Excerpts from recent e-mail and letters to The Observer

Melanie Cohen Scheibenpflug ’78 and Linda Gingell Wellins ’84 announce the formation of their new business, Connecticut Computer Assistants LLC, 1 Long Wharf Drive, New Haven, Conn. Connecticut Computer Assistants is a computer training and consulting firm offering services in various PC applications for corporations, small businesses, and individuals.

Although we didn’t know each other at the UofH, our similar career paths overlapped for several years, eventually bringing us together. The time was right for us to go out on our own and start our own company. We credit the UofH for fostering a strong math and computer interest in both of us.

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Warmest greetings to all the University of Hartford faculty and staff. I miss you all. I was graduated in 1991, and since I came back [to Malaysia], I’m always remembering all the memories. I still remember the lectures of Lewis N. Walker [former dean of engineering]. I miss him very much.

I am urging my sister to study there, but she is afraid. I need some advice from you....I hope you can help me.

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I am a former dean of the modern Hillyer College, called the College of Basic Studies when I led it in the 1980s. In my summer travels [last year], we were visiting friends in South Carolina, when they suggested (knowing that I am interested in railroads) that for my wife’s and my wedding anniversary, June 5, we take a ride on the restored railroad at the South Carolina Railroad Museum in Winnsboro, S.C.

Wouldn’t you know that when the train reached the end of its short run, the engine gave out! The conductor noticed my shirt, which had “Windsor, Ct.” written on it, and noted that he was quite familiar with the Springfield-Hartford area. But then, an older man, not in uniform, came up and said that he not only knew the area but was a graduate of the University of Hartford—the original Hillyer College, no less! He mentioned going in the ’40s, when it was related to the YMCA, and graduating in the class of 1955.

When my wife mentioned that I was a past dean of the more modern Hillyer, the talk came fast and furious, after we all had a good laugh at an unbelievable “one in a million” coincidence. His name is Ralph Kingsbury, and he lives in Columbia, S.C.

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Editor’s note: We have been in contact with Ralph E. Kingsbury ’55. He enjoys The Observer and wishes we could find some news from the Hillyer Class of ’42, a “close-knit group,” he says.

The Observer welcomes your comments, whether you wish to praise, criticize, or analyze, or simply to communicate with fellow alumni or warmly remembered faculty or staff. Our e-mail address: observer@mail.hartford.edu. Postal address: Letters to the Editor The Observer University of Hartford 200 Bloomfield Avenue West Hartford, CT 06117 Letters may be edited for space consideration.

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Homecoming and Parents Weekend
October 13, 14, 15, 2000
Comedian Paula Poundstone, Red Cap/Orientation Reunion, SA/SGA Reunion, Class of 1990 Reunion, children’s activities, fun run, and much, much more. Watch for the weekend’s schedule in the next issue of The Observer.