

# alumnae matters

UPDATES FROM THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

## New Alumnae Association President to Focus on Global Leadership

MARY GRAHAM DAVIS '65 is oriented toward the future. Her more than thirty-year career as a management consultant has meant being open to new ideas, welcoming change, and developing a talent for getting business done. In her new role as president of the Alumnae Association, Davis hopes to translate her progressive business perspective into a tenure that fosters continued engagement with an ever-diversifying alumnae body. A special focus, she says, will be an ongoing dialogue about women's global leadership.

Davis is superbly qualified to moderate that conversation. A political science major at MHC, she went on to earn a master's degree in international relations at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Primed for a career in the foreign service, Davis instead joined Citicorp's Overseas Division. She then moved to Sydney, Australia, where she became a merchant banking partner with van Heyst and Company before returning to New York. She later joined Jannotta, Bray and Associates in Chicago, and later started their operations in New York. After participating in the sale of that firm to Right Management Consultants Inc., she founded her own firm, Davis Consulting Group, focused on strategy implementation and senior executive coaching.

"The work that I do involves organizations that are on the global scene or trying to go global," says Davis. That kind of strategic change in direction will be helpful in leading a newly invigorated Alumnae Association that is, among other things, working to integrate more fully the growing number of international alumnae. Davis says helping foreign students better acclimate when they first arrive on campus is key. "We have to start by building those relationships while they're still here," she emphasizes.

"Mary is a strong collaborator who played a key role in the development and execution of the joint agreement between the College and the Alumnae Association," says Catherine C. Burke '78, chair of the Nominating Committee. "Moreover, she is dedicated to expanding the reach of the Association to alumnae of all lifestyles and life stages. She is committed to an increasingly inclusive Alumnae Association."

Davis is expert in forging campus relationships. A 1990 Alumnae Medal of Honor winner and a founder of the Lyons Network, she also served for two terms on the College's board of trustees, where she came to understand that all alumnae want to make an impact in the world. "We have women who are leading in numerous ways," Davis points out. "Not necessarily in corporate boardrooms—although there's plenty

Mary Graham Davis '65 is nominated to serve a three-year term as the Association's next president.



of that too—but in families and communities, for special interests and nongovernmental organizations, and in academic research. "We need to tap into that energy and intellect and help influence the future and direction of the College," says Davis.

Mary resides with her husband, retired banker George L. Davis, in New York City. She has two grown sons and three stepsons. As she looks toward the next three years, Davis emphasizes the importance of a good sense of humor and of reaching consensus on the Association's next steps to move ahead in its strategic plan and global initiatives. "I like to knit together people's best thinking and come up with a hybrid solution that everybody feels they have a piece of. I like to learn from history but not to relive it. I want to envision what's possible."

Once elected by the alumnae body at the annual meeting on May 27, Davis will succeed Susan Beers Betzer '65 as president.

Courtesy of Mary Graham Davis

## Farewell, Wendy Wasserstein '71

### An Untimely End for an Uncommon Woman

**WENDY WASSERSTEIN '71**, who died January 30 at the age of fifty-five, was arguably Mount Holyoke's best-known alumna. Tributes filled the national press after her untimely death from cancer, lauding the public Wendy, toast of the theatre world and winner of the Tony Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

Our Web site has a selection of these tributes. Here, we share the Wendy known to the Mount Holyoke community. Expanded versions of these tributes, many other memories, and much more information are at [alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/go/ww](http://alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/go/ww)

#### Wendy on MHC

"I know Mount Holyoke had a profound effect on my life. Not because I got into a better graduate school, learned to organize my time, or keep a file of facts, but because of the dignity of the women I met here and therefore the dignity that I learned to allow myself."—*[from her 1990 commencement address at MHC]*

#### MHC on Wendy

She called me her "MHC sister." We always had so many laughs about how both of us became playwrights and, then, how both of us were Pulitzer-winning playwrights—"it must be in the [Mount Holyoke] water," she said.—*Suzan-Lori Parks '85*

All the energy and humor later contained in her plays were evident to some of her classmates—and many of her friends—long before she began to write seriously.—*Kay Cordtz '71*

My first encounter with Wendy Wasserstein was ... when she burst through the doors at Sardi's in NYC and announced as loudly as she could, "My play won the Tony." My sister and I rushed to her side though we barely knew who she was. The fact that we had seen *The Heidi Chronicles* that day, and my recent acceptance into the Frances Perkins Program, won for us an immediate audience with the playwright and invitations to a Tony party upstairs ...

