

# Pembroke Associates' News

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## Commencement 1993

*On Saturday  
afternoon, May 29,  
the Pembroke Center  
will sponsor two  
Commencement  
Forums and a reception  
for Associates,  
alumnae/i and friends.*

**Ellen Chesler** is the author of *Woman of Valor: Margaret Sanger and the Birth Control Movement in America*, published in June 1992 by Simon and Schuster. In 1917 Margaret Sanger went to jail for distributing contraceptives to immigrant women from a makeshift clinic in a tenement storefront in Brooklyn. She lived to see the Supreme Court decision that guaranteed Constitutional protection to the use of birth control in America and left as her enduring legacy an international family planning movement. Ms. Chesler spent years researching Sanger's life with personal interviews, extensive use of archival material and previously unexamined letters and diaries. She will talk about this fascinating history and its relevance to contemporary policy issues in the fields of family planning, abortion, population and public health.

Donna Shalala, currently Secretary of Health and Human Services, calls the book "... an extraordinary biography of a human being. Margaret Sanger changed women's lives and Ellen has captured her forever. This book is a gift to history, the women's movement and our struggle for reproductive rights."

Ellen Chesler holds masters and doctoral degrees in American history from Columbia University and has taught within The City University of New York and at Barnard College. She has been active in politics and public life in New York City for over a decade. From 1978 to 1983 she served as Chief-of-Staff to New York City Council President Carol Bellamy and recently served as a member of the transition committee of Mayor David N. Dinkins. Ms. Chesler, who is currently a fellow of the Twentieth Century Fund, lives in New York City with her husband, Matthew Mallow, Brown '64, and a member of the Brown Board of Trustees, and their two children.

**Ellen Levine**, Brown parent of Peter '95, will present the second forum with the intriguing title "How to Get Ahead in Your Career: The Answer is Politically Incorrect." Ms. Levine was named editor-in-chief of *Redbook* in January, 1991, continuing a distinguished career in publishing which includes positions as a top editor at *Cosmopolitan* and editor-in-chief of *Woman's Day*. She is the author of numerous books and articles and is also a familiar figure to television audiences through her frequent appearances on national talk shows and news programs. In weekly live segments on New York City's WCBS-TV, Ms.



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*In a celebratory mood after the formalities are, left to right, Elizabeth Scott '93; Joan W. Scott, Nancy L. Buc, Karen Newman, Marie J. Langlois. Scott and Langlois received honorary degrees.*

Levine speaks on issues pertaining to women's personal and social concerns using data from *Redbook's* exclusive nationwide polls.

Ms. Levine served as a member of the U.S. Attorney General's Commission on Pornography, filing a minority dissent. As a result of her work on the Commission she received an award for courage and the pursuit of truth from the American Society of Journalists and Authors. She is currently on the National Board of the Covenant House, a shelter for throwaway and runaway children with branches throughout the United States, Canada and Central America, on the Board of Directors of The New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, and a member of Senator Bill Bradley's executive committee. Ms. Levine resides with her husband and two sons in Englewood, New Jersey.

## The Pembroke Center Associates Council

The Pembroke Center Associates Council was formed in 1983 after the first membership drive of the newly-instituted Pembroke Center. Fifteen to eighteen members, the majority of them alumnae, serve three-year terms and meet three times a year as a group. The Council provides a channel through which alumnae/i can participate in the activities of the Center by publicizing its work and resources, coordinating programs and activities with other areas of the University, and expanding the base of the Pembroke Center's support. This latter is particularly important as we strive to meet the \$3,000,000 goal of the Center's endowment drive.

At the October, 1992 meeting of the Council: Chelsey Remington '61, Chair of the Associates Council



Beverly Zweiman '66, attorney at Heafitz & Company, Boston



Above: Marie Langlois '64, Phoenix Investments, Providence; Ava Seave '77, General Manager of The Village Voice, New York; Carol Melamed '67, Associate Counsel of The Washington Post.



Left: Jean Miller '49, Director of Development at Polytechnic Preparatory School in Brooklyn; Gail McCann '75, attorney at Edwards and Angell, Providence

Sharon Drager '67, vascular surgeon in San Pablo, California; Claire Henderson '61, Vice President, CIGNA Securities, Hartford; Elissa Arons '66, psychiatrist in Newton Center



Other members : Karen Levy '74, New York City; Elizabeth Sherman '77, New York City; Wendy Strothman '72, Director of Beacon Press, Boston; Cheryl L. Jackson '78, IBM, Atlanta; Nancy Carney, Houston; Alicia Monroe '73, physician, Providence; Merrily Taylor, Brown University Librarian. Ex-officio members include Nancy L. Buc '65, Attorney at Weil, Gotshal & Manges, Washington, D.C.; Anne Jones Mills '60, Brown Trustee, Castle Rock, Colorado; Eileen Rudden '72, Vice President, Product Marketing, Lotus Corporation, Cambridge.

