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Keyword: Russell
With another school year underway, Colby students are hard at work—not just in the classroom, but on the job. Student photographers, writers, videographers, bloggers, and podcasters are chronicling life on the Hill for prospective students. But that doesn’t mean alumni can’t check it out, too. Here are some recent highlights:

**Videos**

« Summer research assistants spent two days out of the lab or office to go to The Forks, Maine, and present their research—and to get out on the Kennebec River rapids for some fun and social bonding.

Jean-Jacques Ndaysenga ’13, a Davis United World College Scholar from Kigali, Rwanda, talks about how he got to Colby and why he believes poverty is the global problem to solve.

« What is orientation like these days? New videos explore what it means to be a COOT leader and how Colby prepares students for academic and social life on the Hill.

**Podcasts**

This semester Emily Fleming ’12 takes the podcast to Kenya, where she is studying and learning about the country’s culture. Already she has chronicled her orientation language classes, explored tribal singing and dancing, and interviewed her host father on a rural farm.

**Photos**

Check out social and athletic events, academic life, off-campus excursions, and more, on the weekly Student Lens. Plus, a new photo essay looks at students’ volunteer experiences in local schools, Waterville nonprofits, and beyond.

**Blogs**

InsideColby breaks a record this year with the most bloggers ever—and they’re committed to keeping readers up to date on their lives at Colby (and, in one case, Senegal). Totally uncensored, totally real.

**The Magazine**

A new issue of insideColby includes a profile of recently tenured Government Professor Walter Hatch, a Q&A with Michelle Russell ’11, who is on a campaign to regulate against chemicals in personal care products, a personal account of mentoring an at-risk elementary school child, a photo feature that tells Colby’s story through faces, and much more.
We set out to produce a special section commensurate with a momentous occasion: the successful conclusion of the Reaching the World campaign. Over eight years, and despite a historic economic downturn, 25,000 people donated to the campaign, raising $376 million. This resounding vote of confidence for Colby and its mission comes just two years before the College's bicentennial.

The timing couldn’t be better.

What you’ll see in the feature section in this magazine is documentation of changes that have already happened and a detailed explanation of Colby’s ambitious plans. I recommend that you read the essay on page 20 by President William D. Adams and Chair of the Board of Trustees Robert E. Diamond Jr. ’73. It clearly lays out the College’s benchmarks for the future. And, if the execution of the Strategic Plan for Colby of 2002 is any indication, Colby will meet these goals as well. Take time to check it out.

Of course, I think that this and other issues of the magazine all are a reflection of the campaign, in a sense. The magazine, I hope, mirrors in many ways the mission of the College, the education offered at Colby, the intellectual life of the Colby community, and the contributions alumni make to their communities, big and small. You all are a pretty darn interesting bunch.

Case in point: the magazine you’re holding in your hand (or viewing on a screen). Run down the table of contents and consider that’s just the news that fits, as they say. The winter issue, chock full of good stuff (I hope you’ll agree), is in the works. A quick preview: a chat with Watson Fellow Jeronimo Maradiaga ’09, a tour of Mayflower Hill (before Colby), a fascinating new book about African-American soldiers fighting in the Civil War and in the American West by Elizabeth Leonard (history), a story about the organization Hardy Girls Healthy Women and its emergence as a force in efforts to create safe places for girls and women to push their limits. And much, much more.

So, I hope Colby shows you that the College is deserving of all of your support. Good things are happening here and in all of the far-flung places where Colbians disperse. We, who report and write and deliver the news, are honored to be the clearinghouse.

Gerry Boyle ’78, P’06
Managing Editor
Professor Todrank’s Values

Reading Carl Glickman ‘68’s essay (“Sunrise by the Pond,” summer 2010 Colby) gave me a very sweet flashback to more than 40 years ago. But it touched me not just because I was there at the pond that morning, had taken that very same Gustave “Gus” Todrank class that the bride and groom had, and had grown up in the same exclusive community as Carl. It had more to do with my feeling that Todrank obviously picked up something in this very young couple that suggested they would develop the kind of inclusiveness that he himself lived and preached.

I remember Carl as no less flaky than most of us were at that point in our lives, but can’t believe that Todrank was simply being accepting when he agreed to marry these two real kids. He was very perceptive, and no doubt was able to see something about what the future held for the two of them.

Richard Foster ‘68
Berkeley, Calif.

I greatly enjoyed the article by Carl Glickman ’68 featuring Gustave Todrank. Professor Todrank played a special part in my thinking about, and philosophy on, religion, even as it has evolved through the years. To generalize, he viewed all religions, if correctly practiced, to have the same overall objective and hence not in conflict in the broadest sense.

My wife and I married in June 1967 in a traditional ceremony in a Congregational church and are also still together today. I have found most helpful Professor Todrank’s view that “religions” fullness comes from understanding all the major religions and focusing on what they all have in common instead of what makes them different.

I am currently helping a Zen Buddhist roshi raise funds for a new Zendo and helping a local Congregational church with its effort on behalf of the homeless.

Kurt Swenson ‘67
Hopkinton, N.H.

Regarding Gerry Boyle’s “Editor’s Desk” column (summer 2010 Colby), there are a lot of us alums scattered about living lives of varying styles driven by a range of goals and core values. But that’s a good “problem” for Colby to have (“So how do we decide who and what to cover?”).

I appreciate each issue, and, with its arrival, memories from the ‘60s and early ‘70s rise up from the haze near the brainstem. And I go through a brief process on a parallel to Boyle’s as I question myself and my standards (like “Why am I remembering this?” and “Why the hell did I do that?” and “What might I have done?”). But then there’s a piece like the one written by Carl Glickman ’68, and I thank Colby’s staff for their editorial work.

Dennis Marble ‘71
Bangor, Maine

In Defense of Angela Davis

I am unable to let pass without response the letter, “Will O.J. Be Next?” (summer 2010 Colby), which likens Angela Davis to O.J. Simpson.

First, Angela Davis was entitled to the presumption of innocence. Second, she was acquitted by an all-white jury of alleged involvement in the events resulting in the murder of Judge Harold Haley. Third and most important, Davis has devoted her life to scholarship, teaching, feminism, and advocacy on behalf of the underclass.

Had those who endowed the Elijah Parish Lovejoy Award delegated the selection of recipients to alumni such as those of the writer’s generation, then might we see the likes of Glenn Beck or Rush Limbaugh invited to the campus to claim the award?

Graham Barkham ’62
Larchmont, N.Y.

Regarding the letter “Will O.J. Be Next?”, the writer expresses concern that Professor Angela Davis was invited to speak at Colby. The author admits that he is unfamiliar with Professor Davis’s message, but nevertheless maintains that Davis should not have been given a “stage to share her views” because she was “charged (not convicted)” in relation to the kidnapping and murder of a judge some years ago.

We are told that to give her a platform “is to lionize and validate her.”

Our fellow alumnus, Elijah Parish Lovejoy, would defend the right to publish such a letter. But would he endorse its argument?

Peter Grabosky ’66
Canberra, Australia

Privilege Matters

I had a hard time reading the essay, “For This Slacker, Lessons Learned” by Chris Schmidt ’83 (summer 2010 Colby). Chris applauds a characteristic of Colby (and similar schools) that I find disheartening and, frankly, embarrassing: that it’s possible—no, easy—to pass the four years and to get a valuable degree without ever being called upon to do much more than pay for it.

That Chris gleaned a positive life lesson about “commitment” is nice but says more about him than about the school.

His last image is especially poignant: kids up on the Hill playing poker all night rather than studying. What goes unmentioned is the greater machinery of privilege that got those kids there in the first place and that continues to work tirelessly to support and promote them, regardless of how they behave. Yes, things will work out for those kids (and I don’t discount myself from their numbers), but it’s not anything to celebrate, for the kids or the school.

Mat Lebowitz ’87
Amherst, Mass.

Professors Propelled His Career

This letter is prompted by Gerry Boyle’s remarks in the summer 2010 Colby and Chris Schmidt’s article in the same issue. I enjoyed Chris’s article immensely, relating particularly to the fact that Colby professors helped me in a variety of ways that enabled my Colby education to serve me throughout my career as a high school principal. Colby best serves us all by continuing to present a wide cross-section of the great programs being offered to today’s students. Keep up the good work!

Ross S. Holt Jr. ’53
Camden, Maine
Upon Reflection

The setting sun reflects off clouds behind Miller Library, which are in turn reflected off the roof of a car.

Photo by Elizabeth Hathaway '11
Group Think
Students hunkered down for a study session in Miller Library. The photographer wasn’t hanging from the lights; he was shooting with a telephoto lens from a third-floor balcony.
Photo by Kyle Webner ’14
A Focus on the Ocean

The College took a big step forward in its programs to study the environment when President William D. Adams signed an agreement with Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences to form a strategic partnership and announced plans to start a marine conservation track in the Environmental Studies Program.

“This is important for Colby,” Adams told an audience of Colby and Bigelow staff members and guests at the signing event in West Boothbay Harbor in June. “A lot of students are interested in this, and it gives us a way to deepen a very strong niche that we already have with respect to the environment.”

A gift from Elizabeth Ainslie ’87 and her family allowed Colby to establish a new position in the Environmental Studies Program. The Elizabeth ’87 and Lee Ainslie Professorship in Environmental Studies will support a faculty member in marine conservation and will initiate a marine conservation track in environmental studies beginning in the 2011-12 academic year. “In conjunction with Colby’s partnership with Bigelow Labs, the Ainslie professorship will make Colby a leader among liberal arts colleges in the area of marine conservation and science,” Adams said.

One goal of the Colby-Bigelow partnership is to increase the teaching and research collaboration between Colby (students and faculty) and Bigelow’s senior research scientists. “Our two institutions share a mutual vision about the importance of expanding educational opportunities in marine sciences,” said Graham Shimmield, Bigelow’s executive director. “We, essentially, are going to deliver education through the lens of frontline research activity.”

Bigelow faculty members taught Jan Plan courses in bioinformatics and in oceans and climate change at Colby last year, and two Colby students spent the summer as research assistants for Bigelow senior research scientists working in the Amazon and off the coast of Costa Rica. The partnership agreement calls for Bigelow faculty members to teach two courses each January for the next three years and for greater opportunities for Colby students to conduct independent research mentored by Bigelow scientists.

In September Bigelow Labs announced its third multimillion-dollar grant for new facilities—$9.1-million from the National Institute of Standards and Technology will fund a new Center for Ocean Health (COH) to study ocean microbial systems. The COH will be one of three new, interconnected research centers, along with the Bigelow Center for Blue Biotechnology (supported by a $4.5-million Maine Technology Asset Fund grant in 2009) and the Center for Ocean Biogeochemistry and Climate Change (supported by a $5-million National Science Foundation grant in 2010).

Collaboration between the Colby faculty and Bigelow research scientists is not new. Dr. Frank and Theodora Miselis Professor of Chemistry Whitney King is co-investigator with Bigelow’s David Emerson on a three-year National Science Foundation grant to study water chemistry. But the partnership lays out a vision for even closer collaboration between the two institutions, perhaps culminating in the development of a semester-away academic program at Bigelow for Colby students.

Both Adams and Shimmield pointed to the pivotal role David Coit (P’08), chair of Bigelow’s board of trustees, played in bringing the partnership to fruition. “With David’s foresight and vision,” said Adams, “we saw a way for Colby to reach out in this fundamentally new direction.” —David Eaton
**Oak Fellow Confronts Abusive Government**

For years Jestina Mukoko, a former television news broadcaster, had run a group called the Zimbabwe Peace Project, documenting human rights abuses, from torture to rape to murder.

But Mukoko, Colby’s 2010 Oak Human Rights Fellow, did not expect to become a case for her own files.

In December 2008 secret police abducted Mukoko from her home outside the capital, Harare. Bundling her off in her nightdress, they held her in a secret location for three weeks, beating her with a rubber truncheon and forcing her to kneel on gravel as they tried to force her to confess to trumped-up charges of conspiring against the government and to name the sources of her group’s reports.

“I was told I had only two choices,” Mukoko said. “Either becoming a state witness or going extinct.”

Despite being tortured, the prominent human rights activist did neither, and eventually she was allowed to appear in a Harare court—but only after international pressure was brought to bear on the Mugabe government, with luminaries including Condoleezza Rice and Kofi Annan demanding her release. She was freed after three months in custody and, with increased security, immediately went back to work on behalf of the people of Zimbabwe. Mukoko and her colleagues are gearing up for elections expected to be held next spring—and for monitoring related abuses.

How does one return to the work that brought such personal trauma? “There’s no way that I can move on now,” she said. “I think that the fact that they have done this to me demonstrates the impact of the work that we are doing. I also feel that, with the assistance that I got from human rights defenders throughout the world, I need to give back in relation to Zimbabweans who suffer political violence.”

Because Mukoko worked as anchor of a national television news program, she is well known throughout her country. “They are not in the same position as me, and they might not be able to amplify their voice to be heard.”

Mukoko was honored by the Oak Institute for the Study of International Human Rights at Colby. She is teaching a course, Incarceration and Human Rights: The Challenges Facing Human Rights Defenders, examining the political climate in Zimbabwe that has led to repression of critics of the government. —Gerry Boyle ’78

For a Q&A with Mukoko in which she discusses the impact of her abduction, her organization’s mission for the future, and her impressions of Maine and Colby students, go to www.colby.edu/mag keyword: mukoko

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**New Majors Expand Possibilities**

Recognizing that computer science is “an enabling force for creation and scientific discovery,” according to the proposal, Colby approved four new majors this year combining interdisciplinary computation with biology, environmental studies, music, and theater and dance.

For years the Department of Computer Science has tried to enable computational thinking throughout other disciplines and throughout the College community. Now these new majors create an explicit mix of computer science with the four other areas of study. Each new major explores how computation can enhance and expand the other field.

Taking the new major in theater and dance-interdisciplinary computation as an example, Associate Professor Bruce Maxwell, chair of computer science, said many people have a hard time seeing the connection. But, in fact, stage sets, sound, choreography, lighting, and other aspects of performance are now designed and often are controlled using computers.

The new major aims to take students beyond using existing computer programs. “What would be the capabilities of someone able to customize these programs to their needs?” Maxwell asked. “They’re not limited by the options that some other programmer designed into the system. ... They’ve expanded what they believe is possible.” —S.B.C.

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**Mobile Colby.edu**

There’s a new version of www.colby.edu designed just for mobile devices. The mobile website recognizes when a visitor is using a smartphone or other mobile device and automatically formats pages for the device being used. The mobile site provides information and content that people on the go are most likely to need in a format customized for each device’s screen. Among a longer list of custom mobile-site pages are dining menus, calendars, directions to campus, directories, and athletics news and results.
Prize-winning Poet

Elly Bookman ’09 won the 2010 Stanley Kunitz Memorial Prize for her poem “Another Thing I’d Rather Not Know About Myself,” which was featured on the back cover of the September/October 2010 American Poetry Review. “It’s very unusual,” said Assistant Professor of English (creative writing) and poet Adrian Blevins, who noted that most poets never make the feature page of APR, and that those who do usually appear much later in their careers.

The first-ever Kunitz prize, named after the American poet who died at age 100 in 2006, was presented to Bookman, who won Colby’s Katherine Rogers Murray Prize for Original Poetry as a sophomore, according to Blevins. A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Bookman was enrolled in the highly regarded M.F.A. program at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro this fall.

To read the poem, go to www.colby.edu/mag, keyword: bookman
Fear and Reporting in Mexico

“Fear is a survival skill,” 2010 Lovejoy Award-winner Alfredo Corchado told a rapt audience Sept. 26. “If you’re not scared, you become reckless.”

Corchado covers the U.S.-Mexico border and epidemic drug violence there: one of the most dangerous journalism beats in the world. Henchmen of the drug cartels have threatened to kill him, chop his body into pieces, and dissolve it in a barrel of acid—“a common technique in Mexico,” he said in his speech.

He was honored for courageous journalism with Colby’s Elijah Parish Lovejoy Award. The Lovejoy is presented in memory of an 1826 Colby graduate who became America’s first martyr to freedom of the press after he was killed defending his press against a pro-slavery mob.

“I became a 2009 Nieman Fellow because I was scared,” Corchado confessed. And that wasn’t the first time he withdrew from the country of his birth seeking safety.

Corchado’s talk traced the arc of his emotions: from fear as he left Mexico for Harvard's Nieman Fellowship to the numbness he felt when he returned to his beat but felt disconnected from the story. Eventually that numbness gave way to anger.

The 2010 Lovejoy winner described a gang attack that mistakenly killed students at a birthday party. The hit men, thinking they were attacking a rival gang, “stormed in and lined up and killed thirteen of the thirty-six [students]. While friends or brothers and sisters hid in closets, others hid underneath the bodies of their friends and siblings,” he said.

After covering the story, he was glad it was raining at the funeral, he said, because it hid the tears streaming down his face. “And on that sad, gray, rainy morning I broke my silence and found my voice again.” —S.B.C.

For more, including audio of Corchado’s speech and the associated panel discussion, go to www.colby.edu/lovejoy.

COOT Changes: Students Connect to Nature in Different Ways

Admission to Colby requires meeting high standards, but proficiency as an outdoor adventurer is not one of them. So when organizers looked at COOT (Colby Outdoor Orientation Trips) for the Class of 2014, they made some changes. “[Some students] want to scale the high peaks and they want to go on the raging white water—and that, for them, is how they relate to the place. But not everybody relates to place in that way,” said Director of Outdoor Education Nicole Magnan Caruso.

The common theme—connecting first-years with classmates and the outdoors—remains. But this year’s COOT offerings included organic farm stays, yoga, meditation, and cooking with local foods. “I think in the outdoor arena there can be a misperception—I have to be this really sporty, really hardcore person who has to do this thing in order to really be in the outdoors. And it’s not true,” Caruso said. “Some of the people who have the strongest connection to the outdoors don’t have those types of experiences.

They’re growing their gardens, they’re meditating outside every day, they’re doing their yoga practice out there. They’ve never set foot on white water before, but their connection is really strong just the same.”

Given the changes in the student body—the Class of ’14 is Colby’s most diverse ever—the evolution of COOT became necessary. “You have students coming from all over the globe,” said Caruso. “They have a different set of life experiences, and so you have to have something that meets everybody’s needs.”

Of course Colby does attract many students who long for outdoor adventure, and the traditional COOT offerings—backpacking, canoeing, kayaking, and rock climbing, for example. And those remain. The new approach simply aims to ensure that there’s something for everyone. “It’s sort of like different learning styles in the classroom,” Caruso said. “It’s the same with the outdoors.” —Ruth Jacobs
TwitterFEED

A selection of tweets from @colbycollege.
To see links, catch up on tweets, or sign up, click the Twitter icon on the Colby homepage.

Nick Cunkelman ’11, back after studying at Oxford, has an essay in today’s Boston Globe Mag comparing US & UK higher ed.
Sept. 26

Don’t think it’s scary what pop culture is doing to girls? Read Prof. Lyn Brown and Megan Williams ’04 oped in the BDN.
Sept. 22

Philosophy Prof Jill Gordon appointed to Maine Judicial Responsibility & Disability Comm., which investigates misconduct.
Sept. 21

Prof. Cal Mackenzie is set to testify at 3 p.m. in the Senate impeachment of Judge G. Thomas Porteous.
Live on C-SPAN.
Sept. 21

When Oak Fellow Jestina Mukoko (www.colby.edu/oak) went to Zimbabwe’s U.S. embassy, her visa officer was Nick Von Mertens, Colby ’05!
Sept. 17

“Makes you remember why you put up with the frustration of the game.” Steve Carroll ’14 to Echo regarding his hole in one for the golf team.
Sept. 15

For Foreign Policy feature “The List,” former Echo editor Suzanne Merkelson ’09 tackles “The World’s Worst Textbooks.”
Sept. 13

Saturday is 4th annual Hill ’n the Ville. Concerts, kids’ games, etc. on Wtvl’s waterfront help bridge town & gown.
Sept. 10

Obama Names Rouse ’68 Chief of Staff

Pete Rouse ’68, a longtime advisor to President Obama, was named interim White House chief of staff Oct. 1, succeeding Rahm Emanuel. “Pete is known as a skillful problem solver,” the president said. “There is a saying around the White House: ‘Let’s let Pete fix it.’” Rouse majored in history at Colby and earned graduate degrees from the London School of Economics and Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government.

Here’s what people are saying about Rouse in the news:
“Pete’s strategic sense has played a big part in the direction of virtually every big decision that’s made inside of this White House. The type of trust that the president and others throughout this administration have in Pete is enormous.”
White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs (Associated Press, “Rouse, Insider’s Insider, To Replace Emanuel,” Sept. 30)

“He’s got a network that will serve him well as his eyes and ears. … I think this will be an ever-expanding circle of influence and responsibility.”
Former Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, for whom Rouse served as a chief of staff (New York Times, “Filling an Aide’s Shoes With Very Different Feet,” Sept. 30)

“The president trusts Pete as much as anyone in the White House.”
Dan Pfeiffer, former Daschle aide, now Obama’s communications director (NYT, above)

“Pete was always as good as his word.”
Dave Hoppe, former chief of staff to then-Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (USA Today, “Obama staffer Pete Rouse hailed as ‘ultimate pragmatist,’” Oct. 4)

“People will find that if you try to build a coalition against Pete, it’s not likely to be successful.”
Mark Patterson, chief of staff at the Treasury Department (USA Today, above)

“One of the smartest things he [Obama] did after being elected to the Senate was choosing Pete as chief of staff. … That indicated to people on the Hill that he was serious.”
Jim Manley, a spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (Los Angeles Times, “Low-profile Obama aide gets top spot,” Oct. 2)

“He has no interest in personal publicity whatsoever.”
Sen. Richard Durbin, for whom Rouse served as chief of staff (Los Angeles Times, above)

Textbooks That Don’t Break the Bank

Alumni don’t remember every little detail of college, but most remember this: textbooks are expensive. Used books provide a discount of about 25 percent, which only eases the pain somewhat.

But a new program at Colby, implemented this year as a pilot, takes another approach to lessen the financial burden. Students are now able to rent some textbooks for 40 to 50 percent of the new-book purchase price. “If you don’t have the money up front, it can really be a helpful option,” said Barbara Shutt, director of the Colby bookstore. Students can opt to purchase the book at the end of the semester if they decide they want to keep it (or “if they spill coffee on it or drop it in the pond or something” and don’t want to pay for the damage).

This fall the bookstore offered more than 60 titles as rentals, and students rented about 450 books. Because it was the first year, the bookstore deliberately kept the new program low-key, Shutt said. Still, it was a hit. “I think it’s only going to become more popular.” —R.J.
In a Perfect World

By Christina Feng ’08

My guilty pleasure: I love playing the “perfect world” game. I play on the train to work, waiting on line at the store, zoning out at the gym. The rules are simple: What could I make happen if I lived in a perfect world? And that’s how I got my classroom of low-income, at-risk high school seniors to engage in the world of finance.

My curriculum of business, government, and economics tied neatly into my own studies at Colby. I had my students run mock firms, delve into business case studies, research consumer needs, dissect bill proposals. I often channeled my favorite Colby professor, asking, “What would Professor [Cal] Mackenzie do?” (Stay calm. Handle with grace. Be prepared.)

I also constantly remind myself of an insight from my first year of teaching: Students crave success. And, when given attention, respect, and opportunity, students will do anything to try to meet high expectations. This year was no different. As long as my students saw me working hard, they reciprocated. Sure, there were many things my students should have learned prior to senior year but did not. So I caught them up. By taking time to address their deficiencies, I was giving them more confidence and strengthening their capabilities.

I was also brutally honest when I had to be. Sometimes they would groan. I assigned too much work, the content was too challenging, other classes had free time and no homework. My response was always the same.

“Sure, I could let you have a break, though I bet you won’t remember a break five years from now. But maybe, just maybe, something I teach you now will resonate later. Maybe it will help on a job interview, in a conversation at a work event. Maybe it’ll just help you better understand the world around you. Yes, this is difficult material, but I know each and every one of you can handle it. I wouldn’t be standing here if I didn’t believe in you.”

My mini rant would be greeted by silence and the occasional smart-alecky comment under the breath. But the work always got done—and done well.

Yet, toward the end of the year, I sensed something was a little off.

Comments showed that my students, while busy going over business plans and annual reports, could not see themselves in the world of business. It hit me that my students did not grow up with parents chatting about the Dow. The New York Times was not delivered to their door. Rather, most of the people on Wall Street looked, dressed, and talked very differently than the people in my students’ lives. So, although my students were invested in and felt good about mastering difficult concepts (I’d bring problems from my sister’s economics book and, after completion, proudly announce that they had just done the work of a Columbia undergrad), they didn’t fully feel connected to what we were doing.

My reaction? In a perfect world my students would feel the world of finance within reach.

In hindsight, I may have been too idealistic, maybe even downright presumptuous. Who was I to e-mail Robert E. Diamond Jr. ’73, CEO of Barclays, and request time out of his hectic schedule? But my own naïveté didn’t become apparent to me until later. I just wanted to prove to my students that they deserved the attention of talented and successful people.

That’s the way I work. It’s also the Teach for America way.

Since the inception of Teach for America, 20 years ago, there has been much commotion about short-term and long-term implications of the organization, which recruits top college graduates to commit to two years of teaching in low-income communities. Critics say TFA undervalues a respected profession. Few TFA corps members are education majors, yet they are assigned to under-resourced classrooms with overwhelmingly lagging and often challenging and/or disturbed students. TFA corps members, primed with undergraduate degrees in public policy, economics, chemistry, and myriad other majors, enter the classroom after a mere five weeks of training. Each corps member’s total teaching experience amounts to approximately two days of teaching. So it is no surprise that skeptics question how the TFA model can lead to success.

Teach For America works because it recruits staff and corps members who play the perfect-world game, too. TFA operates under the prevailing ideology that our nation’s achievement gap is so pervasive that we need our nation’s most ambitious, relentless, disciplined individuals to combat educational inequity. As a result, Teach For America casts a wide net, seeking the double-major student-body president, the politically active investment-banking analyst, the premedical student who is captain of the swim team. Ninety-six percent of TFA corps members have demonstrated leadership, whether as captain, club leader, nonprofit founder, project coordinator, or tutor. A successful teacher needs skills in critical thinking, communication, innovation, and analysis. They may be new to the classroom, but members bring these skills to schools.

Yet this is only part of the overarching goal of Teach For America:
that one day all children will have the opportunity to receive an excellent education. While roughly 60 percent of corps members continue in education after their two-year commitments, others leave the field changed. They become a crucial component in TFA’s fight against the achievement gap. TFA veterans permeate business, medicine, politics, law, nonprofit, and public policy. Though no longer in education directly, members carry their experiences with them, expanding Teach For America’s network and reach.

These high-minded goals don’t keep me from having days when I feel defeated. I don’t have enough resources in my classroom. I wasn’t clear explaining hedge funds. A colleague makes a snide comment that when TFA corps members work late it makes everyone else look bad. A fight breaks out in the hallway during a lesson. The projector isn’t working.

My antidote? The perfect-world game. I write grant proposals (six for six so far!), I brainstorm with a friend about how to teach the content more effectively. I gently remind my colleague that we’re all in this for the students. I call security and continue teaching despite the fight. I forgo the PowerPoint for a lively class discussion.

With honest self-scrutiny, I forgive myself every night for the imperfections. I wake up each morning and continue to plan for the perfect world, “where all children will have an equal opportunity for an excellent education.”

And sometimes it seems like the perfect world is actually here.

In May Mr. Diamond did visit our classroom. He spoke about his childhood and his family’s dedication to education. He described the culture at Barclays. He talked about the implications of financial regulations and the importance of simply doing the right thing, taking the moral route. He spoke of our increasingly globalized world and the power of higher education. My students sat up straighter, heads high, absorbing all he was sharing.

And after he left they could not stop talking about how down-to-earth this star of investment banking was, how he answered each of their questions thoughtfully. “We could tell he was really thinking about his answers, miss!” Every one of my students felt validated. One of my favorite comments came from a student with a particularly difficult background, one who does not have many opportunities to feel successful. He beamed. “I understood everything he was talking about!”

And then Mr. Diamond invited my students to visit Barclays in midtown Manhattan. Meeting with people from investment banking, capital markets, and campus recruiting? Suspicious, one of my best students asked, “Won’t the people on the trading floor be annoyed having a bunch of students walk around there?”

It was clear that my students felt a lot more comfortable with Mr. Diamond on their own turf; 745 Seventh Avenue was alien territory. But then I heard it. “We’re good enough for Mr. Diamond, so we’ll be good enough for everyone in that building. When are the permission slips due, Ms. Feng?”

Two weeks later we found ourselves in the Barclays lobby. While we were hoping to see Mr. Diamond again, we understood that an executive’s schedule is hectic. So imagine our surprise when Mr. Diamond arranged for us to visit him in his office as the first stop. This time, without hesitation, my students marched in, owning the experience. They finally accepted the fact that they are worth it. It was a perfect end to the school year. In the perfect-world game, it was a true win.

Christina Feng ’08, a Teach For America corps member, teaches at the High School of Arts and Technology in New York City.
It was 2002, and the College had just gone through some serious introspection. The result was a renewed sense of the importance of Colby’s liberal arts values, identity, and mission—articulated in a document called *A Strategic Plan for Colby*. The plan outlined goals: nurture Colby’s culture of teaching, extend the College’s commitment to international education, create a center for public and international affairs, reinforce Colby’s Environmental Studies Program, increase the diversity of the student body, among others. “Any truly strategic plan for Colby must aim at improving the quality, power, and richness of the educational experience we offer to our students,” the plan stated.

Eight years, 25,000 donors, and $376 million later, many of the goals in the strategic plan have been met. Reaching the World, the most ambitious capital campaign in Colby history, buttresses the College’s academic excellence, increases access to a Colby education for a wide array of qualified students, strengthens Colby’s connections to local and global communities, and affirms and deepens the College’s core values.

Indeed, the campaign has already substantively changed the shape of a Colby education.

- Thousands of gifts have provided for new financial aid programs.
- Funding will double the faculty in environmental studies.
- The Davis United World College Scholars program, supported by philanthropist Shelby Davis, and other admissions and financial aid initiatives have given Colby its most international student body ever.
- The Diamond Building provides a central location for exploration of social, economic, and political issues from a variety of perspectives.
- The Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement focuses Colby’s emphasis on active citizenship at all levels.
- Pulver Pavilion provides a dramatic center for student life.
- The Lunder Collection is coming to the museum of art, which soon will add a dramatic new wing.
- The Bill Alfond Field and the Harold Alfond Stadium ensure that Colby student athletes compete on state-of-the-art fields.

“We have accomplished great things,” said President William D. Adams. “And now, as we look toward Colby’s two-hundredth birthday, great things are yet to come.”

These and other impacts reflect the generosity and commitment of thousands of alumni, parents, and friends to Colby’s mission, and they point the College into the future.

**THE CAMPAIGN BY THE NUMBERS:**

- **376** million dollars raised in the Reaching the World campaign.
- **40** million Colby Fund dollars raised.
- **54** million new financial aid dollars.
- **25** thousand alumni, parents, and friends donated.
- **8** percent increase in the number of Maine students who enrolled after a new program converting all student loans to grants.

1,200 students who receive financial assistance from the College each year.

220 number of Davis United World College Scholars who have come to Colby.

76 countries represented by those Davis UWC Scholars.

956 works of art given or promised to the Colby Museum of Art.

3,480 varsity, club, and intramural athletes in 2008-09 who benefited from enhancements in athletic facilities made possible by the campaign.

5 buildings completed during the campaign that are LEED certified for energy efficiency and reduced emissions and water use.
Building Community

Community can’t be built out of bricks and mortar. But take a community like Colby’s and nurture it with the right spaces, and people come together. That was the premise behind two major construction projects: Schair-Swenson-Watson Alumni Center and Pulver Pavilion.

Pulver Pavilion was intended to serve as a “living room” for students. But that didn’t mean it would work. “Often, trying to draw students into a central place is difficult. It feels contrived to the students,” said Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Jim Terhune.