—*Doris A. Rovetti FP'93*



1971 yearbook photo; Wasserstein in 2000



After *Uncommon Women* appeared on PBS in 1979, the college was bombarded with letters decrying "that anti-Mount Holyoke play." Wendy was surprised and saddened by this, and when I directed it at Lab Theatre the following year she was a constant and ebullient resource ... At a post-show discussion ... I asked Wendy if she felt she'd written an "anti-Mount Holyoke" play. With tears in her eyes, and a warm smile, she said, "No, I love Mount Holyoke. I wrote a play about my friends."—*Jim Cavanaugh, MHC emeritus professor of theatre arts*

Only after watching *Uncommon Women and Others* on PBS did I consider applying to Mount Holyoke. In my interview with the dean of admission, I mentioned the powerfully positive impact the play had on me ... After being accepted, I received a warm and encouraging note from Ms. Wasserstein. You can't imagine how thrilling this was for a theater-loving young college-bound feminist! ... My freshman year, Wendy Wasserstein spoke on campus. ... I was dumbfounded when she ... not only remembered me, but seemed to genuinely care how I was doing.—*Alison M. Gross '83*

Perhaps because she was so conspicuously a different drummer ... [Wendy] was one of the most refreshing, imaginative, capable ... students I have had at Mount Holyoke." [I wrote in her grad-school recommendation.] She is "a risk" ... but she would be "one of the more interesting risks to wander into graduate school in some time."—*Charles H. Trout (MHC history professor 1969–80)*

Our gang was ... commiserating about essays for freshman English. Someone mentioned that Wendy Wasserstein, at the next table, had written her *Beowulf* essay from the point of view of Grendel. That struck me as so original it made me laugh out loud ... Wendy single-handedly formed my first impression of the glamorous, original women I could look forward to knowing at Mount Holyoke.—*Michie Gleason '72*

## Founder's Fund 101

NOT ALL ALUMNAE are aware of the Founder's Fund, the Alumnae Association's independent fund that functions as our endowment. Since you'll be hearing more about it in the future, here's a primer.

The Founder's Fund began in 1901 as the Income Fund. It was created to help ensure the Association's independence and flexibility as an alumnae-centered organization, "enlarging its work and aiding the college." It grows through gifts, investment income, market appreciation, and bequests. Currently, the fund's assets are valued at just over \$3 million, a modest amount for an organization of the Association's size.

Over the years the fund has been used for special projects that directly support alumnae endeavors and interests, keep the alumnae community strong, and provide new ways for alumnae to stay connected with one another and engaged in the world.

Recently, your contributions to the Founder's Fund have helped

- fund a recent Frances Perkins scholar during her first year in law school, where she is studying public-interest law. Her dream is to become a social-service attorney working with

recent immigrants, the homeless, and runaway youth (like the runaway she once was);

- assist an economics major from Slovakia in attending graduate school in Belgium, where she can gain the qualifications required to work for the European Union. She hopes to promote democracy and free-market economics in her homeland and throughout the poorer regions of Eastern Europe;

- support a recent summa cum laude in critical social thought in an ambitious scholarly project: comparing North American and Dutch political paradigms. Her goal is to promote political and cultural tolerance through a published, book-length case study.

An independent Alumnae Association was Mary Lyon's model for ensuring active and committed alumnae who are fully involved in the life and work of the College. Income from the Founder's Fund helps the Association work for the best interests of the College and its alumnae.

