

WORLD STUDIES XI

Eisenhower College Alumni Association Newsletter

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DEAR ALUMNI:

Back-To-School Musings From ECAA's Chair

What a difference a year makes! Last year I wrote to you about how all our lives would be different in one shape or another after the events of September 2001. At that time, I had no idea how much my own life would change and where I would be now as I write to you in 2002. I have been on quite a journey since last year and have, in part, come home to my Eisenhower roots.

I have left corporate America behind and once again am a financially struggling graduate student. This time, my graduate school has nothing to do with the paper industry. Instead, I have changed my path. I have listened to some of those messages I received at Eisenhower (I finally got the signals!) and am now a first-year divinity student at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, New York.

I'm back on a very small and intimate campus, with, believe it or not, more reading to do than we did back in World Studies (and more in-depth papers). The faculty is wonderful, passionate about teaching, and dedicated to the welfare and growth of the student community. Does this sound familiar?

Partly I am here because that same dedication was shown me by Ike faculty, staff, and one of our college chaplains. I decided that it was

time for me to pay them all back.

I am pursuing a master's of divinity and hope to find myself working/teaching on a small private college campus setting when I am done. I hope that I will be able to be there for students the way the Eisenhower faculty was for me (and continues to be even now). I can only hope that my synapses will start connecting between my World Studies curriculum and my current studies—just a few years in between!

At this year's reunion, I was able to renew some acquaintances with a few people I hadn't seen for a long time and to see some returning faculty. "Coach" Fred and Marion Bleiler were the recipients of our Founders Award for all their dedication to the entire Eisenhower family—faculty and students. We also were able to rekindle the Artist & Lecture Series by having with us delightful author and speaker Miriam Grace Monfredo. Her books highlight the upstate New York area as she weaves mystery, intrigue, and history into the plots to produce great reading.

Next year, with your help and support, we are hoping to change our reunion a bit more by having a mini-Comm Arts festival. It will be a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the chartering of our new alumni association as a separate entity from RIT. On behalf of the board members, I invite you to return—we would love to have you come home again and experience a reunion with your fellow Ikesters.

Through dynamic interaction among returning and new board members, we have had some tremendous input and ideas about the future. As always, my thanks go out to them, not only for their support of the alumni association, but also for helping me on my new journey. It's nice to know that Eisenhower friends are forever and that they will be there for you in both good and bad times. I also want to thank all of you for your continued support—in donations, by visiting at reunions, and by keeping in touch so we know how you are.

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passionate about teaching,
and dedicated to the welfare
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Your faithful chair,
Caroline Simmons '78
ECAA, Inc.

Our Web Site Is Under Construction

The Eisenhower College Alumni Association now has a web site. It is a long address, but for now it is a free web site. We are looking into purchasing a shorter domain name, like ike.com or ecaa.com, and we will keep you posted.

Right now the web site is bare bones, listing the dates of the Ike reunions for 2003 and 2004, ordering information for Dave Dresser's book on Eisenhower College, and a form to update your information with the alumni association. However, in the near future, lots of new

information will be added: scholarship information for high school seniors, updated schedule information for the 2003 reunion, alumni association awards, ordering information for Eisenhower memorabilia and clothing, and lots more.

We are hoping to add current pictures of the campus and alumni, too. So check out the web site when you get a chance, and keep checking for updated information on the 2003 reunion and your classmates.

Check it out: www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~jdelucia/ike.html.

Notes From The Underground...

Miriam Grace Monfredo Addresses Ike Alumni Attending Homecoming '02 In Seneca Falls

Booking *Seneca Falls Inheritance* author Miriam Grace Monfredo to speak for our Artist and Lecture Series was almost like *Waiting for Godot*. Between family illness and the birth of grandchildren, it didn't seem like it was ever going to happen.

But, finally, the big day did arrive! Despite threats of hurricanes, torrential rainstorms, and devastating earthquakes (and heavy-duty traffic on the thruway!), this year Miriam made it to our Homecoming.

As for the board, we felt as though we were starring in Eisenhower's updated version of Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" as a warm-up for the main event.