But at Colby, it did work. Students gather for coffee, to discuss classes and club activities, to watch television, and to promote events. “To me, what’s telling is anytime you walk into Pulver after eight o’clock in the morning, you’re going to find students in there.”

The new bookstore, which moved to Cotter Union from Roberts, is now more central to the student experience. The Fireside Lounge, the new pub, and other programming spaces allow students to gather for activities from studying to intimate music performances.

The Schair-Swenson-Watson Alumni Center provided new space for community events, including a large room for dinners and talks. Alumni congregate there for programs throughout the year.

The community also gathers for athletic events, and the new Harold Alfond Stadium has created a space for more than just football fans, Terhune said. Other teams use the field, and the lights allow for more flexible game times. “If you’re playing at four o’clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, you’re not going to get the kind of turnout that you will at a night game, because people aren’t in class, aren’t in lab—you know, they’re more inclined to go.”

Financial Aid

The Class of 2014 is the most diverse in Colby’s history, reflecting the College’s mission: to make a Colby education available to qualified students and to create a diverse, world-reflecting community on Mayflower Hill.

How did it happen? Let’s go to the numbers of the Reaching the World campaign.

The campaign, including the Colby Fund and the Colby Fund for Parents, raised $42 million for need-based financial aid and established 55 new financial aid funds. The Boulos Family Scholarship Fund and the Michael L. ‘66 and Sally Gordon Financial Aid Fund targeted Maine students and high-achieving, high-need students, respectively.

As a result, Maine students can graduate from Colby without debt, and the brightest, high-need students have the opportunity to study at Colby.

Consider the numbers:

The success of the Reaching the World campaign has allowed for the average grant amount to increase 128 percent. At the same time, the average parent contribution has increased 24 percent, less than half the increase in actual cost.

This has come during an economic recession, at a time when federal and state funding for higher education has decreased, notes Lucia Whittelsey ’73, director of financial aid.

Whittelsey held out two documents, one showing the gifts received by the College during the campaign and another showing the increased funding for students with financial need. “This,” she said, pointing to the campaign document, “makes all of this,” pointing to the aid report, “possible.”

The success of the campaign “enables us to people our classrooms with students who are going to add to the Colby experience and benefit the most from it,” said Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Parker Beveridge. “In difficult economic times, it enables us to assure families we can still meet fully their eligibility for aid.”

Enhancing the Classroom Experience

It’s easy to focus on the tangible results of the campaign: one major expansion of the campus, two new buildings, two new synthetic athletic fields, hundreds of works of art. What’s harder to see—from the
Moving Forward

the gift of the Lunder Collection of American Art.

An architect's rendering of the addition planned for the Colby Museum of Art. The expansion follows the "Spiritual Enrichment."

Program, and the Gerrish Fund for the evenings through lectures sponsored by funds extend the academic experience into underrepresented groups.

science-focused students from traditionally 2010 Colby aerial vehicle for mapping (see Summer 2010 Colby). And a Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant established mentoring for science-focused students from traditionally underrepresented groups.

outside, anyway—is the impact these and other gifts have had on the academic experience.

In the Diamond Building, students are taking advantage of new spaces and opportunities. The state-of-the-art GIS (Geographic Information Systems) lab allows students from disciplines ranging from economics to Jewish studies to use mapping technology to analyze data. Already, environmental studies majors have said they believe they got their first jobs out of Colby because of the skills learned there.

Diamond has also provided the space to facilitate student-faculty relationships. “We’ve now got physical spaces for these students to work in close proximity to their mentoring faculty,” said Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Associate Dean of Faculty Michael Donihue ’79.

Students and faculty also get collaborative time through grant funds designated for international study, like the one that sends students to India with Professor Steven Nuss for Jan Plan. Student-faculty collaborative research grants from the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement fund projects like the unpiloted aerial vehicle for mapping (see Summer 2010 Colby). And a Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant established mentoring for science-focused students from traditionally underrepresented groups.

Outside of the classroom, campaign funds extend the academic experience into the evenings through lectures sponsored by the Goldfarb Center, the Creative Writing Program, and the Gerrish Fund for Spiritual Enrichment.

Museum Enhancement and the Visual Arts

When Colby announced that it would receive the Lunder Collection of American Art, then valued at more than $100 million, the Colby College Museum of Art jumped into the national spotlight. Now, more than three years later, the collection serves as a major draw. “I think the Lunder Collection, in its quality and in its excellence, has brought real recognition to the museum,” said Carolyn Muzzy Director and Chief Curator Sharon Corwin. “We have people who travel here from all over the world to see works in the Lunder Collection.”

Soon, with the completion of a major museum expansion, more of the collection will be on view at all times. And that’s good not just for world-traveling art aficionados but for Colby faculty and students—and even local kindergartners.

Through the campaign, two endowed positions—the Mirken Curator of Education and the Anne Lunder Leland Curatorial Fellowship—have enabled the museum to share its treasures with a broad audience.

The Mirken Curator focuses on linking the curriculum to the museum’s exhibitions. “It’s really thinking creatively about how to engage faculty and students across the curriculum and beyond the humanities,” said Corwin. Additionally, the Mirken Curator brings thousands of local K-12 students into the museum each year—an experience that “can just be transformative to how they think about art and their culture as they grow into adults.”

Visitors also benefit from the work of the curatorial assistant, who focuses on public relations, publications, and assisting with exhibitions. The assistant also works with gifts from the Alex Katz Foundation, which has donated modern and contemporary art by artists such as Marsden Hartley and Chuck Close.

Athletics

From the perspective of today’s Colby, it seems almost quaint: lacrosse teams practicing indoors, field hockey team playing on a field that had to be mown, the football team running drills on a practice field that, during dry spells, turned hard as concrete, its chalked yard markers erased by pounding cleats. “The thirty-five yard line used to be the oak tree,” said head football coach Ed Mestieri. “It isn’t anymore.”

Colby athletics leapt to the forefront of sports-facility technology during the Reaching the World campaign with construction of the Harold Alfond Stadium, featuring a FieldTurf surface (used in the National Football League) and full stadium lighting, and with the Bill Alfond Field, one of the first synthetic turf fields in NESCAC.

With Bill Alfond Field, a gleaming facility opened in 2004, lacrosse and field hockey teams were no longer at the mercy of the weather. Games could be played under the lights, which shined like a beacon across Mayflower Hill. Lacrosse players for men’s and women’s teams, both now nationally ranked, no longer had to wait for spring break trips to play on an actual field. “It’s just so fun to get outside,” said women’s lacrosse coach Karen MacCrate Henning “It’s just refreshing.”

Henning and other coaches credit the new facilities for reducing injuries, easier scheduling around players’ academic responsibilities, quality practices, and effective recruiting. Combining with the Boulos Family Fitness Center, upgraded during the campaign, the athletic facilities have helped fill the renovated Parker-Reed Trophy Room.

Mestieri, whose current seniors played on the former natural grass turf field before it was replaced after the 2007 season, says he makes sure his younger players appreciate the difference. “I tell them never to take for granted,” he said, “that we have these beautiful facilities to practice and play on.”
The Changing Campus

Before Pulver, students did not have a functional student center. They congregated in “The Street” on the ground floor of the library or in the Spa in Cotter Union, but a central place to see and be seen didn’t exist. Now, students use the space just as it was intended, and the bookstore, which moved from Roberts, adds to the dynamic community space—and provides students comfy chairs in which to read.

From Georgia O’Keeffe to James McNeill Whistler, the Lunder Collection has made the Colby Museum of Art a destination for those interested in American art. Given by Peter ’56, D.F.A. ’98, and Paula Lunder, D.F.A. ’98, in 2007 and valued at more than $100 million at the time, it is one of the largest single gifts ever donated to a college art museum. New exhibition space to house the collection will give Colby the largest art museum exhibition space in Maine.

Opened in 2007, the LEED-certified Diamond Building, named for trustee Robert E. Diamond Jr. ’73 and the Diamond Family Foundation, houses anthropology, economics, government, sociology, African-American studies, environmental studies, education, international studies, and the Goldfarb Center. Diamond brings students and departments together to examine social and political issues from a variety of perspectives.

Starting with its name, the alumni center is a monument to alumni friendship and community. Opened in 2005 and named for fraternity brothers from the Class of ’67 who saw the need for a central location for alumni activities and campus events, it was the first LEED-certified building on campus, earning LEED-silver status. Since then, silver LEED has become a campus standard.

PROJECTS IN THE WORKS

The fourth and final building on Colby Green, an academic building to house the math, computer science, and psychology departments, has been planned for a site adjacent to the Schair-Swenson-Watson Alumni Center. Once complete (no start date has been established), this project will free Roberts Building to be converted to a residence hall. The science building is expected to be LEED certified.

With the gift of the Lunder Collection came a need for additional exhibition space. A 26,000-square-foot expansion of the museum will provide that space through a modern design that may cause passers-by to do a double take. The addition, which is expected to be completed in 2013, will resemble a three-story glass cube, reflecting natural images on the Colby campus—and the museum’s evolving identity.

Colby will move closer to becoming carbon neutral with a biomass plant that will supply about 90 percent of the campus’s need for steam for heat, hot water, cooking, and dehumidification. Construction is expected to begin late this year. The plant will have two 400 horsepower biomass boilers to augment the existing oil-fired boilers at the central steam plant. The facility is expected to be LEED certified. Estimated cost: $11 million.
“What makes this campaign so exciting for Colby is that the monies raised went to so many areas that relate directly to the students: the new athletic fields, new classrooms, endowment for scholarships, and art that puts Colby in the forefront among all college art museums. This should make all of us associated with Colby in any way very proud.”

Lawrence R. Pugh ’56
Campaign Co-Chair
Yarmouth, Maine

“Passing by the Miller Library tower as frequently as does one who lives only twenty minutes away, my father never tired of reminding me that, if I were to work hard enough, I could be a student at Colby College. The possibility of becoming a student at Colby spurred me to achieve.”

Caitlyn Lancaster ’12
Cornville, Maine

“I knew very little about Colby before arriving on campus. All I knew was that I could get a good education. Gladly, I have not been disappointed. Colby continues to expand my understanding of the world and to help me as I chart my academic and professional course. ... It is indeed an opportunity of a lifetime.”

Solomon A. Gisemba ’11
Nairobi, Kenya

“I was able to take advantage of every opportunity, including leadership, rated sports, and opportunities to study abroad, because Colby has such a wide range of courses and majors to choose from.”

Amy Maung Maung Kyaw ’09
Elmhurst, New York

What the Future Holds
Colby must meet today’s challenges—and look ahead

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and of everyone who studies and works at Colby, our thanks to the 25,000 donors who participated in the Reaching the World campaign, including donors to the Colby Fund. Additional expressions of thanks and recognition will be mounted as the academic year progresses.

However, this being Colby—a place of great aspiration—we will not pause long for self-congratulation. Work has already begun to move the College toward its bicentennial, in 2013, and toward defining goals for the beginning of its third century.

What are our priorities now, in light of our experience during the last 10 years? How can the College continue to improve the educational experience of its students while strengthening its position in the competitive universe of private higher education? Where should we commit resources in a time of continuing economic constraint?

The trustees have set goals for Colby as we approach the bicentennial. You will be seeing more about them, but here is a preview of the operational theories under which the board and administration will work in the coming years:

Colby will be a place where students learn to communicate clearly and think imaginatively.

Colby competes for students, resources, and stature with the very best liberal arts colleges in the nation. Our future reputation and competitiveness will depend in part on our capacity to facilitate and then demonstrate the intellectual development of our students in those areas that have always been the hallmark of liberal learning: the ability to communicate clearly and persuasively, in writing and orally, and the ability to think imaginatively and critically about complex subjects and problems.

Following the College’s decennial accreditation self-study in 2007, Colby’s faculty has engaged in a curricular review focused primarily on the general education program and core curriculum of the College. In this academic year, the faculty will build on its work in developing a writing program for first-year students by examining the possibilities for a writing across the curriculum program for all students. Under the leadership of outgoing Dean of Faculty Edward Yeterian and Associate Dean Michael Donihue, the faculty also has engaged in assessment of student learning at the course level; under new Dean of Faculty Lori Kletzer, that effort will be expanded to include assessment at the program level, so no Colby student will graduate unaware of the skills and competencies to be gained from a liberal arts education. Faculty in Colby’s Humanities Division will develop a 10-year plan to assess, augment, and invigorate the programs in that area.

The revision and expansion of Colby’s writing program and requirements and the development of a more consistent and comprehensive approach to oral communication skills will be among the highest priorities over the next five years.

Colby will be a destination for students interested in public affairs and civic engagement.

Colby’s version of the liberal arts experience is deeply connected to engagement with public life, and we will continue our efforts to build the College’s reputation as a destination for students interested in public affairs and civic engagement.

Colby’s long-standing strengths in public policy and public affairs have been substantially reinforced and extended by the successful launch and impressive growth of the Goldfarb Center. We will continue to reinforce this area of distinction and excellence.

Colby will be regarded as a compelling destination for students who want the best possible exposure to the visual arts in the context of a liberal arts experience.

Over the next five years, we will continue to reinforce the profile of the visual arts at Colby, both within the classroom and through the rapidly expanding programming and physical assets of the Colby College Museum of Art.

New faculty resources provided by the strategic plan and the campaign have allowed us to hire a scholar of film studies in the American Studies Program. To augment our on-campus resources in this area, we will pursue a strategic partnership with the newly created Maine Film Center and its flagship program, the Maine International Film Festival. We will also begin expanding the photography curriculum and will reinforce our capacity to manage and use the College’s growing digitized visual resources, including the museum’s leading collections.

We also will expand the Colby College Museum of Art to house the magnificent Lunder Collection of American Art. Pending the successful completion of fundraising for the expansion, the museum renovations will be complete in time for a celebration to cap Colby’s bicentennial year.

Colby will be a national leader among liberal arts colleges in environmental studies and campus sustainability.

Our efforts will form around several core initiatives in environmental studies. Beginning in the 2011-12 academic year, we will initiate a marine conservation track in the Environmental Studies Program. A new faculty position and the curriculum it supports will be complemented by a strategic partnership with the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences in East Boothbay, which will give Colby faculty and students access to marine research facilities, environments, and experiences. Another endowment gift to the Reaching the World campaign will support a new faculty position in energy policy and the development of associated curricular offerings, and a third position in sustainability science will facilitate deeper and richer interactions among the Environmental Studies Program and Colby’s excellent science programs. Meanwhile, campus sustainability will remain a priority at the College. The centerpiece of our ef-
Colby's commitment to the humanistic disciplines is substantial. We have 95 faculty members deployed in 12 departments and programs, and more than 26 percent of our students are majoring in the humanistic disciplines (including history). Nationally, enrollments and majors in the humanities are declining, and this pattern is becoming evident at Colby, as well. This presents a challenge—and an opportunity. As an enrollment management matter, we have compelling reasons to want to see a healthy balance of enrollments and majors across the College. But given our investment in the humanities and the excellence of our programs, we also have an opportunity to attract extremely talented and motivated students looking for a distinctive approach to the humanities.

Colby will be a leader in innovative teaching and research in the humanities.

Colby will be known as a college that is uncommonly committed to international education and uncommonly successful in exposing students to global issues.

Over the past several decades, Colby has developed significant commitments to international education and global issues. Our language and area studies programs are extensive. The curriculum throughout the social sciences and humanities has become increasingly global in its outlook. Through the Davis UWC program, the student body has become internationally diverse, and the effects of that diversity are substantial and broadly appreciated. And study abroad remains an important dimension of the Colby experience for roughly two thirds of our student body.

Preserving and enhancing this international focus—and more clearly connecting the international dimension to Colby’s public profile—will be a priority in the coming five years. To this end, we will need to review carefully our current commitments and explore the ways in which we can accentuate the College’s international dimensions. This review and exploration needs to move forward at both the faculty and board levels. We will also commit ourselves to maintaining the Davis UWC Scholars Program at close to its current scope. This will require significant growth of the financial aid budget and aggressive fundraising initiatives aimed at endowing a substantial portion of this commitment.

Colby will be a leader in innovative teaching and research in the humanities.

While these initiatives will help us focus resources, especially in the academic program, Colby also must continue implementation of our campus master plan. Our highest priority is the renovation and expansion of the Colby College Museum of Art. But other projects also will be critically important to the College.

As part of the Green Colby initiative, we plan to construct the biomass steam plant, permitting us to become carbon neutral by 2013 and, in time, yielding significant savings in energy costs.

We also plan to seek gift support for the science building that was designed as part of the Reaching the World campaign but deferred in our cost-containment measures. Colby has become a national leader in undergraduate science, and we must keep pace with national standards for facilities and equipment.

Finally, pending completion of the science building, we will move forward with plans to convert the Roberts Building to a student residence, which will enhance the residential experience.

Although the conclusion of an extraordinarily successful capital campaign may seem a strange time to be raising ambitions for the future, we know that Colby people expect nothing less of their leaders than that they adhere to the outlook that gives this College its bedrock character. Whether founding a small school in the wilderness, moving an established college from a riverbank to a high hill, or opening the doors ever wider to students from all backgrounds, Colby has again and again demonstrated its ability to meet the challenges of its times—and to look ahead. We will not serve it well if we refuse this chance to add to that legacy.

William D. Adams
President
Robert E. Diamond Jr. ’73
Chair, Board of Trustees
A Step Ahead

NEW PROGRAM GIVES STUDENTS FROM UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS AN EDGE IN THE SCIENCES

RUTH JACOBS STORY  JEFF POULAND PHOTOS

It was one of the hottest summers in recent memory in Maine, but for most students in a new program at Colby that included six weeks of summer instruction, the weather was one of the things that felt like home. “Everybody’s like, ‘It’s so hot,’” said Shamika Murray ’14, of Philadelphia, Pa. “I love it. It’s comfortable.”

Now the goal is to make sure these students feel just as comfortable in the lab. This group, 13 members of the Class of 2014, came to Colby to get a jump-start on their undergraduate careers. They were the first to participate in a new program addressing the underrepresentation of students of color in the sciences. “The sciences are not very diverse,” said J. Warren Merrill Associate Professor of Biology Andrea Tilden, “and African Americans, Native Americans, and Hispanics are particularly underrepresented in the sciences—and not just at Colby but nationwide.”

Tilden, along with Associate Professor of Chemistry Jeffrey Katz and other members of the science faculty, began looking at ways to address minority retention in the sciences almost a decade ago—first with understanding why many students of color were leaving the sciences after their first year at Colby. “We determined that much of the problem was just identifying with the sciences—feeling as though they are actually a part of the sciences,” said Tilden.

With that knowledge and a $1 million grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI), Colby rolled out the CAPS (Colby Achievement Program in the Sciences) program this summer with students from underrepresented groups interested in science who had been admitted to Colby through the standard process.

The program has two primary goals: to get students comfortable working with faculty and “to fortify students academically and prepare them for their first-year science courses,” Tilden said. “This is something that would benefit any student who comes to Colby regardless of preparation. It’s just a matter of knowing the things that we do in labs at Colby that are different from what anybody does in high school.”

Students spent every morning in the lab with Biology Teaching Associate Tina Beachy ’93 learning how to use equipment and work with data in Excel. Depending on the student, some was review or much was new. Murray, who felt she needed the additional preparation, saw the benefit. “That class is going to be so much

Courtney McIntosh-Peters ’14, left, of Washington, D.C., and Shamika Murray ’14, of Philadelphia, Pa., prepare fiddler crabs for dissection.
In Professor Andrea Tilden’s biology lab, Shamika Murray ’14 and Courtney McIntosh-Peters ’14 look at crabs’ brain cells to see how fast the neurites grow.

“This is something that would benefit any student who comes to Colby regardless of preparation. It’s just a matter of knowing the things that we do in labs at Colby...”

Merrill Associate Professor of Biology Andrea Tilden

McIntosh-Peters and Murray teamed up in the afternoon lab section, which addressed the second goal of CAPS: establishing mentoring relationships. “That’s why you come to a small place like this—because you can interact with faculty,” Tilden said. “And many students come here very comfortable doing that, right from the outset, and many don’t. We wanted this group of students in particular to be absolutely comfortable talking to us and talking to any of their professors.”

In Tilden’s lab, McIntosh-Peters and Murray worked with brain cells in crabs. But at times they could also be found at the Waterville Farmers’ Market or the nearby Dairy Cone ice-cream stand with their professor.

For the students, relationships with professors weren’t the only important ones. The first-years quickly formed a bond. “We just became like a family in a sense,” said Alaba Sotayo ’14, who plans to become a neurosurgeon. “We all have problems, we get along—it’s just like a little family and we’re like, ‘We have to stay together during the fall.’”

With a group of friends already set before starting their first year, CAPS students had one less thing to worry about as they returned to campus in late August. Kimara Nzamubona ’14, who recently moved from the Democratic Republic of the Congo to Portland, Maine, saw this as one of many reasons to participate in the program. “I thought it was a good advantage for me to be just ahead of other incoming students,” he said, “to learn more about the campus life, to know the professors better.”

All CAPS students are also invited to become part of an established program at Colby for students of color in the sciences: Colby Research Scholars (CRS). A separate but related initiative, CRS has students work in professors’ labs during the school year to gain experience and develop relationships with faculty.

Sotayo, the aspiring neurosurgeon, took advanced-placement biology in high school, spent three weeks every summer from seventh grade to sophomore year with the Center for Talented Youth at Johns Hopkins University, and last summer did an internship at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. But for her, working in the lab with Assistant Professor of Biology Josh Kavaler was a highlight.

“Surprisingly a lot is new, because in AP bio you get a little bit of everything,” she said, but “in the lab, it’s specific.”

She spent her afternoons sequencing specific DNA of mutated Drosophila flies. “Even though I’ve heard of some stuff before, like working with DNA,” she said, “I know about it. But then going to [the] PAX2 [gene]—different, specific genes—this is all new to me.”

And for now, Sotayo said there’s no question that she’ll stick with her scientific focus. “I love it, actually. It’s weird. What most people would find boring, I actually kind of enjoy—I don’t know why. It just works that way.”
Q&A

LORI G. KLETZER, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND DEAN OF FACULTY, ON THE PERSPECTIVE OF A LABOR ECONOMIST, THE ROAD BACK TO THE LIBERAL ARTS, AND CHEERING FOR MULES (INSTEAD OF BANANA SLUGS)

STEPHEN COLLINS ’74 INTERVIEW  CHRIS BENNETT PHOTO

Lori G. Kletzer, the new vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, arrived at Colby this summer and sat down with College Editor Stephen Collins ’74 in August to field questions about her pre-Colby career, early impressions, and her interests.

Where were you before Colby?
For me, coming to Colby is a wandering journey back to the liberal arts college. I was an undergraduate at Vassar, and my first academic job was at Williams. So this is not a transition to, this is a transition back. ... Within the University of California [system], Santa Cruz [where she taught 1992-2010] is the campus most oriented—or at least Santa Cruz likes to think—most oriented toward undergraduates. So, throughout both my studies and my professional career, teaching undergraduates and doing research in an environment that is focused on undergraduates has been just what I've done.

Did you discover economics in college?
I wandered into economics as a freshman. I needed another class, and I liked it. It was serendipitous, and I liked the policy relevance. I liked the aspect of understanding a problem, having a theoretical framework, trying to do the empirical work, and all of that with an eye toward, "Can policy help mitigate this problem?". ... The kind of questions that pulled me in were about permanent job loss and what happens to people when the world structurally moves in a direction different from their set of skills. ... I was in college in 1975-76, in that very deep recession, but '79 through '81 was another very deep one. So it was the nature of structural unemployment in my first years of graduate school that pulled me in.

And it's remained so relevant.
I often say, "When things are bad, that's when my ship comes in." Especially over the last thirty years.

Tell me about the transition from the classroom to the dean's office.
From econ professor to administrator started with a stint as economics department chair at Santa Cruz for three and a half years. I was lucky; it was a time when the campus had resources. Over those three and a half years we hired eight people. So I was involved in finding good people, bringing them into the department, attaching them to mentors, and really working at that early-career faculty development. And I discovered I really liked it. I liked that engagement with people at the start of their careers.

And how does your economics background fit with that?
Economists are schooled to think about resource allocation. "If I put resources here, the cost is I don't get an activity somewhere else," ... Economics department chairs, in some senses, have it easier, because the people you're dealing with—your colleagues—are schooled in the same ways.

But what really planted the seeds that became me as a full-time administrator/dean were at the end of being department chair. I knew there were aspects of administration I liked, but it's kind of hard to figure out, "What do you do next?". ... I became vice chair [of the Santa Cruz faculty senate], a two-year commitment, which led to another two-year commitment as chair. I only did one year because I came here. That brought me out of the economics department and it had me interacting with faculty and colleagues across all disciplines on the campus and also with faculty on the other campuses, because there's this system-wide senate as well. That's where I realized I really like this administration piece. I interacted with administrators on committees on planning and budget, on appointments and personnel, on admissions policy; I interacted with college relations too. ... It was really a great introduction to being a faculty administrator.

Do you have any plans to teach at Colby?
I do. When I feel I have a really steady grasp of the issues that come across my desk, then I will talk with my economics colleagues about what I'd like to teach and what they'd like me to teach, and my hope is that maybe in my third year here ... ?

What attracted you to come from what's perceived by some as a paradise back to northern New England?
There certainly is a paradise nature to coastal California. Except for maybe this summer it has the most perfect weather one can imagine. But even though I've spent 25 years more or less living in California, I've never really said I'm a Californian. I grew up in Oregon. I grew up with more space and green and trees. Having spent six years at Williams, I really liked New England. The look of it is comfortable and very familiar, and after the years in California I like the sense of space here.

Was there anything particular to Waterville or Central Maine? The way it feels. And, as a labor economist ... there's no question that the issues about education and employment opportunities for Maine are really interesting, really critical. But I will admit, Colby was the clear draw. To be able to come back to the liberal arts college setting was the clear draw.
What are your early impressions?
Overwhelmingly positive. To me, personally, people couldn’t be more welcoming. I’ve gotten this really enveloping, warm welcome to the place and confirmation of the feeling that, “We’re here because we’re dedicated to this undergraduate intellectual experience.” I’ve felt that from the outset. I also have a sense that’s still forming of palpable potential and opportunities to move forward and build something. A sense of commitment and strength and desire to see Colby advance. Very aspirational.

How about your life outside of academe?
I like winter sports—downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing. None of that in Santa Cruz; you have to drive five hours east to Lake Tahoe with everyone else from the Bay Area. So I’m looking forward to being closer to the mountains. I’m also a water person, so the idea of being on lakes and canoeing and kayaking and all that active outdoor stuff is very appealing to me. Also, to me, being three hours from Boston is really positive. And I like to read and go to movies and museums. I’ve discovered Railroad Square [Cinema]. What a fabulous jewel. ...

My son is in his junior year at UC Santa Barbara and he is spending that year in China—half in Shanghai and half in Hong Kong. And my 17-year-old daughter is going to be a senior in high school and, by her choice, and it’s a choice that makes sense, she’s [spending] it in California. It’s her last year.

What about sports? Are you any more inclined to root for a mule than a banana slug?
Yeah. Talk about two mascots where you just go, “What?”

Yes, I can cheer for the mules. I am a sports fan from childhood. Football games, basketball games. I’m a swimmer, so I will go to every swim meet. I would travel to go to a swim meet. So I’m going to take in all of it.
A couple of years ago, this was Colby All-American runner Jessica Minty’s routine:

Minty ’06, an economics major who graduated magna cum laude, was working 60 to 100 hours a week for a consulting firm in Boston, Analysis Group. Her day started at 4:45 a.m. “I’d get out along the Charles to try to get in anywhere from four to ten to fourteen miles before I went to the office,” she said. “I ended up moving within a two-minute walk of the office so that I wouldn’t have to spend any more time commuting to work.”

And if the morning run didn’t fit in? Minty, who was running for the New Balance-Boston team at the time, would squeeze in a run on her lunch break. “Or nine o’clock at night,” she said, “excusing myself to go down and run ten miles on the treadmill in the gym downstairs before coming back to continue to work until two in the morning.”

Run, shower, work, sleep. “It had me questioning,” Minty said. “What’s gonna give?”

(A hint: it wasn’t going to be her running.)

The training and coaching from New Balance began to pay off, even as Minty’s grueling regimen continued. Competing nationally, she was lowering her times, and she eventually caught the attention of Peter Rea, who coaches Team ZAP, a Reebok-sponsored nonprofit professional team based in North Carolina.

“Frankly, I’d never heard of Jess Minty,” Rea said. “But I saw her name springing up and she was banging heads with and beating many of the women from D-I schools. It piqued my interest.”

And when Rea saw Minty run, he liked what he saw. “She had very good biomechanics,” he said. “In the big picture, she hadn’t run a lot of miles. She was young in running years.”

This despite the fact that Minty has been running for a long time, for increasingly long distances. In high school in Massachusetts she first was a sprinter, moving to the 800-meter event. At Colby Minty was successful in the 800- and 1,500-meter events, placing eighth nationally in D-III in the 800 her senior year. After Colby she focused on 5,000-meter races, the most common post-collegiate events. Rea said her speed for that distance was good but not outstanding. The better event for her, in his opinion? The marathon.

NCAA All-American Jess Minty ’06 put her finance consulting career on hold to run professionally and train full-time in hopes of winning a spot on the 2012 U.S. Olympic team as a marathoner.

Minty had watched the Boston Marathon as a child but had never run one. But she was intrigued enough to visit the ZAP Fitness training center in the mountains of western North Carolina. ZAP Fitness financially supports (at $25,000 per runner per year, plus benefits) about 10 post-
college distance runners, prepping them for a run at the U.S. Olympic team. Minty checked out the facilities, met the rest of the team (seven men, three women, most from D-I programs), and went back to Boston to give her notice.

“Everyone understood it was the opportunity of a lifetime,” she said, “that consulting and the business and finance world would continue to be there but there’s really only a short window when you can realize your potential as a competitive distance runner.”

And just like that, Minty traded her cubicle and computer for running trails and the gym.

She’s been running for ZAP Fitness for two years—halfway into a four-year plan laid out by Rea. The objective: a place on the U.S. Olympic team for 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

The plan included her marathon debut in Boston last March. “My coach and I put together a really good twelve-week build-up leading up to the marathon,” Minty said. “I was feeling fantastic. Some key workouts ... suggested that I would be ready to run my first marathon in a very competitive time. And, given the field for Boston this year, I fully intended to be the top American finisher.”

But then Minty was tripped up (not literally). Two weeks before the race she strained a tendon in her ankle and, instead of running Boston, she ended up in a walking cast. She had to take five weeks off and in June was still working her way back to her training pace: “Last week I ended up running seventy miles. I’d like to be running a hundred or a hundred and ten.” By July she was there.

Despite that setback, Rea says Minty still is on track and showing good progress. “I’m very pleased,” he said. “Not content, but very pleased.”

Minty has already qualified for the Olympic trials, by running a 1:14.20 half-marathon in Houston in February. The plan now is for the Colby alumna to make her marathon debut in California in December at the California International Marathon in Sacramento.

With the Olympic trials still two years away, Minty, 26, said she knows she has a long way to go (“I’m an infant when it comes to the marathon,” she said). But she has her sights on one of those three slots. “I don’t think I would be at ZAP if I didn’t think that I could make the team. So the goal is to make it to London. If, at the end of all this, I fall short and finish fifth, I’ll still be ecstatic. I’ll likely still pursue running professionally for another Olympic cycle or more.

“I want to know what’s the best my body can be,” she said. “How fast can I go? How high can I place? I think it’s just the pursuit of wanting to know one’s limits. That’s always been the goal.”
What Monsters Can Teach Us

JENNIFER BOYLAN TAKES KIDS TO ANOTHER WORLD TO HELP THEM BETTER NEGOTIATE THEIR OWN

SARAH BRAUNSTEIN STORY HEATHER PERRY ’93 PHOTO

Colby English Professor Jennifer Boylan isn’t afraid of ghosts. Or monsters. Or, for that matter, metaphors. When it comes down to it, Boylan doesn’t seem afraid of much at all—and she has written a bold new book asking young readers (and adults, for that matter) to think about the scary things in their own lives.

