Gallery in May. (See Profile, below.)

1982

Diane Conradi-Pocograno, Guilford, CT, teaches Italian at East Haven High School and also serves as the advisor to the yearbook and to the Italian Club. She has a daughter, two sons and a stepson.

Mary Mahar, Amherst, NH, is senior account executive for Horace Mann Insurance Cos. She is married to David McNamara and has two daughters.

Maureen O'Neil, Tallahassee, FL, is assistant executive director of Refuge House. Recently she assisted in raising \$2.7 million to build a new emergency shelter and childcare center for battered women and their children.

1983 *20th Reunion June 13-14, 2003*

1984

Annette Vasaturo, Seymour, CT, is the principal of St. Vincent de Paul School, a Catholic elementary school for girls and boys.

1985

Tery Spataro, New York, NY, sends word that she has launched a virtual business, Accents by Allison, with her mother. It is a personal shopper service at www.accentsbyallison.com

1986

Kathleen Albrecht Keegan, Pembroke, MA, has joined Edaville USA, a family entertainment center focused on cranberry bogs, as manager of group sales and hospitality. She also serves as a captain in the Army National Guard.

Kerstin Day Lochrie, Woburn, MA, writes that she is an adoptive parent, adding a third child to her family in December 2001. She also is a recognized authority on special education and international adoption medicine. Owner of a day-care business, she is pursuing an MBA. She and Peter have been married for 12 years.

1987

Jaclynn Patrick Lee, Brooklyn Heights, NY, is with real estate tax services at Deloitte & Touche in Manhattan. She married Chung Lee in 1999 and gave birth to John Patrick Chung Won Lee on September 8, 2001.

1988 *15th Reunion June 13-14, 2003*

1989

Curt Brantl and his wife, **Judy Toussaint '88**, and their two children, have relocated to Pittsford, NY. He is with Xerox Capital Services, a joint venture of GE Capital Company and Xerox Corporation.

1990

William Palmieri, CE, Bethany, CT, sends greetings to all his classmates. He became a father in January 2002 with the arrival of daughter McKinley Kathryn Palmieri. A specialist in civil rights, criminal defense and employment discrimination matters, he recently opened his own law practice in New Haven.

1991

Irene Horgan, Naugatuck, CT, runs the 10 studios of the Horgan Academy of Dance with her mother and sister. When she's not teaching dance or judging competitions, she is an adjunct professor of business at Teikyo Post University.

1992

Erlen Stebbings, Denver, CO, is a computer instructor and supervisor for the developmentally disabled at the Developmental Disabilities Resource Center. What began as a temporary receptionist's job at the Center resulted in advancement to her current position. Her work is rewarding although challenging. "I am blessed."

Installation Artist



"Lap," (detail) 2001
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Kirsten Simmons Verdi, Olney, MD, reports that she has "retired" temporarily from her job as head registrar for collections and exhibitions at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. to stay at home with her sons Alex, 3½ and Christopher, 1½.

1993 10th Reunion June 13-14, 2003

Sarah Andrea, CE, Cheshire, CT, has rejoined Calcagni Associates, a real estate company, as an associate.

1998 5th Reunion June 13-14, 2003

Jessica Somers, Wallingford, CT, had an MFA thesis exhibit of her photographs at the Charter Oak Cultural Center Gallery in Hartford.

1999

Carolyn Horton, ND, Norwich, CT, has been named director of health information management at Windham Community Memorial Hospital.

Jim Wood, MS, Wallingford, CT, has been named co-vice chairperson for the United Way of Meriden and Wallingford 2002-2003 campaign.

2000

Howard Bradshaw, CE, Derby, CT, is completing his MSM at Albertus. Since receiving his undergraduate degree, he has been promoted to senior analyst for product and process quality at Sikorsky and is a core member of the process quality team, which is facilitating change across the division. He also is an instructor at United Technologies' University.

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Richard Freeth '93

Law and Music

PROFILE

For Rich Freeth arguing a case in a New York City courtroom is much like singing his own songs in small clubs—it all depends on language.

This Albertus English major started freshman year thinking about majoring in business. "I chose English because I love language and literature," he says. "As it turned out, it was a good choice. My English background has served me quite well both as an attorney and as a songwriter."

Music has been part of Freeth's life for a long time. "Any musician will tell you that playing is an addiction. I started my habit in junior high school, playing in all types of bands." He remembers putting together groups just for fun, sometimes even getting recruited to play at school functions. "I played at the party for the opening of the Athletic Center with my friend and classmate Alain Villafranca, and at the 1990 graduation ceremony." His playing took him beyond campus to gigs with rock bands in the New Haven area, and he won the male rock category in a national Talent America contest. He still has a band, the squibs, but lately he has been a solo act, playing guitar and singing his own songs. Right now he is recording material for a CD.

Freeth's interest in the law stems from his love of words. Shortly after graduation from Albertus, he worked for a large organization, "where I was the low guy, working for the president who was an attorney," Freeth recalls. "It turned out I was one of the few people who really hit it off with him because we both loved to discuss the etymologies of words. He showed me how truly vital words are to law, and that words are the coin of the realm in legal practice. So my major led to my career, but in an indirect way."

Also nudging Freeth toward a law degree was his love of books, which he began collecting at an early age. "By chance, while I was at Albertus, I acquired a book that was a synopsis of American law, and during my senior year I started to read it and became so engrossed I sat down and read the entire book. It gave cases, and then discussed the legal principles involved."

Today he works mainly in civil litigation, but also handles real estate transactions, wills, trusts and estates, entertainment law and international transactions. He is a graduate of the University of Miami Law School.

"I love practicing law, and find it fascinating and stimulating. I keep writing songs, and also find that fascinating and stimulating. Both endeavors can be frustrating, so sometimes I seek respite from one in the other. I know that if I won the Lotto tomorrow I'd still try to keep doing both."



Dominican Jubilarians

Four members of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs with close ties to Albertus are celebrating a Jubilee of Religious Profession this year.



Sr. Mary Urban Cullen, a 1930 graduate of the College and former professor of biology here, marks her 75th year as a member of the Congregation. She began teaching at the College after receiving a master's degree from Ohio State University. She received a doctorate in zoology from Yale University, then returned to Albertus for nearly 25 years. In 1974 she retired from teaching, embarking on a new career in hospital ministry, retiring in 1985. She resides at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus.

Sr. Marie Louise Hubert, former Albertus president and professor of French, is celebrating her 60th Jubilee year. A graduate of St. Joseph College, she received a master's from Columbia University and a Ph.D. from Yale University. She was president from 1956 to 1971. After her presidency she continued to serve the College as director of institutional research. Sr. Marie Louise spent almost her entire religious life at Albertus, retiring in 2001. She currently resides at Mohun Health Care Center.



Sr. Juliana D'Amato, celebrating her Golden Jubilee, taught art and Italian at Albertus for nearly three decades. She completed her doctoral work in Italian at Yale University and also taught at The Catholic University of America and Providence College. After pursuing graduate studies in theological and pastoral ministry, Sr. Juliana in 1997 became a pastoral associate at St. Margaret of Cortona Parish in Columbus, a ministry she continues to perform.

Sr. Thoma Swanson, who taught art at Albertus, is observing her Golden Jubilee. A well-known international artist, she also spent 10 years at the Dominican Mission in Chimbote, Peru, where she founded a women's cooperative, helping local women to produce and sell their native crafts. Her stained glass work appears in the Dominican Chapel at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., and in the new chapel at St. Mary of the Springs. She works in a Columbus art studio.



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