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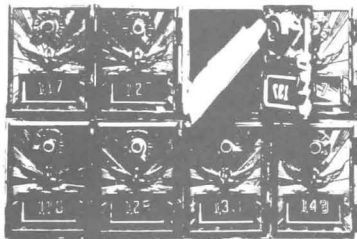
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# EUSTIS MAILROOM

## Marking the Old Grounds

It's wonderful that there are handsome new markers at Colby's major entrances on the hill (see the December 1984 *Alumnus*). But why has no marker of any sort ever been placed on the old Colby campus? This question was asked at our 25th reunion, and the administration said that negotiations with the City of Waterville would be necessary.

It would be a credit to Colby and "the powers that be" if this project were undertaken. History would be made for history!

Hilda Niehoff True '43  
*Georgetown, Mass.*

*College officials repeatedly have broached the possibility of placing a marker on the old campus, which is now private property. Most recently the idea has been presented to the property's new owner, Clifford Morissette of Waterville. No agreement has yet been reached. (Ed.)*

## In Response

It was interesting to note a couple of ironies in the March 1985 *Alumnus*, one rather subtle and mildly amusing and the other quite shocking.

In "The First of Many Books," an account of the admirable freshman book program, it was noted that the issue of nuclear war

was raised through the reading of Jonathan Schell's provocative and terrifying *The Fate of the Earth*. The program committee brought a number of speakers on the subject of nuclear war to campus, but their attempts to get "more representation by conservatives" was frustrated by refusals or by conservative speakers asking "more for their appearance than the program was prepared to pay." The implication is just one more bit of evidence that, under the Reagan administration and the flood of current conservatism, the fear of John Kenneth Galbraith and many others that the United States is fast becoming a nation tragically divided into two classes, the very rich and the very poor, is coming to pass.

As for the "simply shocking," it was indeed shocking to find, through the "Mailroom," that there had been a number of objections by graduates of a liberal arts college to freedom of speech and to hearing varied views on current controversies. Thanks to Jonathan Maslow '77 and George Shur '64 for censuring the would-be censors and defending the presentation of Angela Davis at Colby.

Lewis E. Weeks, Jr. '42  
*Potsdam, N. Y.*

## From the Editor

All who turned to this page hoping to read more than two letters from alumni are well aware of the

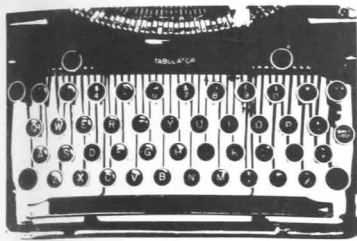
dimension such letters add to communication within this community. One alumnus told me that, however much he may disagree with some letters, he knows that "Colby is alive and well" when he sees a dialogue emerging among them. He's so right.

We'd love to hear from more who, like Mrs. True and Professor Weeks, find themselves reacting to what they read or hear about Colby. Whether such letters contain squalls of protest or simple thanks, whether they are whimsical or point to unseen relationships in Colby's history and future, writing one can only heighten others' awareness.

In this issue are news and features that are provocative in different ways. Certainly the death of President Emeritus J. Seelye Bixler evokes many feelings and recollections, and it would be a tribute to him if those were shared. In quite a different vein, "Women of the Cloth" may tap into certain values and beliefs, and it may beg additional insights from clergy of both sexes. Those who enjoy Maine's art and architecture, who worked with professors Clifford Berschneider or Paul Perez, or who were driven by former track Coach Mike Ryan also will react to articles herein.

Consider making the communication go two ways. We all look forward to hearing from you.

Lane Fisher  
*Editor*



# NEWS FROM THE HILL

## Alumni to Receive Awards

Six Colby alumni will be honored at the awards banquet on Saturday, June 7, during Reunion Weekend. John R. Cornell '65, Eugenie Hahlbohm Hampton '55, Germaine Michaud Orloff '55, and Gordon Patch Thompson '35 have been chosen to receive Colby Bricks by the Alumni Council awards committee, based on their service and loyalty to the College since their graduation. Also to be honored at the dinner are Robert N. Anthony '38, who will receive the Marriner Distinguished Service Award, and Robert J. Bruce '59, who will receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

John R. Cornell, an attorney, has helped organize and maintain alumni clubs in both Portland, Maine, and Cleveland, Ohio. Vice chair of the Alumni Council from 1976 to 1979, he chaired the council from 1979 to 1980. A former member of the planned giving committee, he also served as an Alumni Fund agent for two years. He co-chaired the Symposium of the State of the College held on Reunion Weekend and Homecoming Weekend in 1978, and Reunion Weekend in 1979.

Eugenie Hahlbohm Hampton, an elementary school teacher, has served the College in a variety of leadership positions since her graduation. An alumni trustee from 1972 to 1978, she had previously served as vice chair of the Colby Alumni Association from 1972 to 1978. From 1966 to 1972,

she served on the Alumni Council, where she headed the student relations committee for several years and sat on the executive committee of the council. An alumni interviewer and organizer of area college nights, Eugenie Hampton is the mother of Peter '80 and Lauren '81.

A resident of Waterville, Germaine Michaud Orloff has been active in several alumni organizations, including the Waterville Alumni Club, which she formerly served as secretary. She is a member of the Alumni Council, chair of the alumni house committee, and outgoing president of the Class of 1955. She has chaired both her 25th and this year's 30th reunion and, with her husband, Paul, co-chaired the Parents Association from 1981 to 1982. They are the parents of Karen '81 and Glenn '84.

Gordon Patch Thompson, returning for his 50th reunion this June, has been extremely active in the St. Petersburg Alumni Club since organizing it in the 1970s. Recognized as one of Colby's most loyal and supportive alumni, Thompson has served the Class of 1935 as class correspondent and has participated in the Colby 2000 Campaign as a volunteer agent.

The Marriner Distinguished Service Award, given to alumni or friends of Colby who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the College, will be presented to Robert N. Anthony '38. While teaching at Harvard Business School for 40 years, he helped to develop the Institute for Maine In-

dustry at Colby and has also worked as a consultant in both the government and private sectors. In 1965, he was appointed assistant secretary of defense (comptroller) under the Johnson administration, a position he held for three years. Anthony received a Colby Brick in 1968 and an honorary L.H.D. from Colby in 1963. A member of the Board of Trustees since 1959, he chaired the board from 1978 to 1983. He has headed numerous trustee committees, including the budget and finance committee, the equal opportunity committee, and the 1978 presidential search committee. He was also a member of the steering and major gifts committees for the Colby 2000 Campaign.

Robert J. Bruce '59 will receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award, which annually recognizes one Colby graduate for outstanding professional achievement. After graduating from Colby, Bruce taught at Kents Hill and at Brookline High School, earning his master's degree at Boston State College in 1964. As a Fulbright scholar, he studied at the University of Manchester in 1964. From 1965 to 1969, he was development officer at Colby. Associated with both Clark and Bard colleges, he served in various positions at those schools before accepting a position as vice president for development at Widener University in 1975. In 1981 he became president of the 7,800-student university, which is located on two campuses in Chester, Pa., and Wilmington, Del. He is married to Judy Garland Bruce '58.



### Construction Prevails over Winter Work Conditions

*Not rain nor snow nor darkened days deterred those working on Colby's new \$3.5 million Student Center this winter. After finishing the foundation, parts of which had to be sheltered by plastic tents so that the concrete could set, construction workers began placing the structure's I-beams. By late March, the frame displayed much of the character the building will have when it is completed next fall.*

### Trustees Name New Overseers

The Colby Board of Trustees has named three new overseers: Janet Gay Hawkins '48, of Plandome, N.Y., Susan Smith Huebsch '54, of South Dartmouth, Mass., and Anne O'Hanian Szostak '72, of Warwick, R.I. The Board of Overseers acts as an advisory council to the president and sends visiting committees to appraise the efforts of all Colby departments every five years.

Hawkins, a history major while attending Colby, has long been active in community affairs. She is president of the Gladys Brooks Foundation in New York City and of the Manhasset Visiting Nurse Service, vice president of the Visiting Home Health Services of Nassau County, a board member of the Family Services Association of Nassau, and is active with the Manhasset United Fund. For many years she served as a class agent

for the Alumni Fund. She is married to Harman Hawkins and has two children.

Huebsch majored in history and government as a student. A member of the Alumni Council, she is the chair of its nominating committee and also serves on the nominating committee of the Board of Trustees. Both she and her husband, Roger M. Huebsch '53, were awarded Colby Bricks in 1979 for fund-raising efforts and for identifying and encouraging students to attend Colby. Among those students have been their three daughters, Karen '77, Gretchen '80, and Ellen '82.

Anne O'Hanian Szostak '72, is a former trustee and was, at 24, the youngest named to that post in the history of the College. A sociology major while at Colby, she is now a senior vice president in the operations department of Fleet National Bank in Providence. She is married to Michael J. Szostak '72 and has two daughters.

### Federal Aid Threatened

Proposed budget cuts in federally funded financial aid, if enacted, will hurt more than 700 Colby students, according to Robert McArthur, dean of admissions and financial aid. Of the 550 students who currently receive financial aid from Colby, 483 students would lose an average of \$1,835 in supplementary federal assistance if cuts proposed by the Reagan administration in February are realized. In addition, 275 students who receive Guaranteed Student Loans (GSLs) from the federal government, but no assistance directly from Colby, would be denied such loans. McArthur estimated the total federal assistance that would be lost by Colby students to be \$1,449,600 per year.

One of the two "most worrisome" components of the proposed federal aid cuts, said McArthur, is a \$4,000 cap on the total federal assistance that any college student can receive per year from any combination of federal programs. This cap would affect 208 current Colby aid recipients. The other potentially great problem is the proposed restriction of GSLs to students from families whose income is no greater than \$32,500, which would eliminate loans to 531 of the 740 Colby families that borrow through the GSL program. The average family receiving financial aid through Colby in 1984-85 has an income of \$36,252 and has two children in college, creating an average of \$8,348 in total aid needed for them to be able to send one of their children to Colby. Colby's tuition and fees are \$12,400 in 1984-85.

Colby's ability to offset the federal aid cuts would be limited, ultimately meaning that Colby would have fewer students from low and middle income families, and more from wealthy families. McArthur indicated that some of the lost GSLs could be made up through parent loan programs of-

ferred by Colby and the federal government, but that those would be out of the financial reach of many families. Whereas GSLs are repaid on a deferred basis at 8 percent interest, repayment of Colby parent loans must begin when the loan is issued and is at 9 or 11 percent interest. Federal parent loans currently charge 12 percent interest. To offset the entire \$1,449,600 in lost aid, Colby would need to increase its aid budget by 30 percent, said McArthur, which is an unlikely possibility.

### Alumni Help Colby Make the Grade

This has been a test year in terms of how well alumni understand the dual financial support that Colby needs to maintain its standards of excellence. Because of the Colby 2000 Campaign's "double ask" policy, in 1985 most alumni have been asked to consider a one-time capital pledge to Colby while continuing their annual support of the Alumni Fund. It is similar to putting money in savings while also replenishing the funds in one's checking account; whereas the capital gift fortifies Colby's endowment and improves its facilities, the Alumni Fund gift provides revenues for current operations. The "double" generosity of many alumni shows that they understand the double need clearly.

As donors and solicitors, record numbers of alumni have involved themselves in Colby fund raising this year. To boost their classes' support to the Alumni Fund, which is part of the Annual Fund, members of the classes of '40, '65, '70, '75, and '80 have conducted reunion-year phonathons for the first time in Colby's history. The support of their classmates, other alumni, and parents had contributed \$534,000 toward the Annual Fund's third consecutive million-dollar goal by mid-March. Early indicators boded well for the fund's final total on June 30; ris-

ing from the total of \$26,000 received in January, Annual Fund contributions of \$45,000 during February broke all records.

At the same time, the national telethon to raise one-time capital gifts, payable over five years, to the Colby 2000 Campaign progressed well. Begun in November with plans to reach 10,000 alumni, the telethon had completed calls to 7,650 alumni by late February. Of those who had been reached, 2,700, or 35 percent, had made contributions or pledges totaling \$725,590 toward the campaign's capital goals. An additional \$75,000 generated in corporation matching gifts brought the total to just over \$800,000. Campaign Director Charles P. "Pen" Williamson indicated that the support shown by young alumni reached through this general gifts drive was particularly striking.

As the telephone solicitations took place, many alumni requested

that their campaign gifts be earmarked for special funds started by other alumni. The goals for those funds are to endow an East Asian studies professorship, an art museum exhibition fund, a scholarship in the name of the Class of 1971, and a scholarship in memory of the late Joe and Kay Peters, whose Little Big Store became an institution for Colby students on the nearby downtown campus, as well as for the townspeople today. Another drive is underway to make a capital gift for the Student Center in the name of the late Jess Marchese '63, a campus musician known to many alumni.

The involvement and special interests of so many alumni are reflected in the growing amount pledged to the Colby 2000 Campaign. By mid-March, gifts and pledges to the campaign had reached a total of \$19,332,000, nearing the \$20 million mark along the way to its \$28.5 million goal.

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## Moving?

Please let the College know your new whereabouts. Otherwise, your *Alumnus* probably will not reach you—and you won't hear about Colby gatherings in your area.

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Please send to: Address Change, Alumni Office, Colby College, Waterville, Maine 04901. Thank you!



## Sorority Leaders Honored

The contributions of Frances Mann Hall, Class of 1887, and Mary Rollins Millett, Class of 1930, to their sororities and to the College are acknowledged in the names Colby's Board of Trustees has approved for the two former sorority rooms in Runnals Union.

The Sigma Kappa room has been renamed to honor Frances Mann Hall, who, with Mary Low, Louise Coburn, Elizabeth Hoeg, and Ida Miller, was one of Sigma Kappa's founding members. Although Hall did not graduate with her class, she was given an honorary master's degree by Colby in 1891. She was principal of the Hall-Noyes School in Washington, D.C., and was active in education circles in that area. Upon the death of her husband, George Washington Hall, Class of 1875, a photographer known for his lectures, she donated all his materials to Colby.

By the renaming of the Chi Omega room for Mary Rollins Millett '30, she is honored for her outstanding support as chapter adviser. A resident of Waterville, she is the widow of the late Ellsworth Millett '25, former coach, professor, and alumni secretary of the College. After graduating from Colby, she taught for two years at Mattanawcook Academy. She has been on the board of directors of the Hinckley Home School in Hinckley, Maine, and of the Goodwill Association, which she has also served as president. She is the mother of Jane Millett Dornish '55.

## Associate Professor Wins Distinction for Novel

Susan Kenney, associate professor of English at Colby, has been awarded the New Voice Award for her latest novel, *In Another Country*. The award, in its first year, is given to the author judged to show the most promise and distinction through a work published in the

current year. According to Martin Asher, director of Quality Paperback Book Club, which grants the New Voice Award, it is given to an author who "has not yet received the audience he or she deserves." A cash prize of \$5,000 is attached to the award.

When she received the award, Kenney said, "I think the 'New Voice' feature is a wonderful idea. There are good books and good writers out there who are just starting to be heard. I also note with interest that the average age of this set of 'new voices' is in the mid-40s, along with the recent successes of writers like William Kennedy, Harriet Doerr, and Helen Santmyer. This has to be good news for all the writers who are still slugging it out and feeling crummy because they didn't make it before they were 30. Hey, don't give it up."

This is not the first recognition of Kenney's work. In 1982 she received the O. Henry Award for her short story "Facing Front" and last year received a creative writing fellowship by the National Endowment for the Arts. *In Another Country* is Kenney's second novel. Her first novel, *Garden of Malice*, was published in 1983 and is in the tradition of the English mystery story (see the December 1984 *Alumnus*). Another mystery, in which several of the *Garden of Malice* characters will reappear, is scheduled for publication later this year.



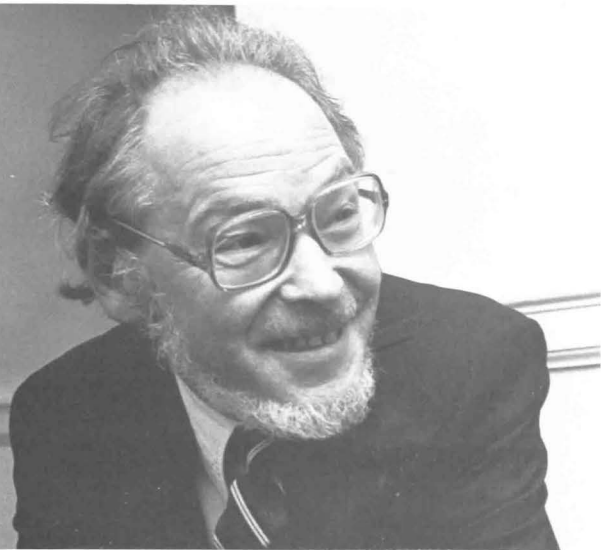
Susan Kenney

## Russian Dissident Carries Torch for Human Rights

Looking older than his 49 years, nine years of which were spent in Soviet labor camps, exiled Russian dissident Alexander Ginzburg spoke in Lorimer Chapel on February 11. The recounting of his dissident activities, subsequent arrests, and exile brought to life the ravages endured by a fear-ridden society denied basic freedoms. Despite the use of an interpreter to help him tell that story, Ginzburg was able to convey his convictions, warmth of spirit, and humor to the many students and others who came to hear him.

All terror, Ginzburg said, generally has the "same goals and the same methods—wherever it is." Absolute fear is instilled into the hearts of the people, and the historical memory of a population is destroyed. To achieve these goals a certain part of the population must die. Because churches work to "sustain the soul of a people," they are the first against whom the perpetrators of terror strike, according to Ginzburg. Next is the intelligentsia, and then the more conservative element of the population, the peasantry. He gave as an example the artificial hunger that was created in the Ukraine in the 1930s when farmers were deprived of their crops and could not escape. Six million people died from the famine. This kind of terror, having achieved its goals, ended with the death of Stalin in 1953, said Ginzburg. Although the human rights movement was not in evidence at this time, he continued, there were those who had "learned some truth and could not go on as they were."

Ginzburg was to become one of those. After having worked as an actor and theater director, he decided to become a journalist. "In the beginning all went well," he said, "but I didn't like not recognizing in the morning paper



Alexander Ginzburg

what I had written the night before." His thwarted journalistic integrity spurred him to publish, on his own authority, an uncensored poetry journal entitled *Syntax*. Before Ginzburg was arrested in 1960, he had published four issues. That people called for his release, instead of calling for his death, as they would have done in earlier periods, indicated that fear was diminishing, said Ginzburg. When he was released after serving a two-year prison sentence, he found that other journals, more serious than his own, were being published—and by editors who were free.

Ginzburg remained actively committed to the principles of human rights. When Soviet writers Andrei Sinyavsky and Yuli Daniel were tried and convicted for publishing works that undermined the Soviet way of life, Ginzburg compiled and published the proceedings of the trial and consequently was sentenced again. His third prison sentence, from which he was exiled, stemmed from his work with a charitable organization that aided the families of political prisoners. This organization was one of a

number of such groups that had emerged in response to the Helsinki Accords of 1975.

Asked after the lecture about the arms race, he expressed the opinion that the Soviet system is dangerous for the world, that it never attacks strong forces, and that to be secure one must be strong. In response to another question on sister cities in the United States and Russia, Ginzburg noted that it is often a "one-sided deceit," as is the exchange of scholars and students. But, he said, "If you go to the Soviet Union, choose a town, meet common people, demand to bring them here, and have a real human exchange, if in that you are successful, monuments would be erected to you in both cities."

Ginzburg currently lives in Paris with his wife, mother, and two children. One son, still in Russia as a member of the Red Army, has been refused emigration papers by the Soviet authorities. Ginzburg is a field representative in Europe for the human rights division of the AFL-CIO.

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## Runner Saluted as Records Stand Fast

Among the pleasures of Family Winter Weekend was a ceremony honoring Sebsibe Mamo '70 during the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Association indoor track championships at Colby. The Ethiopian runner had represented his country in the 1964 Olympics in Mexico City before he came to Mayflower Hill in 1966. In 1968, in the midst of his Colby education, he again competed for Ethiopia in the Olympics, earning international recognition for his 1:49.9 performance in the 800-meter run. It was in that same semifinal competition that he tore his Achilles tendon, an injury that closed his running career.

When Mamo, now a field representative for the Greater New York Blood Program, visited Colby for the February 9 ceremony in his honor, he found three of his Colby records still standing: the 1:49.9 time in the 800-meter run, 4:07.8 in the one-mile run, and 8:43.6 in the two-mile run. The visit was, perhaps, inspirational; two weeks afterward, at the New England indoor championships on February 23, Tom Pickering '85 beat Mamo's 17-year-old mile-run record with a new Maine record of 4:06.52.



Sebsibe Mamo '70

## Campaign Pledges Pay Library Bond Issue

Campaign pledges have succeeded in meeting the dollar amount needed to pay the library bond issue of \$6,335,000 that was due April 1, 1985. To help pay the bond issue, challenge grants, which require matching donations from alumni and friends, were offered by Pew Memorial Trust, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Kresge Foundation. Alumni and friends of Colby met those challenges.

The bond issue was taken out in March 1981, at the time the Miller Library renovation and expansion was started. The project, which spanned a two-year period ending in 1983, resulted in greater office and shelf capacity within the library, and in an interior that can take its place in distinctive contemporary design.

## College Physician Appointed

On January 25, right in the middle of the traditional flu season, Colby bid good-bye to its interim physician, William Taggart, and greeted its new full-time college physician, Robert Goodell, Jr. A graduate of Brown University and of Harvard Medical School, Goodell is a board certified pediatrician. He comes to Colby from Williams College, where he was the head of health services from 1967 to 1981 and college physician since 1982.



Robert Goodell, Jr., M.D.



## Walk, Don't Run!

*If indeed a brisk walk is one of the best forms of exercise, Colby has gained the appreciation of some very healthy Waterville residents. During the inclement months of the year, the College opens its track each morning to area residents who enjoy recreational walking. In February, more than 150 of those who enjoyed such use of the fieldhouse signed their names to a card thanking President William R. Cotter.*

## Hersh Calls Foreign Policy Immoral, Illogical

"I think we grew up thinking that the special thing about the United States is that we are a moral country," award-winning journalist Seymour Hersh told Colby students and faculty on March 11. The facts that he reviewed throughout his speech, sponsored by the cultural life committee of the Student Association, strongly suggested that our government is not.

Since the Eisenhower administration, "We have been locked into this business of having to show that we can be as illogical and immoral as the Russians," said Hersh. Although we embrace an ideal of honesty and integrity in our primary personal relationships, he said that we do not apply comparable standards to our government. "We don't expect much integrity, and we don't get very much." As a result, Hersh questioned what moral force this country can apply in negotiations with other countries that have violated human or sovereign rights.

The United States consistently tries to justify its military presence and CIA interventions throughout the world in terms of a Communist threat and often finds itself in places where that kind of reasoning bears no application, according to Hersh. The basis for sending U.S. forces to Beirut, for example, was to protect Lebanon from "Russian dominated" Syria, but it later became clear that Syria suffered no such domination. He also argued that a Communist threat in Central America has not been proven, although he maintained that President Reagan sincerely believes it when he says that the threat is there. Predicting that there would be 10-12 nuclear powers by 1990, some of them Third World countries, Hersh pleaded the necessity of broadening the focus of U.S. foreign policy.

In the case of President Nixon and his secretary of state, Henry Kissinger, whose foreign policy is the subject of Hersh's fifth book, *The Price of Power*, Hersh was sharply critical of their failure to assess the human implications of their decisions. In the 20,000 pages of classified documents that he reviewed in preparation of that book, he said he found absolutely no indication that estimated casualties were ever weighed into the Nixon administration's military decisions. "Is it too much to ask that a policy could be accompanied by some paper that would explain the cost of the policy in human terms?" Hersh inquired.

Although he focused mostly on Republican administrations, Hersh also pointed to follies in the foreign policies of Democrats John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson. Even Jimmie Carter, probably to save himself in the 1980 election, risked American lives with his attempt to rescue the American hostages in Iran—when any of 3,000 other Americans in that country

could have been taken hostage then in their places. Hersh concluded that voters should judge presidential candidates' integrity on the basis of their social policies. "Forget the foreign policy. It's all going to be the same."

Hersh has won more than a dozen major journalism awards, including a Pulitzer prize for his coverage of the My Lai massacre in Vietnam, which he published in 1969. That and his coverage of the secret U.S. bombing of Cambodia, the CIA's involvement in the overthrow of Chile's Salvador Allende, the CIA's domestic spying, and illegal weapons sales to Libya account for his receiving the Polk Award four times, the Howard Pearson Award, the Zenger Freedom of the Press Award, and the Sigma Delta Chi Award twice. From 1972 to 1979, Hersh wrote for *The New York Times*, and he had previously worked for *The New Yorker*.

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Seymour Hersh



*Kenneth Bleakley, left, and Robert E. White*

### **Should the U.S. Be in Central America?**

On February 22, Lorimer Chapel was the site of involved discussion concerning United States policy in Central America. In a debate that concluded a day-long educational conference on Central America, Robert E. White, ambassador to El Salvador during the Carter administration, presented Kenneth Bleakley, a representative of the U.S. State Department, with articulate opposition.

The Contadora draft treaty was an issue of the debate. Proposed by many Latin and South American countries, the treaty calls for the withdrawal of all foreign military powers from those regions. White supported the treaty and said he was appalled by the Reagan administration's rejection of it last fall. White found the Reagan

administration's rejection of the proposed peace treaty a violation of traditional democratic process. He insisted that "something is terribly wrong when the United States will walk away from the World Court and say, 'We refuse to debate.'"

Bleakley felt that the treaty should be viewed as the latest unacceptable product of Central America's "warped" democracies. He maintained that the Contadora treaty is unverifiable and said that the United States will not negotiate a treaty biased towards the Cubans and one that is unrealistic in its attentions to social and economic problems in Nicaragua.

White, who spoke from his 25 years of experience in El Salvador, Paraguay, Honduras, and Nicaragua, insisted that every American should be concerned with U.S. policy in Central America. He

claimed that the government's current involvement in El Salvador is the "single greatest threat to [that country's] democracy." He also questioned CIA actions that have "turned the Honduras into an aircraft base."

Bleakley's presentation approached the crisis in Central America from an economic standpoint, using the serious financial crisis that the Nicaraguan government has caused its people as justification for U.S. intervention. "We're talking of some 25 million people whose per capita income is, on the average, \$1,000 a year." Allowing that records of U.S. involvement in Central America's political system are "not entirely clean," Bleakley contended that the strength of the Sandinista army comes from a distorted democratic process that the United States cannot be asked to support.

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### **On Finding the Ocean in a Grain of Sand**

"The aesthetic principles of Japanese gardens are applicable to any landscape in any locale," Japanese garden designer David Slawson told members of the Colby community on March 13. In a slide show of Japanese gardens intermingled with works of art and scenes from the Japanese and Maine coasts, Slawson showed how the Japanese use indigenous materials to recreate the scenic qualities of a natural landscape. He advised would-be garden designers to seek inspiration from nature's configurations before trying to imitate them in smaller scale.