In *Falcon Quinn and the Black Mirror*, Boylan takes us on a wild ride, daring readers to share an adventure story, explore the possibilities of identity, and figure out just what it means to “be yourself.”

At 13 we all feel like monsters. Our bodies and voices aren’t our own. Our parents have become strangers. We’re forced to decode a new and complex social order. Adolescence is brutal—for Falcon Quinn, it’s doubly challenging. One day this plucky, kind-hearted kid from Cold River, Maine, boards what appears to be a regular school bus and is shuttled at harrowing speed to a supernatural boarding school on a mysterious island. There he is greeted by Mrs. Redflint, a no-nonsense administrator who happens to breathe fire. Contrary to what he’s always believed, Falcon is not human, Mrs. Redflint announces.

Welcome, friends, to the Academy for Monsters.

Here Falcon meets a dazzling array of monstrous tweens/teens: zombies, vampires, Frankensteinians, enchanted slugs, werebears, sasquatch, and one zippy creature called La Chupakabra, “the famous goat sucker of Peru.” It’s the dubious mission of the Academy of Monsters to teach its pupils to adapt to the human world, to reject the quirks and oddities (and perhaps gifts) that constitute their monster natures. All new students undergo a battery of tests at the “Wellness Center,” are briskly labeled with a monstrous diagnosis, and are sent off to classes to learn how to pass as “normal” in the human world.

All except poor Falcon, for no one knows quite what he is. (Is the kid human? Monster? What kind of monster?) It’s up to Falcon and his gang of howling, oozing, shape-shifting misfits to unravel the mysteries of this curious school. What Falcon discovers bonds him to his new friends—and threatens the group to its core.

Boylan can relate to Falcon’s trials, and she feels compassion for the book’s monsters, even the most grotesque and pitiful. As a professor, a novelist, memoirist, parent, and transgender woman, Boylan knows that identity is a slippery concept, that one’s search for oneself is a dangerous but necessary game. “We always tell kids: ‘Be yourself.’ It’s the moral of so many kids’ books,” Boylan said. “But almost never do we accept how truly difficult that can be. …The book looks at the questions: What does it mean to be different? What is the price we pay?”

To explore these questions, Boylan turned to the supernatural. Monsters and ghosts have always appealed to her—for years she and Professor Emeritus Charles Bassett have spent Halloween night reading ghost stories to Colby students. “Ghosts provide a good way of thinking about alternative selves,” Boylan said. “Monsters, on the other hand, are a good way of thinking about what it’s like to be different in the world.”

Learning to accept those aspects of self that don’t fit neatly within the social order has been Boylan’s life work. She is perhaps most well known for her best-selling memoir *She’s Not There: A Life in Two Genders*, an account of her experience transitioning from male to female. She writes with unflinching candor about the sorrows and joys of embracing a life of difference, accepting its price.

You don’t have to be a Colby English major to see the thread connecting *She’s Not There* and this most recent volume. Said Boylan, “Yes, *Falcon Quinn* is a goofy book about monsters. And kids can engage with it this way. But on a fundamental level it’s not a change of subject for me. I’m taking on the same issues [as the memoir] in a much more subtle and playful way.”

We all must change—and so must our families. But the changes the Boylan family has undergone have been more public, and perhaps more unusual, than most. Boylan reports that many readers of *She’s Not There* ask how the family is doing now: How have the boys handled the change? What’s their home life like? The 10th anniversary edition of the memoir, due out in 2013, will address some of these questions. *Falcon Quinn* is another answer.

Boylan says her family’s inspiration and support made the book possible. Boylan’s wife, Deirdre Finney, instilled a love of reading in the boys and exposed Boylan to the fantasy/middle-grades-reader genre. Zach, now 16, was the model for the character of Max, the lovable sasquatch. (“He’s a heart on legs,” Boylan said.) Sean, 14, who bears a striking resemblance to the bright-eyed Falcon on the book cover (a bit of serendipity, for the art designers never met Sean), became a merciless fact-checker and wizard of plot turns. “He’s the logician of the family,” Boylan said.

The family lived together with the book, and while Boylan made final editorial decisions, her sons have a sense of ownership and pride in the final product. As the family explored these characters and their adventures, they had conversations about their own lives, about the sociology of middle school, about difference, change, transition.

Perhaps most critically, they had fun. The book became a thing they made together—emblematic of one family’s open-hearted adventure. Yes, this is a novel about otherness, about feeling alone in the world, but it owes its existence to one family’s togetherness.

Jennifer Boylan (English) and sons Zach, left, and Sean, who served as “consultants” for Boylan’s new novel, *Falcon Quinn and the Black Mirror*
Down to the Sea

LINDA GREENLAW RETURNS TO HER TRUE CALLING

LAURA MEADER STORY

Linda Greenlaw '83 became a well-known fisherman in 1997 when Sebastian Junger lauded her abilities as a swordboat captain in his book The Perfect Storm, a chronicle of the “Halloween Storm” of 1991, in which six men were lost at sea. In 1999 Greenlaw published The Hungry Ocean, which became a bestseller. She’s been busy ever since—publishing five other books, from a mystery novel to a cookbook.

So who is Linda Greenlaw—fisherman or author?

In Seaworthy, her latest book, Greenlaw is back fishing the Grand Banks after a 10-year absence from swordfishing. Seaworthy captures the grueling thrill of long-line fishing from the 63-foot Seahawk while detailing life for a month a thousand miles offshore.

Greenlaw’s fluid narrative shows the complexity of managing crew and boat while navigating unforeseen variables, for the Seahawk voyage was anything but smooth sailing. Serious engine trouble, a hold filling with water, and Greenlaw’s well-publicized arrest for fishing in Canadian waters were just some of the hurdles Greenlaw faced with tenacity, maturity, and single-minded perseverance.

Seaworthy also gets us into Greenlaw’s fisherman’s head. The book dives deep into what it means to be a captain, which Greenlaw writes is a “total contradiction of burden and freedom. … The freedom to make all decisions, unquestioned and without input, was something that I had missed during my sabbatical. To be held ultimately, although not solely, responsible … was strangely exhilarating and empowering. … But high hopes and expectations were weighty loads. It’s the willingness, and not the ability, to bear that burden that separates captains from their crew.”

That willingness, however, was a long time coming. Before the Seahawk voyage Greenlaw hadn’t caught a single swordfish in 10 years. Instead, she was lobstering and writing books on her adopted home of Isle au Haut, Maine, and doing book tours around the country. While she knew she had a good gig, the desire to catch swordfish never waned. And always in the back of her mind was the nagging question of her identity.

"I’m introduced every night on book tours as a best-selling author,” she said in an interview in Bucksport, Maine, before yet another book signing. “How come they’re not introducing me as a fisherman?”
After she agreed to captain the Seahawk, the fears set in. “I felt like my entire identity was at risk. What if I don’t like it anymore? What if I’m totally disenchanted with what I say I am?” she recalled feeling. “I still feel like a fisherman. What if I’m not?”

In other words, was Linda Greenlaw still seaworthy?

Greenlaw, originally from Topsham, Maine, had been a summer kid on Isle Au Haut, six miles off the Maine coast, where her grandfather, Aubrey Greenlaw ’20, lived. (Aubrey’s three sons attended Colby as well: Charles ’50, George ’55, and James ’57, Linda’s father.) Greenlaw herself was 19 and a student at Colby when she made her first swordfishing trip.

At 5’ 4”, she may not appear capable of wrestling 100-pound swordfish, but her slight frame belies her grit. With more than 30 years experience fishing everything from lobster to crab to squid to tuna, Greenlaw says swordfish are the most exciting and challenging fish to catch. While there’s money to be made, she “fishes sword” mostly because she loves it.

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Linda Greenlaw ’83

The distance from shore, fishing with the lunar cycle, and managing the changing parameters of tide, temperature, and current add significantly to the adventure.

The Hungry Ocean chronicles this love and captures the essence of her 20 years swordfishing. The hungry ocean “refers to the ocean’s ability to totally consume,” she said. “When I wrote that book, I felt as though my life had been consumed for twenty years by something I have loved to do.”

“Seaworthy is so much more mature and totally different,” she continued, referring to the book’s exploration of the willingness to captain. “It was like all my life ‘seaworthy’ had been the most complimentary adjective that I could aspire to or attribute to anyone.”

Although her voyage aboard the Seahawk wasn’t the “noted comeback” she wanted, she proved to herself that her identity is intact. She is a fisherman, she knows, and seaworthy.

This fall Greenlaw is again swordfishing the Grand Banks. When she returns she’ll begin another book, not about fishing but about how she became legal guardian of a young girl, now 18, who was a newcomer to Isle au Haut.

So who is Linda Greenlaw—fisherman or author?

“My checkbook says I’m an author,” she said. “but my heart says I’m a fisherman.”
Most biographers are skilled in bringing people to life, tracing the path from birth to grave, revealing the influences that shaped the life of the subject.

Aram Goudsouzian ’94 is a skilled biographer, and his exploration of the life of basketball great Bill Russell, King of the Court: Bill Russell and the Basketball Revolution, does all of the above. The book recounts Russell’s family leaving the Jim Crow South for Oakland, Calif., the death of his mother, Katie, when he was 12, and Russell’s metamorphosis from a gangly, awkward teenager (he didn’t make varsity in high school) to a professional star who singlehandedly changed the way the game was played.

But Goudsouzian combines the biographer’s eye for detail with the historian’s broad view of time and place (he previously turned his spotlight on actor Sidney Poitier). King of the Court is a fascinating sports biography, but it is also a prism through which to view the dramatic changes in American society that took place during Russell’s career.

Consider that in the 1950s organized basketball was a methodical, slow-moving game played by whites; the style of ball played today, with soaring drives and gravity-defying dunks, was then belittled as “Negro” basketball, Goudsouzian writes.

Goudsouzian reminds us that Russell grew up at a time when schools remained segregated, the National Basketball Association was “a white league,” and the most talented African-American players were recruited for exhibition teams like the Harlem Globetrotters. Enter Russell, a college star (leading the University of San Francisco to national titles) but still the only black player on the Boston Celtics. Within months Russell had established himself as one of the most dominant, innovative basketball players in the league.

Yet the star center had to endure racial epithets from opposing fans and couldn’t eat with the team in whites-only restaurants. “I was excluded from almost everything except practice and the games,” he said.

Soon Russell had become one of the most well-known and highly regarded professional athletes in the world, yet he kept fandom at arm’s length, Goudsouzian recounts. Russell, whose pride was unflinching, rebuff ed a country that would laud his athletic abilities while discriminating against him because of his race, seeing him one-dimensionally. “He fretted that people considered him ‘a fine young animal,’” Goudsouzian writes, “rather than someone who considered ‘social problems, philosophical concepts, deep thoughts of any kind.’”

And Russell considered all of those things. He refused to accept that the civil rights movement must be nonviolent and multiracial, espousing a philosophy closer to that of Malcolm X than Martin Luther King Jr. He traveled to and invested in Liberia, praising that country’s safeguarding of human rights. He derided the conventional wisdom that “sport promoted black uplift,” and refused to ignore Boston’s own racism. He would not compromise his manhood and demanded that others recognize him as a complete and complex person.

The book isn’t all about Russell’s complexities off the court, however. Russell’s rivalry with Wilt Chamberlain is revealingly explored, as are his close relationship with Celtics coach Red Auerbach and his own NBA coaching career, which broke down a racial barrier. The championship series of the 1960s are dramatically recounted (in choosing academe, Goudsouzian, who teaches at the University of Memphis, cost the world a topnotch sports-writer), and in the end Russell emerges as a supremely talented athlete determined to win the court and to find and maintain his place in the world around it.

It is a tale about, as Goudsouzian writes, “Russell’s lifelong quest for meaning, a journey through sport and race and women and fame, a journey past childhood scars, past triumphs, past bitterness, past ego, past fears and failings.”

It’s a story well told and worth reading. 
a laboratory of genuine dialogue, exchange, exposure, and uplift as I seek to take my students on a journey of intellectual empowerment and emancipation.”

Readers can expect the same.

**Brilliant: The Evolution of Artificial Light**

*Jane Brox ’78*

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (2010)

One-word review? “Illuminating.”

Not just the fascinating and thorough history of how, over millennia, the lives of men and women were transformed by tallow and oil lamps, then gaslights, and finally electric bulbs. It is also an illuminating glimpse into the mind of a writer steeped in the liberal arts, curious about every aspect, open to a serendipity that launches delightful digressions.

Brox established herself as a writer of lyrical nonfiction grounded in New England farm and family life. Brilliant shifts to the social history of the technology of artificial lighting. She begins in the caves of Lascaux, in southern France, and draws a convincing portrait of primitive humans drawing cave art by the light of tallow lamps.

She describes ominous nights in cities before outdoor lighting, noting that the word “nightlife” did not exist until the mid-19th century. She introduces Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla, chums through the development of hydropower at Niagara Falls, and shows her agrarian roots discussing rural U.S. electrification in the mid-20th century.

“Electricity changed the country way of living,” said a Pennsylvania farmer whom she quotes. “It put the country people more on a par with the city people.”

In her serpentine narrative, Brox winds from Lascaux to Conakry, Guinea, where kids nightly flock from their dark homes to the international airport to study in bright parking lots. And in America two thirds of the people can no longer see the Milky Way because of light pollution. Is it possible, she asks, that “we are hampered more by brilliance than our ancestors ever were by the dark”? —S.B.C.

**Asia’s Flying Geese: How Regionalization Shapes Japan**

*Walter F. Hatch (government)*

Cornell University Press (2010)

The title of Associate Professor Walter Hatch’s new book refers to a metaphor applied in Japan to Asia’s flock of national economies. As the “lead goose” during the region’s economic boom of the 1990s, Japan and its highly developed economy supplied capital, technology, and know-how to lesser geese: Singapore and South Korea.

Making up the rest of the flock’s V-shaped formation were Thailand, Malaysia, and other less developed economies.

From an interdisciplinary perspective, Hatch shows how Japan’s political and economic elites benefited from their country’s lead status, sharing Japan’s model of capitalism. The flock was disrupted by the economic decline in Japan in the late 1990s, the associated disruption of East Asia’s dependent economies, and the rise of the People’s Republic of China. Now, Hatch demonstrates, Japan, like the rest of Asia, is a very different place. There are lessons here for anyone interested in the effect of globalization on national economies.

**The Sea Before Us**

*Mark Radcliffe ’93*

2009 (CD)

While Mark Radcliffe ’93 busily went about his life—travel writing and teaching English—he also made music. He eventually focused on songwriting and began playing clubs in Atlanta, Boston, New York, and Los Angeles. In 2009 he teamed up with Rob Giles of The Rescues to create The Sea Before Us, Radcliffe’s first studio release.

A lush blend of 11 songs, The Sea Before Us is an acoustic pop-rock collection with echoes of Jack Johnson, Duncan Sheik, and Chris Isaak. But Radcliffe has his own distinct sound with a soothing voice, heartfelt lyrics, and solid instrumentation that fuse into melodic songs that stay with you.

From the opening song, “In The Sun,” a bright, romantic piece, to “Tumbleweed,” with a gorgeous piano opening and a powerful chorus, to the breezy “Santa Monica Daze,” The Sea Before Us confirms Radcliffe as a talented singer songwriter and supple musician. This is a CD you’ll reach for often, and before long you will know the songs by heart.

Radcliffe, from Auburn, Maine, launched a fall tour in September. True to his roots, he opened in Portland and shared the stage with singer songwriter Jason Spooner ’95. Radcliffe may be a self-described late bloomer but The Sea Before Us is a welcome addition to folk and pop-rock collections everywhere. —L.M.

**Sand and Gravel**

*Sam Otis Hill & Co. (Sam [Otis] Hainer ’96)*

2010 (CD)

In the liner notes of Sand and Gravel, Sam Hainer ’96 thanks Colby voice instructor Elizabeth Patches, with whom he studied classical voice for four years. An odd notation, perhaps, as Sand and Gravel sits squarely in the country music genre.

From Patches, Hainer learned technique and stage presence. He also studied music theory and sang with the Colby Chorale and Collegium. Back in his dorm room, however, he soaked up the music his Texan roommate played: Jerry Jeff Walker and Steve Earle.

Named after Sam Cooke and Otis Redding (he adopted “Hill” as a stage name) Hainer once fronted The Billies and hosted the Boston City Limits Festival. His latest project, Sand and Gravel, contains 10 outlaw country songs with titles like “Ballad of the Kirkland Cafe,” “Connan,” and “My Texan Friend.” Hainer’s polished, steady voice leads a four-man band that includes a versatile fiddle player and commanding lead guitarist. Together they produce toe-tapping, beer-drinking music infused with ’60s soul and folk music. Join their CD release party at Johnny D’s in Somerville, Mass., November 20.

Thank you, Elizabeth Patches. —L.M.
ALUMNI AT LARGE

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We had a fine 70th reunion Saturday, June 5. Five of us were present for the Golden Mules banquet: Doris Rose Hopengarten, Lydia Farnham Johnson, Ernie Marriner, Alleen Thompson, and Art Thompson. In addition we heard from Stan Kimball, who expects to be buried next to Colby President Johnson in Waterville; Ruth Gould Stebbins, who sends her wishes from the Pacific Northwest; Lin Workman, who, with Joanna, will move into an assisted living facility this year; and Phil Grant, who lives in Nevada with his wife of more than 60 years.

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Margaret Campbell Timberlake is doing well. She still has her home and manages all the projects that a house involves—she hires everything done! She hopes everyone enjoyed the summer, hot as it was, and sends best wishes. Harry Hicks celebrated his 90th birthday in June, with all their children at a bay-front resort in St. Michaels, Md. Congratulations, Harry!

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The Class of 1944 isn’t great on communicating. Wish they were. I had a wonderfully informative letter from Nancy Pattison McCarthy. She said life has changed for her. Her wonderful husband, Joe, passed away April 7 from leukemia. They moved from Carlisle, Pa., to Fort Belvoir, Va., before they were aware that he was ill. They had a funeral mass at Carlyle Barracks, and his final resting place is West Point, N.Y. Pos sibly some of you heard on the news July 19 of a young man, 17, from West Chester, Pa., vacationing with his family in California who was killed while admiring the magnificent view of the Pacific. He stepped on some unstable ground at an overlook along the Muir Pathway and fell 400 feet. That was Andrew Hicks Jr., my oldest great-grandchild.

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In July Betty Wade Drum took part in an alumni college at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa. She had never attended and enjoyed three days of excellent lectures on a number of subjects, including both World Wars. She did a lot of reading beforehand. Betty found it most enjoyable and thought of Colby all the time. She still lives in her own home with a son, daughter-in-law, and grandson, 5, to take care of her and keep her entertained. Betty volunteers in the town library, sings in the church choir, and directs the handbells. She saw Roberta Young in Pittsfield this summer. Roberta is fine and was at Colby for reunion in June. She said only a few of our class were there.

1948
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Dave Choate didn’t have much to report, but we found his letter interesting! “I still teach weekly at a high school in Denver that specializes in teaching English to refugees—very rewarding! Last November we spent three weeks in India—a totally fascinating experience. We saw the Taj, inspected palaces, followed a tiger in a national park, witnessed cremations on the Ganges, and wandered through centuries-old villages with streets no wider that a single cart and too narrow for rickshaws. Highways were one great melee of camels, water buffalos, elephants, rickshaws, and goats all going in various directions. Not to mention families living by the roadside doing their daily ablations. This November we’re taking a cruise through the Panama Canal. Our batteries are running down!” We had an interesting spring. In April Dorothy fell and broke three ribs. We had to remain in Florida until late May to allow her to mend and to get to a cruise through the Panama Canal. We had an interesting spring. In April Dorothy fell and broke three ribs. We had to remain in Florida until late May to allow her to mend and to have the stamina to make the trip north. Consequently, we missed our first Colby commencement in more than 25 years. We remained in Dedham, Mass., for only a couple of weeks and then returned to Jupiter, Fla., for five weeks. Dorothy demonstrated her complete recovery with a hole in one on our home course. As we write these notes we are back in Dedham and plan to take a trip to Maine (of course we will stop at Colby) and perhaps on to Canada. Since we...
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Judy Schreider ’39 may be 93, but she fits right in with other counselors at Rivers Day Camp in Weston, Mass. Schreider teaches a popular woodworking class, where she’s the only one allowed to sit down. Why? “Because I can’t walk,” she said in a Boston Globe story about multigenerational counselors at Rivers, where they believe “that the more seasoned the camp staff the better.”

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sold our boat last summer we have time to do other things in the summer, but we still miss sailing and our sloop Hero. ♦ Phyllis O’Connell Murray writes, “Just returned from visiting family in Seattle, especially my three great-grandchildren. That’s all the traveling I do now: PA to Washington state. I walk a fast mile at the Y daily and do pool aerobics, which keep me going. I have grandchildren here in Kennett Square so, all in all, life in my mid 80s is good.” ♦ Gene Hunter now has 21 grandchildren. The oldest is 34 and graduated from dental school. The youngest is 16 months. Following grandkids and their many activities take up most of their time. They have given up golf and travel very little, and they feel growing old is not much fun. They now live in a condo and like it very much. Gene still serves on the board of an organization where he is not much fun. They now live in a condo and feel growing old is not much fun. They now live in a condo and like it very much. Gene still serves on the boards of two that deal with young people.

1949

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Here’s the news from our classmates. A long letter from Charles Cotton in Hermon, Maine, reports he has five grandchildren and keeps busy as a handyman for widows in the neighborhood—mowing lawns, snow blowing, etc. He also volunteers in a retirement home. All of which keeps him fit. One thing he’s proud of since Colby is that on Armistice Day 2005, at a breakfast keep him busy. Their daughter and her family live nearby, and their son and his wife are in HoHoKus, N.J. ♦ Ruth Clements McGill stays very busy with genealogical research and has several family books in the works. “Doing genealogical research,” she says, “is like eating peanuts, and there is always another surprise ancestor or a new line to add.” Ruth goes twice a week to the wellness center to keep going physically (“a snaill burning up the track”) and takes a weekly ceramics class (“mostly social”) at the senior center. ♦ Good to hear from June White Rosenberg, who reports she is “still married to the same guy, still have three kids, although they have multiplied. We have retired, like most our age, are not as spry (were we ever?), and need captions on television.” ♦ Edward A. Waller says, “Watch it—I’m moving up!” His grandson named his rabbit after him! Ed is still in touch with George Wiswell ’50. ♦ It’s been wonderful hearing from so many. I hope to hear from others next time.

1950

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Bill and I were sorry we couldn’t come to the 60th reunion, but Patty Root Wheeler and George Wiswell filled me in on the weekend, which, except for some rain, was a lot of fun. No class parade, which was disappointing. ♦ Patty and Ellen Kenerson Gelotte mentioned some of the people they spent time with: Dick and Nancy Ardift Boulter, Nancy’s sister, Eleanor Ardiff Urmiston ’60, who now lives in Switzerland, Peter and Jeannine Fenwick Starrett. Gloria Gordon Goldman, Charlie Smith, Joan Seekins McDermott. ♦ Bob Rosenthal, Harriet (Sargent ’49) and George Wiswell, Connie Foxcroft Perrigo, Barbara Starr Wolf, Pete and Puss Tracey Tanguay, and Ruth Endicott Freeman ’49 and her daughter, Lynn Sauer. Jeanine and Peter are trying to sell their house in Phoenix but plan to stay in the area. Barbara Starr Wolf came back from six months in Argentina so she would be here for our reunion. Bob Rosenthal had CDs made of Bottoms Up and gave them to Ellen and some of the others who were in that musical. They were so pleased! Bev Deschenes Libby rarely misses a reunion, but they were planning to sell their house in Arizona and moving to Georgia to be near their son and his family. Patty commented that the President’s State of the College talk was well attended and very interesting with a lot of question-and-answer time. As always, the lobster bake was terrific. They visited the new bookstore and the museum of art. One of the lectures they enjoyed was a history of the College in pictures, a “Tale of Two Campuses.” Colby built the first building on the old campus in 1821. The fascinating program was shown on a large screen in the Diamond Building. Our class dinner in Foss started with a reception. Sunday morning was brunch at Dana, and it was a good time to visit before ending the weekend. Patty mentioned what a great job the young people did. They were excellent golf-cart drivers and polite and very helpful. “A job well done, from kitchen help to welcome to directions—no matter what!” ♦ August was an exciting month for the Wiswells: Grandson Tim ’01 was married in Newport, David was married in Quogue, L.I., and George and Harriet (Sargent ’48) celebrated their 62nd anniversary! ♦ Norm White was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in July. Norm, who died in 1955, was captain of Colby’s baseball team in 1948 and 1950 and contributed greatly to Maine baseball during his brief life. ♦ We were saddened to learn from Ruth Carpenter that Emile Carpenter died June 3 in Westlake Village, Calif. In addition to Ruth he is survived by three children and four grandchildren. ♦ Best to you all, and please let me hear from the rest of you, either about reunion or what you are doing in retirement, if you are retired.

1951

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Greetings to members of the “greatest generation class.” Hopefully you are well and enjoying a cool autumn. We had excessive heat this summer in Villanova, Pa. My family took our trek to Orleans on Cape Cod for our annual family reunion, including our four sons and eight grandchildren. Life is good. ♦ Lori (Arcese ’54) and George Wales, who live in Granville, Ohio, took a wonderful western trip to the Rockies, Glacier Park, and Yellowstone. Their son, Doug, is chairman of the tourist group, and they had a great family trip. Lorraine is celebrating her 39th year as music director of the Vail Foundation at Dennison University. ♦ I hope some of you made it to Colby’s reunion in June and that someone will report who was there. ♦ I hear from Walt Russell almost daily, as we strive to correct some political misdirection. ♦ Ned Stuart is in the mountains of North Carolina, enjoying a good life with Barbara. ♦ Please stay in touch. Did you make the list of contributors to the Colby Fund this June? It’s never too late. Remember Colby in your will. Anything will help. All the best to the best.
1952
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Thanks to those great fellow ’52ers who came through with news. Let’s begin with Edie Carpenter Sweeney, who, on July 25, had a “double whammy birthday celebration with my 80th and Arthur’s 88th birthdays. Forty old friends, neighbors, and relatives gathered at our home in South Freeport, Maine, for lunch and fun!” — Hugh Chandler said that “In spite of obvious senility I’m still teaching (every other semester) at the University of Illinois, Urbana. This fall, presumably, I’ll do a course on metaphysics. My daughter, Leslie, is a forestier who lives in Washington state. She has two children. I go there to see the family, walk in the woods, and eat turkey once a year.” — Norm Crook says, “This full-time RVing is the ultimate opportunity. We are currently parked at the Roanoke Mt. campground on the Blue Ridge as campground hosts, greeting all kinds of folk from all over the world. Volunteering makes for an easy way to spend a fairly cool summer.” — Carolyn Stigman Burnham still winters in Sarasota, but in the summer she lives beside Sebago Lake in Raymond and operates their summer business of renting family housekeeping cottages. Look them up at www.wind-in-pines.com. — Don Haller says, “It’s been a busy family summer so far. The only person I have seen is Lym (George) Lebherz. We meet with two other couples. Lym’s son, Chris ’85, returned in June to his 25th reunion at Mayflower Hill. The third couple had a son, Paul Hersay ’73, and the fourth couple had a grandson who graduated seven or eight years ago. So we are definitely Hail, Colby, Hail.” — Warren ’51 (now deceased) and Betty Levarsdon Finegan’s daughter, Kate, comes east every year for a visit. Betty then drives her and her two boys to the ferry to Martha’s Vineyard, where she visits a high school pal. — Dick Chamberlin hears from friends in Waterville about walking around the Alfond track at Colby. Dick walked there himself and reports that the entire facility, football field and track, is wonderful. “Having had the experience of competing in races on the track at the old campus and also on Mayflower Hill, the new track is comfortable to walk on and the landscaping around it is great. My wife and I joined several others on a beautifully clear, sunny morning, some jogging and some, like us, just walking. It was great!” — Art White’s grandson is a senior at Hotchkiss, and Art took him to Colby recently. “We had a great time and the campus looks beautiful. What a great place! My grandson loved it. After visiting seven schools Colby is his first choice. Of course my granddaughter loved Colby also and, although it was her first choice, it was the only college that rejected her. Bummer! She ended up at St. Lawrence where she has done very well.” — As for yours truly, I’m still active in theater projects after all these years. Not many parts available for “an old broad,” but I still perform around the Cape in a readers’ theater group and recently did a one-night performance of Gunney’s Love Letters. “So good to hear from these folks. Next time, it’s your turn.”

1953
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As I read the ’53 column in the summer Colby, it all sounded similar to what I’m writing for this issue. You will note that, I am sure. Ginny Falkenham Aronson did, indeed, take her trip through Maine and the Maritimes. She said the visit to Biddeford Pool where she spent summers of her childhood every August brought back nice memories. She took an extended two-week trip into New Brunswick, P.E.I., and Nova Scotia, accompanied by a traveling companion from Princeton. They enjoyed comfortable temperatures of 54 to 64 degrees after leaving Virginia’s 102. She did stop to see Colby. “I, too, stopped briefly at the Colby campus on my way to visit my son, Richard, at Moosehead Lake. I spent three wonderful days with him, hiking with our dogs near Big Squaw Mountain and then a four-mile jeep ride, which took an hour, into his wilderness camp.” — Quinn and Ruth Sheehan Bersani live a couple of towns from me at Brooksby Village, Peabody, Mass. They do some volunteering and local traveling. Quinn says that Barbara Cheeseman Hooper ’52 moved there and is very active in that community. The Bersanis, as well, visit Colby when they visit a sister in Norridgewock. Their children live from Massachusetts to Alaska and New Zealand and were lucky to visit New Zealand two years ago. Ruth continues to keep in touch with Millie Thornhill Reynolds. — Carolyn English Caci still works a couple of days a week at UMass Lowell, where she took time out to send me her note. She mentioned it is pretty quiet there without students buzzing around. She did go see Marty Friedlaender, who died Sept. 3, in early June when she flew to Maryland with her sister to visit Tommi (Loretta) Thompson Staples. Then all three went to New York City to See Marty, such a dear friend all these years. “Please let me hear from more classmates. Any news is welcome.”

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Herb Adams spent a delightful day on the golf course with Lois McCarty Carlson and Art Eddy and reports that Lois is “long off the tee” and that he had difficulty with his third putts. Herb, who has had three aortal aneurisms repaired with one more to go, continues to preach but now calls his sermons “provocations.” — Diane Chamberlin Starcher spent the summer visiting family in the States and in Canada. “Roger ’53 and Dorothy Forster Olson live four months at their cabin in Monson, Maine, and the remainder of the year in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Dorothy has just received signature statues in the Gold Coast Watercolor Society, of which she has been president for two years and has served on its board. She and Roger continue to enjoy good health but confess to slowing down a bit.” — As Herb Adams reported, he, Lois, and I had a grand day on the fairways of Purpoodock Golf Club in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Anne and I had a pleasant stay at Lois’s house on the rocky coast. On the way to Belfast we played 18 holes with Judy Jenkins Totman’s husband, Frank ’53, at The Ledges in York, Maine, and on the way home we had a brief visit with Art White ’52 in Bath.

1955
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This is my first column for our class! Heartfelt thanks to Ann Burnham Deering for her extraordinary job as correspondent. Hers is a joy to see Kathy McConaughy Zambello ’56 on campus! She and classmate Lou worked tirelessly for Colby for many years. Lou is sorely missed. We hold all our fallen classmates and their families in our hearts. — Cheers! Keep in touch!