To start off, we found ourselves in midstream without the Delavan Theater. Our timing couldn't have been more perfect. The Seneca Players and the Carpenters' Union had commandeered it for the weekend. (P.S. The Seneca Players are looking for Ike alumni who were part of their theater group when they were attending Eisenhower. Are you one of them?) But we were finally given a rather nice, spanking brand-new lecture hall in Academic Building 3, complete with an examination bed for anyone looking for a possible chiropractic adjustment.

Then we experienced some technical difficulties, which we and Miriam overcame with aplomb.

Then someone had to spill the beans

that we might one day possibly make her an honorary alumna (scheduled for dinner that evening). Talk about somebody wanting to kill somebody else right then and there! And bury the body, preferably on Mayer's Island, where no one would ever



Caroline Simmons bestows honorary membership on Miriam Grace Monfredo.

think to look among the other skeletons there!

So what else could top the day, but "Chef Tell From Hell," who kept me miles away from joining my fellow Ikesters and greeting Mr. and Mrs. Monfredo (as I had *cheerfully* planned to do).

One hundred bottles of Pepto Bismol

and a year's supply of Excedrin Migraine tablets couldn't have helped my headache and sour stomach, now pounding and churning out butter as I arrived, complete with the next, fully completed, plotline for Mrs. Monfredo's next Glynis Tryon Seneca Falls mystery or NBC's *Criminal Intent* (whichever one comes first!)—only a John Grisham or a Perry Mason could so eloquently defend in a court of law after the deed.

But, seriously, I got over it. And as we had anticipated for those three long years, Miriam Grace Monfredo was nothing short of spectacular. Proving something *was* in the water here at Seneca Falls, New York. And still is. From a tiny, upstate New York village birthing one of the most important movements in human history, to a handful of men and women who dreamed of building a college that would educate their children beyond their wildest dreams. To today and all of the things our alumni have accomplished over the years and still accomplish—in government, in education, and in service to our country.

Here's to you, Miriam Grace Monfredo, the grand dame of the Finger Lakes mystery, for allowing us to share in your next great adventure, to be set along the Erie Canal. We'll be waiting with baited breath—and bifocals—to find out "Who dunnit?"

By Fran Emerson '72

Comm Arts To Be Revived!

Ah...the springtime ritual that brought us all out of our winter hibernation. It was our chance to dress up, show off, dunk the pros, take in a good game of Ike Squares, and peddle our wares at the Peddler's Fair. At Eisenhower College, we knew how to celebrate the arts and seasonal awakenings.

As we look through photos and guest books archived in our Alumni Room at the former Ike campus, the members of the ECAA board are inspired. We want to bring back some of the best Comm Arts events, and we need your help!

What can you contribute, you ask? You can bring artwork and crafts to sell, you can paint a face or tell a story, you can sing or dance, you can sing while you dance. We have many talented alumni. This is the occasion to show off our talents.

If you haven't attended an Eisenhower College reunion, you are missing a very special event. Help make this one the best yet. Don't be shy - and if you don't feel you want to offer goods or services, come anyway. You can watch and buy while you stroll the campus, connecting with old friends and making new ones!

Think about it. Then contact me and say you'll be there!



Debbie Leal (315/445-1221, dleal@twcny.rr.com)

2002 Founders Award Presented To Fred And Marion Bleiler

This year, the ECAA was delighted to present the Founders Award to Fred and Marion Bleiler. Most of us know Fred simply as "Coach" and Marion as the one who took care of things, whether it was getting the athletes to a sporting event or providing a meal or a place to stay. There were



Caroline Simmons presents Fred and Marion Bleiler with the Founders Award.

some wonderful stories shared during the presentation, including a few that centered on the "Bleiler mobiles." Some of the alumni who were at Ike before the days of the athletic vans shared how the Bleilers drove the athletes with all of their little kids on people's laps in their own cars to sporting events. Here are just a few more accolades from both faculty and students:

- Fred Bleiler was a complete and extremely professional educator. He knew his material thoroughly. He knew all of the proper techniques to use and could explain why and how to use them so clearly and logically that it was obvious he possessed a special gift for teaching and coaching.
- Fred has set a powerful example through his honor, integrity, and devotion to the welfare of his students. He has also been a good friend to those who are in AA by making a place avail-

able for Sunday morning meetings.

