

Class of 2009  
SENIOR COMMENCEMENT WEEK  
HANDBOOK

Congratulations Class of 2009!

We've made it this far, and graduation is just around the corner. We have successfully finished our career as Mount Holyoke College students, and now turn to new endeavors and ambitions outside the gates of our college. As the class of 2009, we are not only uniquely strong individuals, but we have also witnessed some of the great events in history. During our time here we have accomplished extraordinary achievements together and overcome many trials that will create a lasting impression of our class at MHC. Commencement Weekend is a time to acknowledge and celebrate our success with our class, our family, and our school. As you begin to prepare for this exciting weekend, please read through this handbook to find information regarding the many events taking place, including rehearsal times, event descriptions, line up schedules. Commencement Weekend gives us the opportunity to gather one last time as a class while we reflect upon our memories and friendships we have made. We encourage you to take part in the many decades long traditions during this weekend as you celebrate your achievements with your classmates, friends, and family. Once again, Congratulations!

Saira and Nana Yaa

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**OUTLINE OF CLASS ACTIVITIES**

Thursday, May 21

1:00—3 PM Canoe Sing Rehearsal, Prospect Hall patio  
3:30—5:00 PM Ticket Pickup, Blanchard vendors tables  
5:00—6:30PM Senior Barbecue, Skinner Green, under the tent (**Seniors only**)  
7:30 PM Final Lecture, Hooker Auditorium  
10:00 PM—1:30 AM Step into the Limelight Party (senior class graduation weekend kick-off)

**Friday, May 22**

7:30 AM—8:15 AM Grab & Go Breakfast, Willits-Hallowell  
8:30 AM—NOON Mandatory Commencement Rehearsal, Kendall Gymnasium  
1:00—2:30 PM Ticket Pickup, Blanchard vendors tables  
2:30—4:30 PM Canoe Sing Rehearsal, Prospect Hall patio  
4:00—5:00 PM Ticket Pickup, Blanchard vendor's tables  
8:00 PM Commencement Concert, Abbey Memorial Chapel  
11:00 PM Senior Slide Show and Last M & Cs, Chapin Auditorium

**Saturday, May 23**

9:00 AM Alumnae Parade. Line up at 8:30 AM at Woolley Circle  
(in front of Mary E. Woolley Hall (Route 116 side).  
10:15 AM Alumnae Association Annual Meeting,  
(Richard Glenn Gettell Amphitheater)  
11:30 AM—1:00 PM Old-Fashioned Community Picnic, Skinner Green  
1:00—3:00 PM Ticket Pickup, Blanchard vendors tables (**last pick up time**)

3:30–4:30 PM President’s Reception for Seniors and Parents,  
Backyard, President’s House (rain location: Chapin Auditorium)  
6:00–7:30 PM Dinner with the Stars, Skinner Green Tent  
8:30 PM Line Up for Baccalaureate, driveway outside Mary Lyon  
9:00 PM Baccalaureate, Abbey Memorial Chapel  
10:30 PM Canoe Sing at Lower Lake

Sunday, M a y 2 4

9:30 AM Line Up for Commencement  
(Howard Gymnasium in Kendall rain or shine)  
10:30 AM Commencement, Richard Glenn Gettell Amphitheater  
(Field House in Kendall if threatening weather)  
12:30–2:00 PM Celebratory Reception, Skinner Green Tent

#### GRADUATION REQUI R EME NTS

**Are your graduation requirements in order?** If the Registrar’s Office or Student Financial Services has notified you of any problem in meeting academic or financial requirements for your degree, do not ignore their warnings; see them at once! In addition to your academic requirements, student charges through April 30 must be paid in full by May 15, 2009. All seniors should review their Online A/R accounts in ISIS. Seniors with loans must complete exit counseling online; information on exit counseling is available at the SFS web site. Graduation is contingent upon resolving your academic matters, and Commencement tickets may not be issued to any student with loans who fails to complete exit counseling.

#### Senior Press Release

**What is a senior press release?** Every year upon graduation the Office of Communications prepares a press release for each senior's hometown newspaper. The release will announce your graduation, your major, and any awards you receive during Commencement. You should have received a press release form through campus mail in April. If you have not already completed and returned your release to Communications, please do so as soon as possible. If you need another copy, call x 2455 or email [dwright@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:dwright@mtholyoke.edu). Should you prefer that no press release be issued on your behalf, simply check “no” on the back of the form and return it.