1956
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Once again, classmates, greetings from Ole Cod. In June John and I, along with the Sorters and Kathy McConaughy Zambello, went to Waterville for reunion weekend. We attended several events but were focused on the planning session for next year. After the seminar, we walked the campus visiting as many potential meeting sites as possible. Hopefully, we will get Mary Low as our home base. We want to set up a cafe where folks can meet, greet, and just hang out between activities. — Thanks to those sent in newly notes. From Wellington, Fla., Richard Abendon writes, “I received the Pro Bono Award from the Florida Supreme Court earlier in the year. In addition to
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Deaths:  
Robert A. Jones ’52, Aug. 12, 2010, in Madison, Conn., at 81.  

this work with the underprivileged. I sit on four boards and am co-chair of Florida Stage, a theatre company that produces new plays by American playwrights. Most importantly, I bike 30 miles a day. Robin is still an educational consultant. We have been fortunate to spend time with Alan Landau ’55, Peter Lunder, Sonny Slater, Donn Kupersmith, and Bob Sage ’49.  
* From western Massachusetts Richard Hellawell reports, “Pat and I returned early this spring so that Pat could have her second knee replacement in Boston. We’re in Stockbridge until mid October then back to Palm Beach Gardens for the winter.”  
* Bob and Celeste Travers Roach have improved health-wise and enjoy retirement. Since Celeste is the family chauffeur and doesn’t like long drives, we probably won’t see them next June. Bob has been one of our loyal non-Colby reunion attendees and will surely be missed.  
* Hope Palmer Bramhall took a fabulous trip through the Canadian Maritimes with the Sortors. On their return they saw Kathy McConaughy Zamello and Larry Pugh, who shared the exciting news that Colby’s capital campaign exceeded its goal. Kathy spent the summer in Damariscotta and reported that William Ganem ’54 and his wife rented the cottage next door. “It was a treat to hang out with them. We had a mini ATO reunion that included Barbara Nardozi Saxon, Willard Wyman, and Ruthann Simmonds Mac Kinnon.”  
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* Willard Wyman has aptly named our 55 reunion “our last hurrah,” and we’re hoping it will be a big hurrah, at least. Please mark your 2011 calendar now. June 2-5. Yes, we will have an early outing as in the past. Yes, we are guests of the College. Yes, it will be worth your time and effort. Frank Huntress said it well: “It’s no secret that we are a devoted class family with tight bonds and happy memories. We can build on these features.” Let’s do it!  
* John and I wish you a happy, healthy fall. We are grateful for each of you.

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It’s been years since we have had a HOT summer like this one! Hope that everyone will enjoy the weather and will surely be missed.

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In June Ding and Betty Cooper Cochran took an Alaskan cruise with their oldest daughter’s family. They learned a lot and even “got a peek at Russia” from Wassilla. They spent part of the summer at Skaneateles Lake, N.Y. “Life is good!” In May Walter and Maggie Smith Henry, Ellie Fortenbaugh de la Bandera, and Marcia Griggs Aتسaves had a mini-reunion at Marcia’s apartment at Sea Colony in Bethany Beach, Del. They had Maine lobster tails with some wonderful wine Maggie brought and lots of other good seafood. Ellie made empanadas and brought special South American sausages. They took walks on the beach and visited a maritime museum and a local art gallery with a big mural of Renoir’s The Boating Party. Marcia enjoys long weekends at Sea Colony, playing tennis and spending afternoons on the beach, often swimming the half-mile length of the beach. “Are there any other Colby friends out there who want to come play tennis and sit on the beach with me? Since Mario died, I’ve been trying to bring friends with me more often.” 
* Ted and Sally Howes Hansen took a wonderful trip to Norway last summer. They visited Oslo briefly, then joined a group for a five-day trip to fjord country. They were impressed by the overwhelming beauty of the fjords—the Hardanger, the Sogn, and especially the Geiranger—the cascading waterfalls, the sheer mountain cliffs going into the sea, and the snow-clad peaks. They also rode the amazing Flåm Railway and got to see the world-famous Briksdal Glacier. In Alesund they caught a Hurtigruten coastal ship at midnight (still very light out!) for the trip south to the lovely city of Bergen. Their hotel was centrally located on Ole Bull Square, near Bryggen Harbour, the popular fish and flower market, the University of Bergen, and the funicular to Mt. Floien with its great views of the city and the fjords. Sally’s advice: “If you go, be sure to get The Rough Guide to Norway, which we found very helpful.” 
* Harry and Joan Shaw Whitaker attended Colby’s reunion weekend to see some Class of 1960 friends. They enjoyed a gathering of Sigma Theta Psi members and spouses at the Mt. Vernon home of Quimby Robinson ’61. Attending were Judith (Ingram ’60) and Doug Hatfield, Bill Barnett ’59, Bud Johnson ’59, Waring Blackburn ’60, Bob Hartman ’60, Bernie Scherban ’60, and Pete Van Aylea ’60. They also attended a cookout celebrating the return home of Elmer Bartels ’62 after many weeks of hospitalization and rehab, spending time with Marge and Bill Barnett ’62, Sue and Bob Hartman ’60, and Charlie Twigg ’57. Pam and Dave Adams had such a great time towing their son’s travel trailer around Florida last spring that they made the leap and bought their own. They’ll tour the maritime provinces this fall and spend Thanksgiving with the Atlanta branch of the family. “The nearby Army Corps Parks are quite appealing for us trailer park folks.” 
* Bruce Blanchard and John Edes again competed in the annual Maffe Foundation Golf Tournament in Bloomfield, Conn. Bruce’s short game and John’s putting had them finish third. Over the past seven years their team has won once, come in second twice, and third three times. The two have played in a charitable tournament for 25 years now. “Soon we may compete with walkers, but so far we are just fine!”
1959
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Thank you to all who responded.  •  Bob Keltie decided to stay in Florida for the summer. He was delighted to host Karen (Beganny ’63) and Skeeter Megathlin along with Connie and Fred Reinmund ’58 at a Florida Panthers NHL game in February, followed by a Megathlin-organized Colby get-together in Naples. Bill Hood ’61 set up a lunch in Delray Beach, where Bob enjoyed reuniting with Brian Blanchard ’60, Pete Cavarri ’61, and Ron Weber ’60.  •  At the end of June Dick Morrison completed a six-year term on the board of governors of the Harvard Business School Association of Boston. This included a term as president and one as program chair. He remained on the marketing committee as they’re revamping the website to take better advantage of social media. He also does a some market research consulting and a few pro bono projects each year for nonprofits in the Boston area. Vera and he divide their time between their home in Northport, Maine, and their condo on the Chelsea, Mass., waterfront. They had their granddaughter, Lilly, 5, with them for three nights in Maine. They went to the beach and watched Sponge Bob.  •  Mary Jane and Tony Ruvo spent July and August on the eastern seaboard, first at Long Beach Island, N.J., with friends, then Quonochontaug, R.I., with Mary Jane’s roommate’s family. Then it was on to Hilton Head Island for three weeks.  •  Judy Colbath Drinon has a great story in these difficult times. Many years ago she and her husband bought a recommended stock, which performed relatively well. Recently this stock, a Spanish bank, bought a U.S. bank. In April they received a call from the VP of stockholder relations inviting them to the annual stockholders meeting as the bank’s guests. In June they and another American couple flew first class to Madrid, travelled north by train to Santander, attended the shareholder’s dinner and meeting, and then returned to Madrid for first-class sightseeing, five-star accommodations, and meals. “A priceless experience!”  •  Edo Foresman Donaldson and Kiki Kies Madden stayed in a B&B in Oakland in July and explored the area and, of course, visited Colby. Since they didn’t get to the 50th, it was a good trip down memory lane. Edo and Bill are still full-time Riviers, spending winters in Arizona and summers visiting their four children and seven grandchildren.  •  Alex and Gladys Frank Bernyk downsized from a huge house in Saratoga to a comfortable one-story house in San Jose. They celebrated their 50th anniversary June 11. Their five children took them to Yosemite for Memorial Day weekend with the grand dinner at the Ahwahnee Hotel. Gladys keeps busy with the League of Women Voters, AAUW (permanent public policy chair), and the Assistance League. Gladys would be happy to see anyone who is in Silicon Valley.  •  John and Denny Kellner Palmer spent the summer at their cottage in Raymond, Maine, and Aaron and Cyndy Crockett Mendelson stopped by on their way back from Kezar Lake. Denny recommends visiting the Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay, where she visited with Penny Burns Winship early in the summer.  •  Tink Batchelder Weeks is still “reliving” the fun of seeing everyone at the 50th. She had a wonderful trip to Alaska with some near freezing over the glaciers and around the mountains at Denali. She planned a visit with friends in England and Scotland in September.  •  Elaine (Healey ’62) and Paul Reichert ’62 celebrated their 50th anniversary in N.H. in July (March actual month) with their four boys and their families. They helped their son build a woodshed and split wood. In September they planned to go to Portland, Ore., and then to Helena, Mont., with the Friendship Force Club before attending the international conference in Washington, D.C., in October. They also planned to attend the fall conference of U.S. Power Squardons in Florida before attending the national conference in Orlando in February.

1960
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We had an AWESOME 50th reunion as 111 of our classmates and their guests can attest. Everyone looked so young, and we even had some “cougars” in attendance! We had such an incredible time! My son Jon ‘95 celebrated his 15th and didn’t mind meeting all his mother’s college friends. On my way back to Florida I had lunch with Joanne Price Rockett, who looks great and enjoyed hearing about reunion.  •  Kim Chase says that those of you who missed the 50th missed a lot. As she says, not all of us have accomplished great things but none of that matters now. Make a vow to never miss another one. Kim’s accomplishments are knowing who she is when she looks in the mirror and having the blessings of being able to walk and talk. She will put off writing the great American novel another year.  •  Lucky Christof missed reunion, but as a recipient of the aptly named Moments to Remember CD he was there in spirit. He sees his neighbor and fraternity brother Reed Thompson ’59 a lot, and they had a glass of tequila while listening to the old songs. Reed and Lucky had lunch with DU brother Tony Kalloch ’58 recently and it was a great opportunity to lie to each other about how little life’s daily physical pains bother them.  •  John and Becky Crane Rafferty particularly enjoyed the 50th and the chance to see old friends. John mentioned that Coach Winkin is in the Lakewold Continuing Care Center in Waterville and would love to hear from others who played for him. John remembers that Coach Winkin taught him about never giving up or quitting and made John a pretty good baseball player without having any special talent or ability.  •  Janet Grout Williams mentioned the heat and humidity in New England this summer: in the “cool” White Mountains of NH it got to 93 degrees at their house and the mountains were nearly invisible. After reunion Janet had a wonderful lunch with Dottie Baldridge Dzenis and Julie Klafstad Runnells, neither of whom made it to reunion.  •  After Ronald Weber returned from the 50th, he joined Bob Keltie ’59, Brian Blanchard, and Pete Cavarri ’61 at a lunch hosted by Bill Hood ’61 in South Delray, Fla. They plan to do it again when the snowbirds come. Ron compliments everybody on the fantastic reunion.  •  Carol York Fortier’s grandson, Ben, had a wonderful time at reunion. They never slowed down until he left just before the Fourth. Carol then went to the Miss Teen USA pageant in Nassau, Bahamas, where Ben’s sister, Julianne, competed for the crown as Miss Teen Hawaii.  •  Nancy Bassett Mack had a “great 50th reunion.” Right afterwards they planned her mother’s 100th birthday party and then celebrated their 50th anniversary. They went to Paris in August and then relaxed.  •  Nancy Shoemaker Dargle enjoyed reunion very much, the first one she attended. Nancy loved the fabulous readings, talking to classmates, and hearing of their wonderful experiences and accomplishments. Right after reunion she moved from Forest, Va., to Winthrop, Maine, to be near her four children and twin sister, Carol.  •  Steve Curley had a “Colby Day” at the Red Auerbach Basketball School July 21. Steve says it didn’t rival the great time at reunion.  •  Eucine Bucholz Spooner had summer visits from her family and from Janice Rideout Carr and her husband. Send your reunion pictures to Eunie (espooner@fairpoint.net) before Dec. 31. She has graciously volunteered to make a DVD with our photos.  •  Judith Allen Ferretti found our 50th great fun and well organized. She sends kudos to the planning committee.  •  Lucie and Bob “Bo” Haggett scheduled their 50th anniversary celebration for early July, planning to gather 14 members of their immediate family at their home in Biddeford for a long weekend and then five days at Sebasco Resort. However, their three children had other plans. One Friday, as they drove into a restaurant parking lot, they saw a group of people yelling and waving their arms: 43 members of their extended family who had travelled from Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Indiana, and New England states to

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While Massachusetts lawmakers worked on a law to license three casinos, the Boston Globe ran a story highlighting the recollections of Jim McConchie ’63. As a graduate student in the 1960s, McConchie worked at a harness race track where every night in the parking lot he passed a station wagon wrapped with chains and a padlock—and three sleeping toddlers inside. “I have nothing against gambling,” McConchie said, “but I don’t know how I feel about creating something that means there are going to be little kids left in locked cars.”  •  The U.S. Tennis Association named Jim Begin ’67 one of 18 finalists for its 2010 Starfish Award, which recognizes high school coaches who implement a no-cut policy. Begin, longtime tennis coach at Waterville High School, believes tennis doesn’t have an expiration date. “Let them play and they’ll make it a lifelong sport,” Begin told the Morning Sentinel.  •  Head squash coach at Cate School in Santa Barbara, Calif., Terry Eagle ’66 was named Developmental Coach of the Year by U.S. Squash. Eagle has coached at Cate since 1988, and in the last five seasons eight of his prep school players went on to play intercollegiate squash. “It is the players who listen, respond, improve and grow,” Eagle said. “That is the measure.”

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celebrate! Bob is truly blessed with family members who may differ philosophically, politically, and in other ways, yet always get along. » For the fifth year, Ken Nigro went to the Dominican Republic to help the Red Sox run a kids’ camp. There were 12 Americans and 12 Dominicans, 15 to 17. They worked in the morning—at an orphanage or a poor village—and played baseball in the afternoon. The project is funded by a woman in New Hampshire, and the kids don’t have to pay a thing.

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Your class officers, Bob Burke, Steve Chase, and Diane Scrafton Cohen Ferreira, visited Colby June 3-6 to observe the Class of ’60 celebrate its 50th reunion. You should have received Bob’s note encouraging all to plan ahead and get involved in—ours—at the very least by returning June 2-5, 2011, for a guaranteed great time! » Penny Dietz Sullivan volunteered to help with reunion. She wrote from “beautiful” New Bern, N.C., where she and Paul are “happily” retired. They enjoy golf, bridge, canasta, and dominoes. Penny worked for the 2010 census and looks forward to seeing everyone at the reunion. Penny worked for the 2010 census and looks forward to seeing everyone at the reunion.

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Linda and Al Carville toured Alaska when daylight was at its peak of 21-plus hours. They covered the state, including Mt. Denali, and saw a mile-wide glacier “calve.” Al will cruise up the Maine coast with Rod Pierce and get beaten at cribbage, “...in another month or so planning for our 50th reunion, in 2013, will begin.” » Allen and Rosemary Blankenship Hubbard had a great time with Donna Cobb Lawrence (Rosemary’s “roomie”) and husband Joe Teagarden, who visited them in North Carolina. Rosemary and Al took their daughter and grandson to visit Niagara Falls and Chautauqua. » Bill ’62 and Barb Haines Chase spent a week on the Blackfoot Indian Reservation in Montana with Global Volunteers. This was their first time immersed in a culture from our history, and they found it enlightening to work together on projects on the reservation. They went to northern Idaho to visit a friend from their Alaska days and headed to Maine in August. » Monte and Clindy Richmond Hopper spent part of the winter in Venice, Fla., and saw Paul and Anita Nourse Largent, who live in Englewood. They’d love to know of other classmates in the area. On their two-month, 13,000-mile road trip “around our magnificent country,” they visited Paul and Mary Jo Cahill Schroeder. They also went on a cruise to Alaska and just missed Wayne and Mary Dexter Wagner at Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau. » Doug Mulcahy, aka Muldoon, plays golf and gits at retirement communities. His son got into 10 colleges but decided on UGA and will graduate debtless! » Mel and Jean Elliott Thomson spend winters aboarding their trawler in Florida. On their way north they visited Karna Bjorklund Haagland (Jean’s freshman roommate) and husband, Bob, who have a condo on Pawley’s Island. S.C. Jean and Karna both left after freshman year but have fond memories of Colby and friends. » The Boston Globe had a wonderful article about Jim McConnel. Jim wonders how many Tau Delt brothers remember the trips to the Maine racetracks from Waterville. To read the very moving article, go to www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/07/13/gambling/losers/?s_campaign=8315. » Jim Westgate is relieved that the political upheaval in Bangkok has calmed down. He wrote about spending time with a former student working on an Operation Smile project (fixing cleft palates). Jim swims in the canal in front of his country home and does yoga. He had a wonderful phone visit with Judy Magalhaes. » Nancy (Goday ’85) and John Wilson are enjoying their third summer in their Deer Isle home and will stay until December. They look forward to visits from family and friends. » Karen Forslund Falb had a visit from Lillian Waugh and husband David Yelton, who were visiting their daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter, Verity. All are fine! » Mary Michelmore Hayes is involved in several community volunteer efforts. They were in Alaska in June visiting son Andrew Ackerman, a park scientist at Denali National Park, where they live year round. They traveled to Seward and climbed up to glaciers. “Alaska is a must for everyone’s bucket list.” » Ruth Pratley Madell still works full time for the Kansas Humanities Council and is busy with board meetings and events. She went to her 50th high school reunion and spent Christmas in Chicago with her son. She’s also been to Florida and San Francisco to visit family and grand twins. She bowed with the WII and at local allies! » Virginia Baker now lives in Maine full time after 30 years in NYC; still does some part-time work, and volunteers for an animal welfare organization. She’s traveling in the Netherlands. » Thank you for your news—it’s amazing that five out of 14 of us in this column went to Alaska! It sounds like we should all go! Maybe Colby could organize a trip...
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camp. I took her up and on the way to West Quad pointed out the window to the room in Averill that I shared with Bob Drewes our first year. • In other news, Suzy Noes Magee and Barbara Carr Howson had a lovely trip exploring southern history in Natchez and Vicksburg, Miss., and St. Francisville, La., at the height of the spring flower season. That next week Suzy’s kids and grandkids arrived for Jazz Fest. • BJ Campbell had two successful hip replacements so she can dance at her wedding to Frank LeRose Oct. 10! Weezie Lippischutz Stillman plans to be there. They’ll honeymoon in Sedona, Ariz., with a day and night at the Grand Canyon and a hot air balloon ride. If anyone is near Hilton Head, stop and say hi. BJ and Frank are in Sun City, 12 miles from the island. • Marcia Phillips Sheldon went on her first “Road Scholar” trip (formerly Elderhostel), a five-day bicycling program in the Pennsylvania and New Jersey countryside. She had a fabulous time.

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THANK YOU JAN! Did we have a wonderful reunion or what? Jan Wood Parsons and her committee orchestrated a perfect weekend without ever actually meeting as a group. The electronic age is wonderful. Thanks to Gloria and John Tewhey for hosting the reception/dinner at their Gorham, Maine, home on Thursday. Upon checking in we picked up our reunion T-shirt with another winning design by Chris Brown. His design featured sketch images of six notable people from our era including JFK, MLK, John Lennon, and RELS! Dr. Strider was a guest of the College that weekend and was presented with a T-shirt by Jan. He plans to have it framed. On Friday we toured the back roads to Rockport for a nice luncheon sail on the Heron. The weather was perfect. Friday night we had a wonderful gab fest and dinner at the Village Inn in Belgrade. Saturday’s planned nature walk with Marty Dodge was a washout as was the parade of classes and the tour of “Old Waterville.” Rick Davis was honored with a Colby Brick. Pam Plumb Carey spoke about her book, Minor League Mom. That was followed by a Class of 1965 panel open to all discussing changes in society and Colby over the last 49 years. Chris Brown, Dave Fearon, Bob Rogers, and Nancy Godley Wilson recalled a variety of things. Jan Wood Parsons attempted to moderate the discussion. No names, but those you recall as “windy” still are! • Tom and Nancy Ryan Morrione visited Scandinavia last July. Tom presented a research paper at the International Sociological Association conference in Gothenburg, Sweden. They started the trip in Norway, where Nancy visited the little town of Ryen, where her roots are, before driving via Stavanger and Stockholm to the conference. Tom continues as professor of sociology at Colby and will teach a course on nonprofit organizations and philanthropy next spring. Nancy is on the road recruiting in her job with the Colby admissions office. • Chris and Elliot Terborgh used the reunion trip to visit their son, John ’94, and family. They missed the birth of grandson Graham Elliot Terborgh—perhaps Colby ’31?—by two weeks. • Virgil Hervey had his one act play, Parking Spaces, selected as one of 12 from 85 submissions to be produced as part of a festival in his hometown of Yellow Springs, Ohio. • Linda Stearns works part time as a passenger service agent at Bangor International Airport and does a little office work for a local psychologist. She and Tom keep busy with their 1835-era house repairs and a very productive 12-foot “farm” with raspberries, strawberries, three peach trees, a salad garden, and sweet potatoes. Their Newfoundland, Alice, helps supervise. • Jean (Hoffmann ’66) and Neil Clipsham went on a Danube cruise and spent time this summer “tending the veg plot and spoiling the granddaughters.” • Dave Hatch moved to Venice Island, Fla., from Fort Myers. “Am enjoying the beach, walking, and fishing” • Barbara McGillicuddy Bolton had to miss reunion as her husband, Frank, had a stroke in December 2009. He’s on the mend and they planned to picnic at Johnson Pond this summer on the way to their summer place in Brooklin, Maine. • After reunion our new class prez, Harold Kowal, had a golf date with his son-in-law. One of the other pair was introduced as Stan, Harold, recognizing the voice asked. “Are you Stan Dubitsky?” He said “Yes, who are you?” Harold stated his name. Still no reaction. So Harold said, “Stan, I was your roommate at Colby in the Tau Delt House.” Still nothing. So Harold said, “I was Boobise” and lights went on. So remember, just because you have spent the last 45 years becoming a big deal, you will still be Boobise to your oldest friends. • Hall, Colby, Hall.

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Tom Boghosian sent news from Orr’s Island, Maine, while helping lead kayak excursions. He’s still living and teaching in New Jersey and enjoys having his son Mike and family nearby in Philadelphia, especially for visits with his granddaughter, 2. Son Jeff was married in August. • Matt ’65 and Jemmie Michener Riddell looked forward to their trip to Scotland with four couples in August. • Carl Floyd had retired but now works part time as a technical consultant in submarine imaging systems. He’s back to playing classical guitar and enjoys woodworking. He returned to Farmington, Maine, to visit his parents in June and to celebrate his dad’s 100th birthday and his parents’ 70th anniversary. • Gayle Johnson Peolseth and Garfield Barnes are building a home in Plainfield, VT., a well-insulated timber-frame house made from local wood with many energy efficiency features and recycled building products. Target completion date is this fall. • Karen Rien deau Pacheco is a big fan of Colby’s Alumni College and looked forward to attending again this summer. • Doug and Beth Adams Keene described their South American travel of last May as the trip of a lifetime. Peruvian Amazon, Lima, Cuzco, Machu Picchu, Ecuador, and the Galapagos—travel filled with wonders created by both man and nature. “Awesome!” • After graduation John Vermillion attended U of Kansas law school, spent many years in the energy business, and now owns an energy consulting company. He and his wife, Carol, live near St. Paul, Minn., have two children and two grandchildren, have traveled extensively in the Caribbean, and made their first trip to Europe last summer. • Another traveler checked in from far away. In July Deb Anglim Higgins wrote from France about her three-week adventure there, visiting a French friend, touring Provence and the Cote D’Azur, and chartering a boat for a week on the Canal Du Midi. Fabulous foods, wines, and sights all along the way, reports Deb. • Lynn (Longfellow ’65) and Gary Knight’s summer travel was precipitated by an invitation to visit Lynn’s classmate Loretta Kirk Lichtmannnger at her home in Salzburg, Austria. They had a week in Vienna, then drove the autobahn through southern Germany. • Retired physician Bob Davis and his wife, Nancy, split their time between Ashland, Ohio, and Basalto, Colo. They have nine grandchildren in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. Bob is taking courses in metal sculpture and is also carving Kachina dolls, an interest stemming from his residency in Albuquerque, where he developed an interest in Southwest art. • Beth Peo Armstrong hosted Pam Harris Holden, Jemmie Michener Riddell, Diane
Leach Wilbur, and me at her lovely summer home in Woods Hole, Mass., for a “girls weekend” in late June. We all agreed that Colby friendships age really well. • Jeff Lederman, a 2005 Colby grad, and his father are trying to track down classmates of Jeff’s uncle, Mark Lederman, who drowned the summer between his sophomore and junior years at Colby. Mark was a biology major. If you remember him, please contact Jeff at jeff.lederman@hotmail.com, 646-530-2763, or 145 E. 16th St., 2M, New York, NY 10003. It would mean a lot to them.

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**1967**

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With our 45th reunion coming up in 2012, some classmates have gotten a jump on reconnecting. Scottie Brewer Brewer had a great, albeit short, visit from Marty Menti when she came east from Albuquerque and to Vermont for a day. Scottie reports that they did not playbridge. Marty retired from teaching Spanish, but Scottie has two more years teaching first and second grades before she retires. Scottie tried to get Fran Colmes Davis to join them, but Fran couldn’t as it was her last week of work before retiring.

• Kathy Haskell Whittier attended a reunion with Judy Greer Deforest and Betty Coffey Gross.

• In our spring column in Colby, we stated, incorrectly, that Sandy Miller had closed her store in Milton, Mass. Fortunately, Sandy and her store are active and productive.

We apologize for the error. Sandy will meet Pattie Whittemore Jenkins and Ruth Elliott Holmes, and she recently had lunch with J.J. Mueller Sinton. Sandy also spent a week on the top of Beech Mountain, N.C., with her daughter’s family. • Kurt Swenson visited the Carribean a couple of times in winter 2010. Kurt also attended a Colby ATO reunion with Irv Faunce, Doug Howe, Terry Shaw, Chris Sinton, Terry Stratton, Tom Watson, and Dave Watterson. Ross (Skip) Kolhonen, a DKE, crashed the party late in the evening since he was headed to the North Haven (Maine) Golf tournament with Terry Stratton. Kurt’s retirement keeps him busy as a result of the Swenson Granite Company offering to take Rock of Ages Corporation private. Kurt enjoys babysitting his two granddaughters, but his golf game is getting worse rather than better—he decided to do more fishing. • After 36 years in Needham, Mass., Jo Ellen and Chuck Levin sold the “old homestead” (I’m told this has a hidden meaning for Tau Dels! As a D, I have no experience with deception of any type) and moved to a condo in Sudbury. Chuck’s law office remains in Needham. • Charlie and Sally Ray Bennett took a two-week Grand Circle Travel escorted bus tour of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia. In August their children, spouses, and grandchildren were in Rhode Island. • Jeanne Philson Sommers retired from working with actuaries for almost 40 years, moved to De Bary, Fla., and lives in a retirement community located on the St. John’s River. • Jim Katz reports he hasn’t done a damned thing worth reporting! For some reason I cannot accept this at face value. We’ll have to pay attention when Jim comes to Mayflower Hill in 2012.

• Fred Beyer and his wife are grandparents of twins Billy and Joey, born in December. Fred attended the Common Ground Fair this fall. • Annette Sandrock lives on Martha’s Vineyard, where she teaches high school English. Annette’s daughter passed the bar and practices law in Massachusetts. • After 35 years in Hingham, Mass., Tony Wilkins moved into Boston and worked as managing director of Loomis Sayles. Tony was introduced to Joanna McGee, niece of Dick McGee, Colby’s former football coach and athletic director. Since then Tony retired, Joanna took on a position with L.L. Bean, and they moved to Falmouth, Maine. Tony serves on the Maine Audubon board of directors.

• Jim Helmer participated in the 25th anniversary Ride The Rockies Bicycle Tour. Jim covered the 525 miles driving the support truck that bikers call the “sag wagon.” This fall Jim will watch the University of Colorado football team and scouting adventures in the wild west. With a somber note we report the death of Susan Hall Lund, who died in Rye, N.H., and leaves her daughter, Susan Hall Lund.

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**1968**

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Hetbie Shores Parmesano writes: “I retired from NERA Economic Consulting in January after 30 years, but am still doing a bit of consulting (energy economics). I took an ‘Introduction to Printmaking’ class in community college last spring and have become addicted to making prints. Who knew I had an artistic impulse? (I did take art appreciation and one studio art class at Colby).” • Lee Weiser: “After my Colby years, time in the service, and graduate school, I became very involved in lacrosse as an on-field official, a ref. If you count the years in college, I’ve been involved with lacrosse for more than 45 years. Within the last year or so, I’ve hung up my penalty flag. My last game locally was with eighth and ninth graders. I simply could not run up and down the field with 13-year-olds. I bragged about having 50-yard eyes and 10-yard legs. Counting intercollegiate, interscholastic, club, and youth lacrosse, I’m guessing that I’ve reffed over a thousand games. My son-in-law, Bruce Fougere ’92, was an AllAmerican lacrosse goalie at Colby; my son, Kai, and daughter, Caroline, also played. Recently I’ve been recognized with awards from U.S. Lacrosse and the Lake Placid Summit Lacrosse Tournament. That’s a nice way to end a career and hobby about which I’m so passionate. I must add that Jim Wilson ‘67 and Bill Seller were responsible for my introduction to the sport in the mid-60s at Colby. I thank them profoundly. I simply love the sport.” • Merry Mann Shore reports: “I spent four weeks in China this summer, hosted by current and former Hebron Academy students. While I did all the touristy things—the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the world’s largest Buddha—the highlight of the trip was staying in my students’ homes, getting to know their families, and experiencing daily life through their eyes. I’m still teaching—math, western philosophy, and world religions—and don’t even want to think about retiring.” • Barbara Bixby joyfully proclaims that her son, Joshua Abrams, proposed to Jessica Maltz, who Barbara says is “the most wonderful, beautiful girl in the world.” • Ed Quinto: “I have no news since I reported that I retired, but I was wondering if there is a way to find some information on my ex-roommate, Richard M. Goldberg.” Rich Goldberg, are you out there?

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**1969**

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In April Jane Master Rohrbach and her husband went on a nine-day Chamber of Commerce trip to China. This was followed by an “amazing” two-week photography trip to Iceland in June. “Parts of the country are desolate but beautiful at the same time. I truly felt I was in the heart of nature at its wildest—fire, ice, hot springs, waterfalls, innumerable birds, etc.” Although the land is sparsely populated, Jane found the people friendly and helpful. • After 13 years in Macedonia, Carol Partridge and her husband, Lee Roberts, attended a renowned Galicnik wedding, which incorporated old traditions including dress, dance, music, and customs. The event takes place in July on St. Peter’s Day in the picturesque village of Galicnik in the western mountains of Macedonia. Carol and Lee celebrated their first grandchild, Logan Jon Roberts, born June 12, and hope to visit him in California this fall. • Cheryl (Moriarty ’70) and Bud Higgins celebrated their 40th anniversary this year. Bud has “returned to my passion... academic emergency medicine as director of research for the residency training program in the department of emergency medicine at Maine Medical Center.” When not otherwise occupied, they’re at their cottage on Peaks Island in Casco Bay. • Chris Christensen worked with the Colby Career Center and a local doctor’s office to assist a student with a summer internship. Chris says “the Career Center is a great asset for students as well as alumni, and I’m really excited to have helped.” Chris and his wife, Lynn, celebrated their 41st anniversary and the arrival of their second grandchild, Caden, son of Eric ’98 and Kari Christensen Andersen ’98, June 21. Their son Jeff ’10 started at Boston College Law School. Lynn keeps busy writing mortgages and Chris, who still plays boats with boats on Lake Winnipesaukee, is running for his sixth term as a NH state representative. • Bob Stecker and his wife, Naseem, spent January through June in Hong Kong, Bob was a senior Fulbright scholar based at Lingnan University. He lectured at universities in Hong Kong, China, Japan, and Singapore and had a holiday in Bali. • Donna Massey traveled to Pittsburgh this spring and then to Minnesota to visit old friends. She plans a trip down the Salmon River later this year. • Sandy Hoe and her wife, Denny, live in Washington, D.C., where Sandy practices law. They have six grandchildren. Last fall Sandy traveled to Liberia as part of a United Nations team to assist the Liberian government draft a new concessions and procurement statute. He spent time in Monrovia working with government ministers and their staffs and met with the president of Liberia. Also working on the project was a group from the World Bank, including a lawyer from Ghana. Sandy found it very interesting and rewarding to contribute his expertise. • John Burnham extends greetings from the Berkshires. This year he’s working with a Colby grad in his internal medicine training program. With two daughters heading to college in 2011, he expects to work full time for quite a while. John got two new knees early this year, but plans to ski again this winter. He planned “to trounce Peter Brown and Steve Anderson on the golf course this summer.” • Ines Ruelius Altmoste took daughter Kristen and granddaughter Kayla to France as a high school graduation gift for Kayla, 18. They spent three days enjoying Arles, where the B&B host, a master chef, taught them Provençal cooking. Paris was next with a visit to Versailles. Ines and her husband, David, spend as much time as possible at their Bradley Beach home and hope to retire there in several years. Ines continues her career in clinical research at a biotechnical
company in N.J. » Mickey Jake suffered a detached retina last winter. Fortunately he expects to make a full recovery. Mickey was interviewed by his prep school classmate, Kevin Rafferty (a documentary filmmaker, Harvard Beats Yale, 29-29) for his next project, a film about Phillips Academy in the early ’60s. He wishes to get married, and he continues to pursue his interests in religion (www.ConfrontingBelievers.com).