In the tightly contained depiction of the natural landscape, a Japanese garden designer is "taking the two-dimensional landscape painting and putting it back into three dimensions," said Slawson. In their techniques, both the gardener and the painter must be aware of how the senses are struc-

tured to make the best possible use of sensory limitations. Slawson cited the examples of a large and sometimes intricate foreground element, which gives the viewer a sense of comfort in relating to the rest of the scene, and the creation of foreground, middle ground, and background to give depth cues.

The triangular combination of horizontal, vertical, and diagonal thrusts is a stable form that is the most important element in Japanese gardens, said Slawson. The dominant configuration of three rocks, which relate to one another in their placement, shapes, and composition, is often anchored by two smaller rocks, but Slawson warned that a successful garden rarely uses a great many rocks.

In the maintenance of a Japanese garden, certain effects are contrived to imitate nature's forces. In some gardens, for instance, gravel is raked to create a sense of movement. The trees in most gardens are also manipulated, being pruned to recreate the impression of weatherbeaten trees along a coastline.

Slawson, who earned his Ph.D. in Japanese aesthetics at Indiana University, has designed several public and private Japanese gardens in this country, including one at Carleton College and the award-winning garden at The Garden Center of Greater Cleveland. He is the translator of a 15th-century Japanese garden manual and has studied in Kyoto, Japan, with the internationally known garden master Kinsaku Nakane, who has been asked to design the Carter Memorial Library garden in Atlanta.

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### Fund Report Addendum

The staff of the Office of Annual Giving regrets and apologizes for the omission of John B. and Muriel Carrell Philson '42 from the list of President's Club members that was recently published in the *Alumni Fund Report, 1983-84*.



### Families Frolic on Frosty Campus

*About 250 alumni, parents, and family members were on campus February 8-10 to participate in Family Winter Weekend. Nature obliged by providing the record crowd with ideal conditions for outdoor recreation, while faculty presentations and sports events created a busy schedule of indoor activities.*

# Julius Seelye Bixler

1894-1985

Julius Seelye Bixler—Colby's beloved president from 1942 to 1960, distinguished philosopher and theologian, and recognized leader in higher education—died in Weston, Mass., on March 28, just a week before his 91st birthday.

"Dr. Bixler was one of the great figures in American higher education," reflected President William R. Cotter. "He was a scholar, author, and philosopher who was the personal friend of such giants as Albert Schweitzer and who, at the same time, cared enough to get to know the name of the newest freshman and to make that student welcome.

"In many ways, the Colby of today is his permanent legacy. . . . While we are deeply saddened by the loss of this exceptional human being, we are consoled by the re-

mindings of his strength, his accomplishments, and his devotion that are all around us," said Cotter.

"The emergence of Colby as a liberal arts college of national distinction is in large part the heritage of Seelye Bixler," affirmed President Emeritus Robert E. L. Strider II. "A pragmatic idealist in the tradition of his philosophical mentor, William James, he was a delightful raconteur . . . and a warm and responsive human being, kind and generous. He knew the difference, in an age increasingly dominated by technique, between image and substance. His career was evidence that one could be an educational leader, administrator, and fund raiser without relinquishing one's soul, an achievement that set him apart, mirrored his towering

stature, and gained for him the respect and affection of the students and his faculty colleagues. He lived a long and remarkable life, and our world is diminished without him."

J. Seelye Bixler was born in New London, Conn., on April 4, 1894. He was the son of the Reverend James Wilson Bixler—a prominent Congregational clergyman who later served in both houses of the New Hampshire legislature—and of the former Elizabeth James Seelye. He was named for her father, long-time Amherst College President Julius Seelye, whose brother was the first president of Smith College.

When Seelye Bixler graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Amherst in 1916, he began to alternate between studying and teaching in this



country and abroad. He taught for a year at American College in Madura, India, before he enrolled in Union Theological Seminary. However, he chose not to enter the clergy because, as he later said, he wanted to study all theologies rather than to bind himself to one creed. After service in the U.S. Army during World War I, he became the director of religious activities at Amherst, from which he earned his M.A. in 1920. There followed two more years of teaching abroad, as a lecturer at American University in Beirut, and then graduate work at Yale and Harvard. After he received his Ph.D. from Yale in 1924, he spent nine years on the faculty of Smith College and studied at the University of Freiburg in Germany during his 1928-29 sabbatical leave. In 1933 he left Smith to become Bussey Professor of Theology at Harvard. During his nine years there, he twice served as acting dean of Harvard Divinity School and once again took his research abroad, to the University of Zurich, Switzerland.

"Fresh from a teaching chair at Harvard he came, a lanky, bespectacled man with the erudite look of a distinguished professor and the winning grin of a schoolboy,"

wrote Clayton LaVerdiere in the Waterville *Sentinel* at the close of Bixler's Colby career. He was Colby's first president to achieve scholastic fame before entering the presidential office, but his first major challenges drew on his relatively undeveloped administrative skills. Without the fanfare of an inauguration, he became Colby's 16th president just months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, presiding over aged facilities on the downtown campus, five unfinished shells and three completed buildings that housed women students on Mayflower Hill, and an Army Air Force training installation.

Even after war's turmoil ended, formidable fund-raising challenges blocked the path from the old campus to the new. Years later, Dr. Bixler openly acknowledged his dislike of "traveling with the begging bowl," but in the interim he persevered. His great faith in small liberal arts colleges, his high hopes for Colby, and his esteem for those who had committed Colby to the construction of the new campus carried him. He was a successful fund raiser because he articulated Colby's needs with conviction and grace.

As the late Reginald H. Sturtevant '21, chairman of the board

from 1960 to 1965, observed after Bixler's retirement, "The real secret of his success . . . was his own personality. Wherever he rose to speak, people were charmed by his unaffected sincerity, pleased by his delightful humor, impressed by his intellect, and inspired by his enthusiasm. The best measure of the public's opinion of him is in what they have done for him." In short, they built a new campus of 30 buildings with him, they channeled immense energies into the College's academic substance and verve, and they returned his own great affection all the while.

The statistics of the 18-year Bixler presidency tell their own tale. The values of the endowment and of Colby's tangible property both nearly tripled, the annual operating budget increased by more than five times, and faculty salaries doubled. In 1942 the enrollment was 650 and dropping because of the war; in 1960 it was 1,180 and rising, by Dr. Bixler's design. In the same years, the faculty increased from 53 to 113.

Yet Seelye Bixler's greatest achievement at Colby, that of leading it to the forefront of American liberal arts colleges, cannot be measured. He was of the opinion, "If the faculty is com-





posed of an able and ambitious group, eager to have Colby excel, and proud of their place in it, nothing can stop the college from going forward." In fact, at least one long-time associate considers Dr. Bixler personally responsible for selecting and inspiring such a group: "He was the calibre of person who attracted top-quality people who wanted to work hard, for whatever salaries, just to work in the atmosphere he created."

Dr. Bixler's intellectual excitement was contagious, whether the event was a social gathering, a convocation, or a concert. His leadership wrought a book-of-the-year program, the Senior Scholars program, cooperative and interdisciplinary team teaching, a vast array of visiting luminaries, and Maine's first college courses taught by way of television. He started the art and music departments and began building Colby's permanent collection of art. When the Colby Community Symphony made its debut under the baton of Ermanno Comparetti in 1943, Seelye Bixler was there, playing cello, and his remarkable wife, the former Mary Harrison Thayer, played viola. Dr. Bixler encouraged his fellow administrators to teach in addition to their primary duties, and he

taught, both at Colby and in four summers at the Saltzburg Seminar on American Studies. Philosophy Professor Robert Reuman recalled being "enthralled and amazed" when he saw Dr. Bixler turn a discussion over to a class of 200-250 students, encouraging their lively participation but, at the same time, managing the discussion so that it built steadily toward a thesis. "In that sense, he was a master teacher himself," said Reuman.

Dr. Bixler also was a model of stature for students. "We loved and respected him because he was one of the world's prominent philosophers," said Sidney W. Farr '55. "He had gained the respect of people all over the world for his brilliance. We knew it was a college destined for great things that could attract such a man as president."

Yet he did not hold himself above students or anyone else. Dr. Bixler was legendary for his ability to recall the name of every student and every colleague. His associates remember that when he fastened his alert, sympathetic attention on a person, that person felt like the center of the universe for a moment. For all of his sophistication, he was known to spontaneously join a game of tag football, enter-

tain undergraduate women with a rousing rendition of "There Is a Tavern in the Town" when Dean Nina Runnals invited him to dinner, and turn a spade to plant trees or dig walkways on Johnson Day. His huge repertoire of jokes and anecdotes accommodated every occasion.

Even while he strengthened the bonds within the Colby community—"the Colby family," he often called it—he eschewed the ivory tower concept and repeatedly emphasized that "the intellectual search for truth cannot be isolated from the moral ambition to serve society." If students are educated in an atmosphere of love, he maintained, "they will not let an idea go until its implications for society are revealed."

His own contributions to society included service as a lifetime trustee of Colby and Amherst and a trustee of Radcliffe, 1949-61, and of Smith, 1963-70. He was co-founder of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship and its first president. Dr. Bixler also served as president of both the American Theological Society and the National Council on Religion in Higher Education.

In the 25 years after his retirement at age 65, Dr. Bixler continued his search for truth and



helped others in that quest. He taught at Thammasart University in Bangkok, the universities of Canterbury and Auckland in New Zealand, and the University of Hawaii, Carleton and Bowdoin colleges, and the University of Maine at Orono. For a year and a half he was a visiting fellow at Wesleyan University's Center for Advanced Studies.

He also continued to write, adding to his more than 100 scholarly articles, hundreds of reviews, and six books—*Religion in the Philosophy of William James* (1926), *Immortality and the Present Mood* (1931), *Religion for Free Minds* (1939), *Conversations with an Unrepentant Liberal* (1946), *A Faith that Fulfills* (1951), and *Education for Adversity* (1952). Even when his energies were taxed by his final illness, he worked intensely on his new monograph, *German Recollections: Some of My Best Friends Were Philosophers*, which Colby will publish this year. It discusses the tenets of such men as Edmund Husserl, Martin Heidegger, Karl Barth, and Schweitzer, as well as his experiences with them. These he weaves together with his own philosophy, which has been called an original synthesis of the theo-

logical and philosophical traditions, to produce what Dr. Bixler considered "the last will and testament of a nonagenarian to his former students. . . ."

Those students made substantial claim to his heart during retirement, as he followed the development of their careers and families, attended their reunions, and met with alumni throughout the country and the world. In turn, the Colby community paid him every possible tribute. In 1955 he received a Colby Brick, and in 1959 the Bixler Art and Music Center was dedicated. On his retirement in 1960, both he and Mary Bixler received honorary doctorates; it speaks to his overall academic leadership that he was similarly honored by 12 other colleges and universities—Amherst, Acadia, American International, Bates, Bowdoin, Brown, Carleton, Harvard, Maine, Union, Wesleyan, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. In 1960 the Colby Parents Association, which had grown out of the parents weekends that began 12 years earlier, established the Bixler Scholars program. Colby Night during the 1970 Homecoming Weekend was dedicated to him, and the Marriner Distinguished Service Award was pre-

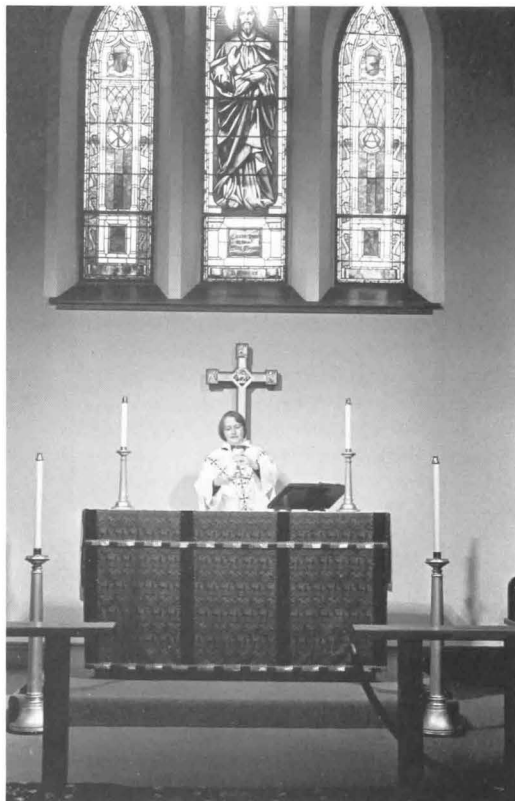
sented to him in 1982. Then Alumni Association President John Cornell '65 told him on that occasion, "More than any one of us can realize is what you, as a warm and thoughtful human being, mean to the graduates of this college."

"He was never the pedant, never the opener of file cabinets, but he was a person who moved with the grand step," Bob Reuman said recently. At the same time, as Allan Scott, Dana Professor of Biology, Emeritus, said simply, "He really was a friend of all mankind."

Dr. Bixler is survived by his wife, Mary; four daughters, Mary Harriet Naughton, Elizabeth Berck, Martha Sacksteder, and Nancy Isaacs; eight grandchildren, including Emily Isaacs '88, and a brother. The family has requested that any memorial gifts be made to the Hospice at Home program in Wayland, Mass. A memorial service for Dr. Bixler will be held on campus on June 9, during Reunion Weekend.

*The August issue of the Alumnus will carry letters of tribute to Dr. Bixler, which the editor invites from the alumni at large.*





## Women of the Cloth

by Lynn Mosher Bushnell

The first student organization at the Maine Literary and Theological Institution was the Philatheatan Society, devoted to the discussion of religious and literary topics. Its president was George Dana Boardman, the College's first graduate, remembered now for his missionary work in Burma. Of the society's nine founding members, five of them went on to become ministers or missionaries. Today, four alumnae who became ministers continue in the Colby tradition of religious service that began with those early graduates.

These ministers were in the first trickle of what is now a ground swell of women entering the ministry. The number of women in seminaries today has tripled since 1970; they now constitute about half of the entering classes. As is true of clergywomen in general, these alumnae represent a range of ages, belief systems, and denominations, yet they share many common experiences.

Those who enter the ministry are choosing an occupation that simultaneously ties them to and separates them from the community.

That separation, caused in part by the perception that the minister shares a special communion with a greater Being, is not necessarily a negative force, yet it does create an unusual work environment. That environment and the attending joys and difficulties are brought into sharper relief as these women confront them for the first time.

The joys—the satisfaction of helping someone renew faith—and the difficulties—the loneliness inherent in such a singular calling—are not peculiar to women, but are shared by their male counterparts.

As women, however, these alumnae are pioneers in this vocation, without a tradition to rely upon for support and solace. While finding new ways to answer their personal and religious needs, women are bringing special gifts to the ministry that are changing both the face and the form of established religious traditions.

### **An Enabling Figure**

Polly Laughland Guild '45, originally known at Colby as Mary "Polly" Callard, is the senior minister at the Follen Community Church, Unitarian Universalist, in Lexington, Mass. A minister now for 20 years, she graduated from Colby intending to become a research scientist. Instead, she married and raised three children. Her involvement in the church began with volunteer work and increased gradually over the years until she recognized her calling to the ministry. With her children all in school, she attended Andover Newton Theological School and graduated in 1964.

Her length of service provides a perspective not shared by the more recently ordained alumnae. She remembers an "old boy" network during her earlier years as a minister that made her uncomfortable. As more women entered the field, however, that discomfort lessened. Guild believes the reason for much of the earlier awkwardness between women and men was that men felt competition from women, especially in respect to church assignments. She concluded that those growing pains were useful, as they permitted both men and women to get in touch with their "dual natures."

Guild sees herself as a person who has a special ability to reach others. "I think of myself as an enabling figure," she reflected. Her congregation, composed primarily of college professors and their families, is a hard one to serve. "I have the ability to reach through the superficial to touch

their humanity," she said. "They want to touch something within and beyond themselves. I'm awed that they come to me for that."

She attributed her ability to help others to her own experiences, including a divorce and the normal frustrations of raising three children. Her family life, which she said once suffered from lack of attention, is now "reasonably normal," but only by virtue of enormous forethought and planning with her second husband, Theodore. She calls stress and the constant demands placed upon her time the culprits that invaded her family life, yet she thinks they are not unique to women so much as to her profession.

In spite of the incessant demands, Guild cherishes the warm relationship that has developed between herself and her congregation. She said that a mutual affection and respect for one another has resulted in what she calls a satisfying and shared ministry. She recalled a time when she broke her leg. During her convalescence the parish provided her with food, attention, and an almost constant caretaker and companion. Similarly, when she recently lost her mother, the members were supportive and sympathetic to her grief.

### **A Natural Role**

Linda Corcoran Smith and Barbara Field West were roommates in Mary Low Hall at Colby 27 years ago. Today they both are Episcopal priests, but in 1958 neither had an inkling of that eventuality. As Smith told their story, "Barbara and I roomed together our senior year. We never discussed religion because there was nothing to discuss. [Then a Roman Catholic,] I went to confession on Saturday and Mass on Sunday, and Barbara was a lapsed Congregationalist. After college we kept in touch over the years through Christmas cards. Then in 1976 I wrote Barbara telling her I was thinking about going into the

ministry, only to find out she was going through the same process in Texas! [Later] we participated in each other's ordinations. Coming from truly opposite directions to the same calling, I can only say it must have been the water!"

Smith is chaplain at Riverside Hospital, an acute-care general hospital in Toledo, Ohio. She joined the Episcopal Church after graduating from Colby and moving to Ohio. As she reached age 30 she felt she had a calling to the ministry but had no idea how to act on it. She did know that the traditionally female role of Christian educator was not her forte, because seven years teaching French had drained her desire to work solely with children. After extensive discussions with her pastor and her bishop, she entered Winebrenner Theological Seminary in Findlay, Ohio. She was ordained as a priest in January 1981.

The mother of four sees her role as chaplain as a natural one for a woman, given that women, more than men, have been socialized to set their own egos aside in order to attend to other people's needs. "It [the chaplaincy] calls for establishing a quick intimacy with people. You have to enter the other person's world rather quickly, and, in general, I think women are more naturally inclined toward that kind of care."

Smith has used her ability to work well with others in spheres involving more than the patients themselves. As part of the administrative team at the hospital, she is consulted on ethical matters and issues, enabling her to help shape hospital policies and practices. She also has made herself available to those of the hospital's 1,200 employees who seek her counsel.

Her influence has carried over to the Episcopal Church as well, where she serves on three major diocesan committees and has represented her diocese at national church conventions. Smith is estab-

lishing at the hospital a pastoral education program for current ministers and those preparing for the ministry. The program will provide clinical experience in a specialized ministry such as her own. The program is especially important to Smith, who seeks to improve awareness of ministries that are outside the "main line."

While Smith has enjoyed strong support from the administration and the church in her role at the hospital, she acknowledged that not all aspects of her priesthood have been without obstacles. When first ordained, she participated for three years in a team ministry. She described her experience at that parish as "hurtful," because she never gained the congregation's acceptance at the level for which she had hoped. Yet those years led her to a better sense of self: "I wanted to be accepted by everyone and had to learn to live through that. You need to find affirmation in a reasonable way."

Smith has found it helpful that she explored many women's issues before she entered the priesthood. "I'm glad I did because it would be overwhelming now, a real handicap," she said. "Self-understanding is essential to ministering to other people."

Among the issues Smith, as a woman, had to resolve was her concept of God. When asked how she thought of God, she confirmed that her spontaneous image was male, but beyond that first image she now thinks of a more inclusive Being. She explained that she continues to personify God rather than arriving at an image better described as a power. That personification reflects her belief that God is involved in people's daily lives and decisions, yet allows us room for free will. Concluded Smith, "I truly believe we are co-creators."

#### **Potent Imagery**

Smith's former roommate, the Reverend West, recognized her

calling to the priesthood before women were permitted to be ordained in the Episcopal Church. The state of flux that the church was in created agonizing uncertainty for West, who entered Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology in 1972, five years before official sanction was given to women's ordinations. Upon her graduation in 1975, she was ordained to the diaconate, one level short of the priesthood. Although some dioceses were ordaining women to the priesthood unofficially, such support was not forthcoming for West in her Texas diocese. "Call it luck or coincidence or the leading of God," West said, that her husband's business transferred them to Connecticut, where she was ordained to the priesthood in December 1980.

Today West is assistant to the rector at St. James Episcopal Church in Glastonbury, Conn. She recalled the difficult times when she was a deacon in Texas; she spent most of her energy then trying to introduce the concept of women as ordained ministers in the Episcopal Church. That issue is less pressing to her now, as she enjoys acceptance by her colleagues and her parishioners. Of the latter she said, "They've welcomed me, especially at first because it was a unique situation. Now we've gotten past some of the uniqueness, and I'm able to minister there fully without those barriers [of being new and being female]."

Similarly, she finds a sharing and a mutual respect among her colleagues that is gratifying. That was not always the case; in the past West saw a tendency for each priest to tend to his or her own calling and never to show their vulnerability. The loneliness that priests feel as a result of that unwillingness to share is eased today through small clergy groups that meet and provide an outlet for discussing common problems, said West.

Beyond self-isolation, some loneliness occurs because others put priests on a pedestal. Furthermore, if friendships within the parish create an appearance of an inner circle, they are antithetical to the church's image as a place for counsel and solace. Therefore, outside interests and friends are essential, West noted, because they provide diversion from the stress and tension inherent within the position.

West, like Smith, has seen an evolution in her image of God. As a child she envisioned God as a male figure, an image that was consistently reinforced as she grew older. Today, her vision of God includes a feminine image, the Mother. She concluded that to personify God is important because it helps people relate to their religion. "To neuterize God would be wrong. You must have the person to fill out that image. The person at the altar helps do that, especially for kids."

West has provided that kind of imagery for at least one child. A friend of West's observed her daughter, a four-year-old, playing with a white basket and a napkin while pretending to be a priest. "It was just unbelievable [to hear that]," said West. "That never would have happened when I was a kid. There just weren't any role models then."

#### **Expressions from the Heart**

The process of becoming a minister began for Diane Lockwood Wendorf '76 in high school, when she argued about her faith with friends. She came to Colby knowing that she wanted to enter the ministry, but wanting in the necessary confidence and self-respect. College helped to change that. Although she learned how to socialize better with her peers, that confused all the structures she had used to shape her view of herself. She described it as a crisis stage in her life. After graduation she entered Andover Newton Theological



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*Linda Corcoran Smith '58: Early in her ministry, she wanted to be accepted by everyone and had to work through that impossibility. "You need to find affirmation in a reasonable way."*

*Barbara Field West '58: Having developed an image of God that encompasses a feminine aspect, the Mother, she believes that it is important to personify God because it helps people to relate to religion.*



*Diane Lockwood Wendorf '76: Her gifts in drama and the arts allow her to affect people in ways that she believes impossible through traditional methods of ministry.*

School but left within 24 hours of arriving. "I needed more time for self-examination," explained Wendorf, "and it was the best thing I ever did." She returned to Andover Newton the following semester, at ease with herself and with her decision to become a minister.

For the past four years, Wendorf served as the associate minister at the United Church of Christ in Wooster, Ohio, where she scrutinized her reasons for becoming a minister, what it means to be female and a minister, and how she can influence the church. Her initial emphasis was on preaching, but today she sees far more to her calling. Her gifts in the arts and drama have added a new dimension to her ministry, allowing her to affect people in ways that she believes impossible through traditional methods. For example, "Last Easter [1984] I prepared a sacred dance. People had always seen me in traditional garb, and so here I came out Easter morning in a leotard and a crepe dress. I thought I'd be terrified but once I got up there, it was so right, so worshipful. Those are expressions that come from the heart."

While Wendorf was comfortable using dance and drama to bring forth her message to the parish, she was less confident in examining, let alone using, feminist or liberation theology. "I was afraid of it at first because I didn't want to become an 'angry feminist.' I wanted to be compassionate. Over the years I have become more informed, but it's taken me a long time to get there. I work very hard to use language in inclusive terms now; I try to work up as many images for God, both masculine and feminine, as possible."

Wendorf, who married another minister, Mark, in 1982, used their wedding as an example of congregational support that is not without some drawbacks: "Getting married while at Trinity was a wonderful experience. We had 800 people at our wedding—everyone

from both parishes came—but it was also like having 800 parents!" Those ties became evident again when she announced her resignation in order to accompany her husband to Cincinnati, where a new call awaited him. She remembered that many parishioners, some of whom she barely knew, were markedly distressed at her departure. Although she regretted leaving, she believed she had accomplished her original goal, the empowering of others.

She continues to work on that goal in new settings in Cincinnati, where she is the interim co-pastor at St. John's United Church of Christ and the program coordinator for an intergenerational worship experience at the Washington United Church of Christ.

Wendorf, like the other alumnae interviewed, spoke of the loneliness implicit in the minister's role. To help offset that isolation with a formal network of support, the United Church of Christ sponsors a Coordinating Center for Women for clergy and laity. The group meets at every General Synod and sponsors informal meetings such as retreats. Although Wendorf is thankful for the support she receives from other women through the organization, she struggles with her own reactions to her female colleagues. Mentioning the competition and the newness of the stage they are on, she said, "People are judging us. I think I'm more critical of women ministers because of the generalities that still occur by those judging us, yet I feel almost guilty if I'm critical because I should be supportive. In theory, everybody ought to be doing their best for the glory of God regardless of their sex, but in reality that just doesn't happen."

Colby's influence on these women and their eventual vocation was varied but always positive. Guild, who has been away from the College the longest, favored the broad liberal education she gained. A biology and chemistry major, she

explained that her church doctrine today combines religion with the naturalistic bent of science.

Smith, a French major, remembers college as a time of great intellectual growth and fondly recalled the steady stream of guest lecturers and speakers that visited the campus. "All those people really made an impression on me; they opened up my world," she said.

West, a biology major whose interest in religion was at an ebb during her Colby years, was amazed when she reviewed her undergraduate record as she applied for entrance to the seminary. "My transcript really is beautifully balanced. It was the perfect preparation for the seminary, although I didn't know it then. Whether out of intervention or supernatural attraction, I had taken all the right courses 15 years before. It's very fascinating when you think about it."

Wendorf expressed the most gratitude for her College experience. The English and art major remembered professors R. Mark Benbow, whose compassion and willingness to help were all-important to her; Thomas R. W. Longstaff, who sought her out and offered her the opportunity to give sermons while on campus; and Donald B. Small, who welcomed her into his church in the community. "I loved Colby," she effused. "I felt it was the beginning of my life. The faculty were teachers, but they were also pastors."

For a College whose existence is grounded in students pursuing theological as well as literary insights, that combination seems fitting.



A black and white photograph of three men standing in front of the Maine State Capitol building. The man on the left is wearing a plaid shirt and a tie. The man in the middle is wearing a dark blazer over a light sweater. The man on the right is wearing a dark suit and tie. The building behind them has a prominent dome and is surrounded by trees.

## Augusta's Aesthetes

In Maine's capital three Colby graduates strive to preserve the state's unique heritage and to nurture the arts

A remarkable and impressive Colby showing exists in the administration of the arts in Maine's capital city of Augusta. The conservator of the Maine State Museum is Stephen W. Brooke '67; the director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission is Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr. '70; and the executive director of the Maine State Commission on the Arts and Humanities is Alden C. Wilson '69. Many likely covet their offices, and one can probably count the number of similar positions in the arts available in Maine on one's fingers. By what roads did these Colby alumni travel from Waterville to Augusta?

