

# Class of 1995



Class news, updates, reunion information

Spring 2004

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<http://smith1995.tripod.com>

## Fundraising

Yes. Money really does make the world go 'round!

You may not know that sometimes the mere fact of donating even \$5 is incredibly valuable. Of course everyone loves a few hundred thousand, but that's not what Smith really expects from us. Most of us are already struggling to balance our priorities if we even have a few dollars extra each month. Organic food, childcare, paying off loans, buying property, donation requests for so many worthy causes struggling to survive in the current economy... and \$95 for class dues on top of it all!

Start with \$5 to the Alumnae Fund, and go from there. The percentage of alumnae who donate to Smith reflects well on the institution, and encourages large-scale donors, matching grantors, and other funders to invest in Smith so that we can think about our daughters, nieces, and friends being able to enjoy the rich education we all benefit from to this day.

**See page 3 for ways you can give!**

## Letter from the Class Co-Presidents

Hello Ladies!

Hopefully you've all been reading our *Alumnae Quarterly* column regularly so you're up-to-date on all the class news. If this isn't the case, not to worry, this newsletter should bring you up to speed (and you can send your news to Sarah for next time!). Since elections in 2000, we've had a change in class leadership and Sarah DuCray and Emily White (me) are your not so new anymore Co-Presidents. We're looking forward to seeing EVERYBODY at reunion and hope you'll mark your calendars and make the trek to your alma mater next spring. In the meantime, we want to update you on a few projects.

### WEB PAGE:

Did you know we have a 1995 website? Well, thanks to Jennie Abbott who is our webmistress, we have a place to post and access information for the class. We seriously encourage you to check it out at <http://smith1995.tripod.com>. We'll be posting all the reunion updates on that site and are looking for people to submit photos, etc. so that it really is OUR website. You can also jump to it from the Alumnae Association website (<http://alumnae.smith.edu>) in case you ever forget the web address. All of the class officers' email addresses are also on the website so there's no excuse for not being in touch!

### REUNION:

Niki Simoneaux (class VP) and Kirsten Campbell Fraunces (Treasurer) were on campus last fall to attend Smith's version of Reunion Planning Boot Camp and came back excited to get started. Niki is working with the Alumnae Association and the Class of 1994 (who just had their 10 year reunion) so she can plan our reunion next year. She's currently looking for a few good women to help her with reunion, so *if you're interested in volunteering read on, decide and let Niki know before September 15, 2004!*

**House Representatives:** Serve as the liaison between the class officers and your fellow former housemates. This definitely includes calling all your best house gal pals and encouraging them to come to reunion and updating them on the activities planned. Additionally, if those gal pals decide not to attend, then encouraging them to send in letters, notes, photos, etc. to display at Headquarters during reunion.

**Housing Coordinator:** Assign registered classmates to available space in campus housing—match up roommates, fit everyone in! The Alumnae Association will send you info on how to do this. Biggest issue with this task is short turn around time. Once registrations are in the Alumnae Association needs all assigned housing info back within 2 weeks.

**Headquarters Chair:** You're in charge of setting up headquarters and staffing it with classmates throughout the weekend. Preference is for a person who lives within driving distance of Northampton to facilitate pre-reunion research trips and make the transportation of materials during reunion easier.

## Class of 1995 Officers

2000-2005

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*Letter from the Co-Presidents, continued from page 1:*

**Alumnae Parade Chair:** Provide the wording for the parade signs; coordinate with the Alumnae Association on our class marching order, parade line up, and route. Communicate this information with our classmates during the class dinner and remind everyone to wear white!

**Friday Night Class Dinner Chair:** You guessed it: this talented classmate is in charge of the Friday evening meal and program, and of making sure that every person at the meal is registered (check-in at the door).

**Saturday Night Class Dinner Chair:** See above, but switch Friday to Saturday.

### **Other Chairs needed (with self-explanatory titles):**

- Sunday Brunch Chair
- Nametag Chair – Requires close coordination with the Reunion Chair (Stephanie) because nametags indicate which meals classmates have registered for, etc.
- Spouse/Partner Activity Chair

### **CLASS DUES:**

I don't know about you all, but there was definitely a time after graduation when I was so poor I didn't have two nickels to rub together. As a grad student now, I'm not that much better off, despite my working for 9 years. Anyway, back to the nickels. In honor of our now having a few nickels to rub together we decided to set reunion dues at a nickel. No, not just one nickel. We're talking a nickel a day. With some creative rounding in our favor dues are \$19 bucks a year. Multiplying that by the last 5 years equals a total of \$95 dollars. Wow! Isn't that cool? Spooky almost! We graduated in 1995, and dues are \$95, it's almost like we planned it that way. ☺

Please pay your dues. All the money goes towards our class costs for reunion and newsletters like this. Also, just a word of warning: if you're thinking about not paying your dues, but are planning on coming to reunion, think again. You have to be up-to-date on your dues BEFORE you can register for reunion. So you can pay them now, or you can pay them next year. It's up to you!