1970

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Norma Rivero de Biermeyer was unable to attend our 40th reunion because of political activity in Caracas, Venezuela, that limits her freedoms. She and her husband still haven’t decided to flee the dictatorship and leave home and work behind. She reports that every weekend an average of 40 people are killed. Her main goal each days to think positively and not be afraid. If gets worse, she believes Venezue-

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These scorching hot days bring to mind dreams of crisp, cool autumn days. By the time you read this, this summer spell will have passed. With this extreme heat came the most turbulent weather I’ve ever seen in New England. » Bill Hladky is eagerly awaiting the outcome of his son’s process of applying to college, now that he has come into the Saco, Maine, which is his next step toward realizing his dream of being a computer engi-

1972

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I hope that everyone enjoyed the long, hot summer! Some of our classmates had the energy and the time to write. » Lou Griffith enjoyed a get-together with Bonnie Conner and Mike Gibbons at the June wedding of their daughter, Casey. Lou also caught up with Clark Ruff, who continues to enjoy retirement. » Christiana Holzer Gallant has finally settled in upper Michigan, in Traverse City, and it suits her well. “The natural beauty is breathtaking, with crystal clear water in the bay and amazing dunes and old forests. The people are progressive and friendly, and there is so much to do: biking, hiking, kayaking, a great independent theater run by volunteers, and an incredible film festival.” She would love to share this place with anyone who happens to come to the area. » Cathie Joslyn celebrated her 60th with a five-week sabbatical trip to Madrid and Andalucia, Rome, and London during late spring. She viewed great art and visited Sivananda yoga centers in Madrid and Rome. She hoped to see Amy Sosland Brown in the UK, but the Icelandic volcano foiled that plan. In June she gave a presentation at a fine and performing arts conference (www.atiner.gr) in Athens and saw Professor Harriett Matthews (art) busy at work on beautiful, new, small-scale waxes, which she’ll have cast later. Cathie had a reunion with Debbie Christensen Stewart and Donna Power Stowe in D.C. in January and has enjoyed getting reacquainted with Gail Reilly York and Bill Stanton in cyberspace. Cathie posted some artwork on Facebook, and she reminds everyone of her strategic location along I-80 in western Pennsylvania for when you’re travelling cross country. » Susan (Rogers) ’73 and David Belton enjoyed their annual trip to Acadia and Bar Harbor in July. An added bonus this year was dinner with the Obamas. (Actually they were seated near them at a lovely restaurant in Bar Harbor.) David directs a psychiatric rehabilitation program in Boston with three outreach teams caring for seri-

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Summer news for the Class of ’73 is domi-
nated by the Choppers of Lambda Chi, with Alex Wilson, Duncan Leith, and Joe Mattos writing in about the annual Fourth of July-week gathering in the Belgrade Lakes. This has been an annual event since 1978 and a highlight of their year. The usual evening with adults playing cards and kids watching videos has changed, however, with many kids now over 22 and outnumbering the adults at the card table. Also attending were Brian Cone, Bob Landsvik, and John Krasnave and their families as well as Class of ’71 LCA brothers Ron Lupton and Ken Bigelow with their families. With hot weather all week, waterskiing and swimming provided relief. Former football coach Dick Magee attended the July Fourth cookout, which was an early 80th birthday celebration.
When American Hannah Kearney won the gold medal in women’s mogul skiing in Vancouver, Nick Preston ’71 was right there. Preston, a freestyle ski coach along with his wife, Susan Harding Preston ’71, was Kearney’s private coach throughout the Olympic trials, pre-Olympic World Cup races, and in Vancouver. Kearney’s gold was “an epic moment in Nick’s dedicated ski coaching career.” + Tommy Boy Records CEO Tom Silverman ’76 joined the board of indie music consortium Merlin, a nonprofit that represents “the rights of independent record labels worldwide.” Silverman, who served on the board of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, has more than 28 years experience in the hip-hop, urban, alternative, dance, rock, and gospel music markets. + The New York Daily News appointed Kevin Convey ’77 its new editor-in-chief. Former editor-in-chief of the Boston Herald, Convey began his 33-year career as a general assignment reporter and moved up to city editor and managing editor. “Kevin will keep the paper true to its character and voice and bring to it his unique energy and wit,” said Mort Zuckerman, chairman and publisher.

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Kevin Convey ’77

MILESTONES


He planned to stop by Colby and check out the Spa to make sure that his bill had been paid in full. John, next time you’re in Maine let us know and we’ll meet you at the Spa. + Cindy Vieter Kahle writes from Houston that she and her husband have three grown children and travel in their free time. Argentina is their new favorite spot. Through an Argentine organization that provides the children with someone to guide them into adulthood, Cindy has become a mentor for two children who are 18, in child protective services, and without parents. She finds an incredibly rewarding volunteer opportunity that others might want to consider. + Leo and Leslie Nickerson Bowers send greetings from Virginia. Their children certainly inherited the medical gene from Leo. Their youngest daughter graduated from the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, and began her residency in internal and family medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School. Their oldest daughter is in her fourth year of residency at the University of Florida Medical School, specializing in pathology. She’ll begin her fellowship in forensic pathology in the state crime lab at the Medical College of Virginia next May. Their son is in his last year of a master’s program in the physician’s assistant program at Eastern Virginia Medical School. He plans to join Leo’s family medicine practice next May. Leo still works hard, and Leslie will retire next year from teaching ninth-grade English at An Achievable Dream High School in Newport News. They planned to visit Michele Burke McKnight ’75 and her husband and James Glover and his wife this summer. + Anne Richards took her Girl Scout troop (ages 16-18) to Switzerland to go adventuring in the Alps in June. It was the trip of a lifetime! When in addition to cultural activities and lots of hiking, they did zip-lining and high ropes courses, rock climbing, rappelling into a deep river gorge, and whitewater rafting on a glacial river. Some of them did a night hike to reach a mountain peak for sunrise over the Alps. Another adventure was dinner in the red light district on their first night in Geneva—not intentional, but another life experience for the girls! + Jim Mahoney, from Waban, Mass., shared news that Jerry Buckley became a grandfather! His granddaughter, Leifra, who lives in Cromwell, Conn., just had a baby. Jerry lives in Duxbury, Mass., and works for Comcast. + Bonnie Nielson, who lives in Augusta, Maine, finished her master’s at USM—an M.S. in abilities and disabilities education. She traveled to Ontario with her daughter to camp for five days. Except for the rain, she wished it could have been five weeks. A highlight was sightseeing two mink families while hiking and kayaking. They also met one of the theorists in the field of gifted education in Montreal. In August Bonnie spent a week in a camp by a lake with even less to do than on the camping trip!

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Thanks to Dianne Billington Sronach for writing the class column the past five years! We appreciate her efforts. Thanks also to our out-going president, Rod Jones, and the reunion planning committee for such a fun reunion. Staying in Avonril brought back old memories and a hardy crew returned! Rod and wife Joanne had a great time. They were happy to see Kathy (Donohue ’76) and Ron Yeo from New Mexico. Rod was disheartened to report that Dave White won the seventh pent annual frof (Frisbee golf) tournament. The Joneses entertained the Steve Palmers, the Dave Whites, and Carol Majdalany Williams in July at their summer cottage in Ontario. + New class president Byrd Allen says the class gift is a jump drive with 25 songs released during our time at Colby. The last file is a time sweep with snippets of every number one song from 1971 to 1975. + David Turnbull has an interim job in Vancouver, B.C., so Sue (Benson) visits him from their home in West Virginia. In May they attended graduation at Colby for their youngest daughter, Caro-line ’10, and later Sue vacationed in Nova Scotia. + Andrea Ward Antone works as a physical therapist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville (11 years). She and Al, married 30 years, saw their first grandchild by oldest daughter Becky in the fall. Becky is a critical-care nurse and their son, Jamie, is a captain in the Air Force, stationed in South Carolina after a stint in Afghanistan. Their youngest child, Lindsay, graduated from Western Kentucky University. + Lisa Turtz Birnbaum and her younger daughter, Rose, visited older daughter Zoe during her junior semester in Barcelona. Rose will attend Mount Holyoke and Zoe will graduate from Colgate. Lisa works as a private practitioner in psychiatry out of two Montefiore medical groups in the Bronx. Her patients get better with their interventions, so the work is very gratifying. + John Orefice attended reunion and has retired after 31 years of teaching English at Pelham (NY) High School. His retirement was due to “student essay fatigue,” but he’ll still be directing plays and musicals for one more year. His daughter, Joanna, graduated from Pelham HS this year and will attend Elon University. He hopes to do a better job of staying in touch in the future. + Jim and Sally Hawk Gibson missed reunion to work...
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At Maine’s State Class B track meet, Sally sings in the church choir and plays in an African drumming group. They look forward to being done with college payments as their third child finishes UMO in two years. They also look forward to more traveling when Jim retires from teaching in a few years. They both enjoy Nordic ski racing and Sally loves lake swimming and daily walks with their dogs. • Randi Mershon Leonard spent the Fourth of July with Rich and Janet Breslin Gilmartin ‘76 at their oceanside home in Hull, Mass. After 21 years in Salem, N.H., Randi and husband Jack drove to their new home in Oro Valley, Ariz., this summer! Daughter Stephanie begins her nursing career in Arizona while daughter Jessica continues living on her own in Haverhill, Mass. • After reunion, and sleeping in noisy Avon, Susie Gearhart spent five days in July in Washington, D.C., at the Continental Congress for the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is very involved at the chapter and state levels. This summer she worked on quilting projects and took a 32-mile road bike tour. • Dan Sexton still mountain bikes in the piney woods of Maine. He has left newspaper ad sales and now consults in Internet marketing and lives in Portland. • Lawrence Potter went parasailing above the beautiful waters off Key West this summer. “It was definitely a highlight,” he said. “Along with snorkeling in the waters at the coral reefs.” He also visited SeaWorld, “which teaches us to treasure our marine wildlife and ecosystem.” • Thanks for your news! Frost in early May at Apple Annie in Brentwood, N.H., made us lose the whole crop. My son is getting married this fall.

1976
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Lots of news this cycle, including, once again, some sad news. But first—Janet Breslin Gilmartin has been seaside in Hull, Mass. for three years with husband Rich and sons Jason and Kenton. She’s feeling settled after years in Switzerland, London, Hong Kong, and Connecticut. She helps run the New England Alumni Association of MD, the Swiss-based international business school where she and Rich obtained their M.B.A.s. Jason is a senior at Bryant College and Kenton is a freshman at Wheaton. • Sim-Kuen (Chan ’75) and Rob Gregory serve as spiritual life advisors to students through the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. All four of their children are married, and they have seven grandchildren. • Marguerite “Mugby” (Nelson ’75) and Jay Sarson are now grandparents of Ella Jane Sarson, born this July. • Joy Sawyer Mulligan is happily, productively working at the Thacher School in Ojai, Calif., “teaching literature, writing, photography, advising, counseling—all the hats that a small boarding school demands. Her husband of 29 years is head of the school. They spend summers in a little house they built years ago in the foothills of the Washington Teton.” Their daughter, Sarah, is a senior at the University of Colorado. Joy was delighted to see Colby Music Professor Paul Machlin at a campaign dinner last March. She was part of a Butler gals’ mini-reunion in Philadelphia with Julie Stewart, Wendy Swallow, Heather Finney Eng, and (via Skype) Kathie Jewett ’77. “Twenty-four hours, a whole lotta rain, and the blessings of enduring friendship.” (Julie, Heather, and Kathie—send updates!) • Wendy Swallow wrote enthusiastically about the same reunion weekend. Wendy was in Britain this spring visiting her son, Joe, who is doing a master’s in medieval art at the Courland Institute. They visited the Brontë Parsonage, which Wendy has wanted to see since studying Brontë poetry with Professor Kenney. “It was spitting snow up there on the moors, with lowering skies. Just perfect!” Wendy and her husband came to split their time between Washington, D.C., and Reno. • Paul Kueffner had to cancel his Maine sailing plans for the summer when he broke a rib at Block Island Race week. He still hoped to finish building his wife’s kayak before summer was over. • Caren Starr-Stewart’s software consulting business is doing well. Her son Jonathan graduated from Norwich University with a degree in criminal justice. Daughter Emily completed her freshman year at University of Vermont, where she studies animal care and works on her passion for photography. • In addition to managing his investment business, John Lombard has become a citizen activist, running the website http://weellectedyou.org. The bloggers at this site, led by John, advocate for a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution, a line-item veto, and other budgetary reforms. • Jed Snyder completed two years as a senior civilian adviser to the commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, based in Hawaii, where he is responsible for analyzing strategic issues in the Asia Pacific region. With events in China, India, the Korean peninsula, and Japan, he keeps busy. He’s been asked to extend his assignment, so he plans to remain until fall 2011. • OK, friends, another reminder that our 35th reunion is June 2-5, 2011. Mark the dates! If you can help, contact Paul Boghossian at paulboghossian@gmail.com. Also start planning your reunion gift to the Colby Fund. And send me news! (Hank and Di, I have you for next issue!) • As this column goes to press, I have the sadder of news to pass along. Our classmate Karen Brown Davis passed away after a brief illness Aug. 14 in Seattle, Wash. Karen, the mother of three children, Justin, Hannah, and Caleb, was married to Joth Davis. She headed the Sound Options Group, LLC, where she was an arbiter in public education special needs for the state of Washington. Karen, born and raised in Sante Fe, N.M., lived on Bainbridge Island, Wash. Our hearts are with Joth and his children.

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On a recent Mediterranean cruise, Iris Greenberg Kennedy met her Colby roommate, Zeynep Baler, in Kusadasi, Turkey. It was the first time they’d seen each other since graduation. • Linda Cabibbo Toga sent news for the first time ever. She just celebrated the fifth anniversary of the opening of her own law firm. She concentrates on estate planning, real estate, and litigation and would be happy to give Colby grads a discount. Linda has two kids: Daniel, 26, has been traveling the world since 2007; Jessica, 23, is “living in D.C., tending bar, and having a blast.” Linda and her husband, Andy, live on Long Island and just celebrated their 30th anniversary. “Life is good.” • Janet Josselyn has had multiple careers since graduation, first as an architect, then as a trial lawyer; she’s now focused on writing and raising her 14-year-old son with her husband, John Koon. Summer vacation plans included whitewater rafting on Oregon’s Rogue River and viewing the Perseids meteor shower on top of Mt. Hood. • Jonathan Fenton’s son, Jonathan, is attending Endicott College this fall, enrolled in the PE teacher licensure program. Daughter Katie is in eighth grade in Hanover, N.H. Jonathan teaches English and social studies to fifth graders at the Marion W. Cross School in Norwich, Vt. His wife, Corinne, is a receptionist at the school. • Priscilla Bondy Dube was surprised at a high school graduation party when she bumped into a young graduate who looked remarkably like Ellen O’Brien. It was Ellen’s son, James. Priscilla and Ellen live only a few miles apart, but have rarely seen each other—something Priscilla would like to change! • Peter Cohn’s son, Aaron, is a senior at SUNY Binghamton, and his daughter, Sarah, is a freshman at the University of Delaware. This means that Peter and wife Joanne are joining the ever-growing club of Class of 1977 empty nesters. Peter finished his ninth year as an earth science teacher at A & E Design H.S. in NYC. The Regents exam passing rate for his class jumped 16 percent this year (as opposed to 1-2 percent in most years): “Is it me? The kids? Was the test easier than usual? Next year I’ll let you know if it’s a trend or an anomaly.” • Bob Southwick is “working like a dog” this summer, six and a half days a week. But he’s not complaining. He finds it hard to believe it’s been more than 30 years since we graduated: “It is true, time goes so fast.” • Nancy McGarrah Wood made her way north from western Massachusetts this summer to visit roommate Suzanne Thivierge. They had lunch in Falmouth, Maine, and then visited Freeport for some shopping, including L.L.Bean (of course)—an enjoyable day of reminiscing and catching up. Following an afternoon tea at the Harraseeket Inn, they vowed to reconnect at our 35th reunion in 2012. • Jerrold and Liglia Campana Chadwick visited Liglia’s native country, Ecuador, last summer, and the highlight was a trip to the Galapagos Islands. After returning home to Maryland, Liglia traveled to Salamanca, Spain, for an international conference for modern language teachers. Liglia teaches Spanish and Jerrold teaches marketing in the M.B.A. program at Maryland but works in the food business in his day job.

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With all the wonderful weather, many classmates were active this summer—traveling and just enjoying themselves. Thanks to those who wrote in, and hope everyone had a great summer. • Stephen Miller and his wife have lived on the Gulf Coast of Florida on Treasure Island for 26 years. They enjoy a beautiful, outdoors lifestyle, boating, jogging, and hanging out on the beach, a few steps from their home. Their son, Max, graduated from high school and is at Flagler College in St. Augustine. Stephen says the campus and town are gorgeous, loaded with history and a very progressive environment. Max looks forward to playing rugby, surfing, and reggae music. Stephen thinks it would be great if he attends classes as well! Stephen occasionally sits in with local musicians, but the bulk of his playing is in temple in St. Petersburg with his band the Jammies ‘N’ Jews. Stephen enjoyed reading a Colby update on Geoff Becker ‘80, since Stephen played a bit with him at Colby. Stephen also hopes to be in contact with Tony Lopez, his roommate in Pi Lam. • Stephen Jacobs is a member of the board of Advocates for Children in Androscoggin County, Maine. John Geilsmer recently joined that board. Stephen lent his Colby hat to Alyson Stone ‘79 so she could attend a party announcing her alma mater with some school clothing, Alyson works in...
Lewiston for social organizations helping businesses, children, impoverished, and other excellent causes. Stephen reports that Ethel Bowden was remarried May 15 to Jeff Stuart! Stephen also learned that Jenny Barber had appendicitis. Fortunately all went well and she recovered wonderfully. Stephen planned on getting together with Ann McCready at the end of summer. Ann vacations in Maine and they usually meet in Brunswick for Indian food, ice cream, and a walk in the park. » Abi Rome took a wonderful trip to Switzerland with her partner. They enjoyed hiking, biking, too much good food, and the clean and sparkling Alps. Abi returned home, spent one week in the hot and humid Washington, D.C., area, and then was off on her annual Maine trip. » John ’80 and Ronni-Jo Posner Carpenter attended their twin sons’ graduations in May. Scott graduated from Dickinson and Rob from Kenyon. Their daughter, Alison, finished her first year at Connecticut College. » Nancy Piccin planned to take her daughter, Rachel, 14, on her first trip to San Francisco. Nancy travels there frequently, as her employer is based there. Rachel wanted to save her money for a humanitarian trip to Haiti in December with her classmates at Wilbraham & Monson Academy. Nancy is proud of her for choosing an unselfish priority and was fine with no summer vacation plans. » Kathy (Quimby ’79) and Gregory Johnson spent two weeks in Ireland this summer. Their daughter, Lydia, a student at Hartwick College, spent her junior year at National University of Ireland Galway and they went over to make sure she would come back! They saw some breathtaking scenery around Galway—in the Connemara region—and in County Clare at a nature reserve called The Burren. They hope to return someday.

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School or college starting soon? Empty nest? College visits this fall? Joining the PTA? Here are your responses: Gayle Amato’s daughter, Amanda, graduated from Cornell and is heading to Columbia University for med school. Funny that Robin Towle Gunn’s daughter just graduated from high school and is headed to Cornell! Kim and Steven Singer are dropping off their firstborn, Nick, at Columbia, where he hopes to become a jazz musician, or politician ... or not. Steven is a senior vice president at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and Kim has her own advertising agency in Boston. » Eric and Andrea James Spangenthal thoroughly enjoy their empty nest. Both daughters, Alissa and Becca, reside in NYC, where Alissa works for a law firm and Becca is an art student at Pratt Institute. Andrea recently completed her second advanced degree in education, a CAGS (Certificate Advanced Graduate Studies), and enjoys teaching French and serving as language department chairperson at a middle school in Northampton, Mass. She and Eric have spent time this year with Tom ’80 and Maria Macedo Dailey and with Wayne and Bev Schoor Larmie in Virginia. » Keith and Lisa Hall Reed planned to swing by Colby on their way to New Brunswick to celebrate their 25th anniversary in July. Their son Will, 24, graduated from Colgate last May and was accepted to Navy Officer Candidate School to train as a pilot. He’s waiting for his official reporting date. Daughter Molly, 20, is a junior at USC, where she is majoring in East Asian language and culture and minorin in nonprofits and philanthropy. » Ross Moldoff has daughters Emily (sophomore) and Annika (senior) at Merrimack College and Allison at Salem (N.H.) High School. His family takes summertrips to Cape Cod and plans to visit Israel next summer. He enjoyed dinner with Jenna and Jeff Taylor a few months ago. » Carly Loveloy’s son, Ben, married Avery Eyer, a Dartmouth classmate, in July at Bynaw, Pa. Ben recently signed a three-year contract with the Pittsburgh Penguins. » Patricia Maguire David says they have the high-water mark for private school tuitions: daughter Cate is a senior at Dickinson; daughter Sarah is a freshman at George Washington University, and son Cliff began his freshman year at Germantown Academy. Patricia is still a working lawyer at her firm, Maza & David. » Greg ’78 and Kathy Quimby Johnson spent two weeks in the west of Ireland this summer, where their daughter is studying at NUI-Galway. » Sarah Russell MacColl works as a personal trainer in Cape Elizabeth and Scarborough, Maine. » Joe Platszko remains temporarily transplanted in the Kansas City area—and has been so for the last 25 years! With a second family of youngsters it may be another 10 years before he ventures back to the East Coast to live.

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It was wonderful to see everyone at our 30th reunion in June. Special thanks to our class co-presidents, Lynn Collins Francis and Lisa McDonough O’Neill, and their reunion committee for their hard work. Kudos, too, to Susan Sullivan Hinrichs and Dan O’Halloran and their fundraising committee. From Friday’s cruise on Casco Bay to the moving gathering at Johnson Pond to remember lost classmates to dancing to the amazing sounds of Pearl (with Geoff Becker, Tom Stratton ’81, and a guest appearance by Ted Tinson!), it was a memorable weekend and a great reminder of how strong our connections remain, even after 30 years. This was certainly brought home this July by the number of classmates who wrote about the passing of Hilary Morton Shontz, Jean Minkel, Brenda Bowden, and Cornelia Armbrecht Breffa attended Hillary’s service at St. John the Divine in NYC, where Hilary grew up and where her father was dean. Our thoughts go out to Hilary’s husband, David, and her sons, Harry and James. » Our thoughts also go out to Grace Koppelman Dow and her daughters, Lydia and Polly. Grace’s husband, Scott ’78, passed away in June after a brief battle with melanoma. » Back on Mayflower Hill, Susan MacKenzie will teach three courses for the Environmental Studies Program. She has also joined the board of directors at the Natural Resources Council of Maine. Husband Michael Donihue ’79 is in his final year as associate dean of faculty, son Colin is undertaking graduate field research in Kenya, and son Will will graduate from Macalester in 2011. » In addition to serving as president of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce (Boston to Cape Cod), Peter Forman has a small business dealing in historic autographs. Peter was pleased to donate to the College a 1902 letter from Woodrow Wilson to Colby President Charles White. » Andy Miller spent another long, cold winter working in Los Alamos, N.M. He spent the summer with daughters Savannah and Delaney traveling through Colorado, hiking, river rafting, and horseback riding. » After 26 years at Verizon, Pam Haur Cunningham changed career paths and is now a financial advisor at Marina, Stram and Associates, LLC in Braintree, Mass. She’s also enrolled in BU’s certified financial planner program, hoping to be credentialed in November 2011. » In April Brian Nelligan began working at McGlarnan Partners, a management consulting firm specializing in compensation in the financial services sector. Brian still plays hockey once a week, pursues bluegrass music, and planned a summer trip to Boothbay Harbor and Alden Camps in Oakland. » Warren Pratt and Jack McBride are planning a 20-day sailing trip to the Baleric Islands from the Azores. » Liz Yanagihara Horwitz and sister-in-law Sue Horwitz Kerr spent two weeks in Japan. » Lynn Collins Francis enjoyed a brief stint as an empty nester, then son John was home for the summer after his first year at WPI and daughter Beth graduated with highest honors from RIT and started her first job as a web producer/analyst in Concord, Mass. » Susan Clark lives on the water in Marblehead, Mass., and works for Vertical Design Homme in NYC designing men’s sweaters. She’d love to connect with anyone in the Colby community. In May she had dinner with Mari Samaras White, then in June she picked up Kim Wadkins Seymour and drove to Maine to see Faith’s family and
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Tree Bones, a story written by Peter Lee ’80, won third prize in the 2010 Sheldon Currie Fiction Contest sponsored by The Antigonish Review, a literary journal from St. Francis Xavier University. Lee has been writing for 20 years and his fiction has appeared in publications such as In Tenebris Lux, The Licking River Review, and Connecticut Review. \*

For the last 17 years, the State of Maine’s Office of Tourism has awarded its public and media relations services contract to the firm owned by Nancy Briggs Marshall ’82. Chosen this year over five other firms, Nancy Marshall Communications will provide public relations initiatives, media relations, and social media marketing for Maine’s largest industry.

MILESTONES


1982

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Greetings from the Marshall family in Maine. Son Craig will start at Colby in fall 2011 after spending a year training and competing in ski races in New Zealand, Colorado, and California. Son Jamie entered his sophomore year at Carrabassett Valley Academy. Parents Jay and Nancy work to pay the tuition bills, buy plane tickets, pay race entry fees, and keep their businesses going! \* Janice McKeown is making a career change! For 20 years she loved working in marketing and product development for footwear companies, but always wanted to be a teacher. She’ll attend an intensive 13-month degree program at Brandeis—the master of arts in teaching (MAT) program. She admits it’s fun to do homework again! \* Walter Judge’s daughter, 16, spent the summer in India living with a family and learning Hindi. Walter lives and works in Vermont and enjoys the Vermont lifestyle. \* Jeff Brown’s daughter graduated from high school and is now at Sewanee University. They took a great family vacation to Paris, where they walked, ate, relaxed, and enjoyed everything French. They were kidless in July while Hannah, 18, worked on Nantucket and Alec, 15, worked in Alaska. Jeff is jealous of his kids! \* Dorothy Distelhorst hit a big milestone this May when her oldest daughter graduated from Vail Mountain School. She’s now at St. Michael’s College in Vermont playing volleyball and participating in the honors program. Her youngest, Ellen, is in 10th grade. Dorothy practices dentistry in Vail and enjoys mentoring a young woman who hopes to attend dental school next fall. Dorothy hopes to visit some Colby friends on her trips to Vermont! \* Despite Doug Sacra’s best efforts to steer his daughter toward Colby, she accepted a place in the Class of 2014 at Bates, where she hopes to major in art and possibly row crew. Doug, wife Deirdre, and daughters Hannah, 16, and Maddi, 14, live in Wayland, Mass., where Doug designs zero-net-energy homes. \* Fidel Fajardo-Acosta is a professor at Creighton University and just published a scholarly book, County Seductions, Modern Subjections: Troubleadour Literature and the Medieval Construction of the Modern World. \* Jeffrey Goverman, James and Lisa Rohrman Beare, David Dolbashian, and assorted family members caught up with Andy Miller in April at the Harvard Club to celebrate his 50th birthday. \* Brian Sanborn remained July 25 after being a widower for three years. He decided to take his family to Switzerland and enjoy the mountains and the peace and quiet. \* Brian Daly saw his name on the Colby swim record board for two years. Brian was planning to swim in English Channel sometime between Aug. 17 and 24, weather permitting, in a relay of four people, including two Royal Marines. Each person will swim one hour and then be replaced, rotating until they reached France, 21 miles away. Expected time is between 12 and 16 hours, depending on conditions. Swimming is the lesser challenge. Cold water (expected 60 C or 61 F) and seaseas are larger obstacles. Jellyfish, oil tankers, ferries, beds of seaweed, and swimming in the dark (Brian expects to leave Dover at 4 a.m.) are additional minor obstacles. The swim raised money for a popular future industry charity called Futures for Kids. Brian says, “Having spent my entire career in the futures industry (started in 1983) I’m motivated to give something back.” His web page on JUST Giving includes a few photos: www.justgiving.com/brian-daly. Brian is managing director of Morgan Stanley Consolidated Equities in London.

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Hope everyone had a great summer and is enjoying a much cooler fall. \* Adam ’83 and Becca Cunningham Wells still live in northern Vermont. He’s been a biology teacher for 26 years and Becca is an artist and works part time at the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont, whose counterpart, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, has roots near Colby. They hosted a 50th birthday party last summer at their house, and several Colby grads from the classes of ’81, ’82, ’83, and ’84 attended. Adam and Becca have three wonderful girls, 14, 16, and 18. The oldest is headed off to Colby next year as a freshman! \* John Tawa reports a few more wrinkles and a few less hair and his skin is bronzer after the sudden arrival of summer in the Pacific Northwest. \* Ann Brachman left Boston Scientific in June and started working at Vistaprint, an e-commerce company that provides printing solutions to small businesses. Anybody need business cards? \* Sam Staley is still in Ohio working on transportation policy issues for Reason Foundation (headquartered in Los Angeles). He’s also dealing with the daunting prospect of a daughter heading off to college (just finished a six-college tour) and a son who is an aspiring filmmaker. Facebook has become a great way to connect with Colby friends, so feel free to track Sam down! \* In July I had a great time catching up over dinner with my erstwhile roommate Genevieve Hammond ’86 while she was in D.C. for an intensive Shakespeare fellowship program at the Folger Theatre. Gen—and her fellow Bardophiles—were housed at American University, just across the circle from the Department of Homeland Security. Genevieve, who teaches English at Acton-Boxborough HS, had the pleasure
of reliving research paper deadlines and all-nighters but is bringing back a wealth of new knowledge and experiences (and I’m sure more than a few stories) for her students. And, in closing, I recently experienced some karmic payback: the townhouse next door was rented to four just-graduated Vatech Tri-Delta (not Chi-Os); so not just woo-hoo sorority girls but Southern woo-hoo sorority girls. I’ll admit so far I haven’t heard a late-night peep from them, so maybe I’m projecting my own post-grad exuberances, so I’ll give them the benefit of the doubt and not turn into the cranky old lady next door. (I have, however, made a mental note to track down and apologize to every landlord and/or neighbor for all of my residences in the ’80s). And yes, Lauren Mogensen, Peggy Hale Ralphs, and Vicky Crouchley Dougherty, I’m thinking of you and our post-Colby stay in Rosslyn, Va. Happy fall everyone, and please keep the news coming.

