



HERE & THERE

News from the Mount Holyoke Club of Britain

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Greetings, Fellow Alumnae!

We've had a bustling nine months at the club on all fronts. Our action-packed events calendar featured a range of events from a fun evening of salsa dancing to a thought-provoking discussion on the pros and cons of outsourcing, led by Eva Paus, Director of the Center for Global Initiatives and Professor of Economics at Mount Holyoke. Our newly launched fundraising project - the MHC decorative mats and coasters - has met with great success, thanks to both our UK and US supporters. In the previous Newsletter, we said we wanted to reach out to those of you located outside London. During the course of the year, we visited our alums in Cambridge for a lecture Nancy Greenspan '70 on Nobel physicist Max Born and hosted an afternoon tea in Surrey, courtesy of our Treasurer, Lu Bralower '45. The enthusiasm and dedication we found during these visits have been remarkable, and we thank you for going the distance with us. Finally, we have revamped our website, adding a new page on 'Living in Britain' in response to some of the queries we received. The new page features links from finding accommodation and traffic updates to the latest productions at the Almeida and best kept secrets of the British Isles. We hope this will prove to be a useful resource for current residents, newcomers and visitors alike.

We'd love to hear your thoughts and ideas - please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of the board

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

-- Genia Sokolova '01, President

THE PERFECT GIFT...

Our Club's new project to raise funds for the Alumnae Scholar Fund is going well. Thanks again to the 28 alumnae here in the UK (and one in France) who purchased our traditional English placemats and coasters, specially commissioned from Lady Clare Ltd. This enabled the project to get off to a great start. They are now for sale from the Alumnae Office at the College and are on display in Willetts Hall and in the President's Office. Two are on the Alumnae Association's website: www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/shop/alumgifts. Scroll down to 'England Club' to see them. All ten beautiful campus scenes featured can be seen on our Club's own website, www.mtholyoke.co.uk, where an order form can be downloaded. Look out for them as well in the Autumn issue of *The Quarterly*. We still have one set of six coasters (£20 plus £2 postage) and one set of four placemats (£40 plus £6 postage) to sell here in the UK. If you'd like to buy them, contact me. They are the perfect gift!

-- Nancy Stagner Giles '65, Fundraising Project
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24 October 2006, 6:30pm
Mount Holyoke Club of Britain
Annual General Meeting
Guest Speaker:

Julie Sell '83

See Page 4 and insert for details.

6 November 2006, 6:30-8:30pm
7CC Autumn Drinks Party

Guest Speaker:

Jenni Murray

See insert for details

26 November 2006, 1pm
Thanksgiving Dinner

Contact Tiade Williams to book or sponsor tickets for JYAs.

Details will be sent by email.

10 December 2006, 3pm
Vinopolis Explorer Self-Guided
Wine Tour

1 Bank End, London SE1 9BU

Tastings of 5 regular wines, 2 premium wines, whiskies, absinthes and beers. Sip on a Bombay Sapphire cocktail while learning the subtle secrets of your palate. Finally, take home a choice of a Vinopolis corkscrew or a Tasting Notebook and a Vinopolis T-shirt, souvenirs of your MHC wine tour of Vinopolis! Charge: £20.00. RSVP: E-mail Maria by Monday, 20 November (events_coordinator@mtholyoke.co.uk)

5-7 October 2007
European Symposium, Geneva

See Page 4 for details

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NEW GLOBAL REALITIES

For everyone who has ever found herself talking to a call center in India when making a British train enquiry, for anyone who notices the daily interaction of politics and business, it was a privilege to attend the June 2nd early evening seminar led by Eva Paus, Professor of Economics at MHC and Director of the College's Center for Global Initiatives, at the Belgravia home of Carol Collins '63.

The subject was the new global realities of offshore sourcing, a conference on which was held at the College in March and it was another conference on the same subject, held at the London School of Economics, which brought Professor Paus to London this summer.

The rise of new nation states and the growth of free market economies were, Professor Paus began, only heralds of the radical transformation brought about by information technology. The movement of capital across national borders has led to a doubling of work forces in China, India, Central and Eastern Europe while a second wave of change was now similarly affecting white-collar jobs. Who are the winners and losers in this? What regulations can make more people benefit?