All three were art majors while

students at Colby, and have spent most, if not all, of their professional careers working for the State of Maine. They share a deep commitment to preserving and celebrating those things, as Brooke put it, "that belong to the people of the State of Maine," be they paintings, architecturally and historically significant houses, or the works of contemporary Maine artists. But similarities end there; the ways in which these alumni contribute to that commitment are quite different.

### Conservation

Stephen Brooke, after graduating from Colby, went to work with Beck Engraving Company in Phila-

delphia, in the letterpress printing division that was "archaic even at that time." As production manager of this division of fine craftsmen, Brooke learned the printing trade "from the ground up" and was responsible for the quality control of the engravings and reproductions done for the National Gallery. Four years later he entered the master's program in conservation of historic and artistic works, in the Cooperstown Graduate Program of the State University of New York at Oneonta. Brooke spent the last year of that three-year program as a graduate fellow at the Smithsonian Institution. From the Smithsonian he came to the state museum and has





*Stephen W. Brooke '67: His efforts in the laboratory and with exhibits impede the aging process and extend the life of Maine art and artifacts.*

been there ever since. That was 12 years ago.

The office in which he works, along with two technicians, one full-time and one part-time, in many ways resembles a medical laboratory. Brooke said this actually is not surprising, since conservation is essentially "interfering in the aging process and extending life," in this instance, of artifacts and works of art that tell stories of the lives led by Maine people. This laboratory-like room is full of treasures that range from a sleigh,

dating from about 1880 and bought from an antique dealer, to a knitting machine made in Bath, Maine. When the machine made its way to the museum, via a swap with a Vermont museum (a common way of acquisition), it was not even recognizable. Now, after having been cleaned and conserved by Brooke and his staff, it even works. Brooke noted that they try to select artifacts that are intact enough so that conservation and preservation, and not reconstruction, are in order. Also waiting

here for care are the Norman Rockwell prints returned last year to the governor's mansion in the same mysterious way in which they had disappeared.

Brooke's training and primary responsibility at the museum is in conservation, but his work is not restricted to the laboratory. He devotes much effort to work preventive in nature, as, for example, in the truly monumental amount of care that must be given to the creation and design of every exhibit, no matter how small. Light, for instance, can be very damaging, especially to textiles, and humidity and other environmental factors can also exert deleterious effects. To minimize possible damage to items of historical importance, Brooke works closely with the designer and does a fair amount of exhibit construction as well. An exhibit to open this fall, entitled "Made in Maine," will focus on the manufacture of items unique to Maine, such as the bamboo rod-making of Bangor and the gunsmithing of Portland's John Hall, who took his guns, the first made with interchangeable parts, to Harper's Ferry. The construction of this exhibit has been in the works for three years—and much still has to be done.

### **Preservation**

Conservation is also the major concern of Earle Shettleworth, whose interest in preservation was piqued even before he attended Colby. A native of Portland, Maine, Shettleworth was involved in the budding preservation movement of the 1960s. As an art history major at Colby, his interests were strengthened. After a brief stint of active training in the Army Reserve, he returned to his well defined path by matriculating in a Boston University graduate program in American art and architecture. Even while attending BU, he was well on his way to his present authority. He was appointed to the state's historical commission as ar-

chitectural historian while still a graduate student. Then, upon receiving his master's degree in 1973, he was asked to join the staff, which he did. In 1976 he was made director.

Maine, said Shettleworth, has a fairly intact 19th and early 20th century environment, the period of Maine's greatest prosperity. To a certain degree, this is because of a lack of economic wherewithal in many areas of Maine. The preservation and maintenance of that environment nonetheless is an awesome task and one that, for at least the past 20 years, has been heavily supported by the federal government. According to Shettleworth, the National Preservation Act of 1966 was passed in response to the extensive urban renewal that was then taking place, often without regard for important buildings and landmarks. By 1972 federal matching funds were available to states to ensure the preservation of significant historical and architectural sites.

The historic preservation office consists of Shettleworth and five professionals whose task it is to manage the complex workings behind the gains of preservationists that the public now enjoys. For example, the designation of one's house or a town's main street as being historically important enough to be listed on the National Register gives not only special status but protection from any development funded by the federal government. Another incentive for preservation is the tax advantage that can be obtained for restoration work done on a historically certified building that is converted to commercial use. The growing number of stately old homes being turned into bed and breakfast inns, instead of slowly decaying, likely is due to this tax credit. This is known as "adaptive use" and, unfortunately, was not thought of soon enough to rescue most of the old College campus buildings from their demise.



*Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr. '70: The federal government has joined with the state to help preserve Maine's exemplary 19th and early 20th century architecture.*

### **Celebration**

Right next door to Shettleworth's office is the office of Alden C. Wilson. Unlike Brooke and Shettleworth, his job is not in preserving Maine's aesthetic assets but in supporting its artists. He, too, pursued graduate studies—thinking he would end up in academia, like the two generations before him, but he found that his heart wasn't in it. Off he went, leaving Cornell, to teach in the Gray, Maine, school system. His excursion into arts administration began a year later,

when he saw an advertisement for a one-year management internship at the Commission on the Arts and Humanities. Nine months into his internship, he was selected to fill an associate position that had opened. In 1974 he was made acting director and then director.

Wilson said that he enjoys the challenge of "involving government in a sensitive way with the arts." The commission, which is primarily a grant administering agency, strives to strengthen and build quality in the arts by sup-

porting and promoting successful artists. Its business is not with "Sunday painters" or amateurs; standards set by the state are high.

Staffing of the arts and humanities commission illustrates Maine's commitment to the arts. In addition to Wilson, eight professionals coordinate and direct programs such as the Maine Touring Artists Program. Funded by the Maine State Legislature, this program brings the arts to people throughout the state by providing financial assistance to nonprofit sponsors. And some 85 such nonprofit spon-

sors exist in the state. Wilson said that after ten years as director he is beginning to see the progress that he had expected after five. Progress is the success of the Hancock County Auditorium in bringing performing arts to Down East Maine. And progress is supporting the efforts of two Acadians in Lille, a small town in the St. John Valley, who bring the arts to a decommissioned Catholic church in this northernmost section of Maine. It is important, said Wilson, that these people in the outlying parts of Maine know that

someone in Augusta cares about them.

Wilson works with Shettleworth on an informal basis, sometimes on historical sites that have the potential to be turned into performing arts centers. An example of this is the Chocolate Church in Bath. He works with Brooke, too, on his museum advisory panel, since the commission receives eight to ten grant applications each year involving the conservation of art.

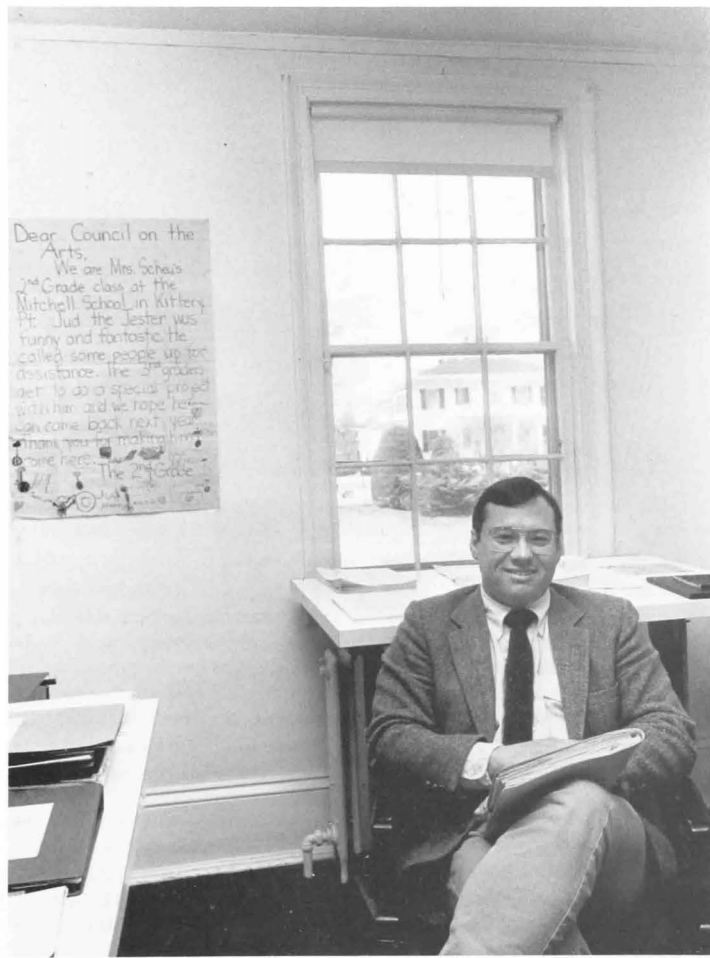
When asked what his Colby education had given him, Wilson said that he had been provided with a solid and comprehensive art history program and the flexibility to pursue special interests. He also credits his development to the Senior Scholars Program and to being able to work with someone like Jetté Professor of Art, Emeritus, James Carpenter, his adviser.

According to Shettleworth, when he was looking at colleges in Maine in the mid 1960s Colby was the "forerunner in the study of Maine art and architecture." Thus he came to Colby to gain and participate in this orientation, which he clearly did.

Brooke strongly supports the liberal arts education given to him. Although at graduation he was unsure of what direction to take, he said that his Colby education made him employable. It was that first position that led him to his current work. When he went on to graduate school, he would have been one or two semesters behind without what he called the "breadth of background" gained at Colby.

All three of these alumni have, in turn, contributed to more recent Colby students during the January Program of Independent Study and other projects. Exemplifying Colby's tradition of imbuing its students with an outstanding liberal arts education, these alumni bring credit to their College. Through their continuing work with students, they help to ensure that Colby's standards of excellence will live on.

*Alden C. Wilson '69: Bringing artists to the outlying areas of Maine involves the government "in a sensitive way" in the arts.*



# Passages

**As two professors take their final leave of Colby,  
they remark on their careers and  
concurrent changes within the College community**

Above all else, it is his own education at Colby that history Professor Clifford J. Berschneider values when he reflects upon his career here. This period in his own history began in 1949, when Berschneider became one of four persons teaching all of Colby's history and government classes, and it closes this spring, when he retires to other pursuits.

Although Berschneider prefers the areas of modern diplomatic, cultural, and intellectual history, he is better known at Colby for his teaching of medieval events and figures. "I became a medievalist *malgré moi*, despite myself," he said. As a result of having been pressed to teach courses outside of his chosen specialties, Berschneider feels that he has become a better teacher and scholar. "Because I was challenged to teach things I wasn't [initially] prepared to teach, I can see infinitely more connections throughout history," he explained, his speech sprinkled with French phrases and peppered with the cadence of Italian. "I can see the unity more than the differences. I can appreciate the positions of the ancients, yes, as well as the modernists."

But the education Berschneider treasures has not been the product of mere institutional imperatives.

"Students have, at certain times, not only encouraged me but provoked me to go beyond my narrow little specialty." The result, he continued, is "something of a symbiotic relationship between them and me that has been a joy. My one enduring memory [of Colby] will be of the rare few who stimulated me to keep thinking." Some such dialogues with former students, as well as with some Colby colleagues, will continue by correspondence when Berschneider relocates to his native Pittsburgh.

It will be easier for Berschneider to leave behind some sources of dismay. He finds, for example, that it is harder to teach now than it used to be. "There seems to be an encephalotomy, a cutting off of the minds, of the present from the past," he said, explaining that although today's students are better informed in some ways than those of earlier eras, their preparation lacks the range that he considers basic to the liberal arts. "It's more and more difficult to bridge disciplines. You draw a comparison by citing from mythology or biblical history, and then you have to stop and explain that before you can go on to your point."

Similarly, he sees signs of growing fragmentation within the facul-

ty's activities, one of them being the current pressure to reduce the course load for students and, consequently, faculty. He acknowledged the increased pressure on faculty to publish, but, at an institution where teaching has always come first, Berschneider contends that pressure to publish should not preempt teaching. Of the shifting priorities, the historian said, "This, too, will change. It requires a certain Stoic patience."

As his own quest for understanding through teaching draws to an end, Berschneider plans to devote himself to research and writing. He said he will complete a historical novel, which will be a "psychological biography" of Richard the Lion-Hearted, and embark on a major study of federalism. In the latter, Berschneider will examine factors in the failure of the federated principle in European diplomacy, in the Americas, and worldwide. He also plans to write poetry. "There is a certain poetry in history, after all!"

A 1938 graduate of Duquesne University, Berschneider received his M.A. from the University of Pittsburgh. He was a recipient of a Mellon grant in 1948 as he continued his graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania. While a Fulbright Fellow in 1953-54, he



*Clifford J. Berschneider*

spent the academic year in research at the University of Turin in Italy. At Colby, he was appointed instructor in 1949, assistant professor in 1953, associate professor in 1966, and full professor in 1978. His service to Colby has included three years as College marshal, 1976-79, and two terms on the Educational Policy Committee.

“I don’t believe in *not* retiring,” Paul P. Perez, professor of psychology and Colby’s clinical psychologist, commented recently. “I’ve enjoyed my work here, but I’m ready for a change.”

What a change it will be. After a quarter of a century of helping students deal with their personal problems, Perez will take to the sea. A veteran sailor, he intends to spend summers exploring the At-

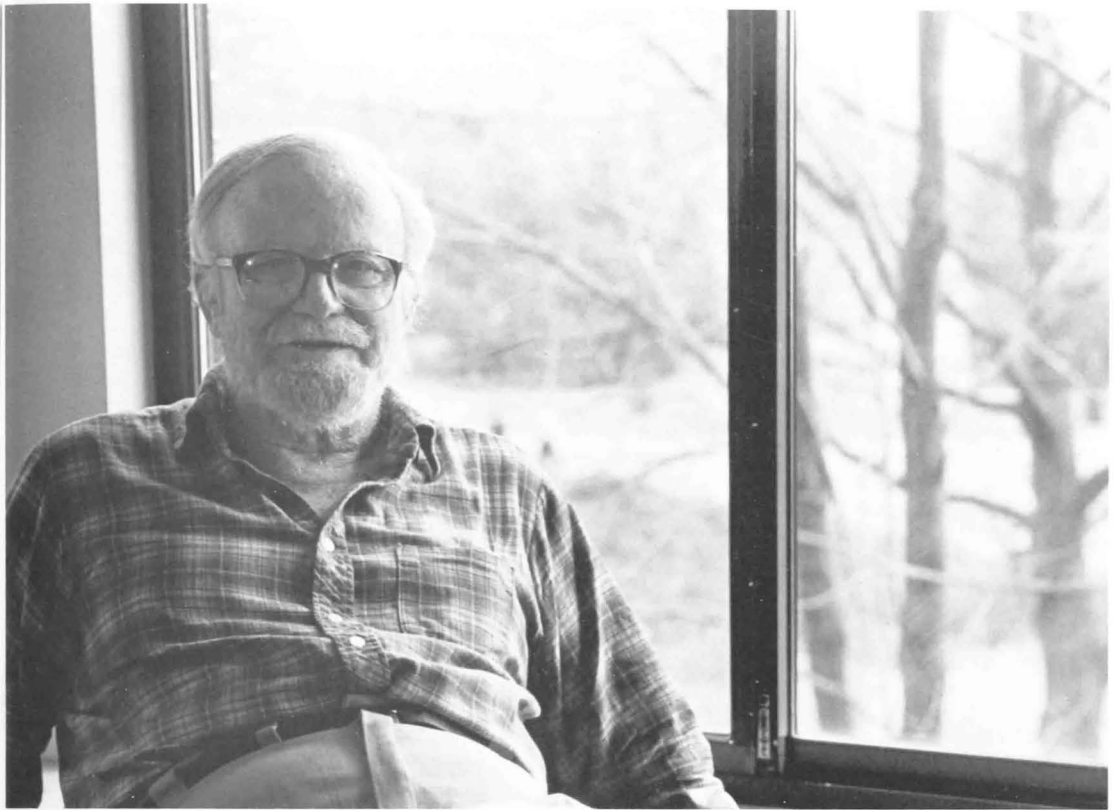
lantic waters out of Georgetown, Maine, where he owns a camp, and to venture to the Florida Keys and the Bahamas during winters.

If Perez’s retirement plans sound idyllic, they certainly are in keeping with his advice to students on plotting the courses of their lives. “I like to tell students, ‘Ask yourself what you’d do if suddenly your rich aunt in Australia left you a large fortune. Figure out what your priorities would be.’” After exciting their fantasies, Perez reminds students that many dreams can be realized without the assets of wealthy aunts and that theirs is the choice to pursue them.

Such advice has become more necessary as students generally have become “more passive and more conformist in their attitudes,” in Perez’s assessment. “Possibly that’s because of televi-

sion.” Among students who seek therapy at the Garrison-Foster Health Center, he said, “Anxiety used to be the more common reason for people to come in. Now it’s depression, often caused by feelings of not living up to some set of expectations.” Whereas anxiety involves some drive toward activity, depression involves a more helpless or passive stance.

Perez believes that increased passivity bears a relationship to the nationwide increase in alcohol abuse among college students. “It’s always been a problem at colleges, but it’s gotten much worse over the years. The kids, I think, would attribute it to stress and academic pressure. I don’t think people at Colby work *that* hard, but for a student who isn’t intellectually excited, it’s depressing. Primarily, I think, students drink



*Paul P. Perez*

out of boredom; they can't think of anything better to do."

Even though his clinical work tends to focus on problems, Perez has greatly enjoyed teaching and working individually with Colby students. "They're young, bright, verbal, prescreened. . . . They're a lot like new golf balls; they bounce well," he explained. Although he estimated that 100-125 students have seen him professionally each year, he makes no bold claims about his influence in their lives. "Many come in asking what to do, but they don't really want to be told. Very often what you provide is simply an occasion for people to help themselves."

In the psychologist's own education, his sense of purpose was heightened by an unusual sequence of endeavors. At age 16, Perez began circumnavigating the world

from England, where he had lived "off and on" as a youth. The sailing voyage took three years. "Going around the world was much more educational than going to high school would have been. I was a poor student in high school," he said.

When he returned to more pedestrian pursuits, Perez attended Los Angeles City College with the goal of gaining admission to the Coast Guard Academy. He was successful. The engineering program in which he was enrolled at the academy was, in his words, "a tremendously competitive situation," but it was also his ticket to more travel—including time in the New Guineas, the Philippines, Alaska, and France. It was on a Coast Guard patrol that Perez borrowed books from a psychologist on board and began contemplating

clinical work. He tested those waters by taking psychology courses at Columbia University before he committed himself to a graduate program at New York University, from which he received his Ph.D. in 1955.

Perez was a staff psychologist at the Veterans' Administration hospital in Togus, Maine, before he, his wife (now deceased), and their three daughters joined the Colby community in 1960. He was promoted to full professor in 1973. His work here included a study of student attitudes conducted with Professor Lewis Lester in the early 1970s, in which they found a shift from the Protestant work ethic to more hedonistic values. Perez is a past president of the Maine Psychological Association and former chair of the Maine State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.



## Mike Ryan: A Gentleman's Coach

In a coaching tradition still present at Colby today,  
a great runner imbued his '20s and '30s teams  
with drive, sense of proportion, and friendship

“**T**he athletic department is one of the most important departments of a college and is to a college what the advertising department is to a large corporation. A business cannot survive on poor advertising; neither can a college. It should be the aim of Colby to get as much advertising of the proper kind as possible through its athletic department. Our teams in all of the major sports should be on a par with the best and our schedule should be such that we can realize a good percentage of the victories and a big return financially.”

Such a statement pales in significance against today's backdrop of

big-time intercollegiate athletics, with high pressure recruiting, exorbitant coaches' salaries, and a variety of game-fixing scandals. What is significant is that those lines were written more than 65 years ago, by legendary Colby track coach Michael J. Ryan. And although his sales pitch might have sounded tough then, alumni who remember the days of Ryan do so with the fondest memories.

It was Ryan's reputation as a runner that earned him his coaching assignment at Colby. His most notable achievements include a victory in the 1912 Boston Marathon and appearances in both the 1908 and the 1912 Olympics. Between

1910 and 1912, Ryan won virtually every major long-distance race in the world, setting three world records in the process. When he arrived at Colby in 1919, people expected great things from a team coached by an able mentor.

What the College got was a great deal more than a track coach during Ryan's 15-year tenure. A 1935 *Alumnus* article written by the late Harland Ratcliffe '23, who was then editor of the magazine, recalled one such bonus. Reflecting back on the fatal Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity fire in 1922, he wrote, “Certainly there are many who do not know that for weeks after that major catastrophe Mike

Ryan patrolled the downtown Colby campus, night after night, and all night, watching over and safeguarding the lives of the students. Acting as night campus watchman was not mentioned in Mike Ryan's contract, nor could it, by the wildest stretch of the imagination, properly be considered to be a part of the orthodox duties of a coach of track and field, yet Mike was the man the President (Arthur Roberts) relied upon during a time of intense mental stress."

On the field, Ryan's philosophy placed the athlete first and athletics second. One anecdote goes back to the year that Ryan worked as team trainer for the Boston Redskins, then owned by fiery George Preston Marshall. When one of his star players was carried off the field, Marshall stormed into the locker room and ordered the trainer to get that man back on the field. Rather than chance greater injury to the athlete, Ryan replied, "If you want him to play, you're going to need another trainer . . . because I quit." On the other hand, if an athlete did not give his best, Mike would feel no pity. At the Boston Athletic Association track meet one year in the early 1920s, Ryan's star two-miler, Roland "Rollo" Payne '24, was leading the pack and ready to make his move. Harland Ratcliffe again remembered, "Mike stood up in his seat, swept off his hat, clenched his fist and flung it aloft, opened wide his throat and hollered, 'Come on, Rollo!' I shall never forget that moment if I live to be a thousand. You could hear Mike half the length of the building." When Payne eventually lost the race, Ratcliffe continued, ". . . Mike disappeared for a few moments and eventually came back, with a rather disgusted look on his face. 'Well?' I asked. 'Can you beat it,' he exploded. 'He's hardly puffing!'"

An inadequate gymnasium and cold Maine weather were not proper excuses to discontinue training

during the winter months. Rather than complain about the crude facilities, Ryan would make do with what he had at the time—which made winter track uncomfortable, to say the least, for his runners. Ernest E. Miller '29 recently remembered one of those more unseasonable practices. "The College in my years was located opposite the Maine Central Railroad station on College Avenue.

The station had two long platforms located on either side of the building to accommodate trains on both the Augusta and Lewiston rail service. In winter, with no indoor track, Mike used to train his track men on one of the platforms. . . . I had the occasion to go across to the station to mail a letter at one of these times when the snow banks were piled high on the east side of the tracks and hid any platform activities. As I approached I heard loud shouting. 'Go! Go! Go like the hammer of hell!' It was Mike coaching [the late George] 'Gus' Mittelsdorf '27 in the 100 yard dash. Mike had a voice that could well compete with a locomotive."

Extremely serious about track and physical fitness, Ryan was forever advocating a four-year physical education requirement. He did not approve of intramural athletics, which in his opinion "robbed the track team, which is a varsity sport, of good physical specimens." Outside of his Colby life, Ryan worked hard to develop those "good physical specimens" as Maine state supervisor and recreation director at transient camps during the Depression. He wrote numerous articles prior to and during World War II on the poor physical state of inductees and the need for a nationwide program of physical education for youths.

Although he did not leave Colby an immediately tremendous track heritage, in the tradition of a good coach, Ryan left a great deal of himself at the College. When he

replied to a congratulatory letter from the Class of '27 on a coaching appointment, rather than expound on his past accomplishments he wrote, "I am happy to know that I planted some inspiration and determination in your hearts and minds to help you over life's rough roads." He was always ready and eager to help Colby's students in any way he could, from encouraging their dreams to landing them their first jobs.

Ryan's greatest successes in coaching track did not occur until after he had left Waterville in 1935. Going to the University of Idaho that year, Mike coached several great runners such as Vic Dyrvall, who was a member of two Olympic teams and twice finished second in the Boston Marathon. His next coaching assignment took him to the University of Wyoming, where in two years his teams were undefeated in dual meets. Attesting to his success, Wyoming's athletic director said of Ryan, "In one year Mike brought the University a national reputation in track . . . to a position of prominence never before seen at Wyoming." From there Ryan went on to coach the Guatemalan international track team and, in 1952, had the pleasure of seeing three of his runners, two from the Guatemalan team sandwiched around Dyrvall, take the top three places in the Boston Marathon.

In the memories of his former students, Mike Ryan will always be remembered as the epitome of a true sportsman. Competition and athletics were important to him, yet he never lost sight of the things that really mattered in life. Good friends, congenial company, and what he saw as the basic American values forever took precedence over the enjoyment of "winning." In most books, the spirit Mike brought to Colby, and later left behind him, is far more valuable than any laurels his track teams gathered under his tutelage.

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# Class Correspondence

Copy for the class columns in this issue was submitted to the College in early February.