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It was great to see many of you at our 25th reunion. For those who couldn’t make it, highlights included: beating the Class of ’90 in a hotly contested softball game, Roy Hirshland’s hysterical dinner speech/slideshow comparing Colby’s attributes to rival schools, and learning that our class had the highest contribution to the Colby Fund this year. We’re a competitive group! Thanks to our class president, Bruce Hickey, for organizing such a great reunion, and congratulations to Swing Robertson, our new class president. If you missed the 25th, be sure to make the 30th. There will be some scores to settle with the ‘05ers (the self-proclaimed beer die champions) and we’ll be 5 years younger! Congratulations to Kate Lucier O’Neil for earning a Colby Brick for volunteer work that “spans fundraising efforts, Alumni Council committees, reunion planning, admissions interviewing, overseers duties, and six years as a Colby trustee.” Congratulations are also in order for Julie Sands Causey, a new Colby trustee. Megan and Tom Colt were married in the summer of ’08. Tom works as a college counselor at Shady Side Academy. More importantly, he is employed as a Duck Boat tour narrator in his spare time. Tom has tour guide talent in common with his old Colby roommate, Gordon Tiedweel. Gordon hosts haunted ghost tours—www.wickedwalking-tours.com—in Portland, Maine. The Colts took the tour and highly recommend it! Tom recently bought some CDs by Carolyn Altschuler Currie and recommends those as well. Mary Boston Mitchell reports that, although “she hasn’t been back to visit Mayflower Hill since cap and gown, I felt it so familiar to be with classmates again.” Mary works for a technology company and, after a 13-year stint in San Francisco, has settled back in the Northeast with her family. She loved summer on the NH seacoast—sailing, kayaking, biking, the beach—and encourages anyone visiting the Portsmouth area to look her up. Julie Briggs has lived in Northern Virginia for 23 years and has been married for 15. She and her husband started a government contracting company that supports the troops in the Middle East and Homeland Security. Julie is passionate about competitive volleyball and has competed in the adult national championships. She currently serves as president of the board of the Chesapeake Region of USA Volleyball. Julie was happy to miss reunions but is grateful for Facebook as a way to connect. Tom Clatyon was also sorry to miss reunion but, ever the adventurer, was tied up in Interlaken, Switzerland, “doing a conversion onto a Pilatus Porter airplane for landing on glaciers.” Tom also recently sum¬ mited Mt. Everest and forwarded a picture proudly displaying a Colby banner at the top! Ceci Bevin Gordon lives in Winchester and has worked at Cone, a marketing and PR firm, for 19 years. Ceci heads up the business development and marketing team and works 20 hours a week. “It’s an ideal balance for me.” Ceci and her husband, Chris, have a son, Tucker, 16, and a daughter, Tate, 9. Both kids are passionate skiers, and the whole family loves hiking, traveling, boating, and skiing. Julie Engel Booth lives in West Hartford, Conn., with her husband and three kids, 12, 10, and 6. In addition to being a hockey mom, Julie is a physical therapist at Quinnipiac University. She will finish her transitional doctorate in PT from the University of Michigan in December. I’m fortunate to see Ceci, Julie, Sue James Geremia, Carrie Rymer Elliott, and Jen Robbins often, and it was great to catch up as a group at a reunion. I’ve lived in Medfield, Mass., for 11 years with my husband, Rob, and 15-year-old twins, Cameron and Eliza. Jack Makiver joined a group of grads from 1984 to 1987 for a golf outing in Newton, Mass., to celebrate the life of Jay Prefontaine ’86, who died April 9. A photo of the group is on our class page on the Colby alumni website. Thanks for the news!

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Last time I reported that Geoff Alexander’s three boys would be at Birch Rock Camp this year with Camp Director Rich Deering. The connections go on. Susan Maxwell Reisert’s 11-year-old son, John, also attended Birch Rock this summer and had one of Jen Imhoff Foley’s sons as a counselor. Jen’s other son was there too, along with Lucy Stanion St. George’s boy. So, Rich says they are officially Camp Colby on Lake McWain in Waterford, Maine—and to keep ‘em coming! When Rich isn’t at camp, he has a busy real estate practice with REMAX By the Bay in Portland—Maine’s number one top producing company. He has fun making the Colby connections there, too. Also in Maine, Kathleen Pinard Reed is a retired internist living in Woolwich with husband Tom Reed ’87 and their two sons, the oldest of whom is the next Colby legacy. He started this fall. Their younger son is now at Deer¬ field Academy. Tom is the majority owner of Reed & Reed, a fourth generation family business, and is busy building windmills. The Reeds look forward to our reunion and have extended a fabulous invitation for everyone to join them at their family lodge on Sunday for a relaxing brunch before heading home. Robin Scheuer Reynolds had an exciting summer with a one-person show of her paintings at Watson Gallery in Stonington, Maine. She’ll have another show in May 2011 at Soprafina Gallery in Boston. In between painting, she’s busy with her daughters, Adelyne, 10, Lillian 7, and Eleanor, 4. View her website at www.robinlynreyeinds.com. Jill (Wertz) ’88 and Doug Scalise celebrated their 21st anniversary in July and had a trip to Iceland, England, and Scotland in June. Sons Nathan and Greg are in 11th and ninth grades. Doug hopes to run the five-mile loop at our 25th reunion. I doubt that will be a problem, as he sounds pretty active. Besides being in his 15th year as lead pastor of Brewster Baptist Church in Brewster on Cape Cod, Doug plays in an over-30 men’s wood-bat baseball league in the spring and fall, and serves on the board of directors of the Brewster Whitecaps in the Cape Cod Baseball League, the best summer collegiate league in the country. As a host family for the league, the Scalises have hosted many players working their way to the major leagues. Doug stays in close touch with Colby roommate Greg Cronin. U.S. Navy Captain Andrew Docherty currently serves as chief of staff for the strategy and plans enterprise at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) at Fort Belvoir in Va. He and wife Donna made time for a week in Nantucket in June. Son Connor is a high school senior, so they are solidly in college search mode—with Colby as a “maybe.” David Watson, wife Adriana, son Dylan, 15, and daughter Amanda, 11, were in road-tripping mode when he wrote. Having driven with two dogs and a cat from their home in Chandler, Ariz., to their summer place in Cushing, Maine, for two months, they were preparing for the return trip. They’ve been in Arizona for two years, having lived in Mexico City for three years before that. Evan and Susan Roberts Dangel and their girls, Emma and Callie, did some summer travelling too: to Italy with another couple and their three children, taking Tuscany and Rome by storms. They claim to have eaten enough gelato and drunk enough Chiantis and Brunellos to sink a ship but walked it off with day trips to Pisa, Florence, Siena, San Gimigniano, and the Mediterranean. I hope you’re planning your next trip—to Waterville for our reunion in June 2011. Let’s talk about our ideas and plans. Find me and all the gang on Facebook at our special reunion page called Colby ’86 25th Reunion!

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What’s new with our classmates? At least 650 words worth of wow. And away we go. Rob Borghese is rebranding and launching his new URL, www.RobsREAl.com. (Which definitely beats www.RobsSwampand.com.) I’ve been working in real estate and lending for over five years, and as a real estate investor since 1999. I’m working with a marketing partner to build a regular podcast that discusses lending and RE issues in a weekly letter or daily report.” (Rob works by referral only, so I’m referring you all to: 925-600-1470, ext.101. I only get a 30- percent kickback.) Jim Canfield was efficient: “Here’s my update for the last 20-plus years: three kids: JP, 16, Billy, 14, and Libby, 12. Two dogs: Buddy, 8, and Brady, 2. One wife: Karen (22 years). Live in Scituate, Mass., for 16 years. Work at McCaII & Almy, commercial real estate firm, in Boston (20 years). All is generally well.” (I wish he had included something like: ‘Robbed bank. On lam. Send help.”) Dana Friedman is diligently “working with National Marine Fisheries and my long-time volunteer project, Pacific Marine Mammal Center (www.pacificmammal.org), to build a new, large whale disentanglement team for any future Orange County entanglement problems. The only recent event is documented by the local press. Links are on my website in the news section, www.newportsealguard.com.” (If you’ve ever seen a whale tangled in net¬ ting, you know this cause matters. Whales rarely break our laws. Thank you, Dana!) Teri Scally Kinsella “thought summer was supposed to be relaxing.” (No such thing, Teri.) She continues: “It has been busier than expected, but really fun. We’ve had lots of houseguests to explore DC, swim meets, all-star baseball tournaments, trips to amusement parks and, oh yeah, work when I have time. We’re excited to visit a
A graduate student, a lamp and lighting consultant, an entrepreneur and founder of Waterville’s own Jorgensen’s Café, a teacher and coach—Jon Jorgensen ’88 has done all of this and more.

Jorgensen teaches Russian and coaches JV baseball at Erskine Academy, an independent day school in South China, Maine. A native of Maine, Jorgensen began substitute teaching at Erskine Academy in 2004 before starting the Russian program at the school from the ground up the following year. “Although I hadn’t touched Russian since my graduate studies, the administration was supportive of the program, and it has just grown every year,” he said.

In the program’s first year, Jorgensen signed up 15 students for one course. Now enrollment has grown to 30 students and the program includes three levels of Russian and a study-abroad component. Jorgensen’s Russian classes make Erskine Academy one of the few high schools in the state that taught Russian language and perhaps the only Maine school one of the few high schools in the state that taught something different or challenging,” he said.

After Colby, Jorgensen studied in California while working as a lamp and lighting consultant and working to create a gourmet goods business. He returned to Maine to open Jorgensen’s Café on Main Street in Waterville, which retained the name after it was sold. Now Jorgensen is married, and he and his wife, Alison, a registered nurse, have two sons: Bjorn, 10, and Beck, 5.

“T’s been a real adventure,” Jorgensen said. “It’s probably the best advice I can give to my students. Keep your eyes open, your ears open, and never be afraid to take calculated risks. That way you’ll never regret not having done something when the opportunity arose.”

—Alexandra Desaulniers ’11

dude ranch in Colorado with my husband’s family for a week of horseback riding, fishing, square dancing and other shenanigans. (For those who don’t know, a dude ranch is a place where people dress up like cowboys and call each other “dude.” That’s about it.) We also hoped to see Colby friends when we visited Boston/Cape Cod in late August.

“Let’s try ‘harried’ on for size. With an ongoing company merger, two teens on summer break, one balky car, one antique airplane, an island camp, aging parents, and a house roof that needs replaced, I’ve decided that the mid-40s is as action-filled and adventurous as the 20s and 30s. Oh, and at sports physicals today, my 15-year-old son measured 5’11”. I am now 5’ 8 7/8’. He weighs 146 pounds, more than I weighed when I graduated from Colby!” (Only as much as one of my meals weighs, Jeff. A light lunch at best.)

Says Michael Ashley, “What Debbie (29 and holding), daughter Lillie, 10, son Sam, 9, son Hutton, 7, and son Ben, 4, are going to be close to the old stomping grounds more often, as last year we got a place on Rangeley Lake. Although I don’t read as much as President Cotter recommended, I do pull out Colby magazine when on vacation. One of the best things about having a place in Maine is that I’m back to drinking Moosehead Beer. (Please note. This is not an official endorsement. I only endorse hard drugs.)

Janice Armo Kassman, special assistant to the president for external affairs, paid us a visit last summer, so I’m now feeling more Colby connected. (Av Mike, she visits everyone. Then steals all your silverware and splits.) I hope to see Brent ’86 and Jill Stasz Harris this summer, and Josh Shapiro and his family soon.” (Shout out to Janice Armo Kassman. Please return our collection of priceless Ming vases and big screen television. No questions will be asked.)

Lastly, Vanessa and I had our first, a boy, Caiden Terrence Peng Kwang Fa Lainer. Try saying that 10 times fast. Or even once! Peace to all.

1988

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Meg Galloway Pearce has joined the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund as vice president of marketing and communications. She is charged with keeping a spotlight on Haiti’s desperate need for long-term reconstruction, especially job creation and the promotion of economic opportunity. As CBHF invests in rebuilding lives and livelihoods, Meg will communicate these stories of the new Haiti: Haitians, producing and exporting to thrive, rather than importing to survive.
After 20 years in telecommunications and then three years in environmentalism as the force behind World Wildlife Fund’s Earth Hour initiative, Meg is thrilled to finally be working in her fields of study at Colby, where she was a double major in government and French. Meg adds, “I still chat with Bevin Dockray Gove, who I just saw on a recent trip to NYC. She is adeptly running her own PR business and balances her client work with being an awesome mom, chasing her three kids around Connecticut. Jill Heslam and I stay in close contact too. She’s a French teacher at a private school in Connecticut. She recently took her two boys to see real baseball being played at Fenway Park.” Although I don’t agree with the statement about real baseball at Fenway (go Yankees!), I’m thrilled that Meg took the time to send some news in for our column. Please take the time to drop me an e-mail at classnews1988@alum.colby.edu and let me know what is new in your world!

1989

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This summer I had a Colby-full vacation in Narragansett, RI., where I shared a beach house with Tracy Gionfriddo and her daughter, Emma. Too bad Emma got sick and they had to go home early to Wethersfield, Conn. They missed seeing Doug St. Lawrence and Meg Christie and Meg’s kids, Max and Zoe. Meg’s husband, Will Cheever ’85, was working (Yankee Restoration and Building in Portland, if you need a good contractor) and couldn’t join us. I also ran into Kim (Norberg ’91) and Charles Burke at a grocery store. They were in RI on vacation, too! Small world. Speaking of small worlds, Laura Wood McKeever discovered that Tom Cahill lives right around the corner from her in London. Laura’s son and Tom’s daughter were in the same kindergarten! Laura and her family are leaving London after 12 years (I’m sure Tom’s proximity had something to do with it!) for the sun of Antibes in the Cote d’Azur in France. Are you looking for visitors, Laura? Joan Langer has had a Colby summer as well. She spent a lot of time with Lara Beatham Monasch, whose youngest son is three weeks younger than Joan’s son, Steven. Joan had a mini-reunion with her former roommates Melinda Pittis Leitch and Amy Curtis Philpippo and Amy’s husband, Jerry ’90. Joan also met up with Mark ’93 and Christine “Pickle” Bonner Burns ’91 in NYC. Gerry Hadden reports that the wild boar stays out of his yard in Barcelona since he put up the electric fence. Keep an eye out for Gerry’s book, Never the Hope Itself: Love and Ghosts in Latin America and Haiti, next summer.

Brendan Cahill and his wife, Christina, welcomed their fourth child, a boy, in June. Congratulations! Congrats also to Neha Patel Kishan, who had her third (and, she says, “FINAL!”) child in March. Drew Ian Dodge and his wife, Kim, continue to write both fiction and nonfiction. Andrew remains active in the tea party and nationally.

Bret Dixon must know that I am planning a southern hemisphere trip, because he very kindly moved to New Zealand. After 12 years as a geologist at ExxonMobil, Bret left to be an exploration geologist with Anadarko Petroleum. Maybe I’ll see you in March 2011, Bret!

1990

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Cheers go to class president Elizabeth LeRoy Clothier for planning a fabulous 20th reunion weekend and hiring all those great joke tellers for the class dinner. Thanks to Nori Sterling Gale for putting together a great video of our class meet book and yearbook and to Katie Erickson for recommending such an inspiring class speaker. Kudos to Steve Coan, who led the charge to appoint Mark and Amy Farmer Michaud to lead the 25th reunion. The prize for best effort in attending reunion goes to Sara Hanson Cook for coming with her husband and two adorable boys from Denver. Honor-able mentions go to Joe Lillor, who came from LA, Steve Nord from Seattle, and John Hayworth from Tennessee. The lack of effort prize goes to Sam Tucker, who lives with his family in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Dan Spurgin writes that he, John Robbins, Mark Winiecki, and families traveled down to NC to attend the wedding (pre-wedding go-carting) of Tom Sherry. Tina Wright is in NYC and has joined Team in Training for the Nation’s Triathlon in September. Team in Training raises money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Mike Eisenstadt, Joe Vecchi, Brian Cooley, Rob Petrucelli, and Gary Doherty returned home in July from their month-long drive in the RV. Mike reported that Steve Chmielewski coached his Little League team to the Needham championship. Bernie Farrell lives in Georgia with his wife, two kids, and three cockapoos. Jeff Phelps sells insurance on the South Shore and might be a finalist on the biggest loser.

Bebe Clark Bullock’92 attended squash camp in June in her quest to lead her team at Berkshire to a national championship. Chris Taylor and his wife, Caitlyn, welcomed their first daughter, Grace, last September. Christopher Gaillard is now with a private art advisory company based in London with a satellite office in NYC. He writes that “we have amazing clients and see some great works of art to buy and sell.” Dyanne Kaufman Hayes is living in NYC with her son, Coleman, and teaching reading in the NYC public schools.

If you haven’t joined our class group on Facebook, get to it! Colby College Class of 1990 20th reunion.

1991

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Rob Gramlich is a senior vice president of public policy for the American Wind Energy Association and is in the middle of energy and climate legislation in Washington. He and Merrie (Post Gramlich ’89) have a 14-year-old daughter starting high school (yikes!) and three younger kids, 12, 5, and 3.

George Hallenbeck writes, “I think it has taken me nearly 20 years to respond with an update, but better late than never. My big news is that my family (wife Kate, daughter Grace, 6, and son Andrew, 5) and I will soon depart for Singapore for a two-year work assignment. I work for Korn/ Ferry Leadership and Talent Consulting and should have an opportunity to do a lot of traveling in the region. I look forward to hearing from any Colby alums based in Singapore or elsewhere in the APAC region.”

Kay Cowperthwait recently completed the Ironman Triathlon in Coeur D’Alene, Idaho. It was her second triathlon and she had forgotten (conveniently!) how hard that race is. She had a great family vacation in Idaho, so that was an added bonus. She hopes to be certified soon as a Pilates instructor, which will be beneficial to her personal training business. Daughter Sophie is 9 and son Tate just turned 3.

Campbell Field is entering the political arena again for running for town council in Westerly, R.I. Libby Marsh lives in San Francisco, where she’s been since graduation (with a few years at U Michigan Law School, a couple of summers in Asia, and a year and half in Los Angeles). She married Adam Sopko, a San Francisco transplant from Wyoming, a few years ago, and they have a daughter, Beatrice Rose, 2. Libby works at Human Rights Watch as deputy director of international foundations after being director of the LA office and then director of the SF office.

Sandy Colhou in was in Portland, Maine, recently and stumbled on beautiful pottery made by none other than our own Timothy Christensen (aka Whaler). His work is amazing. Check out theirimichristensenpottery.net.

As for me, during the week I work part time for the Vita Nectar Company, a small family-owned business that specializes in stainless steel tubing. For fun I spend weekends on Cape Ann, enjoying the waters of northeastern Massachusetts, where I visit old shipwrecks and swim with striped bass and dogfish. Just last weekend harbor seals were nibbling on my dive fins. Do you wonder which part of my week I enjoy the most? I also enjoy hearing from all my classmates, so write when you can and keep the news coming!

1992

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John Rimas teaches social studies at Watertown (MA) High School. He recently gave up the positions of head girls’ varsity basketball and softball coach to spend more time with his own team: Sean, 11, Liam, 9, Kelly, 6, Alison, 5, and Michael, 2, in Roslindale. John and wife Beth attended the wedding reception of John Polischuk, where they mingled with John Daileanes and Tom Capozza. Jim Condron has an art showing in Baltimore at the Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Museum. See the July 1 Baltimore Sun article titled “Harbor Scenes” for more information.

JC Klick is busy at Cleveland’s Case Western. He escaped for a week of fun to celebrate his and Jim Albright’s 40th birthdays with their wives on Big Sur and Pebble Beach. It was so much fun they’ll try to make it an annual event. While JC loves working at Case Western, he claims Cleveland has nothing on Maine! Peter Carney sent great news that Pete Hayden is safely back from another tour in the war zone. Pete has a new posting in northern VA.

Karen Wu, husband Ben, and kids Peter, 4, and Molly, 4, met up in Leesburg, Va., with David and Tricia Baldrige Wickliffe and their boys, Charlie, 5, and Andy, 3. Tricia and her family moved from NH to South Riding, Va.

Julie Eells Vetter ran and skate-skied 40 miles on her 40th birthday on a bitter cold January day in Missoula, Mont. Her husband and two boys (5 and 7) skied the last lap with her in the dark at 6 p.m. After teaching English as a second language for 17 years in Japan, the Czech Republic, and Montana (most of that time at the U of M), Julie shifted careers and got a second master’s—in speech language pathology. She finishes next summer and hopes to work in a school system with summers off to help her lead a balanced life. Mike Schwartz ‘91 lives with his wife, Suzanne, and two boys in Missoula, too. Julie and Mike see each other at fall and spring soccer.

Mike and Michelle Tepuis Gora are doing well in Washington, Conn. (Mike’s old hometown). Madeline, 10, and Abigail, 8, are busy with sports, singing, and piano. Mike has owned Aspetuck Animal Hospital for more than five years and even has a Bowdoin grad working as a vet for him. Mike is also head varsity
hockey coach at the local high school and runs the developmental programs for the local youth hockey association. Michelle is on the school board, Democratic town committee, PTO, and town soccer board.

- Nicole Farkas Mogul informed me that Cecily von Ziegesar published a novel, Cum Laude, set at a fictitious liberal arts college in a small town in Maine (hmm). The book hit the stands this summer, and she has a gig with Candace Bushnell (author of Sex in the City).

- Dan Starr and Becky Sawyer wrote from sunny Davis, Calif., where they have lived since 2003. Dan got promoted to associate professor with tenure in the molecular and cellular biology department at University of California, Davis. Check out his website at www.mcb.ucdavis.edu/faculty-labs/starr/. Becky finished her internship and passed her exams to become a licensed marriage and family therapist in CA! Their home life is great with kids Jocelyn, 4 1/2, and Isaac, 2 1/2. Jocelyn started kindergarten this fall.

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Thanks to everyone for updates! 

- Doug Morrione works on the World Series of Poker in New York and Vegas, doing his best to avoid becoming a degenerate. He wrote a comedy script and is trying to get it out there. He’s “slowly and painstakingly learning how difficult the literary agent world can be. If any media moguls out there want to give it a read, let me know.” Doug sees Suzanne Furlong and her rapidly growing twins in Brooklyn. 

- Claudia Tejada Riley, Brandy Shafter Chapman, Laura Steinbrink Mau, and Kristen Zilling Kreuzkamp had a relaxing reunion at the Equinox Spa in Vermont in May. Laura completed her M.B.A. and is going full speed with her environmental consulting firm, Humanity’s Loom. Brandy is back in the Boston area with her family and enjoying her V.P. position at Liberty Mutual. Kristen is juggling returning to work full time, sailing competitively, and spending time with her Wheaton terrier, Wilson. Claudia is home (again) with her boys after a two-year stint with Tiffany & Co. in Connecticut.

- Last June Scott Greenfield flew from Portland (Oregon) to Portland (Maine) to meet Scott Alprin ’92. They hit Colby and had a great time before heading to a summer house on Peaks Island owned by Mike Gerard ’92 for a reunion that included Lorenzo Montezemolo. Scott’s family moved to Lake Oswego, Ore.

- Sara Reger Sullivan danced in a sold-out tap showcase in Portland, Ore., this summer with local legends and Colby buddy Sabrina Austin Hill ’95. Sara will dance in more charity jazz productions this fall. 

- Dick and Heather Perry Weaver built a photo and art studio for Heather this summer, doing all the construction themselves. Heather discovered she loves to build. She competed in a few open-water swim races in Maine this year, and Dick took up running. Their son, Finn (already swimming), began his second year of preschool. Heather and Dick hosted fellow swimmer Eric Gordon ’96 this summer. 

- Lucy Yeager welcomed her first child, Hayden Nathanian. “He is the best thing that has ever happened to me, better even than finding Colby!” 

- Aliza Hernandez Whittel has taught first grade for 17 years at Monroe-Woodbury Central School District in Monroe, N.Y. Her husband Jim is a state policeman, and they have two children, Nicholas, 13, and Christina, 10. Aliza loves to travel; destinations have included Russia, Germany, Spain, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, France, Estonia, England, Hawaii, and many Caribbean islands. She planned an Alaskan cruise this summer and would love to visit Greece. Aliza also enjoys scuba and earned master diver status. 

- Karen Beauchesne Charette celebrates a 17th work anniversary this year—at L.L.Bean in Freeport. She regularly sees Julie Gourdeau Whelan and Louise Jalbert Brogan during noontime runs. Through work Karen has travelled to Hong Kong and Vietnam, where she visited the Cu Chi tunnels on the advice of Lael Hinman Stanczak. Karen lives in Scarborough, Maine, with her boys Ethan, 7, and Lucas, 5. 

- Ben Marglin wed Paula Brockway April 13 in Captiva, Fla. They live in Arlington, Va., and work in government contracting (Ben for Booz Allen Hamilton). 

- Kristin Winkler married Christian Hera July 4 in Boylston, Mass. Colbyites attending included roommates Emilie Abair Barmashi and Beth Montgomery Rhinelander and Kristin’s brother, Scott Winkler ’90, and his roommate, Dan Johnston ’90. Scott’s daughter, Heidi, 3, was the perfect flower girl. Kristin and Christian live in Lancaster, Mass., and Kristin teaches high school English in Bolton. “I promote Colby shamelessly to my AP seniors, and some years am successful at recruiting at new White Mule or two.” In a midday event that included a golf tournament, a Tiki bar, a broken-down wedding trolley, a no-show horse and carriage, a forgotten marriage license, missing rings, a winery, and some crazy dance moves from the groom himself, Scott Parker wed Kristin Van Dask in New Jersey. It was heralded as the BWI (Best Wedding Ever). Vouching for the BWI (and with T-shirts to prove it) were groomsmen John Olson ’92 (who was ripped, thanks to PR96 workouts), John “Bono” Bonello, and Bill “Vamill” Miller. Also attending were Ricky “White Shoes” Wallace and Dilan Siritunga ’92. Mike Murphy was supposed to be a groomsman, but was recovering from Scott’s bachelor party, where Murphy got thrown out of the Hard Rock’s rehab pool party for climbing a palm tree. Jeff “Biscuit” Kosc missed the wedding due to his daughters’ dance recital. Scott and Jeff celebrated in Indianapolis. Scott and Kristin honeymooned in Fiji and are back at home on the Hudson in Jersey, Scott is senior director of marketing at ESPN. 

- After the BWE, Colby should contact Scott to plan our 20th reunion! Jungle Madness anyone? Keep that news coming!

1994

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Congratulations to Kendra King, who had a release party and book signing for African American Politics (Poliity Press). Kendra launched her website, www.drkendraking.com, where you can order her book, view speaking engagement videos, and see pictures from the book signing. This fall she’ll work on her second manuscript, Purple Politics, which examines the 2009 Atlanta mayoral election. 

- In May Bruce and Sue Benson Panaliotis took in another foster child, making a total of six kids—Rob, 15, Mike, 14, Mikey, 9, Jack, 7, Tim, 5, and Ben, 3. Bruce says, “believe it or not, adding a child actually has made our lives easier, as every child now has a built-in friend. We have termed it ‘subtraction by addition.’” Sue works part time as director of religious education at their church, while Bruce continues as research professor at Tufts. 


- Sara Barker gave birth to her second boy, Morgan Barker Swarthout—Sara almost had him in the car while negotiating Cornell graduation traffic! Her husband has been on the relief well for the oil spill, and she was anxious for him to get home to help with their toddler and newborn. 

- Sara Ferry Gyan writes that after 15 years in the corporate world she’s decided to take a “sabbatical” year. She was enjoying time off with Sophie, 3, and awaiting arrival of Sophie’s baby sister, due in September. She traveled to Seoul, Korea, to visit her brother, and enjoyed being there as South Korea won a World Cup game. Sara will also see Rebekah Freeman Schulze, Heather Lounsbury, Mariele Haylon Borden, and Carolyn Hart at her annual Ferry Picnic.

1995

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Darrell Sofield and his wife, Ruth, moved to the Pacific Northwest for a year-long sabbatical. You can follow their adventures on http://amazingmaps.blog.com/. For the past three years Elana Gordon has served as principal at Redwood Academy of Ukiah, a middle and high school public charter school in Mendocino County, Calif. “Remarkably, I still maintain a shred of my sanity despite numerous attempts by unruly teenagers to strip me of it entirely,” writes Elana. This fall she will become an executive director, overseeing two schools (the one she currently presides over and another). Elana is married to Mark Schott, and they enjoy spending time with two dogs and “cooping with my current midlife crisis by staying in touch with my youth, which
Janet Boudreau Cedia '90 received a Regional Minority Small Business Person of the Year award from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Cedia is president of Hudson, Massachusetts-based Security Construction Services (SCS), which has tripled its workforce and increased sales 800 percent since 2002. SCS is "considered a leader in managing construction projects for federal agencies and military installations across the Northeast." scientiﬁc Lisa Dickson '92 was chosen as one of Maine's10 Women to Watch. Dickson heads the Augusta office of Kleinfelder/S.E.A., a civil and engineering ﬁrm with more than 60 ofﬁces across the country. Considered an authority on green markets, Dickson authored Maine’s Fossil Record: The Paleozoic, described by the Maine Geological Society as "the most comprehensive treatise on Maine's bedrock fossils ever published."

A July 29 New York Times article told the touching story of the courtship between Sarah Eustis '96 and Andrew Meeks '96, who didn't know each other well at Colby but were reintroduced in 2008. The couple, both bicyclists, married in Lorimer Chapel July 17 and after the ceremony jumped on bicycles and raced down the hill.

### Milestones

**Marriages:** Sarah Eustis '96 to Andrew Meeks '96 in Waterville, Maine + Allison K. DeGroot '99 to Jonathan D. Tyler, in Bedminster, N.J.

**Births:** A daughter, Emily, to Rick and Sara Ferry Gyan '94 + A daughter, Isabella Ly Bul, to Hung '94 and Alme Mallett Bul '00 + A son, Ezra King, to Dan and Kristen Drake Patterson '96 + A son, Alexander, to Clinton Highfill and Melissa Kim '97 + A daughter, Margot Shiri, to Yossi and Mika Hadani Melamed '97 + A son, Rowan Kennedy, to Dean and Laura Jordan Barger '96.

occasionally includes dancing to Abba underneath a strobe light and watching John Hughes ﬁlms. + Brian and Katherine Marshall Meuse and their daughter Matilda welcomed Scarlett Erickson Erickson July 16. She was 7 pounds 8 ounces and 18.5 inches long. "Tillie is a very proud big sister," writes Katherine. + John and Kristen Bloomquist Gorczyk welcomed Jack McCabe to their family Jan. 18. He weighed in at 9 pounds 4 ounces and joins big sister Kate, 5. They live in New Hampshire and enjoy being in New England.

