The President’s Page
The View from the Windows

One of the fascinating aspects of being President of Colby is the perspective on the institution that one has in this position. No one else sees it all in anything like the same way.

Modifications in the educational program like the institution of East Asian studies or a growing emphasis on biochemistry, shifting requirements, credit hours and pass-fail choices, teaching loads, indeed any matter that comes before the Educational Policy Committee passes in review over the President’s desk. Changes in the students over a generation or two and the constant scrutiny of admissions policies, changes in the faculty, changes in instructional techniques, all of these are part of the President’s purview. Preparation of the budget, the development of fund-raising campaigns, the measures appropriate to ensuring the financial solvency of the institution, are matters that the President must have a final responsibility for. The athletic program, the health service, concerts and lectures, chapel exercises, conditions in the residence halls, maintenance of buildings and grounds, safety and security, the Echo and the Student Association, the library and the student center: all of these are significant facets of the institution. Frequent conferences with the Board of Trustees, innumerable committee meetings, calls on foundations and corporations and other potential donors; the ceremonies throughout the college year, from the opening to Commencement and Alumni Weekend; rapport and interchange with the Alumni Council and visits to a great many alumni clubs; correspondence and speeches, regional and national commissions and task forces; all of these are part of the President’s life. It is a remarkable view.

It may not be generally known, though, that there is another kind of view that Helen and I have the privilege of enjoying throughout the year: the view from the windows in our house. I would suggest that this constant parade of beauty is reassuring to us as the seasons go by, an evidence of continuity in the midst of change. If life as viewed from the President’s desk is often chaotic and even kaleidoscopic, the view from the windows of the President’s house gives a solid sense of stability, a recurring pleasure.

In the summer Helen’s gardens are at their height, though it does seem a long time every spring until they begin to show. Outside the south window in the living room the first snowdrop this year emerged from the half-frozen ground, just where the snow has receded, exactly on the vernal equinox, right on time. Helen dug it up, put it in a little pot, and took it to a friend of ours on her 90th birthday. Down over the lawn are the six spruces we brought in stages when they were small enough to be transported in coffee cans from the little piece of property we own in northern Michigan. Pine trees to Maine, indeed! They have grown well, all but the one some vandals broke off a few winters ago. Even that one is recovering, since Ansel Grindall put a stake in the middle and tied the most likely branch upright. They are providing a border that may help shield the lawn and perhaps even soften the stark outline of the Seton Unit of the Mid-Maine Medical Center across the fields.

In the fall we live in a blaze of color. Over the meadow behind the house and up the hill the border is gold and red and orange, and the little patch of jungle we have insisted on maintaining between the lawn and the athletic field on the hillside is a marvelous collection of odds and ends, brightly highlighted by some glorious sumac, dominated by the few surviving elms (the biggest ones have gone the way of Waterville’s stately elms in town), and in the midst the Kalopanax Pictus, a gift from the Arnold Arboretum on its 100th birthday six years ago, a tree that may not be impressive now but some day may be 90 feet tall.

Winter is magnificent in Maine, and a blinding expanse of white surrounds the house for several splendid months. The spring seems to lag every year, and we grow impatient, but there is excitement in the first faint tinges of green and the appearance of the earliest explorer among the robins.

There are two kinds of views, then, and within limits it can be said that we enjoy them both. One of them keeps us stirred up, the other settles us down. Between them it is a rewarding life.

Robert E.L. Strider
The Seeley G. Mudd Science Building Makes Its Debut
THOUGH IT DOES NOT SEEM POSSIBLE, it was two years ago that President Strider (shown at right) turned over the first shovelful of dirt on the then-vacant site of the Seeley G. Mudd Science Building. The structure is now complete, inside and out, a modern design of traditional Colby brick that complements the library quadrangle.

The facility opened for full use at the start of second semester, but students and faculty could be seen carting in books, boxes, files and cabinets throughout the winter. The departments involved are mathematics, physics and geology, leaving Keyes to the chemistry department and the Arey Life Sciences Building to biology and psychology.

The new building has been well-received by those using it, and many have noted that the close proximity of classrooms to offices promotes better communication between faculty and students. Each department has a floor to itself in the four-story structure, while the bottom level houses shops, storage areas and a mechanical laboratory.

Entry to the second-floor lobby is from the front of the building on the left side. The map of Maine, half of which is visible to the left of the young woman, is a satellite photo supplied by the federal government's Earth Resources Data Program. It was a gift to Professor Donaldson Koons, geology department chairman, after he served two years as Maine's first Commissioner of Conservation.
One flight up is the physics department. This spacious and airy classroom-lab is devoted to freshman physics.

The geology department's facilities are located on the second floor. Shown here is an optical mineralogy lab taught by Donald Allen, associate professor.
Throughout the building, pipes, lighting fixtures and the air ducting have been left exposed and incorporated into the overall design. Bright and colorful walls contrast with the soft carpeting.

The top floor is occupied by the Mary Stafford Arey Center for the Mathematical Sciences, which houses a computer center. At left is Homer Hayslett, Jr., assistant professor of mathematics.
One of the best views of the campus is from the offices at the front of the fourth floor such as the one occupied by Wilfred Combellack, mathematics professor.

Note the honeycomb design of the ceiling in this math classroom, where an exam is being given by Carl Sheppardson, assistant professor of mathematics. A door to the left opens onto a balcony at the front of the building.
An attractive architectural detail is the curving, brick staircase at one end of the building. It is graceful whether viewed straight on or straight up.
John Singleton Copley, American, 1736-1815, Benjamin Hallowell (1725-1799), oil on canvas, 50" x 40", gift of the Vaughan Family of Maine.
An Exceptional Gift to the Museum of Art

A PORTRAIT OF BENJAMIN HALLOWELL BY JOHN SINGLETON COPLEY HAS BEEN presented to the Museum of Art by the Vaughan Family of Maine. Hugh Gourley, director of the museum, describes the painting as “a major and handsome example of Copley’s work.”

Copley painted the portrait in Boston between 1765 and 1768. Hallowell, dressed in a faun-colored suit, is seated in a chair, known as a backstool, upholstered in red velvet. The same fabric covers the table at which he is seated. He leans an account book against the table and holds a quill pen in one hand. Another quill pen is in the pewter inkwell on the table as is a letter, with the wax seal broken.

Copley painted Hallowell’s wife, formerly Mary Boylston, about the same time. It is thought that both portraits were taken to England in 1776 when the Hallowells left America. The portraits subsequently left the possession of the family. The portrait of Hallowell was bought back by a family member about the year 1900, but the one of Mrs. Hallowell remains in a private collection in London.

Hallowell, born in 1725, was the son of Benjamin and Rebecca Briggs Hallowell. The elder Hallowell was one of a group of Boston merchants who bought large tracts of land in what was then the Province of Maine and part of Massachusetts. These new landowners became officially known as the Proprietors of the Kennebec Purchase Company or the Kennebeck Company. Hallowell acquired about 3,200 acres of land along the Kennebec River and when the town of Hallowell, which included most of his land, was incorporated in 1771 it bore the Hallowell Family name.

Benjamin Hallowell, the subject of the portrait, was Collector of Customs in Boston, then Comptroller and eventually one of the Commissioners of the Customs for the colonies, and a Mandamus Counsellor. After the outbreak of the Revolutionary War he was forced to flee with his family to Halifax, Nova Scotia and in July 1776 they sailed for England.

He remained there until 1796 when he returned to Boston with his daughter and son-in-law, Mary and John Elmsley, who were en route to Canada where Elmsley had been appointed Chief Justice of Canada. Hallowell accompanied them to Canada and died there in 1799.

His sister, Sarah, married a London merchant, Samuel Vaughan, who, before the Revolution, occasionally visited Boston to order supplies for his Jamaican plantation. They probably met on one of his visits to Boston. They lived in Jamaica and later in London. In 1785 Vaughan brought his family to this country and by the 1790s two of their sons, Benjamin and Charles, had settled on their maternal grandfather’s land in Hallowell.

Copley was born in Boston in 1736 and by 1753 had begun a career that was to make him one of the most sought after portrait painters in New England until his departure for Europe. As the Revolution approached, Copley found it increasingly difficult to remain politically neutral, which was important if he were to avoid losing a group of his patrons. This problem, combined with his desire to travel abroad, led to his decision to leave America in 1774. He went to England and then traveled to Italy. In 1775 he returned to London where he pursued a highly successful career. He became an Associate of the Royal Academy in 1776 and a Member in 1783. He died in London in 1815.
Clearing Up an Old Mystery

The Chaplin Resignation

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LETTERS WRITTEN BY MRS. JEREMIAH CHAPLIN, included in a collection recently deposited in the Colby Archives by the Chaplin family, cast new light on the resignation of Colby's first president in 1833.

The sudden end of that presidency was told in detail in the History of Colby College, published in 1962. At that time the author of the history did not know that the Chaplins placed major blame on a certain person.

The college records and many private papers did reveal that Chaplin resigned because of a celebration on July 4, 1833. At first it seemed strange that the occasion should meet with Chaplin's disapproval because it was not only to recognize the nation's birthday, but also to note the formation of an anti-slavery society at the college that the celebration was held. President Chaplin strongly supported the abolition movement. He denounced the boisterous and noisome celebration as bad enough behavior for young men preparing for the ministry, but that such behavior stimulated by rum was heinous. The college could not and would not tolerate it, and leaders of the demonstration must be punished.

Vigorous student protest was the immediate response and two members of the faculty took the students' side. Since, besides the president, there were only four men on the faculty, that split the group so effectively that Chaplin decided to resign.

Persons familiar with today's college calendars may well ask what students were doing on the Colby campus in July. In 1833 commencement came on the third Wednesday in August, and indeed had then just been changed from the fourth Wednesday of the same month. Even as late as 1913, when the Colby historian graduated, commencement was on the third Wednesday of June. Only in recent years has it been changed to early June or even late May. On July 4, 1933, seniors in Waterville were in the midst of studies seven weeks before graduation.

The letters in the Chaplin collection show that at least Mrs. Chaplin, and probably her husband, blamed a particular student for making it necessary for the president to resign. On July 16, 1833, the president's wife, Marcia O'Brien Chaplin, wrote to their son, Jeremiah, Jr., then teaching at Hampton Institute in New Hampshire. It is well to quote her letter in full.

"I hate to write one word that will make you unhappy. I should wait a few days longer did we not fear you would hear in some roundabout way what would fill you with disquiet. Unexpected troubles have arisen in the college, and we have suspicion that false friends have secretly and perfidiously been working for a considerable time.

"On the Fourth of July the students celebrated in a manner which met rebuke from the faculty. This has produced such excitement that a general hostility has taken place. We cannot tell what the outcome will be. Perhaps our folks may all leave. I do think we should rejoice if your father could have a quiet retreat from the bustle and ingratitude of college life. His reward is certainly not to be in this world. Don't worry about the outcome, it will all be for the best."

At the end of her letter, Mrs. Chaplin added this comment: "Mr. Porter, in my opinion, is a very self-
conceited body and not by any means a conscientious performer of religion. One sinner destroyeth much good.”

The very next day, July 17, saw another letter from Mrs. Chaplin to her son.

“We have passed the Rubicon. This eve your father and Mr. Conant resigned their connection with the college. We think it best not to say much. We shall soon see you and tell you everything. You need not say anything to prejudice New Hampton students from coming here. We hope the college will be preserved in Baptist hands. Porter, we have reason to believe, has been the spirit of the storm, but we feel no revenge. He is in hands that will manage him justly; the Lord reigneth.”

That Mrs. Chaplin had bitter feelings mixed with Christian charity is shown by another letter which she wrote five months later to Jeremiah, Jr. from Topsham, where the Chaplins stayed for a short time after the resignation. She wrote: “I hear little from Waterville and do not care about hearing. It is enough to wish them well, forgive them and forget them. Artemas Boutelle is in failing health. Please write to him.”

The passing of 145 years since the event makes it necessary to identify some of the persons mentioned in Mrs. Chaplin’s letters. Mr. Conant was the professor of languages, who had joined the faculty in 1827 and had married the Chaplins’ daughter. In writing “our folks may all leave,” Mrs. Chaplin referred to the president, Prof. Conant, and their son John O’Brien Chaplin, who a year earlier had become a member of the faculty. The two faculty persons who took the students’ side had been Calvin Newton and George Washington Keely. Artemas Boutelle was the tubercular son of Timothy Boutelle, Waterville’s leading citizen and treasurer of the college. The squire was a vigorous supporter of Chaplin.

Who was Porter, the accused culprit? He was Lemuel Porter of the Class of 1834, just completing his junior year when the resignation occurred. He had been born in Boston in 1809, and was thus a mature student 24 years of age in 1833. After graduating from the Waterville college, Porter spent a year at the Newton Theological Institution, but did not continue for his degree in divinity. He had, however, already been ordained into the Baptist ministry before he entered Waterville College, probably by studying with some minister, just as several young men had done with Jeremiah Chaplin in his Danvers home before he came to Waterville.

Immediately after leaving Newton, Porter got a pastorate at Lowell, Massachusetts. He must have been successful and well liked, for he stayed there 16 years until 1851. Then for 10 years, until the outbreak of the Civil War, he was pastor at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, moving from there to become secretary of the American Tract Society in Chicago.

Mrs. Chaplin does not tell us of exactly what she accused Porter. In those days every refraction of college rules was brought before the entire faculty of five men, and the record of their actions is carefully preserved. Those records contain no disciplinary case containing the name of Lemuel Porter. Whatever the young man was doing to undermine the president seems not to have involved college regulations.

A reasonable assumption is that Porter was a leader of the remonstrance against the president’s accusation of drunkenness in connection with the celebration. It is also possible that it was he who got the sympathetic ears of professors Newton and Keely.

Whether Marcia Chaplin ever became reconciled we do not know, but Jeremiah Chaplin himself did renew friendly relations with the college and was a trustee at the time of his death in 1841. He should be remembered not for his unfortunate resignation, but for his sacrificial devotion to the welfare of the college in its earliest, precarious years.
Sitting in his office in Keyes, with the building literally being torn down around him, Evans Reid joked about his last year at Colby. "I’d like to have been away on sabbatical and have missed all this damned racket." He regrets that he won’t be here when the chemistry department settles into its refurbished quarters, but says "I’ll drop in every once in a while and agitate. Or cogitate."

Throughout his tenure at Colby Reid has been Merrill Professor of Chemistry and chairman of the department. He came to the college in 1954 from The Johns Hopkins University, having previously taught at Middlebury. The jump from a large research university to a small liberal arts college was a difficult transition. "Here I had a rather heavy teaching load. At Johns Hopkins I had a light teaching load but was expected to do a great deal of research." And in one way, Reid found it frustrating at Colby. "An undergraduate school’s purpose is to bring students to the point where they can do something significant. And then they leave you."

He has not regretted the tradeoff, however. "I’ve enjoyed the rather friendly faculty here. There is not so
much egotistical antagonism, and the competitive element is not so predominant. It is satisfying to work in a highly intellectual but more relaxed atmosphere."

And living in Maine was worthwhile. "I was able to do outside research, I played (violin) for many years in the Colby Community Symphony Orchestra, and was able to purchase my first hunting and fishing licenses."