- "Coach" was instrumental in getting the women's sports programs off the ground by coaching both volleyball and basketball until he could get other coaches the following year for the women's program.
- Fred and Marion always provided a place to stay anytime people came to town, a few good meals, and a sympathetic ear to those who sought them out.
- Fred and Marion still make a point to support the alumni association and participate every year in our reunions.
- The two also keep in touch with alumni and make a point to visit them when they make their cross-country treks in their camper each year.

To this day, if you need their help or just want to visit the Bleilers, they are always there for the EC family—just give them a call or send them an e-mail. In all of their endeavors, Fred and Marion have been truly dedicated to our family and continue to welcome us with open arms. Because of their ongoing support, we were delighted to present them with the 2002 Founders Award.

EC Alumni Association Marks 20th Since College's Closing

This past summer marked the 20th anniversary of the closing of Eisenhower College—and of the creation of the current alumni association. It's worth pausing for a moment to recognize that we have been successful as an association despite all of the odds against us. Like me, you probably still run into people who are surprised to hear that there is an alumni association for a dead college—and that we even hold reunions!

When the college was closed in July 1982, Kevin Smyth '78 was the president of the alumni association, which functioned with the assistance of Eisenhower College of RIT. Kevin, then living near Washington, DC, re-created an Eisenhower College Alumni Association with the intention of fighting the closing. Our link with the original association was tenuous—just Kevin himself. We needed this to be a separate entity from RIT to function freely. Those of us on Kevin's handpicked board of directors truly wondered if anybody would follow us

when we declared ourselves to be the new EC Alumni Association. Fortunately, all of you eventually did.

Twenty years later, there are still things we wish we do better. We'd like to generate higher reunion attendance—sometimes forgetting that it's a victory simply to have reunions every year. We wish we could afford to publish two newsletters every year. We'd like to do regional reunions, but it's hard to find the time.

Nevertheless, we are still here. We incorporated with tax-exempt status in 1983. We've held reunions on the campus since the mid-1980s. (Those were back in the days when we had to get permission from the U.S. Department of Education to come onto the property, couldn't enter the buildings, and had to rent port-a-potties for our on-campus picnics.) We created a good address list for EC alumni from almost nothing. We're very proud of our ECAA scholarship program, which has awarded scholarships to college-bound high school

students since about 1983. Our Founders and Legacy awards have become annual ways to express our gratitude to those who contributed to our unequalled education. Our Memorabilia Committee has had custom display cases built in our Alumni Room on campus and is working through cataloguing and preserving the remaining EC papers and artifacts. (Gigi Carnes '81 is doing a great job but could always use more help.) Our newsletter, *World Studies XI*, keeps coming out year after year.

All of this has been accomplished by three groups: a small volunteer board of directors, chaired since 1995 by Caroline Simmons '78; by our very professional staff at Stewart Howe Alumni Service, led by Lisa Wood '79; and by those of you who contribute to the ECAA. Thanks to them and you, we're still here and will be for years to come.

Steve Suddaby '76

We Missed Saying Thanks...

We wish to thank Ronald M. Robinson '72 for becoming a member of the Five-Star Club with his gift during our past operating year. We missed thanking him in the list of donors that you received this past summer.

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1972

Keep in touch with **Elizabeth Cornell** at 209 S. Sixth Ave., LaGrange, IL 60525; cornellrose@ameritech.net.

Sylvia Lee welcomes correspondence at 2001 Table Rock Rd., #98, Medford, OR 97501.

Writes **Nancy Thomsen White**: "I have been with Sweeteners Plus, Inc., in Lakeville, New York, for close to eight years. In addition, I have been selling used books on the Internet at Amazon.com marketplace and Half.com for two years." She adds, "I ran into the **Purdys** in Canandaigua in June at the library sale. I heard from **Gigi Carnes '81** and think we all ought to arrange to have an alumni reunion at her work. Maybe we just ought to move in. Better yet, who is for buying the empty portion of the Ike U. campus and building an Ikesters retirement community? Water fights at 75 years old ought to make us young again, don't you think? It would be a different kind of senior community, I guarantee!" Greet Nancy at 9543 Bronson Rd., Wayland, NY 14572; e-mail: nancywhitea@aol.com.

1973

Drop a line to **Virginia McNally Bryant** at 18032 Lafayette Dr., Olney, MD 20832; vbryant@burns.nlc.gwu.edu.