**50+** Oscar M. Chute '29, Evanston, Ill., was presented with the American Association of School Administrators' Distinguished Service Award at its "Education's Stars of the Year" dinner in March at Dallas, Tex. Chute is a retired school supervisor in the Evanston system. An avid fisherman, he annually fishes in Lake Michigan, in the Mississippi River, in Maine, and in the Florida Keys • **Helen Stone Mittelsdorf** '27, Dallas, Tex., wrote that the Colby group in the Dallas area, which includes **Donald H. Fraser** '29, Denton, and **Charles J. Sansone** '28, Dallas, meets for lunch once a month. Helen has been saddened by the loss of her husband, **George L. Mittelsdorf** '27, and her sister, **Grace Stone Allen** '29 of Columbia Falls, Maine • The *Central Maine Morning Sentinel* included the following alumni in its "Tip of the Old Hat" column, noting their work in the 1984 United Way Fund Raiser—**Arthur Austin** '33, **Philip Bither** '30, **Bertrand Hayward** '33, and **Malcolm Wilson** '33, all of the Waterville area • **Bernice "Bunny" Collins Maclean** '29, Norwood, Mass., complained that the 55th reunion of her class did not provide enough time to renew old friendships. Sorry, Bunny • **Ashton F. Richardson** '21, Waterville, was a featured speaker at a meeting of the Fairfield (Maine) Historical Society last winter that focused on local history • **Flora Harriman Small** '25, Winslow, Maine, helped on the application papers in genealogic research for the

Silence Howard Hayden Chapter of the DAR in Waterville • **Walter and Helen Kyle Swan** '26 of Sandwich, Mass., celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary last October. Helen has the distinction of being the first woman to serve on a jury in Norfolk County • **John T. Nasse** '29, Saco, Maine, was guest of honor last fall at a parish banquet of the St. Nicholas Albanian Church in Southbridge, Mass., at which he was presented with an award authorized by the Archbishop of Washington and the Primate of the Orthodox Church of America. John was a long-time resident of Southbridge and a founder of the church there • The late **Eva M. Bean** '17, was honored recently with memorial ceremonies at the Bartlet cemetery and at the East Bethel, Maine, church for her work in historic preservation • 50+ Club representatives to the Alumni Council have been named for the following classes: **Lewis Levine** '21, Waterville; **Joseph B. Campbell** '29, Augusta, Maine; **Franklin Norvish** '34, Needham, Mass. • **Leonard Helie** '33, Wiscasset, Maine, retired clergyman and poet, was recently awarded two prizes for poems submitted in a British poetry contest. His sonnet, "Old Pemberton," was considered "an incisive portrait of an old couple and their Yankee thrift." He was the only contestant, British or American, to win two prizes • **David F. Kronquist** '29, Ft. Myers, Fla., retired insurance executive, reported that he enjoyed trips to Hawaii and

the Caribbean islands during the winter • **G. Cecil Goddard** '29, China, Maine, has been elected secretary of the Muskie Center (Central Maine Area Agency on Aging) in Waterville • **Nelson W. Bailey** '28, also of China, is an active member of the center • In one of his "Thoughts for Today," **Clifton E. Lord** '23, Penobscot, Maine, wrote, "The contributions of Colby College are well known the world around. Its influence at home and abroad can be considered profound" • **Floyd Mason** '29, Bethel, Maine, finished 1984 with a surgical bout in the hospital but said he would be ready for spring planting on the farm • **Edwin D. Merry** '29, North Edgecomb, Maine, teacher, poet, and short-story writer, has had several stories appear in *Yankee* magazine. His most recent story is "Flight from Back River" • Another Class of '29 member, your correspondent, and his wife, Gladys, were guests in November at a reception celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at the Masonic Temple • **Thomas B. Langley** '31, Mineola, N.Y., reported that he is enjoying his retirement. He is your game of bridge? • In his New Year's letter **Wayne W. McNally** '21, Ludlow, Vt., reviewed his 1984 excursion to the Holy Land, the Greek islands, and Egypt, which was climaxed by attendance at the convention of Rotary International in Birmingham, England. Both McNally and his wife are Kentucky Colonels, a title conferred on them

## SARGENT COMMANDS RESPECT FROM FOURTH ESTATE

The Society of Silurians, an organization of veteran New York newspapermen, honored Dwight E. Sargent '39 with its 25-Year News Achievement Award last fall. "I was amazed. I really couldn't tell you why I got the award," he said, with sincere modesty. "I've been lucky. I learned from reading good writers. It's a lifetime enterprise." Now the national editorial writer for Hearst Newspapers, Sargent formerly presided over the National Conference of Editorial Writers as well as the Silurians. The latest award is just one example of the profession's recognition of his exceptional work.

Both the Colby *Echo* and the *White Mule*, the College's humor magazine at the time, benefitted from Sargent's early journalistic efforts. Upon graduating, he remained in Maine and began working for the *Biddeford Journal* as a telegraph editor and cub reporter. Sargent covered the courts, police matters, and other local news. "I remember interviewing Booth Tarkington and Thomas Dewey. I also discovered that some of Teddy Roosevelt's old cronies from the Dakota badlands lived in the area. That was a lot for a beginning reporter," he recalled. After stints at the *New Bedford, Mass., Standard Times* and the *Portland Press Herald*, where he was named chief editorial writer in 1949, he became the first Maine newspaperman to win a Nieman Foundation Fellowship, gaining entrance to a Harvard University graduate program for experienced journalists.

After five years with the *New York Herald Tribune*, Sargent became curator of the Nieman Foundation and also assumed responsibility for the *Boston Herald American's* editorial page in 1964. In 1978, he returned to New York and the employ of the Hearst Newspaper chain. Reflecting on an editorial writer's responsibilities, Sargent said, "My job is to provoke thought, not to try to change minds."

Sargent's service to Colby—on the Alumni Council, as a trustee for 16 years, and in a myriad of less formal ways—was recognized with a Colby Brick in 1965. His loyalty to his college and to journalistic ideals came together in his suggestion that Colby establish the Elijah Parish Lovejoy Fellowship, which annually honors an outstanding American journalist. Yet it was Sargent's own professional excellence that led the Alumni Council to bestow its Distinguished Alumnus Award upon him in 1982, and rightly so. In Dwight Sargent, Colby's stature as the alma mater of some of our nation's great newspapermen continues to grow.

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Dwight E. Sargent '39

through their many years of association with the University of Kentucky • Colby's history professor, G. Calvin Mackenzie, now on sabbatical, is working on a "Handbook for Presidential Appointees" as a follow-up to his earlier work, *America's Unelected Government* • In Memoriam: **Charles H. Eaton, Jr.** '27 died in Linden, N.J., in September 1984. **George Edward Roach** '26, Houlton, Maine, died in Bangor, Maine, in September 1984. He was a former executive vice president of the First National Bank of Houlton. **Ruth E. Williams** '28, Waterville, died there in January. She was a long-time dean of women at the University of Maine at Farmington.

**Correspondent: ERNEST E. MILLER** '29, 218 Pickett District Rd., New Milford, Conn. 06776.

**35** 50th reunion: **June 6-9, 1985** • **Paul Robert Jenkins**, Ellsworth, Maine, retired and "relaxing in general," is active in Masons. His granddaughter, Melissa, is in the Class of '87, and he has sons in Kingfield and Augusta and 11 grandchildren • **Elizabeth Mann Dresser**, Calais, Maine, hopes to attend our 50th. She and her husband are active in an amateur radio club (can anyone raise them?) and travel frequently. They have a daughter, Mrs. Paul Kelley, in Needham, Mass. • **Raymond L. Small**, Ashland, N.H., is retired but active with tennis and golf. He winters in Venice, Fla., where **Don Robitaille** lives • **Donald F. Larkin**, M.D., Waterville, misses the "old campus"—who doesn't? He has a son and a daughter and will be at our 50th. We know who will take care of the Class of '35 • **Marie Duerr Henry**, Worcester, Mass., has two sons and six grandchildren and is managing her husband's business since she retired from teaching • **Norman Brown**, Rye, N.H., is a retired hospital administrator and has two sons and two daughters. He plans to attend our 50th • **Arthur B. Wein**, Bethesda, Md., is an orthopedic surgeon, and his wife is an anesthesiologist. They have two children • **John E. English**, Brockton, Mass., lives the good life—six months in Brockton, five months on Cape Cod, and one month in West Palm Beach. He belongs to a skating club and takes one good trip annually. He expects to attend our 50th • **Betty Franklin Call**, Portland, Maine, is a retired proof-reader. Her husband, Fred '36, is retired from real estate and sales. Come on, Fred, several KDRs are coming to the 50th, so join us • I have received 40 replies, plus 13 duplicates, which means that 81 persons have not answered. I will use the additional answers for a class letter before our 50th.

**Class secretary: GORDON PATCH THOMPSON**, 2458 Florentine Way #2, Clearwater, Fla. 33575.

**36** The recent class letter prompted a couple of welcome letters. **Cleo Tuttle Henderson**, writing from Bangor, Maine, told of being retired from teaching, and of enjoying a quiet life playing bridge, reading, and watching sports on TV • **Jeanette Benn Beebe** enjoyed a trip to New England last fall to view the foliage. While in Maine she visited **Alice Bocquel Hartwell** at Ocean Point and **Ruth Yeaton McKee** in East Boothbay. Jeanette and her husband, Al, travel a good deal and even spent two months in Hawaii recently. At home in San Lorenzo,

Calif., Jeanette tutors, is a member of the Juvenile Hall Outreach Committee, and takes art lessons. She enters local art shows and this past year received an award for one of her paintings • **Oliver C. Mullen**, along with Barbara Leonard '83 and the other choir members of the Wethersfield, Conn., First Church of Christ Congregational Church, were on national television Christmas eve in a broadcast of the church's midnight service. 1984 was Wethersfield's 350th anniversary and 1985 the church's 350th • If you want to be heard on matters of importance, you should contact our class representative to the Alumni Council. He will speak for you at the council meetings. Our representative is **Thomas van Slyke**, 37 Old Post Rd., East Walpole, Mass. 02032 • The Christmas mail (my favorite part of the season) brought news from travelers. **Anita Thibault Bourque** went to Germany to see the Passion Play, and then made the rounds of her daughters' homes in Connecticut and Virginia • **Eleanor "Billie" MacCarey Whitmore** and husband, Alvin, spent a month in Florida • I guess she didn't mention travel, but **Kay Laughton Briggs** wrote of seeing several Colbyites from other classes and of her own interest in genealogy and her membership in the DAR. We extend to her our sympathy on the loss of her sister last fall • **Don '33 and Dot Gould Rhoades** traveled around New England (they live in California) to visit relatives. They stayed in Newton, Mass., for an extended visit with Dot's mother. Dot, we were really sorry to hear that your mother died at the end of January. Please accept our condolences • Dot added a note to the letter to say that she tried several times to phone me, but that I must have been away. Well, I was, in a way. I was in a Boston hospital having my left hip replaced—a three-month interlude that has given me a new lease on life. So soon I shall be off and away, joining all the other travelers • When you travel this summer, how about sending me a postcard? It would make this job a lot easier! And I love to get mail. Please?

**Class secretary: AGNES CARLYLE HADDEN** (Mrs. Frederick C.), 15 Pequot Rd., Wayland, Mass. 01778.

**37** As I sit here ruminating on this résumé, the thought occurs to me that we are just about at the midpoint between the 45th and 50th years of matriculation of our class. If we were to believe the amount of information coming in is a true arbiter of our collective activity during these well-nigh 50 years, we would say: "Not much!" We know such is not the case for the 60 percent who do not apprise us (and their classmates) of their accomplishments and activities; surely they have done much, and it is unfortunate they do not share • Old friend, **Edith Emery**, has crisscrossed the United States from Florida to Oregon, then to Alberta's Rockies and back to Florida, and ultimately home to Haverhill, Mass. • **Bob** and **Mary Haskell** bought the Eastern Airlines senior citizens tour program and made 10 flights in 1984 to locations in the continental United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico • **Betty Wilkinson Ryan** maintains a quasi-employee relationship with the Grolier Corporation, leaving time available for taking on that occasional advantaged foreigner who wishes to enhance his or her English proficiency. Recent recipients of

her truly great ability have been nationals of Japan, China, Korea, the Cameroons, and the Central African Republic. She has attended a Florida reunion and an encampment in the Virgin Islands • **Felix Gondela** has broken a long silence (let others observe) and wrote that he is now divorced and enjoys doing his thing. He has been to Europe and recently "let" **Wayne Sanders** and **Betty Herd Sanders** '38 surpass him at golf. He plans to be at Colby in 1987—don't we all! • **Charles Jacoby** is semiretired but still somewhat active in brokerage and appraising. He and his wife of 46 happy years spent the winter in the Bahamas. One son is with the Peace Corps in the Caribbean • **Jane Tarbell Brown's** son, Stevens, has returned to school for building design and systems engineering. Her younger son, Frank, is pursuing his Ph.D. at Brown and has announced his engagement to the valedictorian of the Bowdoin Class of 1984 (yes, Bowdoin is now coed, fellow travelers). Dear Jane said that she, too, is adjusting to forgetfulness (aren't we all) and fallen arches (whatever they are) • **Peg Libbey Darlow** has welcomed a new grandson, making it a trio of both sexes. She and her husband enjoyed Portugal recently • **Alfred Wheeler** keeps active running his housekeeping camps, acting as treasurer of his church, and singing with the Waterville Area Community Chorus • **Luke "Rod" Pelletier** went to England in December to see some shows and to observe art. He spends a great deal of time painting, and surely the viewings broadened his horizons. Normally he spends his time in Orland, Maine, and New Smyrna Beach, Fla. • **Sara Cowan** reported that she now heads the Southern Maine District of Methodist Women. She has been visited by many whom you remember in the last few months: **Peg Darlow**, **Louise Tracy**, **Portia Pendelton Rideout** '34, **Lucille "Kye" Pinette Zukowski's** daughter, **Mary '79**, and **Nat '39** and **Helen Carter Gupitt** '39 • **Kye Zukowski** gave five lectures at Sugarloaf during a recent Elderhostel program. She says it was a challenge to give such a series to a largely non-mathematical group. She and **Walter** recently visited Cuernavaca, Taxco de Alarcón, Acapulco, and Mexico City • Your correspondent will shortly revisit Central America and later this year will be a "live-in guest" at Birkerød, Denmark, and Klavestadhaugen, Norway. "Fog creeps in on little cats' feet," and it is time to escape! Keep fit, hale, and hearty until our next.

**Class secretary: FREDERICK G. DEMERS, P.O.** Box 26, Owls Head, Maine 04854.

**38** You have already received an invitation to be part of the Colby 2000 Campaign. Recent developments at Colby may not have pleased all of us, but some developments must take place if Colby is to retain its purpose in the future and its respect for the past • Not a lot of news has come from members of the Class of '38—at least recently that is. A big reason for this situation is that there was such a large and interesting showing in the past. Send along any new developments about you and your families. Most of us are retired, but we have found varying ways to cope with that situation. Let your classmates know what life is like now • Please remember that the representative to the Alumni Council for our class is **Joe Cie-**

chon, who now lives at 4 Old Danbury Road in Ridgefield, Conn. 06877. He will represent us well • My note from **Al Beerbaum** of California spoke of a meeting we had in 1950 at my home in Maine. As with many of us, he retired in 1980 but finds that free time is not easy to find • **Betty McLeod Thompson** has written from her home in North Berwick, Maine. She wrote of an aunt whom she had visited in Berlin. Betty and Stan have four children. Stan is doing fund-raising work for the Waynfleet School, where their granddaughter Heidi is a student. Betty serves on the Republican town committee. She recalled that when she was a Democrat at Colby **Jane Montgomery Johnson** tried to take her Roosevelt button from her in Professor Colgan's class. (The mention of that man should raise interesting memories for many of us.) Betty belongs to the historical society in their town. Last summer they entertained the North Berwick, Scotland, Bagpipers and Dancers. This was a real treat for the Scottish (read Betty).

**Class secretary: LAWRENCE W. DWYER**, 386 Church St., Berlin, N.H. 03570.

**39** **Dwight Sargent** continues to receive honors for his journalistic achievements, this time from The Society of the Silurians (see the profile of him in this section). He addressed the more than 250 writers and executives on "The Ingredients of Greatness," as applied to the free press in America. "A free press is the noblest of our founding fathers' promises to posterity," he said, "but in accepting that challenge we should enlarge the term and say that if this heritage is to survive, we must have a free—and responsible—press" • **Freda Abel** has left New York City for the pleasure of having her own house in Bar Harbor and welcomes calls from classmates • **Clayton Young** is no longer postmaster at Matinicus, but is busy with lobster fishing, gardening, and traveling—Australia, New Zealand, Africa—and spends winters on the West Coast • **Betty Doran** is retired from teaching and lives with her sister and 104-year-old father in Methuen, Mass. • **Constance Knickerbocker Harley** lives in Maryland in the winter and at Crystal Lake, Mich., the other seven months of the year • **Ralph Wilde**, Randolph, Mass., is still in business, but finds time for skiing and traveling. He would like to hear from old friends • **Evelyn Short Merrill** has retired from teaching. She and Buell '40 live in Whittier, Calif., and are coming East for Buell's 45th reunion. Evelyn is chairman of an AAUW group that is giving a "1940s radio show" at the California State Convention this year. She portrays Fred Allen and Mrs. Uppington in a "Fibber McGee and Molly" sketch. By exchanging houses with English families, the Merrills have vacationed in England four times, and have also toured the south of France • Do you have some concern about the College you would like the Alumni Council to take up? Our representative is **Elizabeth Solie Howard**, 50 Conant Rd., Weston, Mass. • And remember that the *Alumnus* welcomes letters to the editor • Lost and Found Department: The alumni office had lost **Willard Smyth's** address for no less than 45 years. Fortunately, he got in touch with the College last year, and we were happy to see him at reunion. Can we "find" anyone else? Who knows an address for

**Charles E. McLean, Hope Harlowe** (Mrs. Augustus D.) **Moody, Robert E. Smith, Michael A. Spina, or Kenneth G. Stanley?**

**Class secretary: SALLY ALDRICH ADAMS**, 22 Miller St., Medfield, Mass. 02052.

**40** **45th reunion: June 7-9, 1985** • It was great to read your notes to find that so many of you will be at our 45th! No measles, graduations, or marriages are to conflict with June 8! **Bill Taylor**, president of our class, with the help of **Ernie Marriner, Art Thompson, Doris Rose Hopengarten**, and others, has a top team organizing a memorable reunion. **Howie Miller** will host the 45th cocktail party at his Waterville home before the reunion dinner on June 8—no, not 45 parties, but we can try! • **Ellen Fitch Peterson**, on her way to Siesta Key, stopped for a visit with **Ruth "Ronny" Rowell Higgins** in Conway, S.C. Their husbands, of course, took part • Yes, all our spouses better accept Colby classmates, as has mine, enjoying **Norris Dibble '41** and **Charley Dignam '39** at summer Tanglewood weekends and autumn football games over the years. This year it was at the Bowl for the Yale-Columbia contest • A Sunday edition of *The Washington Post*, last fall, featured writers in Maine, saying, "they were everywhere, and what is more, they always have been." It paid special attention to **Thomas and Elizabeth Fitzgerald Savage**, who write fiction year 'round in Georgetown • Judge **Joe Chernauskas** will retire in October at the compulsory point of age 70, after over 20 years on the bench of the Connecticut Superior Court. Remember 45 years ago this month when Coach Ed Roundy had Joe come off the Seaverns Field bench to beat B.U., the #1 team in the East at that time? The B.U. players broke their backs trying to hit Joe's round-house curve over Shannon Hall. And in the past 20 years, New Haven lawyers have foolishly tried to throw curves at Joe. After October Judge Chernauskas will be a referee in complicated cases before the Superior Court • *The Valley News* in West Lebanon, N.H., reported that **Dorothy Bake Kesaris** will teach social studies at their Hartford High • **Edna Slater Pullen** is our class representative on the Alumni Council, so if you want to be heard, write Edna, Box 47, Surry, Maine 04684 • Come back—you'll see that the world has changed! And the campus, too, but not you nor I. When you send your contribution to the Alumni Fund, do as others do, say you'll be back. The College needs the support, and we need you for the reunion.

**Class secretary: E. ROBERT BRUCE**, 58 Longview Ave., Watertown, Conn. 06795.

**41** We were all deeply saddened to learn of the death of Elmer C. Warren last October. He was registrar during our years at Colby, and many of us took statistics under his tutelage. I also had the good fortune to live in the Warren home for two years and have visited there often since graduation. I have countless cherished memories • Many of you will be glad to know that **Elmer Baxter** is our class representative to the Alumni Council. You can reach him at 745 Main St., Newington, Conn.

06111 • Congratulations are due to **Jane Russell Abbott**. Did you know that she was one of two Maine winners of the 1984 Presidential Awards for Excellence in science and math teaching? Three cheers for you, Jane! • It was great to get a response from a couple of classmates from whom I hadn't yet heard. For one, **Willetta "Billie" McGrath Snow** in Caribou, Maine—she and her husband have two daughters, and, as Billie wrote, "two wonderful" sons-in-law and four grandsons, ages 5 to 9. Besides serving as a library trustee, Billie has a part-time job as a test administrator for the O.P.M. of the federal government for all of northern Maine. She and her husband are involved in Rotary International, which involves rather extensive traveling. They own a cabin on the St. John River, where in time they may retire • I also received news from **Diana Wiesenthal Friedman**, who has lived in New Haven, Conn., since 1946 and was widowed in 1977. She has a son who is an artist in Raymond, Maine, and a second son who is a rabbi in Oklahoma City. She thoroughly enjoys her three little grandchildren, ages 1 through 4, for whom she knits continuously. Diana works as a research assistant in the School of Public Health at Yale University. She sings in the Connecticut Hebrew Chorale and is learning Scottish country dancing • Although we are good friends, lately I have not seen much of **Mary Hitchcock Baxter**, Ware, Mass., because she is quite busy caring for a woman who had a stroke • **Walter Sherys** sent us some updated news. He and his wife have bought a 300-year-old house, in need of a lot of repair, in Rochester, N.H. They hope to move in come spring. They returned to Burlington, Vt., for a visit recently but found they were glad to be living in the land of good seafood • Last, but by no means least, there was more news from our active president, **Norris Dibble**. He is still practicing law, just slowing down a little. You may recall that he and Helen enjoy traveling. For a new adventure, they plan to go in June to Yorkshire, England, for several days. Following that, they expect to rent a car and drive to Scotland, then across to Shannon and the west coast of Ireland. Bon voyage, Dibles! • Classmates, let's conscientiously consider the Alumni Fund drive for 1985. Our percentage of contributions was 65 percent last year, making our class number 4 in participation. We actually surpassed our goal in dollars. Let's improve on that this year. We need everyone's support. Let's go for Number 1.

**Class secretary: RUTH "BONNIE" ROBERTS HATHAWAY** (Mrs. Henry), 25 Graham St. Fitchburg, Mass. 01420.

**42** This column is being written in January to appear in May. I am exacerbating the time warp implicit in a February deadline by escaping to the Sun Belt for six weeks or so. Nevertheless, you should have a class newsletter in hand even as you read, so bear with the repetition. A bit of business first: our class representative to the Alumni Council is **Ann Jones Gilmore**. If you wish to communicate with Ann, her address is 3 Misty Lane, Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107 • I received the usual warm Christmas 1984 letter from **Barbara Holden**, our favorite Franco-ophile. Her travel highlight for the year was a visit to Dean and **Betsey Libbey Williams** in

Orem, Utah. Barbara visited the genealogy library in Salt Lake City and discovered "another ancestor who was a victim of the Salem witch trials. Susanna North Martin was hanged the same day as Rebecca Towne Nurse" • We congratulate **Lin Palmer** on his smashing success as chairman of the Reagan/Bush campaign in Maine. I hope his duties included some time spent at the Bush estate in Kennebunkport, one of Maine's most handsome showplaces, as I can attest from a summersojourn • One must accord even greater kudos to **Oren Shiro**, chairman of Maine Democrats for Reagan. I suspect that this work took some time from his golf, a noble sacrifice • Be quiet and hear this nostalgic note: "Parks Diner, Football championship, Morning coffee and chocolate doughnuts at the railroad station, The Deke House fire, **Vic Lebednik's** double talking to Professor Newman, The smell of sulfur." Who is the poet? • And who else remembers that great photograph of Beauty in Black—her, flanked by four men? (Barbara Skehan '41) It did not conform to the serious image favored by the flinty little she-dragon • To be continued, faithful readers.

**Class secretary: CHRISTINE BRUCE SHEA** (Mrs. Charles), 1 Springdale Ave., Wellesley, Mass. 02181.

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My thanks to all of you who responded so generously to my Christmas plea. I shall have to save some for later columns, but in this one you will have news of classmates from whom you haven't heard for some time • **Ethel Paradis Emerson** is retired and owns the Falls Book Barn in Farmington Falls, Maine. Husband Merritt is postmaster there, and they have two grandchildren. Last summer they attended the Maine Antiquarian Book Sellers meeting at Colby • **Leonard Caust** wrote to the alumni secretary a most interesting account of the inauguration, at which he represented Colby, of the Reverend Joseph A. O'Hare as the 31st president of Fordham University. More than 200 colleges and universities were represented, and the academic procession started with the oldest, Harvard, founded in 1636, and ended with the youngest, Thomas A. Edison State College, founded in 1972. Len, for Colby, was number 22 • When I read **Harry Hildebrandt's** note and admired the photo he had enclosed, I immediately phoned my son, who is an old car buff. Harry has spent the last two years restoring a 1931 Ford Model A Victoria. He noted that "all 5,257 parts have been taken apart and either reconditioned or replaced," including "new upholstery to match the old"—an authentic restoration. Harry is semiretired and manages his motel in Nobleboro, Maine, during the summer • **Frank Miselis** has retired and owns homes in Lake Tahoe, Nev., and Phoenix, Ariz. He wrote that his new address is P.O. Box 3159, Staterline, Nev. 89449 • **Perley "Bill" Leighton** retired on disability in 1980. After pursuing genealogical research as a hobby for 30 years, he is now into it full time • **Sidney Rauch** has been a most faithful correspondent during my time as class secretary, and I'm sure you were as pleased as I was to read the item, highlighted with Sid's picture, in the December *Alumnus*. His *Handbook for the Volunteer Tutor* was published in January by

## INAUGURATIONS

Periodically, Colby is invited to send representatives to special academic events at colleges and universities. The following persons have represented the College at inaugurations in the past months.

Lawrence E. Blanchard '77, at the inauguration of Richard P. Traina as president of Clark University.

John C. Conkling '57, at the inauguration of Gordon A. Haaland as president of the University of New Hampshire.

L. Martha Friedlaender '53, at the inauguration of P. Michael Timpane as president of Columbia University Teachers College.

Carol Rodgers Goud '66, at the inauguration of John B. Stephenson as president of Berea College.

Martha Bennett Headley '49, at the inauguration of William J. Farrell as president of Plymouth State College.

C. Paul Keddy '61, at the inauguration of Arthur L. Peterson as president of Lebanon Valley College.

Paul W. Lycette '56, at the inauguration of James A. Hefner as president of Jackson State University.

Stuart H. Rakoff '65, at the inauguration of Jerry C. Lee as president of Gallaudet College.

Laurence D. Sears '67, at the inauguration of James Edmund Halligan as president of New Mexico State University.

the International Reading Association • **John Lomac**, who retired from the Marine Corps after 26 years of service, has been working at Grossmont College in El Cajon, Calif., for 17 years. He is supervisor of equipment and facilities. Travels have included Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and Las Vegas • **Errol Taylor** said that he may retire "soon" but until then he will be at Pullen Ford in Waterville. He had visited with **William G. Brown** and his wife in Ashville, N.C. • And, finally, I must mention **James Moriarty**, who is our very able representative to the Alumni Council. Jim and his wife, Evie Gates Moriarty '44, are great workers for Colby. Jim has retired as executive vice president of John Hancock and remains chairman of the board of the Newton/Wellesley (Mass.) Hospital. They have traveled to Australia, New Zealand, and around the United States, and for this year have planned trips to Europe and the West Coast and to "somewhere nice and warm this winter." In case you might want to write Jim about some class matter or about any aspect of Colby, his address is 1 Old Farm Road, Wellesley Hills, Mass. 02181.