His future plans? "A good question. I plan to do nothing for a few weeks. Then, I've got some writing to get finished, and hope to do a bit of traveling. I have quite a few projects to work on. I'll continue to live in Waterville, at least for a while. I don't expect to take up ski jumping, but I do plan to brush up on my cross-country skiing." But, he added, "I wish I had another 25 years. There are some wonderful things going on in science."

At the time Reid was talking about his retirement, the search committee formed to find his replacement was already sifting through applications. "I feel almost as though I'm officiating at my own execution," he said. "I suppose it is more like sitting on the wrong side of a limb and sawing."

Reid was born in Ontario, Canada in 1913. He received a B.S. from McGill University in 1937, and a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the university in 1940. He became a naturalized American citizen in 1944.

Over the years he has written many articles which have appeared in publications such as the Journal of the American Chemical Society, the Journal of Organic Chemistry, the Journal of The Chemical Society (London), and Chemistry and Industry.

Colby has changed a great deal since E. Parker Johnson joined the faculty in 1955 as professor of psychology, and "taking part in the growth and development of the college" was something he truly enjoyed. Back then "the trees had a puny look, there weren't enough buildings to teach in, and the reason some students gave for not coming here was 'the barren, windswept campus.' Today the college is larger, wealthier, has better students, and more and probably better qualified faculty," he says.

Johnson credits the board of trustees with much of that change. "They were going to run a good college. We've had, in general, trustees who were dedicated to improving education." He feels a major turning point came in 1962 when Colby was chosen by the Ford Foundation for a $1.6 million challenge grant.

From 1960 to 1970 he was dean of faculty, a task Johnson found challenging and, in some ways, more satisfying than teaching. "The administrative job is more interesting because it is more varied. You are more able to affect things in the college, and you are in touch with everything, but it is much easier to see what you have done teaching. As dean you can work your head off all day and not know if you've gotten anything accomplished, but in teaching you know what your students have learned," he says.

However, he lost his grip on research while he was dean. "I was not able to keep up with developments in the field, and afterwards I'd been out too long to get back into it."

The one thing Johnson really wanted to see happen while he was dean is just coming true now, and that is the improvement of the science facilities. Originally, he says, three science buildings were planned for 1,000 students, not two for 1,600 students. "My fear was that Colby would become a literary institute and not a college."

There is one aspect he disapproves of. "I find the college becoming a little complacent in ways that didn't exist when I first came here," Johnson says. "Colby had just come from across the tracks and it was determined to make good. There wasn't a 'way it was done' at
Colby, and everybody was out to change something. There was a ferment, a striving spirit, and I think we’ve lost some of that. It comes from having arrived.”

Since 1971 he has taught a Jan Plan course in night vision, a field that is his specialty and about which he is writing a book. After retiring he and his wife will move to an old farmhouse on 300 acres north of Farmington that they bought years ago. “This move has been our long-term plan and the time has come.”

Johnson was born in Springfield, Mass. in 1917, and earned a B.S. from Springfield College in 1938. He received an Sc.M. in 1941 and a Ph.D. in 1947 from Brown University, and from 1941-46 was a medical associate working in the field of night vision with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

He was named Dana Professor of Psychology in 1970, and has been director of the Center for Coordinated Studies the past few years.

Henry Schmidt has no doubts about what he has enjoyed most at Colby. “My students,” he says, “I am basically a teacher.” He has taught at the college for 32 years, having joined the faculty in 1946 after serving four years in the U.S. Army during World War II.

A professor of German in the department of modern languages, he also taught French during his early years at Colby. He finds a “metaphysical estrangement in modern literature” that runs counter to his belief that “there is spirit in the being,” that man needs a spiritual existence. “I’ve used the study of literature to develop a greater insight into mankind,” he says.

His specialties are modern German literature and Faust, and he worked to extend the offerings in the German literature program to include studies of writings from Humanism, the Reformation and the Baroque. Schmidt has taught a number of seminars over the years, with the subjects including the Volksmärchen and the Kunstmärchen, the poetry of Rainer Maria Rilke, and the novels of Tomas, Mann, Kafka and Hesse.

In 1969 he received the Bronze Medal of Honor from the Josef Weinheber Society of Vienna in recognition of his research and work on Weinheber, a Viennese poet.

Schmidt described this article as “my academic obituary,” but his work is far from finished, because he is going to turn to writing after he retires. One of his plans is to do further research on an approach to teaching German conversation and composition that he developed which uses tapes in lieu of texts. All learning is done through the ear.

Aside from research he hopes to travel, garden, and perhaps take up photography again. He likes both Maine and Waterville, and plans to remain here.

Schmidt was born in Germany, moved to this country in 1923, and grew up in Pottstown, Pa. He earned his B.A. from Ursinus College in 1937, his M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1938, and Ph.D. from Boston University in 1962. He was named a full professor at Colby in 1974.

He is confident that foreign language study, both at Colby and elsewhere, will remain healthy. He says the total number of students studying languages is shrinking, but those now studying them are more proficient than they were 10 years ago, something that is “not so much a credit to the teachers but a credit to the students.”

Schmidt is married to one of his former students, Jeanne H. Gray ’49. “By the way,” he says, “I gave her a D in German.”
Colby Contemplations

by a Virginian Visitor

Throughout this academic year Lewis Drew, vice-president for administration and student affairs at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, has been at Colby as an ACE Fellow. The fellowship program of the American Council on Education is designed to prepare college educators for responsible positions in academic leadership. When Drew was selected he chose to work at Colby, where he has assisted in areas of institutional research and planning. Because his perspective is fresh, he was asked to share some thoughts about his time on Mayflower Hill.

As I began the academic year, President Strider very wisely suggested that I read a lot about Colby, including issues of the Alumnus back to 1960, various reports and studies, and Dean Mariner's history. From this reading I gained a perspective and an appreciation for the college.

In asking me to reflect on my year-long experience, the college editor thought that I might be able to give Alumnus readers a fresh view of Colby since I have had the unique opportunity, as an outsider, to be part of the administration.

The fundamental impression I have is that Colby is one of the best liberal arts colleges, probably better than many alumni realize, and that it is now and will continue to be in a position of national leadership. Colby has faculty and administrators who know what the college's purpose is, and they relate their policies and practices to the central mission of being a liberal arts college.

In my judgment, key administrators are themselves examples of what liberally-educated persons should be. This in no small way influences the tone of the college internally and represents quality to the public, to other institutions and educators, and to foundations and friends.

Administratively the college is operated in an informal style, professionally and effectively. There is no burdensome managerial psychology, nor is there an imposed, rigid administrative structure of a bureaucratic nature.

In regard to the academic program, Colby has been true to the liberal arts ideal, and in the best sense of having a vital program, it has shown a high degree of flexibility and willingness to be innovative. It has accommodated changes in approaches to teaching and learning, and the demands of students for more options, without sacrificing the basic quality and integrity of the academic program as some colleges and universities have in the past decade. Still, pressures toward narrow purposes (vocational) threaten to overwhelm liberal education and its broad purpose of developing the whole person for a fulfilling life. Colby will have to be vigilant not to succumb, even imperceptibly, to this trend.

The faculty seems to be basically satisfied with present degree and curriculum requirements, which represent a fairly standard concept of proficiency, distribution, and major requirements along with electives. There appears to be no inclination on its part to change the present approach in significant ways, though other options are discussed and studied from time to time. My own preference is the reinstitution of core requirements, an emerging national trend which seeks to revive the concept of commonality in the educational experience of undergraduate students.

All Colby people are proud of the beauty of the Mayflower Hill campus, and justly so. However, in a different context, I have often wondered whether the physical layout of the campus tending toward a long, relatively thin line of buildings rather than an arrangement more nearly like a square has decreased the frequency of informal inter-

action among faculty, students and administrators. It may be that the original concept of a coordinated campus with one part mainly for women, another primarily for men, has contributed inadvertently to a lesser sense of community in a fully coeducational college.

The needs of the library have already received attention in a recent issue of the Alumnus; therefore, I shall not dwell on them except to emphasize that library renovation and the possibility of expansion, as well as increases in the professional staff and improvements in the collection, will be major objectives in the coming years.

In summary, I think you can tell that I share with alumni a special pride in being associated with Colby and a real sense of confidence in its future. It has been rewarding professionally and personally for me and my family to spend this fellowship year at the college and to become a part of the Colby family and tradition.
From the vantage point of three-year-old Erin Higgins, daughter of assistant art professor J. Thomas Higgins, these two 19th century wooden signs were particularly impressive. Given anonymously to the Museum of Art, they were shown in a spring exhibition of recent acquisitions.
News of the College

Tuition Is Forced Up Again

Increases of $600 in tuition and $70 in board charges for the 1978-79 year have been voted by the board of trustees. This action raises tuition to $4,300 and board to $970. Room charges will remain at $700 a year.

"Beyond maintaining pace with inflation there are several operational areas which require immediate attention," explained President Strider in a letter to students and parents. "For example, we must strengthen substantially our library resources in ways that can no longer be put off. Recent legislation requires some important changes to meet the needs of the handicapped. Further energy conservation measures, which will certainly effect savings, entail a number of expenditures that only a short time ago we did not anticipate," he said.

The board also voted to increase the financial aid budget, to "ensure that no deserving student will be unable for financial reasons to continue his or her education at Colby," said the president. This past year the college awarded approximately $1,585,000 in the form of gift scholarships, loans and campus jobs. The board has increased that amount by $283,000 in gift scholarships.

Student charges represent only about 80 percent of what it costs to educate a student for one year. The remainder comes from endowment income and annual giving.

Seniors Awarded Watson Fellowships

Two seniors have received Thomas J. Watson Foundation Fellowships for postgraduate study abroad. Jennifer Barber of Newton Centre, Mass. and Peter Schmidt-Fellner of Riverside, Conn. will each receive a $7,000 grant for a year of independent research.

Barber, an English major who was named a Rhodes Scholar earlier this year, plans to write poetry using Quebec's literary renaissance and landscape as creative sources.

Schmidt-Fellner, whose major is economics, will study international commodity agreements and the new world economic order, in England, Belgium, Switzerland, Zambia and the Philippines.

Colby students have had unusual success since the Watson Fellowship Program was begun in 1968. This year's two fellows are among 70 recipients selected from 176 candidates nominated by 50 small, private American colleges and universities. Students are selected on the basis of their commitment to their individual field of interest and potential for leadership within that field.

A reading by poet June Jordan was one of the highlights of the Spring Orientation Program, held March 9-12, which supplements Colby's minority recruitment efforts by encouraging disadvantaged candidates to visit. Other speakers were John Blassingame, professor of Afro-American studies at Yale, William Strickland, associate professor of history in Afro-American studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and Dick Gregory, social critic and satirist. Ms. Jordan's poems have appeared in leading publications and her novel, His Own Where, was nominated for a National Book Award in 1972. She is shown, second from left, at a reception with history instructor Charles Haley, left, and a number of students.

Organizing the Special Collections

Three major cataloging and bibliographical efforts have been completed by Special Collections.

The first, of particular interest to alumni, involves the arrangement and description of approximately 5,000 separate small manuscript collections pertaining to deceased alumni, faculty and staff members. Using experimental programming techniques the files were cataloged directly into the college computer, with every file assigned code symbols indicating gender, occupation and relationship to the college. Also included is a short description of each file's contents.

The second project is a guide to the James A. Healy Collection of Irish literature. The guide is not a
bibliography, but a series of critical discussions concerning each of the principal collections. It will be available from the library in June.

Also completed is a calendar of the English language letters written by Violet Paget (Vernon Lee) between 1866 and 1930. Special Collections is the depository for Miss Paget's papers. A British author, critic and rebel against Victorian culture, she wrote countless witty and often vituperative letters describing her travels, associates and scholarly endeavors. The letters will be available for research beginning January 1, 1980.

Soviet Reference Work Donated

The first English translation of the Great Soviet Encyclopedia has been donated to the library by WSKW, a Skowhegan radio station. The college has received 16 volumes of the proposed 30-volume work, with the remainder expected by next year.

Published in serial form by Macmillan Educational Corporation, the set is a translation of what is considered to be the major Soviet reference work. It contains 21,000 pages and 100,000 articles, contributed by almost 16,000 academicians and university faculty members in the U.S.S.R.

Stuart Debenham, director of the library, said "the translation will be an excellent reference for a wide audience—political and natural scientists, historians, sociologists and psychologists, in addition to students of the Russian culture."

Not everyone was fascinated by the exhibits at the Student Arts Festival Crafts Fair on February 25.

Every Tuesday during the college year since 1948, faculty members in the science division have gathered at noontime for an informal lunch. The get-togethers were introduced by Gordon Gates '19, Sc.D. '48, professor and chairman of the biology department at Colby from 1948 to 1951, when he invited the science professors to Coburn Hall on the old campus for a brown bag lunch. The initial purpose was social, though the luncheons also developed to include business and academic discussions. Faculty from outside the division have occasionally attended. The group, which meets at various locations on the campus, is shown in Dana Hall.
Faculty Promotions

The promotions of 12 faculty members were approved by the board of trustees at its winter meeting. The new ranks become effective September 1.

Named full professors were Clifford Berschneider, history, and Peter Westervelt, classics.

Berschneider, a Duquesne University graduate, earned his master’s degree from the University of Pittsburgh. His overseas studies include a year at the University of Turin in 1956-57, and study at the British Museum in 1974. A Fulbright Graduate Scholarship enabled him to carry out research in diplomatic history under George Toscano, vice-president in charge of publication of Italian documents with the Italian Department of State, in 1952-53.

In the fall of 1969 Berschneider taught a 15-week course of the Renaissance that was broadcast on public television in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. He is a Philadelphia native.

Westervelt, who is chairman of the classics department, joined the faculty in 1961. He holds A.B., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard, where he was elected Phi Beta Kappa and was a teaching fellow in 1957-58 and 1960-61.

A Fulbright Scholarship enabled him to study at the University of Leiden, Holland, in 1955-56.

Westervelt was one of four American scholars selected in 1964 to receive a grant from the Center for Hellenic Studies. He spent the ensuing year as a junior fellow at the center’s headquarters in Washington, D.C., doing research and writing on Homer.

The Pittsburgh native was granted a sabbatical leave in 1976-77 to work on a book devoted to the Homeric simile.

Promoted from assistant professor to associate professor were Priscilla Doel, modern languages; Homer Hayslett, Jr., mathematics; Robert Kany, history; Roger Metz, physics; and Dorothy Reuman, music.

Four instructors who were named assistant professors are Martin Dooley, economics; Lee Feigon, history; Margaret Miller, art; and L. Dean Samuel, Jr., administrative science.

Sidney Farr, who has been a lecturer in government, was also appointed assistant professor.

Varied Projects by Senior Scholars

A small group of alumni will find its ranks enlarged again in May, when this year’s senior scholars graduate. The program, now in its 25th year, permits four to eight students to devote a major part of their senior year to approved scholarly projects. Each student is selected by a faculty committee. The 1977-78 senior scholars are as follows.