#### Ticket Information

Plan to pick up your Commencement tickets and your family’s meal tickets at the vendor tables in Blanchard on:

##### Commencement Ticket Pickup Hours

Thursday, May 22 3:30–5:00 PM  
Friday, May 23 1:00–2:30 PM, 4:00–5:00 PM  
Saturday, May 24 1:00–3:00 PM (**last time**)

##### Meal Ticket Pickup Hours

Thursday, May 22 3:30–5:00 PM  
Friday, May 23 1:00–2:30 PM  
Saturday, May 24 10:00 AM–3:00 PM

#### **THESE ARE THE ONLY TIMES FOR TICKET DISTRIBUTION.**

You will need your Mount Holyoke photo ID to pick up your tickets. Students who have special seating arrangements will receive their tickets in envelopes with their names on them; all others will draw random envelopes with sets of tickets. Each graduate will receive **four** Commencement tickets and **two** Baccalaureate tickets. Note: SENIORS DO NOT NEED MEAL TICKETS FOR THE WEEKEND. Please have your College ID on hand. Dining Services will sell meal tickets at the hours listed above during the weekend, but we encourage everyone to order their tickets beforehand to avoid waiting in long lines.

#### **FR IDAY, M AY 2 3, 2 0 0 9**

Commencement Rehearsal—Mandatory  
7:30 AM Grab & Go Breakfast—Morrison Room, Willits-Hallowell  
8:30 AM Line up in Kendall Gymnasium. Proceed to field house.  
8:30AM Rehearsal  
ATTENDANCE AT COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL IS MANDATORY.

The purpose of this meeting is to make sure that you know in which order you will line up to receive your diploma. If you cannot attend, you must send someone to sit in your place (make sure this person can confirm the pronunciation of your name). Please do not bring pets to rehearsal. The lineup will be held in the Kendall Gymnasium. We will have signs on the walls to indicate sections of the alphabet. Look for your letter and line up according to the list of names of those who should be in that section. Once everyone has lined up we will proceed to the field house and sit in the proper order. We will have a brief practice of coming onstage to receive your diploma. Please do not bring food or drink into the Field House area. The Alumnae Association will be on hand to practice the laurel chain ceremony and the singing of "Bread and Roses." The last step is to go through all the names. Your name will be called to make sure it is pronounced it correctly. If your name is grossly mispronounced, please wait until the rehearsal is completed to make the correction. If you are unable to attend rehearsal, you should notify Commencement Coordinator Penny Silveira, x2663, and designate another senior, who will be present at rehearsal, to speak for you, to know where your seat is, and to instruct you in the proceedings.

**What is a senior survey?** Each year Mount Holyoke surveys the senior class as they graduate. The survey focuses primarily on your undergraduate experience and on your future plans. Our goals are to learn what you think about your education at Mount Holyoke, to evaluate current programs, and to gather information to help Mount Holyoke improve the quality of education. It is important that we hear from everyone. Future generations of Mount Holyoke students will benefit from your reflections. **Seniors will be emailed an invitation to the Senior Survey on April 29th. Respondents will be eligible for graduation prizes including reserve seats for baccalaureate, front-row guest seating for commencement, and graduation weekend lunches and dinner tickets.**

### **SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2009**

Laurel Parade—9:00 AM

8:30 AM Line up in front of Mary E. Woolley Hall (Route 116 side)

**Why do we wear white?** Contrary to popular lore, the wearing of white in the parade has nothing to do with virginity. You wear white because that is what the suffragettes wore when campaigning for women's right to vote. The song, "Bread and Roses," is about the suffering of women and mill workers at that time and is symbolic of the support of women that Mount Holyoke represents. In this case, the wearing of white is a sign of women's solidarity. Wear whatever color shoes you like. Hats are also a great idea. Most of the class will dress formally, but many seniors have created white outfits that let them express themselves while still adhering to the tradition of the parade.