Two different approaches, she said, had emerged from both the Mount Holyoke and the LSE conferences. One was the 'growth first' approach, the other that of 'distribution first'. Although there were powerful arguments for both, there remain difficulties to be resolved in obtaining consistent, reliable data through which change can be tracked. One indisputable fact had emerged: that anything that can be done by a person holding a basic degree can be outsourced. The mobility upward for skills, the emphasis on education were, therefore, inevitable.

So are we in a 'pre-revolutionary age,' where job phobias and nationalistic prohibitions attempt to contain the global challenge? Or should we recognize that globalization has already changed the social contract and job security has gone forever? While adoption of 'market friendly' policies has helped both developed and developing countries in the past, Professor Paus said, 'It is not clear at all that all developing countries will benefit.' What about Africa, she asked, or South America? Active government policy intervention, she argued, is necessary. 'It's a collective action problem.'

In the subsequent discussion, Barbara Cassani '82 pointed out that the biggest motive forces remain consumer demand, profits and stock prices. Julie Sell '83 introduced the question of oil prices and resulting security concerns. There were further lively exchanges of many views on the realities of regulatory intervention, jobs, education, service industries and the levelling out of even major economic changes. Professor Paus, in response, provided us all with much food for thought.

The Mount Holyoke Club of Britain is most grateful to Carol Collins for her generous hosting of this stimulating evening and for her inspirational support to the Center for Global Initiatives.

-- Gillian Reynolds GS '58

MOUNT HOLYOKE JUNIORS FLOCK TO BRITAIN

This year, 42 Mount Holyoke Juniors will embark on a study abroad program here in Britain. This marks an increase from 33 studying at UK universities last year.

Sixteen Junior Year Abroad (JYA) students will be coming to London, with University College London taking in the most Mount Holyoke students, and the LSE and Royal Holloway, University of London, not far behind. York, Sussex, Kent and Oxford are also very popular this year, accepting 12 JYAs in total.

(See JYAs Flock, page 3)

DATES

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7 Colleges Book Club 2006/07:

It will be a lucky year #13 for the book group. Here is our 'first semester' reading list and schedule of the 7C Book Club. The books chosen continue to be wide ranging and will provide great scope for our discussions. Sue Rees continues to lead the group. There is a fee of £4 for participation in each meeting.

Please ring the host for directions. Bring your lunch. Join us!

27 September, noon – 2pm

Olga's Story – Stephanie Williams
Barbara Ilias' home, 020 7937 7928

25 October, noon – 2pm

The Singing Line – Alice Thomson
Julia Kellerman's home, 020 8458 6113

22 November, noon – 2pm

Snow Flower and The Secret Fan –
Lisa See
Anne Parson's home, 020 7937 8272

13 December, noon – 2pm

Outcast – Jose Latour
Laura Naughton's home, 020 7823 9496

24 January, noon – 2pm

The Wind-up Bird Chronicle –
Haurki Murakami
Tamara Haggard's home, 020 7584 4869

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LOOKING FOR COLLEGES?

London's annual College Day is on Saturday, 7 October, 10am to 3pm at The New Connaught Rooms, 61-65 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5DA. Our club's Admissions Reps Louise Harley '88 (UK 1987 Sesqui-centennial Scholar) and Gladys Obuobi '03 will be at our MHC station and over 100 reps from other US colleges will also be on hand.

This event, now in its 29th year, attracted more than 4,000 students from throughout the UK last year. It is the largest such event in Europe. For more information, contact the Fulbright Commission at 020 7404 6994 or www.fulbright.co.uk/eas.

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NORTHWEST GATHERING

We hope to have an informal North West get-together before the end of the year. If you're interested in a Manchester pub lunch or supper (or have a pub to recommend), please contact me.

-- Gillian Reynolds GS'58,
ycf79@dial.pipex.com

JYAS FLOCK

Scotland and Northern Ireland have once again attracted a fair number of Juniors -- 7 will be attending the University of Edinburgh and St Andrews, and 2 will study at universities in Belfast.