Jennifer Barber (Newton Centre, Mass.), an English major, is doing free verse poetry derived from Scottish landscape poems. Sam Cremin (Mt. Kisco, N.Y.), an English major, is writing modern poems. Katherine Kincaid (Boonton, N.J.), an art major, is painting, using photo-realistic techniques.

Music major John Saunders (Carlisle, Mass.) is studying use of the string bass in the late Baroque music of Italy and Germany. Gary Simon (Needham, Mass.), a math major, is using applied mathematics to devise a model for the spraying and control of the spruce budworm. Robert Sundberg (Murray, Utah) is preparing a paper on the “Application of Crown Ethers in Inorganic Synthesis.” He is a chemistry and physics major.
Recycling Efforts
Underway

Students are recycling newspapers, bottles and cans through the efforts of the Colby Environmental Council. The newspaper collection was begun last year, and approximately five tons were collected. The papers are sold to Keyes Fibre Company of Waterville, which pays $50 a ton. The money is used for films, speakers and programs sponsored by the Environmental Council.

Last fall the organization put 20 metal containers in dormitories, replacing the cardboard boxes used for collection last year. Student volunteers tie the papers into bundles and load them onto a truck borrowed from the buildings and grounds department. This year six tons were collected during the first semester alone.

In March the council began a can and bottle redemption center in Roberts Union. It was begun in response to a new Maine law requiring deposits on all carbonated beverage containers.

Chosen by Alumni

Two new alumni trustees, John W. Deering '55 and Bertrand W. Hayward '33, LL. D. '58, have been elected to the board. Charles P. Barnes II '54 was reelected to a second three-year term.

Deering is a past president of the Portland Colby Alumni Association and past member of the Alumni Council. He received a Colby Brick in 1968 and was "C" Club Man-of-the-Year in 1962. He is associated with the Portland firm of Moseley, Hallgarten and Estabrook, Inc. as a financial planning consultant.

Hayward, who lives in Waterville, is the retired president of the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science.

A resident of Cape Elizabeth, Barnes is an attorney and a partner in the Portland law firm of Perkins, Thompson, Hinckley & Keddy. He has served as president of the Southwestern Maine Colby Club and chairman of the Alumni Council, and was presented a Colby Brick in 1976.

Colby Authors

Nomenclatura Oligochaetologica
John Reynolds and David Cook
University of New Brunswick, 1977

Though his name does not appear on the title page, this catalog of earthworms is the result of decades of work by Gordon Gates '19, Sc.D. '48 of Bangor. He began his research into earthworms before he went to Burma in the 1920s as a biology professor at Judson College in Rangoon. There his catalog was coming along well when he, with other refugees, was forced to flee before the invading Japanese during World War II. Gates safely made the 170-mile trek over the jungle trails to India, but he had to leave his partially completed catalog behind.
Fortunately he had published his findings bit by bit in scientific journals, and he was able to salvage much of his research. Gates, who was a biology professor at Colby from 1948 to 1951, continued his catalog when he was back in the U.S. He was unable to complete it because of his age, though, and in 1972 he turned over his card file to John Reynolds, a colleague of Gates and assistant professor at the University of New Brunswick. Finding the project too large to handle himself, Reynolds invited David Cook of Environment Canada Fisheries and Marine Service, Ottawa, to join him in 1974.

The catalog, which lists all the known scientific names for worms (6,326 entries), was dedicated to Gates "on the occasion of his 80th birthday and 51st year of publication on the Oligochaeta."

Palm Reading in Winter
Ira Sadoff
Houghton Mifflin Co., 1978
Growing up, discoveries about his imagination, and his Russian and Jewish origins are subject matter in the latest collection of poetry by Ira Sadoff, assistant professor of English. Though the poetry is a social and personal history it does not romanticize the past. "Rather," said Sadoff, "the poems use the past as material for learning how individuals have become themselves."

Born in New York City, he earned a B.S. at Cornell and an M.F.A. at the University of Oregon. He is poetry editor of The Antioch Review and co-founder of The Seneca Review. Sadoff's essays, translations, fiction and more than 100 poems have appeared in publications such as The Paris Review, The New Yorker and The American Review. One of Sadoff's short stories won an O. Henry Award in 1976. He has taught at the University of Oregon, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, and Antioch.

A dream came true for Gordon Gates '19, left, when University of New Brunswick Professor John Reynolds showed him the completed catalog of worms.

One of the busiest places on campus in the spring is the Career Counseling Office in Lovejoy, as director Sid Farr '55, right, well knows.
People

JAMES MILLET, son of MARY (ROLLINS '30) and the late, beloved BILL MILLETT '25, has joined a Waterville law firm and has been named city solicitor by Waterville Mayor PAUL LAVERDIERE '59.

Under a program funded by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Professor FREDERICK GEIB, sociology, has worked this past year to develop an experimental approach to teaching. He was appointed an Academic Leadership Development Fellow, one of 15 in the country, and given the task of creating, implementing and evaluating a campus-based project. Geib has developed six short courses on the socio-historical development of the U.S. from 1905 to 1970, a project he describes as "a multi-media 'textbook.' " To supplement his lectures he has used sights (slides, newsreels, motion pictures, comic strips, cartoons and advertisements) and sounds (voice recordings, songs and other sounds) to capture the tenor and tone of the era.

SIDNEY FARR '55, director of financial aid and career planning, has been elected by the financial aid officers of the New England Regional Assembly of the College Entrance Examination Board to represent the region as a member of the College Scholarship Service Council. The 20-member council is responsible for maintaining a continuous review of the board's Scholarship Service. Farr previously served the board as chairman of the Financial Aid Division of its New England Regional Assembly.

An article on the Seavems Bookstore's move to its new location in Roberts Union was written by SUE-BETH FAIR, bookstore manager, and published in the April-May issue of The College Store Journal. She has been at Colby since 1974, having previously run stores at Washington University, Antioch and Chatham colleges.

The address that Dean ERNEST C. MARRER '13 delivered in October at the annual meeting of the Maine Christian Civic League has been printed in a pamphlet by that organization. The dean devoted his remarks to the lively history of the league, which was founded in 1896 to be concerned with "law enforcement and encouragement of civic righteousness." He has been on the board of directors for many years.

The Brookings Institution of Washington, D.C. has named JOHN HAGENS, assistant professor of economics, an Economic Policy Fellow. Twelve of the prestigious fellowships are awarded each year, and are designed to encourage young economists to focus their research on analysis and evaluation of government programs. Beginning in June he will spend one year on the staff of the economics research department of the Social Security Administration. After that Hagens will devote three months to writing a report for the Brookings Institution.

A number of well-wishers were on hand March 22 when Mrs. INA TALYOR STINNEFORD '98 celebrated her 100th birthday. She lives in Waterville. Photo by Lynn Mosher.

The division of special programs has appointed JOAN SANZENBACHER as assistant to the director, ROBERT KANY. She replaces JENNIFER ANDREWS BATTISTA '74. A University of Chicago graduate, Sanzenbacher previously was on the staff of the F.T. Hill Speech and Hearing Center in Waterville, and has taught school in North Carolina and Illinois.
Sports

Record Breakers

Basketball All-American Paul Harvey, Jr. ’78 and junior high jumper Paul Kazilionis set new college records in the waning days of the winter sports season.

Harvey, the Mules’ 6’6” forward from Portsmouth, N.H., broke the old career scoring record of 1,935 (set by Brad Moore ’75) in a game against Babson College. His 486 points during 1977-78 surpassed the 364 teammate Paul Harvey ’78 scored in 1974-75.

"The record was really a team effort," he said. "I have to give a lot of credit to my teammates and to Coach Dick Whitmore."

High jumper Paul Kazilionis (Portland) made it into the record books February 11 in a meet against Bowdoin and Maine Maritime, the last of the season. His 6’9 1/2” leap broke the old fieldhouse record, set in 1968, of 6’9”.

Kazilionis received the Cy Perkins award last year as the most improved track man, and was named to the 1977 All-New England track and field team.

Top-Shooting Freshman

The freshman scoring record in basketball was broken this past season by Mike McGee, a 6’3” forward from Fairfield. His 486 points during 1977-78 surpassed the 364 teammate Paul Harvey ’78 scored in 1974-75.

Twice selected ECAC Division III Rookie-of-the-Week, McGee had top performances that included 39 points in an overtime victory against Southeastern Massachusetts University, 34 against the University of Lowell, 32 points and 10 rebounds against the University of Maine-Farmington, and 25 scored in an overtime win against Williams. During the season he shot over 50 percent from the floor, nearly 70 percent from the foul line, and grabbed more than seven rebounds per game.

Coach Dick Whitmore calls McGee “the most exciting freshman player in New England this season, who created many positive situations for us with his aggressive play.” The coach notes that McGee improved his over-all defense and rebounding abilities “considerably.”

He is the son of Dick McGee, Colby’s athletic director.

Winter Sports Wrap-up

(since Jan. 10)

{(Colby scores first)}

MEN’S BASKETBALL (16-8)

Pace 105-94; Bates 94-97; Norwich 71-54; Middlebury 69-92; U.M.P.G. 90-104; Williams 95-87; Amherst 90-65; Clark 70-82; W.P.I. 69-84; Bowdoin 72-65; Southeastern Mass. 92-91; Bates 95-79; Tufts 75-93; Babson 98-86; Bowdoin 80-77; Lowell 103-93; St. Francis 109-96; Hartford 106-96; Quinnipiac 85-92.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL (13-9)


MEN’S HOCKEY (9-13-1)

St. Anselm’s 1-2; Norwich 2-4; Holy Cross 3-2; Williams 4-7; Union 12-0; Middlebury 1-6; Bowdoin 3-4; U. Mass. 3-4; Babson 3-2; Boston State 6-5; Merrimack 3-6; Hamilton 3-4; U.M.O. 1-4; Bowdoin 4-2; Bowdoin 4-7.

WOMEN’S HOCKEY (7-9-1)

Assabet Valley 1-7; Assabet Valley 4-2; Providence 4-4; Alumnae 6-2; Dartmouth 9-1; Cornell 3-5; Cornell 2-3; Massport Jets 3-8; Boston College 5-2; N. River Penguins 2-4; N. River Penguins 1-4; U.N.H. 1-4; McGill 6-1; Boston College 8-3; Univ. of Minnesota 3-4.

SWIMMING (6-4)

U.N.H. 42-69; Mt. Allison 66-45; Southeastern Mass. 51-61; Boston College 31-81; Bowdoin 40-67; Lowell 60-53; Babson 68-44; Keene State 62-35.

INDOOR TRACK (3-6)

Tufts 68, M.I.T. 57, Colby 45; U.M.O. 103, Bowdoin 64, Bates 59, Colby 26; Bowdoin 90 1/2, Colby 64 1/2, Maine Maritime 13.

SQUASH (2-13)

Amherst 2-7; Bowdoin 0-9; Wesleyan 1-8; Trinity 0-9; Rochester 1-8; Tufts 2-7; M.I.T. 8-1; Bowdoin 4-5; U.N.H. 4-3; Tufts 1-8; Wesleyan 0-9.

WOMEN’S SKIING

New England, Colby 5th out of 10; Lyndon State, Colby 3rd out of 9; Franklin Pierce, Colby 3rd out of 10; Plymouth State, Colby 3rd; WEISA Div. II Championships, Colby 3rd out of 9.

Paul Kazilionis ’79, left, and Paul Harvey, Jr. ’78
News of the Classes

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Club members will be interested to know that a portrait of Judge Leslie C. Cornish, Class of 1875, has been added to the pictures of trustee chairmen that adorn the corridor wall of the third floor in the Eustis Administration Building. Judge Cornish was the distinguished chairman of the Colby board when many members of Fifty Plus were in college, and his stately figure was often on the platform at college functions. Attendance at the annual dinner of Fifty Plus during Alumni Weekend has grown so large in recent years that the 1978 dinner will be held in Colby's largest dining room in Dana Hall on the evening of June 3.

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By the time that you read this the reunion will be upon us. We hope to see many of you there. There has been a good response from the letter I sent in 1977 and I hope you haven't changed your minds. Nellie Dearborn sent me the news that Ruth Tilton has recently married and is living in Scituate, Mass. Best wishes. Tilly and do bring him to Colby this June. Esther Parker Wiley and her husband divide their time by spending it in Florida, North Carolina, and Schroon Lake, N.Y. Irma and Roland Andrews stay in the same mobile park in Florida. Esther busies herself with handwork and oil painting and spent three weeks touring Britain last summer. They will be in Waterville this June.

Roy Shorey has been retired for several years from Lever Bros. Co., in New York (as director of personnel and labor relations) and spends his time with golf, fishing and bridge. Summers are at China Lake, where he is a member of the Waterville Country Club. Claude Bouchard lives in Clinton where he has organized a trio (piano, violin, and cello) to play at social functions. He is also organist at the Notre Dame Church. Rene Marcou has finally retired from teaching and from space research. He and his wife have a camp at Great Pond and travel. The latter includes trips to the Orient, Greece, Brazil and a dome train trip from Montreal to Vancouver. Claire Richardson MacDougal wrote from her winter home in Bonita Springs, Fla. She had a Scandinavian trip in 1977, visiting Iceland, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, and Norway. Her son, Bruce, has moved to Portland with his wife and two daughters, where he is a plastic surgeon specializing in the hands. She is looking forward to our 50th.

Martin Keats, D.M.D. is still in full practice with no retirement plans as yet. Connie Adair Cole has taken another trip to Hawaii, where she doubtless saw Marjorie Dunstan '27 again. The trip included a week in Honolulu and one on the other islands. When in Waterville, she is involved with volunteer work in various groups. Gus D'Amico was elected an honorary trustee of the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in October 1977. He had been the board president for five years, 1971-75, received the distinguished art patron's medal from the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in 1974, and is listed in Who's Who in American Art. He and his wife collect ceramics and modern glass and have presented to Colby a portion of their graphics collections and established the A. A. D'Amico Art Collection Fund for maintenance and purchase of additional works. Their traveling includes trips to Mexico, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Europe. Gus is also on the advisory board of the Salvation Army and the Maine Commission on the Arts and Humanities. We will see him in June to hear more about it.

Louise Bauer is retired but still lives in New York. She spends many hours as a conversation partner to foreign students. The most recent being a young girl from Thailand and a young man from Korea. Last year she spent three weeks in Greece, taking a bus trip around the Peloponnesus and a cruise to the islands in the Aegean.

Rose Black, living in Tucson, Ariz., is busy with club work and has traveled recently to Alaska and Hawaii. Kent MacCubrey still commutes between Maine and Arizona. Last year Kent and his wife took a tour of the British Isles. Not too long ago, they and the Clem Taylors '27 arrived at Sonny Lawson's '27 in Wickenburg, Ariz. within 20 minutes of each other, the first meeting in 50 years. There will be a number of such meetings at our reunion I am sure. See you then!

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Since there is no new news for this issue of the Alumnus, how about some nostalgia! I am sure some of you will remember happenings.

For those who do not remember, the building in this springtime photograph from the 1930s is South College Hall on the old campus.
A Matter of Will Power

The late RALPH CARLETON BEAN, 02, a man who devoted his life to the study and teaching of science, is helping students at Colby today through an unrestricted bequest of $60,000 to the Science Program.

