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## LETTERS

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—JOANNA BALDA '05

THANK YOU FOR THE EXCELLENT FEATURE on Professor John Roth ("The Quiet Man"). As a student in his Holocaust course and PPE classes, and on the Center's first faculty-led research trip to Eastern Europe, I saw Professor Roth wearing a number of hats. None fits him so well as teacher. The books he assigned have survived many moves and continue to be picked up for subway reading. Some lessons have stuck more than others. His insistence that his students "live the questions" has stayed with me, as has his belief that one must have "fidelity to a place," remaining and investing in the community where your family grows. In my still-transient lifestyle it is my hope that I may accomplish this one day. In the "real" world, his voice reminds me that in my various roles as employee, volunteer, and mother my actions have consequences and character matters.

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AS AN ALUMNUS OF CMC and development economist, who has worked for years to understand better the changing relations between rich and poor countries, regions, and societies, I am so proud and happy to be associated with Pamela Gann's presidency in the award of the inaugural Henry R. Kravis Prize in Leadership to Roy Prosterman for his work on rural development ("Salt of the Earth").

It is wonderful to see how CMC, which was so ably led by George C.S. Benson when I was a student, has once again reached new levels of innovative leadership under President Gann's direction.

—CLARK W. REYNOLDS '56

*Reynolds reflects further on the evolution of CMC's innovative leadership in the Endpaper, page 48.*

LAST SPRING, *CMC* FEATURED an outstanding article about Augie Nieto and his fight against ALS ("From Success to Significance"). Inspired by that article, I contacted Augie's Quest and we have come up with a great partnership.

I am an Ironman-distance triathlete, and will race in support of Augie's Quest and ALS research in the Ironman Coeur D'Alene triathlon on June 24 ([www.januscharitychallenge.kintera.org/cda2007/fischer](http://www.januscharitychallenge.kintera.org/cda2007/fischer)). The event consists of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile cycle, and a 26.2 mile run. My goal is to raise \$15,000.

I first met Augie when he spoke to an economics class I was taking at CMC. I think it is remarkable how CMC has brought us together again in a more important fight.

—JOHN FISCHER '02

IT HAS BEEN 31 YEARS SINCE CMC first admitted women. One half of the College's history is now as a co-ed institution. Our first alumnae have probably just turned fifty. Looking back and looking forward, did we make a difference?

Since its inception, CMC has been a college that has been all about transformation. When soldiers came home from WWII with GI bill money, CMC was poised to embrace these young men and help them transition to civilian life. Just over three decades later, the College set about to become a co-educational institution. While this was clearly a controversial decision, the College needed to draw from a larger pool of applicants to remain relevant in a modern world and economically viable. The thinking was not unique; other all-male colleges during this time became co-ed.

—CAROL HARTMAN '86

*Hartman considers how alumnae from the College's first co-ed decade made a difference. To read her essay, visit <http://www.claremontmckenna.edu/news/cmcmagazine/2007spring/>.*