



Wellesley Class of 1993 Newsletter

November 2009

Greetings, Classmates!

Although it has been about a year since your class officers sent our last newsletter, we have certainly been actively working on class business during that time. As you know from our spring card mailed to all classmates, we have decided that the green class needed to “go green” both for sustainability and financial reasons. Accordingly, this newsletter will only be sent via email. If you know classmates who have not yet signed up for email for life from the College or provided the College with a personal email address, please encourage them to visit <http://www.wellesley.edu/Alum/> to update their information so that they will continue to receive our class communications. (That site is also a great resource for any of you who want to connect with other alums and learn more about the activities of the Alumnae Association).

You have also seen a communication from our Class Treasurer, Kelly McCutcheon Adams, explaining some needed changes in our class dues structure. More on that change is shared later in this Newsletter; we do hope that you will consider supporting our class at the highest level possible given your own circumstances – and we understand the economic challenges facing many of us at this time. We do, however, want to keep planning for a successful future for the Class of 1993 – particularly at our milestone reunions – and that will require increased financial support.

We hope you enjoy the information shared here and welcome your suggestions for class activities, ways that we can better communicate with each other, or news for future communications. Please do not hesitate to e-mail any one of us with your ideas.

With all best wishes for the upcoming holiday season,

Your Class of 1993 Officers

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A message from your class Treasurer

Dear Classmates,

Hopefully you received the message we sent out via email on September 14 about changes to our class dues structure. As a brief recap, your class officers voted unanimously to increase our class dues (annual and lifetime) to ensure the long-term financial health of our class organization. There is a lot more information about this decision in the original message. If you would like me to resend this message to you, please feel free to email me at kamcc71@yahoo.com

The new dues are as follows:

Annual Class Dues have increased from \$19.93 to **\$40**

Lifetime Class Dues have increased from \$93 to **\$500**

To ease the transition, Lifetime Dues will increase in two phases:

- Beginning now through June 30, 2011, Lifetime Dues will be \$250
- As of July 1, 2011, Lifetime Dues will increase to \$500

Many thanks to these classmates who have already made contributions as follows:

Pauline Feng was a prior lifetime member and contributed to the new membership level of \$500.

Melissa Allen and **Laura Henry** joined as new lifetime members at the \$250 level and **Tina Chan** paid annual dues.

Thank you Pauline, Melissa, Laura, and Tina! I was a prior lifetime member and have contributed to the new membership level of \$250 and have also paid my annual dues of \$40.

We are eager to hear from more of you with questions, input, and contributions. As reminder, here are the contribution methods:

You can pay Annual Dues and Lifetime Membership Dues via **PayPal** at: www.paypal.com by using this email address to send the money to: classdues@wellesley93.org

Alternately, you can **mail a check**, payable to the "Wellesley College Class of 1993" to:

Kelly McCutcheon Adams
7 Kings Ct
Essex Junction, VT 05452

As a reminder, these gifts are tax deductible and I can generate receipts as needed.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and your assistance in our efforts to build strong financial health for our class going forward. Thank you.

Kelly McCutcheon Adams
Class of 1993 Treasurer

Carolyn Sevier and Nancy Sutton, our Class of '93 Annual Giving Co-Chairs, have been working with our College liaison to assemble a team of annual giving volunteers. Assisting with annual giving solicitations on behalf of the College and thanking classmates who have made gifts is a great way to stay in touch or re-connect with friends. Consider joining us in our efforts to boost our class participation and keep the College going strong!



WELLESLEY COLLEGE
ANNUAL GIVING

The most valuable gifts to Wellesley College are unrestricted gifts.

Every year, Wellesley faces a budget-balancing act, as do all colleges. While the College is committed to holding down the rate of tuition increases, it also pledges to maintain the highest standards of educational excellence.

Tuition and endowment income are the College's main sources of operating revenue, yet cover only part of the expense it takes to operate Wellesley College. Annual gifts provide critically needed support to help bridge the gap.

Unrestricted contributions to Annual Giving are immediately expendable resources that help meet the College's current operational expenses. These gifts go to work immediately to support or enhance core programs, pay for scholarships, faculty salaries, new books, and upkeep of the campus.

Your participation at any level makes a difference. Here's how:

- There is strength in numbers - many gifts add up to a large sum each year.
- A high participation rate signals alumnae satisfaction with the institution and continued support of its mission.
- Foundations and corporations from whom we seek grants view annual alumnae giving as an indicator of a healthy institution worthy of additional support.
- College-ranking reports in magazines and other media examine alumnae participation rates when compiling their lists.

Do you remember when...

It's hard to believe, but it was 20 years ago this fall when we all arrived at Wellesley as first-year students! (How's that for making you feel old!) Do you remember all the things we experienced those first few months? How exciting, terrifying, and sometimes just exhausting they were? Wish you could go back, even just for a few hours or a day?