**Why do we have a parade?** You march in a parade so that you can identify yourselves as members of the class of 2009 and be celebrated by alumnae and your guests. Alumnae will line the parade route to cheer you on and congratulate you. Symbolically and physically, you are joining the ranks of alumnae. Lining up and processing in rows of four across, you will split into two rows of two across when you reach the gravesite and weave a beautiful pattern around Mary Lyon's Grave. "Bread and Roses" (sung at the grave) James Oppenheim (1882-1932) was an American poet and novelist who often wrote on political and humanistic subjects. His poem, "Bread and Roses," originally appeared in the December 1911 issue of American magazine with the accompanying quote: "Bread for all, and Roses, too"—a slogan of the women in the West. In 1912, the historic Lawrence, Massachusetts, strike occurred among the thousands of textile workers who labored in the city's mills. "Bread and Roses" was taken up by strikers working with the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) for reasonable and humane working hours and pay.

"Bread and Roses" Words by James Oppenheim, Music by Mimi Farina

(Revised by members of the class of 1990, May 25, 1990)

1) As we go marching, marching  
in the beauty of the day,  
A million darkened kitchens,  
a thousand mill lofts gray,  
Are touched with all the radiance  
that a sudden sun discloses,  
For the people hear us singing:  
Bread and Roses! Bread and Roses!  
2) As we go marching, marching  
we battle too for men,  
For they are women's brothers,  
And we'll march with them again.  
Our lives shall not be sweated  
From birth until life closes;

Hearts starve as well as bodies:  
Give us Bread, but give us Roses!  
3) As we go marching, marching  
unnumbered women dead  
Go crying through our singing,  
Their ancient call for bread.  
Small art and love and beauty  
Their drudging spirits knew  
Yes, it is bread we fight for—  
But we fight for Roses too!  
4) As we go marching, marching  
we bring the greater days.  
The rising of the women means  
All humankind we raise.

No more the drudge and idler—  
Ten toil where one reposes,  
But a sharing of life's glories  
Bread and Roses! Bread and Roses!  
(Chorus after 4th verse)

Our lives shall not be sweated  
From birth until life closes;  
Hearts starve as well as bodies:  
Bread and Roses! Bread and Roses!

### Baccalaureate

8:30 PM Line up in front of Porter Hall up to the Mary Lyon Gate (In case of rain: ground floor Mary Lyon)

9:00 PM Baccalaureate, Abbey Chapel

Baccalaureate speakers (two faculty members and one member of the senior class) are elected by the senior class. Each senior will receive two tickets for Baccalaureate. The purpose of these tickets is to assure that seniors' guests are offered access to Abbey Chapel, but there is really not enough space for everyone's two guests. Please explain to your guests in advance that holding a ticket do not guarantee chapel seating. Chapel seating is on a first-come, first-seated basis. The ceremony is also telecast in Hooker Auditorium, where there are plenty of seats. No tickets are needed at this location.

### Canoe Sing

10:30 PM Lower Lake

**What is Canoe Sing?** Canoe Sing is one of Mount Holyoke's most casual and fun traditions. It dates back to 1911, when it was called "Senior Serenade" and took place on Upper Lake, after Baccalaureate. During the Canoe Sing, 12 canoes decorated with lanterns illuminate Lower Lake while changing formations. At the same time, seniors in canoes and on the shore sing previously rehearsed songs. You will be provided with the song lyrics early enough to do some of your own practicing. How do I get to be in a canoe? There are 12 canoes that seat three people each. Placement was done by lottery in March. If you have any questions, please contact Hallie Timm at extension 5171 or email at [Timm20h@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:Timm20h@mtholyoke.edu).

**What happens if I am not in a canoe?** The majority of the class lines the banks of Lower Lake to sing. There will be a microphone where a group of seniors will lead songs and everyone else can join in.

**When and where is rehearsal?** Rehearsals are on both Thursday, May 21 at 1:00 PM and Friday, May 22, at 2:30 PM at the Prospect Hall patio. Attendance is required for all participants regardless of whether or not you are in a canoe.

**Whom should I contact if I have questions?** Hallie Timm at extension 5171 or email at [Timm20h@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:Timm20h@mtholyoke.edu)

## **SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2009**

Commencement Day

9:30 AM Line up in Howard Gymnasium (rain or shine)

10:30 AM Commencement, Gettell Amphitheater

Seniors will process from Howard Gymnasium. The reason for this early assembly time is that each senior will receive a flower from the class of 2009 for the ceremony as we leave the Gymnasium. PLEASE, DO NOT BRING FLOWERS INTO GYMNASIUM. This distribution will take time and so will the lineup. We will begin processing at 10:00 AM on the dot. Hint: It can be very hot and sunny in the amphitheater—wear sunblock or tanning lotion if you burn easily. Don't forget to tell your families and friends, too! The process of seating guests in the amphitheater will begin at 9:00 AM on Sunday morning. Please urge your guests to arrive early. We will stop seating at 10:00 AM so the procession can begin promptly at 10:15. Seating guests will resume after the procession is over, at the discretion of the house manager and ushers. If members of your group are to arrive separately, be sure you parcel out tickets ahead of time.

