working on my house or playing golf or just hanging out with my amazing wife and friends.

Ashavan Doyon, Administrative Assistant, Student Affairs. I’ve worked in the Student Affairs office since 2001, starting as a temp worker and being hired officially in June of 2002. Despite being a bit of a tech junkie, I still send real handwritten letters regularly to a handful of friends. I love to write and have written five as yet unpublished novels.

Ana Gorman, Assistant, Office of the General Counsel. I began working at Smith one year ago and have enjoyed so many of the opportunities available to staff here. I was a legal administrator for many years in Las Vegas, of all places—and can I tell you some stories about office drama and dynamics! Smith, on the other hand, is quite civil. I enjoy learning about human behavior (mostly misbehavior in Vegas) and studied cognitive psychology in college, well before the “I” era of iPods, iPhones, etc. (The “me” generation of the 1980s missed out on all these newfangled gadgets. I guess “mePods” and “mePhones” don’t sound too hip.) I look forward to meeting lots of new folks through Staff Council, and collaborating with them to continue making Smith a great place to work.

Wendy Martinez, Administrative Assistant, Campus School. I have been working at Smith for 12 years, have been married for 23 years to my husband Bob, have two kids, two cats, and one dog. One of my favorite sayings is “Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.”

Hilary Mikucki, Lead Catering Dining Room Coordinator, College Club. I am in my 13th year at Smith. I am married, and have two teenagers, two English springer spaniels, and four cats. I am looking forward to working on Staff Council and meeting new people here at Smith.

Barbara Pliska, Manager, Smith College Computer Store. I’ve been employed by the college since August 1995, almost 14 years. Yikes! In that time, I have had two kids, Johnny, age 11, and Jackie, age 7. I live in Hadley with my husband, John, and a stupid dog named Koda. My family has a farm: we grow corn, tomatoes, squash, and more. Most of our veggies can be purchased at our farm stand on Route 9 in Hadley. I am currently President of Hadley Kids, Inc., an after-school program for the kids of Hadley Elementary School. I hold the position of web-
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master for Hadley Mothers Club, as well as a director. I am an assistant teacher on Sunday mornings for CCD, kindergarten class. I believe if you want to live or work in a great community, you need to be a part of making it great. This is why I volunteer and get involved both on campus and at home. Other tidbits: I am a twin (have a brother). My younger brother just had twins (boy and girl). My son and my twin brother’s son were both born on April 16th (2 years apart). I was a Popover girl at Paiges Loft while in high school. Very fun job! I have degrees from Holyoke Community College and UMass.

Kelly Richey, Mail Clerk, Central Services. I have been a member of the Smith community since 2007. Working in Central Services as the Mail Clerk has given me the opportunity to know the names and locations of practically every member of the Smith community. Of late, I have been working with Chris in the print shop and truly enjoy learning from his expertise. My outside interests include raising donkeys, judging horse shows, and chairing the Easthampton Conservation Commission.

Sam Rush, Production Coordinator, Theatre. I must be a glutton for punishment. I keep coming back to Staff Council! Actually, serving on the Council has been one of the most rewarding parts of working at here Smith. I get to know and work with many staff members outside of my normal daily work routine. I have been at Smith since 1991 and my kids treat the theatre building almost like a second home. My wife Cate works at Sunnyside Child Care Center and Aaron and Molly both attend the Smith Campus School.

Pat Wheeler, Administrative Assistant, College Relations. I have been working in College Relations for about 6 years and have been at the college for 14 years. Some of my interests include taking long walks with my two dogs, riding my bicycle, camping and canoeing with my husband, Neil, quilting, knitting, and reading. I also enjoy traveling.

RETURNING MEMBERS
The new members will be joining the following returning Council members: Abida Adnan, Sandy Bycenski, Jan Cole, Sharon Fagan, Barbara Garcia, Chris Gentes, Alicia Guidotti, Trish Mailler, Jinny Mason, Kathryn Messier, Scott Morin, Kathleen Mosley, Louise Rouleau, and John Zaikowski. The two presidential appointees, Jenny Silver and Christian Lagier, will also be returning to the Council this year.

Recent Activity

On a beautiful late afternoon in mid-April, 15 members of the Smith community took a leisurely stroll to visit the Great Blue Heron rookery at the Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary. Many herons were observed in the rookery engaged in a variety of behaviors including courtship, nest-building, and egg-sitting. Along with the herons, 31 other kinds of birds were encountered, including wood ducks, red-winged blackbirds, red-bellied woodpeckers, bluebirds, Carolina wrens, phoebes, tree swallows, song sparrows, grackles, flickers, cardinals, and black-capped chickadees. A good time was had by all.

Crossover Meeting

May 7 (Thursday)
Time: Noon-1:30 p.m. Place: Campus Center, Room 103/104
The May meeting of Staff Council is the last meeting of the year for the current members and the crossover meeting to welcome new members. Please bring a lunch with you. Beverages and cookies will be provided. All staff, especially past Council members, are invited to attend.

Check the Staff Council Web site for additional meetings, updates or changes: www.smith.edu/staffcouncil

CLARIFICATION:
In the April issue of the Chronicle, we reported on behalf of the Safety Advisory Committee that four Zipcars on campus have eliminated the need for 20 parking spaces. In actuality, Zipcar estimates that each Zipcar eliminates the need for 20 privately owned vehicles.

Do you have an idea for a staff activity?
Contact the Activities Committee at activities@smith.edu

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