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## TODAY IS MOUNTAIN DAY!!

### Mountain Day - Now and Then

Do you remember your first Mountain Day? Mountain Day is upon us again, and we'd like to hear from you about your favorite Mountain Day memories. We're gathering anecdotes, stories, and fond memories to share with the alumnae community on the Web site. With online class notes, you can share your memories of Mountain Day and catch up on what your classmates have been doing since their MHC days.

Dean Lee Bowie, who compiled the following historical information on Mount Holyoke's Mountain Day, tells us that the tradition dates back to 1838—one year after the College's founding. It most likely grew out of the daily one-mile walk Mary Lyon required of her students. For the first 55 years Mountain Day was held in June (the academic year ran November through July). In 1893 the day was moved to the fall, but the holiday has always served as a break from classes and study so that students and faculty can explore, hike, and enjoy the outdoors.

One Lucy Goodale recorded her Mountain Day experience in her notebook in 1838: "The sun had just merged above the eastern hills, tingeing their tops with his ruddy rays while every blade of grass glistened with tears of dew as if overjoyed at his approach, when ten or twelve carriages stopped before the door." Soon, the vehicles "were filled and a large party set out on a long-anticipated ride to Mount Holyoke." Leaving the carriages near the base, "the party ascended on foot. The path was steep and rugged, in some places almost perpendicular and [in] others like a winding flight of stairs ... When we had gained the summit, a cooling breeze swept over the mountain and fanned our heated brows..." Rest and enjoyment of "the lofty ranges of [Mount] Tom and [Mount] Holyoke capped with clouds of gold and azure" followed.

Held every year with two exceptions—once during the Civil War and once during the year of the great campus fire—Mountain Day is the College's oldest tradition. This morning the bells pealed for five minutes at 7:00 am to signal Mountain Day. We now invite you to join in spirit with students as they create their own Mountain Day legacy. We no longer have carriages drawn by faithful steeds, but faithful vans will carry students to Mt. Holyoke, aka Skinner State Park, where they will make their way to the top. President Creighton and Dean Bowie will join students at noon for an ice-cream celebration. As it was in 1838, classes will be canceled and the library closed.

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–Reunion  
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Mountain Day is a day to get out and do something: tromp, romp, bike, hike—or to remember when you did. MHC women have scaled many mountains together, and today we celebrate your ascent.

Warm regards,

Rochelle Calhoun '83  
Executive Director, Alumnae Association

Submit your story at [Online Class Notes](#)

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## Mount Holyoke College and the Women's College Coalition to run a New York Times ad this Sunday, October 2

We invite you to check out the front section of this Sunday's New York Times for a full-page advertisement from Mount Holyoke and the Women's College Coalition, calling attention to the need for educating women and girls around the world. This follows the very successful ad the WCC ran in the Times this March, noting the superb track record of women's institutions in teaching science.

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## Head Class Agent's Report

Dear Classmates,

Happy Fall! We hope you each had an enjoyable summer.

We would like to THANK YOU, on behalf of our class, our Class Agents, the Alumnae Annual Fund, and the College, for your 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 of \$7.5 million for Mount Holyoke's Alumnae Annual Fund. As you know, the Annual Fund is a critical component of the College's budget and these unrestricted funds truly benefit the talented women currently enrolled at the College.

We hope you will again consider making an important gift to the Alumnae Annual Fund for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Our goals are \$25,000 and 35% class participation and we need your support to achieve these goals. If you have already made your 2005-2006 fiscal year gift, thank you. If not, please check your mailbox for the fall appeal from the College or make a gift today by calling 1.800.MHC.GIVE (1.800.642.4483) or going online to <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/go/mhcgive>

It is hard to believe, but reunion is less than 2 years away. We look forward to seeing you on campus in May 2007!

Best,  
Alicechandra Fritz & Amy (Porter) Grohman  
Head Class Agents

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## Family Photos

Ever wonder what the families of your classmates look like after you've read the Alumnae Quarterly? Now you can see for yourself! & Don't forget to submit your family photo.



Add your family fave to these! Send your photo and a short description by e-mail to the [Webmaster](#) or [Read More on the class Website...](#)

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## Class Spotlight:



Kate Yandoh had an unusual summer break

[Read More on the class Website...](#)

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## The Lyon's Ten:

See which classmate's house is full of **DINOSAURS**. Curious to know who was the **non-Greek bride in her own "Big Fat Greek Wedding"**? Guess which of our classmates completed a **triathlon**! [Read all of our class' Lyon's Ten!](#)

**And don't forget to submit your own!! and share your thoughts on:**

- What you thought you'd never do, but have
- What you still think you'll never do, but probably will
- What your home is full of
- The TV/movie character that you are most like
- The strangest thing you've done since graduation
- What you plan to do by next reunion
- The most recent book you read
- What you do in your "free" time
- The song you're most likely to sing out loud while driving
- My favorite quote

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