**Class secretary: ELEANOR SMART BRAUN-MULLER** (Mrs. Albert R.), 115 Lake Rd., Basking Ridge, N.J. 07920.

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A gap in communications left two names omitted from those attending our fortieth reunion. **John W. McCallum** reported that he retired from the Army as a major after 26 years of service. He now is claim manager for Commercial Union Association Company. John is active in civic and church organizations and is an avid golfer. His son, John W., Jr., graduated from Colby in 1971. There are five McCallum children • **Frank Strup** enjoyed seeing old friends at reunion. He too has retired (from Johnson

and Johnson) and is pursuing a new career in real estate at the Jersey shore. If you are in the vicinity of Stone Harbor, N.J., Frank would welcome a call at (609) 368-1728 • A wonderful newsy letter arrived from **Kay Howes Brooks**, whose address is now Cliff Island, Maine 04019. Her life since Colby seems to have been an odyssey. She and Wendall Brooks '42 lived in Portland, Maine, for five years after graduation. Then Wendall entered the Foreign Service, whereupon Kay found herself living for two-year stints in Hong Kong, Las Vegas, Korea, Washington, and Thailand. They settled for years in Waltham, Mass., where Wendall was director of security at Brandeis University until his retirement in March of this year. Kay and Wendall have two children, Kathie and Wendy, and two grandchildren. In Thailand they ran into Ernie Weidul '43, who is now retired and living in Kennebunkport, Maine. In Korea they met **Owen "Chick" Bailey**. It looks like the sun never sets on Colby grads • Our class representative to the Alumni Council is **William Hutcheson**, 15 Tolman St., Needham, Mass. 02192. Write to him about any concerns you may have about Colby, and he can present your views to the council • I received a nice letter from **Marcia Wade Priscu** in Edison, N.J. She plans to travel to England and Vienna this spring and summer now that she has left her hospital nursing career • **Priscilla Tallman Miller** is living in Rhode Island. She has one daughter and is retired. Aren't we all! • I left Ma Bell in February. We gave away our snow shovels and left Illinois for Mississippi • Please do write me with your news! Let me know, also, if you wish your address published. It is wonderful to hear again from all of you.

**Class secretary: NANCY CURTIS LAWRENCE** (Mrs. Watson A.), 185 Wildwood Terrace, Jackson, Miss. 39212.

**45** 40th reunion: June 7-9, 1985. **Class secretary: MR. BEVERLY F. BOOTH**, 234 Jackson St., Newton Center, Mass. 02159.

**46** It's a boy! Sean Edward is our very first grandchild. Other grandparents out there know what an exciting and busy week this has been for us • I've had only one letter this winter but that one was most welcome. **Bob Daggett** started with our freshman class, but the war intervened. He came back to finish at Colby in 1951. A graduate of Hartford Seminary, he is now pastor of the First Congregational Church in Hopkinton, N.H., which he said he enjoys. He has three grown sons, plays a terrific game of golf, and is looking for a publisher for his first book. His note was "a voice from the past," as our friendship dates back to grammar school days in Waterville. I hope more of you will take the time to drop me a few lines. Without you there would be no column.

**Class secretary: NORMA TWIST MURRAY** (Mrs. Paul F.), 28 Birdsall St., Winsted, Conn. 06098.

**47** **Class secretary: ELIZABETH WADE DRUM** (Mrs. John J.), 44 Country Village Lane, Sudbury, Mass. 01776.

**48** The fringe benefits that go with the position of class correspondent greatly outweigh the madness of trying to compile the news in time for deadlines. Buddy and I really enjoy hearing

from you • Did you know that upon his retirement last June as principal of the Granville, Mass., elementary school, **Everett O. Rockwell** Day was proclaimed in Granville by the Governor of Massachusetts to honor Ev's very special dedication to young people? A parade was held and a surprise potluck supper was attended by most of the town's population. Congratulations, Everett! We're so proud of you! • **Hazel Huckins Merrill** lives in East Hebron, N.H., and works at Plymouth State College. She and her husband, John, still manage their summer cottages on Newfound Lake • **Hazel** wrote that **Elaine Browning Townsley's** husband, Fred, died from Huntington's disease in January. Elaine lives in Laconia, N.H. • **Richard W. Billings** has been elected president of the Kennebec Valley Life Underwriters Association. A John Hancock agent, Dick has been designated an Underwriters Training Council Fellow by the National Association of Life Underwriters. He lives in Augusta and maintains a home in Seal Harbor • **Gordon Miller**, Shrewsbury, Mass., a retired executive, just returned from a six-week trip to the South Pacific—Tahiti, New Zealand, and Australia • **Charles and Helen Knox Elliott** recently vacationed in Madrid and Toledo and traveled by boat across the Straits of Gibraltar to Africa, where they visited Morocco's Casablanca, Marrakech, and Tangier • **Bette Day Bugler** lives in Bath, Maine. She was assistant to the director of the Maine Maritime Museum for nine years and now works part-time at Bath Iron Works. Her husband, Derek, is an Episcopal clergyman. They have two grown sons and a granddaughter • **Burt Krumholz** has been elected the Queens, N.Y., section chairman of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology for

a three-year term beginning last October • **Sanford Kroll** has resumed his education studies in Brown University's department of religious studies • As of this date I have had many responses to my recent letter and provocative questionnaire. I have learned that classmates are very interested in today's Colby and that some have concerns about the directions that the school has taken. Our Alumni Council representative is **Carol Silverstein Stoll Baker**, 129 Edgewater Drive, Needham, Mass. 02192. Carol speaks for our class to the Alumni Council on serious matters. You might want to contact her • I still have family in Waterville and friends in the area, so I go back periodically. I will watch with interest the progress of the new Student Center • Please keep up the good work of writing to me. I like sharing your news. We have had four baby lambs born this week. Life in the islands goes on.

**Class secretary: VIRGINIA BREWER FOLINO**, RR 1, Box 613, Grand Isle, Vt. 05458.

**49** **John Choate**, who retired after 34 years of teaching, the last 24 of which were in Lexington, Mass., looks forward to summers in Maine and winters in Florida. That doesn't sound too hard to take • **Jean Sheppard Silva**, our representative to the Alumni Council, speaks for the class on matters of importance. Why not let her know your concerns? Her address is 33 Marla Lane, Reading, Mass. 01867 • **Jeanne Littlefield Hammond**, Maine's state president from the Waterville organization of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, keeps very busy. Through various workshops she has been active in

## FREEMAN MARKS 30TH YEAR OF PRACTICE

Ruth Endicott Freeman '49 had a favorite saying during her three years as a student at Colby College. "If you don't try for something, you'll never get it." It was this type of attitude that prompted her to apply for and win a scholarship to the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Freeman's sense of adventure and determination developed well before her Colby years. After graduating from Belgrade High School in 1933, she attended Temple University for a year before returning to the Augusta area. In the following years, she worked, attended night school, and then decided to earn a private pilot's license as well. "Flying just got in my blood," she recalled. "I never did get to use it though, because the Second World War shut us down." During the war, Freeman was a typist in the Office of Special Services, which developed recreational programs, art contests, and projects to raise funds for the troops. She later served overseas as a court reporter, covering cases trying GIs for anything from going AWOL to murder.

She resumed her undergraduate studies at Colby in 1946 and graduated Phi Beta Kappa as a pre-med major in three years. After medical school, she interned at Cambridge (Mass.) City Hospital and augmented her training with a year of residency at Maine General in Portland. While there, the doctor was a member of the violin section of the Portland Symphony Orchestra and also met her husband-to-be, Miles Freeman.

This summer marks Freeman's 30th year of service to her Ogunquit, Maine, community. During that time, she also raised two daughters, Nella and Lynne. "I was very involved with raising my family. That's why my office is in my home. I really needed to blend the two," she explained. For Freeman, the blending of a traditional life with an adventurous spirit has been just what the doctor ordered.



Ruth Endicott Freeman '49

strategic long-range planning, in formulating objectives that include a plan of action for ratification of the equal rights amendment on state and local levels, and in discussing the management of other important issues • **Elaine Erskine Dow**, whose interest in Puritan American history led her to do research on 17th century herbs, has presented programs to various civic organizations about "Roadside Weeds and How to Dry Them." Elaine was in charge of the plans for the Puritan garden on the grounds of the Topsfield Historical Society's 17th Century Parson Capen House. As the historical society curator, she also organized the Priscilla Capen Herb Society and taught nature courses to children • If you've read this far, delighted to catch up on news of old friends, yet disappointed because you'd also like to read about your long lost them partner or study buddy, please sit down right now and tell us about you and your retirement plans. Count on it. Someone out there wants to hear from you.

**Class secretary: MARY HATHAWAY CHERRY**, 63 Indian Pond Rd., Kingston, Mass. 02364.

**50** **35th reunion: June 7-9, 1985** • This will be the last column that will appear in the *Alumnus* before our 35th reunion; thus, I would like to take a moment to encourage as many of you as possible to return to Waterville in June. For the many of you who have never returned, you are in for a tremendous surprise when you see what has been done to what we used to call the "new campus." Those of you who have attended prior reunions, I am sure, will all want to see how the new Student Center is coming along • The alumni office has suggested that I mention to you that our class representative to the Alumni Council is **Nelson T. Everts** of 121 Richardson Dr., Needham, Mass. 02192. If for any reason one has business to present before the Alumni Council, Nelson is the one to contact. Incidentally, Nelson's term runs to June of this year, when a new representative will be elected • I spent the Christmas holidays in Florida and drove up on Christmas eve to visit **Roy Tibbetts**. Roy is semi-retired now, but seems to keep himself busy • Since I have no other news I will sign off with the hope that I see you in Waterville in June.

**Class secretary: ALAN E. SILBERMAN**, 769 Rockrimmon Rd., Stamford, Conn. 06903.

**51** **Bob Cannell** suggested that I keep our class news coming for the next year or so, so here goes. I don't have much news so please write and send me some • I received a letter from **William T. Burgess, Jr.** Bill wrote that he retired from 32 years of teaching high school drama and English in Tucson, Ariz. • As you may know I retired from the accounting department of Salem Hospital six years ago on account of my three free heart attacks and my multiple sclerosis (MS) • **Joan Cammann McIntyre**, my better half, is the swimming coach at St. John's Prep. Her team just won a meet with Danvers (Mass.) High School • I saw **Jane Perry Lindquist** last Friday at our church's folk song concert • **Bruce Carswell** has been elected senior vice president of human re-

sources at GTE Corporation. Bruce and his wife, Cathy, reside in Scarsdale, N.Y. • **Jim Tabor** wrote that he had two heart attacks in 1984 and had six coronary bypasses on December 14, 1984. Jim's letter is dated December 21, 1984, so he must be OK.

**Class secretary: CHARLES S. McINTYRE**, 27 Elm St., Marblehead, Mass. 01945.

**52** With spring in full swing, we are pleased to announce that **Mary Sargent Swift** is our new representative to the Alumni Council. She can be reached at 1401 Mam St., Glastonbury, Conn. 06033 • **Arnold "Jesse" James** wrote a newsy letter saying that he retired from his U.S. Weather Service position to build a pool in the backyard, but basically to be both mother and father to his youngest daughter Julie, age 13. He is getting plenty of advice from his older girls on just how to do it • Thanks again to all of you who have written over the years, but I must say that I have run out of news about you. Thus, I will tell you about me and mine. Don, Jr., is a sophomore at the University of Dallas as an English/drama major. He is spending this semester at the college's Rome campus. Cathie is a freshman at Temple University's Tyler School of Art. She is into punk rock. Please tell me that it will pass. Jamie is a senior at Glen Rock High, where he socializes, plays baseball, and studies (in that order). With college just ahead of him, it is no wonder that Sheila has gone back to work full time as a relocation coordinator for Scrott Realtors. My days are spent selling commercial art, packaging design, and sales promotion programs throughout the metropolitan New York area. We see and hear from various Colby friends on a regular basis and were hosts to a pleasant New Jersey Colby Club meeting at our home in January. Susan Conant '75 from the alumni office and Fred Geb of the sociology department attended as guests from the College • Please let me know what you are doing. We will tell the world.

**Class secretary: DONALD G. HAILER**, 28 Forest Rd., Glen Rock, N.J. 07452.

**53** If you ever need legal advice, boy, do I have a tip for you! Call **Hershel and Barbara "Bobbie" Weiss Alpert** who have not one, but three lawyers in the family. Three of their four children are attorneys while number 4 child decided to break the mold and has opted for an art major at Brown University • **Alice M. Colby-Hall** continues to make a name for herself in academic circles. As I noted in my last column, Alice is in France doing research on the cycle of old poems that deal with the legendary William of Orange. Studying in libraries and archives in the lower Rhone valley, Alice has spoken before the Société des Amis d'Orange, has been awarded its annual medal for contribution to the knowledge and understanding of Orange's history and culture, and has been elected to membership in the Académie de Vauluse, which is the major scholarly association of the Avignon region • J. Seelye Bixler has done it again. Always an inspiration, he continues at age 90 to show us how to live life to the fullest. His latest monograph, *German Recollections: Some of My Best Friends Were*

*Philosophers*, will be published by Colby this year • Since news is sparse this time, you will once more be subjected to news of a personal nature. After years of thinking that I wanted to get out of the library field, I realized that it's where I want to be after all and have accepted a position as assistant director of the J.V. Fletcher Public Library in Westford, Mass. If any of you live in the area, please drop by and say hello • And please, send me some news or next time you'll have to hear all about the latest escapades of my 4-year-old granddaughter! Be forewarned and write!

**Class secretary: CAROLYN ENGLISH BEANE**, 8 Arizona Terrace, Arlington, Mass. 02174.

**54** After 23 years with Rockwell International, **William Edson** has taken a job with Lockheed Space Operations; as director of launch processing operations at Vandenberg Air Force Base, he is now in charge of all activities necessary to prepare the space shuttle for launch from the West Coast, with the first manned launch from that location scheduled for late 1985. He and his wife, **Penny Thresher Edson**, who has "retired" from teaching, now live in Solvang, near Santa Barbara, Calif. The Edsons acquired both a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law in 1984 • **Lois McCarty Carlson** is now our class representative to the Alumni Council. If you have anything you want to discuss with her, write to her at the following address: 96 Amherst Road, RFD #2, Pelham, Mass. 01002 • **Alan and Yvonne Lindsay** and their daughter, Jill, took a six-week, 25-state trip in their VW Vanagon camper last summer. The journey took them north of the border briefly, into Vancouver, B.C. • From Colorado, **Janice Stevenson Squier** wrote that she has begun composing and that "the music is just pouring out." My son and I enjoyed a brief visit with Jan and her family on a cross-country drive last April • **Nancy Moyer Conover** has been getting around quite a bit! She wrote of cross-country skiing in Massachusetts, of traveling to England in the spring, and then of visiting Canada, Silver Bay, N.Y., Boston, and Nantucket! • Art and I renewed acquaintances with some old Colby friends at Gordon and **Mary Belden Williams's** 25th anniversary surprise party last summer. Joan and **William Ames**, Frank '53 and Barbara Burg King '55, and Mary's sister, Martha Belden Kleinerman '70, were all there • We also got to exchange news with Elliott and **Jean Cressy Barker** when we returned in October for the wedding of the Williams's oldest son • A Christmas note brought the news that J. Seelye and Mary Bixler, entering their "nonagenarian days," were living with their eldest daughter in Old Saybrook, Conn. They have since moved to the home of another daughter in Weston, Mass. • **Richard Whiting** ran unopposed last fall for his fourth term as judge of probate for Oxford County, Maine. He has practiced law in Rumford for 26 years • Watch for two movies based on **Robert "Ace" Parker's** mystery novels—*Wilderness* and *Early Autumn* are reportedly in the works. His 12th book about private detective Spenser is due out in August • **Diane Chamberlin Starcher** reported that she and George have invested in 15-speed bikes for rides through the Savoie section of France, where they live. Diane gets

## PUBLISHING EXECUTIVE WEARS MANY HATS—AND COLLARS



Herbert R. Adams '54

Publisher Herbert R. Adams '54 used to keep a quote of St. Jerome on his desk which read, "Avoid as you would the plague a clergyman who is also a man of business." Luckily for Adams, his clients evidently failed to follow that piece of advice. Ordained a Methodist minister while still at Colby, today he holds the position of president and chief executive officer at Laidlaw Brothers, a publisher based in Chicago, Ill.

Although he has an extensive background in publishing, having been employed by Science Research Associates, Ginn and Company, and Allyn and Bacon, his first jobs were related to the ministry. "While I was at Colby, I commuted to Scarborough, where I was a minister at Pine Point," said Adams. "After I graduated, I joined the church full time, until I decided to pursue a graduate degree at Harvard." While in Cambridge, the divinity student married, left his studies uncompleted, and began teaching English in both Ohio and Pennsylvania. Moving back to the Boston area one year later, he took a job with Allyn and Bacon as its English textbook editor. "I didn't even know there was such a job, never mind what it entailed," he said.

In 1968 he returned to teaching in Lexington, Mass. By then an active Unitarian minister as well, Adams found no conflicts in his dual positions. "In fact, I thought it was a real asset to do the two in the same town. I've always believed that preaching is simply an extension of teaching."

Earlier, however, his ministry had come into conflict with the corporate world. "At the time, I was very much involved with the civil rights movement and with the Viet Nam war. The corporation I worked for wasn't overly happy to see a senior editor taking a stand on such volatile issues, even though I gave my opinions as a minister."

Because he devotes most of his energies to publishing, Adams has retired from the ministry, although he still spends some time as a guest lecturer and preacher. That doesn't mean that he now wears only one hat, however. In 1983, he published his third book, *Listening Your Way to Managerial Success*. "Listening is the aspect of communication most ignored today," asserted Adams, who wrote his dissertation on the same subject when earning his doctorate in education from Harvard in 1972. As both author and publishing president, Adams definitely is in a position to make himself heard.

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back to the United States several times each year and, in recent months, has traveled to England, Switzerland, and Israel as well. She is an adviser and consultant for Baha'i communities in eastern and southern France and Corsica • How about some news from the rest of you out there?

**Class secretary:** BARBARA GUERNSEY EDDY (Mrs. C. Arthur), Box 198, RFD 1, Lincoln City Rd., Salisbury, Conn. 06068.

**55** **30th reunion: June 7-9, 1985** • Many thanks to all of you who responded to the questionnaire that was sent out recently. Good news! Many of you answered that you plan to attend our 30th reunion. I hope that many more of you will make plans to be at Colby that weekend • Sel and I are looking forward to the trip to Maine. Now we have an extra bonus for our trips north. Our son, Spencer, who graduated from Colby in 1981, and his wife, Julie, have recently moved to Portland • Tony Leone wrote from Newtonville, Mass., that he plans to come to reunion. Tony is a social worker, divorced, and grandfather of five. Tony's oldest son lives in New Jersey and works in Morristown, not far from us • John Dutton, still in Durham, N.C., is a full-time accounting student these days. Sel and I are disappointed that he and Jane have not stopped by on one of their trips north. Now that we have two

sons married, two sons in college, and only Stephen, 13, home most of the school year, we finally have a guest room! Keep us in mind, John, on one of your trips. John doubts that he can make it to reunion, because of his school requirements in June. We hope that will change • Ann Seguin Horne, who lives in Torrington, Conn., wrote an interesting note. Ann saw Lee Culver Johnson, Dottie Dunn Northcott, Jo Frieheit Broker, and Susie Capen Stutts this past summer. Sounds like a great mini-reunion! Ann says "travel is my thing," and I hope that means Colby is on the agenda for June • Ross Bear, who lives in Mechanicsburg, Pa., has one son working with him in the family business and another son living in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. A good excuse for you to come to Colby in June, Ross • Jane Whipple Coddington and Chan are living in Murray Hill, N.J. They have a new 18-foot sailboat and seemed to have spent much time on the water recently • Ruth Kesner Osborn lives in Flagstaff, Ariz., and would like any Colby people out her way to call. Her unlisted number is (602) 526-1823. Ruth is now a grandmother of two and is also involved in a new business enterprise • Among others who answered the questionnaire were Ann Eilertson York, Don Hoagland, Bob Slotnick, and Kathy Flynn Corrigan • Again, we hope to see many of you at our reunion in June.

**Class secretary:** SUE BIVEN STAPLES (Mrs. Seldon C.), 430 Lyons Rd., Liberty Corner, N.J. 07938.

**56** Bob and Judy Merrill Erb '58, after 20 years of New Jersey suburbia and commuting to New York City, decided a few years ago to head for New Hampshire, where they lived in their second home in Waterville Valley until 1981. Then they bought a 32-acre farm, circa 1798, in Center Sandwich. Aside from working on the 10-, or is it a 20-, year plan for the homestead renovation, Bob is building condominiums while Judy tends multiple dogs and cats and works on the renovation. While their daughter Susan '80 was attending Colby, they enjoyed visits to Mayflower Hill and challenging John Joseph to a few rounds on the golf course. Susan has her master's degree in museum administration and has worked as a fund raiser for the Boston Ballet and is now in a similar position at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge. Son Bud has started his own construction company in New Hampshire and even helps out Dad every so often. Bob is working his way up to becoming an "old timer" in Center Sandwich by getting involved in the town budget process this year, but as he said, you have to live there at least 10 years before you become a good old boy • Warren '57 and Babs Fallings Kinsman are lucky to have their daughter, Terri, her husband, and their grandson, as well as their son, David, living in Maine, making it easy to visit when they head north from Portsmouth to their camp at Green Lake near Ellsworth. The Kinsmans continue to enjoy their annual summer sailing trip to

Mount Desert Island. Babs is working as an alcohol and drug therapist in the local school system—not an easy job! She also serves as a United Way board member in Portsmouth • At some point **Barbara Nardozi Saxon** and I hope to journey together to Greensboro, N.C., where her daughter, Amy, is finishing her freshman year at Guilford College and my daughter, Kristin, is a senior • **Jane Collins** is off on a 10-month sabbatical at the Foreign Service Institute, where she will be attending the executive seminar in national and international affairs. She is enjoying the chance to study this country for a change as well as the traveling it entails • **Harry Wey** is winding up two years of intensive responsibilities in New Zealand and Australia. **Lyn Brookes Wey** has spent a lot of time “backing it” since Harry was away a total of eight months during these two years. She did spend a month there herself during his first stint, but was needed at home most of the time to tend to her decorating business and to do the college tour with their youngest daughter, Alison. Daughter Margie, a student at Colby-Sawyer College, represented the United States for the U.S. Yacht Racing Union, along with four young men, and taught sailing in Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and England last summer. Another daughter, Beth, is married, living in Cohasset in a house she and Michael renovated, and working in direct mail marketing at the North East Aquarium • Remember that **Arline Berry Julia** is our representative to the Alumni Council. Any comments or concerns you have about Colby should be directed to her at Ridge Rd., Box C500, Fairfield, Maine 04937, so that she can more easily represent us on the council • Remember, too, that I cannot produce news out of no news at all. Please respond to my questionnaires. Many thanks to those of you who do!

**Class secretary: JUDITH PENNOCK LILLEY** (Mrs. Albert F.), 180 Lincoln Ave., Ridgewood, N.J. 07450.

**57** **Class secretary: MARILYN PERKINS CANTON** (Mrs. Richard), 2731 Sherbrook, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122.

**58** I hope you enjoyed the class newsletter. Thank you to those who returned the questionnaire. It was good to hear from you. There are others (you know who you are!) whose turn it is to send along a postcard and provide for the next column's inspiration. Your classmates care about you • **Peggy Putnam Dorr** wrote from Marshfield, Mass., that she often runs into **Karen Breen Krasniger** in the supermarket • In nearby Duxbury **Don Kennedy** has been named superintendent of its public schools. Don was formerly assistant superintendent in Weston. Since graduating, Don has earned a master's in teaching from Wesleyan University and a doctorate in education from Harvard • In his position as regional manager for the Northeast with Subaru of America, **Al Dean** travels a lot. However, when Al and Kay German Dean '59 find a home, they stay put—can anyone beat their 23 years in the same house? • Those of you who know **Beryl Scott Glover** will realize that she has to be one of the best correspondents in the East. Her range of con-

tacts within our class, in person as well as by mail, is astounding. **Helen Payson Seager** had a marvelous “catch-up” with her in Connecticut last summer. **Debbie Robson Cobb** saw Beryl in Massachusetts in September, while Jon '55 and **Jane Daib Reisman** had breakfast with Beryl and Bob in November • Mentioning **Debbie Cobb** reminds me to compliment her on the super job she is doing with her class agent post—did all of you note her original poem? Just the poetic push to convince those who didn't contribute last year to help us pass that fine amount of \$16,166 • When **Steve Patchell** was asked if he'd had any career changes he replied that he didn't have to—they changed the telecommunications industry for him, and “It's never been better.” After all the negative sounds about Ma Bell, that's a positive for the AT and T divestiture! • Another classmate who is still involved in her life's work is **Ludmila Winter Hoffman**. Ludmila commented, however, that she and her husband (Herb is in the same field, and they work together) have considered leaving psychology and becoming farmers • **Helen Payson Seager** ended her questionnaire with the following: “I am really delighted that the friendships we started at Colby are so well rooted that we can almost pick up where we left off. That bespeaks a high amount of trust.” How true • A special summer to you all.

**Class secretary: LOIS MUNSON MEGATHLIN**, 20 Ledgewood Lane, Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107.

**59** **Class secretary: KAY GERMAN DEAN**, 295 Pierce St., Leominster, Mass. 01453.

**60** **25th reunion: June 6-9, 1985** • **Judy Ingram Hatfield** is currently serving as our class representative to the Alumni Council. Her term expires this year, but if any of you wish to have input, remember to contact her (Judy's address is P.O. Box 358, Hillsboro, N.H. 03244) • Results of the limited survey of our class on the decision to eliminate fraternities at Colby are as follows: Of the 35 persons who responded, 21 (60 percent) were in favor of the decision (7 men and 14 women) and 8 (23 percent) were opposed (6 men and 2 women). Four gave no answer and two were ambiguous. One hopes that this was a representative sample. The decision came as a complete surprise to me, as I had no idea the situation had deteriorated to the degree that such a drastic solution was necessary. On to the news • **John Wilson** was elected to the board of trustees of the Kingswood-Oxford School in West Hartford, Conn. He is the owner of Business Planning Associates of Bloomfield, a company he founded in 1966. He and his wife, Penny, have two children, Tierney, at Skidmore College, and Tom, a junior at Hotchkiss • **Ralph Galante** wrote from New Durham, N.H., where he is building his retirement home at Lake Merry Meeting. He lives in Sparta, N.J., and is a captain with American Airlines. He has three children—Michael, 23, working in a hotel in New Orleans, Mark, 22, starting his own construction company in Sparta, and Lauren, 20, majoring in sports nutrition at the University of New Hampshire • **C. Richard “Dick” Peterson**

is living in Bryn Mawr, Pa., and is executive vice president of Fred S. James and Company. He enjoys tennis, skiing, and sailing. He and Bette have a daughter, Wendy • **Pete Hennessy** is in Scottsdale, Ariz. He is a senior marketing executive with Motorola's government electronics group. He was recently divorced after 19 years of marriage and has a daughter, Sarah, 15, and a son, Matthew, 13. He enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, photography, and traveling, and feels that Colby has become far too liberal since the 1960s • **Dick** reported that **Paul Kramer** passed away last winter from a heart attack in Cambridge and that he is missed by many classmates and fraternity brothers • **Bob Hartman** is in the Great Midwest, living in Glen Ellyn, Ill., and after almost 20 years with Sears is now vice president of customer service with Hart, Schaffner, and Marx. He is also a member of his local elementary school board. He and his wife, Sue, have two sons, Mike, seventh grade, and Scott, fifth grade • **Henry G. “Hank” Lapham** wrote from Manchester, Mass. He is an investment officer in the trust division of Shawmut Bank in Boston. He enjoys golf, tennis, boating, and skiing. He and his wife, Penny, have three children—Calla, 21, a senior at the University of Vermont, Becca, 19, a sophomore at Ithaca, and Henry, Jr., at Governor Dummer • **Steve Curley** lives in Holliston, Mass., and is the sales manager for Eastern Sports Sales in Concord, Mass. He has been married to Bryna for 24 years. She heads the advertising section of Metro-West Business Review in Framingham. His son, Brad, 17, is an athletic trainer, and his daughter, Joy, plays field hockey and tennis. He said that he still wishes he was a graduate, instead of a “written-in candidate” as an alumnus, and that he still loves Pete “Emmett” Cavari '61! (Don't we all!) Thanks for recognizing the Terre Haute connection with Larry Bird, Steve • Hope to see you all in June. Where did 25 years go?