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Colby, Bean went on to earn an A.B. from Harvard in 1904. In 1906, he became head of the science department at Wakefield (Mass.) High School, then in 1910 was named head of the science department at Girls' High School in Boston, a post he held until retiring in 1951.

Bean earned an Ed.M. from Harvard in 1929, and over the years, studied physics at Boston University, bacteriology at M.I.T. and botany at Cornell. He was a member of the New England Botanical Club, the New England Biological Association, the New England Association of Chemistry Teachers, the Eastern Association of Physics Teachers and the Joselyn Botanical Society of Maine, and was the author of a book, Check List of Vascular Plants of Maine.

Bequests are a major source of Colby's strength. Ralph Bean's commitment to young people is already at work for the betterment of the college.

Do jot them down and we'll have a nostalgic hour at our reunion • I remember Dean Runnals suggesting to us, along with all the other home economists and common sense which she gave to us, that we wear our other dress for dinner. Her talk on "petering" we shall never forget • Skating on the flooded hockey field in back of Foss Hall as we assembled for dinner. I especially remember their four hands playing "Moonlight and Roses" on the violin while he lived at the DKE house and we were at Mary Low Hall • Mary Vose and her ability to concentrate when a group of us was studying in the library • Neta Harmon and I entrained for our first year at Colby on the Bangor and Aroostook as it chugged its way slowing up at every excuse for a stop. Then the excitement of changing trains at Northern Maine Junction brought us nearer to the special time when some kind upperclassman met us. Ah, me! • Eddie Joe Colgan teaching education courses in such an understanding and sympathetic vein and giving us sound advice • Allen (I.D.) loses shoe in a cross-country race • Skiing on Beeftoek Hill, which is now the Colby campus. Not all students can say when they are on the new campus, "I skied here." Picnics there, too, in the fall of the year • Ruth Daggett in the Mikado, singing with the rest of the cast for the people in some church in Oakland—to a packed house, I am sure • Donnie Gethel '24, our house mother at Mary Low Hall, so dear to all of us well-intentioned freshmen • Nella Bucknam going home to Hallowell each weekend. Why? To see Baker, of course • How to eat a peach, whole and unpeeled, when it is staring at us from the breakfast table. We watched Miss VanNorman as she easily took her knife, cut the peach in half and proceeded to enjoy it • The big dinner before Christmas vacation when "Dutchy" Marquardt was our guest and we sang all the German songs he had taught us. He was a delightful guest, happy to see this side of the man who demanded such perfection in the classroom • Lora Neal hitting that hockey puck with such a vengeance that instead of continuing to play, we just got out of her way • Florence Young stating in no uncertain terms that she was going to be a missionary • Miss Patrick, keeping us in line whether we were waiting on tables or scraping dishes in the kitchen.

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It was of interest to Colby folks to learn that Waterville's turn-of-the-century Opera House was entered in the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. This distinguishes the multipurpose civic structure as being an important part of the nation's historical and cultural heritage that is worth preserving. Survival of the Opera House is noteworthy for us, for in it took place many events identified with our undergraduate years. Its was the setting for the pomp and circumstance of our commencement exercises when President Franklin W. Johnson handed us our sheepskins on a muggy June day in 1930. We all remember it as a modern theater, a competitor of the Haines. For the price of a pair of tickets, its cozy balcony provided a place for those bent on trysting. Those who came to eat popcorn sat downstairs. Who can forget the Jimmie Evans Revue, which brightened the scene in the dull, late-winter days? Of course, Powell and his productions were best when viewed across the Opera House footlights. Remember Royalty Flushed, a musical comedy written by Ralph H. Ayer and Charles Nelson of the Class of 1928? We do, because we were one of the "chorus boys" in that smash hit of May 5, 1928, and although stardom eluded us, we'll always be grateful for the experience. Royalty Flushed is a story in itself, the story of which should be left to such "stars" as Donald H. "Shorty" Fraser '29. In our book, he was the hit of the show, as clad in jodhpurs and pith helmet down over his eyes, he linked hands with a six-foot partner to provide a lop-sided seat for a garden-hatted coed. Then, to the strains of the theme song, "Hearts Win, You Lose, But The Girl Belongs To Me," they swung her precariously to and fro, to the evident delight of the audience. Ah yes, the old Opera House does hold memories! • Deane R. Quinton is one of those fellows we mentioned in our last column who has not taken up retirement living. He continues active as president of Quinto Fabrics, Inc., affiliate owners of the Casco Bank board, and for relaxation still operates amateur radio station W1HUT, a call which was issued in 1933. Deane gives service to his state as chairman of the Maine Computer Advisory Committee. He and his good wife, Evelyn Haycock Quinton '31, have a son, Robert, and two granddaughters, Evelyn Maxwell Bubar and her husband, Henry '31, derive much pleasure from living in the college town of Northampton, Mass. Henry arranges panel discussions and radio interviews with students from Smith, Amherst and the Univ. of Mass. They attend numerous college functions and serve as delegates to the Area Council of Churches. Evelyn mentions how deeply they miss their friend and neighbor, former Colby professor, Edward J. Colgan, who lived in nearby Ware at the time of his death in 1977. "His influence will never be forgotten," Evelyn says, a sentiment that is shared by his many former students. • Philip E. Ely, aficionado of things Spanish, especially winter sojourns in that country, stretched out his visit to early April last year. Wisely, he had planned to arrive at Costa del Sol before Christmas, and, as a result, missed the severe winter months which he so beloved. May his health still allow him to remember for their severity. Phil fiddled away in two concerts put on by the Univ. of Maine (Augusta) Orchestra last year, and hoped to return this season to his regular place in the violin section of the Colby Community Symphony Orchestra • Ruth Young Forster of Syosset, N.Y., says a retirement project she and her husband, Robert, have in mind is to "move to warmer climes." Her daughter, Natalie, received her M.A. from the Univ. of Mich. in 1977. no small feat for the mother of four children • Good old John H. "Red" Lee has bounced back after a severe illness and told us the May questions were that he was his usual self again. Travel, and state and local politics occupy his time. Red has seen Larry Arber and Peg, who, he reports, "are enjoying retirement" • Millan L. Egert wrote to say how much he enjoyed our 50th York (Maine) High School class reunion. Joe wondered if several martinis are apt to provoke banality. He can be assured that the assembled classmates saw nothing banal in his thoughtful remarks, the most interesting of the evening. Isabel H. Clark '31 came down from Sunset for the reunion. We saw Joe and Lillian, again, last September, when they came to New Hampshire. Yes.
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As I write this I can see about 20 inches of snow still left in my backyard. When you read this, I hope to see some trailing arbutus and lady’s slippers there among other wild­life. Hope you all had healthy and happy winters wherever you were. My husband and I enjoyed an Amtrak ride to and from Pasadena to visit our daughter and family. Christmas brought greetings from many Colbyites and a few ’31ers  ⦿ Flora Trussell Larrivee is still happy with work and a grand­life. Hope you all had healthy and happy winters wherever you were. My husband and child Christmas brought greetings from many Colbyites and a few ’31ers. Getting together with Jennie Dunn Millett and Colbyites and a few ’31ers some more news on the Christmas cards ness with no news to transmit. I hoped to get Where are you, Class of ’327 I am still in business. Another note arrived from George Mann to let us know that the Mann family is still going strong, with son Jay at Cornell and daughter Georgia at Yale. The Manns are always thinking snow down there in Texas. Your dreams came true this winter, didn’t they? Don and I enjoyed a visit in November from Franklin Norvish and Edna. They have put their lovely old farm in Palermo on the market, and are looking for property on a lake in the Waterville area. Their son, Philip, is feature writer for the Morning Sentinel. It would be great if the Norvishes and the Mathisons became neighbors. Frances Palmer continues her many activities in the Newton, Mass., area. She was a participant in the Ecumenical Assembly of Church Women United, held at Purdue Univ. She also has been active in her profession of dentistry, attending dental conventions in San Francisco and Miami Beach. Portia Pendleton Rideout sent a most interesting letter with an update on all the changes in her extensive family. She has also put “Ride Inn,” her second cottage at Webber Lake, on the market. While she was writing her letter, the Christmas spirit got to Portia, and she stopped writing long enough to make plane reservations for Seattle/Tacoma, nearest airport to her son Ralph ’59. There they were going to plan a surprise holiday reunion with Marilyn and family, who recently moved from Massachusetts to Tigard, Ore.  ⦿ Happy spring to all, and please keep your letters coming!  

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Where are you. Class of ’327 I am still in busi­ness with no news to transmit. I hoped to get some more news on the Christmas cards. Irene Tardiff Quirion is still into teaching with two days a week at Catherine McAuley School in Portland, but is getting itchy to be free again. ⦿ For you snowbirds in Florida, as For you snowbirds in Florida, as you have not sent me news, so let’s hear from you soon.

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By the time you read these notes, those of you who are “snowbirds” will have flown home from your southern haunts. Some of us will be meeting at Alumni Weekend, there to regenerate our enthusiasm for the friendships and times of our college days. This year, especially, let’s all keep in touch, as we begin to think of our next big reunion of 1979, which is almost on the horizon. Frank Allen writes that he is enjoying his retirement tremendously. He recently took a productive trip to Denmark, where he exchanged bookplates with the Danish Bookplate Society, and made many interesting train excursions. For February and March, Frank and Ruth were planning a trip to Las Vegas and Phoenix, this one predicated on continuing good health after chemotherapy treatments. We all wish you well with these, Frank, and will be looking forward to hearing about your travels in the U.S.A. for a change. ⦿ It was good to receive a letter from Adelaide Jordan Cleaves, who is living in South Port­land. She claims not to have much interest in writing, but I certainly enjoyed catching up with her and her family. For Christmas she entertained 19 relatives, including her three children and her grandchildren. Her husband, Karl, spent some time in White Sul­phur Springs, W. Va. In October they visited their daughter, Erla ’59, and family in Barrie, Ont. In January they took a nine-year-old grandson on a vacation to Carefree, Ariz. Next they were planning on February in Florida. It sounds to me as if you are doing interesting things every minute. Adelaide ⦿ A note arrived from Carolee Michael, to let us know that the Mann family is still going strong, with son Jay at Cornell and daughter Georgia at Yale. The Manns are always thinking snow down there in Texas. Your dreams came true this winter, didn’t they? ⦿ Don and I enjoyed a visit in November from Franklin Norvish and Edna. They have put their lovely old farm in Palermo on the market, and are looking for property on a lake in the Waterville area. Their son, Philip, is feature writer for the Morning Sentinel. It would be great if the Norvishes and the Mathisons became neighbors. Frances Palmer continues her many activities in the Newton, Mass., area. She was a participant in the Ecumenical Assembly of Church Women United, held at Purdue Univ. She also has been active in her profession of dentistry, attending dental conventions in San Francisco and Miami Beach. Portia Pendleton Rideout sent a most interesting letter with an update on all the changes in her extensive family. She has also put “Ride Inn,” her second cottage at Webber Lake, on the market. While she was writing her letter, the Christmas spirit got to Portia, and she stopped writing long enough to make plane reservations for Seattle/Tacoma, nearest airport to her son Ralph ’59. There they were going to plan a surprise holiday reunion with Marilyn and family, who recently moved from Massachusetts to Tigard, Ore. ⦿ Happy spring to all, and please keep your letters coming!  

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Memory of Christmas snows fades in the presence of spring sunshine but memory of greetings exchanged lingers warmly. Amid the greetings was sad news of the death of family members. We extend sympathy to Ellie Manter LeMaistre on the loss of her husband. Joe had been enjoying golf and retirement after many years as a Texaco executive. We will miss him as a friend. Ellie continues in real estate and has joined the Beecher Agency, which serves the greater Portland area. ⦿ We were sad, too, to learn from Agnes (Terri Carlyle Hadden that her husband, Fred, had just died after a long and mysterious illness. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Natick, Mass., for 40 years. All of her family, five children and spouses and grandchildren, were with her for the holidays. Our sympathy is with her. It seems such a short while ago that I was a guest at their wedding. ⦿ Lewis Naiman has been reappointed by Governor James Long­ley to a second seven-year term as a Superior Court Justice. Lewis resides in Augusta. ⦿ This past year Lewis and his wife were hosted by the Strong (Maine) High School alumni as Couple of the Year. Lewis taught in Strong schools for 23 years and is now with the Home Care Center there. The Brackleys have been active in many community affairs including the local and national Grange. ⦿ Billy MacCarey Whitmore and her husband, Alvin, had a fine trip to Tuc­son in October. Their son, who is a psychologist there, and his wife plan to build a home in the desert south of Tucson—a dramatic change from his native Ellsworth. The Whitmores are occupied with job, garden and enjoying the Maine outdoors. ⦿ We would extend our greetings to Cliff Veysey and his wife Camilla from his daughter-in-law. He is still in the building business in Glens Falls, N.Y. His son, Wes, has been working with him for several years. He and Cliff have just finished building a new home. His first grandson should have arrived early in the year. Cliff has a good memory of our days at Colby. ⦿ Jim Snelford’s reminiscence is still brightened by our day. Those snappy white flannels in his enclosed wedding snapshot of Jim and his wife Barbara did bring to mind those Colby days of the thirties. They still live in Balti­more and are proudful of their six grandchild­ren. Their only son, Roy, and family have bought a market in Bingham, just downriver from Carterunk. ⦿ Ruth Millet Maker and husband, Paul, in Euclid, Ohio, enjoy having their youngest son Bob with them this year as well as Ruth’s mother, who is back home after a serious illness. They have visited son, David, in Cincinnati and newly married son, Tim, and wife in Vermont. Ruth is taking piano lessons after a lapse of 50 years! ⦿ Betts Mulkern Wescott writes of his son, Jackie, a recent Univ. of Maine graduate. He is studying for an M.B.A. at Northeastern Univ. and is working part-time for a Boston computer company. ⦿ Kay Laughton Briggs’s husband, Arthur, had open-heart surgery just after our reunion and he is retired now. Kay is still teaching. They took their first trip to the coast last summer and visited friends and family along the way, including daughter, Diana, in Ventura, Calif. They also had dinner with Al Beervae 1938  ⦿ Anita Thibault
Bourque showed her spirit of adventure by driving up into the hills for a visit with us. We had a wonderful time swapping old Colby tales and recalling the fun and vicissitudes of those other campus days. "I" has had a year of traveling around the country, visiting her daughters and families in Washington, New Jersey and Connecticut. We had lunch with Kay Caswell Abbott in Waterville. Kay was deeply involved as co-chairman of her annual church fair. And from Claremont, Calif., a lively letter from Dottie Gould Rhoades reports Dottie's continuing teaching and Don's affiliation with Blaisdell Institute. They went to Seattle to get acquainted with their new granddaughter, Jennifer. Their summer was highlighted by a trip to Maine, a grand reunion of the Gould family, with four generations represented. The Bill Clarks continue with the chores and joys of country living. Bill seems hooked on writing his daily column, now in its 21st year. Betty is still Girl Scouting. Best to all.