**Non-ticket holders:** No one will be permitted within the fence surrounding the amphitheater without a ticket. Remote television viewing for those who do not have tickets will be provided in Hooker Auditorium and Blanchard. Folding chairs can be set up on the lawn around Mary Lyon's grave. There are no other options for nonticket holders.

**In case of threatening rain:** Commencement will be held in the Field House, and admission will be by ticket only. Your guests will use amphitheater tickets, but it will be general seating in the Field House. Once all ticket holders are seated, all other guests will be allowed inside. Important: Guests and seniors must wear flat shoes (no high heels!) in the Field House.

Public restrooms: Restrooms for the public on Sunday morning at Commencement are in the Art Building. The handicapped restroom is in Clapp.

**Assistive listening devices:** Assistive listening devices for the hard-of-hearing will be available on loan for the Commencement ceremony on a first-come, first-served basis. Please reserve equipment by calling Penny Silveira, x2663, at which time you will receive instructions for picking up the device. A driver's license will be required for "collateral" and held until the equipment is returned.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT COMMENCEMENT WEEK

### Alumnae Association Connections

**When do we present our senior class gift?** The Senior Class Gift is presented by your Head Class Agents at the Alumnae Association's annual meeting, immediately after the parade. At this meeting, seniors are formally welcomed into the Alumnae Association and the 50th reunion class will present your class with a gift of \$2,009.00. This money will be held in an account and will form the basis of your class gift at your 50th reunion in the year 2059.

**Why does my bathroom suddenly say "men's room"?** For the convenience of alumnae and their guests (many of whom are not used to the concept of men being allowed above the first floor), the reunion planners from each class assigned to your dorm decide which floor will have a women's room and which floor will have a men's room. All bathrooms are coed after midnight. Many classes do not make any distinction at all and go by the "house rules" that have been established by the students. We ask that you make your best effort to comply with the wishes of the alumnae who are our guests for the weekend. Alumnae will make full use of the dorm entryway and living rooms. They will have welcome tables and check-in areas, as well as social hours and Saturday dinners in the dorms. We ask that you do not remove the cushions from the sofas since alumnae will need this seating for their weekend events. For the most part, these events are scheduled for times when you will not be in the dorm (i.e., during your Saturday dinner and Baccalaureate). Alumnae are asked to keep the dorms as clean as possible and to remember that they are sharing the dorms with seniors. We hope you enjoy each others' company!

### Dining Location for Seniors

Beginning on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> through breakfast on Commencement Day, May 24, 2009, all meals will be served only in Blanchard Café, except for the Saturday luncheon picnic on Skinner Green.

### Campus Store

#### **Where do I pick up my cap, gown, and academic hood?**

All seniors will need an academic hood for Commencement as well as a cap and gown. They may be purchased separately at the campus store Blanchard. The store is open on Friday, May 22, 9:00 AM–8:00 PM; Saturday, May 23, 8:00 AM–8:00 PM; and Sunday, May 24, 8:00 AM–3:00 PM.

### Facilities Management

**How am I supposed to get my heavy boxes to the post office?** Students are responsible for moving their own boxes/trunks. My trunk is locked and I've lost my keys. Will the locksmith pry it open? Yes, we try to help the best we can (under the direction of the Department of Public Safety). Where do I get boxes for packing? The campus store has boxes.

### Career Development Center

#### **Can I still meet with a career advisor after graduation?**

Yes, we offer both in-person and phone appointments, just call the CDC at 413-538-2080 to schedule a time. Career counseling for alumnae is a free service provided to all alumnae through the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College.

#### **Is there a way to find out about job opportunities after graduation?**

Yes, keep your LyonNet profile current and continue searching jobs posted there. Not sure how to use LyonNet? Stop by the CDC, visit our website (<http://mtholyoke.edu/go/cdc>), or call 413-538-2080.