**Class secretary: MARGARET BARNES DYER**, RR 51, Box 615, Terre Haute, Ind. 47805.

**61** **Karen Lindholm Ring** has been busy. Two years ago, she was asked to organize a new travel school and to assume the position of director. She developed the curriculum, directed the marketing, hired the staff, and did everything else required to get the school running. The first class began in June 1983 and had an exceptionally high success rate, much to Karen's credit. Things were going well, and then came the fall of 1983. Karen was hospitalized with breast cancer. The cancer had spread. When she began chemotherapy, she was told the prognosis was bad; she was given two years to live. Karen has been out of chemotherapy for six months now, and her doctor is ecstatic with her recovery; it appears to be total, and he does not anticipate any recurrences. She is still directing the travel school, its success keeps growing, and Karen plans to be its director for a long time to come. This experience has taught Karen a great deal, and she has offered to share her experiences. If you, your spouse, or anyone close to you has breast cancer and would like to talk to someone, call Karen. Her number is (602) 994-3830, her address is 6625 E. Granana Lane, Scottsdale, Ariz. 85257, and she would like to try to help. In-



## LOCKHART TO ASSUME COMMAND OF VALLEY FORGE



Theodore C. Lockhart '61

"In Massawa, Ethiopia, I happened to run into Pete Leofanti '62, who was, I think, in the Peace Corps at the time. From there we drove down to Asosa where we met [Stewart] "Sandy" Arens '61, who was in the service." If not the typical Colby reunion, it was just one of a multitude of "interesting situations" that Captain Ted Lockhart '61 has run into during 23 years of service in the Navy. He is about to enter a new one; Lockhart is preparing to assume the command of the *Valley Forge*, a Ticonderoga class, guided missile cruiser. The Navy calls it one of the most complex ships ever constructed, with a new computer-driven Aegis weapons system that Lockhart himself described as "very sophisticated."

As for the "interesting situations" Lockhart mentioned, he remembered finding himself in the middle of the Cuban missile crisis in 1962. More recently, his wife, Carolyn Webster Lockhart '60, alluded to the Iranian hostage crisis, when Lockhart's ship was called to the Indian Ocean, expanding a routine six-month tour of duty to nine months. "In the last 23 years I've been in some exciting storms," said Lockhart. "We've also found ourselves in interesting proximities to Soviet ships in the Black Sea from time to time, but that's the extent of any danger."

Lockhart's Navy yarns began shortly after his graduation from Colby, where he majored in psychology. "I had a low draft number, so when my student deferment ran out, I joined the Navy." He listed both the travel and the challenges implicit in Navy life as inducements for making the sea his career. As his wife attested, "He was only supposed to be in for his three-year commitment, but he's still in today. I can't imagine any other way of life." Stationed at one time or another on both U.S. coasts and in Cuba, Italy, and Asia, the Lockharts have put the disadvantages of their semi-nomadic life in perspective. "We have tried to emphasize to the children the opportunity of seeing the world, and we try to get back in touch with the friends we've made," explained the captain. As they currently preside over the Washington, D.C., Colby alumni club, the Lockharts have an extra reason for staying in touch with their Colby friends.

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identally, Karen is a certified travel consultant and is listed in the 1985 (14th ed.) of *Who's Who of American Women*. Her son, Tim, is a senior at Arizona State and her daughter, Marcie, is at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. Karen keeps the house full by renting rooms to out-of-state students at the university • Karen reported that **Diane Scrafton Cohen** met John Ferreira while running and is now Mrs. Ferreira, and that **Marty Fromm** is happily divorced and running a very successful answering service in Eau Claire, Wis. Marty's former husband, **Tony Zash**, is running a private consulting firm in Mexico City • Congratulations to **Richard Gibbs**. He has been appointed to the board of trustees of the Tower School • I have been asked to remind you that **Claire Lyons** is our class representative to the Alumni Council. If you have anything to communicate to that body let Claire know. Her address is 380 Cabot Street, Beverly, Mass. 01915 • Remember that 1986 is our 25th reunion year. Now is the time to plan to be in Waterville in the late spring of '86. Also, don't forget to give to the Alumni Fund this year.

**Class secretary: SUSAN DETWILER GOOD-ALL** (Mrs. William L.), 88 Heald Rd., Carlisle, Mass. 01741.

**62** My cupboard of information is bare and needs to be restocked, so won't you take a break and dash off a few words to me? I'd love to hear

from you • From businessman to politician and back is our own **John C. Chapman** of Bath, Maine. John is an insurance agent who has held a seat in the Maine legislature. Recently he was appointed the president of the Independent Insurance Agents Association of Maine • Congratulations to **Paul Hickey**, who was awarded an Emmy at the 11th annual awards ceremony of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. The Emmy was for "outstanding achievement in design excellence in a daytime drama series." For the past seven years, Paul has been set designer for the CBS soap opera, "Guiding Light" • Wow, what a "banquet" of jobs **Frank Mainero** has had: BBDO in New York as assistant account executive on Campbell Soups and Schaefer Beer; Hill and Knowlton, the public relations firm; Prel Corporation, a major homebuilder and owner of home improvement centers; J. Walter Thompson's corporate communication division, Washington office, then San Francisco office as general manager; Activision; and now McCann-Erickson as manager of that agency's Los Angeles office. Frank, Cathy, and the kids are settling down to yet another "course" • **Al Weller** is our representative to the Alumni Council and he speaks on matters of importance to the council. He welcomes hearing your comments and concerns. Please write to him at 19 Greenbriar Lane, Amherst, N.H. 03031 • As I gaze out my window looking at the beautiful blanket of snow that Mother Nature presented to us yesterday, I am reminded of how fast the months roll around. By the time you read this

we will be comfortably enjoying yet another spring. Goodbye and God bless!

**Class secretary: PATRICIA "PATCH" JACK MOSHER** (Mrs. Arthur L.), 226 Pleasant St., Pembroke, Mass. 02359.

**63** Greetings classmates! The wind chill today in East Holden, Maine, is -30 degrees, three cars skidded off the road in front of the farm this morning, several sheep are about to give birth, and when you read this column the heat of summer will be nearly upon us! Perhaps you'll find it convenient to stop and say hello on your summer trip to Bar Harbor. I hope so • **Jane Melanson Dahmen** is our class representative on the Alumni Council until 1988. So that she can better represent us, she is interested in hearing any of your suggestions or concerns. Her address is 19 Nashawtuc Rd., Concord, Mass. 01742. The Arts Exclusive Gallery in Simsbury, Conn., had a fund raiser for the Colby Art Museum, and Jane's works were hung there among those of some renowned American impressionist painters. Congratulations, Jane! • In other news clippings from Colby, I see that **Bruce Swerling** has been elected vice president of the National Association of Public Insurance Adjusters. He is also president of the Massachusetts Association of Public Insurance Adjusters. Bruce is currently treasurer of the Boston-based firm of Swerling Milton and Ginsberg • **Pauline Ryder Kezer** has been elected to a three-year term to the national

board of directors of the Girl Scouts. She has also been reelected to her fourth term as a state representative in Connecticut. Py is a board member of the New England Caucus of Women Legislators • **Peter Vogt** worked with Johns Hopkins University to prepare a 22-minute color film documentary about the college. The film has already received two awards—the Blue Ribbon Award from the American Film Festival and first prize for film from the International Association of Business Communicators. It's great to see our classmates doing so well! • From the questionnaires returned to me I share the following news. **Marvin Ostrovsky** wrote from Southboro, Mass., that for the past four years he has been on the board of directors of a new, fast-growing, health maintenance organization, The Multi Group Health Plan. Marv's wife was elected to the Southboro School Committee. Dr. Marv and family would be glad to hear from you if you're nearby • **Byron Petrakis**, his wife, and two children (ages 12 and 4) have moved to Kingston, N.H., after 15 years in Kentucky and North Carolina. Byron and wife, Gayle, have a family restaurant business called The Kingston 1686 House. The building features original beams and floorboards in two of its six dining rooms. Byron manages the restaurant while Gayle coordinates functions and does the advertising. It's a big change from being "a mild-mannered English professor at the University of Kentucky and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte," said Byron • **David Pulver** wrote that he was elected to the Colby Board of Trustees. That is good news for our class, because it is important to have representation on decision-making bodies. David's address is 3 Isolde Court, Pine Brook, N.J. 07058 • I still have

enough news from the questionnaires to fill another column, but after that I'll need to hear from those of you who didn't have time earlier. Do write! I love to get your notes.

**Class secretary: KAREN BEGANNY BRYAN** (Mrs. William L.), RFD 2, Box 662, East Holden, Maine 04429.

**64** For the next few years, until the time of our 25th reunion, I shall be writing this column. A questionnaire will be sent to you in the near future. Please return it. I'm looking forward to responding with much news. While not wishing to notice too strongly the number of years it's been since graduation, it is interesting news that J. Seelye Bixler, at 90, will soon publish a new monograph. It is entitled *German Recollections. Some of my Best Friends Were Philosophers*. He has been heard to state that this is the last work he will write! And how have you all been feeling about your ages and corresponding activity levels? • **Ken Stone** has been "taming the whitewater," according to the *Maine Sunday Telegram*. He is presently taking a sabbatical from the Westminister School to devote himself full time to fund raising and to the training and selection of the U.S. Whitewater Canoeing Team. The team will compete next summer in the Worlds in Germany. A coach for the team since 1982, Ken has a daughter, Wendy, 21, on the team. He and his wife, Penney, have two other daughters, Jennifer, 20, and Sherri, 18 • **Mike Robinson** has been elected to the board of directors of the Merrill Trust Company. He is president of the Sherman Power Company

and serves as a trustee of the Millinocket Regional Hospital. Mike and his wife, **Carol Ingerman Robinson**, live in Sherman Station, Maine • During the June 1984 Reunion Weekend, the Alumni Council presented its Distinguished Alumna Award to **Doris Kearns Goodwin**. The award recognizes a Colby graduate "who has achieved unusual distinction in his or her profession." Doris is the author of the biography, *Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream*. She is currently writing a political biography of the Kennedy family. Doris taught at Harvard for 10 years and served as assistant director of the Institute of Politics of the Kennedy School of Government. She was also a Colby trustee and the 1978 Colby commencement speaker • **Jim Henderson** was recently named sales manager of the personal financial services department in the trust and personal banking division of the Bank of New England. He and his wife, Joan, reside in Hamilton, Mass. • **Steve Schoeman** is now a Colby author! An attorney in New York and Florida, his new work is entitled *Bender's Forms for the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York Annotated for the Mental Hygiene Law* • Happy spring! At this writing, the temperature is 14 degrees below zero.

**Class secretary: BARBARA WALTON DARLING**, Clover Ledge, R.R. #1, Box 326, Hinesburg, Vt. 05461.

**65** **20th reunion: June 7-9, 1985.**  
**Class secretary: JOAN COPITHORNE BOWEN** (Mrs. Richard H.), 11 Fox Rd., Bedford, Mass. 01730.

## GOOD HEALTH MATTERS TO MEDSTAR CHAIRMAN



William P. Ferretti '65

Thanks to independent filmmaker William P. Ferretti '65, the world was able to witness one of the miracles of modern science—the artificial heart transplant of William Shroeder. Within 60 minutes after the day-long operation, Medstar Communications, which had been editing film in a room next to the operating room, had 17 minutes of highlights to release to the world press. According to Ferretti, Medstar's chairman, clips of the film where shown as far away as Italy.

Ferretti's company, based in Allentown, Pa., has become a prominent health-care communications company. Currently, Medstar's biggest project is a syndicated television series called "Health Matters," which appears in 16 cities from Washington, D.C., to San Francisco. "We've been at it for three years now," Ferretti said. "We started out with four employees and grossed \$6000 our first year. Today, we employ 18 people, and Medstar will take in about \$2.8 million."

Ferretti, who spent his early post-Colby years as a hospital administrator, earned his master's degree in public health from Yale in 1971. What provoked the subsequent career change? "Some things in life are not rational," he responded, explaining that he was asked to manage a \$25 million trust fund established to improve the quality of health in the Lehigh Valley region of Pennsylvania. "One of the first projects we undertook was a televised education program for health services."

In addition to Shroeder's operation, Medstar shot seven related "news packages" that dealt with the heart itself, Shroeder's family, and the like. "We worked in secret for a month," said Ferretti, who indicated that another confidential project is in the works for March 1986, on a subject he declined to disclose. Until then, "Health Matters" will continue revealing other physiological "secrets" to a fascinated television audience.

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**Class secretary: JAN ATHERTON COX**, 115 Woodville Rd., Falmouth, Maine 04105.

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Among my New Year's resolutions this year was the determination to continue writing this column for the *Alumnus*. Because of my strong personal feelings concerning the abolition of fraternities and sororities, and, in particular, the manner in which it was done, I opted to sit back and let a few months go by while I decided whether to continue in this position. Upon receiving my December issue of the *Alumnus*, I turned to the "Eustis Mailroom" section, and there I read the letter from Ken Heckel '78 commenting on the fact that it is time to accept the decision and devote ourselves to rebuilding. Good advice! Here we go: • **Cecelia Ronis** touched base with the alumni office in November 1984, noting that she has moved to San Francisco. After a few years in Israel working for the Sheraton in Tel Aviv, she returned to New York City, where she worked for the Israeli kibbutz movement. She spent most of last year traveling and backpacking in Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific • As you may have gleaned from the profile on him in the December issue, **Larry Bernstein**, M.D., a member of the UConn Health Center, received a national award for excellence in patient education. Along with his partner in private practice, Larry was praised for projects including support for new parents; community, adult, and office education; and for being an adviser to both school boards and legislators • **Paul Cronin** is now serving as head hockey coach at his alma mater, Revere (Mass.) High School. Paul spent last summer acting as the coordinator at Gary Doak's (former assistant coach for the Boston Bruins) hockey school, and then he returned to a new teaching assignment at Revere High School • **Dave Wilson** and two colleagues have formed a new partnership, Hodgdon, Wilson, and Tober, which is located in Portsmouth, N.H. Their general accounting firm provides professional services to individuals as well as to small- and medium-sized businesses. Dave lives with his wife, Marcia, and their two children in Dover • **Tom Saliba** of Freeport is president of Saco Valley Cold Storage Company there. He is our representative to the Colby College Alumni Council and is also on the board of trustees of the Maine Medical Center in Portland • **Caroline Kresky** completed Emory Law School in Atlanta in 1983 and joined a California law firm with an Atlanta office (Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker) later that year. Caroline and her 12-year-old daughter, Deborah, moved to a new condominium in the northwestern part of the city, where they spend a lot of time biking and running. She would love to hear from Colby classmates who happen to find themselves in the area • **Rob Hauck** is now a resident of Kensington, Md. After several years at Vanderbilt, he moved to the D.C. area in 1982 to become the assistant director of the American Political Science Association • **Larry Sears** has just started his 17th year at the University of Texas at El Paso. He has also just completed

his term of office as president of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of El Paso board of directors. During a recent vacation he returned to the East and spent time visiting with **Phil Stearns** and **Dick Ammann '66** • When the forthcoming questionnaire is ready, I will put in a request for more current news. Please write directly to me if you have some spare time. And whoever you are, Ken Heckel '78, thanks again for the good advice!

**Class secretary: SALLY RAY BENNETT** (Mrs. Charles K.), 47 West St., East Greenwich, R.I. 02818.

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Mud month has passed here in New England and the roads and woods trails are sound for outdoor running and jogging. Our classmates have taken to this with all the zeal they used to put into Saturday night parties. **Carl Glickman**, **John Bubar**, **Steve Ward**, **Cecily Smith Johnson**, and **Pat Andrea Zlotin** (quite a motley crew) are all among the joggers. Other road runners include **Rick Sabbag**, **Ted Allison**, **Rick Mansfield**, **Ted Fucillo**, **Cathie Smith Bradley**, **Barry Panepento**, **Jeff Goodwin**, **Clarke Keenan**, and **Dan Libby** • Now if you're like **Paul and Judy Dionne Scoville**, you mean to start some fitness routine soon • **Linda Levy Fagenholz** and **Carol Glickman** like their exercise in liquid form—swimming that is • **Mike Metcalf**, selectman, geography teacher, and trashman up in Greensboro, Vt., gets all the exercise he needs in his work • Biking, golf, and nautilus help keep **Steve Freyer** sane • **Hope Jahn Wetzel** is a faithful follower of aerobics • **Rose Buyniski Eriksson** gets her exercise over in Sweden, not cross-country skiing, but by giving intensive courses in English to Swedish experts on their way to developing countries • **Jeff Lathrop** is a board sailing enthusiast: "If you can't ski at Attitash, it must be time to board sail!" • **Joe D'Elia**, who finally learned to ski, at Attitash with Jeff's encouragement, might agree with the part about skiing being good exercise • **I. Victor Pinansky** is still into Rock 'N' Roll • **Nelson Denny**, when asked about his fitness kick, said, "Life begins at 40." I wonder what he is up to? • **Max Allison Anderson** wrote that although horseback riding with **Betty Savicki Carvellas** did help her to lose two inches in her "derrière," she does not recommend it to anyone except masochists • I think I feel my exercise pattern has the most in common with that of **Barb Bixby Abrams**. She strolls, sun bathes, and plays mild-mannered tennis • **Chris Austin Barbour** might agree with us, too, but I think I could even skip the tennis • Enjoy the summer. Think fitness!

**Class secretary: JANN SEMONIAN**, Box 109, Sandwich, Mass. 02563.

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Another deadline is upon me and, with it, the difficulty of choosing from all the interesting news • **Stephen Wurzel** and his wife, Linda,

are living in the Pittsburgh, Pa., area, where Stephen is president of Umbach National Construction Company. Their 8-year-old daughter, Lisa, has performed the role of Mollie in civic theatre productions of *Annie* • **Jeffrey Coady** and his wife, Donna Larson Coady, live in Mansfield, Mass. Jeff is the director of computer facilities in the computer science department at Brown University. He has two children, Jason, 10, and Kristen, 8, and enjoys sailing, photography, and woodworking • **Tom McBrierty** received his M.B.A. in January 1984 and works for New England Telephone. He and Linda live in Boxford, Mass., and have two children, Jennifer, 14, and Christian, 12. Tom does some running and plays softball and also coaches basketball and baseball. (I bet you know my old friend Jeff Rossman, Tom!) • **Nancy Money** lives in South Burlington, Vt., and is the site manager of the Windjammer Restaurant/Econo Lodge there. She and her husband, Paul Thabault, love to travel, but are really enjoying life in Vermont. Nancy has three stepchildren and rides horseback • **Douglas Joseph** spent two weeks this past year in Alaska, fishing, camping, and photographing bears. He is account manager for Cullinet Software. He and his wife, Pamela, an attorney, live in Westwood, Mass. • **Linda Patton** lives in Alaska. She is a biological aide for the U.S. Forestry Service and is working on a private pilot's license. Fairbanks is her home, and she enjoys dog mushing and canoeing • **Lise Ferner** wrote from Oslo, Norway, where she is a dancer and choreographer. She loves her work (which often takes her to England), walking, and bicycling. Lise has an 11-year-old daughter, Tora • **Richard Frantz** is a graphic designer and lives in Derry, N.H. He and his wife, Susan, have two children, Christian, 14, and Lindsay, 12. They are repairing their house and enjoyed the Colby Reunion Weekend despite **Bob Anthony's** absence. (I relayed your sentiments to Bob—he was appropriately hang-dog!) • My column was too long last time so I'd best quit while I can. Please keep news coming. I promise it will be included eventually. I hope you all have a nice summer.

**Class secretary: DONNA MASSEYSYKES**, 228 Spring St., Shrewsbury, Mass. 01545.

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**15th reunion: June 7-9, 1985** • **John P. Marriner**, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, 1977, is a physicist working at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Ill. He, his wife, Ann, and two daughters live in North Aurora, Ill. • **Jon Weems**, Morgantown, W.Va., is arboretum supervisor at the Core Arboretum of West Virginia University. Married in June 1984, he and his wife own a 34-acre "Ponderosa," and he has been working in a master's program in recreation and parks management • A project analyst in data processing for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft, **Libby Brown Strough**, her husband, Robert, and son, Jonathan, live in Glastonbury, Conn. Robert is actively involved in the U.S. Power Squadron and is commander of the local Hartford Power Squadron • **Donna Webber Burkart**, Franklin, Maine, is a professional assistant in research at the Jack-

## CLINE'S WAY TO THE TOP

Steven Cline '70 was recently promoted to vice president of account services by J.D. Mathis and Company. Now the "number two" man in the agency, he is responsible for client relations and is in charge of the media department for the Baltimore, Md., based advertising firm. "I'm the one who hears about it when things go wrong," joked Cline, who has been with the firm since 1983.

Cline's career ladder has more closely resembled a circular stairway. After graduating from Colby as a psychology major, Cline went to American University for training as a journalist. "But I decided I didn't want that," he said. "I really wanted to be the next Curt Gowdy!" Enrolling at the University of North Carolina for a graduate program in mass communications, Cline began working for a Durham, N.C., television station. In January 1974, Cline became operations manager for "a little UHF station up in the mountains of New Hampshire," before accepting a job as an account executive for WMUR-TV in Manchester, N.H. During that time he was also co-host of a radio talk show, "Sports Hotline." After five years in Manchester, Cline left television. "I was bored to death, and I didn't like it."

From there, "I got into advertising in a strange way. I was thumbing through the 'help wanted' ads, and there was an opening for a field account executive position. I had absolutely none of the qualifications, but I got the job." Now in his second year at J.D. Mathis, Cline's only goal is a partnership in the company. "A lot of people in advertising want to go to Washington, D.C., New York, or Chicago, but I don't need that. Baltimore's a heck of a nice city."

Cline has kept in touch with Colby as an alumni interviewer and as current president of the Class of 1970, and he would like to start a Baltimore Colby alumni club. Also a reunion organizer, he appreciates the continued association: "The College has a very good story to tell. I loved it when I was there." For what better advertising could Colby ask?



Steven D. Cline '70

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son Laboratory in Bar Harbor • Donna wrote that **Anne Pomroy** was an assistant attorney general working out of Bangor on child protection cases and lived in Ellsworth, Maine. The latest news about Anne is that she has just opened an office for the practice of law in Old Orchard Beach, Maine • **Walter Efron**, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., is in retail business at the Three Arts bookstore • A psychiatric social worker in a local mental health clinic, **Nancy Sarlin Tenbrink** lives in Los Alamos, N.M., with her son, daughter, and husband, Steve, who works with computers at Los Alamos National Laboratory • **Kit Wells Poland** has retired from the resource room, which she ran for 11 years, to be at home with her two sons and husband, Mike. Kit has done most of the interior work (construction and decorating) on their house, and she and Mike are becoming experts on small woodlot management • **Mary Langevin Hepler** is a principal at Arthur Young and Company, and lives in Farmington Hills, Mich. • Living in West Palm Beach, Fla., with his wife, Lynne, and new child, **Brian Cooke** is practicing law in Palm Beach as a partner in his own firm under the name of Jeffer, Hopkinson, Vogel and Cooke.

**Class secretary: DONNA MASON WILLIAMS** (Mrs. Edward F.), 50 North St., Grafton, Mass. 01519.

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**Class secretary: LESLIE J. ANDERSON**, 30 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass. 02144.

**72 Kathy Otterson Cintavey** and her family are living in Amherst, Ohio.

Kathy has been teaching at a private school one block from Lake Erie, and in the summer she takes graduate school courses. Last summer the Cintaveys took a vacation trip to New England • Kathy reported that **Diane Malpass Gloriant** and her husband, Jim, had recently taken a trip to Greece • **Doug McMillan** was married to Ann Harris in September 1983. I hope that everyone saw the excellent photo that Doug sent me and which appeared in the December *Alumnus*. Doug was so pleased at the number of Colby friends who traveled to St. Paul for the wedding. His electric motor company, The McMillan Electric Company, was started in 1976 and continues to grow • In October 1984, **Swift Tarbell**, in his capacity as adviser to the Reagan/Bush campaign in Portland, spoke at Colby, primarily about the Republican stand on the military buildup • **Marie Griswold Fincher** was recently appointed an assistant professor of medicine at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, Ga. Before entering private practice, she worked for two years in the Public Health Service in Ludowici, Ga. • **Patrick Duddy** is a career foreign service officer with the U.S. Information Agency. He has been appointed press attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Santo Domingo and previously was assistant cultural attaché at the American embassy in Santiago, Chile. He and his wife, Mary Rose, have one daughter, Sarah • **Kate Muhlhause**n has also worked with the U.S. Information Agency. She spent last summer in Morocco training Moroccan secondary school English

teachers in Rabat. She also went to Maine last summer and visited **Alice Osmer Olson** and Warren Turner '69. She is still living in Salt Lake City, where she is a teacher, and has a grant to develop videotaped lessons and computer programs to use in the classroom • **John Koons** continues to have a successful dental practice in Waterville. He is building a house near Colby and planning a "round the world trip" to visit family and friends • John wrote that **Bill Holland** is a consulting geologist. Bill, with his wife and daughter, lives in Portland • **Michael Havey** is creative director and partner in Graphic Design Associates in Keene, N.H. Last spring he traveled to England and Wales as a musician for Pinewoods Traditional Morris Men, an ancient ritual dance team • He also wrote that **Sheila Marks**, with her husband and family, had been in Colombia, South America, for nine months • **Debbie Hobbs Pienkos** and Walt have moved to Saratoga, Calif., for Walt's new assignment with Hewlett-Packard in Cupertino. Debbie, who received her M.B.A. from Boston University in 1981, is currently on leave from Hewlett-Packard, but hopes to resume her work there as a software engineer once they are settled in their house. They have one child, Ryan • The alumni office has suggested that I include the address of our class representative to the Alumni Council, Chris Pinkham, here. Chris's function is to speak for our class on matters of importance to the Alumni Council. His address is S. Freeport Rd., RR 2, Box 145, Freeport, Maine 04032.