- ❖ Nervously waiting to meet your new roommate
- ❖ First walk around Lake Waban
- ❖ Walking into the Vil
- ❖ First MIT frat party
- ❖ Exploring Boston on the T
- ❖ Flower Sunday and meeting your "Big Sister" for the first time
- ❖ Taking "the truck" into Harvard Square for dinner and a movie
- ❖ Maximizing space in your dorm room by rearranging the furniture.... again!
- ❖ Mastering the nuances of the Bells system: calls vs. phone calls, visitors vs. callers, etc.
- ❖ Trying to grasp the horizontal/vertical movement rule that governed male visitors
- ❖ Learning the tenets of the Honor Code
- ❖ First Step Singing - 1-9-9-3 Wellesley rah!
- ❖ Tower Court Mixers
- ❖ Holiday Dinner

Share your first year memories and photos with your classmates on Facebook - we have a Wellesley Class of 1993 group page. Go to www.facebook.com, login (or join if you are not a member), search for Wellesley 93 and you'll see (and can join) our group.

Every gift - no matter the size - makes a difference!

Please make a gift:

Online: www.wellesley.edu/Resources

Phone: (800) 358-3543

Mail: Checks payable to Wellesley College
Attn: Development Services
106 Central Street, Wellesley, MA 02481

Perspective: 20 Years After Our First Year

by Amy Wintermeyer

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One perk of my job as a college counselor is that I get to fly around the country visiting various college campuses. I usually visit 6-12 schools a year. When I tour their manicured grounds and speak with their impressive students and faculty, I often recall what was important to me when I was touring college campuses as a high school student. What are the academic offerings? How accessible are professors? What will my social life be like? What types of internships and job opportunities will await me when I graduate? These are the same questions many of my students ask now, but given the current world and economic climate they are also interested in knowing where colleges stand in areas of technology, globalization, environmental sustainability, and financial stability.

When my students inquire about Wellesley, answering all of these questions is easy. Wellesley remains one of the top schools in the country, not to mention the top women's college, and is trailblazing new programs in personal finance, natural sciences, and international relations. When my students bring up Wellesley, however, my favorite thing to do is reminisce with them about my personal experiences: the sisterhood I felt and continue to feel with my fellow alums, the classes that pushed and challenged me, professors who invited me to their homes or who called when I was sick. I regale them with tales of Flower Sunday, Junior Show, and step-singing; of walks around the lake, trips to the 'ville, and hoop rolling. I tell them my Class Dean was at my wedding, that I heard Raisa Gorbachev and Barbara Bush speak together at graduation, and that I met Hillary Clinton before she became First Lady, US Senator or Secretary of State. And while I choose to censor my memories of the Senate Bus and my escapades in Boston and Cambridge, I admit that many of my fondest memories and closest friendships were born out of late night conversations in the hallway outside my dorm room.

Reflecting on what it felt like to enter Wellesley 20 years ago, I am struck by how much my Wellesley experience has shaped who I am now. My education and the relationships I built during those four years continue to be things I cherish and in which I take pride - and I recall how, as a first year, I felt the need to pinch myself because I couldn't believe how lucky I was to be there. Two decades and over 75 college visits later, I still use Wellesley as the ideal to which all other schools must be compared, and I must confess that our beloved campus still remains the most impressive I have seen. It comforts me that I rarely encounter a school that makes me question my decision - that makes me think, "Would I have been as happy here as I was at Wellesley?" When I do find a gem that comes close, I remember all of the individuals within the institution that colored my experience, and once again I realize that Wellesley clearly is a cut above the rest.

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**Do you have a perspective you'd like to share with classmates?
A story about the path that you've followed since Wellesley?**

Your class officers are looking for contributions for future newsletters - if you are interested, please contact Alix O'Brien Fox at alixfox@alum.wellesley.edu.

40th Birthday Celebration!!!

Planning ahead, the 1993 Class Officers have been throwing around the idea of having a 40th birthday weekend celebration. Most of our classmates will turn 40 in 2011, so one thought is a weekend in March 2011 in Las Vegas. What do you think? Other ideas? Please contact Anna Balogh at annabalogh@alum.wellesley.edu with suggestions or if you would be interested in helping to organize this kind of event.

Mini-Reunion Update

Mini-reunions, which the College defines as gatherings of three alums or more, are a way for local classmates to connect without a great deal of event-planning overhead. All it takes is one local coordinator to select a venue and a date - or to consider hosting a get together - and your class Vice President will take care of the invitation e-mail through the College.

Last year we had great success with the events in Boston, Manhattan, and Washington, DC. This year we attempted to replicate this model in different regions; we planned events in San Francisco, Seattle, Winston-Salem, Atlanta, Dallas, and Houston - all areas with significant numbers of classmates. Thanks go to Alison Fox Mazzola (San Francisco), Karen Foster-Schubert (Seattle), Susan Gies Conley (Winston-Salem), and Emily Dryselius Page (Houston) for their input and assistance!

Unfortunately, only two classmates attended in Seattle and no one attended the other events. With such a lackluster showing, we're forced to reconsider the model and are looking to you for input - any and all suggestions and comments are welcome! Please email Anna Balogh at annabalogh@alum.wellesley.edu. Mini-reunions are for you, and we need your involvement!