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—President—
[Erin Ennis](#)

Welcome!

While it is hard for all of us to believe, the current Class Board has been in its jobs for over three years now, meaning that we are now in the home stretch for our 2007 reunion and election of a new slate of officers.

In this quarter's eblast, you'll find details about how to nominate yourself or another classmate for class office. We all strongly encourage you to get involved. It is a great way to reconnect with the class and the college, and there are a variety of jobs that have varying time commitments. All of us on the current board would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the jobs we hold. Feel free to contact any of us.

We'd appreciate your input as well as we begin to plan for reunion. While it's a little over a year and a half before we converge on South Hadley, our reunion planners, Kristen Kelly and Megan Kelly Sundquist, are already thinking about how the weekend will progress. Do you want more activities for children and spouses? Was something done at a previous reunion that you want to make sure takes place again -- or something that you want to make sure never occurs again? Email Kristen and Megan with your suggestions and requests and we'll do our best to accommodate you.

Finally, if you haven't done so already, please consider giving to the Alumnae Fund this year. It is an important way that we give back to the college and every little bit helps.

Until the spring!

Erin Ennis
Class President

You for Class President! A Word from the Nominating Committee.

Class elections are right around the corner at our 15th reunion. Your input as class members and future class leaders is important to us so we are changing protocol to include you.

**Review This Month's
Featured Positions**

-Vice President-
[Julie Tendlak](#)

-Treasurer-
[Melanie Carino](#)

-Secretary-
[Lynda Vescio-Rupp](#)

-Scribes-
[Jenny Beeson](#) &
[Celeste Jones](#)

-Head Class Agents-
[Alicechandra Fritz](#)
&
[Amy Porter](#)

-Reunion Chairs-
[Kristen Kelly](#) &
[Megan Kelly](#)

-Nominating Committee-
[Lori Hendricks](#),
[Jennifer West](#),
[Ariann Stern](#),
[Molly Schmitz](#)

-Webmaster-
[Kate Gombos](#)

Please click onto our [Class Website at www.MHC1992.com](#) and review descriptions of the class officers' roles. Tell us if you'd like to run or help us identify women who should be nominated for these positions. This is your chance to get on the ballot! (Contact [Erin Ennis](#) for more information.)

- [President](#)
- [Secretary](#)
- [Scribe](#)

Make Your Recommendation!

Who do you think should run for these important class leadership positions for 2007-2012? You? A Friend?

[Click Here to Submit Your Nominations](#)

For Your Peace of Mind

From time to time, we receive inquiries from individuals seeking to connect with members of our class. Please be assured that your personal contact information will not be distributed without your permission. The class board will help to facilitate communications whenever possible. We will forward by any means available (e-mail, phone, or letter) the inquiry to you. You may then choose to reply or not.

Although this may seem unnecessary and awkward, I have been thanked on more than one occasion for maintaining confidentiality. (having been told stories about stalkers, etc.) It's scary to what lengths some will go to try to find personal contact information about people.

The MHC Class of 1992 will not rent, lease, share or otherwise disclose your personal contact information with anyone (except The College) without your express permission. And if you don't want your information shared with the college, we will honor that request as well.

[Please contact Erin Ennis if you have any questions.](#) Thank you.

Head Class Agents' Report

A huge THANK YOU, on behalf of our class, our Class Agents, the Alumnae Annual Fund, and the College, to each of you who made a contribution to the Alumnae Annual Fund in the 2004-2005 fiscal year. Through your generosity our class raised a total of \$21,250 with 28.6% of our classmates participating. Our contributions helped the College achieve the second largest total ever raised for the Alumnae Annual Fund -- \$7.5 million. As you know, the Annual Fund is a critical component of the College's budget and these unrestricted funds make an enormous difference in the lives of current MHC students.

[Please read the rest on the class Website...](#)

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Shop smart with the new MHC MasterCard

The Alumnae Association and MHC have partnered with MBNA & Bank of America to offer a new credit card with special benefits for alumnae.