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The wicked winds of winter are safely behind us and we all take pleasure in the balmy days of spring. May all of you enjoy the release from the snowbound months! We are not all snow and icebound, however, for not a few of the Class of '37 have made their homes for winter (or all year) in the warmer climes. Hildreth Wheeler Finn and her husband live in Vermont and also in Hilton Head, S.C. Hilly is happy that she can golf year-round, and plays in the U.S.G.A. seniors tournaments in Myrtle Beach. She's delighted that Helen Jevons Luther and Roy live only an hour away from Hilton Head. In my listing Helen is still in New Jersey. I'd love to hear whether this is a permanent or seasonal change of address. Ruth Yeaton McKee moved from the sunbelt (25 years in the warmer climes) to Madison, Conn., and has written such witty letters (as reunion chairman) that she makes us all want to come back and visit. As usual Kyé is involved in much more than teaching: helping lay the cornerstone for the new science building, moving the math department into same, directing a National Science Foundation conference on graph theory, with equal serious attention to golf, swimming and gardening. Now a word from your correspondent, who has rather reluctantly joined the ranks of the retired. My company, Grolier Inc., has consolidated, in Danbury, Conn., all its eastern operations, thereby leaving a number of die-hard New Yorkers out of work. While I still work as a freelance editor, it is not the same. I'm not yet sure whether I prefer the luxury of more free time or the pleasure of a regular paycheck. I am learning from many of you who write of the joys of retirement—but I'm not sure yet that I won't look for more work. New York City is still a fascinating and demanding place to live and while I can use and enjoy its unique resources, I'll stay where I am. It is also a crossroad for travelers and I'll be happy to see a friendly Colby face or to hear a long-lost voice on the phone now and again.

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I would be happy for more of you to do as Mildred Thibodeau Madore did: just pop in on me. I really enjoyed the surprise visit on Labor Day from Millie and her husband, John. They live in Lewiston, where they are centered geographically for easy visits with their children and grandchildren in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. I was very pleased to have a weekend visit from Marie Tibbetts Slovak and her oldest daughter, Janet, and family. Marie continues to live in Portland, where she works in the office of American Sails. A prearranged reunion one Saturday in Farmington with Vivian Hunter and Maxine Knapp '36 was fun and chatty, as I had not seen either of them in perhaps 40 years. But it didn't seem that long ago! Notice has been received that Elizabeth Oliver, editor of the Univ. of Hartford Observer, has written American Antique Glass, which was published last summer by Western Publishing Co. in New York. Employment in the Episcopal Church office, the Rangeley Public Library, and the town hall, along with other pleasurable activities, have gotten me well "into things." And how great it is to be here! A happy visit in Alabama with my daughters and their families over the holidays was nice before settling in for the cross-country skiing season. I trust you all have your calendars marked for June in Waterville!

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The response to the January questionnaire has been very satisfying. The replies certainly are proof that the '39ers are a variegated bunch. I was delighted to see Sally Aldrich Adams in Augusta last summer while her husband, Dwight, was checking out his family tree and "roots." Sally keeps busy as a housewife and free-lance writer. Dwight has retired from Prudential Insurance Co. Son Roger, 33, is an attorney in the Justice Department, Washington, D.C., and Joel, 29, is a systems engineer with Atlantic Software in Philadelphia. A high point of the past year was traveling to Holland and England last spring. Among Sally's favorite activities are reading, museums and theaters in and around Boston, and vacationing at South Harpswell. She keeps up Colby connections with the Southeast Massachusetts Colby Alumnae group four times a year and frequent get-togethers with Arlene Veracka and Elizabeth (Ippy) Howard. Elizabeth Darley Bates is living in Blue Hill (since 1971). She is a travel agent at Hancock Travel in Ellsworth. Her own travels were to take her to Portugal in February, with daughter Mary Jane, 17, and son John, 15. They will meet, for the first time, the uncle who brought her up.

Museum Founder Retires

In 1963 GARDINER GREGORY '39 established the Long Island Earth Science Center, also known as the Gregory Museum, in Hicks­ville, N. Y. That year the study of rocks and minerals was introduced in the local schools and Gregory, the system's director of curriculum materials, agreed to establish a museum in his home for the children. Eventually he built 34 display cabinets that held 4,000 rock and mineral specimens and 3,000 moths and butterflies. He and his wife gave tours. Demand for use of the facilities became so great that new quarters were needed, so in 1970 the town of Oyster Bay offered Gregory an old courthouse. After extensive renovations by volunteers, the museum opened there in 1973. During Gregory's tenure as director, the museum's staff grew from one to seven and the number of school systems served went from one to 83. This winter Oyster Bay declared February 11 to be "Anne and Gardiner Gregory Day" in honor of their work. The museum trustees gave Gregory the title of director emeritus and he and his wife were made permanent members of the board. In April they retired to Castine, Gregory's boyhood home.
Elizabeth's hobbies include reading, double croscrotings, sailing and chauffeuring bunches of kids. No retirement plans yet. The highlight of the past year was Mary Jane's acceptance in the Colby Class of 1982. She saw classmate Violet Hamilton Christensen and husband, Arnold, at the 35th reunion. Violet's address, which you requested, Elizabeth, is 147 Cookman Avenue, Ocean Grove, N.J. 07756, according to the Colby Alumni Directory.

Arnold, at the 35th reunion. Violet's address, according to the Colby Alumni Directory, is one of our classmates with "his name in the news." He is a pastor of the community in South Berkshire and is well known in the hospitals and nursing homes of the area. It is a big day for both of them, he is a very favorite citizen in South Berkshire. When not visiting the sick he may be found with his fellow firemen at the Egremont firehouse or at a gathering of the Egremont Youth Council. He and his wife have five grown children. Due to the tremendous response to the questionnaire and the limited space allotted to class columns in the Alumnus, much of the news will be sent to you in the form of a class letter.

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The New Yorker magazine has given Tom Savage's 10th novel, I Heard My Sister Speak My Name, a splendid review, saying that he is "a writer of the first order, and he possesses in abundance the novelist's highest art—the ability to illuminate and move," and that "there are few American novelists now active who have produced a more distinguished body of work." Also outstanding in her work, and now receiving recognition for it, is Nannabelle Carter. She is coordinator of a brokerage firm. Their children are Joanne, Nancy and Ken. grandchildren are Amy Borovoy and Jesse Casquero. Golfing, swimming, photography are among his hobbies. Retirement? No plans yet. The highlight of the past year was traveling, with plans for more travel in Canada and Europe. Classes met recently were Lou Sacks and Stan Schreider. (He didn't say on which side of the continent they met!) Leon Braudy and his wife, Shirley, are living in San Francisco. He is a vice-president of a brokerage firm. Their children are Lisa and two sons, no grandchildren. He is "too young to think about retirement." Their most recent travels have been to Holland, France, Ireland and England. Travel plans are for a trip to the Scandinavian countries in June. He booked up Lou Sacks at his summer hat store in Provincetown last summer. hasn't seen many classmates "for a few decades" but hopes to see many at our 40th reunion. James Chase is one of our classmates with "his name in the news." He is pastor of two churches in Egremont, Mass., and observed his 24th anniversary as pastor December 25th. On October 19, 1977, he was named winner of the New Yorker magazine has given Tom Savage's 10th novel, I Heard My Sister Speak My Name, a splendid review, saying that he is "a writer of the first order, and he possesses in abundance the novelist's highest art—the ability to illuminate and move," and that "there are few American novelists now active who have produced a more distinguished body of work." Also outstanding in her work, and now receiving recognition for it, is Nannabelle Carter. She is coordinator of a brokerage firm. Their children are Joanne, Nancy and Ken. grandchildren are Amy Borovoy and Jesse Casquero. Golfing, swimming, photography are among his hobbies. Retirement? No plans yet. The highlight of the past year was traveling, with plans for more travel in Canada and Europe. Classes met recently were Lou Sacks and Stan Schreider. (He didn't say on which side of the continent they met!) Leon Braudy and his wife, Shirley, are living in San Francisco. He is a vice-president of a brokerage firm. Their children are Lisa and two sons, no grandchildren. He is "too young to think about retirement." Their most recent travels have been to Holland, France, Ireland and England. Travel plans are for a trip to the Scandinavian countries in June. He booked up Lou Sacks at his summer hat store in Provincetown last summer. hasn't seen many classmates "for a few decades" but hopes to see many at our 40th reunion. James Chase is one of our classmates with "his name in the news." He is pastor of two churches in Egremont, Mass., and observed his 24th anniversary as pastor December 25th. On October 19, 1977, he was named winner of the
A Position in Philadelphia

Chester Harrington, Jr. '51 has joined Lewis & Gilman, Inc., a Philadelphia advertising and public relations agency, as vice-president. He is involved in business development for the agency. Harrington previously was publisher of Tennis USA and Golf Journal, the official publications of the U.S. Tennis Association and the U.S. Golf Association, and before that he was director of the leisure division of Chilton Co. From 1961 to 1972 he was regional advertising sales manager for the Look Magazine division of Coules Communications. Harrington also worked as an account executive with N.W. Ayer & Son and as regional sales director of the Arrow division of Cluett Peabody & Co.

reading about his mountain climbing in British Columbia (11 days). Previously he walked through Horse Shoe Canyon, Utah. Mike has two boys at Colby • Ruth Graves Montgomery teaches math and is thrilled to have a granddaughter finally. She has three children • Jeanice Grant Keese, Westfield, N.J., is manager in an accounting department and has two children. She vacations each year in Ogunquit • Tom Braddock, Wellsville, N.Y., recently joined the Air Preheater Co. division of Combustion Engineering Corp. • Marion Treglown Hamilton writes news stories and other articles about the Univ. of Maine's six colleges. Brooks, her husband, is a journalism teacher at the university. Both love to sail. They have four children • Sidney Rauch, professor of reading and education at Hofstra Univ. in Hempstead, N.Y., will be in Israel in June for a three-week tour. He recently had a book on vocabulary published, and received the distinguished professor award from Hofstra in 1975-76.

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As I write, winter again has New England in its icy grip. The dreary black and white landscape is only relieved by the tropical coloring of the cardinals. They spent a great deal of time in the snow, waiting for the snowpuckel to arrive at our feeder. The mailbox has revealed news from several of our class who started out with us in the fall of 1942 but went on to other fields. We had the opportunity to use her training in domestic relativity, too. The dreary black and white landscape is only relieved by the tropical coloring of the cardinals. They spent a great deal of time in the snow, waiting for the snowpuckel to arrive at our feeder. The mailbox has revealed news from several of our class who started out with us in the fall of 1942 but went on to other fields. We had the opportunity to use her training in domestic relativity, too. The dreary black and white landscape is only relieved by the tropical coloring of the cardinals. They spent a great deal of time in the snow, waiting for the snowpuckel to arrive at our feeder. The mailbox has revealed news from several of our class who started out with us in the fall of 1942 but went on to other fields. We had the opportunity to use her training in domestic relativity, too. The dreary black and white landscape is only relieved by the tropical coloring of the cardinals. They spent a great deal of time in the snow, waiting for the snowpuckel to arrive at our feeder. The mailbox has revealed news from several of our class who started out with us in the fall of 1942 but went on to other fields. We had the opportunity to use her training in domestic relativity, too. The dreary black and white landscape is only relieved by the tropical coloring of the cardinals. They spent a great deal of time in the snow, waiting for the snowpuckel to arrive at our feeder. The mailbox has revealed news from several of our class who started out with us in the fall of 1942 but went on to other fields. We had the opportunity to use her training in domest...
Bernie traveled to Spain and they must have loved it, for this past December they took their two daughters to Majorca for Christmas followed by New Year’s Eve in Madrid. Makes me feel like an awful stay-at-home! • George: Norwich, Vt. From the recent Yale College alumni newsletter, the highlight of the past year was my first opportunity to teach my students about the history of American diplomacy in the 19th and 20th centuries. • The Rev. Robert E. Clark has been named new interim minister of the Payson Park Church (United Church of Christ) in Belmont, Mass. • From Dover, Mass., Carol McKeen ’74 included a news clipping about another 49er, John Hillgren, who graduated from Coll in 1965. He was ordained in 1965 and was called to the pastorate of the United Church of Christ, last fall. After graduation from Colby and Bobby’s from Andover • Kitty Kistler Wallace ’52, living in Mill Valley, Calif., is heavily involved in volunteer work, last fall concentrating on a job as campaign manager for a City Council candidate • Mrs. C. Arthur Eddy, Jr. (Barbara Guernsey) RFD #1, Box 1998 Lincoln City Rd. Salisbury, Conn. 06068 • Lillian C. Fiske has been named interim minister of the Payson Park Church, last fall. After graduation from Colby & Bobby’s from Andover • Kitty Kistler Wallace ’52, living in Mill Valley, Calif., is heavily involved in volunteer work, last fall concentrating on a job as campaign manager for a City Council candidate • Kitty Kistler Wallace ’52, living in Mill Valley, Calif., is heavily involved in volunteer work, last fall concentrating on a job as campaign manager for a City Council candidate • Kitty Kistler Wallace ’52, living in Mill Valley, Calif., is heavily involved in volunteer work, last fall concentrating on a job as campaign manager for a City Council candidate • Kitty Kistler Wallace ’52, living in Mill Valley, Calif., is heavily involved in volunteer work, last fall concentrating on a job as campaign manager for a City Council candidate • Kitty Kistler Wallace ’52, living in Mill Valley, Calif., is heavily involved in volunteer work, last fall concentrating on a job as campaign manager for a City Council candidate • Kitty Kistler Wallace ’52, living in Mill Valley, Calif., is heavily involved in volunteer work, last fall concentrating on a job as campaign manager for a City Council candidate • Kitty Kistler Wallace ’52, living in Mill Valley, Calif., is heavily involved in volunteer work, last fall concentrating on a job as campaign manager for a City Council candidate. • Kitty Kistler Wallace ’52, living in Mill Valley, Calif., is heavily involved in volunteer work, last fall concentrating on a job as campaign manager for a City Council candidate.
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“Burnie” (Ann Burnham) and Jack Deering’s daughter, Janet is enjoying her junior year abroad at the Univ. of Neuchatel, but will return to Colby in the fall. Ellen is a freshman at Hamilton College while Rick is on student council and playing soccer in the eighth grade. Burnie is in the process of getting her real estate license, something which her fiancee Ron Anderson, acquired some years ago. And speaking of the Andersons, their oldest son, Stephen, is at Ohio Wesleyan. From Winter Park, Fla. comes welcome word from Sylvia Jennson Dulaney, who would like to hear from anyone vacationing in the Disney World area. Sylvia is an art education major at Rollins College and plans to teach after graduation. Her eldest son supports himself at the same school through scholarships he has won for excellence in art and soccer. Her life is further brightened by two lovely teenage daughters and a 10-year-old son whose tennis coach says has the makings of a champion! Bernice White Sanders sends the following self-assessment from Clinton: “… just across the road from my parents’ home with fall falling all around me and time creeping on and age weathering me gray and experience washing away my secrets. I am the eldest son supports himself at the same school through scholarships he has won for excellence in art and soccer. Her life is further brightened by two lovely teenage daughters and a 10-year-old son whose tennis coach says has the makings of a champion!” Bernice White Sanders sends the following self-assessment from Clinton: “… just across the road from my parents’ home with fall falling all around me and time creeping on and age weathering me gray and experience washing away my secrets. I am the eldest son supports himself at the same school through scholarships he has won for excellence in art and soccer. Her life is further brightened by two lovely teenage daughters and a 10-year-old son whose tennis coach says has the makings of a champion!”