**1996**

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Jonathan Bardzik launched a project for the American Nursery & Landscape Association’s Knowledge Center, which he filmed in Nebraska last June. If you feel like rocking out while virtually visiting gardens across America’s heartland, see www.anla.org/teaser/. + Mike Montgomery works in admissions at Dickinson College after ﬁnishing his M.Ed. at Vanderbilt. He had dinner recently with Briana Thibeau in D.C., and is in touch with Aaron Schlecter. Aaron welcomed a son, Caleb Arthur, this spring. Aaron became a certiﬁed arborist and kayaked across Long Island Sound in a fundraiser for Kayak for a Cause (www.kfac.com). + Melissa Taylor and Bernadette Graham Hudson took their families to Kauai last Thanksgiving. Bernadette has two girls, Ciara, 3, and Nora, 1, and Melissa has two boys, Andrew, 3, and Alex, 1. + Sally Dixon Molly lives in Orono, Maine, with her husband, Tom, and daughter Anna. When not managing the Meatloaf ﬁanite Stop Right There, she works at UMaine. + Cindy Starchman Hruby teaches the English at St. Ignatius High in Cleveland. She living outside the city with husband Mark and kids Danica, 7, Ripken, 6, and Marinel, 5. Cindy met up with Adam Dupuis for dinner during a roadie to Maine, during which she campaigned in Acadia with Brian and Jen LeBel Tsel and son Christopher. Me like! + Sam Hainer and wife Amy moved to Norwell, Mass., to start a family farm. They have chickens and pigs and hope to add more tasty animals next year. Sam also released his ﬁrst album. Check out www.samoshti.com. + Erik and Michelle Torrens Gustavson welcomed third son Leif William May 25. Leif joins Sean Robert, 4, and Rowan James, 2. + Keith Albert still lives in “the other Lewiston” (Auburn, Maine) with wife Pamela and boys Caleb and Breck. Cam’s been at Artel for ﬁve years, and he and Pamela also own a stationery store in Portland, Papier Gourmet. Keith recently met Mark Porter ’95 and Chuck and Betsy Low Bowen for several cold ones at Gritty’s. He hit the beach with Mark Johnson’s family during the heat wave in July. + Eric Gordon sold his fryer oil recycling business to a local farmer, and his new company (www.biopurinc.com) reclaims grease, manufactures biodiesel, and generates the only Class 1 renewable energy from biodiesel in CT. He fueled the Phish and Jack Johnson tour buses. + Peter Bennett still works for the U.S. Geological Survey and lives in Albuquerque. + Doris Desautel Broudy welcomed second daughter London Elizabeth June 11. London joins sister Charlie. London was baptized at Lorimer Chapel in July. + Joy Christoferson and John Daly and their two sons moved into a new house in Seattle, where Joy is a nurse practitioner and John is a wildlife program manager, traveling often to Alaska, Idaho, and Montana. Joy is in touch with Caleb Dolan, who’s in Boston and welcomed a daughter in January with his wife, Joanna. + Brett Hardtini checks in from Manhattan, where he relocate with wife Erika (Ayers ’95). Brett keeps in touch with Kevin and Nicole Jaibert Pirani. Dave Stephens, Brian Cronin, Stu and Karen Goodrich Wales, Jason Jabar, Alex Chin, and Rick Catino ’95, whom Brett believes is majority owner of Meridian Voice Mail Systems, along with Chris Fossella ’95. + Sarah Gelman Carney lives in paradise: Buffalo, N.Y., home of the 2011 Super Bowl Champions. + Dr. Jason Phillips graduated from chiropractic school in 2009 and bought his own practice in New Hope, Minn. He and his wife, Betsy (Robinson ’95), are busy with kids Ethan, 7, and Ainsley, 5, and were in New England this summer. + Brian Stenger and wife Cathleen moved to Davidson, N.C., where he is a strategic sourcing manager for TIAA-CREF. + Tommy Smith Wilkerson rented a house near the Cape this summer, where she saw Alex Kean Strong, Abby Smith Derrig, Margaret Harris Sanel, and (hopefully) Jen Pope. + Karen Bossie and Chad Sisson still live in Waterville with their girls Edin, 9, and Cloe. 7. Karen is an OB/GYN and started doing DaVinci robotic surgery this year. Chad is a stay-at-home dad while writing grants for the Waterville Opera House. He also farms cows, pigs, chickens, and turkeys. In October they went to Moab for Elizabeth Garbe’s wedding. + Ed Bourque is doing international water and sanitation consulting in Washington, D.C., and waiting for ﬁnal approval of his Ph.D. thesis from King’s College London geography department. + Dr. Ruth Bristol, husband Felipe Albuquerque, and son Lucas celebrated the ﬁrst birthday of their second son, Oscar, July 10. + You know you love it. Honk Honk.

**1997**

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Congratulations to Andy Krupa, who made partner in the litigation department at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey. He works in their Miami ofﬁce. + Jami Fisher works as the American Sign Language program coordinator and lecturer in foreign languages at UPenn. She began an Ed.D. program in higher education this fall. + Liz Baker Meehan lives near Boston with her husband and 18-month-old twins. She was recently named director of development for the KIPP Foundation. + After teaching part-time ecology at Boothbay Region High School, Lauren Graham Harkins will teach full time this fall. She coached softball there last year, and her team got its ﬁrst win in four years. Her Colby coach, Dick Bailey, attended many practices and several games. She wrote, “The girls loved him (of course) and he continues to be my ‘coach’ in all things softball related. It was great to have him around, and I hope he returns next year.” + Jennifer O’Neill, Kerri Dufﬂi, Molly Bracken Dunne, Mandy Ball Caruso, Kara Patterson Waters, Wendy Morris Levine, and Jen Mason Drotol visited Anna Thompson Patterson in Bozeman, Mont., in July. + Julie Lynch James e-mailed that Larry Benesh ran the Boston Marathon in April with a time of 3:04. Julie spent a girls’ weekend in the Old Port with Rebecca Hoogs, Kristina Dix Johnson, Jill Ratbun, and Stephanie Andriole ’98. Julie got engaged in November 2009 and then married on Cape Cod in June; Kristina, Jill, and Stephanie were all present for the nuptials. Her husband, David, originally from Australia, is an organic chemist at a Boston-area pharmaceutical company. They spent three weeks in Brisbane last December enjoying Australian summer while Boston got dumped with snow. They live in a Boston waterfront condo. + Matt and Rebecca Durham Whited live in Whitefish, Mont., with daughter, Emailine, 2. They enjoy hiking in Glacier National Park and nearby national forests. They were back East in August and hoped to see some Colby friends. + Pete Nealis practices law in Cleveland. He and his wife, Melanie, welcomed son Ethan Richard in December 2009. + Amy Stengel works as an attorney in the natural resources section of the Colorado attorney general’s ofﬁce in Boulder. Her husband, Brian, works for Namaste Solar, Colorado’s leading solar design and construction company. They spent a week this summer floating the
ALUMNI AT LARGE

Middle Fork of the Salmon River in Idaho with Ben Griffin ‘02 and Jen-ai Stokesbay ‘01. • Jonathan Nykvist married Lauren Flitzer June 5 in Brewster, Mass. Lauren is from Watertown, Mass., and a Saint Michael’s College graduate. • John and Kayte Thatcher Charette live in Portland, Maine, with son Owen. 3 1/2. Kayte works as executive director of the Maine Chapter, U.S. Green Building Council. USGBC created the LEED green building rating system, and she mentioned that Colby has several LEED certified buildings. She also owns a small green building consulting company, ecoCharette. Of friends, she writes, “I keep in touch with Lauren Bayersdorfer, who recently gave birth to twins; Tanya Stawasz Meda, who’s now a mom of three; Hillary Kane, who’s running a pottery studio in Bali (awesome!); and Melissa O’Donnell McPhail, who’s living in Ipswich with her husband, Brooks, for whom she just threw a very successful surprise birthday party.” • In baby news: CJ Poolar and his wife welcomed a daughter, Isabella Rose, April 24. • Michael and Amy Rzenkiewicz Bachand welcomed a son, Aiden Michael, May 6. • As for me, Sean and I welcomed a daughter, Evelyn, April 29. Two weeks later we moved into our new home. We also have a very active 2-year-old, Owen. Life has been chaotic, but only in the best meaning of the word. Two weeks later we moved into our new home. We also have a very active 2-year-old, Owen. Life has been chaotic, but only in the best meaning of the word! Please keep that news coming!

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Nabla Kennedy and her husband, along with two little boys, recently returned to Ireland after a five-year stint in the wids of northern British Columbia. They live in Kilkenny, which is a really fun town, and they are always open to visitors. • Liz Czerniak Quist quit her job as a senior tax accountant with a public accounting firm in Northern Virginia and started her own business. Liz is a CPA specializing in nonprofit consulting, individual and small business accounting, and tax preparation. Her husband is a captain with the U.S. Marine Corps, training new lieutenants. • Jenny (John’s ‘97) and Jon Bolton moved back to Maine from Brooklyn with their daughter, Zoë, 1. The family is in the Brunswick area, and Jon works at the attorney general’s office in Augusta. • After three years out in a California suburban nightmare, Andrew Littell moved back to New York City, where he took a job with Google after he impressed interviewers with an impromptu piano performance of Brahms’s Waltzes, Opus 39. • As of June 2, Jay Scott-Harris completed courses and exams to become an ordained minister (he can now be officially referred to as Rev. Jay Scott-Harris). • Vlad Dorjes has been in D.C. for the last nine years, the last three with the U.S. Department of Energy, where he is a lead industry economist in the electric power division. • David and Liz Ivy Cooper happily welcomed their second son, Joshua Ivy Cooper, May 27. He joins brother Dylan, 3 1/2. They had a mini Colby reunion in June with Tina Goudreau Collison, Liz Pimentel, and Julie O’Gouraman. It was great to see everyone. • Leah Bernstein Jaconson took some time away from practicing medicine to get an M.P.H. from Yale. Leah and her husband expected baby #2 in August. • Christine Vaughn Hendrickson had another baby girl in February. Elin Fair joined sister Liv Catherine, 2. • Michael Cuzzi and his wife, Heather, welcomed daughter Maegan Ryan June 4. • Raj ‘99 and Jennifer Spiess Gupta welcomed their third child, Molly Elizabeth. June 18. Molly has two brothers, Owen and Parker, who are thrilled to have a little sister. In September Jennifer returned to her job at Stonefield, where she leads the production planning group. They looked forward to seeing many Colbys alum this summer and meeting all their kids! • Charlie and Jennifer Stephens Congilio bought their first home in Clifton, N.J. They both still work in New York City and expect their first child (a girl) in November. • Eric and Kari Christensen Anderson and big sister Clara are excited about the addition to their family, Cadyn Eric, born June 21. • Jun ‘92 and Kristin Wildman Shirahama welcomed their first child, Connor Dan, July 12. • Thanks for all the news and hope you had a nice summer.

1999

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The summer got off to a great start for me, Lindsay Hayes Hurty, with a girls weekend in New Hampshire with Heather Fine, Allison Birdsong, Becky Thornton Leach, Caroline Kasparian Myler, Heidi Tyng Piche, Karena Bullock Bailey, Katie Lawrence Sawatzky, Lynn Powers Harder, and Caitlin Skuley VanFy. • Jason ‘98 and Caroline Kasparian Myler welcomed son Cassidy “Cass” Jay, Nov. 16, 2009. Caroline is thrilled with her new position of CMO (Chief Mom Officer). Strolling around Boston’s South End, they run into Christie Brownie Rana (heading back to NYC for husband Adam’s fellowship in orthopedic surgery) and her boys William, 3, and Harrison, 1, and see newly engaged Louisa Williams running with her fiancé, David West. They were sad to see neighbors Casey ‘98 and Heidi Tyng Piche move to the “Burbs with kids Hannah and Tyler (their newest addition in May). • Kristian and Martha Healy-Fried welcomed their first child, Emi Frederick, Feb. 9. He keeps them busy, but they love parenthood! • Danielle (UMF ’03) and Jon Hiltz are busy chasing son, Brady, 1, and daughter, Lydia, 3. They live in Topsham, Maine, and have a blast at the wedding of James Spidle and Jennifer O’Donnell ‘00, where Bill Hinton was also a guest. • Jesse and Sandra Dubarry Lafamme expected their second child, a son, in September. Daughter Piper, 2, can’t wait! • Anna Tesmenitsky Collins is a hearing officer at the Maine Department of Labor. She is choreographing again for a dance company, Vivid Motion. • Dan and Courtney Smith Eisenberg welcomed their first child, Adelaide Jo, July 11, 2009. • Kevin and Valerie Russo Reddall welcomed a son, Miles Leon, March 13. • All Mian graduated from med school and is a neurosurgery resident at University of Chicago. • After moving to the D.C. area last summer, Brendan and Sharon Capobianchi Burke welcomed their second child, Caroline Anne, in November. Caroline joins sister Paige, 3. • David Black and his wife celebrated the birth of their first child, Ethan Stephen, born March in and a long 22 inches. • Peter and Karena Bullock Bailey welcomed their first child, Noah Boyd, July 11. His aunt Lindsay Hayes Hurty was there to be first to meet him. • Kevin and Chrissy Barnett Miller live in southern California after spending 2.5 years in Okinawa. While she misses Japan, it is definitely good to be back in the States. While abroad they traveled to Hong Kong, Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam, and Cambodia. Chrissy also got a second degree in business. She’s looking for a job as a TV producer. • Erika Blauh and Jack Rusley were married in Narragansett, R.I., June 5. Carrie Peterson Baughman, Jo Reardon Prince, Anna Thompson Ward, Christina Ernst O’Clare, Dave, and Lissa Baur Matson, and Donn and Kristen North Downey attended. After five years in Providence, Erika and Jack moved to Portland, Maine, where Erika plans to work in education and nonprofits. • Justin Harvey and wife AriAnna welcomed Cooper Stone April 2. Everyone is well, including brother Austin, 2/1/21 Justin has worked at Cabot Properties, an industrial REIT in Boston, since graduating from Tuck in June 2008. • Matt Lundquist got engaged to Caroline Handschuh, who is finishing a master’s in midwifery at Yale. They planned to wed in late summer and to settle in NYC. • Joshua DeScherer earned his Ph.D. in music composition from the University at Buffalo. He lives in Brunswick, Maine, where he teaches music and performs frequently. • Megan Watson started a job at BASIS Oro Valley, teaching eighth grade economics and training to be an administrator. • Ian McGinn and wife Katie moved to Dallas and are getting used to 100-degree days. They expected their first child in August. • On May 28 Lee Minton and wife Jana had their third child, Carter, who joins Liv, 3, and Peter, 2. • Kerry West left for Bangladesh on her first tour as a foreign service specialist with USAID. • Spencer Veloit lives in Vancouver, Wash., with his family. In July Spencer adopted stepdaughter Danielle, who is studying biology/premed at University of Washington. He is very proud. • Jason Cherezza and his wife, Melissa, welcomed a boy, Griffin, May 15. Jason lives in Los Angeles editing/promoting reality shows including The Bachelor, Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, and Jersey Shore. • Ashley and Alex Quigley welcomed their third child, Maeve Frances, Oct. 12, 2009. Maeve is adored by brothers Aidan, 6, and Harper, 3. Alex just completed his first year as principal of Maureen Joy Charter School in Durham, N.C. • Steve Murphy, a diplomat with the State Department, will transfer from Sao Paulo, Brazil, to Kabul, Afghanistan, in October. • Eliza Hoover and husband Joe had Sophie Rowena Skolowski April 21. Her first road trip was to N.H. to see Andy Brown and Geoff Herrick ‘98, then to the wedding of Lindsay Fauth’s ‘01, where they saw Karalyn Parzych ‘01 and Dave Wilkens and Molly Pindell. • Jennifer (Spiess ‘98) and Raj Gupta are delighted with the arrival of their third child, Molly Elizabeth. Brothers Owen and Parker are excited to have a sister. Raj enjoys working for Amazon.com. He attended a mini reunion with PeeWee junior-year roommates Courtney Smith Eisenberg, Becca Kita, Dakila Clark, Raj Khunkhun, and Rob Koh. • Melissa Federman welcomed her first child, Caleb, in March. Melissa reports that Laura D’Afflitti Weisman had a girl in July; Chris Einstein O’Clare had her second child due in August; and Kate Littles Scales was due in September! Melissa caught up with Payal Luthra, who is in Brooklyn and just launched her own line (www.payal- luthra.com) • Shane and Emily Hinckley Ellis have three children, Cedar, 5 1/2, Lolietta, 3 1/2, and RosieAnn, 9 months. Emily enjoys staying home with them but also plays coed softball and works at her part-time photography business. • Ben Grasso is getting married in October and still teaches at Thornton Academy in Saco. He climbed Mt. Hood and Mt. Rainier as a fundraiser. • Last fall Matt Paquette got married and moved to Truckee, Calif. He and his wife expect their first child late this year. • Joshua Young married Jacqueline LaBelle July 17. • Danielle Driscoll Millett lives in Lexington, Mass., with her husband and children, Soley, 3, and Kian, 17 months. After a year off she went back to teaching Spanish at Belmont High. This summer
Coaching, like a lot of things in life, is about relationships. For former Colby football player Bill Polin ’00, those relationships have paid off.

Polin was finishing up as a graduate assistant with the football program at the University of Virginia a few years back, working with assistant coach Mike London. London went on to become defensive line coach for the NFL’s Houston Texans and then head football coach for the University of Richmond.

London quickly tapped Polin to be the offensive line coach at Richmond. And in his first year as a coach with the Spiders, Polin was part of a Richmond program that won the Division I-AA national title with a 24-7 win over Montana. Richmond won its last eight games and was 13-3.

“It was certainly something I will never forget,” said Polin, an offensive lineman and American studies major at Colby. “Just to see the resiliency of the team and improvement from week one to week sixteen, just the way it came together and to go on that streak at the end. It is everything that coaches talk about.”

Polin got an early start in the business, as he helped coach his brother’s team in a youth league in Massachusetts when he was in high school. Their father was the guiding force behind the program. Since Colby, Polin has been an assistant at Middlebury, Dartmouth, Virginia, Hofstra, and Stonehill, as well as Richmond. He keeps in regular contact with former Colby head coach Tom Austin and current head coach Ed Mestieri, the former offensive line coach for the Mules.

“I always admired his toughness and the way he coached the players,” London said of Polin, who was the offensive line coach when Virginia beat Minnesota in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl in 2005. “When this position opened he was one of the top guys on the list. He has done a good job with the players and teaching them.”

And Richmond kept on winning last season. The fourth-ranked Spiders finished 10-1 in the regular season and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division I-AA championships.

Polin doesn’t take any of this success for granted. “Any time you can win a game it is special,” he said. —David Driver

2000

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Writing to you from a street-level window seat behind one-way glass at the Hilton Chicago. For all of you who worry about your vanity, apparently checking out one’s self in a window reflection is extremely common, and I’m starting to think the life of a mirror would be highly entertaining. Onto the news...

* Jen Kassakian married Joe Anderson July 10 in Poulsbo, Wash. There was solid Colby representation by Lauren Borchardt Guthrie, Jenny Tanenbaum Heffer, and Christie Beveridge (all bridesmaids), Becky Pollard ’99, Becky Rasmussen Dalrymple, Hilary Smyth Wirtz, Kate MacLeay Crespo, and Carrie Russell Marcus. * Caitlin Smith and her husband, Ronnie Turturici, welcomed their daughter, Cleo Campbell Turturici, June 21. Caitlin reports that little Cleo is “absolutely scrumptious.” * Jason and Trish Akins Elliott welcomed their daughter, Greta, in April. They’re living in Boston and Trish is working on a doctorate in public health. * Kevin and Kate Davies Grugan welcomed Hope and Jack Grugan April 22. * Carrie Logie Sprague has relocated to Buenos Aires, Argentina, and is working on a documentary for Doctors Without Borders about heart transplant recipients. Visitors welcome! Carrie, we might need a picture of you on the tango dance floor. * Jeffrey McClosekey married Jennifer Byers of Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 14. * Laura Gagne married Gabe Scheck in September at a vineyard in NH. She’s working for an educational nonprofit that manages a network of NYC public schools. * Danny Schmidt reports that he’s still alive, been married for six years to Larkin Armour Schmidt, and has a son, Charlie, 3. He’s a senior staff archaeologist with the Jamestown Rediscovery Project working at Historic Jamestown on the remains of the first fort, James Fort, the English built.

2001

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Jeff and Katie Lee Fishbone welcomed a baby boy, Samuel Anderson Fishbone, April 5. * David Riss married Elizabeth Birchmore this summer in New Hampshire, and in the few pictures I saw it was a stun-
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...ningly beautiful wedding, David graduates from UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine soon. • **Mindy Mraz** recently became engaged to Matthew Barber. I can’t wait to see all the amazing calligraphy she does for her own wedding! • **Katie (LaRochele ’00) and Brendan Gavin** moved back to the Boston area. Brendan works at Ropes & Gray as a patent agent and is about to start his second year at Boston University School of Law. They welcome their third baby, Violet Rochelle. • **Eli Carmichael** had an M.B.A. internship at Harvest Power, a renewable bioenergy startup in Boston, went to nepal for a month to consult for a small international development NGO, and then started his second year of business school at Cornell. • **Seann Tulloch** spent the summer as a river guide on the Penobscot in Maine. He’s teaching biology and neuroscience at St. John’s Prep in Danvers, Mass., this fall. • **Chad Creelman** married Michele Rihlmann-Burke in May. Ray Mazza and Paul Magyar ’00 were groomsman. Chad started an M.B.A. program at UNLV and, though he is pretty sure his enthusiasm will not last, he’s excited about being back in the classroom. • **Robb Henz** started a new job in the marketing strategy group at Ogilvy and lives in Greenwich Village, NYC, with his girlfriend. Robb was in Jackson Hole, Wyo., for Tim Grayson’s wedding at the end of June and was a groomsman along with Erik Bilsbaugh, Quinn Keating, Rob Tarlock ’02, Jon Natkin, and Tyler Knauer.

**2002**

• **Jon Weinberg** married Heidi McCarthy (Bowdoin ’01) in July in Maine. Sam Mateosian, Michael Liekdte, and Nate Johnson were at the wedding. Heidi and Jon moved from Austin, Texas, to Washington, D.C., where he started at Georgetown Law. • **Lauren Schaad** recently graduated with her M.B.A. in marketing from Thunderbird and is building a website for active individuals with food allergies, called Glutina Adventures. • **Cara Erdheim** finished her Ph.D in English at Fordham and landed a teaching position at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn. She is excited to make the transition to Fairfield County and looks forward to playing lots of tennis and golf! • **Sara Richards Kim** graduated from medical school in May and started residency in psychiatry at Columubia. • **Kyle and April Hunter Garry** are pleased to announce that Connor James was born July 4, joining Owen, 3. They live in Natick, Mass. • **Jake Davie** graduated from Kellogg School of Management and moved to Madison with his wife, Holly. They welcomed a baby girl, Ashley, in June. Jake works for the Hooper Corporation. • **Melanie Morin** is still deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, working as a psychiatrist doing detainee operations. She just celebrated her third anniversary with her wonderful husband, Robert Small. • **Gareth Osborn** and his wife welcomed their daughter, Darcy Ann, July 8. They live in the Bay Area, and Gareth works as a project manager for Nestle USA integrating the distribution and delivery networks for their frozen ice cream and frozen pizza divisions. • **Ian Jost** left Maine and started a job in Perros, Ill., as an assistant professor of biology at Bradley University, teaching nursing and biology students. • **Stuart Luth** has been busy acting on both sides of the Atlantic. In New York he played Andrey in Three Sisters at the Public Theater with a star-studded cast including Meryl Streep, Stanley Tucci, and Viggo Mortensen. In London he was one of 50 young artists selected to participate in the Old Vic Theatre’s inaugural T.S. Eliot U.K./US Exchange. He spent 10 days at the Old Vic, working with artistic director Kevin Spacey.

The couple honeymooned in Argentina. • **Andrew Townsend** got engaged to his girlfriend, Maggie. A June 2011 wedding is in the works. They relocated to Boston this summer and hoped to land in the South End. • **John Sullivan** worked at Monitor Group this summer and will continue at Tuck this fall. He will lead Tuck Sustainers, student-led, school-wide, sustainability efforts. • **Steve Hooper** worked at Bococo (a Boston-based 16-store burrito chain) this summer and was elected president of the Tuck M.B.A. Class of 2011. • **Clintion Johnson** survived the Tennessee floods in May and finished his first year as a middle school teacher at the only public school in Tennessee to receive the National Blue Ribbon Award. • **Jon Weber** defended his thesis in May and received a Ph.D. in pathology from University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. • **Brekon Pathman** graduated with his girlfriend. Robb was in Jackson Hole, Wyo., for Tim Grayson’s wedding at the end of June and was a groomsman along with Erik Bilsbaugh, Quinn Keating, Rob Tarlock ’02, Jon Natkin, and Tyler Knauer.

**2003**

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Lot’s of news—hope I’m not leaving too much out because of the word limit! • **Andrea Ernst** and Matt Welch had a baby boy, Henry Welch, April 11. • **Matt ’04 and Holly Niles Getty** had their first child, Eliza Grace, June 23. Eliza received three Colby onesies and wore one her first day of school (photo is on class page)! • After seven years at the Taft School, **Lindsay Tarasuk Arrowsy** and her husband moved to Pittsburgh, where Lindsay works for the Pittsburgh Foundation. They live close to good friend **Patrick Koch** and completed the Pittsburgh Marathon May 2. While running mile six, Lindsay saw Colby history professor Paul Josephson next to her. They ran several miles together and finished in pouring rain! Small Colby world! • **Kate Carroll** married Trista Kendall (Smith ’06) in June in Berkeley, Calif. • **Jeff Halsey** got engaged in May to Mandy Talley. They plan nuptials next summer.

• **Kate Zimmerman Marlow** enjoyed her summer off from teaching English at School of the Holy Child in Rye, N.Y. She spent a lot of time with **Laura Morrison** and Eddie Piasecki and their new addition, Kellan Morrison Piasecki, who is great and looks like a miniature version of his dad! • **Kim Niederberger Lynch** finished her master’s from Middlebury Language Schools. She and husband Greg Lynch ’04 expect twins this fall. They live in the suburbs of Boston, where Kim is a teacher at the Montrose School. • **Dennis Kuhlman** attended the wedding of **Michael J. Valkovich** and **Doan Trang Nguyen**. Mike and Doan graduated from Chicago to Madrid, Spain, where Mike is a global account manager for Amdaus. • **Richard Thomas** received his doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Washington Seattle in June and is studying for the boards. After he finishes his internship in psycho-oncology, he hopes to open a private practice in Seattle. • **Andrew St. Martin** finished his M.B.A. at Babson and **Lauren Bliss** completed her M.A. in teaching high school biology at Bridge-water State. Andrew continues to work for Anchor Capital in Boston, Mass., but Lauren stepped away from teaching to help at her family’s ice cream manufacturing business, Bliss Bros. Dairy. Lauren sees **Katherine**
News Hound | Erin Rhoda ’06

Growing up in rural Knox County, Maine, Erin Rhoda ’06, had never seen the Colby campus before a high school field trip took her past Mayflower Hill. “I knew instantly that I wanted to go there,” she said. “There was never any doubt.”

Though she was at the top of her class at Medomak Valley High School and “played every sport I could,” she didn’t think she’d be admitted. When she was, “I figured I was at the bottom of the ladder. It must have made me study really hard.”

Rhoda graduated near the top of her Colby class and has continued to work hard since. She’s been to Africa twice, spent a year as a George J. Mitchell National Scholar in Ireland—and started a career as a daily newspaper reporter.

Obstacles make her more determined.

When Colby officials said they couldn’t support a student humanitarian trip to Sierra Leone—the country had recently suffered through a civil war—Rhoda and other students raised $23,000 and traveled to the West African nation the week after graduation.

“The rural villages that were destroyed by the civil war were being destroyed by malaria,” she said. Many of the 2,000 bed nets they provided are still in use.

Later Rhoda got involved in the Maine/Ghana Youth Network, which helped educate and provide meals for children in that country. She chaired the board as its American representative while working her first reporter’s beat for the Courier Gazette in Rockland. “It was like holding down two full-time jobs,” she said. “I don’t recommend it.”

By that time she had been selected as a Mitchell Scholar and attended Trinity College in Dublin, studying creative writing and working on her poetry. During her stay in Ireland, she traveled extensively, visiting 12 countries to bring her total to 28.

Back in Maine she was hired in September 2009 as one of two reporters in the Morning Sentinel’s Skowhegan bureau. She finds the attractions of daily reporting simple but compelling.

“I get to tell people’s stories,” she said, at the newspaper’s office in Waterville. “I get to learn about what’s going on before anyone else.”

Rhoda particularly enjoys the diversity of newspaper work. “I’ve covered homicides and I’ve interviewed candidates for governor,” she said. “I’ve also talked to mothers after their children had died.”

Rural Somerset County, her beat, looks like a place to settle down. “There are a lot of fascinating people here,” she said. “There are a lot of strange people.”

Just a year into the job, she says she’s hooked. “I’ll stay here as long as I’m able.”

—Douglas Rooks ‘76

Jacobs every Monday for a workout and sushi. Lauren and Katherine flew to Seattle in June to visit fourth-year roommate Jen Varley Gerds. — Liz Jackson finished her master’s in management studies at Victoria University in New Zealand and plans to get permanent residence. In July she visited Cam Dufty in Boise, Idaho. Cam, recently back in Boise after working as an editor for Penguin Books in NYC, is finishing up a master’s. Cam and Liz stuffed themselves silly on French fries and took Idaho by storm.

- Spencer Hutchins married Laurie DePalo July 17 in Laconia, N.H., on the shores of Lake Winnipesaukee, joined by many Colby friends including Justin Stempeck, Katrina Noyes, Doug Pullaithe, and Mike Cox. - Harrison and Bonnie McGuire Wreschner celebrated their fifth anniversary. Bonnie is a full-time doctor in the Greenwich Hospital emergency department, and Harrison launched a new hedge fund at their firm Andalusian Capital Partners, LP. Now that they don’t work in Manhattan, they’re looking for homes in Connecticut. - Tim Clark graduated from medical school in Philadelphia in June and is in a neurological surgery residency. At a graduation party Tim got together with Jon Allen, Amanda Surette Smith, Kim Langone, Alexis Frobin, and Michelle Keady Hadley. - Tracy Brenner completed her doctorate in clinical and school psychology at Yeshiva University and began a postdoctoral fellowship at St. Luke’s Roosevelt hospital in New York. After many years together, Tracy got engaged to Ben “Phong” Craig ‘02. - Amy Lansdale and Garrett Kephart were married in Poulsbo, Wash., June 11. In attendance were Kate Fletcher, Anna Capezzara, Aaron Henckler, Conor Cooper, and Nick Rohs. - Kyle Burke married Olivia George June 13 in Peabody, Mass. Kyle’s roommate of many years, Kevin Radloff, was best man. Kyle, Olivia, and their new dog, Appa, reside happily in Ohio. - Catherine Garth lives in Seattle, where she got married in September 2009. This year she began a master’s in public administration program at Seattle University with a focus on nonprofit management.

at Harvard. - Camille Dugan Campanile is a full-time mom of three and a part-time professor of child development at Johnson State College, where her husband coaches the men’s and women’s soccer teams. She’s working on a second master’s in English at Bread Loaf School of English in Middlebury, Vt. — Will Sander moved to Norwalk, Conn., and started a one-year advanced profession master’s in public health at Yale after finishing a one-year small-animal internship outside of Chicago. — Holly (Niles ’03) and Matt Getty welcomed their first child, Eliza Grace, June 23. — Kristin Schaefer started a new job in January as a social worker at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and began a two-year service commitment as part of the National Health Service Corps. — Grace Becker and Ryan Lochhead got married in May in Kennebunkport. In attendance were Josh and Jackie Smith Zweig, Jared and Maura Myers Bisogni. Evan and Kim Betz Keams, Jen Barrett Crocketer, Kearney Shanahan, Cate Young, Meredith Collins, Allison Dwyer, Ryan Tyler, Benson Hyde, Jay Johnson ‘03, Scott Smith, Timothy Glew, Jon Evans, Kristy Magyar ’02, Rose Becker ’08, Caitlin Cassis, Jessie Zerendow, Sarah Gagnon, Kaitlin McClafferty, Bill Younker, Danny Donovan, Russ Mink ’02, Orlena Scoville, Molly Wyatt, Jon Heier ‘03, Laura Mistretta Kirk, and Mike Kennedy. - Kelly Welch married Cory Ernst ’05 June 12 in Brewster, Mass. Carolyn Plant, Vicki Hayes Wepfer, Ellen Soucy, Ken Pitter ’05, Joel Morash ’05, Eric Molander ’05, Pat Slipp ’05, and Barry Brown ’05 were in the wedding party. They had lots of Colby guests ranging from the Class of 2002 to 2010! They still live in Boston, where Cory works as a dentist at Brigham & Women’s Hospital and Kelly works as a family nurse practitioner. - Jason and Jenny Kaliman Beal welcomed their first child, Mackenzie Helen, June 19. All are healthy and happy, including the family’s two Siberian huskies, Gryffin and Phoenix, who have adjusted well to the new arrival. - Reese Kelly started a position as a visiting lecturer in women’s and gender studies and sociology at the University of Vermont. - Taylor Mayo interned this summer at T. Rowe Price in retail marketing in Boston. This fall she started the second and last year of her M.B.A program at Georgetown’s McDonough School of Business. - Cassandra Cote Grantham started a new job at MaineHealth. She’s working as the program manager for child health developing an initiative on increasing childhood immunization rates in Maine. - Chrissy Atwood moved back to Maine for a job at L.L.Bean in its development group. - Skylar Place graduated with a double Ph.D. in psychology and cognitive science from Indiana University. He started

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Tom Rogers and his fiancée are currently on an island in the middle of Lake Nicaragua as part of a nine-month trip around the world. They’re traveling, working, and volunteering in 16 countries in Central America, Europe, Southern Asia, and New Zealand. Their blog is weddingsandwhitewater.com. They finish in April and will get married in Vermont Aug. 20. - Megan Finneran married Chris Grant on Cape Cod in July. - Ryan Glennon moved to Boston and is assistant lacrosse coach
a joint research position at Harvard and Northeastern this fall.