Users of the new MHC MasterCard can earn points redeemable for cash, travel, merchandise, and gift certificates. **Additionally, for every new card issued**

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Interested? Call 1-800-437-0180 & mention priority code LGJT. Or apply online at the Association's Web site at www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu.

More Women Lead Businesses

Are you thinking about starting your own business? If so, you are part of a growing segment of the female working population that has done just that. According to the Business Women's Network, women now own 40 percent of all U.S. businesses. And, over the last three years, the number of women-owned businesses has grown by 43 percent.

If you are considering starting out on your own, you may be interested to know about federal and state resources that can help you. One is the Small Business Development Corporation, a federal program that offers guidance and coaching for individuals starting new businesses. Each entrepreneur is assigned a counselor to work with her on business planning, financing strategy, and marketing. Workshops are often offered as well, which help connect workshop participants to other potential business owners for networking and support.

A second nationwide resource is the SCORE program (Service Corps of Retired Executives). This program is funded by the Small Business Administration, and is staffed by retired executives who volunteer their time to mentor those who are starting new businesses. (In Massachusetts, there is a women's division of SCORE.) As you progress, remember that your business may be eligible to bid for government contracts as a preferred vendor, after you have been in business for a few years. Web sites to check out are: www.sbdc.com and www.bizwomen.com.

A final note: If you are thinking about starting your own business, take heart - you have a lot of company. Women are starting and running successful business all over the country. You can join them!

Do You Run Your own Business?

In addition to these great resources, we think that we can be a great resource to each other. [Please drop us a line and tell us your stories of opening or running your own business - successes as well as challenges.](#) We'll post your stories to our class Website where we can not only learn from each other, but also be a resource to each other.

And who knows! You might even see some new leads through it!

Class Spotlights - We want to hear from you!

Drop in on our Website to see what your classmates have been up to. And while you're there, take a few minutes to drop us a line and let us know what you've been up to!! [Visit "Spotlights"](#)



Be Part of a Quarterly Article

The *Alumnae Quarterly* magazine staff is gathering information for several future articles, and invites your

As an aside....let's get some great visibility for 1992 here! -- If your stories fit into any of these topics,

input. If you have something to say about any of the topics below - or want to volunteer to be interviewed by the article's author - please e-mail [Emily Weir](#) (please mention the article topic in the subject line) or send a letter to her c/o Alumnae Quarterly, 50 College St., South Hadley, MA 01075-1486). Following are some of the topics we're exploring at the magazine:

***please contact Emily Weir
at the Alumnae Association
office!***

- **Bragging Rights** - Go on, brag for a change: What do you do better than nearly anyone else on earth? (can be serious or humorous)
- **The Changing Family** - This piece will look at issues including new forms of family, "the new domesticity," work-family balance issues, new forms of families, older first-time moms, etc.
- **Work at Midlife** - This piece will address issues including changing career fields, age discrimination, how to cope between jobs while trying to reinvent yourself, reentering the workforce after time away, etc.
- **"Why Didn't I Take..."** - What course do you wish you'd taken at MHC, and why? To be part of this article, please send a paragraph or two mentioning what course (specific, or general field of study) and why you regret not having studied it.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Winter Quarterly Deadline is Here!



The deadline for notes and news is November 10 -- Don't miss out! [Submit your stories online!](#)

Class Dues

We've teamed up with JustGive.org to collect class dues on line. Click the button to the right to make a payment using any major credit card. JustGive forwards the payments it's collected (minus a small transaction fee) to the class treasurer each month, and it sends you an immediate acknowledgement of your charitable contribution to the class.

Dues are \$25 for the current period (just \$5 for each year between our 10th & 15th reunions), but we're happy to accept contributions of any amount at any time.

What do your dues pay for? Our largest expense is always reunion, which dues help to cover. But in between reunion years, your dues pay for things like class newsletters and seed money for fundraisers. All funds raised by the class -- both through dues and fundraisers -- help to lower the cost of reunion for everyone in our class.

Rather Send A Check?

You can always pay your dues by personal check. Please make your check payable to "MHC Class of 1992" and mail it to:

Erin Ennis
Class President
109 C St SE Apt 1
Washington, DC 20003.

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