For information on making a contribution, please see the inside back cover of this magazine.



## Make New Friends and Help Students: Become a B&B Host

YOU CAN PASS ON a Mount Holyoke tradition by making chocolate-chip pancakes or simply by providing alumnae guests with a comfy bed, orange juice, and toast. How? Become a bed-and-breakfast host. The Alumnae Association's bed-and-breakfast program provides alumnae travelers with comfortable, affordable (usually \$30 to \$80 per night), short-term accommodation and breakfast in an alumna's home, with proceeds providing financial aid to deserving Mount Holyoke students through the Alumnae Scholar Fund.

Guest rooms across the country and around the world can now be put to good use, connecting you with other alumnae on their travels, while benefiting worthy students. Accommodations in B&Bs, clubs, and hotels are also welcome. The list of current lodgings (see URL below) includes a B&B in Vermont and a private club in the heart of London, as well as lodging in private homes. To become a host, contact Krysia Villón '96, assistant director of clubs for the Alumnae Association. Send an e-mail to [kvillon@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:kvillon@mtholyoke.edu) with a description of the room, the price range you have in mind, and, if possible, digital photos of the room. Be sure to include your full name, class year, and contact information. Or phone Krysia at 413-538-2738. Follow the link [alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/programs/bb/index.php](http://alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/programs/bb/index.php) for more information, including current B&B listings.



## Crew Boat Dedicated to Late Alumna

Members of the classes of '78, '79, '80, and '81 gathered for the christening of Mount Holyoke's newest crew boat, *Karen*, a VESPOLI V1 hull, racing eight, the newest in hull (boat) design for women. The boat is named after Karen Reininga Volgenau '80, who died of cancer in 2003. Karen was one of the crew team's founding members in 1976. At their 25th reunion last spring, four members of the class of '80 approached crew coach Jeanne Friedman to ask how to have a boat named for an alumna, which they accomplished after raising a third of the funds needed to buy the new boat. Family, friends, former crewmates, and other alumnae were on campus to commemorate Karen and launch her namesake.

# Nominees for Alumnae Association Directors, Committee Members, and Committee Chairs



The Nominating Committee of the Alumnae Association is pleased to announce the following slate of directors and committee members for election at the May 27 annual meeting. All terms, unless otherwise noted, are for three years, beginning July 1.

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Clubs Committee Chair

**Lily Klebanoff Blake '64**, New York, N.Y. Nominating Committee, (2004); president, NYC Club (2002–05); director-at-large and admission rep, NYC Club; active in admission work in Eastern Europe. President, Klebanoff International

### Quarterly Committee Chair

**Linda Giannasi Matys O'Connell '69**, Easton, Pa. Class vice president; Nominating Committee chair (2003–04); reunion cochair (1999); *Quarterly* Committee member (1998–01); assistant managing editor, *The Morning Call*, former feature, arts, and entertainment editor, *The Stamford Gazette*; former correspondent, *The Dallas Morning News*.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### Nominating Committee

**Judith Shepherd DeBrandt '66**, Rockville, Md. Reunion program, reunion gift chair; class cornerstone chair; head class agent; Alumnae Association Programs Committee chair; Programs Ad Hoc Committee member; Washington, D.C., Club LG volunteer; Westchester County Club president; Nominating Committee member. MAT, English, Northwestern University; MBA, finance, American University. Technical writer at Fannie Mae.

**Kristen M. Scheyder '92**, Brooklyn, New York. New York City Club president, vice president, program chair; Seven Sisters liaison; class agent; reunion gift caller, reunion booklet chair; Philadelphia Club admission rep; Princeton-Trenton Club admission rep. MAD, public policy, University of Pennsylvania. Vice president, HSBC Community Development.