In true MHC fashion, this year's JYAs are exploring a wide variety of academic interests. While Economics, English, History and Politics are the most popular majors, many are using their year abroad experience to expand their knowledge in subjects as complex as International Diplomacy and Third World Development at SOAS, and Performance and Identity Studies at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art.

The majority of JYAs will be arriving in late September, and I have already received several emails asking questions on everything from the differences between the American and British academic systems to which mobile phone company to use.

Many of the JYAs shared with me that they will be having their first experience travelling outside of North America through the JYA program, a testament to Mount Holyoke's continued commitment to cultivating a diverse, courageous and exceptional student body.

Several Juniors have already expressed interest in participating in club events and meeting club members, so expect to see some new faces over the next year.

If you would like to be in touch with any of the Mount Holyoke Juniors studying in the UK, please phone or email me. Most of them were excited to know there is an active Mount Holyoke Club in Britain, and I'm sure would love to hear from all of you. Here's to another great year for Mount Holyoke students in Britain!

-- Tiade Williams '05, JYA Liaison
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CLUB EVENTS

Bounding into the spring and lulled by the summer's heat, we've stepped to the rhythm of the seasons. Beginning the year with a book lecture by MHC's own Nancy Greenspan '70, our members showed their support in Cambridge and London, taking the opportunity to reconnect over the distance. We slipped on our dancing shoes in February to learn the moves and grooves of South America at the YA Salsa Night, a colorful and lively evening for all who joined in. March brought more physical activity with a touch of history. We celebrated International Women's Day with a London Walk around the City, tracing the steps of valiant women past and present, before skipping down those of St Paul's for a spot of tea to warm up (for it had been fresh that day). The Seven College Spring Luncheon took place not a fortnight later and by April, sprung the birdsong of a different nightingale - Lisa Milne singing Janis Joplin's songs at the Wigmore Hall! Adjourning for tapas and sangria after the concert, the evening came to a close, raising a modest profit towards the Alumnae Scholar Fund.

Early June brought Eva Paus, Economics Professor at MHC and Director of Global Initiatives, to London (see page 2). Our second regional event after Cambridge took place in Surrey, hosted by our dedicated Treasurer, Lu Bralower '45. The informal gathering brought together alums from London and from the southern counties on a sunny June afternoon for tea, anti-diet decadence and extraordinary conversation.

There's more to come. It is our turn to host the Seven College Fall Event and we are delighted to invite you to the Lansdowne Club for an enjoyable evening. Also lined up this season is our AGM featuring our very own Julie Sell '83 sharing an insider's glimpse of *The Economist*. We also look forward to a friendly get-together in Manchester for those of us up north. A wonderful Autumn to all!

-- Maria Alaguru '02



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, 24th October 2006, 6:30-9:30pm
 at
The London Clinic
1 Park Square West
London W1

(Closest Tubes: Regent's Park [closed], use Baker St or Great Portland St)

Come to a special evening. Julie Sell '83 will give us a peek 'Inside *The Economist*', a weekly, London-based magazine of international affairs and business with a global circulation of more than 1 million. Julie has been writing for the magazine for the past four years, initially based in America and now in London. Prior to *The Economist*, she was based in Hong Kong, with *The Asian Wall Street Journal* and closer to home, at *The International Herald Tribune* in Paris. Author of *Whispers at the Pagoda: Portraits of Modern Burma*, Julie is well versed in the political and social situation in Myanmar. We are delighted to have her on our Board as College Liaison. The program is free of charge and will follow a short business meeting, including election of new officers for the year 2006-7. Refreshments will be served.

Four officers need to be elected/ re-elected – President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. If any candidates wish to stand, please notify the Secretary (Louise Harley '88, louisekharley@hotmail.com) together with the names of their proposers and seconders. We also are seeking active support for all appointed offices and would be very glad of your participation..