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Greetings! Our thoughts have been with you folks in the cities who were hit frightfully by Old Man Winter. As I sit here, the snow is up to the first floor window sills. It’s a beautiful sight for us and truly enhances our environment. She has seen Meredith Winter, of golf and tennis this summer. Erika Lind Hillsman also returned to Maine last summer, bringing her three children and her father. Unfortunately she came down with pneumonia so was not able to do as much visiting as she had anticipated. Pneumonia hit again after she had returned to California and then she had a heart attack while driving and spent two months in a hospital recuperating from injuries! If you have been hoarding any rabbit’s feet or four-leaf clovers please send them, with your good wishes, to Erika in San Jose.

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Ringmaker
The board of directors of The Ring Contractors, Inc., a New York City manufacturer of stone and diamond rings, has elected JAN BRASSEM ’64 as president and chief operating officer. He is a 1970 graduate of the New York University Graduate School of Business Administration, and has worked for the past 20 years with The Diebold Group, Inc., Indian Head, and most recently, with Ames, Inc. Brassem also spent four years in the Air Force, including a one-year tour in Vietnam, where he received a Bronze Star Medal. He was discharged with the rank of captain.
weeks at Portage Lake last summer. Maybe that helped to make up for being snowed in for three days with houseguests during the previous winter's blizzard. Hope there wasn't a repeat performance on that this year, Judy • Thinking of northern Maine. Don, the four young sons and I were at Moosehead Lake last summer where we were saddened to learn of Ron Staples' '58 accidental death. I'm sure all of us who remember Ronnie share in extending our feelings of sympathy to his family • Once again, out of space and time. Take care of yourselves—more in three months.

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Managing Defense Contracts

Air Force Major John Kreideweis 64 is the new executive officer of the Defense Contract Administration Service Region, Chicago, a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency, which provides contract management services on about $4 billion in defense contracts in Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana. He joined the organization in February after graduation from the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va. He previously held a similar post at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Kreideweis earned a master's degree in public administration at Auburn University in 1974. He has been in the Air Force since graduating from Colby.

In the news about him. Dr. Witherell has been appointed an official of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Bill will be head of the division of international investments, multinational enterprises and invisible transactions. How's Paris, Bill? • Judy Spear is assistant editor at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts • Ralph "Kim" Kimball is director of marketing for Davis Press, Inc. in Worcester, Mass. • And congratulations to Binky Smith '62, who was honored by Colby as the "C" Club Man-of-the-Year at homecoming last fall • Our deepest sympathy to Mary Michelmore Ackerman for the loss of her husband, William Harvey Ackerman, on May 9, 1977 after a long illness.

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It seems as if I've mentioned Bill Witherell a lot this past year. Well, once again I have news about him. Dr. Witherell has been appointed an official of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

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Morg McGinley was recently named night city editor of the New London, Conn. paper, the Day. Morg has been with the newspaper since 1965 and will continue to write his weekly column, "McGinley's People" • Joe Drummond, director of development at St. Paul's School, was a speaker on a panel devoted to case studies at the annual district conference of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. • Jonathan Allen wrote to say he completed his Ph.D. in physics with an interdisciplinary program in environmental science at Washington Univ. in St. Louis. He and his wife, Shirley, an attorney, hope to relocate in New England. • I received word that Barbie Darling was married on November 21, 1977. She and her new husband, Charles Davis, are living in Hinesburg, Vt. • From Tiburon, Calif., I also received an announcement from Jim and Hilde Simon of the birth of their son, David. Mrs. William Jones wrote from Cambridge, Mass., with news on her activities over the past 10 years. She received her M.A. in classics from Brown in 1968 and is now completing her Ph.D. in Egyptology at Brandeis. The latter has involved a number of trips to the Near East and Greece and also the mastery of Arabic, Hebrew, and Greek. Cindy is currently working with the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston on a preliminary site report on a Coptic cemetery in Egypt, and plans a trip to that country this spring. In addition, she has been an editor and reporter for a national anti-poverty advocacy and research center based
in Cambridge. In her spare time, she teaches the recorder and flute, directs her own early music consort, and builds harpsichords. She happened to catch Peter Hart being interviewed on the “Today” show on NBC in January. Peter, a widely respected national pollster, was asked what his firm had found on the frustrations of the middle class because of inflation. Todd and Gretchen Sherman and family stopped by last summer on a visit to New England from South Carolina, and in their Christmas card we heard they were to be off to Germany in January. Todd, who is with the Air Force, will be working with NATO in Ramstein, Germany. Cliff Olson is with the tax department of the attorney general’s office in Maine. He and Suzanne and their son, John, live in Hallowell.

Interviewed by CBS

Television viewers who watched “60 Minutes” on December 11 saw Rodney Gould ’65 being interviewed by Mike Wallace. Gould, who is assistant regional director of the Boston office of the Federal Trade Commission, appeared in a story on “Problems with Package Tours.” Under his direction the F.T.C. conducted a major investigation of the travel industry. He earned an LL.B. from Columbia Law School in 1968.

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Tom and Nancy Ryan Morrione are spending Tom’s sabbatical year away from Colby’s sociology department by traveling and studying at the Univ. of California, Berkeley. The Morriones have visited with Eliot Terborgh (who runs his own electronics company) and Randy Antik. Randy is president of Western Graphics, a poster company, in Eugene, Ore. Tom also met Bunchie and family are living in London. Tom will be back at Colby on June 1 and invites anyone visiting the campus to stop by his office in Lovejoy. Nancy Kendig Montagnas resides in Hook, Va., and is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Washington, D.C. Her husband, Donald, is the leader of Washington, D.C.’s Ethical Humanist Society. Nancy received her Ph.D. in 1974 from Adelphi Univ.’s Institute for Advanced Psychological Studies. The Montagnas have adopted a little girl, Maryasha, who was born July 7 and arrived from India on October 28. Tim and Ada Ward from Richmond, Va., who have just moved to Brookline, Mass. Their three children will be moving back to the New York area in June. Norm is being transferred to his company’s main office. They have been living in Weston, Mass. for the past three years and hate to leave. Sheila Webster Pierce received her B.A. from the Univ. of Rhode Island in 1972 and her M.A. there in 1974. Sheila is an artist and homemaker and busy mother of Michael, age 12, and twins Mark and Sharon, age 9. The Pierces have just moved to Hanover, N.H. where Rodney ’63 is a banker. Rhoda Goldstein Freeman is living in Vernon, Conn. Husband Bob is a manufacturer’s representative. Rhoda’s two sons, Ricky and Jamie, keep her busy in addition to working part-time at a local library. She reports that she sees Leah Aranovitch Oberzan every time she gets to Maine. Leah is the mother of three and a tennis enthusiast. Rhoda also sees Kathy Rees DeBell, who lives in nearby Hartford. Pam Pierson Parziale is a potter and sculptor. Pam had the honor of being selected, as one of the outstanding craftsmen in West Virginia, to be represented at the science and culture center in Charleston, W.Va. Pam, her husband and son and daughter live in Kearneysville, W.Va. Dana Abbott is an Air Force major (computer systems staff officer) and lives in Colorado Springs. He expects orders to Alaska as a radar site commander for this summer. Dana often sees Matt Riddell at sporting events. Matt is also a U.S.A.F. major, and is stationed at the Air Force Academy. Randy Roody lives in Merri­mack, N.H. and is district sales manager for Buckbee Mears of St. Paul. Randy reports seeing Nick Locsin (who has recently moved to Puerto Rico) and Fred Wetzel. Fred is now with the College Board in Waltham, Mass., where he is involved with their support of continuing education programs. Bob Tripp, who lives in Barnstable, Mass., works for Loyal Life in Boston. Bill Morse travels the same trails as Randy and they both met recently while visiting in the Caribbean. How’s that for getting around? Joss Coyle Bierman, husband Norm and orders for SAC Headquarters, Omaha. This move will be a hard one as we have loved it here in South Carolina for our four-year tour at Shaw A.F. B. Look for my new address and also for your class letter, which should have reached you by now.

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We have received word of two weddings that took place last fall. Congratulations to Tom Hodsdon and his bride, the former Anne Collins, who were married Sept. 10. Tom and Anne now live in Rye, N.H., and Tom is owner of the Whale’s Tale Restaurant and Pub. Dick Gilmore and Deborah Gifford were married in Danvers, Mass. Dick is a lawyer, and both he and his wife are employed by Jaffe and Stimpson, Lynn, Mass. Lydia Clark Harrington is working with child protective services of the Maine Department of Human Services. Frank Neal, his wife Judy (Redmayne ’68), and their two daughters have pulled up stakes from New England, and are now living in San Antonio, Tex., where “Huck” is a real estate consultant for National Life Insurance Co. He received his master’s degree in urban affairs from Boston Univ. in May 1977. Betty Ann Hernberg West is combining parenthood with a career as assistant to the executive director of Catholic Family Services. Her son, David John, was born in December 1976.

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Jim Eisenberg is a second-year resident in orthopaedic surgery at the Herbert C. Moffit Hospital, Univ. of California, San Francisco. His first child, Eli Harris, was born on August 13, 1977. Back on the east coast, Donna Civick Thompson ’68, M.D., cancer specialist, has been named to the consulting medical staff of the Central Maine Medical Center. She will be working in the field of cancer care and therapy and particularly in the comprehensive cancer care program at C.M.C. Ron Plotkin is employed at the Saddlebrook Corp., Cambridge, Mass. He was recently married to Joyce Lee Moidel of Wheeling, W.Va.

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Greetings! Your correspondence has fallen off and thus I have only a few items to report. Please try to remember to let me or the next class correspondent know of your activities so that they can pass on information about the rest of the class. Paul and Judy Dionne Scoville continue to enjoy their return to New England and the many opportunities it offers.
for camping, sailing, and skiing. Paul completed building his second canoe/sailboat last year in his hours off duty from the Air Force. The Scovilles and their two daughters live in Westford, Mass. • Alan Gray was married last fall to the former Donna Ann Vivian of Somerville, Mass. • Bob Aisner returned to teaching duties in 1977 at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, N.H. where he was visiting instructor of business. Bob had been director of admissions there until 1974 when he joined the Eastman Pond Association with which he continues to be affiliated • Phil Merrill is running a vigorous campaign for the Democratic nomination for Governor in Maine’s June primary. As one of several candidates, he indicated he planned to spend about $85,000 during the campaign. Phil and his wife have two daughters and live in Portland • Claudia Bourcier Fregosi continues her writing and illustration of children’s books. She has now authored seven books, most of which were inspired in part by Claudia’s personal experiences. The Fregosis and their two daughters live in Roslindale, Mass. • While I reported last time on our trip to Europe, I forgot to mention that Mary and I viewed the original “Lion of Lucerne.” You may recall that the reproduction of this statue was located during our Colby days in the “pit” of Miller Library. Do not forget our 10th reunion, June 2-4! We’ll be looking forward to seeing you there.

Miss Cherrie Dubois 9 Meadowbrook Lane Reading, Mass. 01867 Greetings, classmates! By the time this reaches you, I hope the snow has melted and that you are thinking of gardens, summer vacation, and warm weather. • Isabelle de Courtivron was named visiting assistant professor in French at M.I.T. for the 1977 fall semester • Laura C. R. Stevens had an exhibit of his photographs of the city of Osaka on display at the Univ. of Maine-Augusta. The photos, which were commissioned, will be stored in the university’s archives and will be available for touring through the state of Maine during 1978 • Eastern Gas and Fuel Associates have named Dick Chabot to the position of director of employee benefits. Dick has been with the company since 1974 • Judy Lee Richter is working on an H.E.W.-supported project through the city of New Haven, Conn., at the New Haven Rehabilitation Center. She is doing research on job development for handicapped people and is very content. All Colby people passing through the city are welcome to visit • After six years of teaching, Ginny DeClemente resigned as an instructor in business. In September she was her company’s second salesman for its eastern office • Al McWhirter is an assistant public defender in the Court of Common Pleas in Hartford and has become a genealogy buff, too. He seems to find his avocation as potentially time-consuming as his vocation • The Cornville Players, with aid from another estate agent, have redesigned part of the stage and have added a new set of lights for special stage effects. • My winter was spent shoveling snow and enjoying skiing, tobogganing, and the like. I have hopes of getting some use out of an old pair of downhill skis, as well as trying my hand (or foot) with a new pair of cross-country skis. Now that the weather is getting better, I’m looking forward to bike riding, tennis, the beach, etc. To all of you, a great spring and summer!

Mrs. Kenneth L. Jordan, Jr. (Brenda Hess) 25 Norfolk St. Bangor, Maine 04401 Bill ‘69 and Kathy Revett have returned from Germany and are living in North Austin, Tex., where Bill is stationed at Bergstrom A.F.B. Kathy works in a special education class at church and leads a group of Girl Scouts. The Revetts have two sons, Jonathan and Timothy (see Milestones) • Stuart Rothenberg, a lecturer in the department of political science at the Univ. of Connecticut, was appointed a visiting assistant professor of political science at Bucknell Univ. for the 1977-78 academic year. He was awarded his M.A. and Ph.D. from Connecticut after graduating from Colby, and his field is international politics, particularly regional integration and Canadian-American relations. • Nicky Pach sends word that she and her husband, Steve Kunken, took a few days from their legal aid (criminal division) work last Thanksgiving to travel to Mexico for snorkeling and nice relaxation • Barb (Skeats) and Dick MacLeod are in Waltham and get up to Maine often, especially to visit. You may see us in the summer. Please come up farther next time, Barb! • Deb and Bill Kelley bought and unbought an 1841 duplex needing just one tower; many repairs last fall and consequently still are house-hunting in the Quincy area. Deb still enjoys her teaching and is happy that Bill travels only midweek in his job in computer process control • We received a darling Christmas picture of Ricki and Warren Mahan’s little boy. Ricki combines motherhood with her job helping Warren operate an employment agency in Portland • Bob Johnston writes that he returned from six years in Scotland in 1976 and is now a psychiatric social worker/family therapist in the Solstice Adolescent Program. He received his M.S.W. from Smith College and hopes to earn his Ph.D. in clinical psychology. He and Janet live in Andover, Mass.