An office manager with O'Toole & Company, **Ann Douglas Collazo** resides at 72 Mayo Ave., Needham, MA 02492 (e-mail: acollazo72@yahoo.com).

Write **Judy Commerton Marsh** at 3370 Pepper Rd., Bluff Point, NY 14478; e-mail: judymarsh@adelphia.net.

Keep in touch with **Margaret K. McMillion** at 2210 Kigali Place, Dulles, VA 20189.

"On November 9, 2001, I took command of the Naval Training Center/Command at Great Lakes, Illinois," writes **Ann E. Rondeau** (2111 Perry St., Great Lakes, IL 60088; rondeauae@ameritech.net). "**Denning Gearhart** and his family attended. In February 2002 it was announced that I have been selected for promotion to two-star admiral."

Jay and Suzanne ('75) Courtright Woodruff reside at 30 Garden Path, Way-

land, MA 01778 (woodruffy@attbi.com). Jay has been doing marketing on a contract basis for several years after going through three high-tech startups. Suzanne is a director at IDC, an information technology analyst company. They keep in touch with **John Zaaijer '74**, **Dave Dixon '72**, and **Don Mallet '74**.

1974

John Austin reports that **Merle Gehman '77** was among the more than 3,700 Morgan Stanley Dean Witter people to make it out of the Twin Towers on 9/11. John is a vice president with Towers Data and welcomes correspondence at P.O. Box 10413, Rockville, MD 20849; jaustin@towersdata.com.

Nicholas J. Berg works for Tompkins County Community Support Services and resides at 6262 Willow Creek Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. He writes, "I was the guy asleep in the chair in Jacobs Lounge. If you are in the Ithaca area, phone (607/387-3583), and we can review 'deteriorations' over a brew at the Rongo, a local tavern."

Write **Sally J. Boynton** at 4A Horseshoe Lane, Westport, CT 06880.

Christine Sorace Gruerdeman owns Step By Step Therapeutic Riding. Write her at 27 Columbia Ave., Hopewell, NJ 08525.

Get in touch with **Jerry La Vaute** at 41900 Riggs Rd., Belleville, MI 48111; glavaute@aol.com.

"We arrived in Vienna last summer and expect to be here for two more years," write **Gary N. and Dionis Fielder Montrowl** (9900 Vienna Place, Dulles, VA 20189; gardinmont@aon.at).

Reach **Barbara Schneider** at 157 Circular St., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866; barbara_22124@msn.com.

Send best wishes to **Doug and Linda Levesque Smart** at 46 Fieldstone Dr., Dover, NH 03820; dougsmart@aol.com.

"After nearly three years in Tampa, Florida, we have returned to the New York area," writes **John Zaaijer** (227 Audley St., South Orange, NJ 07079; jzaaijer@hums.nycna.hanjin.com). "Although the cold takes some time getting used to, we enjoy the change of seasons."

1975

Greet **Anne W. Ackerson** at 1914 Burdett Ave., Troy, NY 12180; awackerson@compuserve.com.

Drop a line to **Janine Underwood Carpenter** at 195 Old Clove Rd., Wantage, NJ 07461; w5c@tellurian.com.

"I am a licensed clinical psychologist living and working in Sonoma, California, just north of San Francisco," writes **Mary L. Flett** (157 Temelec Circle, Sonoma, CA 95476; drmaryflet@aol.com). "My husband, Hank, and I see **Debbie Revels ('74)** and hear from **Maureen Rolnick**. Debbie and I play golf with some regularity and plan on breaking 90 this year."

Kenneth E. Freeman resides at 19 Sunbury Park, Dartry, Dublin 6, IRELAND (kenjasmit@aol.com).

"Within the past month I changed jobs," reports **William F. Grant** (1304 Chelsea Ave., Erie, PA 16505; e-mail: nama ste500@cs.com). He is a fundraising consultant with Kearns and Associates. "The firm specializes in capital campaigns for nonprofits in communities near the eastern Great Lakes and Finger Lakes. On another note, an essay I wrote was recently published in a book entitled *The Middle Distance*, edited by John Edwards. It is available through Amazon.com."