**Carole LaMond '74**, Wayland, Mass. Newspaper writer; former *Quarterly* Committee member; active in Western Suburbs Club. (two-year appointment)

### Alumnae Honors Research Committee

**Shirley Wilcher '73**, Accokeek, Md. Past AA Board director, reunion gift caller. Currently interim executive director, American Association for Affirmative Action. President, Wilcher Global, LLC. JD, Har-

vard University, master's, urban affairs and policy analysis, New School Social Research; former executive director of Americans for a Fair Chance; former deputy assistant secretary, U.S. Department of Labor. Board member, Wider Opportunities for Women. Former board member, National Conference of Black Lawyers. Founding member, National Political Congress of Black Women; *Who's Who of American Women*, 1991.

**Elizabeth Doherty '81**, Dover, Mass. Past vice president, class of '81 and reunion dinner chair. PhD in politics, Princeton University. Currently director of faculty affairs, Brown University. Former assistant professor of government and dean of the first-year class, Smith College; associate dean in the faculty of arts and sciences, Harvard University.

### Alumnae Relations Committee

**Andrea Walgren '75**, South Hamilton, Mass. Class agent, reunion gift caller, cornerstone representative. Vice president, student affairs; director of admissions, director of development, School for Field Studies, Beverly, Mass. Currently development director and trustee, sitesALIVE Foundation, Gloucester, Mass.

**Adrienne Skinner '77**, Larchmont, N.Y. Class agent, reunion gift caller, cornerstone Rep. Business development consultant, American Express. Senior vice president, business development, Gift Certificates.com. Currently, strategic account director, Yahoo Inc., New York City.

### Classes Committee

**Cornelia Griffin Farmer '67**, Chicago, Ill. Currently head class agent; past class president; vice president; reunion chair; reunion cochair; president; newsletter/directory editor, Pittsburgh Club. MRP, Cornell University; JD, Marquette University. Previously, attorney.

**Erin Ennis '92**, Washington, D.C. Currently, class president; past reunion nametag and booklet chair; reunion dinner chair. Vice president, US-China Business Council, Washington, D.C.

**Elizabeth Marzolf '95**, Seattle, Washington. Past class president; reunion

cochair; president, Colorado Club; admission rep., Fort Collins; asst. admission rep, Denver. Educational consultant, Small School Coaches Collaborative, Seattle. (two-year appointment)

### Clubs Committee

**Elizabeth Redmond '82**, Falls Church, Va. Alumnae admission representative; book awards chair; Club president, Washington, D.C.; Class agent; reunion gift caller; class scribe; reunion gift committee, 25th reunion. Director in the Agency Lending Group of Wachovia Securities.

**Jennifer A. Durst '95**, Jackson Heights, N.Y. president, MH Club of New York; 2004 Vespers coordinator for NYC club; Advisory Council member, Women's International Leadership Program. Director of individual giving, Community Service Society of New York.

### Finance Committee

**Jane Solso Stabler '74**, Keene, N.H. MBA, Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management, 1976. Vice president and chief financial officer, The MacMillin Company Inc., Keene, N.H.

### Nomination of Alumnae Trustees/Awards Committee

**Kathleen C. Maurer '84**, Brooklyn, N.Y. Currently, head class agent. Past class president; class agent; treasurer; director-at-large, NYC Club; NYC Legacy of Leadership Committee. Chief financial officer, Andy Warhol Foundation, New York, N.Y.

**Kristen A. B. Comings '93**, New York, N.Y. Currently Nomination of Alumna Trustee/Awards Committee; Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee, Alumnae Association; officer, NYC Club. Past young alumna trustee, Alumnae Association; head class agent; membership chair, NYC Club; NYC Legacy of Leadership Campaign; reunion gift chair. Director of strategic alliances, L'Oreal, New York, New York. (one-year appointment)

### Quarterly Committee

**Maya Kukes '95**, New York, N.Y. Class agent and reunion gift caller; admission rep, Portland. MS, journalism, Columbia University. Writer/reporter.