**What about letters of recommendation and references?** If you plan on applying to graduate school, teaching jobs, or similar opportunities, you may find it helpful to create a "credentials file" of recommendation letters, work samples, and related documents. For more information, visit this CDC website: <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/offices/cdc/6803.shtml>

I heard networking is the way to find a job, how does it work?

Networking is one those "buzz" words, but it is true, the best way to shape your job search strategy and uncover job leads is through networking which is simply asking advice of those who have succeeded in a given field. To get started, call for a career advising appointment or visit the Alumnae Association

website: <http://www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/programs/lifenet/mentoring.php>

#### **What if I'm still looking for a job or not sure what to do?**

Remember, even in the best of times, only 20-25% of graduating seniors have a job in hand by commencement day. However, year-after-year we find that six months after graduation, 85% or more of our graduates are either employed or in graduate school. The same is true for graduates of similar colleges around the country. The CDC and Alumnae Association are eager to assist you in making your way. You are in good company!

## Health Center

**Are my medical records discarded after I graduate?** The College maintains medical records for 30 years. All requests for medical records, except immunization records, must be accompanied by a signed written request by the patient. How can I get a copy of my records? The Health Center will be sending a copy of your immunization record to your on-campus address. This will be sent to you prior to graduation. If you would like a copy of any other portion of your medical record, please return a medical release form. This form can be found on the Health Services Web site at [www.mtholyoke.edu/offices/health/release](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/offices/health/release). You may complete and mail the form to the Health Center. You can also come to the Health Center to complete a form at any time. The Health Center is closed during the summer. There may be a delay in responding to requests for records between June and September. There will also be a fee of \$15.00 once you have graduated. Please note the Health Center cannot complete a graduate school admission or employment physical health form unless you have had a complete physical exam with the health center during the past academic year. The Health Center cannot write medication prescriptions after you have graduated.

**Does health insurance end when I graduate?** Policies vary in the length of the eligibility period after you are no longer a full-time student. This is a topic you and your parents should discuss ASAP. Students enrolled in the College-sponsored Student Health Insurance Plan are covered until midnight August 14, 2009. A continuation policy may be purchased for a period of up to 12 months. This must be done within two weeks of termination of the current policy. For more information call Koster Insurance, 1-800-457-5599. Short-term medical insurance policies bridge the gap between the expiration of current coverage and the enrollment in a future insurance plan. This product provides coverage for major illnesses or accidents and may be purchased for a variable term, 30-185 days. This option is not available in Massachusetts but may apply to other states. A new option for students, who graduate and remain in Massachusetts, may be to enroll in one of the health plans available through Commonwealth Connector. To learn about the eligibility requirements, available health insurance plans, cost, and the enrollment process, go to [www.commonwealthconnector.org](http://www.commonwealthconnector.org). For product information and cost, contact: Meyers and Associates, 800-635-7801, or Gallagher Koster Insurance, 800-457-5599.

## Pictures, Announcements, and Video

If you have questions please contact:

### Pictures

Chappell Studio, Inc.  
2287 W. Tyler  
P.O. Box 1029  
Fairfield, IA 52556  
800-424-3686  
[service@chappell.com](mailto:service@chappell.com)

### Announcements

Balfour  
1-877-225-3687  
Web site: [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com)

### Video

Collegiate Video  
P.O. Box 376  
Newfane, VT  
802-365-4414  
Fax: 802-365-7811  
Email: [info@collegiatevideo.com](mailto:info@collegiatevideo.com)  
Web site: [www.Collegiatevideo.com](http://www.Collegiatevideo.com)

## Auxiliary Services - Mail

**Can I keep my mailbox over the summer?** Sorry, boxes cannot be held for students who have graduated. How long will you forward my mail? Mail will be forwarded for one year. Be sure you keep the Alumnae Association (413-538-2303 or [ais@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:ais@mtholyoke.edu) or [www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu](http://www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu)) updated if your address changes. Hint: Please check your post office box for mail on Thursday, May 21, or Friday, May 22, even if you were not here spring semester. Honors notifications and other welcome correspondence just might be there.

**What do I do with my mailbox key?** After you have made a final check of your mailbox, place your key along with a note stating your name and mailbox number in an envelope addressed to Mail Services. The envelope may be dropped at any campus mail pickup location (department offices), the mail drops in Blanchard, or left at the front desk of Mail Services (located in the Central Services Complex).