Thomas C. Green and his wife, Jeannie, attended the 2002 Homecoming reunion in August. He writes, "The campus is very nice. I had not been back since I left in 1975, so I had not seen the new gymnasium and academic building before. It was nice to see that they have maintained an Eisenhower College 'museum.' We enjoyed looking through the old yearbooks and pictures." Drop them a line at 2 Gately Ave., Hudson, MA 01749; tgreen_inhudson@hotmail.com.

1976

Keep in touch with **Deborah A. Leal** at 225 Candee Ave., Syracuse, NY 13224; dleal@twcny.rr.com.

1977

Contact **P. Colette Bombard-Greco** at 73 Greenwood St., Wakefield, MA 01880; cgreco73@aol.com.

Write **David L. Carson** at 6829 Lake Salubria Dr., Bath, NY 14810.

"I am a senior regulatory analyst with the New York Independent System Operator," writes **John C. Cutting** (14 Pinewood Dr., Glenville, NY 12302; e-mail: jcutting@msn.com). "Our non-profit organization runs the deregulated wholesale electric industry for the state of New York." His wife, Christine Hatfield Cutting, is "enjoy-
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Class Of '77 Friends Gather For 25th Reunion

So much has changed, so little has changed.

I started hearing it in the dining hall that Saturday afternoon: "Can you believe it's been...." And few of us could, though if we truly factored in careers and marriages, travels and children, the years might seem more defined, more explicable.

I loved watching Janet Day introduce her beautiful, slumbering son and was amused by so many furtive glances at name tags before fond embraces. Lunch with Jim Troisi made for elegant political diatribes, and sitting on the lawn of Slater with Susan (nee Susie) Schwartz, Collette Bombard, and (the original) Cramer seemed so natural I felt books should have been strewn about us.

Steve Suddaby offered a wonderful tour of the unfamiliar in familiar spaces.

Dave Dresser looked like we could still be in his office seeking guidance or explaining a transgression; Don Eilenstine still reads a book each day. (We had an interesting conversation about the only "D" I ever got. Shockingly, he didn't recall it.)

And there was dinner. Some shared their memories, some shared their dreams. Reminiscences of Alice's Restaurant came to life at an open mike, and we heard how much this little school had meant and still means to us.

And as I retired to our suite, I looked at my two dear friends laughing on the couch: Debbie Leal and Susie Schwartz, heads bowed, looking at a yearbook and now

pondering the conversations of the past hours. They sipped champagne instead of Red Barn beer, and they wore silk instead of denim. But it might just as well have been K-Suite on an autumn night in Slater...25 years ago.

So much has changed, so little has changed. See for yourself next year.

Renée Downey '77

Renée is a management consultant based in Syracuse and teaches for LeMoyne College and Syracuse University. She and husband Dana Hart have three children: Sage (10), Skye (6), and Sydney (1). Contact her at eagle1@dreamscape.com.



All who attended added a little flair...

(but not all delivered comments from the podium).

Plans For The 2003 Reunion...And Beyond!

Because this is the 20th reunion of the last class of Eisenhower College (1983), we are hoping to have a great turnout during the weekend of August 1-3, 2003. Personally, as a member of the last class, I am hoping to see lots of people from the class of 1983 and previous years I haven't seen in a long time. I'm looking forward to the chance to catch up with people with whom I spent a lot of time and had a lot of fun and who influenced me greatly (both students and faculty).

Maybe because we are chasing our youth and certainly because we want as many people as possible to attend the 2003 reunion, the ECAA board has decided to adopt a format that much more closely resembles that of our traditional Comm Arts Weekend.

We came up with the following great ideas:

- A coffeehouse on Friday night with a chance to sing if you like to or just to catch up with old friends.
- Various athletic activities on campus Saturday morning, such as tennis, golf, and swimming if you want a few options for your "Gypies."
- A picnic lunch on Saturday afternoon, (with make-your-own ice cream sundaes!).
- Ike Squares (a version of *Hollywood Squares*).
- A Peddler's Fair, including our own artists and local community artists.
- A retirement party for all of our Eisenhower faculty who have recently, er, qualified.
- A cotillion, complete with dinner and drinks.

Other informal activities include checking out the new decor at the Deerhead and Red's, wine-tasting at the local wineries,

and visiting the new Women's Hall of Fame exhibits.