## Clubs Corner

The Alumnae Association supports more than 100 clubs and informal groups around the world. Contact Assistant Director of Clubs Krysia Villón '96 at [kvillon@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:kvillon@mtholyoke.edu) or 413-538-2738 with club-related questions, ideas, comments, and brief overviews of activities for possible inclusion in this section.

**The Mount Holyoke Club of Southwest Florida** hosted a social hour and luncheon with a talk given by Eva Paus, professor of economics and director of the Center for Global Initiatives at MHC. A lecture from Dr. Roger Birkell, executive director of the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, was on the club's agenda in winter.

**The Mount Holyoke Club of Franklin County, MA**, held a holiday gathering at the Blue Heron Restaurant in Sunderland. The music was provided by Margery Heins '72 and a chorus, and MHC Professor of English Carolyn Collette gave a talk, "From Good Wife to Good Grief: Tales of Griselda, Medieval to Modern."

MHC Senior Lecturer in Women's/Gender Studies Martha Ackmann discussed her book *The Mercury 13: The True Story of Thirteen Women and the Dream of Space Flight* in Madison with the **Mount Holyoke Club of Northern New Jersey**.

**The Mount Holyoke Club of Boston** recently hosted three

events: a career/networking session with Cori Ashworth, the AA's career consultant; an afternoon tea at the Four Seasons Hotel; and a visit to and lunch at the Peabody Essex Museum.

MHC Professor of Politics Penny Gill addressed a luncheon gathering of the **Mount Holyoke Club of Philadelphia**. Her topic was "What My Students Have Taught Me."

Members of the **Mount Holyoke Club of Northern California** were recently treated to an afternoon of food and thought when MHC Professor of History Jonathan Lipman spoke on the topic "Theory and Practice of Chinese Food: A Hands-On Education in a Great Cuisine" at an Islamic Chinese restaurant in Milpitas. In February, the club held a tea in honor of Mary Lyon's birthday at the King George Hotel in San Francisco.

**The Mount Holyoke Club of Central Ohio** celebrated the holidays with a lunch at German Village in Columbus and looked forward to a career

workshop with Cori Ashworth, the AA's career consultant, in spring.

The book club of the **Mount Holyoke Club of Greater South Hadley** will enjoy lively conversation and great books at the Odyssey Bookshop through early summer. Selections include *Silas Marner*, by George Eliot; *Bleak House*, by Charles Dickens; and *The Spell*, by Charlotte Bronte.

In celebration of Mary Lyon's birthday, the **Mount Holyoke Club of Portland, Oregon**, held a midwinter luncheon at Mother's Bistro in the City of Roses.

**The Mount Holyoke Club of Delaware** celebrated the February birthday of the College's beloved former trustee, Deacon Porter, by eating his hat—well, a cake baked in the shape of his tall, old-fashioned hat—in Cokesbury Village, Hockessin.

MHC Professor of English John Lemly delivered a talk, "Jane Austen in Hollywood," to the **Mount Holyoke Club of Cape Cod** in winter.

**The Mount Holyoke Club of Hartford**, together with the Hartford Smith College Club, was a sponsor of the annual three-college luncheon in late March in West Hartford. Wellesley College alumnae were invited, too.

Members of **The Mount Holyoke Club of San Diego** got together twice this past winter, at Epazotes and Delia's Kitchen.

Members of the **Mount Holyoke Club of Britain** celebrated International Women's Day with a walk around London that focused on the haunts of women who have made their mark in the city. The walk was followed by an afternoon tea at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Alumnae Association President Suzie Beers Betzer '65 was the guest speaker at the winter gathering of the **Mount Holyoke Club of New Haven**, which met at Spring Glen Church in Hamden.



## Send a Friend a Free MHC E-Card

IF YOU HAVEN'T VISITED our new Web site yet ([www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu](http://www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu)), check out the e-cards we've included for you to send to friends and family members, as well as the screensaver we've devised for your computers. Access the cards—which feature campus scenes and notable alums—on the home page of our site and follow the directions to personalize and send them. The screensaver, which so many of you requested, is called "fall visions" and is on the front page, too. While you're at it, check out our other new offerings.