## Public Safety

**Where do my parents/guests park?** Your guests may park in any legal parking space. Parking is not allowed in tow zones, handicapped spaces without proper permit, or on campus lawns. Cars cannot park along the Laurel Parade route on Saturday morning or on the inner part of the campus on Commencement Day.

Parking may be available in the peripheral lots (Equestrian, Gorse, Jewitt Lot, Mary Lyon, Ham-MacGregor, or grass lot on the corner of Morgan St. and Route 116).

Where do my disabled guests park? You will be able to drop off your handicapped guests in between Porter and Safford or Kendall Hall, in case of rain. All vehicles must then be parked in a marked space. **No "special parking permits" will be distributed.**

**Where can I park?** Please continue to park in the student lots.

**Will cars be towed?** We will tow cars at the owner's expense if they block emergency or delivery access to a dorm, handicapped zones without proper permit and any tow zones, or if they are on the Saturday morning parade route, which will be clearly marked.

### Residential Life

Residential Life When do I have to vacate my room? All rooms must be vacated by Noon on Monday, May 25. Keys should be returned in a labeled envelope to one of the key boxes at the following locations: North Rocky, Buckland, Pearsons, or Prospect; or outside the Residential Life Office in Safford Hall.

The Office of Residential Life will be open on Monday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for any questions or concerns. Seniors who do not return their room keys by June 5, 2009 will be assessed a lock change and key replacement fees.

How can I obtain my belongings from the trunk room? The trunk rooms are unlocked on May 6, 2009 and will remain unlocked until Tuesday May 26, 2009.

Can I store my belongings in the trunk room over the summer? No, graduating seniors are not allowed to store any belongings in the trunk room following Commencement. Any item remaining in the trunk rooms after June 5, 2009 is assumed abandoned and will be removed and disposed of.

### LIFE AFTER MOUNT HOLYOKE

A Message from the Alumnae Association

**Congratulations on your graduation!** The Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College looks forward to welcoming you to our worldwide alumnae community. Visit us at any time: we're on the first floor of Mary Woolley Hall and our doors are wide open—especially for you, our newest alumnae.

The first thing to do as a new alumna is join our online global community at [www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu](http://www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu). Check out our services, find info on alumnae club and class events, and get connected by registering for MHConnect at <http://www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/connect>. What do you get with MHConnect? An up-to-date directory with contact info for alumnae, plus a social and career networking service (called LifeNet), online class notes and photos, job postings, and more. When you register with your current contact info, you ensure that alumnae, the College, and your classmates always know how to reach you.

As a member of the Alumnae Association, you will also receive our monthly e-newsletter, the *Laurel Chain*. The *Laurel Chain* delivers breaking news about alumnae, updates from alums around the world, info about MHC events on and off campus, and links to blogs and campus news. If we've got your email address (did you know you can get a lifelong Mount Holyoke email address at MHConnect?), you'll get the e-news.

Another way you'll stay connected is through the *Alumnae Quarterly* magazine. The *Quarterly* is the independent voice of Mount Holyoke alumnae. It brings you articles by or about alumnae along with news of the College, the association, and your classmates. The magazine is free and mailed to all alumnae for whom we have a postal address. Your class will elect a scribe (or co-scribes) this spring to collect news from classmates for the magazine's Class Notes. In between issues, you can submit and read news through online Class Notes.

We at the Alumnae Association are here for you at every stage of your life. We look forward to a lifelong relationship with you, our newest alumnae sisters.

### A WORD ABOUT ALCOHOL

As you all know, you must be 21 years old in order to be served a drink containing alcohol. Anyone who wishes to drink a beverage containing alcohol at any of the Commencement Weekend activities may do so only if she or he is able to produce a Massachusetts license or two valid picture IDs. In compliance with the law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the College and its agents will not serve or provide alcoholic beverages to any student or other individual below the legal age. No one is allowed to bring an alcoholic beverage to any of the events described in this booklet. This applies particularly to Commencement. If you want to pop those bottles of champagne you will have to wait until later. If you bring alcohol into the amphitheater or field house, Public Safety is authorized to confiscate it.

Our sincere thanks to all the departments on campus who contributed to the information in this booklet.