Elected Offices and Their Responsibilities

President: co-ordinate activities of Club, call/chair meetings

Vice-President: assist and deputise for President when needed

Secretary: publish meeting agenda, take/publish minutes of meetings

Treasurer: collect dues, keep accounts, pay bills, report at Board meetings, pass address changes on to the College

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OF MHC

Following the success of the London Sesquicentennial celebration in 1987, a council of representatives from some 12 different European MH clubs and informal groups took on the task of perpetuating European gatherings of alumnae.

European Reunions/Symposia are still held every other year; host cities have included London, Salzburg, Rome, Paris, Amsterdam, Munich, Seville and Dublin. Each organizer chooses a theme, and a Saturday symposium is presented by a combination of distinguished speakers from the organizing country and from the Mount Holyoke faculty.

Next year's symposium will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, October 5-7, 2007, under the leadership of Christine Bruno '98. The working title is 'Switzerland: Innovation Emerging through Tradition.' The weekend will feature lively panels, workshops, discussions, and special guest speakers. Discussions will focus on questions of environmental sustainability, humanitarian issues, and new ways of learning. Workshops will focus on new ideas about traditional Swiss trades (watches, chocolate, wine), while alumnae moderated discussions will explore different perspectives on personal 'passages' through life.. The weekend will also include elegant dinners, entertainment, and plenty of time to explore the beauty of Geneva with local alumnae. These symposia offer a unique opportunity to stay connected to the College and to alumnae around the world. Mark your calendars now and save the date!

For more information on this dynamic event, please contact Christine at christine.bruno@ch.pwc.com. See you in Switzerland!

--Renee Scialom Cary '48

THANK YOU

Many thanks to those of you who responded to the opportunity to add a contribution to the Alumnae Scholar Fund to your dues cheques. A total of £485 was received from numerous Alumnae members of the club. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

As of this month, 62 of you responded to the call for 2006 dues. Please do not put it off any longer. Dues are £5 for classes 1996-2005, £10 for all other classes. Dues pay for publishing this newsletter and hosting our website, among other things. Please use the attached form to send in your cheque. Payment as of end July has been received with thanks from our fellow alumnae listed below:

Adey, M.	Hurt, J.
Alaguru, M.	Iosson, G.
Aranjo, N.	Irwin, N.
Avery, L.	Jay, J.
Barker, A.	Jensen, M.
Beckett, R.	Jones, B.
Bonwick, M.	Lank, E.
Boyd, K.	Liewant, I.
Bralower, L.	Lowe, J.
Brandt, C.	Marmor, D.
Cary, R.	Mathers, J.
Cassani, B.	McGregor, E.
Citron, M.	Meister, S.
Collins, C.	Mellor Gibson, K.
Cortazzi, A.	Mitchell, S.
Dickie, S.	Moitra, M.
Donnelly, S.	Montresori, A.
Dreyfuss, O.	Naito, Y.
Dupree, M.	Peach, A.
Elmore, D.	Petrova, O.
Elwes, R.	Ransom, J.
Farman, J.	Reynolds, G.
Flueckiger, J.	Robinson, B.
Goodman, S.	Rodriguez, AM
Gregory, J.	Sokolova, G.
Halstenberg, A.	Warman, E.
Hardy, P.	Welland, C.
Harley, L.	Wellcock, L.
Harris Wilson, S.	Wheeler, R.
Hartley, E.	Whyman, S.
Hodgson, K.	Wong, C.

-- Lu Wolfe Bralower '45,
Treasurer

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E-MAIL LIST UPDATE

An increasing number of my alumnae email addresses are coming back to me. This is strictly an 'opt-in' e-mail list. If you would like to receive MHCob related e-mails, please be sure to send me your current e-mail address.