As the snow lies deep and white on Vail, and the excitement of Dave Nelson’s and my January 21st wedding settles down some, it’s a bit hard to think of the spring. Alumnus, but it is indeed time to continue with your questionnaire responses! • Sandra Rau Ferrari teaches seventh grade math in Windsor Locks, Conn. and writes that her husband Eddie now owns his own used car dealership • Mark Brower was last heard from in Bucks Harbor, where he went in a boat-building program. He and his wife, Judith, were considering a move to Seattle, Wash. • Deborah Wentworth Lansing was married in October 1976 to a lawyer in Maine and was glad to move back to the Portland area • Bruce Black was finishing graduate school and in his spare time made musical instruments. He reports that he keeps in touch with Jeff and Pat Nordstrom and that Jeff now has a Ph.D. in biochemistry • Tom Gallant, M.D. is a resident in radiology at the Univ. of Vermont. He and his wife, Christi Holzer ’72, had a son in December 1976 and enjoy Vermont living • Nancy Henning Woods and her husband, Lehman, are the parents of two children and live in West Kingston, R.I. • From Guam, Mark Chamberlain writes that he’s a flight chief for a military working dog unit of the Air Force security police. He and his wife, Maria-Minda, have two children • Judy Kenoyer Stoy lives in Maryland with her husband, William. She works in Russian with the National Security Agency and he’s an electronics engineer. They occasionally see John Cresson ’72 and Stephanie Law ’73 • Mark Chalek reports from Boston that he plays the sax in a combat zone nightclub, but as this is an old report, who knows what he’s up to now • Rocky Clark graduated from School of Design in landscape architecture. His wife, Cynthia, and he had seen Skip Schimmer who was in medical school and Jeff Hood who was working in Amherst, Mass. • Ed Hanna and his wife, Nancy Magee ’73, are in Pennsylvania, where he’s a clinical social worker in a Reading hospital • Takako Nakano resides in Teaneck, N.J. with his wife, Hisako, a native of Hokkaido (the northernmost island in Japan). She is an export sales administrator for Mitsubishi International Corp. and wants any Colby classmates in the New York metropolitan area to get in touch with him • Ken Bigelow sends word that he’s a sales manager for Greenwood Mills Export Corp. and has en-
Joyed both his stay and travels in Europe immensely • Cathy Green Snow taught elementary school in Penobscot until the birth of a daughter in 1976. Her husband, Steve, is a biologist for Maine Sea Farms and raises salmon • Joe Greenman is an attorney in Syracuse, N.Y. with the firm, Hill & Cook. His wife, Fran, is a registered nurse • Alan Tutman graduated from Suffolk Law School in Boston (June 1976) and then moved to Providence, R.I. with his wife, Kathe, where she’s in a Ph. D. program for art history at Brown • After receiving a master’s in education from Smith College in 1975, Rob Wilson teaches first and second grade in the Boston area • For now that’s all that space allows, but keep me up-to-date on all of your accomplishments, so I can continue to represent ’71.

Jeffrey Paul is now working as a senior transportation planner for the Central Transportation Planning Staff in Boston. He received his M.A. in urban, social and environmental policy from Tufts Univ. • Debbie Hobbs and Walter Pieniks were married on Oct. 8 in Concord, Mass. and they will be living in Carlisle. Debbie is employed by Hewlett-Packard Co. in Waltham and her husband is personnel manager for Hewlett-Packard. Debbie is also studying for her M.B.A. at Boston Univ. • Gary Newton is living in Boston and working for the Red Cross. Prior to having this position, Gary did market research in the Middle East (in the area between Beirut and Cairo) for a Cambridge, Mass. educational firm • Barbara Senges Haskell and Pete are living in Vermont, Conn. Barbara writes that she is studying Spanish, as well as teaching French and math. They spent the Christmas holiday season taking an eight-day Caribbean cruise, visiting San Juan, St. Marten and St. Thomas • Mary Jo Alburger married Reed Slatkin; they are currently living in Sherman Oaks, Calif., where they have their own office in Scientiology • A daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, was born to Meg Stewart Mahoney and Ed on Aug. 9, 1977. Meg writes that Ed continues to work for Aetna Life and Casualty. He began working for Aetna in their Boston office and he is now employed as the risk manager in the Hartford office. Meg has “retired” from teaching to become a full-time mother; she and Ed live in Simsbury, Conn. • Swift Tarbell has been very active in his role as a Maine state representative. This past fall he spoke throughout the state to various groups, including schools, local Kiwanis clubs, and political organizations.

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Greetings everyone! I hope you all are planning to be at Colby this June for our fifth reunion. It’s sure to be a great event. I am still trying to finish up all of the questionnaires that were returned to me last fall. Please be sure that your name doesn’t appear this time • Jonathan LeVeen has left WABI-TV of Bangor and is now a news reporter and weekend news anchorman for WJIM-TV in Lansing, Mich. • Anne Huff Jordan has left the Reading, Mass. area where she was teaching English and French and is now living with her husband, an attorney, in San Francisco. She’s spending this year relaxing and taking art courses and hopes to begin graduate school this fall • Joan Jones is working in Rockland as a human services technician • Doug Gorman graduated from the Sloan School at M.I.T. last year and is now working as production control supervisor for Digital Equipment Corp. He and his wife, Cheryl, live in Medfield, Mass. • Clifford Lawrence, Jr. was elected pastor of John Calvin-St. Paul United Church of Christ in Youngstown, Ohio and began duties there last August • Sue Alling is living in Bethpage, N.Y. and working as a costing clerk • Fran Gates Dennen has completed her M.S. in environmental science and is now working as an aquatic biologist in California. She recently saw Dee Kelsey who is living in Palo Alto. Dee is working as a cook/kitchen manager/nutritionist for an infant-toddler day care center • Linda Kagels Schultz is working as a psychiatric social worker at the Connecticut Valley Hospital. She and her husband, Eugene Schultz ’71, live in New Haven but hope to move soon to New Hampshire or Vermont • Jacquelyn Nienaber is working as reservations manager at the Mohawk Mountain House while attending the State Univ. in New Paltz • Lew Paquin is still living in West Germany and working as a market research specialist for the International Harvester Co. He also is still actively competing in track for one of the Bayer Sport Clubs. He has set six club records in distances from 3,000 meters to 25 kilometers and is the district champion in 5,000 and 10,000 meters. He reports that he is “conducting a continuous test to make sure the quality of German beer remains at a high level” • Ron Majdalany had just completed his first year at the Univ. of Pisa veterinary school last August. While vacationing in Maine he ran into Sterling Williams, who is working in the management of L.C. Andrews & Co. • Lynn McGahey is living in Cambridge and working toward a senior certificate in piano and music theory at the New School of Music • Melissa Hagstrom is working at Stanford Univ. • Lucia Whitelaw is working as a financial aid officer for Brown Univ. She would love to get together with other Colbyites in the Providence area • Joe Mattos is working in Oakland as a second grade teacher and as a high school football coach. He is attending the Univ. of Maine at Orono, where he is completing an M.A. in education with a certificate to be a principal • Kathy O’Dell is employed as program coordinator for an alternative art gallery in San Francisco’s “South-of-Market” area. The gallery deals mostly with conceptual art. She’s also involved, along with Michael Jacobs ’72 in renovating a large section of an old waterfront warehouse • Richard Zaccaro is living with his wife in Portland and working for the Postal Service • That’s all that I have room for this time. I hope to see everyone this June.

Painting in Portland

In December, less than two years from the time she first put paint to canvas, Sim Gregory (Sim Kuen Chan ’75) had an exhibit of her paintings displayed at a Portland bank. Using a box of watercolors given by her husband, she first painted in the hospital while awaiting the birth of daughter Mei-Ning, seen here on her mother’s lap. Sim and her husband then ran a small country inn in North Conway, N.H., and there she found an instructor who taught her the basics of oil painting. It was her only formal instruction. Her abilities continue to grow, though, and Sim, who became a Christian during her freshman year at Colby, says that God is guiding the direction of her work. She was raised in Penang, a small island off Malaya, where she learned about the U.S. from a Peace Corps teacher in her high school. Portland Press Herald-Evening Express photo.

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Thanks for the terrific response to the questionnaire I sent out last fall. My present count is 100 and more come in every day! Steve Colella, Denise Bradley, and Bruce Eisenbut with the title of “a way they” sites of passing the bar exam given last July. Steve graduated from New England Law, Boston and is associated with John P. Healey, attorney-at-law in Amesbury, Mass.; Denise received her degree from the Univ. of Maine-Portland, and Bruce, from Suffolk Law, Boston. Congratulations! • Leslie Nickerson and Leo C.
Mrs. Peter K. Ashton
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Class of '75. I am getting short of news, so please let me know what you are doing. • Ed Walczak finished his M.B.A. at Columbia Univ. and is now working for Ford Motor Co. • Meg Rowell is a second lieutenant in the Army, stationed in Tacoma, Wash. • Gary Hunt is attending Western New England Law School, while working as a clothing salesman in the Springfield, Mass. area. • Carol Campbell is studying at the Univ. of California at Davis. • David Finansky is at New England School of Law. • Also attending law school is Dave White, who is at Georgetown. • Jennifer Mustard is a legal assistant with the Kaye, Scholar law firm in New York. • Pat Wood is finishing medical school at the Univ. of Rochester. • Brad Smith is a regional reporter for the Worcester Telegram Gazette. • Paul in California, after completing a master's in public administration. • Curt Johnson is at S.U.N.Y. at Buffalo Dental School. • Also in dental school is Paul Coleman, who is finishing at Tufts and working part-time at Leary Labs in Walham as a toxicology technician. • Richard Gleason did his field thesis work at a gold mine in Nicaragua in conjunction with his master's at Dartmouth College. • Carrie Breeden is the treasurer of the M.B.A. association at the College of William and Mary Business School. • Steve Tait is a travel counselor with Thomas Cook Co. in Detroit. • Jane Keary Connor is an executive trainee in the children's department of Jordan Marsh. • And congratulations to Luning as his appointment as associate director of annual giving at Colby. • Until next time, please keep in touch!

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Hail! After working in Hartford as an actuarial technician for Aetna, Nancy Wilson has begun a two-year volunteer Peace Corps assignment as a math teacher in a rural secondary school in Ghana, W. Africa. • Janet McMama, who is working for the First National Bank of Boston, is coaching the Belmont, Mass. Recreation Department's women's hockey program for her second season. • Jane Williams is at an intern for grades three and four at the Pine Point School in Stonington, Conn. • Wendy Broadbooks is living in Carbondale, Ill., and working on a master's in educational psychology at Southern Illinois Univ. • Jane Douza is teaching seventh grade science at the M.S.A.D. #52 junior high. She tells me that Janeen Reddy is teaching in Coventry, Conn. • After studying at the Univ. of Connecticut, and that Robert Gregory is a law student at the Univ. of Maine in Portland, where he lives with his artist wife, Sim Kuen (Chan '76), and their daughter. • I received a nice postcard from Paul Kuefner, who was at La Plagne in France this past December, apparently skiing since he mentioned that he didn't find it quite as challenging as Sugarloaf. • Sue Hanning is working on an enviable schedule, four days per week, at John Hancock in Boston. • Julie Cassidy is teaching a creative language and body movement class for special needs children. She announces, "If anyone in the Boston area is interested in seeing the U.S.A. the camping way, during the summer of 1978, please let me know. • As of last May, Charlie Fitts was looking forward to a summer with the Parisian branch of the U.S. Geological Survey as a marine geologist in Alaska, followed by the beginning of his graduate work, again in geology. • At Cornell. Recent weddings include those of Sam Gowan and Karen F. Smith, Frank Callanan and Lori Safford in September, and Alex Anagnost and Jim Therault at Loring in November. • Alex is now working as an assistant to the D.A. in Augusta, while Jim continues teaching and coaching at Messalonskee High. • Roger Breene is in his second year of law school at New York Univ. • Kathy Cone finally landed a teaching job. She's living in Brunswick, and teaching high school English. • Dayle Drescher, who has become engaged to Jim Mason, is teaching math in Vermont. • Sue Giroux, also recently engaged, is attending Boston College's law school. • Bill Youker is doing graduate work at Boston College. He's wife Janet (McPherson '77), and daughter Jennifer, returned to Boston from a long vacation. • Marcia Brown Karper left Colby in 1973 to be married, after which she graduated magna cum laude from the Univ. of Cincinnati. • As of last September, she was expecting two things: a baby, and to starting a teaching assistantship. • Patti Arnold Mills tells a similar story; she her husband Robert, and their daughter Christina live in the Canal Zone, where Robert is a deck supervisor on floating equipment for the Panama Canal Co. • Jed Snyder is very close to completing his M.A. at the Univ. of Chicago's department of political science. • Jane Lombard is working for Lombard Brothers Trucking Co. in Woodbury, Conn. • Lisa Wolman is working in Boston at Doremus & Co., an advertising firm. A year of cross-country traveling. Scott McDermott is teaching at his high school alma mater, Xaverian, in Westwood, Mass. • Jack and Susan Reed Parker are living in Hanover, N.H., where Jack is attending the Tuck Business School and Susan is working patiently as a teller. • Paula Sacks, who has been with the Filene's management training program since graduation, has just been promoted to assistant buyer in the Boston branch. • Mark Tanguay is teaching high school history and conducting classes in adult education in the Plymouth-Carver, Mass. school system.

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Greetings to all my fellow classmates! I have been overwhelmed with news from all cor-
Milestones

Marriages

Diana Soule '68 to Charles Seifert, December 1977, Salem, N.H.

Anne Curtis '69 to George Curfman III, November 19, 1977, Frederick, Col.
Laurie Killoch '69 to Wayne Wiggins, January 1, 1978, Morristown, N.J.
Gail Andrews '73 to Kevin McCarthy, February 4, 1978, Washington, D.C.
Linda Cooper '74 to Sam Dragga, Jr., September 3, 1977, Fayetteville, N.Y.
Joseph Doherty, Jr. '75 to Patricia Brady, December 1977, West Medford, Mass.
Adele D'Amico '76 to Roland Martel '76, June 11, 1977, Biddeford.
Marion Maura '77 to Michael Mariner, December 17, 1977, Providence, R.I.

Deaths

Alice Smith Horne '03, December 1, 1977, age 97. The Norway native attended Colby for four years but did not graduate. She was a member of Beta Phi. Mrs. Horne was married to a surgeon, and they lived in St. Petersburg, Fla. for many years. Survivors include a son.

Myra Irene Hardy '09, May 28, 1977 in Concord, N.H., age 91. Miss Hardy, who was born in West Boylston, Mass., was on the Echo and Oracle boards and was a member of the glee club and Y.W.C.A. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa. From 1912-41 she served under the American Missionary Association of the Congregational Church as an English teacher in mission schools and colleges in the South. After studying library science at
Gladys Paul '14, December 20, 1977 in Portsmouth, N.H., age 84. Miss Paul taught in Maine, New Hampshire and New Jersey before joining the faculty of Plainfield (N.J.) High School in 1921, where she stayed until retiring in 1955. The Phi Beta Kappa graduate was an outstanding club member and played basketball at Colby. There are no immediate survivors.

Arthur Jeremiah Cratty '15, December 30, 1977 in Waterville, age 86. Cratty, a native of Waterville, was a long-time attorney in the city. He was judge of the Waterville Municipal Court for 14 years, and actively practiced law until he was 82. He was one of the founders of Lambda Chi Alpha at Colby, where a close friend and fraternity brother was Herbert "Top" Nortman, '18, who went on to become a professor of religion at Colby. Years later Cratty was made legal guardian of the late professor's grandchildren. Cratty left Colby after one year and attended Boston University. He received his law degree from B.U. in 1919 after a year of service in the Navy. He leaves his wife, Katherine, his son and daughter-in-law, Barbara Morison Cratty '49.