## Talented Soprano Receives Mary Lyon Award



Mara Bonde Ricker '91 (left) with Association Executive Director W. Rochelle Calhoun '83

AN “ELECTRIC STAGE PRESENCE” and a “sweet, purity of tone” are just two of the accolades received over the years by Mara Bonde Ricker '91, a soprano whose talent has been applauded by audiences across America and Europe. Ricker received the Alumnae Association's 2006 Mary Lyon Award in February at a ceremony on campus.

Given annually to a young alumna who has been out of college fifteen years or fewer, the

award honors those who demonstrate promise or sustained achievement in their lives, professions, or communities consistent with the humane values that Mary Lyon exemplified in her life and inspired in others.

Ricker, who is the daughter of MHC Professor of Music Allen Bonde and his wife Maria, was recognized for her versatile accomplishments in both classical and more popular genres, and as a secure and self-assured performer. Keith Lockhart, conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra, described Ricker as a “dream to work with.” Martin Pearlman, music director of Boston Baroque, has noted that she has a “full and attractive voice and good, clear musical ideas.”

A national semifinalist in the 2002 Metropolitan Opera's National Council Auditions, Ricker was in residence with

the Glimmerglass Opera for two recent summers. She was on the faculty of Boston University's Tanglewood Institute in 2005, and is a frequent soloist with the Boston Pops.

Ricker made her debut with the Omaha Opera in 2005, singing in Benjamin Britten's *Paul Bunyan*, and has also sung with the Utah Opera. In addition, she has performed as a soloist with the Cape Cod Symphony and the San Diego Symphony.

### Alumnae Association Board of Directors

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\*W. Rochelle Calhoun '83

ex officio without vote

*\*Executive Committee*

## Alumnae Connect With Students—and Each Other—Through the Alumnae Stay Program

CURRENT STUDENTS and alumnae can find free places to stay for a weekend or a summer through the Association's Alumnae Stay Program, opening up both academic and career opportunities.

Grace Kim '07 went to Oakland, California, last summer and interned working with autistic toddlers at an early-intervention program. “I had a very fulfilling time there, both educationally and personally,” says Kim, who stayed with Jennifer Mace Armor '85.

Kim would “absolutely not” have been able to do the internship if it weren't for the Alumnae Stay Program, she says. “It would've been very difficult and costly for me to find convenient housing.”

Allegra Hunt '06 says that the generosity of her Alumnae Stay host motivated her to participate as a host after graduation. Hunt interned at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts in summer 2005, and stayed with Rogina Haase Jeffries '82. The “opportunity was extremely valuable to me, and a lot of fun,” says Hunt.

Lindsey Lyons '06 went to San Francisco in last summer and interned with the International Museum of Women, teaching international women's issues through art. Lyons stayed with Anne Read Chalfant '71, outside of San Francisco. “We still keep in touch,” says Lyons. Especially when interning for a nonprofit organization in a major city, students “have to have a free place,” or they could not do it, she says.

And the students are not the only ones who benefit,

notes Marion Fitch Connell '62, who has been hosting students in her Washington, D.C., home since 1978. For alumnae hosts, there is “the joy of a fresh, youthful perspective at the dinner table,” says Connell. “I've always felt I wanted to give something back; it's been a great joy.”

Sign up to be a host by visiting LifeNet, the Association's networking database for students and alumnae at [alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/programs/lifenet/housing.php](http://alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/programs/lifenet/housing.php)

# Proposed Bylaw Amendments

The following amendments to the Association's bylaws will be voted upon at the annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College on May 27, 2006.

## Article I: Introduction

### Section 2. Section 2. Purpose.

As an independent organization, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College contributes to the long-term success of the College by cultivating, strengthening, and enhancing the connections of alumnae with each other and with the College.

## Article II MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1. Composition.** The membership shall be composed of voting members and honorary members.

