

FOUR BETH H A N TON G T O N N I N G T O N B E N N I N G T O N B

We will probably never be able to explain to the outside world exactly what it meant to be at Bennington. We could spend the rest of our lives working out the intricate tangles of our own complicated but exhilarating times here, the patterns that formed as we spiraled our way through one another's paths. In the future, as we trace out these lines, I suspect we will see something of how intertwined our journeys really were; we will understand that our paths, although they were certainly individual, were never solitary.

We went to a school where, while walking back to our

houses at sunset, we could recognize one another from a hundred feet away. This recognition did not always come because we saw one another's faces, or were very close friends, but because of the intimacy that came with living and working in such close proximity. **We knew one another by our ways of moving, by the sounds of our laughter, by our silhouettes.**

And we are connected by memories of life at Bennington. Summon the sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and textures of our time here: Remember how the End of the World looked

when you first saw it by moonlight, fog curling at the base of the mountains. Remember the sound of bare feet slapping the sprung wood floor in Martha Hill, the give and take of the dancers' breaths coming in concert. Remember the way the spicy incense burning illegally down the hall mingled with the scent of spring lilacs outside your window. Remember your bare, burning hands as you packed a snowball to hurl in battle, and how those same hands trembled under the table during your first plan meeting.

—Brian Pietras '07

**COME BACK.
SAVE THE DATE.**

ALL CLASS REUNION SEPTEMBER 27.28.29²⁰ 13

For more details on reunion and the
5 x 7 alumni art exhibition please call 800-598-2979 or go to

www.bennington.edu/reunion

Hotels book quickly so make your reservation soon. Blocks of
rooms have been reserved at the Hampton Inn; Paradise Inn;
and The Equinox Resort.

Code: AlumniReunion

Nonprofit Org
U.S. Postage

PAID

Putney, VT
Permit No. 1

BENNINGTON COLLEGE • ONE COLLEGE DRIVE • BENNINGTON, VERMONT 05201