-- Jane Hurt '65, Email Distribution
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Mount Holyoke Club of Britain

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, 24th October 2006
6:30-9.30 p.m.

at:

The London Clinic, Rooms PSW 1 and 2
1 Park Square West
London W1

Nearest Tubes: Regent's Park (closed), use Baker Street or Great Portland Street

Refreshments will be served

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Last AGM (18.10.2005) and Matters Arising
3. President's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
6. Alumnae Scholar Fundraising
7. Events
8. Any Other Business / Adjournment

GUEST SPEAKER

After the conclusion of business, Julie Sell'83 will give us a peek 'Inside *The Economist*', a weekly, London-based magazine of international affairs and business. At a time when many publications face declining circulation, *The Economist* has seen consistently strong growth over the past decade, and now has a global circulation of more than 1 million. Julie has been writing for the magazine for the past four years, initially based in America and now at the headquarters in London. Previously, she was on staff at *The Asian Wall Street Journal* in Hong Kong and *The International Herald Tribune* in Paris. Author of *Whispers at the Pagoda: Portraits of Modern Burma*, Julie is well versed in the political and social situation in Myanmar. We are delighted to have her on our Board as College Liaison.

RSVP's

Although there is no charge for this event, prior booking is essential as places will be limited. Please contact Louise Harley (louisekharley@hotmail.com) **by 16th October 2006** to RSVP.

The Seven College Conference of London

cordially invites you to their

Annual Autumn Drinks Party

Monday, 6th November 2006

at the beautiful Shelburne Rooms of The Lansdowne Club

9, Fitzmaurice Place, London W1

Wine, cheeses and Cash Bar, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM

with

Special Guest: Jenni Murray

Jenni Murray, broadcaster, author, columnist and mother of sons, presents *Woman's Hour*, BBC Radio 4's daily magazine show, which this year celebrates its 60th anniversary. Jenni grew up listening to *Woman's Hour*, credits it with opening her eyes to major social and political trends and began as a regional presenter of the programme in 1976, combining it with reporting and presenting on Radio 4's daily morning news show, *Today*. She became *Woman's Hour* chief presenter in 1987. "I can honestly say I've never known a single day's boredom since I began," she says. And no wonder. Her interviews span an encyclopaedic range and regularly make news - as when she asked Monica Lewinsky why she had kept that dress.

Gillian Reynolds, Mount Holyoke GS '58 and radio critic of the *Daily Telegraph*, will introduce Jenni Murray.

Please join us for this exciting event! Guests are most welcome. The charge per reservation is £20, which includes a donation to the Seven College Conference's annual Book Purchase Awards, a project that helps students from the UK entering our colleges. Since the Award was initiated in 1988, 20 students entering Mount Holyoke have received monetary awards to help with their purchase of books during their first year. Sometimes as high as \$600. All the more reason to support the 7 College fund raising events. This year's Fall reception is organized by our club. If you cannot attend you are welcome to make a donation.

To reserve please fill out the coupon below and mail with your cheque made out to: **The Seven College Conference of London**, as indicated. As usual, no tickets will be issued; your name will be at the door on the evening.

Mail before **November 1st to:** Debra Marmor. 58 Telfords Yard. 6-8 The Highway. London E1W 2BQ. Email: ds@marmor.freeseve.co.uk Tel: 0207-481-0002

Name: _____ Guest name(s): _____

College: _____ Phone number: _____

Email address _____

No. of reservations: _____ Donation: _____ Total amount enclosed: £ _____

Barnard Bryn Mawr Harvard Mount Holyoke Smith Vassar Wellesley

Mount Holyoke Club of Britain

Annual Call for Dues - 2006

£5 for classes 1996 – 2005

£10 for all other classes

ALL MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO PAY THEIR ANNUAL DUES - ONLY 61 HAVE PAID SO FAR

Please send this form with your cheque made out to 'Mount Holyoke Club of Britain' to:

Lucille Bralower
Ballards Oak, Ballards Lane
Limpsfield, Oxted
Surrey
RH8 0SN

If you would like to make a contribution to The Alumnae Scholar Fund in addition to paying your dues, please simply add it to your cheque. We will commit the amount indicated to the Fund.

PLEASE DON'T PUT IT OFF – DO IT TODAY!!

Name: _____ Class: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Cheque Amount:	Dues: £	Alumnae Scholar Fund: £	Total: £
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Address Changes:

If you have received this Newsletter via post, please check the label on the envelope to make sure your details are correct. All address changes should be sent directly to the Alumnae Association:

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