What I am most excited about is the possibility that we may be able to stay on campus in dorm rooms that NYCC utilizes for conferences. We will keep you posted.

We do, however, recognize that in order to achieve some or all of these plans we need help from other Eisenhower alumni. So if you would like to help, please contact Caroline Simmons at ccesscuba@aol.com or at 585/387-9646 as soon as possible. Updates about the schedule and plans will be available regularly on the web site and in our traditional reunion mailing.

Most important, call your friends and make plans to be there August 1-3 to celebrate Eisenhower College and to catch up with long-lost friends!

Janice DeLucia-Waack '83

Eisenhower College Logo Items For Sale

Join the hundreds of alumni and friends who have purchased items from our exclusive Eisenhower College line. OK, OK, maybe it's not hundreds yet, but we're working on it. Here's a sampling of fine items available, each stylishly embroidered with the Eisenhower College logo. Good quality at reasonable prices—we haven't had a disgruntled customer yet—and not only board members own this stuff!

All joking aside, keep in mind that these words appear around the globe at the heart of our logo: Peace, Knowledge, Responsibility, Freedom.

Good words to start substantive conversations.

Some of the items that are available are as follows:

Canvas tote bag - navy/red
Simulated leather briefcase - black
Large athletic bag - black
Denim/khaki baseball cap
Microfiber windshirt - putty & navy
Ladies' long-sleeve & sleeveless denim shirts
Mens' classic long-sleeve denim shirt
Jersey knit sport shirts - stripes & solids, long & short sleeves, adult & youth sizes
Heavyweight 50/50 blend T-shirts
95/5 Long-sleeve crew-neck sweatshirt
Pullover hooded nylon jacket

These logo items are available annually at our reunions, and ordering information will be incorporated into the web site. But you can do some holiday shopping and beat the reunion rush! A complete list, with prices, sizes and ordering information, is available from Debbie Leal, 225 Candee Ave., Syracuse, NY 13224; 315/445-1221; dleal@twcny.rr.com.

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ing a period of home employment (i.e., managing the activities of two children, whose lives are busier than ours)."

Deborah L. Hickok receives correspondence at P.O. Box 70809, Fairbanks, AK 99707; dhickok@explorefairbanks.com.

The director of marketing and communications for the Cleveland Institute of Music, **Susan M. Schwartz** writes, "I continue to enjoy living and working in Cleveland (18906 Scottsdale Blvd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122; e-mail: sxs129@po.cwru.edu). "I've thought frequently since 9/11 of my Ike days and the wonderful education I received." She keeps in touch with **Renée Downey**, **Debbie Leal '76**, **Misty Murray Brazelton '75**, and **Christa Spindler Leman**.

Reports **David St. George**: "I wanted to alert people about a great program that I have discovered—very similar to our favorite World Studies curriculum. The company is called The Teaching Company, and it sells (at very reasonable prices) CDs and tapes that cover everything from ancient Greek philosophy to modern music (this unit called 'The Great Courses

Series'). The lectures are given by truly excellent lecturers from all major universities. I find it refreshing to pop one in when I am driving somewhere (with the danger that I get so engrossed that I drive past the destination!). Anyway, I consider it the postgraduate World Studies program for keeping the mind operational. The courses are a very good extension and update of what we learned so many years ago. The phone for these guys is 1-800-832-2412 or www.teach12.com." Send David best wishes at 204 Culver Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; fineline@lightlink.com.

1978

Write **Catherine Kastner** at 1023 Morning Glory Court, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762; ckastne1@pacbell.net.

Greet **Linda Tiernan Kepner** at 162 Onset Rd., Bennington, NH 03442.

Mary T. Lidkea receives mail at 1255 Spears Rd., Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 4N4, CANADA; melidkea@hotmail.com.

Pamela C. Quiggle resides at 1519 Lost Dauphin Rd., DePere, WI 54115 (e-mail: quiggle@att.net). She wonders if anyone knows the whereabouts of "**Teri**" **Morrissey** [whom we have no address for either].