Helen Ruth Marr '16, December 30, 1977 in Waterville, age 84. The Winslow native was a kindergarten teacher in the Waterville school system for many years, retiring in 1962. She leaves a brother.

Donald Egbert Putnam '16, December 18, 1977 in St. Petersburg, Fla., age 83. After service as a lieutenant in the Army during World War I, Putnam was employed as an engineer with the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. in New York City. From 1925 to 1934 he was a partner in the Andrew Ware Lumber Co. in Waterville. Putnam then moved to Florida, where he was in the real estate business. He was born in Houlton, was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, and was active in the glee and dramatics clubs. Putnam was a member and past president of the St. Petersburg Alumni Club. Survivors include a stepson and two stepdaughters. Putnam's father, two uncles and many other relatives have attended Colby over the years.

James Leroy Wilson '20, Sc. D.'30, January 28, 1978 in West Palm Beach, Fla., age 80. A Lambda Chi Alpha at Colby, Wilson gradu-ated Phi Beta Kappa. He earned an M.D. from Harvard in 1926, then taught at Harvard Medical School until 1934. After working at the Children's Hospital in Boston, the Tilton, N.H. native became professor of pediatrics at Wayne University and medical director of Children's Hospital of Michigan, then was in charge of the Bellevue Hospital Children's Medical Service and professor of pediatrics at New York University. In 1944 Wilson went to the University of Michigan as professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases. He wrote a number of articles in the field of pediatrics, and in 1964 was elected president of the American Pediatric Society. He leaves three children.

Dorothy Rounds '21, January 2, 1978, in Cambridge, Mass., age 79. Miss Rounds, who died of injuries suffered in a car accident on Christmas Day, was both a high school classics teacher and a noted classical scholar. She was best known for her book Articles on Antiquity in Festschriften: An Index, published in 1962 by the Harvard University Press. The work took 10 years to complete, which she accomplished on her own with no leave of absence and no foundation grant. She also had numerous articles published in various scholarly journals. Miss Rounds was born in Melrose, Mass., and at Colby was involved in the Y.W.C.A., the Echo board, the literary society and the International Relations Club. She belonged to Chi Omega, graduated magna cum laude, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. After college she taught at high schools in Maine, Massachusetts and Connecticut before joining the faculty of Arlington (Mass.) High School in 1930. She took a leave to join the Women's Army Corps during World War II, and retired from teaching in 1968. Miss Rounds earned an M.A. in classical philology from Radcliffe in 1929, and studied in later years at Yale, Harvard, the Vergilian School in Cumae, Italy, and the American Academy in Rome. Last year she was the first recipient of the Barlow-Beach Distinguished Service Award from the Classical Association of New England. During her summer vacations, Miss Rounds frequently worked in various western states as a cowhand. She leaves a brother.

Anson Crawford Lowitz '23, January 22, 1978 in Pebble Beach, Calif., age 76. Lowitz attended Colby for one year, graduating from Wesleyan University in 1923. He belonged to the glee club at Colby, and was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. Born in Wakefield, N.Y., he was in the advertising business in New York City throughout his career. During World War II, as a member of the Adverting Council, he developed and named the Great Seal program resulting in the recruitment of 500,000 nurses for military and civilian needs. Starting in 1953, Lowitz went overseas many times as a U.S. State Department representative in various programs to teach American marketing methods. With his first wife, who died in 1969, he wrote and illustrated a series of seven historical books for children. Survivors include his wife, Marion, and a daughter.

Hiram Frederick Moody '23, December 12, 1977 in Norwalk, Conn., age 80. Moody, who was born in South Thomaston, was a member of Phi Delta Theta. Before his retirement in 1963 he had been president of Moody Motor Sales in Winchester, Mass. He had previously held a number of sales positions with the Pontiac Motor Division of General Motors, including that of zone manager for the Pontiac Division of New England. Survivors include his wife, Helena, a son and a brother.


Theodore Roosevelt Hodgkins '25, December 17, 1977 in Farmington, age 76. Hodgkins was among Colby's most devoted graduates. President Strider described him as "one of those alumni who was always thinking of his college and trying to think of ways to help it." Hodgkins served as chairman of the alumni fund, was an alumni trustee from 1966-72, participated in every major fund campaign of the past quarter century, received a Colby Brick in 1967 and was "Colby Club Man-of-the-Year in 1976. "Ted did all sorts of things for Colby, and for the young people who attended the college," said President Strider. "There are a good number of those young people from this part of Maine who would not have been able to attend Colby if he had not been for Ted."

The baseball field was reconditioned recently thanks to his generosity, and he helped in a major way to free his own fraternity from its financial obligations. He was a good friend to any number of us who count ourselves fortunate enough to have known him... This ingenious, inventive, and warm-hearted man made a difference in this world... and his college will miss his friendly counsel and con-
his greatest thrill was throwing the switch to continuing support." Hodgkins once said that saving the hockey team from disbandment, War I. As a student he developed a reputation as a shrewd businessman. He conceived the idea of establishing White Mule, the campus humor magazine, then organized the publication and sold enough advertising to get it off the ground. He is also credited with saving the hockey team from disbandment, due to financial problems, by printing and selling a calendar then turning the proceeds over to the team. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega. After graduation Hodgkins worked for nine years for the Saturday Evening Post as district manager of circulation for New England and New York schools. In 1933 he joined Forster Manufacturing Co. in Farmington, a manufacturer of wood and plastic items. He became president in 1943, retiring from the post in 1970. During the years he worked at Forster, the company grew from a single plant to a seven-plant operation. Survivors include his wife, Virginia, a daughter, a son and a stepson.

Frederick Babbidge Lee '29, December 29, 1977 in Waterville, age 71. For two years the Islesboro native attended Colby, where he was a member of Kappa Delta Rho. He was employed by United Parcel Service in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania for 39 years. Lee retired in 1965 and moved to Waterville. He leaves a sister.

William Glen Springer '29, January 14, 1978 in Pittsfield, age 75. Springer was an educator for 39 years before retiring in 1964. After graduation he taught science at York (Maine) High School, later becoming superintendent of schools in eastern Somerset County. In 1941 he earned a master's degree in education from the University of Maine. As a student, Springer participated in baseball and track, and was a member of Kappa Delta Rho. He leaves his wife, two sons and a stepdaughter.

Robert Lowe Harlow '30, M.S.T. '33, November 26, 1977 in Denver, Colo., age 69. The Milo native taught school in Maine, Connecticut and New York before being named head of the science department at Westbrook (Maine) High School. He earned an M.Ed. in 1943 from the University of Connecticut. Harlow, a member of Kappa Delta Rho, was on the track and cross-country teams at Colby. Survivors include two sons and a daughter.

Reginald Raymond Ricker '32, December 16, 1977 in Gardiner, age 68. Ricker was a member of Theta Kappa Nu fraternity, played on the football team and was manager of the baseball team. He taught for many years in several Maine school systems, and at one time worked for the Maine Department of Education. During World War II Ricker served in the Army Air Corps. There are no immediate survivors.

Otis Walter Wheeler '33, November 20, 1977 in Sun City, Ariz., age 66. He was business manager of the Oracle and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha. The Millinocket native joined the McLellan Store Co. after graduation and stayed with the company for 43 years. By the time he retired in 1976 Wheeler was vice-president of the McCrory Corp. He leaves his wife, Alvina, a son, a daughter, two brothers and a sister, Mrs. Althea Wheeler Waite '31.

Robert Stanley Brodie '34, November 24, 1977 in Albany, N.Y., age 66. A native of Media, Pa., he attended Harvard before coming to Colby. At the time of his death he was president of the Iroquois Oil, Color and Chemical Corporation in Amsterdam, N.Y. Surviving are his wife, Helen, and three sons, including Frederick '59.

Emery Parker Worthen '37, January 22, 1978 in Waterville, age 62. The Lexington, Mass. native was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha. After graduating he joined Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation in Boston. In 1943 he joined Aetna Insurance Co. and in 1949 was transferred to Portland. The World War II veteran left Aetna in 1957 to purchase an insurance agency in Waterville. At the time of his death, he was a member of Terry, Cosgrove & Worthen, Inc., an insurance and real estate firm in the city. Last year Worthen was appointed by the governor to the Maine Insurance Advisory Board. He leaves his wife, Arline, a son and a daughter.

Priscilla Mattoon Speer '46, September 21, 1977 in Pomona, Calif., age 52. She attended Colby for one year, and moved to California in 1945. Mrs. Speer was born in Claremont, N.H. In 1971 she earned a B.S. from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, where she was employed as a library assistant. She leaves her father, a son and a daughter.

Laura Hinny Newman '63, October 26, 1975, age 34. She was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Colby, where she was active in the French Club, Canterbury Club, the Library Associates and Phi Sigma Iota. She was born in New York City. Miss Newman earned an M.A. from Yale in 1965 and an M.Phil. from the university in 1970. She was survived by her parents and a sister.

David Lane Polley '64, January 13, 1978 in Nashua, N.H., age 35. At the time of his death, Polley was general manager of Industrial Reproductions Inc. in Nashua. He worked previously for Buckbee-Mears Co. and for W.T. Grant Co. The Baltimore, Md. native was a member of Delta Upsilon and was business manager of the Colby Eight. He leaves his wife, Sally, a daughter, and his mother, Dorothy Washburn Polley '35.

Sylvia Ann Smith '75, December 30, 1977, age 24. Miss Smith died in an automobile accident while returning to her job as a teacher in Ellsworth. She attended Colby for two years, then transferred to the University of Maine at Orono, graduating in 1975. She earned an M.A. in speech from the university in 1976. Survivors include her mother.

Honorary

James Bryant Conant, L.L.D. '60, February 11, 1978 in Hanover, N.H., age 84. President of Harvard University from 1933 to 1953, Conant was a research chemist and a key figure in the development of the atomic bomb during World War II. The Boston native graduated from Harvard in 1913, earned his doctorate there in 1916, and taught at the university after that. He was the first president of Harvard to have had a public school education, and is credited with beginning a scholarship program that brought students to the university regardless of their financial resources. In postwar Germany Conant helped shape a democratic government, serving as U.S. High Commissioner from 1953-55, then as ambassador to the German Federal Republic until 1957. He was the commencement speaker at Colby in 1960. In his later years, Conant traveled the country to study and focus attention on what he saw as the weaknesses of the American educational system. He wrote 18 books on science and education, and a number of textbooks. He received more than 50 honorary degrees. Survivors are his wife, Grace, and two sons.

Benjamin Early, January 13, 1978 in Fredericksburg, Va., age 68. Early was an instructor in English at Colby from 1945 to 1948. He left to become an instructor at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, where he rose to become a full professor. Early taught there for 29 years. He received his bachelor of arts and master's degrees from the University of Virginia, and his Ph.D. from Duke. He leaves his wife, Margaret, and one sister.
Reminiscing  by Harland Ratcliffe ’23

“Prexy” Roberts: He was robust, vigorous, a college president as much in love with his educational domain as my wife is with her kitchen. I hope nowadays he’s looking down on the 900 acres and 42 buildings on Mayflower Hill, while remembering with a pang the unillustrious campus between those noisy railroad tracks and that effervescent river over which he presided.

He was a college president who, for sure, cared much more for the health and happiness of those under him than he ever did for honorary degrees or collegiate accolades. He knew, as all we undergraduates certainly did, that we had holes in our jeans, cracks in our soles and barely a penny in our wallets. Who among my college generation can ever manage to forget those spring afternoons, when the skunk cabbages were starting to bloom, when he would sit there in his Chemical Hall upstairs office and hand out $40 scholarships as if, indeed, there were no tomorrow.

Of course I went to Colby for two definite and distinct reasons. In the first place, Jack Coombs, the celebrated Philadelphia Athletics pitcher, had sprouted his pitching wings on Seavers Field, on the very same diamond where eventually I was to become a pretty miserable shortstop; he had been one of my boyhood heroes and I’m certain I would never even have heard of Colby had it not been for him. Then, too, I had hardly a thin dime in my jeans, my dad having had seven children and a comparatively modest income. Colby, then if not now, was a “poor man’s college”; the tuition was $110 per year, and that’s annum, bub, not monthly. The room rent, in either fraternity house or dormitory, was exactly the same amount.

I love to hark back to my very first interest in that small college on the Kennebec. Don’t ask me how I knew where or to whom to write for entrance information, because I haven’t the vaguest idea. But somehow, in that spring of 1919, I was referred to Prexy Roberts.

I’m positive my educational credentials weren’t that impressive but maybe Arthur Jeremiah thought I sounded honest, dedicated and impoverished because, in a jiffy, I was accepted, but reminded that I was sadly deficient in “college course” credits and evaluations and something would have to be done about that. So I matriculated on the Kennebec, nothing was ever said about entrance exams, and I promptly forgot the whole miserable entrance business.

Two or three years later, Prexy invited me to commute with him, over there in Chemical Hall, by which time I had come to regard myself as a typical central Maine undergraduate, a positive credit to my college. He looked me ever so sternly across that presidential desk, told me that I had scampered around those entrance examinations and that I wasn’t even an accredited member of the college community. I replied that if he’d just be kind enough to look upon my current grades he’d discover, not, whatever and however I had sinned at the time of my matriculation, I had made the grade scholastically and there were several A’s and B’s on my record to attest to it. He just looked at me, with nary a grin but with a true appreciation of what I had to tell him. And that was the end of that particular academic contretemps.

Soon after my arrival, Prexy Roberts, aided and abetted by the college treasurer, had finagled board money for this immigrant from the Bay State via a job at Foss Hall. There I shovelled soft coal in the basement (to this day I swear there is still some resident in my left ear!) and, now and then, moved a trunk back and forth in a coed room, above decks.

That Colby was a friend indeed, and I can assure anyone that at no time in its entire history has the college meant so much to, and done so much for, the indigent and virtually empty-handed who stormed its doorstep.

When in Waterville I like to gaze upon that ancient tract where I pursued my undergraduate career, not being positive at this moment whether I pursued it or it chased after me. I do know that Colby, as great as it was, could never have enabled this country bumpkin to transform himself from the sports editor of the Echo to the city editor of the Boston Transcript had it not been for President Roberts.

He truly was a great one, a shining star in the collegiate firmament and a college president who was not only an efficient and dedicated administrator, but also exactly like a father to those who came to him to have their brains expanded and their intellects encouraged. As I bring these lines to a conclusion I have but a single regret. I wish he could read what I have written about him. Yea, Prexy. He was a good one!

Harland Ratcliffe ’23 has had a lifelong career in journalism that began at Colby, where he was sports editor of the Echo. His first newspaper job was reading proof at the Waterville Sentinel, where he became night editor before heading toward a metropolitan career after graduation. Ratcliffe retired in 1967 after 44 years as a newspaperman in Boston; he was city editor of the Transcript, makeup editor of the Traveler and the first dean of the College of Journalism at Suffolk University. He also was editor of the Alumnus from 1934-36, was instrumental in establishing the Colby Alumni Fund and is past president of the Boston Alumni Club.