## 1991-92 Memberships

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## Alumnae Return to Campus

A December alumnae forum featured careers in writing. **Lee Ann Brown '87**, is a poet, editor, publisher now in her second year in the MFA program at Brown. Ms. Brown was in residence at the MacDowell Colony during '90-91 as a recipient of the New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship. She is also founder of an independent poetry press, Tender Buttons, which publishes experimental women's writing. **Antonia van der Meer '79**, is a freelance writer who began her career at *Seventeen Magazine*. She is co-author of eleven books on health and parenting as well as hundreds of articles for major magazines such as *Redbook* and *Cosmopolitan*. Among her books are *Parenting Your Premature Baby* and *New Ways to Wed*. **Henny Wenkart '49** has a long career as a teacher, writer, poet. Currently a teacher and editor at the Jewish Women's Poetry Project in New York, Dr. Wenkart recently edited a book of 180 Jewish women's poems entitled *Sarah's Daughters Sing*.

An afternoon program, co-sponsored by the Center and the Hillel Foundation,

featured Dr. Wenkart and Ms. Brown reading selected poetry from their works.

The Alumnae Forum on February 12 did not focus on a particular career, but instead looked at what effect, if any, a woman's private life (marital status, sexual preference, motherhood) has on her work life.

**Ave Seave '77** was caught up in the women's movement both in high school and college. Never having thought about having a child when she was a student at Brown or while earning her M.B.A. at the Harvard Business School, she is now facing the challenges of being the mother of a four-year-old daughter as well as General Manager of *The Village Voice*. The audience chuckled at Ms. Seave's statement that at the age of 37 she is at least ten years older than anyone else on the staff. One consequence is that no one in her work environment is interested in hearing about her child or motherhood.

When she changed jobs to join the *Voice*, Ms. Seave decided to tell prospective employers that she has a child, a risky thing to do since employers are not legally allowed to ask such questions. However, not wanting to work for a company insensitive to a parents' responsibilities, she volunteered the information. Ms. Seave feels very comfortable with her dual roles, although she often has to face questions from neighbors and relatives about how she can "do it all".

**Michelle Adams '85** was somewhat uncomfortable with the title of the forum, since she cannot think of separating her private self from her public self, or as she said "putting a colon in between the two selves". Ms. Adams came to Brown at the age of 17, from what she calls a very sheltered background, as a Black lesbian who didn't want anyone to know about her sexual preference. This affected every aspect of her life at Brown; social relationships suffered because she was afraid to say anything that might raise questions in her peers' minds and so she did not socialize. Her grades suffered too. This unhappiness led Ms. Adams to leave Brown after her junior year for film school in New York. Here she found a compatible community, but not a career which interested her. She returned to Brown for her senior year and because she was able to talk about her sexuality, "things were 150% better".

After graduating from CUNY Law



Discussing the February forum are, left to right, Dawn Adams '93, Ava Seave '77, Michelle Adams '85. Dawn, Michelle's sister, plans to attend medical school.

School with a focus on public interest law, Ms. Adams clerked for a Federal judge and once again found herself in an environment where she felt the need to hide her sexuality; being the only Black lawyer in that particular court system was hard enough. Ms. Adams carefully selected her next work environment, Legal Aid, where she could be honest and open about her life. She is currently Staff Attorney in the Civil Appeals and Law Reform Unit in New York City. Her areas of expertise include: Federal housing, disability law and class action litigation.

If you are coming to campus and would like to participate in a program, please let us know ahead of time and we will try to arrange it. When **Ingrid Winther Scobie '64** knew that she would be at Brown for a campus visit with her son, she contacted the Center and offered to present a talk on her recently published book, *Center Stage: Helen Gahagan Douglas, A Life*. Since Dr. Scobie teaches at Texas Woman's University and cannot come back to campus often, this was a wonderful opportunity for her and for the Brown students and faculty who attended her talk.



*The youngest member of the February 12 audience was Francesca, here on her mother's lap. Gigi DiBello, Coordinator of the Sarah Doyle Women's Center, has arranged her work schedule so that Francesca can spend some time in the office on Fridays.*



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