The president of Next Century Technologies, Inc., **Ronald D. Wright** notes that he sold his company after 12 years and is now investing in startups in England, Mexico, and the U.S. "I'm active in Virginia politics and business associations. Jeannie and I have been married 17 years and have four beautiful children." Send them best wishes at 1555 Coomber Court, Herndon, VA 20170; ronwright@nxtcent.com.

1979

Edward A. Lincoln works for RIT as assistant to the vice president in enrollment management and career services. Write him at 392 Clay Rd., #28, Rochester, NY 14623; ealfad@rit.edu.

1980

Pete Grum receives mail at 96 Bidwell Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14222; e-mail: pgrum@randcapital.com.

"We have a new daughter!" boasts **Rebecca Wiant McGinnis** (10204 Haywood Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20902; e-mail: rm165@umail.umd.edu). "Risa Elizabeth Wiant McGinnis was born October 16, 2001. Her older sister, Rachel (5), is thrilled

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We Introduce The Most Recent Ike Scholarship Winners

Winner of our Honorable Mention Award (\$200) goes to a young man who chose to answer our "different kind of" essay—asking for basic floor plans for "What will replace the World Trade Center?" Our only entrant to attempt this question, Scott Stackus, hails from 3347 Miller Road in Waterloo, New York. He is the son of Kevin and Alice Stackus. Currently, he is at St. John Fisher College, majoring in sports studies. An avid golfer, Scott hopes one day to be able to teach young children the game of golf.

Wrote Scott, "I wish to develop a program that is offered to children in major cities. I want to bring such a program to smaller cities to give the kids an opportunity to learn the game of golf. With a program like the one I want to develop, children who would normally not get an opportunity to learn and play golf would have a chance. The game of golf will teach our young people discipline, sportsmanship, and how to play by the rules with proper supervision."

A strong, academic student as well, with the majority of his grades registering in the high 80s and 90s, Scott was active in high school: JV baseball, varsity club, drama club, junior prom and senior ball planning committee,

Homecoming float construction committee (four years), soccer club, and varsity golf, with his school's team garnering Section 5 Championship, Finger Lakes Championship, and Sectional Qualifier awards during his membership.

Because of Scott's record and dedication, if Ike were alive today, we think he would be most eager to "tee up" with this young sportsman and student on any golf course.

This year's winner of our \$500 scholarship award goes to Rebecca Armstrong. She is the daughter of Patrick and Virginia Armstrong of 28 Mattie Street in Auburn, New York. Rebecca chose to answer the essay question "Whom would you choose as 'Person of the Millennium?'" Her answer was Margaret Chase Smith.

A "Renaissance 20" scholar in the making, Rebecca wrote us: "A good school is going to prepare me for life and whatever field I choose to enter. I'm going to take a lot of math courses, but I'm also going to get a liberal arts education. I'm going to taste courses from all sorts of areas of study so that I can be well-rounded. Four and a half years from now when someone asks me what I want to be, maybe I will have an answer. But even if I don't, as a well-rounded person emerging from college, I know I

will find my niche in the world."

Accepted at Hartwick College, Hamilton College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Colgate University, SUNY Geneseo, and Nazareth College, she tentatively plans to become a mathematics teacher when she graduates.

Quite an active young woman in her school, Rebecca was a member of several clubs and religious and community organizations while attending Auburn High School. Her list of activities include the following: marching band, concert band, wind ensemble, orchestra, All-County and NYSSMA, yearbook staff, Math League, Student Government Day, History Club, French Club, Odyssey of the Mind, Model U.N., Model Senate, peer mediator, senior buddy, academic tutor, dancing, Golden Games, Tomatofest volunteer, Jr. Girl Scouts assistant, Jr. Olympics softball, Merry-Go-Round Theater usher, soup kitchen volunteer, young adult reader, recreation director for summer Vacation Bible School, and assistant religious teacher.

Rebecca has chosen and is currently attending Colgate University.

Joan Purdy '72

Led By Ike Faculty Member, Seniors Take On World Issues

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A group at a Canandaigua retirement community discusses international affairs every week.

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Messenger Post Staff

A week before Don Allen moved into one of the apartments at Ferris Hills at West Lake, he had much to do.

There were speakers to contact, meeting rooms to reserve and foreign policy decisions to discuss.

Allen, a former chemistry professor about to go to his 70th college reunion at Dartmouth, took care of every detail before he arrived at this small retirement community on a hill above Canandaigua Lake.

