



# MOUNT HOLYOKE CLASS OF 1992

## Fall Newsletter 2004

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## EVERY CLASSMATE OUTREACH

About a third of you have heard from one of the class officers over the course of the past year and the other two-thirds of you are in our sights. The class board has undertaken a project to contact every member of the Class of 1992 to catch up, fill in and generally touch base with the whole lot of you.

In an attempt to approach the project logically, we've learned a few things about the demographics of the class:

- 20% of the class is named a variation of Jennifer, Catherine, Elizabeth, Sarah or Amy (in that order) and 80% of them have been active since graduation in some form.
- 32 classmates have attended all three of our reunions and all 32 are on the class email list and have given to the college at least once since graduation.
- 28 classmates have given to the Annual Fund every year since graduation.

Look for a letter from one of us sometime between now and reunion (and please be patient if you are in the last cycle there are over 600 women in the class and writers cramp can be debilitating!).

## THE LYON'S TEN: 10 Questions for Pam Foster-Felt

*We began a feature in last summer's newsletter with our profile of Maia Goodall and what she'd been up to since graduation. Many of you have checked in since then, but we wanted to give those of you with limited time a way to participate as well. So this summer, we launch the Lyon's Ten: Ten quick questions for you '92s to let us know a bit about yourself and your life. Our first participant: Pam Foster-Felt.*

*You can post your own answers on the class' website, [www.mhc1992.com](http://www.mhc1992.com), or by contacting one of the class scribes. All answers will be posted to the website for all to enjoy.*

**The thing I thought I'd never do that I've now done is:** compete in a swim meet

**By next reunion, I plan to:** finish painting the dining room

**The thing I still think I'll never do, but probably will is:** have a kid

**The most recent book I started to read or finished is:** The Adventures of Kavalier and Clay

**My home is full of:** drop cloths, tools, dust, paint, sheet rock and dog hair

**In my "free" time, you will most likely find me:** in my garden

**The TV/movie character that I am most like and why:** dunno don't have a TV and haven't seen anything recently save The Bourne Supremacy, and I'm no where near that swashbuckling or strategic.

**The song I'm most likely to sing out loud while driving is:** cheesy top 40 county junk, since you only have to hear a song once to know all the words.

**The strangest thing I've done since graduation is:** work as a land surveyor

**My favorite quote is:** my neighbor's bumper sticker, "I love my country, but I fear my government."

## NEW CLASS FUNDRAISER: BRIGHAM BLEND AND DEACON PORTER DECAF

### Fair Trade Coffees from Dean's Beans

The Mount Holyoke Class of 1992, in conjunction with Dean's Beans of New Salem, Massachusetts, is pleased to announce the availability of two blends of Mount Holyoke-themed whole bean coffee: Brigham Blend and Deacon Porter Decaf.

Available only through the Class of 1992, these coffees are 100% organic Fair Trade products, certified by the Fair Trade Federation. Dean's Beans® only purchases beans from villages and importers that are committed to fair trade and working towards better economic opportunity, improved health and nutrition in the villages.

Every cup you drink and every pound you buy contributes directly to the welfare of coffee growers and consumers. Profits earned by the Class of 1992 will help fund our class' activities, including reunion and class outreach programs.

Brigham Blend is \$9/lb and Deacon Porter Decaf is \$10/lb.

To order coffee or one of our other Mount Holyoke gifts, go online to the class webpage at [www.mhc1992.com](http://www.mhc1992.com) or contact Erin Ennis via email at [elennis@earthlink.net](mailto:elennis@earthlink.net), by phone at 202-546-1895, or by mail at 109 C St SE Apt 1, Washington, DC 20003.

## HEAD CLASS AGENTS' UPDATE

Visit us on the web at [www.MHC1992.com](http://www.MHC1992.com)

Sign up there for our quarterly e-blasts to learn the latest news from the class and your classmates!

Ever wonder what the families of your classmates look like after you've read the *Alumnae Quarterly*? Now you can see for yourself! Check out our new website feature: Family Photo Album to see pictures of the extended class family. Photos from Alicechandra Fritz & Tina Beck kick off the feature.

Thanks to your generosity and the hard work of our dedicated team of Class Agents, the Class of 1992 raised a total of \$20,791 with 33.5% participation for the Alumnae Annual Fund. While just shy of our goals for the year (\$25,000 and 35% participation), our class had the highest rate of participation of any class in our decade (excluding reunion classes).

This spring, our class board issued a participation challenge to the class, agreeing to contribute a combined total of up to \$4,000 if we achieved our participation goal. The challenge was supported by 100% of our Class Board and succeeded in bringing in more than 60 additional donors and \$3,000 toward our goal. Overall the Alumnae Annual Fund exceeded its goal of \$7.1 million. This was the first time in three years that the AAF has surpassed the \$7 million mark.

### We need your help!

We are looking for 5-10 volunteers to serve as Class Agents and help us raise critical funds for the Alumnae Annual Fund. Being a Class Agent is a great way to help MHC while reconnecting with some of your former classmates.

In between reunions, the time commitment is relatively minimal: Class Agents write notes, send e-mails and / or make phone calls to an assigned group of classmates, encouraging them to make financial contributions to the Fund. The College's Development Office provides the

**Thank you for the contributions you made to make this year a success!**

We anticipate even greater success next year. For the Class of 1992, we have again set goals of \$25,000 and 35% participation. **You can help us:**

- Make your gift or pledge early in the fiscal year! Watch your mail for the Fall Appeal, to be sent in September, and use the reply envelope to mail your check. Or use a credit card and call 1-800-MHC-GIVE or log on to [www.mtholyoke.edu/go/mhcgive](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/go/mhcgive).
- Many companies will match your gift. Please check with your employer to maximize your gift to the Alumnae Annual Fund.
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) makes your gift more manageable by spreading your gift over the course of a year. Call 1-800-MHC-GIVE to sign up for EFT.

necessary tools: contact sheets, note cards and envelopes, and general support. Of course, as Reunion nears, the activity picks up.

An added perk is an expense-paid trip back to campus the fall prior to Reunion in order to meet face-to-face with your fellow Class Agents and members of the Development Office to generate excitement and energy for the last fundraising push.

**Please contact Alicechandra or Amy to join this great team of dedicated '92s!**

## LOST CLASSMATE FOUND: LISA SIMRIQUE SINGH

In the past 4 years, I've moved from Thailand to Cambodia to finally here in Nepal working for the United Nations. I am now the team leader of the Environment and Energy group of the UN here in Kathmandu.

In Cambodia where I was between 2001-2002, I was managing the regional Mekong Environment Governance programme funded by UNDP and implemented in Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and Thailand. And prior to that I was in Bangkok for a year with the UN again, as a policy advisor for their regional office.

It's all been interesting I must admit and

satisfies my eternal travel bug.

This past summer, I was on the UC-Berkeley campus for a 3-week intensive training on Environment Leadership with 35 other people from around the world. San Francisco in the summer was very chilly and I was totally unprepared since I went there with mostly summer dresses and sandals! Needless to say, a quick sojourn to buy some warm clothes was one of the first things I had to do on arrival.

*If you'd like to contact Sim, her email address is [lisa.singh@undp.org](mailto:lisa.singh@undp.org).*

## WHERE ARE YOU?

Have you recently moved, changed your email address or your phone number? Let us know how to reach you by updating your contact information with the Class. Go to [www.mhc1992.com](http://www.mhc1992.com) and click on "Update Your Info." And stay tuned for more news from the class in our next Eblast, scheduled for later this fall.



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