### **WHAT'S NEXT:**

Look for another newsletter in early fall. We'll be announcing the survey results, the theme for reunion, and updates on reunion planning and our class fundraising goal. This upcoming newsletter is an important one because it will explain the mass of paperwork you'll be receiving about reunion and the how, what, and when to fill out and return. Until then, enjoy your summer!

—Emily

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Class of 1995  
10 year Reunion  
May 12-15, 2005

**ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:*****Class Dues***

Makes reunion planning possible, as well as class newsletters (infrequent). Required for attending reunion

Write checks for \$95 payable to:

**SMITH COLLEGE CLASS OF 1995**

Mail to:

Kirsten Campbell Fraunces, Treasurer  
405 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266-4550

***Alumnae Fund***

The main source of alumnae funding for the college, for special projects, etc. To make a gift by mail, make checks payable to **Smith College** and include your name, class year if applicable, and any additional information that allows us to confirm and thank you for your support, and mail to:

Smith College  
Office of Advancement Services  
33 Elm Street  
Northampton, MA 01063-0024

Online:

<http://www.smith.edu/advancement/giving/online.html>

***Danielle Anne Drumke Scholarship Fund***

With the goal of an endowment of \$100,000. See <http://danielledrumke.com/contribute.html> for more information. Checks should be made payable to **Smith College** and should note that the money is intended for the **Danielle Anne Drumke 1995 Scholarship Fund**.

Contributions should be sent to the following address:

The Danielle Anne Drumke 1995 Scholarship Fund  
c/o Ms. Cam Morin Kelly  
Director of Planned Gifts and Bequests  
Smith College, Alumnae House  
33 Elm Street  
Northampton, MA 01063

There are other scholarship and memorial funds, and you can donate in the name of anyone you want to.

**At the Alumnae College gathering (Ivy Day) they always announce how much the classes have raised. We want to be really proud of our high rate of participation!**

## Reunion input

The class officers would like your input on reunion to assist in our planning. Please complete the enclosed form and return with your class dues!

Food preferences:

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Please note that all meals will have a vegetarian alternative.

1. Friday Night Class Dinner would you prefer (please circle): Casual / Formal
2. Saturday Night Class Dinner would you prefer (please circle): Casual / Formal
3. Are you bringing with you (circle all that apply): Spouse/Partner, Children  
\*\* If our class will be collectively bringing 10-15 or more children, we will arrange childcare, fees to be determined later, if not, you will need to coordinate other arrangements.
4. Which of the following class activities would you be interested in participating (check all that apply):
  - Meet at bar in town for drinks
  - Sports events
  - Karaoke
  - Bowling
  - Hiking/Nature Walk
  - Alumnae College Lecture Series
  - Other
5. Suggestions for Reunion Theme:

Smith College Class of 1995  
Alumnae House  
33 Elm Street  
Northampton, MA 01063

**10<sup>th</sup> Reunion is May 12-15, 2005!**

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**Smith College Class of 1995 Reunion/Dues Form**

Please note any corrections to your name or address. Please print CLEARLY (especially email address!)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DAY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is:**

\_\_\_ \$95 for class dues  
\$\_\_\_ (I'll send more later if I can)

Please make all checks payable to:  
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**For reunion, I would be interested in serving as:**

- \_\_\_ House Representative
- \_\_\_ Housing Coordinator
- \_\_\_ Headquarters Chair
- \_\_\_ Alumnae Parade Chair
- \_\_\_ Friday Night Class Dinner Chair
- \_\_\_ Saturday Night Class Dinner Chair
- \_\_\_ Sunday Brunch Dinner Chair
- \_\_\_ Nametag Chair
- \_\_\_ Spouse/Partner Activity Chair

See page 1-2 for descriptions of what tasks these jobs include.

\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**WE NEED TO KNOW VOLUNTEERS BY SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>!**

**Send this form and the survey on the back of it (filled out) to Kirsten with your check!**