**Class secretary: ANN BONNER VIDOR** (Mrs. David), 1981 Innwood Rd., Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

**73** I will open our column with a reminder that **Gary Fitts** is our class representative to the Alumni Council. Feel free to contact Gary at 18 Highland Avenue, Pittsfield, Maine 04967, to let him know your feelings on issues that affect the College. Now, continuing from our most recent questionnaire, here's the news! • **Wayne Brown** de Ponton d'Amecourt is an English professor and foreign student adviser at the American College in Paris • **Ida Dionne Burroughs** leads an active life divided among her family, mountaineering and hiking, and music. Last August Ida went on a mountaineering trip to the Swiss and French alps, which included ascents of Mont Blanc and Monte Rosa. She is scheduled to climb Mount McKinley in Alaska. She also belongs to the Handel Society of Dartmouth • **Alice Hanson Freeman** is a science teacher at the Pennington School in New Jersey. She asked, "I'm wondering whatever happened to the old Outing Club crowd—are they out there?" • **Margaret McPartland Bean** welcomed a new daughter, Julia Kathleen, last September. Margaret is serving on the Maine governor's advisory group on juvenile justice • **Ron Majdalany** has opened his own veterinary practice for large and small animals in Great Barrington, Mass. He spent last summer converting an old dairy barn into a veterinary hospital • **Steve** and **Barb Plummer Jasinski** '76 live in Reading, Mass. Steve is manager of financial planning for Codex Corporation • **John Halpin** wrote from Birmingham, Mich., that he works as a manager in international employee relations and has recently finished his first marathon in Detroit • **Chris Hall Salazar** wrote from Biloxi, Miss., that she is an

"Air Force wife" and is busy raising two "active" sons. Chris is also a Red Cross volunteer and is active in officers' wives club functions as well as the AMIGO program, which hosts foreign officers' families at Keesler Air Force Base • While on a trip to Boston last summer, Chris visited with **Anne Huff Jordan**, who was also visiting the Boston area from San Francisco • **Terri Ashburn-Higgins** was married last September and, after 10 years of living in New York City, has moved to the suburbs. Terri is a supervisor of the import section at Mitsui and Company • **Joane Rylander Henderson** is one of two classmates writing from Texas. Joane is a computer programmer/analyst with the Texas Electric Cooperative, and in her spare time she enjoys singing with the Austin Choral Union • **Susie Yovic Hoeller** is an attorney living in Dallas. Her husband, Ted, is a cattle breeder and real estate developer, and they are both very involved in the activities of their church • I promise to finish up with the questionnaires in the next column. In the meantime, please keep me informed of newsworthy events so that our column can be up-to-date.

**Class secretary: JANET PERETHIAN BIGELOW** (Mrs. Lawrence C.), 144 Washington Ave., Needham, Mass. 02192.

**74** Thanks to those of you who dropped me a line since the last edition of the *Alumnus*. The opportunity to preview the news is definitely a benefit of this job! To fill the rest of you in on what has happened—several people wrote to

say that they were not lost, just temporarily missing • **Andrea Hicks Sato** wrote from Stamford, Conn., where she had recently moved after having been married in October. She works as an associate marketing manager for Pepsi in New York. She's held this position since earning her M.B.A. at New York University in 1983 • Andrea also had news of **Amy Caponetto Galloway**, who currently resides in Mount Kisco, N.Y. Amy had her first child last summer, a son, **Sam** • **Carol Smart Buxton** also had a son last summer, Will, her second child. Carol lives outside Washington, D.C., in Reston, Va. • **Kathe Misch Tuttmann** took a moment from her busy schedule to write from Medford, Mass., where she and Alan '71 live with their two daughters, Jessica and Andrea. After working full time as a mother for five years, Kathe is pursuing her law degree at Suffolk Law School in Boston. Sounds hectic! • We hear from Dean Junior College in Franklin, Mass., that **Edward Kemp** was appointed assistant professor of communication arts last fall. Prior to this appointment, he was a writing instructor at Principia College. Edward received his master's degree in English from the University of New Hampshire, where he also taught freshman English • Brookstone Company announced last fall that **Herbert Landsman** was appointed vice president of merchandising. Herb, his wife, Cindy, and their son, Sam, were relocating to the Peterborough, N.H., area to join the firm. Prior to this appointment, Herb was divisional merchandise manager at Shillito Rikes, a \$360 million division of Federated Department Stores that is based in Cincinnati • For those of you who wish to have a more direct line to

## MUSICIAN SEEKS TO GAIN COMPOSER



Arthur C. Levering II '76

"I'll always be a musician," declared Arthur C. Levering II '76 recently. A music major at Colby, he earned a master's degree from Yale in 1979 and has been performing ever since. The coming year, however, will chart a new direction for the Boston-based classical guitarist. He explained, "I'm now concentrating much more on composing than I have before. The type of music I'm writing now is termed 'minimalist.' I'm trying to do something new and innovative with it." Currently taking courses at Boston University, Levering expects to go back to school as a full-time student of music composition in the fall.

Levering, who plays the lute as well as the guitar, has gained extensive experience as a performer in the last 10 years. He spent three summers studying under such instructors as Eliot Fisk and Robert Guthrie at the Aspen Music Festival, where he has given solo recitals and taken part in the festival's chorus. In 1980 Levering formed the Opharion Duo with guitarist Deborah Fox, a collaboration he described as moderately successful. *Musical America* gave it a stronger appraisal in 1983, naming them that year's "Best Young Artists." Levering and Fox have performed throughout New England and have recorded as well.

Although it is notoriously difficult for young musicians to make ends meet, Levering has managed well. Publishing arrangements for classical guitar has provided him with a steady income, and teaching has been another source. He now has reduced his teaching to concentrate on composing, but he warned that most aspiring musicians will find teaching financially essential. "The wages are good, so if you're teaching enough, you could even make a good living," he advised.

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the Alumni Council, note that **Daniel Rapaport**, as our class representative to the council, is the person to contact. He can be reached at 2 Hermit Thrush Rd., Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107. I look forward to hearing from more of you.

**Class secretary:** CAROL D. WYNNE, P.O. Box 96, Winthrop, Maine 04364.

**75** 10th reunion: June 7-9, 1985 • In Portland, Maine, **John Mosley** is still in the insurance business and has opened his own office with help from his wife, Carol • **Laurie Fitts** is also in the Portland area, working on the development staff at Maine Audubon • **Boyd "Bird" Allen** completed his master's degree requirements at the University of New Hampshire. He spent some time in Antarctica last year in his course of study—and swears the temperature went above freezing during his stay. Still an avid photographer, Bird took a lot of pictures at midnight, capturing the dawn-like light of the midnight sun • **Joseph L. Doherty** published an article in the March 1984 issue of *Massachusetts Law Review* on medical malpractice laws in that state • There will be more news to share, in person, at our reunion, so do plan to come June 7-9 • **Paul Hatton** has a challenge for those of us living relatively near Waterville—as was noted in the last column, he plans to come to our reunion from the Philippines and to win the prize for coming the furthest. Let's see a good turnout from those living between the Philippines and Waterville! • **Class president and reunion chairperson, Debbie Marson McNulty**, reported a good response from the initial questionnaire and an exciting schedule of activities on tap for the weekend. If you haven't made your Alumni Fund contribution yet, please do so before reunion, so we can show the other classes that '75 is alive in '85.

**Class secretary:** PAMELA J. BRADLEY, 25 Crosstown Ave., West Roxbury, Mass. 02132.

**76** **Brandon Kulik** has been in touch to say that he has moved to Bedford, N.H., where he is working in research with the environmental firm of Normandeau Associates. He says **Mike North** is working, coincidentally, with the same firm • **Peter Shaw** was recently appointed a vice president of Irving Trust Company in New York City. He is responsible for the bank's relationships with banks in Brazil • **Maureen Kellier** has been named financial account manager of Amoskeag Savings Bank in New Hampshire. She had previously worked as an over-the-counter stock trader with Burgess and Leith in Boston • **Paul Bishop** is now heading the alumni affairs office at New England School of Law. He continues to handle cases for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a special assistant attorney general and maintains a private practice in Braintree • **Lesley Fowler** is coordinator and teacher of a new program for gifted children in Waterville elementary schools • **Doug Rooks** has left quiet Moultonboro, N.H., for the bright lights of Augusta, Maine, a move he discussed in his first column as the editorial page editor of the *Kennebec Journal* • **Paul Bither** is an assistant professor and clinical instructor for

the Indiana University School of Optometry. Paul's new wife, Carol Alexander, is a counselor for adolescent clinics and Nutri-System in Indianapolis • **Val Jones Roy** continues her climb up the ladder. Her most recent promotion was to assistant vice president in charge of commercial credit at Fleet National Bank in Providence, R.I. I think I receive more news clippings on Val than I do on anyone else! • **Scott McDermott**, Boston lawyer, was married last summer to Kelly Hynes, a public relations professional • **Bob and Joan Sennett Compagna** are living in Wethersfield, Conn., and have a two-year-old, Brandon • For those of you who have Alumni Council matters to air, I have been asked to remind you that our rep is **Dale-Marie Crooks-Greene**, 632 Garrett Place, Evanston, Ill. 60201 • Until next time!

**Class secretary:** MELISSA DAY VOKEY (Mrs. Mark), 16 Fox Run, Topsfield, Mass. 01983.

**77** Here's a bit of news from our classmates—eight years after graduation! • **Lowell Libby** has never left Maine! He was recently appointed a social studies instructor at the Dirigo High School in Dixfield. For the past several years, Lowell worked in the Upward Bound Program at the University of Maine at Farmington, where he was involved with curriculum and budget, development, staff training, and counseling. Before that, he studied for his master's in secondary school counseling on the Orono campus • A new faculty member of the economics department of the University of Maine at Machias is assistant professor **Jonathan Reisman**. He has been teaching on other New England college campuses—Bryant, Wheaton, and Radcliffe—since he received his master's degree from Brown University • A former substitute schoolteacher and clam digger in the Rockland, Maine, area, **Robert Cumler** recently announced the opening of his own law practice in the office of Attorney Davidson in the village of Waldoboro. Robert received his law degree last year from the Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, N.H. • **Ina-Lee Toll Block**, a recent graduate of Harvard Business School, began work as an internal consultant with the Harvard Community Health Plan • **Andrea Jensen** is a corporate tax specialist with the Cabot Corporation in downtown Boston as well as a student of taxation at Bentley College • Congratulations are in order for **Kimberlee Ayer McVeigh**. The American Institute for Property and Liability Underwriters awarded her the professional insurance designation of chartered property casualty underwriter. Kim is a bond supervisor for the Hanover Insurance Company in Howell, Mich. • There are a couple of former classmates that are on the look-out for other Colby people in their area. **Mark Breika** and his wife have moved to London for a year and would welcome any of us who visit there. Mark is working as an investment banker with Prudential-Bache Securities • **Linda Malcolm's** new home is Seattle, Wash. She left the ski country of Sun Valley, Idaho, behind her. She loves the change and hopes that other alumni in the area will look her up. Linda is a professional massage therapist and is currently training in acupuncture and Oriental medicine. She

is looking forward to visiting China in 1987 • **Heidi Neumann**, our Alumni Council representative, is always ready to hear from us. For those who wish to contact her, her address is 3 May Street, Portland, Maine 04102 • Until next time!

**Class secretary:** LINDA LaCHAPPELLE, 320 East 42nd St., Apt. 2012, New York, N.Y. 10017.

**78** News reaching me recently was but a trickle, leaving a column as short as the day on which it was written. I'll share what I have • **Alix Land** has returned from the West Coast to Maine, where she acts as account executive for Arnold and Company, an advertising agency located in Portland • **Donna Long** has been named assistant cashier at Martha's Vineyard National Bank, where she has worked for six years • **Ricky P. Jacques** has begun working toward his M.B.A. degree at Lake Forest School of Management in Illinois. He is distribution analyst for American Hospital Supply Corporation • **Dan Hoefle** joined the law firm of Shames, Madigan and McEachern in Portsmouth, N.H. Dan, who grew up in the Portsmouth area, was recently employed as an assistant district attorney in the Bronx County District Attorney's Office in New York • Also in New Hampshire is **Leslie Warren**, who is employed in Londonderry as a fifth grade teacher • Congratulations are due to **Cathy and Bob Woodbury**, who are proud parents of Amy Sarah. They bought a house in Hamilton, Mass., where Bob is employed by Parker Brothers and is a member of the Hamilton Zoning Board of Appeals • During the Christmas holiday, I met the parents of **Sally Pierce** and learned that she is another of our classmates to have moved to Denver. She may encounter, among others, **Ed Smith** and **Tom Suddath**, who recently joined a law firm in that city • During the 1984 fund year, our class achieved 62 percent of its goal of \$5,500 with 22 percent of the members contributing • In other class news, our representative to the Alumni Council, should you have any concerns or suggestions, is **Dana Bernard**. He lives at 2045 Commonwealth Ave., Apt. 36, Brighton, Mass. 02135 • Finally, a mini Colby reunion may be on my social calendar for the summer. I'm planning to marry Sue Conant '75 in August and expect that at least a few members of the Colby family will join us.

**Class secretary:** JAMES S. COOK, JR., RFD #1, Box 3470, Albion, Maine 04910.

**79** Before launching into the news, let me remind you that by contacting **Kim Rossi Nichols**, class representative to the Alumni Council, your concerns may be heard. She speaks for our class on issues of importance and can be reached at Box 455, Castine, Maine 04421 • **Connie Breese** is now in private practice as a veterinarian on Martha's Vineyard Island after completing her training at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine last May • **Joseph "Jody" Hotchkiss** wrote that after doing two and a half years of volunteer work in French-speaking central Africa, he has returned to the United States and is now working as assistant

## PNIEWSKI JOINS AMERICAN MUTUAL INSURANCE

Attorney Beth A. Pniewski '81 has joined the legal department of the American Mutual Insurance Companies in Wakefield, Mass. A 1984 graduate of Suffolk University Law School, Pniewski's new responsibilities include personnel matters, miscellaneous contracts, and company and agents' licenses.

One of her recent specific tasks was implementing Massachusetts' new "Right to Know" law within American Mutual. "The Massachusetts law is similar to ones which have been passed in about 20 other states," noted Pniewski. "Basically, it's meant to protect workers from toxic substances. Management is now responsible for training workers who may be exposed to toxic substances; they must label these substances and provide employees with information." She added that this law would apply to employees such as those who work in American Mutual's printing department.

Although she is the first female attorney in the century-old company, Pniewski doesn't feel any pressures as a woman to prove herself. "I've had no problems. Even though I'm young, I've been treated with respect." Looking forward, she anticipated many professional challenges. "I doubt I'll ever become bored here. I've only started to learn the company ropes, never mind the insurance industry as a whole."

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Beth A. Pniewski '81

to the East Coast story editor for MGM Film Company and United Artists. He also wrote that in September he was married to his Danish fiancée in Copenhagen • Those of you who are daydreaming about summer getaways might want to give **John Eginton** a call. Working for Out O' Mystic Schooner Cruises as captain of the *Mystic Whaler*, he takes vacations on cruises varying in length from short dinner cruises to five-day sneak-aways • **David Ashcraft** wrote from Connecticut that he is still a disc jockey on a college station when he is not enjoying food, wine, and friends, working as an insurance underwriter, or renovating his 180-year-old house • **Kyle Harrow**, another home improver, splits her time between fixing up a new house that she bought with her boyfriend and working as associate buyer for Grossman's in Massachusetts • Landscape designer and contractor **Sarah Holbrook Davis** will no doubt put her knowledge to personal use as she and friends, including Barb Neal '80, build a house in West Virginia on land they purchased in 1984 • From Maine, **Felicity Myers Loekle** wrote that she and her husband, Kit, are busy tending some sheep, doing some gardening, making slow improvements on their old house, and spending as much time as possible on the water in whatever is possible! Perhaps the latter has something to do with the fact that Felicity is circulation manager for a commercial fishing newspaper • From the Midwest, I heard from two writers, **Laurel Johnson Black** and **Jocelyn Bartkevicius**. Laurel works for the admissions office at Grand Valley State College in Allendale, Mich., doing some recruiting and writing college brochures. Her preference, though, is poetry, which she continues to write. One of her poems was published in a private edition of *Poems* not long after she received her M.F.A. in poetry from the University of Iowa in 1983. Her husband, Bill, is a graduate student in library science at the University of Kentucky at Lexington. Jocelyn is a free-lance writer as well as teaching assistant and co-leader of teaching assistant training programs at the University of Iowa. She is currently completing her thesis for the master of

arts in expository writing while working toward her doctorate in English there • **Julie Borden** wrote from the Big Apple asking, "Where is **Lauren Wincig!**" Julie, by the way, is a medical researcher and writer and a soccer player for the Budweiser Eagles Women's Soccer Team in New York City • And, **Susie Levin**, now in Denver, Colo., working for a cable company wants to know, "Whatever happened to **C. D. 'David' Williams!**" Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these two classmates is invited to contact Julie, Susie, or me • Happy spring!

**Class secretary: JANE VENMAN LEDEBUHR** (Mrs. David), 15515 Boulder Oaks, Houston, Tex. 77804.

**80** 5th reunion: June 7-9, 1985 • **Erin Ireton** has been providing financial services to wealthy investors at Fidelity Investments for three years. In her spare time, she's putting together an a cappella singing group in Boston (if former Eights and Colbyettes are interested, Erin's in the book) • **Lisa Turner**, a Montessori preschool teacher, loves living in Minneapolis • **Tom Eymann**, formerly with Xerox in Stamford, Conn., is pursuing his master's in international affairs at George Washington University's School of Public and International Affairs • **Barbery Byfield's** been busy. After a six-month interim managing a New York City cafe, she was education editor of the Population Institute, Washington, D.C., and is now working on her master's in public health, specializing in population/planning and health education at the University of Michigan • **Johanna Rich** married Barry Tesman '81 on December 29, 1984, at her parents' home in Grosse Point, Mich. **Lynda Philipo** was a bridesmaid. Others attending included Wende Whiting '79, Linda Clifford '81, and **Ellen Mercer**. The couple now resides in New Jersey. Jo is pursuing her Ph.D. in developmental psychology at The New School for Social Research in New York City and Barry is working on his Ph.D. in math at Rutgers • **Patty Valavanis** and **Mark Smith**,

brought together amidst the Washington D.C., political jungle by a Colby sweatshirt or a softball field, are engaged and contemplating a move back to New England • **Liz Nell** lives in Acton, Mass., and is engaged to be married to Michael Gearan, an engineer with Wang, in December 1985 • **Diana Bass** works for the Theological Education Programme of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland • **Jane Dibden** is at Ora Roberts University School of Theology in Tulsa, working on her master of divinity. She's a certified candidate for ministry with the Maine Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church • **Barbara Neal** is a free lance writer and editor of educational materials. In addition, she's starting a land scaping business with Sarah Davis '79 in Washington, D.C. • **Daniel Berger** is in Singapore as area sales manager for Prime Computer. His territory also includes Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Brunei, India and New Zealand • **Liz Martin** lives in Rec Bank, N.J., and works as a chef in a small Spring Lake gourmet restaurant • **Scot Lehigh** works for the Phoenix newspaper • **Peter Asher** is a client service representative for Automatic Data Processing's services division • **Ellen Gordon** is an assistant controller for Raymond Merchandise in Corry, Pa. • **Linda Lloyd** is a rural public health promoter for the Peace Corps in Macara and Loja in Ecuador. She previously spent three years researching human cancer viruses at the National Cancer Institute • **Lori Batcheller** is working toward a master's degree in physical therapy at Hahnemann University in Philadelphia • **Tom Myette** is manager of Fleet National Bank's center for personal financial management. He previously served as trust operations manager at Mechanics Bank, Worcester, Mass. • Scott '78 and **Grace Koppelman Drown** are using the knowledge they gained from graduate studies in animal behavior and environmental science at Rutgers and the University of Maryland at the Maine Conservation School, Bryant Pond, Gray, Maine.

**Class secretary: DIANA P. HERRMANN**, 6 Whaling Rd., Darien, Conn. 06820.

**81** Special congratulations go out to our newlyweds, **Kathy Gallop** and Peter Chase, **Daniel P. Sheehy** and Anne Chase, and **Joel Harris** and Natalie Ward. Kathy Gallop is teaching language arts in the Southern Aroostook Community Schools; Dan Sheehy is the manager of the group trainers for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York; and Joel Harris is a municipal bond trader for Tucker Anthony and R L Day • A wedding is being planned by **Dani Nemeč**. She became engaged to a foreign service officer on Halloween and may have to leave her position as a governmental analyst to travel around the world with her husband • A few of our classmates have taken new positions since our last column appeared. **Tony Peduto** has been named general manager of Arlington Cablesystems • **Joe Daley** is assistant director of admissions at Bridgton Academy. His wife, Nancy '82, also teaches English at the academy • **Richard Forster** recently entered the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester. He has been involved in diabetes mellitus research since leaving Colby in 1981 • **Kathy Marcicarille** earned a master's degree in library science from the University of Rhode Island and has just been named librarian at Ayer Public Library • **Debbie Rowe** is enrolled at George Washington University Law School • **Charlie Gordy** is in his third year there • **Bob Ryan** is in his third year at Pepperdine and has accepted a position with a law firm in Los Angeles • **Beth Pniowski**, an attorney with American Mutual Insurance Companies in Wakefield, Mass., is engaged to be married in October to Philip D. Wilson of Weston, Mass. • That's all for now, hope to hear from some new people in time for the next column!

**Class secretary: PAULA HINCKLEY BURROUGHS** (Mrs. Jack), 55 North Reading St., Manchester, N.H. 03104.

**82** Here's what's new with the Class of '82. . . • **Sharon Dulude** is the general manager of the Colonial Inn Resort in Ogunquit, Maine. She is also an active member of the Berwick Academy Alumni Association • **Ellen Smith** wrote to say that she's working as a research assistant at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. She has also "decided to be decadent and go on a cruise." It sounds great to me! • **Wendell Shaffer** is teaching Spanish and coaching field hockey, swimming, and lacrosse at Cushing Academy in Massachusetts. She also made it to Los Angeles for the Olympics to see some friends compete in the swimming • **Matt Lewis** is in the middle of the M.B.A. program at NYU. Previous to his return to academia, he was working as a credit representative in a Florida bank • **Terry Smith Brobst** is working for Maine Savings Bank in Portland. She and her husband, Steven, were married in May 1984 • **John Najarian** is living in Bloomfield, Conn., working as a life insurance underwriter for CIGNA Corporation. He plans to return to school for his M.B.A., eventually • **Don Vafides** is living in D.C., attending Georgetown Dental School • **Mike Marlitt** is currently enrolled in Columbia's School of International Affairs. He hopes to receive his master's in May • **Beth Damon Simpson** and her hus-

band, David, are living in Barrington, R.I., where Beth is a designer/C.A.D. operator and David is a radio announcer on WPRO-FM, Providence • **Lesley DeYulio** is working as a respiratory therapist. She was living in Syracuse when she wrote, but was planning to move to Maryland • **Kim Smith** and **Doug McCartney** will be married in June. Kim is at UMass Medical School in Worcester, while Doug is an information systems analyst with Wright Line in Worcester • **Nancy Briggs** is living in Lewiston and working for WCBB-TV, where she is public information manager. She has frequent on-air spots raising money for the station. She has also become a registered professional ski instructor and teaches skiing, nights, at Lost Valley • That's it for now. Please drop me a line and let me know what's new in your life.

**Class secretary: JULANNE M. CULLY**, 425 Front St., Weymouth, Mass. 02188.

**83** I've quite a bit of news to pass on this time • **Emily von Scheven** is busy working as a research assistant at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine. She is also a volunteer for the Hunger Project—a nonprofit international organization seeking to end world hunger by the year 2000 • **Daniel Kennedy** made headlines as the campaign manager for Republican Marion Boch, a candidate in the Massachusetts State Senate race • Congratulations are in order for **James Reynolds**, who was awarded the Kent Fellowship by Yale University. The fellowship is for four years of study toward the doctoral degree in the department of chemistry • **Jennifer Knoll** and **Jan McDonnell** are living in Framingham. Jen is employed as a revenue analyst for Digital Equipment and is studying part-time for her M.B.A. at Babson College. Jan is an actuarial student with Liberty Mutual • **Charles Ciovacco**, **Erin Healy**, and **Steven Nicholas** are also living in the Boston area. Charlie is working in the commercial loan department of Patriot Bank. Erin is employed as a paralegal for Goulston and Storrs. Steve is pursuing a master's degree in public policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government • Also at Harvard is **Valerie Spencer Poulos**. She is working as a laboratory assistant in the medical school • **David Glass** wrote that he is studying chemical engineering at McGill University in Montreal • **Amy Fisher** and **Mark Tolette** are working in New York City. Amy is a scientific photographer at the Rockefeller Institute. Mark is employed by Goldman Sachs and Company as a precious metals trader • **Eleanor "Nora" Putnam** wrote that she is in her second year of law school at Washington and Lee University. She was a finalist of the first year moot court competition and is now the captain of the National Moot Court Team. Congratulations to her! • **Julie Bruce** is also a second year law student at Suffolk Law School • At George Washington University, **Robert Eber** is in his first year at the National Law Center • **Edward Davies**, a certified professional through Vander Meer's Tennis University, is currently employed by First Investors Corporation as a registered representative • **Margaret Gardiner** is working in Auburn, Maine, as an administrative services manager for M.D.A., an importer of French shoes • **Maureen Young Kissack** and her hus-

band, Bruno, are living in Austin, Texas. Maureen is a real estate agent for Century 21, Texas Towne and Country • **Jennifer Ellery** is a microbiologist for Morton Thiokol/Veutron Division • **Barbara Leonard** and **Oliver C. Mullen '36**, as members of the Wethersfield, Conn., First Church of Christ Congregational Church Choir, were on national television Christmas eve. The year of 1984 was Wethersfield's 350th anniversary and 1985 the church's 350th • That's all for now. Please keep in touch. I'm running low on news!

**Class secretary: DELISA A. LATERZO**, 2550 Ninth St., #6, Boulder, Colo. 80302.

**84** Members of the Class of '84 can be best described as "interesting people doing interesting things."

Two daring alumnae, **Pam Littlefield** and **Elizabeth "Liz" Arlen**, are in Taiwan teaching English to Taiwanese businessmen and Chinese "yuppies" while attempting to become fluent in Chinese • They have planned a rendezvous in Japan with **Glenn Orloff** and **Joy Valvano**. Joy is in Japan teaching English to Japanese businessmen • **Cheryl Snyder** is employed as a bilingual secretary in Stamford, Conn. • **Kirsten Fogh Wallace** is living in Waterville and is serving as an intern at the writing center at Colby • **Leslie Perkins** is an ophthalmic technology student at the Boston University School of Medicine • **Libby Wheatly** is a grad student in physical education at Arizona State University • **Paula Thomson** hiked the Appalachian Trail this past summer with **Mike Day**. She plans to enter the Peace Corps • **John Tawa** is at the University of Virginia Law School • **Derek Tarson** is employed as a math teacher at Adelphi Academy in Brooklyn, N.Y. • **Bill Sheehan** is living in Warwick, R.I. He went to Europe, the Greek Isles, Israel, and Egypt with **Warren Burroughs** and **Dave Rosenberg** this past year • **Mia Rosner** is in Medford, Mass., and works for Lotus Development Corporation while taking courses toward her master's • **Carl Raymond** is working at Jordan Marsh in Maine and also works in a bookstore, hoping someday to enter publishing • **Mo Pine** is a master's candidate in exercise and sports sciences at Smith College • Wedding bells will ring for **Mary Lou McCulloch** and **Stephen Repka** in July 1985. Mary Lou is an underwriting representative for Amica Mutual Insurance Company in Providence, R.I. Steve is employed with Traveler's Insurance in Hartford, Conn. He's a marketing associate in the life, health, and financial services division • Help! The alumni office has lost track of the following class members. If you know where they are living or what they are doing, please tell me! They are **Vanessa Alonso**, **Robert Graham**, **Dianne Grundstrom**, and **J. Gregory Tulloch** • And a final note. Fund raising is in full swing. Think twice this year when you receive requests for the Colby 2000 Campaign and the Alumni Fund. Every dollar and every contributor counts! Let's set an example for other recent grads and give what we can. It is sincerely needed. Thanks! • Keep me and your classmates current on your activities!