**1. Voting Members.** Voting members shall be all former students who have completed a certificate program or who have completed two transcribed semesters in a degree program, and any other former student who makes written application to the Alumnae Association.

## Article III: Officers

### Section 3. Duties.

**2. Vice President.** The Vice President shall assume the duties of President in the absence of the President; shall fill the office of President for the unexpired term in the event of a vacancy in that office; and shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the President of the Board.

## Article IV: Board of Directors

### Section 1. Membership.

**1. Composition.** The Board shall consist of **fourteen** members, including the Officers of the Association (President, Vice President, Clerk and Treasurer); the chairs of the **Alumnae Relations, Classes & Reunion, Clubs, Nominating and the Alumnae Quarterly Committees**; the Alumnae Trustee (in the third year of her term as Trustee); a young alumna (within ten years of graduation); and **three** members at-large with portfolios to be determined by the Board. The Executive Director of the Alumnae Association will serve on the board as non-voting ex officio members.

### Section 5. Action Without a Meeting.

Any action which may be taken at any meeting of the Board may be taken without a meeting provided that directors shall submit their votes in writing **or electronically**, and provided that the record of such action and the result of such vote shall be filed with the minutes of the meetings of the Board. Such written vote shall be treated for all purposes as a vote at a meeting.

## Article V: Executive Committee

### Section 5. Action Without a Meeting.

Any action which may be taken at any meeting of the Executive Committee may be taken without a meeting provided that all members of the Executive Committee shall submit their votes in writing **or electronically**, and provided further that the record of such action and the result of such vote shall be filed with the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee. Such written vote shall be treated for all purposes as a vote at a meeting.

## Article VII: Standing and Special Committees

### Section 1. Standing Committees.

There shall be the following standing committees of the Board: Alumnae Honors Research Committee, *Alumnae Quarterly Committee*, *Alumnae Relations Committee*, *Classes & Reunion Committee*, *Clubs Committee*, Finance Committee, and *Nomination of Alumnae Trustees/Awards Committee*.

### Section 4. Composition and Responsibilities of Standing Committees.

**1. Alumnae Honors Research Committee.**

**a. Composition.** The Alumnae Honors Research Committee shall include the chair and five members elected by the Alumnae Association membership. The chair of the Nomination of Alumnae Trustee/Awards Committee shall be a nonvoting ex officio member of the Alumnae Honors Research Committee.

**2. Alumnae Quarterly Committee.**

**a. Composition.** The *Alumnae Quarterly Committee* shall include the chair; four members elected by the Alumnae Association membership; a student representative and a faculty representative, both of whom shall be selected in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board, and who shall serve without vote. The *Managing Director* of the *Quarterly* shall be an *ex officio* member of the *Alumnae Quarterly Committee* without vote.

**b. Responsibilities.** The *Alumnae Quarterly Committee* shall work with the Association staff in planning and creating the major content for each issue, both print and electronic; implement the editorial policies as set by the Board in accordance with the purpose and goals of the Association, and contribute, as appropriate, to the Alumnae Association's strategic communications program.

**3. Alumnae Relations Committee.**

**a. Composition.** The Alumnae Relations Committee shall include the chair and five members elected by the Alumnae Association membership; one student representative.

**b. Responsibilities.** The Alumnae Relations Committee shall strengthen connections with Mount Holyoke College alumnae by understanding their needs and expectations and assisting the Alumnae Association in meeting those needs.

**4. Classes & Reunion Committee**

**a. Composition.** The Classes and Reunion Committee shall include the chair and six members elected by the Alumnae Association membership. No member of the committee, with the exception of the Chair, shall be a member of the same class as any other member of the committee.

**b. Responsibilities.** The Classes and Reunions Committee shall be a resource to encourage, support and coordinate class organization of alumnae and to be responsible for reunions.