Now, every Wednesday, just before lunch, Allen and about 20 of his neighbors gather in a conference room at Ferris Hills to discuss international issues. Since 1960, he has organized similar meetings of the Foreign Policy Association.

"It's been a great program, and I've enjoyed it throughout the years," Allen said yesterday.

Like a mini-United Nations, people from a variety of backgrounds meet to debate issues and fill out a survey. The results are tabulated at the end of the year and included in a report to Congress. For Allen, the meetings are part of an old routine. After living in Seneca Falls

for 30 years, he moved to Canandaigua to be closer to his wife, who is a patient at Thompson Health Center's continuing care center.

One day, Allen would like to open the discussion to the community outside Ferris Hills.

Residents say they welcome a chance to learn about other areas of the world. Allen hands out articles written on the topics before each discussion, so each member is brought up to speed.

"After a few of these, you realize how much you don't know about the world," said resident Jim Bruce.

Jane Lavery also liked the lively discussions.

"This is one of the better things they're doing here," she said. "Of course, I like the

led the discussion.

Shanken learned a lot about poverty in Africa, seeing it firsthand in the grass huts the people called home and the open sewers where garbage rotted on city streets. He said before he lived there, he wasn't even sure how slaves were transported to the United States, and was surprised they were sold by their fellow Africans.

"Most of what I knew about Africa before I lived in Ghana, I learned in the old Tarzan movies," he said.

The discussion turned to his efforts to aid a small village which made him an honorary chief at its yam festival.

He learned of the AIDS epidemic and how culture and poverty have contributed to its spread.

When it came to a question of America's role in the continent's fight, Bill Pugh had more questions.

"If we can't manage our own health care system, how can we manage what's going on in Africa?" he asked.

Once Allen called for an end to the meeting, each participant jotted down responses to a survey about drug companies' roles in battling AIDS, the disease's threat to the United States, and related issues.

A few at a time, they left the room, whispers of the conversation still on their lips.

"I think it's marvelous," Lavery said. "This is a program the whole community could benefit from."



Don Allen (right) enjoys a foreign policy discussion at Ferris Hills at West Lake.

bridge lessons, too."

Yesterday's discussion centered on AIDS in Africa. Edward Shanken, a Seneca Falls Rotarian who lived in Ghana from 1993-1994,

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to be a 'big sissy.' 'Risa' means 'laughter' in Latin, and she is a happy baby."

Writes **Tanya Warren Spaulding**, "I spent most of the last 15 years as a New Hampshire resident." This past year she and Stephen Spaulding were divorced; they have four children. She keeps in contact with **Mary Ellen Graziano**, **Vinnie Vescio**, **Dave Dresser**, and **Frank Annunziata**. Additionally, she adds, her parents, **Charles** and **Shirley Warren**, former Eisenhower faculty members, are doing well in retirement in Pittsford, New York. Send Tanya best wishes at 6 Homestead Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; tanyalee58@aol.com.

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Phyllis Wright Jackson receives mail at PMB #267, 4435 First St., Livermore, CA 94550.

Faculty

Writes **Donald S. Allen**, whose wife, Kay, passed away on March 9, 2002, "Kay and I visited here [Ferris Hills Retirement Center] during the summer of 2001 and decided to take the apartment in August. We had investigated retirement centers for at least two years. In September we put our house on the market and started the process of weeding out a 30-year accumulation. In October Kay was taken to Geneva General Hospital, then to Rochester for an angioplasty. In November she was moved to the Seneca Nursing Home in Waterloo. We moved to Ferris Hills in February, sold our house, and Kay was transferred to Thompson Health Center's continuing care center just five minutes from Ferris Hills. I have organized a Great Decisions program here, and **Jim Troisi** has already led one of the discussions. **Frank Annunziata** and **Ken Nelson** will also lead discussions. So Eisenhower College is well represented. Several folks from Seneca Falls have come over to these sessions. Graduates who are in Canandaigua are invited to come and see me at Ferris Hills." Send your best wishes to Don at 214 Ferris Hills, Canandaigua, NY 14424.

Deceased

We regret to report the following deaths:

Bruce L. Dimick '72

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Steve Suddaby and Frank Annunziata during reunion.

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