**Class secretary: KATHRYN SODERBERG**, Dept. of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese, 352 Burrows North, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa. 16802.



# Milestones

## Marriages

**Jeffrey Winfield Savastano '62** to Pamela Sue Burow, October 20, 1984, Brunswick, Maine.  
**Jeffrey Lawrence '72** to Lynne Desjardins, October 1984, Kittery Point, N.H.  
**Sharon Anne White '74** to Steven Rex Lester, October 6, 1984, Middlebury, Conn.  
**Michelle Ione Ziff '74** to Donald Alan Hanson, October 28, 1984, Agawam, Mass.  
**Paul Bither '76** to Carol Louise Alexander, September 22, 1984, Indianapolis, Ind.  
**Peter Alerdas Saras '76** to Barbara Jean Parrott, October 6, 1984, Cambridge, Mass.  
**Kimberlee Ayer '77** to Raymond C. McVeigh, July 28, 1984, Keene, N.H.  
**Linda Cottrell Clark '80** to Earl Spencer Hammons, September 1, 1984, Newport, R.I.  
**Jeffrey Drope '80** to Susan Derby Fanning, September 4, 1984, Danvers, Mass.  
**Stephanie Jean Mathurin '80** to John Hamilton Hadden, September 22, 1984, Conway, N.H.  
**Robert Hamlen Motley '80** to Victoria Bowen Field, Weston, Mass.  
**Kathy Anne Gallop '81** to Peter Douglas Chase, September 22, 1984, Houlton, Maine.  
**Daphne Harrison Geary '81** to William Morrison Waggaman, October 27, 1984, New York, N.Y.  
**Pamela Sherwood Helyar '81** to Timothy Gardner Loring, September 15, 1984, Falmouth, Mass.  
**Ruth Morrison '81** to Steven C. Nawn, Concord, Mass.  
**Daniel P. Sheehy, Jr. '81** to Anne L. Chase, Cohasset, Mass.  
**Laurie Ann Avery '82** to Robert Lansing Caley, September 15, 1984, Derry, N.H.

**Jennifer Claire Dorr '84** to David Dolbashian '82, September 8, 1984, Old Sturbridge Village, Mass.

## Births

A daughter, Alexandra Cristine, to Rosalind and **Richard J. Larschan '64**, December 12, 1984.  
A daughter, Meryl Elizabeth, to Lawrence and **Judith Stanley Horn '65**, September 9, 1984.  
A son, Daniel Edward, to **Howard and Brenda Lincoln Lake '75**, October 4, 1984.  
A daughter, Jessica Marson, to James and **Deborah Marson McNulty '75**, December 28, 1984.  
A daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Philip J., Jr. and **Janet Deering Bruen '79**, January 20, 1985.  
A son, Benjamin Nickerson, to Cari and **Carl Lovejoy '79**, February 20, 1984.

## Deaths

**Marie Stanley Barnes '17**, November 16, 1984, in Vernon, Conn., at age 89. She was born in Bar Harbor, Maine. After attending Colby she did graduate studies in the liberal arts at Boston University and later taught high school English. She enjoyed organizing lecture and concert events and traveling around the world with her husband, the late Harold F. Barnes. She was a member of the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset, Mass., and attended the Union Congregational Church in Vernon. She is survived by her son, Stanley C. '60, and three grandchildren.

**Libby Pulsifer '21**, D.Sc. '73, December 15, 1984, in Rochester, N.Y., at age 85. He was born in Waterville and lived in Skowhegan, Maine, where he attended high school. Following his graduation from Colby, a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and captain of the football team, he earned his medical degree from Rush Medical College of the University of Chicago. He began his lifelong practice of medicine in Rochester, N.Y., in 1926 and became an expert in the field of gastroenterology, which remained his specialty until his retirement in 1979. He was a major in the Army's 19th General Hospital Unit from 1942 to 1945 and was its chief of medicine in France and Great Britain. He was also chief of medicine at Rochester General Hospital from 1951 to 1956. He helped organize the gastroenterology clinic at the University of Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital, at which he was clinical assistant professor of medicine emeritus. He was past chairman of the board of governors of the American College of Gastroenterology and past vice president of the Monroe County Medical Society. In 1971, he received the Albert David Kaiser Medal, the Rochester Academy of Medicine's highest award, and in 1973 was granted an honorary doctor of science degree by Colby for his years of having "served mankind with devotion." He is survived by his wife, Mildred, three children, and 12 grandchildren.

**Mary Brier '22**, November 28, 1984, in Middleborough, Mass., at age 86. She was born in Lawrence, Mass., and attended Coburn Classical Institute. She graduated from Colby a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She taught languages in the school systems of Norridgewock and Oakland, Maine, and in Massachusetts, at Uxbridge and Middleborough. Her involvement in teaching languages was the focus of postgraduate studies at Middlebury, Boston University, and Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts. She retired from the Middleborough school system in 1958. She was a member of the Middleboro Historical Society, the Cabot Club, St. Luke's Hospital Club, the Brockton Art Center, the Nemasket Chapter of the American Association of Retired People, and the Central Baptist Church. She taught kindergarten at the church as she did at the Christian School in Fall River, Mass. She died after a brief illness and is survived by a nephew, George Brier, and a sister-in-law, Miriam Brier.

**Margaret Abbott Paul '23**, November 20, 1984, in Portland, Maine, at age 83. She was born in Bridgton, Maine, and attended Bridgton High School. At Colby she earned a bachelor's degree in English and was a member of Phi Mu. She later earned her master's degree from the University of New Hampshire and attended postgraduate courses at Bates and the University of Maine. Dedicated to education, she taught at Deering High School, Traip Academy, and Westbrook High School, and held memberships in the Portland College Club and the Woman's Literary Union, also in Portland. She and her sister, Pauline Abbott '21, were cited as "two pillars of the Southwestern Maine Colby Alumnae Association" when they were awarded Colby Bricks in



The wedding of Martha Driscoll '83 and Raymond "Chip" Kelley '83 on August 4, 1984, brought together a joyful contingent of Colby alumni. They are pictured, from left to right: (front row) Mike Schafer '83, Mark Schafer '83, Roy Hirschland '85, Mark Cote '83, Don Cronin '85, and best man Jamie O'Neil '83; (second row) Lesley Melcher '85, Dick Muther '81, Alicia Curtin '84, Diane Peterec '83, Martha Driscoll Kelley, Chip Kelley, Joyce Hartwig '84, Dorothy "Betsey" Santry '83, and Pat Fortin '82; (third row) Jim McColdrick '82, Margo Hurlbut '83, Mike Sasner '83, George Katz '83, Nancy Pratt '83, Katherine "Karen" Cowles '82, and Nancy McNamara '83; and (fourth row) Peter Ruggles '83, John Northrop III '83, and Elliot Pratt IV '80.

1980. She was also a member of the Westbrook Woman's Club and the Westbrook Warren Congregational Church. She is survived by her sister, Pauline.

**Harland R. Ratcliffe '23**, February 18, 1985, in Greenwood, Mass., at age 84. He was born in Somerville, Mass., and attended Melrose High School. His long and successful career in journalism began at Colby, where he worked for the *Echo*, the *Oracle*, and for the *Waterville Sentinel* as night editor. After his graduation as a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he worked for the *Boston Transcript* as school and college editor, makeup editor, and eventually as city editor. In 1941 he went to the *Boston Traveler*, where he worked for 26 years as makeup editor. He ended his eventful newspaper career in 1967. He taught journalism at Simmons College from 1934 to 1936 and from 1943 to 1947 he was the first Dean of the College of Journalism at Suffolk University, where he had established a bachelor's degree program in journalism. He was a syndicated columnist, a pioneer of "on the spot" broadcasting, and a distinguished writer about colleges and universities. Among other honors, he was awarded a medal for his coverage of the Harvard Tercentenary. The editor of the *Alumnus* for two years, he had also served as a class correspondent, president of the Boston Colby Club, and was instrumental in the establishment of the Alumni Fund. He was a member of the Wakefield Tercentenary, the Herald-Traveler Quarter Century Club, and the American Newspaper Guild. He died unexpectedly at his home. Survivors include his wife, Ella, two sons, four siblings, and six grandchildren.

**George L. Mittelsdorf '27**, August 19, 1984, in Dallas, Tex., at age 81. He was born in Weehauken, N.J., and attended West Orange High School in New Jersey and the Coburn Classical Institute. After graduating from Colby as a member of Phi Delta Theta, he began a long working relationship with F. Schumacher and Company. His work was interrupted once by enlistment in the Navy, from 1942 to 1945, from which he was honorably discharged at the rank of lieutenant. He is survived by his wife, Helen Stone Mittelsdorf '27, two daughters, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

**Charles E. Callaghan '28**, December 8, 1984, in Norway, Maine, at age 80. He was born in South Brewer, Maine, and graduated from Brewer High School. His interest in athletics followed him after he graduated from Colby, a member of the "C" Club and Alpha Tau Omega, and he pursued the study of athletic medicine and training. He taught and coached at Caribou High School for many years. He is survived by four sisters and two brothers, including Thomas A. '23.

**Frances June Bragdon Cone '28**, December 10, 1984, in Plains, Mont., at age 77. She was born in Ashland, Maine, and attended Ashland High School. After her graduation from Colby, she taught in Ashland. She married in 1930 and moved to Plains, Mont., in 1933. She worked for Montana States Telephone and Telegraph as a telephone operator. Later, she taught English and journalism at Plains High School.

She also taught grade school in Plains, Paradise, and Thompson Falls, and was a librarian for the Plains Public Library. Mrs. Cone studied special education at Columbia University in 1966. Before her retirement in 1974, she taught in the special education program in Thompson Falls, which she started. She was a member and past president of the Plains-Paradise Senior Citizens Club, the Women's Society of Christian Service, and the Plains P.T.A.; a member and past secretary of the Plains Women's Club; and a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Methodist Youth Fellowship, the United Methodist Women's clubs of both Thompson Falls and Plains, the Ideal Chapter 40 Order of the Eastern Star, and the Rebekah Lodge 50 in Plains. She was also involved in the Montana Legacy Legislature. She is survived by two sons, a daughter, and 10 grandchildren.

**Arlene Woodman Evans '31**, November 5, 1984, in Malden, Mass., at age 74. She was born in Calais, Maine, and attended Calais Academy. A member of Chi Omega when she graduated from Colby, she went on to teach for a time at the Greely Institute in Maine. She belonged to the Bear Hill Golf Club and represented it in tournaments during the 1950s. She was a member of the Florence Crittenden League, the League of Women Voters, and the Lynnfield Republican Town Committee. Her political activities also involved her as a charter member in the Republican Presidential Task Force and as a member of the American Security Council National Advisory Board and the National Republican Congressional Committee. She died after a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband, Harvey B. '32, three daughters, including Carolyn Evans Consolino '61, and seven siblings.

**Leon A. Bradbury '33**, December 6, 1984, in Portland, Maine, at age 73. He was born in Bridgewater, Maine, and attended Bridgewater Classical Institute and Ricker Junior College. He graduated from Colby a member of Alpha Tau Omega and received law and business degrees from Harvard. In his lifelong practice of law, he gained national notice for his defense cases with companies such as Connecticut Mutual Life and Warner Brothers. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve, Air Force branch, during World War II and remained in the inactive reserve until his retirement in 1971 at the rank of captain. He was a member of the Hartford and Connecticut bar associations, the American Trial Lawyers Association, and also belonged to numerous masonic and civic organizations, such as the York Rite, the Shrine, the Philosophic Lodge of Research, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Royal Order of Jesters, the Red Cross of Constantine, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Rotary Club, the Descendants of the Colonial Clergy, the Founders and Patriots of America, the Sons of the American Revolution, the American Legion, and the Connecticut Historical Society. He died of heart failure. He is survived by his wife, Ann, and two children, including Lynn Bradbury Wymen '72.

**Irving M. Malsch '33**, December 3, 1984, in Stuart, Fla., at age 75. Born in Waterbury, Conn., he attended Crosby High School. He graduated from Colby as a member of Kappa Delta Rho and with a varsity letter from

Colby's first golf team. He worked for various firms, including the American Brass Company, Edgcomb-Milford, and the Bridgeport Brass Company, of which he was vice president of sales at the time of his retirement. His work in these companies took him across the country. He was a member of Rotary International, the American Ordinance Association, the Copper Club, the Union League Club of Chicago, the Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield, Conn., the Riverside Golf Club in Riverside, Ill., the Copper and Brass Research Association, the Algonquin Club of Bridgeport, Conn., and the 10,000 Mile Club of United Airlines. In Florida he was active in preserving the environment. Survivors include his son, Craig B. '62, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

**Everett H. Cole '36**, October 13, 1984, in Simsbury, Conn., at age 73. He was born in Attleboro, Mass., and attended Tilton Academy in New Hampshire. While at Colby he was president of Delta Upsilon. He worked as a restaurant manager before enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1942, where he rose to the rank of sergeant. Later he worked as a supervisor for Aetna Life Insurance Company in Hartford, Conn., and prior to his retirement, he was an administrator of the Farmington Convalescent Hospital in Farmington, Conn. He is survived by his wife, Jean, four children, two siblings, and six grandchildren.

**Herbert W. DeVeber '36**, November 5, 1984, in Thomaston, Conn., at age 71. He was born in Newburyport, Mass., and attended Newburyport High School and the Sandborn Seminary. While at Colby he was president of the senior class and of the Men's Student Government. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha and a member and treasurer of Kappa Phi Kappa. He earned his master's degree from Harvard University and also did postgraduate studies at the University of Maine, Northeastern University, and the University of Connecticut. His life was devoted to education. He taught and coached at two Maine schools, Washburn High School and Rockland High School, and was principal of five others, Warren High School, Corinna Union Academy, Gorham Senior High, Milo High School, and Houlton High School. In Massachusetts he was assistant president of Dean Academy and Junior College and principal of Bridgewater and Abington high schools. When he retired in 1981, he was principal of Thomaston High School in Connecticut. He was a member of numerous educational organizations, including the National Association of Secondary School Principals in New England and Connecticut. He was a member of the Masons and of the First Congregational Church. He died at his home after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Pauline, a son, a brother, Leverett H. '39, and two grandchildren.

**Charlotte Howland Fencer '36**, November 5, 1984, in Dorchester, Mass., at age 69. She was born in Boston and attended Girls' Latin School. She was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Colby and belonged to Delta Delta Delta. She taught for several years in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts high schools, and was employed by the Thomas Crane Public Library in Quincy, Mass., until her retirement. Wife of the late Leo E. Fencer '34, she is survived by two daughters and three grandsons.

**Lewis A. Nightingale '36**, November 11, 1984, in Presque Isle, Maine, at age 70. He was born in Fort Fairfield, Maine, and attended local schools before matriculating at Colby. He graduated from the University of Maine in 1938, a member of Delta Upsilon. For many years he was the owner and operator of Nightingale Implement Company in Fort Fairfield. He was a past member of Anah Temple Shrine of Bangor, Maine; a member, deputy governor, and past president of Lions International of Bangor; and a charter and honorary member of the Fort Fairfield Fish and Game Club. He was also a member of Fort Fairfield's United Parish Church. He died after a brief illness. Survivors include his wife, Martha, a son, a daughter, his mother, a brother, and six grandchildren.

**Elizabeth Mulhern Wescott '36**, December 24, 1984, in Portland, Maine, at age 70. She was born in Portland and went to Portland High School. After graduating from Colby as a member of Delta Delta Delta, she went on to work for L. C. Andrews Company in South Windham, Maine. She died after a brief illness. Survivors include a son, John, and a brother.

**Barbara Hutcheon Winkler '37**, December 12, 1984, in Reading, Mass., at age 69. She was born in Fairfield, Maine, and later moved to Presque Isle, Maine, where she attended local schools. She graduated from Colby a member of Delta Delta Delta and editor-in-chief of the yearbook, and went on to teach at Anson Academy in North Anson, Maine. Later she moved to Massachusetts, where she was active in both education and politics. Serving for more than 12 years on the Reading School Board, she was also a member of the Reading Public Library Committee, the Reading College Club, and the League of Women Voters. She died after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, E. Donald, four children, including Edward '64, two brothers, one sister, and seven grandchildren.

**Mary Gonya Hatfield '43**, December 1, 1984, in Millinocket, Maine, at age 62. She was born in Millinocket. After attending Colby, where she joined Delta Delta Delta, she graduated from Gorham Normal School in Gorham, Maine. She taught in the Millinocket school system for 26 years and died after a lingering illness. Survivors include her husband, Cecil, one daughter, her mother, Gertrude Donnelly Gonya '17, two brothers, and two grandchildren.

**Halston O. Lenentine '45**, September 9, 1984, in Plymouth, N.H., at age 61. Born in Monticello, Maine, he attended Higgins Classical Institute. After attending Colby he served in the Army during World War II with the 55th General Hospital. When the war ended he attended a business school in Portland, Maine, and later managed various car dealerships. At the time of his retirement in 1979, he was proprietor of Deming Chevrolet and Olds-Pontiac in Plymouth, N.H. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Pittsfield, Maine, the Omega Council R and SM in Plymouth, N.H., the Winnepesaukee Shrine Club, N.H., the Plymouth Lions Club, the Plymouth Lodge 66 of Odd

Fellows, and a charter member of the Plymouth Elks Club and former director of the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association. He died after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Jean, two sons, his father, three siblings, and three grandchildren.

**Pamela Jones Christie '58**, November 5, 1984, in Richmond, Va., at age 48. She was born in Malden, Mass., and after attending Colby, she graduated from Syracuse University with a bachelor of science degree. She also received a graduate certificate from the Clarke School for the Deaf in Northampton, Mass. She taught in the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Oral School and later developed a pre-school program for the deaf in Richmond, Va., in cooperation with St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Richmond and the Medical College of Virginia. In 1971 the city adopted this program, the first of its kind in the state, and Mrs. Christie remained as an administrator and teacher in Richmond schools until 1976. After that she taught mainly at Robious Middle School, and most recently at the Salem Church Middle School, both in Richmond. She was a member of the Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church, the Alexander Graham Bell Association, and HEAR, a group for parents of hearing-impaired children. She died of cancer. Survivors include her husband, Paul W. '56, two children, her parents, and a brother.

**Edson B. Hadlock, Jr. '65**, December 25, 1984, in Portland, Maine, at age 61. He was born in Parsonfield, Maine, and attended local schools before graduating from Gorham State Teachers College. He received a master of science degree in teaching from Colby and a master's degree in education from Fitchburg State Teachers College in Massachusetts. A Navy veteran of World War II, he taught physics for the past 36 years at Portland High School. He was a prominent figure in Maine baseball and was also a member of the South Portland Lions Club. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, a son, two daughters, his father, two sisters, and two grandchildren.

## HONORARY

**Herbert Gezork, D.D. '42**, October 21, 1984, in Vero Beach, Fla., at age 84. Born and educated in Germany, he was a graduate of the University of Berlin and the Baptist Divinity School in Hamburg. In 1936, after two of his books were banned and the organization of which he was secretary, the German Baptist Student Movement, was dissolved by the Nazi government, he fled Germany. He became a United States citizen in 1943. He held professorships at Andover-Newton Theological School and Wellesley College, both in Massachusetts, and was president of Andover-Newton from 1950 to 1965. He had been visiting professor at Harvard Divinity School, Assumption College in Worcester, Mass., and Kanto Gakuin University in Japan. In 1973 he was made acting chaplain at Middlebury College in Vermont. He became president of his denomination, then called the American Baptist Church, and

was a member of the department of international relations of the National Council of Churches. A four-time delegate to meetings of the World Council of Churches, the Rev. Dr. Gezork received honorary degrees from Bucknell University, Colgate University, Emerson College, and Brown University in addition to Colby. He died suddenly and is survived by his wife, Ellen, two sons, one daughter, and two grandchildren.

**Arthur R. Macdougall, Jr., D.D. '53**, December 15, 1984, in Waterville at age 87. He was born in Enfield, Maine, graduated from the Bangor Theological Seminary in 1924, and was an Army veteran of World War I. For more than 30 years he served the First Congregational Church of Bingham, Maine, and surrounding Kennebec Valley localities as pastor and spiritual leader. He was also a nationally known lecturer and writer of stories of the wilderness. In 1953 he became an honorary Doctor of Divinity of Colby College. He died after a long illness. He is survived by one son, three daughters, including Nellie Macdougall Parks '49, 12 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

## FRIENDS

**James S. Davie**, November 16, 1984, in North Haven, Conn., at age 59. He was born in New Haven, Conn. He graduated from Yale University in 1945, after World War II duty in the Army Infantry. He also received his master's degree in sociology and a doctorate from Yale. He often combined teaching and practice, and taught and worked at different times for both Princeton and Yale. He served on the Accreditation Committee for Colby College as well as for Harvard University, Connecticut College, and Rice University. He was chairman of the New Haven Committee on Education of Talented Students in 1963, a charter member and chairman of the North Haven Mental Health Association, president of the Yale Club of New Haven, and member of the executive committee of the Yale Class of 1945. He died after a brief illness. Survivors include his wife, Helen, a son, two daughters, a sister, and a brother.

**Ruth Rich Hutchins**, December 11, 1984, in New York, N.Y., at age 75. She was born and grew up in Wellesley Hills, Mass. She graduated from Smith College in 1930 and was married to Curtis Hutchins the following year. They moved to Maine, where Mrs. Hutchins became involved in the Bangor community. In 1955 she was selected as a trustee of the College, a position she held until 1970. She was a past vice president of the Bangor Children's Home, director of the Bangor Maternal Health League, director of the Bangor Anti-Tuberculosis Association, and served on the board of directors of the Bangor YWCA. An avid golfer and traveler, she had a deep interest in the preservation of endangered species, and was also a member of the Shakespeare Club. She died after suffering a stroke. Survivors include her husband, Curtis, a son, two daughters, and six grandchildren.

# ALUMNI CLUB NEWS

Harlem Globetrotters, beware, because Colby alumni are hopping all over the world. In February alone, alumni gathered in **London, Paris, New York, Boston, Hartford, Manchester, N.H., Waterville**, and three cities in **Florida**.

During the **New York** club's theater weekend trip to **London**, organized under the creative leadership of club president Libby Corydon '74, 29 Colbyites met at a reception at the Strand Palace Hotel. The group, which included the U.S. contingent, alumni living in the London area, ten juniors studying in England this year, and Joseph Washington '27, Sc.D. '78, who traveled six hours by train from Scotland, enjoyed a slide show of the campus and talk by Alumni Secretary Sid Farr '55.

Sid Farr also made a quick trip to the continent to meet with alumni in **Paris** at a dinner organized by Jacques Hermant '71. Reports indicate that over 50 percent of all the alumni in the Paris area attended this meeting!

The **Boston** Luncheon Group holds monthly meetings with speakers from Colby. Recent luncheon speakers have been President Bill Cotter, Associate Dean of Admissions Allie Love, mathematics Professor Pete Hayslett, and government Professor Chip Hauss, who talked about the theme of the freshman book, *The Fate of the Earth*, and the progress of the theme program on campus.

Hockey fans abound throughout New England. Alumni in **Hartford, Manchester, N.H., and Waterville** joined together to cheer the White Mules. The Waterville get-together incorporated the annual senior reception, at which the soon-to-be graduates are welcomed to the Alumni Association.

**Hartford** alumni also enjoyed a concert of the Colby Chorale, under direction of Professor Paul Machlin. Many alumni invited student chorale members to be their overnight guests for the weekend, accommodating 60 people in their homes.

Government Professor Cal Mackenzie and Assistant Director of Career Services Nancy Mackenzie traveled to Florida to meet with alumni in Miami, Ft. Myers, and St. Petersburg. John McHale '62 was host at a poolside reception in **Miami**. Jean Watson '29 and Gordon Patch Thompson '35 organized luncheons in **Fort Myers** and **St. Petersburg** respectively. Cal's topic of presidential appointments encouraged lively discussions.

Upcoming club events include a jazzboat cruise in **Boston** and the **Southwestern Maine Alumnae Club** annual picnic. For more information on events in your area, write the Alumni Office, Colby College, Waterville, Maine 04901.



Northern New Jersey alumni rally 'round a Colby flag during an evening when they and others enjoyed delightful conversation and delicious potluck fare. Pictured are (front) club president Don Hailer '52, Ruth Sanderson Rudisell '42, Fran Richter Comstock '67, Barbara Newhall Armell '58, sociology Professor Fred Geib, who was the club's special guest that evening, (back) Bob Comstock '67, Steve Schoeman '64, and Dick Bankart '65.



Overseas and stateside alumni, together with juniors abroad, give a Colby cheer in London. Pictured are (front) Yvonne Noble Davies '56, Canterbury, England; Charlie Hogan '73, London; Libby Corydon '74, the New York dynamo responsible for the London tour; Jean Hillsen Groat '49, Morristown, N.J.; Linda Baroncelli '86, Brockton, Mass.; (second row) Kathleen Pinard '86, Bedford, N.H.; Jean Hofmann Clipsham '65, Surrey, England; Neil Clipsham, Surrey; (third row) Arlene Kasarjian '86, Belmont, Mass.; Karen True '86, Bath, Maine; Hawley Russell '35, Paris, France; Joe Washington '27, Dunfermline, Scotland; Marty Friedlaender '53, New York; Mary Twiss Kopchans '59, Somerset, N.J.; Bob Grindle '53, New York; John McGrail '86, Branford, Conn.; Jack Deering '55, Falmouth, Maine; Ann Burnham Deering '55, Falmouth; (fourth row) Elizabeth Libby '86, West Buxton, Maine; Norma Delaney '86, North Scituate, Mass.; Debby Morse '86, Hingham, Mass.; Jon Eiseman '79, Hackensack, N.J.; Sid Farr '55, Waterville; Brigid Hoffman '86, Ridgewood, N.J.; Karl Ruping '86, Burlington, Mass.; Rich Deering '86, Falmouth, Maine; Sharon Matusik '86, Indian Head Park, Ill.; Jeremy Beale '80, Sussex, England; Bob Kopchans '59, Somerset, N.J.; and Jim King '73, Surrey, England.

Nancy Wanderer Mackenzie



Ft. Myers, Fla., area alumni, including Jean Watson '29 and Lina Cole Fisher '45, shown here, turned out in force to meet with government Professor Cal Mackenzie and Assistant Director of Career Services Nancy Mackenzie in February.



Marie Seminary Willey '85 chats with a classmate at the senior cocktail party given by the Waterville alumni club. She is the wife of Paul '42 and the mother of Paula Willey Vestermark '67.

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**I**t is a commonplace of contemporary thought that man has developed his technical abilities at the expense of his moral powers, that he has learned facts without achieving a comparable insight into values, and that he has won control over nature without being able to master himself. The present emergency in world affairs merely points up a conviction shared by all thoughtful men and women over the years that knowledge without wisdom may be not merely useless but an actual menace. To help Colby to provide what may truly be called wisdom is our greatest ambition.

J. SEELYE BIXLER (1947)