**5. Clubs Committee**

**a. Composition.** The Clubs Committee shall include the chair and six

members elected by the Alumnae Association membership. The Committee shall maintain geographic diversity within its members.

**b. Responsibilities.** The Clubs Committee shall be a resource for alumnae who organize or who wish to organize into a club based upon their geographic location and to encourage, motivate and coordinate with such clubs.

**6. Finance Committee.**

**a. Composition.** The Finance Committee shall include the chair and three members elected by the Alumnae Association membership. The Treasurer shall be the chair of the Finance Committee.

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**a. Composition.** The Treasurer shall be the chair of the Finance Committee and three members elected by the Alumnae Association membership.

**b. Responsibilities.** The Finance Committee shall recommend financial and accounting policy and an annual budget to the Board; shall be responsible for the supervision of the assets of the Association in accordance with the financial policies set by the Board—including the supervision of the Investment Sub-Committee; shall have authority to act on behalf of the Association with banking institutions; and shall have such other responsibilities as may be designated by the Board.

~~4~~ **7. Nomination of Alumnae Trustees/Awards Committee.**

**a. Composition.** The Nomination of Alumnae Trustees/Awards Committee shall include the chair and five members elected by the Association membership; the President or her designee as an *ex officio* member with vote and the Executive Director or her designee as an *ex officio* member without vote. No member of the Nomination of Alumnae Trustee/Awards Committee shall be a member of the same class or from the same club area as any other member of the committee.



## Cori's Career Corner

SINCE THE ALUMNAE career services program was launched last year, I've discovered there are many MHC women who are approaching midlife and are planning big changes in their lives. Values often shift at this point in life and likely will heavily influence choices. It is an exciting time, full of potential and creative possibilities.

In response to this alumnae need, I am developing workshop material on transitions. Some of the areas I'll include will be dealing with change, values, lifestyle, shifts in career and status, and volunteer work. I'm excited about the project, and I am working with the reuniting class of '66 and also with some members of the NYC Mount Holyoke Club to develop the content. I hope to have the material consolidated this spring, with the hope of making it available for clubs nationwide.



Meanwhile, I continue to be here for all alumnae, no matter where you are in your work and life cycle. I'm available for career coaching, résumé critiques, and a range of other career-related services. Onsite or telephone appointments can be scheduled by contacting me at [cashwort@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:cashwort@mtholyoke.edu) or by calling the Career Development Office at 413-538-2080. I am in the process of arranging for onsite club programs in San Francisco/San Jose, Washington, D.C., Dallas, Hartford, Boston, and the Philadelphia area. If your club is interested in a program, please contact me.—By Cori Ashworth

Jazz your brain with a free Back to Class session during Reunion weekend.

## Come Back to Class—for Free



Interested in learning how to cook a classic French meal? What about mastering enough Spanish to get you through the back alleys of Madrid? Or getting an introduction to Kripalu yoga for a little stretch and relaxation? The Back to Class Program held on the Fridays of both Reunion weekends, (May 26 and June 2) offers thirty-one classes for returning alumnae and their guests.

Best of all, they're free. Sign up when you register for the weekend. Or, since space is limited, arrive Thursday night to register and ensure a seat.

## Alumnae Awareness Day

STUDENTS HAD THEIR PICTURES taken with a cutout image of Mary Lyon and learned about ways to connect with alumnae on Alumnae Association Awareness Day. February 1 also marked the launch of Alumnae Association's LifeNet service—a searchable Internet database for social and professional networking. Now students (and alumnae) can go to LifeNet to find alumnae mentors in their career fields of interest. Alumnae and students can set up personal profiles and register with LifeNet by going to [www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/go/LifeNet](http://www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/go/LifeNet).



## In Search of Board and Committee Members

Are you interested in volunteering for an Alumnae Association committee? The Nominating Committee is always eager to hear of potential volunteers. Recommendations should be sent to W. Rochelle Calhoun '83, Association executive director, at [rcalhoun@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:rcalhoun@mtholyoke.edu) or 413-538-2300.