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Jesse Wrenn completed his Ph.D. in biomedical informatics at Columbia and is an assistant professor at Vanderbilt. Laura Ellis finished her second year of law school at the University of Michigan and was in NYC for the summer working at the attorney general’s office. Recently engaged, she is planning an August 2011 wedding. Lauren Smith and John Camera (Georgetown’01) were engaged on the Fourth of July and plan a fall 2011 wedding. Lily Maltz and Matt LaPaglia ’04 were engaged during a summer trip to Colby and married in June in Boston. Meghan Barringer and Ken Pitter were engaged and planned a Memorial Day weekend wedding in the Poconos. Jake Colognesi is in his second year in Tuck’s M.B.A. program. This summer he launched a web-based raffle company, RaffleMate LLC, a fundraising tool for nonprofits. Mules working for nonprofits, check it out (www.rafflemate.com). Matt Bucklin married Arian Rockefeller Sept. 4 in Seal Harbor, Maine. He recently started his own company, Quit Tea LLC (quittetea.com). Kathy Rittner graduated from the UMass Medical School in June. She extended for a fifth year to take courses in Spanish in Costa Rica and worked in Native American health clinics in Dillingham, Alaska, and the Zuni Reservation, N.M. She’s begun a four-year internal medicine/pediatric residency at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass. Rich Downing is seeking funding for his new iPhone app “PhoneTab.” He moved back to Boston in August to prepare for the beta launch—it should be in the App store in October. Patrick Harner is training for the U.S. Skelton Team in Ohio, where he is a personal trainer. Tryouts began in Tulsa in July and continued in Lake Placid. Nandini Naik is a public school teacher in NYC. She teaches drama and English at Emma Lazarus School for English Language Scholars to students who recently immigrated. Jocelyn LeBlanc and Rodney Yooh were recently engaged. Melissa Hinkle moved to Boston, where she is in the communications department at an independent school outside the city (writing for the alumni magazine and working on marketing materials). She was in Michelle Cote and Bill Gallito’s wedding in August at Colby. Mike Civitello married Sarah MacDonough June 19 in Stroudsburg, Pa. They met working at Colby from 2006 to 2009, and more than 70 of their 200 guests were past or present Colby parents, staff, or alumni. Christian Allen spent time in August in Costa Rica surfing with Dan Williams and Jay McMurrey ’06. Shannon Emerson finished her M.B.A. at the McCombs School of Business at UT-Austin and joined Teach for America as the director of strategy, talent, and operations for the Dallas region. Aaron Blazer and Lauren Uhlmann ’06 were engaged at Sugarloaf in July and plan a May 2011 wedding in Kansas City, Mo. Nick Miller and Mary Olsson were married in a beautiful ceremony in North Yarmouth, Maine, in early July. Many Colby alumni attended, including groomsman Tim Haas, Kevin Yardi, and Nate Mylrea. Have a great fall, and good luck to those starting school this year.

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Love is in the air for all the Colby couples out there. Laura Harker and Monty Hankin were married July 24 in Barreinton, R.I. Hilary Langer served as maid of honor and Todd Rockwood was best man. Also included were Amanda Stein, Lauren Uhlmann, Jon Bodansky, John Wheelock, and Ben Crane. Sarah Belden married Steve Markies’h’s 05 on Mayflower Hill July 24, many Colby alumni were present. Before the wedding Sarah visited Kendra King in Australia and started her first year of medical school with Dana Maglaris at University of New England Osteopathic Medical School in Biddeford, Maine. They joined Sarah Smithson and Anna King ’08 there. Emily Greene and Josh Kahn ’05 were engaged in May at none other than Mariner dorm, where they first met in 2002! Another Colby engagement includes Lauren Uhlmann and Aaron Blazer ’05. Lauren writes that Aaron proposed over the Fourth of July weekend at the top of Sugarloaf! Zack Goldman finished dental school at University of Connecticut. Dan Giuliani started coaching running backs at Endicott College in Beverly, Mass. Brian Rodriguez was married one year as of June 20. He entered his last year of med school at Drexel and hopes to come back to New England for his residency, probably in family medicine. Steen Sehnert writes that Jon Bastian has his own radio show on Aspen Public Radio called Page by Page, for which he’s interviewed Richard Russo, Barbara Ehrenreich, Colum McCann, and Sebastian Junger. It’s badass and his voice is erotically soothing. Steen also writes that Tim Stenovec spent the summer working at the New York Times and will finish this fall as part of the inaugural class of the new media program at NYU. Steen made sure to mention that Tim is the fastest rider on the NYU biking team and his calves are even bigger than they were in college. He’s also wicked smart. After a brief stint in administration/business at a fine art supply company, Jenn Carey started her first year at UMaine Law School. Chris DeSantis was hired in 2009 as an assistant swimming coach at Georgia Tech in Atlanta. Just as he got hired he finished graduate school with a master’s in applied positive psychology from the University of Pennsylvania. In September he married Kate Mandell (John Hopkins’05) on Martha’s Vineyard. Nikki Stadelman moved to London last November and works for Ropes & Gray. Kate Rooney finished graduate school at the University of Chicago and happily reports she started working as a therapist at a community mental health center in Chicago. The day she graduated Kate and her puppy were happy to welcome Jess Seymour. Jess was driving through Chicago on her way to Boulder, Colo., where she’s now in graduate school. Jess and Kate, as well as Jenni Lathrop, are very excited to be bridesmaids in Rebecca Longworth’s wedding to Jason Korb next July on the Maine coast! Allison Hertzberg officially launched her accessories line. Her collections feature fishermen knotting techniques she learned at Colby. The jewelry pieces have been covered on numerous blogs and websites. She makes everything by hand out her East Village, NYC, studio and sells online and at boutiques in lower Manhattan and Brooklyn. See www.accessoriesbyash.com.

2007
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Megan Deoley finished her first year of law school at Northeastern and interned at the Family Equality Council (a LGBT family advocacy organization) this summer doing legal research in their public policy department. Megan lives in Jamaica Plain, down the street from her twin sister, Claire Deoley. Claire works in accounting in Boston and recently got engaged to Jamie Singelais! Jamie just finished her master’s in elementary education at Lesley. They’re hoping to have the wedding next summer with bridesmaids Megan Deoley, Sarah Smiley, and Tara Bergin. Amanda Vickerson is engaged to Erin Wolfe (University of Southern Maine ’06), and their wedding is planned for July in Maine. Julie Hike works in the maternal fetal medicine department at Virginia Hospital-Pulmonary Center in Arlington and got engaged to Danny Epstein ’08 at the end of April. They’ll wed Sept. 17, 2011, on Cape Cod. Lee Emmons lives in Damariscotta, Maine, and works at a local nonprofit. He’s going back to school for his master’s in public policy at the Muskie School, USM. Emily McClure finished her M.S. in microbiology.
and molecular genetics at MSU and will continue her doctorate at UConn this fall.

Julia Hutchinson, Victoria Yuan, Naomi Branz, Kyle Haskell, and Casey Turnelle got hammered on a porch in San Francisco together.

Alexis Heimann started her second year towards her doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Denver.

Dylan Harrison-Atlas moved to Fort Collins, where he’s pursuing his doctorate in ecology at Colorado State. When he’s not fishing or skiing, he’s golfing and brewing beer. He contributes the Colorado Colby contingent to Leigh Audin’s gravitational pull and is excited to welcome Emily Pugach as she begins her Ph.D. program at CU Boulder.

Brianna Tufts completed her first year in the M.B.A. program at Cornell and in the spring began engaged to Mike Walsh ’05. Brianna spent the summer as an intern for an energy company in Boston, and she was delighted to travel to Maine in June for Mindy Favreau’s wedding to Will Woerter, where she also saw Allison Coghill, Leslie Peterson and Chris Holcombe.

Alan Ozarowski moved back to Maine to start working for L.L.Bean.

Dan Schupack began medical school at Tufts as part of the Maine Track program.

Mary Warlaumont is attending Creighton School of Medicine in Omaha, not far from Katie Maland, who started her first year at Iowa Medical School in Des Moines.

John Debrucker interviewed a hero of his, Danny Briere of the Philadelphia Flyers. Keep your eye out for the article which will hopefully be in ESPN The Magazine sometime this fall.

Adriana Nordin Manan spent the past three years working in Kuala Lumpur in the research and investment strategy unit of the Malaysian government’s investment arm, Khazanah Nasional. In her spare time she is a writer for a sketch comedy show staged in the city and is considering M.F.A. programs in creative writing.

Liz Stovall completed her year as an Americorps VISTA in Kalispell, Mont. This spring she planned and implemented a new community initiative to address homelessness in the Flathead Valley called Project Homeless Connect. Through the one-day event they helped 160 homeless individuals, veterans, and families receive medical care, haircuts, food, clothing, pet services, housing counseling, and more. She also hung out with Liz Boeheim in Missoula.

2008

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Lucia Giordano started a job in development at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in N.Y. She lives in Astoria, Queens, and loves working at the Met.

Kaia Saxe started her second year of graduate school for nursing at the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute for Health Professions. She’s pursing a family nurse practitioner’s degree.

Brett and Sharon Fuller Aigler received master’s degrees from the University of Colorado in May. Brett works at an environmental engineering firm near Boston; Sharon teaches high school biology.

Michelle Easton started a job in Worcester, Mass., as college counselor and assistant program manager for the nonprofit Bottom Line. She works with low-income, first-generation high school students to help them get into college and graduate. She hopes to recruit students to Colby even though her boss is a Bowdoin grad.

Collin Collins had dinner with Lulu Wang ’10 and Kristen Devlin ’10 in NYC. Though the food was overpriced, the company made up for it. Patrick is purchasing a small business in the Tower area.

In July Alixia Thibeault married Gregory Engell ’07. They live in Winoski, Vt., where Alixia completed her licensure program at Saint Michael’s for teaching middle school language arts.

Emily Parker began her first year at Syracuse University College of Law.

Amanda Roehn finished her master’s in sport administration at University of Miami. She’s now in Durham, N.C., working in athletic development at Duke. She loves working in the Iron Duke offices and is excited for basketball season!

Darcy Taylor is a project manager at Tracy Locke, an advertising agency in Wilton, Conn.

David Sterovsky loves life in San Francisco. He and roommate Riley Doyle ’07 enjoy the amazing weather with rooftop BBQs. David’s job at OutCast Communications is full of opportunities to work with big names in tech, venture capital, and social media. In his free time David refines his DJ skills on the wheels of steel.

Yvonne Baker began her second year at Temple University School of Medicine.

After graduation Gretchen Markiewicz had a wonderful year in Munich teaching English at a high school. Meaghan Fitzgerald visited from London and they visited the Austrian town of Salzburg, and she was delighted to be in ESPN The Magazine sometime this fall.

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2009

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Sarah Ross-Benjamin finished her first year at Emory Law School and works for two juvenile court judges in Georgia. Come fall semester, she’ll work for the capital defender’s office in Atlanta.

Sally Dreischer started working in development at the Brookline Community Mental Health Center in May. She also moved into a house with Justine Scott ’08, Blake Foster ’07, and Pat Lizotte ’06.

Liz O’Neill is in D.C. working for the ONE campaign, an advocacy nonprofit that helps fight poverty and disease in Africa. She recently went hiking with Suzanne Merkerson, Brooke Barron, and Beth Cole in Virginia.

Sam Handler has been assisting Garrett Hatton on his debut R&B album Free the G. The album should be ready by the end of September.

Ned Warner bumped into Tucker Hancock ’08 and Julie Casper ’08 at the Telluride Bluegrass Festival while there with Tom Treat ’08.

Kate Humphrey started a master’s of urban planning degree at the University of Michigan this fall, where she expects to see lots of Becky Lipson and Jess Paffly, who also study there.

Emma McLeavy-Weeder is happily settled in Tacoma, Wash., and took a fabulous two-week backpacking trip across Germany, Greece, and Turkey with Nicole Veilleux.

Chelsea Eskin and Byron Meinerth both live in China, indoctrinating young and innocent children with the English language and pushing for multi-party elections.

Lokesh Todi went to Dartmouth for the graduation of Colby students in the Colby-Dartmouth five-year program. During June and July he visited Nepal to attend his sister’s wedding.

Ellen London graduated with a master’s from the Columbia School of Journalism in May.

Sam Hoff works as operations associate with a boutique investment firm in Boston’s financial district. He’s having a great time rooming with Sam Witherspoon and Logan King in the North End.

Griffin Richards plays professional basketball for a minor league team in Kigali, Rwanda.

This fall Kris Miranda started a two-year M.A. program in philosophy at the University of New Mexico, where he also hopes to dabble in dramatic writing.

Ben Goldenberg, Scott Carberry, Christina Mok, Danielle Crochiere, Kristen Hitchcox, Jay Larmon, Megan Schafer, Sam Hoff, Soren Craig-Muller, and Chris VanCilin participate in a co-ed Boston softball league under the team name “M as in Macy.”

Olivia Sterling recently caught dinner with Emily Hansen at Candle Café, in NYC. She also had Hannah Hickox out at her family’s summer home on Shelter Island, N.Y., for a weekend in July.

This summer Lauren Pengen moved in with Jake Hanin ’07 and Brian Lessels ’08. She also drove to Wildwood for an ultimate tournament with Josh Sadownik and saw Lewis Seton there.

Sarah Whitfield spent the Fourth of July in Washington, D.C., with Caitlin Dufraine and Joe Meyer. She caught a showing of Sex and the City 2 with Sommer Engels in Bethesda just before Memorial Day weekend. In early June she crashed at Rebecca Lynch’s new apartment in Brooklyn while on a work trip.

For the month of June Danny Wasserman, Scott Zeller, and Dan Heinrich went to the World Cup in South Africa. It was incredible. For their last game (USA vs. Ghana), they made a banner that read: COLBY - GO USA. The day after the game, a photo was on the front of the New York Times sports section where their banner could clearly be read by the world! Talk about Colby pride!
ALUMNI AT LARGE

OBITUARIES

Paul E. Feldman ’34, June 23, 2010, in Longmeadow, Mass., at 98. He was an Army medic during World War II. He worked as a national sales manager for 30 years at Wallace Manufacturing and was active at Sinai Temple. He served on Colby’s Alumni Council for six years and was awarded a Colby Brick in 1975. Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Ruth, and his children, Carol Feldman Roberts ’69 and Charles Feldman.

Lewis E. Rush ’37, July 1, 2010, in Greenfield, Mass., at 97. He graduated from Tufts Dental School and then enlisted with the Army Air Force in 1941. He fought in Europe, then was in charge of dental services in England. Later, in Shelburne Falls, Mass., he had a dental practice for more than 45 years. Survivors include his children, William, Carolyn, John, and Doris.

Marjorie Gould Shuman ’37, July 29, 2010, in Albany, N.Y., at 93. She earned an M.A. from Radcliffe and then taught English and journalism at LaSalle Junior College. During World War II she worked with the American Red Cross in Europe. She taught and wrote throughout her life, belonged to a sewing circle, and was active with her church. She was predeceased by her mother, Florence King Gould 1908, her sister Dorothy Gould, her second husband, Rev. Ronald H. Shuman ’38, and her daughter Elizabeth Smart Merriam ’52 and cousins Elizabeth Smart Merriam ’52 and Ruth Smart Thurston ’51.

Phillips B. Henderson ’38, Sept. 21, 2010, in Wethersfield, Conn., at 93. He earned a master's of divinity and was ordained in the Baptist ministry in 1941. He was a chaplain with the Army Air Force during World War II and then ministered at parishes in Massachusetts. He was active with his church. He was predeceased by his sister Teresa Henderson Whitmarsh ’36, Survivors include his children, Phillips, Alexander, Jonathan, and Janet, nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and his sister Christine Henderson Harper ’54.

Robert C. Ryan ’41, Aug. 26, 2010, in West Boylston, Mass., at 94. He served with the Army during World War II. He earned a master’s in education and then taught business math in the Westbrook (Mass.) school system. Survivors include his sons, Robert and John, and three grandsons.

Willettta McGrath Snow ’41, July 7, 2010, in Fort Edward, N.Y., at 90. She was dedicated to her family and home at Grimes Mill, Maine, and helped operate the Snow Brothers Potato Farm. She taught history at Canibou (Maine) High School, was active with her church, and was a trustee of the Canibou library. She enjoyed cooking, maple syrup making, reading, and Aroostook County in general. Survivors include two daughters, Jane Griffie and Constance Nealon, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Eleanor Smart Braunnmuller ’43, July 21, 2010, in Waterville, Maine, at 89. She worked as a chemist before having children and shifting her focus to volunteer church and library work. She served as president of the local League of Women Voters and served as deacon and ruling elder of her Presbyterian church. In 1993 she received a Colby Brick for her service to the College, including 20 years as class correspondent. Survivors include her children, Albert Brownmuller and Rae Jean Brownmuller Goodman ’69, two granddaughters, including Albert Goodman ’03, and cousins Elizabeth Smart Merriam ’52 and Ruth Smart Thurston ’51.

Lillian Robinson Craig ’43, Aug. 11, 2010, in East Corinth, Maine, at 89. She was a substitute teacher and later a licensed practical nurse. She was active with her church, quilted, and gardened. Survivors include six children, 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and three siblings.

Isabel B. Harriman ’43, July 9, 2010, in Augusta, Maine, at 88. She earned a master’s in education at Columbia and then taught for 40 years, 10 in Maine and 30 in Beverly, Mass. She was passionate about traveling, bridge, and chocolate. Survivors include several cousins.

Bernice Knight Shorter ’44, July 15, 2010, in Edinburgh, Scotland, at 87. She earned a doctorate from UCLA and then became a writer in India. She later switched careers and studied with Carl Jung in Switzerland and became an analytical psychologist who wrote extensively and traveled widely on lecture tours. She retired in Edinburgh, where she had a small private practice. Survivors include her adopted children, Stephali and Rangit, and two siblings.

John L. Isley ’46, Aug. 12, 2010, in Pomona, Calif., at 86. He left Colby after two years for medical school and became an internist, practicing in Claremont, Calif., for 50 years. He also was a colonel in the California National Guard and was division surgeon for 10 years. Colby awarded him a B.A. in 1989. He tirelessly served his community, his church, the Rotary, the Claremont Colleges, and Boy Scouts. He traveled extensively to lecture and attend seminars, gardened, and played bridge. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Reuben 1891 and Mary Morrill Isley 1891, and his father, Morrill Isley 1917. Survivors include his sister, Barbara Haggar, five children, including Paul Isley ’71, 13 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Marie Elizabeth Jones Nye ’46, Aug. 17, 2010, in Waterville, Maine, at 85. She worked as a high school secretary while also raising her daughters. She was a deaconess, teacher, and group leader at her church and belonged to the historical society. Survivors include her husband, William, two daughters, and five grandchildren.

Charles H. Lightbody ’48, July 21, 2010, in Lakeland, Fla., at 85. He served with the Air Force in World War II, graduated from Colby, and then earned his M.D. He practiced in Guilford, Maine, was chief of medical staff at Mayo Regional Hospital in Dover-Foxcroft and helped establish the Guilford Medical Building. He served on the planning and school boards and helped create a ski resort on Squaw Mountain. He was involved with his church and was an avid sportsman. He was predeceased by his father, Charles Lightbody ’23. Survivors include his wife, Margaret Horsch Lightbody ’48, two children, and five grandchildren.

Ernest L. Carpenter ’50, June 3, 2010, in Westlake Village, Calif., at 83. He served in the Air Force during World War II and then became a sales manager. Survivors of 69 years, Geraldine, two children, six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and a brother.

Shirley Carrier Brown ’48, July 22, 2010, in Glendale, Ariz., at 84. She earned a master’s from Arizona State and was an elementary school teacher in Arizona. She was active with her church and enjoyed playing cards. Survivors include her sons, Ross, Bruce ’79, Craig, and Kyle, and 10 grandchildren.

Eugene A. Hunter ’48, Aug. 15, 2010, in Portland, Maine, at 87. He served in the Army in World War II and then returned to Colby to graduate. He taught and coached in Maine and New Hampshire and later was athletic director at South Portland High School. His coaching career spanned 60 years and included three state basketball championships. He was Maine Coach of the Year and Athletic Director of the Year and is an inductee in the Maine Sports, Maine Baseball, and New England Basketball halls of fame. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Mary, seven children, 21 grandchildren including Anneliese Radke ’06, five great-grandchildren, and three siblings.

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Eldon F. Risser ’48, Sept. 21, 2010, in Bangor, Maine, at 87. He spent his entire career with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and spent his free time hunting, fishing, or being on the ocean. Survivors include his children, William Risser and Judy LaForest, and five grandchildren.
Barbara Miller Green ’50, July 11, 2010, in Boulder, Colo., at 81. She was a master gardener and a lifelong member of the Cherry Brook (Conn.) Garden Club, where she led projects on community beautification and wildlife and wetland preservation. She chaired the Canton (Conn.) Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency and belonged to the League of Women Voters and the Canton Historical Society. Survivors include her children, William Green and Elizabeth Foreman, and four grandchildren.

Robert A. Jones ’52, Aug. 12, 2010, in Madison, Conn., at 81. He served with the Navy during the Korean War, after which he earned his bachelor’s from the University of New Haven. He was an engineer who worked on aircraft and submarine engine designs for General Dynamics, Pratt & Whitney, and NASA. He holds a patent on an aircraft engine thrust reverser. He loved golf, skiing, and the Red Sox. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Alyce, four children, and nine grandchildren.

L. Martha Friedlaender ’53, Sept. 3, 2010, in New York, N.Y., at 78. She earned an M.S.W. from Columbia and established a career as a social worker, ending as director of social work at St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital in New York. She belonged to the Ethical Cultural Society and the Fellowship of Reconciliation and was an avid traveler. Survivors include her brother, Charles, and nieces and nephews.

Annette Irons George ’55, Sept. 3, 2010, in Ipswich, Mass., at 75. An active community member, she served on the school committee, was director of youth services, and was instrumental in creating a drop-in center for teens. She was a seamstress and a knitter and collected antiques. Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Nancy, five children, nine grandchildren, a great-grandchild, and a brother.

Jennifer Hoey ’56, Aug. 8, 2010, in Playa del Rey, Calif., at 66. She was a musician, and a knitter and collected antiques. Survivors include her husband, Robert ’76, and four grandchildren, including Meghan Maynihan ’09.

Charles F. Goodwin Jr. ’65, Aug. 6, 2010, in Auburn, Maine, at 54. He earned an M.S. in education and then worked in sales, marketing, and insurance in California and New Hampshire. He belonged to two dozen environmental and conservation groups and served as chairman of the Milford (N.H.) Conservation Commission for 12 years. He was involved with youth sports—coaching, directing local programs, and, in Milford, designing and managing the creation of a multi-use, six-acre park, later named the Russ Monbleau Youth Athletics Field Complex. He won multiple awards for his work and his volunteering and was elected to the New England Babe Ruth Hall of Fame. Survivors include his wife, Joyce, three sons, 10 grandchildren, and two siblings.

Russell N. Monbleau ’66, Sept. 19, 2010, in Nashua, N.H., at 66. He earned an M.B.A., and then worked in sales, marketing, and insurance in California and New Hampshire. He belonged to two dozen environmental and conservation groups and served as chairman of the Milford (N.H.) Conservation Commission for 12 years. He was involved with youth sports—coaching, directing local programs, and, in Milford, designing and managing the creation of a multi-use, six-acre park, later named the Russ Monbleau Youth Athletics Field Complex. He won multiple awards for his work and his volunteering and was elected to the New England Babe Ruth Hall of Fame. Survivors include his wife, Joyce, three sons, 10 grandchildren, and two siblings.

Susan Hall Lund ’67, June 28, 2010, in Portsmouth, N.H., at 65. A dedicated homemaker and mother, she is survived by her children, Sandra Sargisson and Robert Lund, and one granddaughter.

Valerie Fullerton McPhee ’69, Aug. 8, 2010, in East Boothbay, Maine, at 63. She worked for Head Start and was home-maker and mother. She gardened and was a charter member of the Boothbay Region Botanical Gardens. Survivors include her husband, Nick, four children, seven grandchildren, her father, and two brothers.

Arthur R. Giroux ’54, Aug. 3, 2010, in Williston, Vt., at 80. He served with the Navy during World War II, where he earned a Victory Medal. He also played the trumpet. He worked as a manager for 25 years for Con Products International and belonged to the Bootters Group of Massachusetts and the Candy Technologists of Boston. He enjoyed bird watching and music. Survivors include his wife, Helen Connelly McAuliffe ’53, four children, including Robert ’76 and Mark ’79, and five grandchildren, including Meghan Maynihan ’09.

Jon C. Swenson ’79, Sept. 18, 2010, in Fairfield, Conn., at 55. He earned a master’s from the University of Delaware and was a musician who played with local bands. He died from cancer. Survivors include his siblings, Anne, Paul, and Thomas, and his mother.

Meghan Moynihan ’09. 

Karen Brown Davis ’76, Aug. 14, 2010, in Bainbridge Island, Wash., at 55. She earned an M.B.A. from the University of Connecticut, and, after being a stay-at-home mom, established a career in mediation training, focusing on services for children with special needs. She also worked to promote civil discourse among young people. She died after a brief illness. Survivors include her husband, Jonathan “Joth” Davis ’76, three children, her parents, four siblings, and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Christopher ’78 and Janet McMahon Davis ’79.

Scott K. Brown ’78, June 30, 2010, in Auburn, Maine, at 54. He earned an M.S. in education from the University of Maine, taught science, and then was a principal at elementary schools in Maine. He was an elder at his church, belonged to the Leeds (Maine) Planning Board, loved dogs, and pursued gardening, tennis, and bicycling. Survivors include his wife, Grace, two daughters, his father, and three siblings.

Robert Picard ’79, July 19, 2010, in Norwood, Mass., at 81. He was active with his church and belonged to the Rotary Club. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Dorothy, his daughters, Meredith Bean Eley ’77 and Julia Bean ’81, and five grandchildren.

Peter G. Bridge ’58, Aug. 24, 2010, in Willsboro, N.Y., at 80. He served with the Air Force during the Korean War and then came to Colby. He received three subsequent degrees—an M.Div. in theology, an M.S. in guidance, and a C.A.G.S. in college counseling—and worked as a pastor, teacher, coach, chaplain, professor, and dean at Kents Hill (Maine) School and Champlain (Vermont) College. He volunteered with the United Way, AARP, Planned Parenthood, and other organizations. He sang barbershop, drummed with two jazz bands, and played the washboard. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Mary Ellen (Chase ’58), two children, Lisa Rizzo and Stephen Bridge ’86, three grandchildren, and two brothers.

Janet McMahon Davis ’79. 

Hilary Morton Shontz ’80, July 7, 2010, in New York, N.Y., at 52. She worked as an executive recruiter and as an event planner for a period, then became a stay-at-home mother. Survivors include her husband, David, two sons, three sisters, and her parents.

Guito Joseph ’04, Sept. 20, 2010, in Houston, Texas, at 30. He was a personal banker for JPMorgan Chase in Houston. He had a heart condition since birth and was working out in a gym when he collapsed and died. Survivors include his wife, Yaona, a daughter, his parents, and five siblings.
When I was younger I learned of fireflies from books—pictures of children with their hands cupped tight, the creases between their fingers glowing red. But I put these magical-seeming bugs on a mental list of animals I expected never to encounter, like walruses or unicorns. It’s possible that, if asked whether fireflies really existed, I might have hesitated before answering—just for a slice of a second, as I combed through my own experience. I have seen a number of miraculous things—a lizard shedding its skin, say, or the reflection of a sunrise on water—but a firefly was not one of them.

Last summer I went to the Perkins Arboretum at dusk. The woods were crackling with small noises: mice and insects stirring the surface of the soil, or maybe they were snakes. I had recently passed a snake on the same trail, a dark cord winding over the ground until it vanished into a patch of grass; it looked like water flowing downhill. It had been hot then, and now, days later, it still was. Through openings in the trees I could see Miller tower piercing an orange sky and, behind it, torn fragments of cloud over the horizon. I was tired from the day and thinking of heading home.

In previous summers I had traveled—I worked as a wilderness guide in Norway and Alaska, and as a naturalist in Colorado—but this year, my last summer as a student, I chose to stay on campus to do research. I spent hours each day before a computer, sorting data and making maps of places like South Africa and the Yukon. Sometimes I would find myself gazing at the screen, trying to imagine the feel of each place. Hot wind blowing off the Kalahari. The sharp, muddy smell of northern tundra. It was good work, research was, but I missed the magic.

And so I often found myself doing this at the end of the day: slipping into the woods, walking the trails. I was trying to learn the flowers; it seemed embarrassing to pass them without knowing, as if I had neglected to learn the name of a friend. I knew some of the trees, but not all. I touched their bark, noting the thick ridges of the white pine, the pale dust left on my fingers by an aspen. I enjoyed watching the fiddleheads unfurl, the violets blush purple, the yarrow bloom in white clusters. I wanted to remember that wilderness wasn’t far away: that if I reached out my hand, or closed my eyes and listened, or leaned back and looked at the sky, I could find it.

That night I was walking slowly on the trail, passing through as silently as I could. I liked to think I wasn’t disturbing anything, that the woods could go on just as they pleased despite my presence. And so when I saw the first flash—down by the stream, in a patch of aster—I only blinked, and blinked again, and wondered if I had drunk enough water that day. It was an odd light in the deepening shadows. With night settling, I kept walking.

But then it happened again, the odd light, and I bent and saw a beetle on the side of a leaf, right where the light had been coming from. It spread its wings and there—there—a soft glow pulsed at the end of its abdomen, just as it lifted up and was gone. Laughing now, I followed one light after another as they flickered in the darkness, and as the stars spread out overhead I came to a clearing, a pond, and stopped before the cattails and watched the night light up. There were hundreds of fireflies, it seemed; thousands. From the water came the voices of frogs, croaks and hiccups as they called to each other, and I stood on the bank and listened to them in the warm air, which was sweet with the smell of things growing.

Tiny fireworks rose and sputtered and lived their lives around me, as if determined to prove the richness of the world, or else the wonder of it, and I watched them fill the trees in every direction, watched them spread out through the forest, like points on a map of here.

Blair Braverman ’11 is an environmental policy major. She is completing an honors thesis in environmental writing.
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Lori G. Kletzer, Colby’s new vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, recently arrived from the University of California, Santa Cruz. “We’re here because we’re dedicated to this undergraduate intellectual experience,” is the feeling she’s gotten from her new colleagues. Q&A, Page 24. Photo by Chris Bennett.