

## Report to Council of One Hundred Members Fall Meeting, 2002

This report provides the members who were unable to attend the C100 Fall meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> with an overview of the Council events.

The Fall Meeting provided numerous opportunities for members to connect with students and young alums. These positive encounters with students have given us a great foundation for the Spring Meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

The Program Committee planned a full schedule of events aimed at the students and young alums, but still allowed time for C100 members to socialize and get further acquainted with each other.

38 members of C100 registered for the Wednesday and Thursday meeting. The meeting was scheduled for mid-week, a time most convenient for students, but making attendance more difficult for members.

Student attendance was good and significantly greater than attendance at the rescheduled Fall, 2001 meeting, held in January of 2002. Students learned about the upcoming meeting via blanket e-mails and from our quarter-page ad in the *Daily Northwestern*.

A number of students expressed familiarity with the Council, either through reports from friends or from contacts with the Council during prior visits.

Resourceful members filled vacant places at the Council's "by invitation only" lunches and dinners by asking passing students to join us. Nothing draws like a free meal and interesting program!

The recently established Women's Resource Center worked with the Alumni Office to encourage students to participate in Council events. The Center included the Council's programs in its Fall, 2002 Calendar of Events and attended all our events.

### **Summary of Fall Meeting Speakers and Programs**

The Wednesday and Thursday evening events in the lobby of Pick-Staiger Concert Hall mixed dinner and dessert with opportunities to meet and talk to Council Members. These mentoring events continued to be well-received by students. E-mail addresses were obtained from all students attending so that they may receive personalized notices of future meetings.

"Building Your Career Wardrobe", sponsored by Casual Corner with students modeling the clothes, showed students how they could put together a career wardrobe with just 10 easy and affordable pieces. Following the Thursday

evening fashion show at Pick-Staiger, students had their final opportunity to talk with Council members.

Barbara Stanny, author of *Prince Charming Isn't Coming: How Women Get Smart About Money*, spoke about her new book, *Six Figure Women: Surprising Strategies of Successful High Earners* at lunch on Wednesday at Norris. A number of Council members were interviewed for, and mentioned, in her recently published book.

Susan RoAne, self-described networking maven and author of *How to Work a Room* and *Networking: Beyond the Buzzword*, gave an entertaining and informative presentation to young alums and Council members during Thursday's breakfast at the Mid Day Club in downtown Chicago. The 9:30 a.m. time made it difficult for even loop-based young alums to attend, and attendance was disappointing, with no-shows adding to the disappointment. Council members had an additional opportunity to talk and laugh with Susan RoAne over lunch back in Evanston at the John Evans Center.

### **Council of One Hundred Business**

**New Chair:** Kathryn Mlsna succeeded Marilyn Moats Kennedy as C100 Chair during the Council gathering at the John Evans Center on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn was presented with silver pins from Tiffany to mark the occasion and as a thank you for her years of work for the Council.

**New Members:** 2002 prospects Susan Jones (Professor of Marketing, J71 & GJ 72) and Denise Salerno (physician, M93), along with 2000 prospect Maria Vlahos (math educator, WCAS96, GSESP98), participated in their first campus meeting. Tony Award-winning director and playwright Mary Zimmerman has agreed to become a member of the Council. Biographies of all members will be available in the near future.

**Ruth Whitney Trailblazer Awards:** Beginning January, 2003, the Council will be accepting nominations of sophomores or juniors who best exemplify Ruth's pioneering spirit. Application forms will be posted on-line. The Awards will be presented to the winning students during the Spring, 2003 meeting.

**C100 Mentor Program:** On Wednesday afternoon, Joyce Gab Kneeland and Janet Shlaes gave an overview of the Mentoring Program, developed by the Mentoring Committee to encourage and facilitate one-to-one relationships between students and Council members. Working with the University, the Mentoring Committee has developed an on-line application process, which will enable students to be paired with a member of the Council working in their area of interest. The on-line application process will be active shortly. A Mentoring Workshop for Members, organized by Janet Shlaes, will be held during the Spring meeting.

**Other Business:** Members reviewed and approved changes to the bylaws, setting two-year terms for Committee Chairs and increasing the membership of the Executive Committee to ten, with the outgoing Chair as a non-voting member. The bylaws, with this change included, are to be posted on-line. Council Committees had an opportunity to both recruit new members, and then meet to make plans for the next Council of One Hundred Meeting, scheduled for April 9 & 10, 2003.