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On the covers: Colby's special library collections include a complete run of books and most of the broadsides printed by the Cuala Press, which was founded by Elizabeth and Lily Yeats, sisters of William Butler Yeats, in 1908. These were among James Augustine Healy's first gift to Colby, which in 1948 began a series of events leading to "Colby's Irish Renaissance" (page 20).
Global Concern

Last winter a brochure arrived, announcing two tours for Colby alumni and friends. They are always exciting to contemplate. However, the African adventure stopped me cold. The brochure stated: "The tour will feature practically anything one might desire in a safari tour, including private safari vehicles, deluxe accommodations, hot air balloon ride... gala Welcome and Farewell banquets... $3,245 total!"

Kenya is located directly south of Ethiopia, a country hard hit by the recent drought and subsequent famine. It also is surrounded by Somalia, Tanzania, and the Sudan, all deeply affected by the famine. About a thousand people are dying each month at the Bati refugee camp in Ethiopia, and Bati is only one of a hundred refugee centers in that country, and Ethiopia is only one of twenty African countries suffering through a famine of biblical proportions.

How could Colby, in good conscience, sponsor a luxury tour in that stricken area? I will admit that it sounded exciting on first reading, and it was something I had always yearned to do. A day or so later, something nagged at me and said, "Hey, think about this for a minute."

Think I did. And J. Seelye Bixler's words that appeared on the back cover of the May Alumnus rang a bell, loud and clear. The force of his words, coupled with the alumni relations office's indifference to Africa's agony, made me stop and take stock of myself. What did I believe, feel, see, hear? What better way could I use what I know? Yes, I am going to Africa—but to serve on a medical mission team to Ethiopia, not to enjoy a luxury safari in Kenya.

As much as I am distressed by Colby's sponsorship of the African tour, I am grateful for the new direction it has given me as a health care professional.

Georgia Roy Eustis '54
Falmouth, Maine

Damaging or Not?

The letter from Lewis E. Weeks, Jr. '42 in the May Alumnus indicates that the Angela Davis controversy still smoulders, so I am moved to tell of a somewhat related incident that occurred in 1937.

That year, I was president of the Student Christian Association at Colby, an organization not noted for huge turnouts at its monthly meetings. I felt it was my duty to remedy this situation and thought I could do so by featuring big-name speakers. Earl Browder, the Communist candidate for president of the United States in 1936, was well-known, and best of all, he would speak anywhere for nothing. The only problem I foresaw was to find a big enough hall. I resolved to invite him.

Shortly, I received an invitation to visit President Franklin Winslow Johnson in his office in Chemical Hall. With a kindly twinkle in his eye, he explained that a visit by Earl Browder would place the College in an awkward position. Certain alumni might think Colby sympathetic to Communism and might withhold large sums of money to indicate their displeasure. All in all, there was more to be lost than gained. I promptly forgot Earl Browder.

Today, my counterpart might decide that a lecture series on organized crime, featuring speakers from the Cosa Nostra, would be timely and full of merit. But the moral issues and financial realities of running a college nonetheless should be explained to this budding impresario just as President Johnson explained them to me.

There have been changes, though. Nowadays we do listen to "dangerous" individuals, including Leonid Brezhnev himself on American TV not long ago.

In retrospect, I believe the appearance of Angela Davis was instructive but, in the long run, harmless. Therefore, it saddens me to believe that this incident should persuade some alumni to withhold support from an institution that does as much good as Colby.

Fletcher Eaton '39
Needham, Mass.
Against the Tide

When I enrolled at Colby in 1978, the idea that something had to be done about the Greek system was just a rumbling in the distance. As we all know, something was indeed done.

Did the row really have to go? I think not. What I do think is that a process that began a long time ago—before Cotter's tenure—took on a life of its own and became unstoppable. Unfortunately, the anti-fraternity movement was caught completely unaware by the conservative tide, because along with Reagan, button-down collars, and a renewed patriotism, something else washed onshore in 1980—a dramatic increase in the popularity of the Greek system. If the Echo is truly a barometer of life on the hill, then it sounds like we blew it.

When the pendulum swings back, as history says it will, the decision to abolish fraternities may be viewed as a correct one. It strikes me now as being spectacularly ill-timed and regrettable.

Andrew D. Miller '83
Delta Upsilon
St. Petersburg, Fla.

On Greek Failure

A recent graduate as well as a sorority member, I am compelled to write "just one more" opinion on the Greek system's elimination. Now having witnessed fraternities and sororities working well at Pennsylvania State University, I realize why they were not the success at Colby that they well might have been—and that is because of the College's size and academic demands. They are not necessary because one already has easy access to the 1,600 other students on campus. At large universities, this isn't always the case.

In the area of academics, the reason for Greek failure is even more convincing. Colby is extremely demanding. Socializing is reserved almost exclusively for weekends, when students tend to make up for "lost time." They would head for fraternities because few other activities were available. I did, however, witness a gradual change in this situation during my years at Colby.

When alcohol is used as a tension releaser as well as the facilitator of better social life, its use is exploited. There is undesirable drinking at larger, "less demanding" schools, too, but I don't believe alcohol is abused, for one doesn't have the academic demands that challenge and sometimes destroy. I don't suggest that Colby lower her standards, but that she evaluate the basis for alcohol abuse and not put total blame on the fraternities.

Kathryn M. Soderberg '84
Chi Omega
University Park, Pa.

Note: The Report of the Trustee Commission on Campus Life explicitly acknowledged (p. 10) that fraternities were "not the single source of alcohol problems on the campus."

Note: Letters of tribute to the late President Emeritus J. Seelye Bixler appear in a special section that begins on page 8.

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COLBY ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

June 6-8, 1986

Reunion committee chairpersons, listed below, will be contacting their classmates and asking for ideas as they outline plans for class events. To receive news about your class reunion activities, please keep your address with the College current.

Class of '36 — Kathryn Caswell MacDonald, 21 Averill Terrace, Waterville, Maine 04901
Class of '41 — Norris E. Dibble, 57 Farmington Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass. 01106
Class of '46 — Charlene Blake Ray, 15 Cherry Hill Terrace, Waterville, Maine 04901
Class of '51 — Mark Mordecai, 94 Woodridge Rd., Wayland, Mass. 01778
Class of '56 — Franklin E. Huntress, Jr., Box 201, St. Stephen's Church, Schuylerville, N.Y. 12871
Class of '61 — Robert W. Burke, 31 Tripplet Rd., Somerset, N.J. 08873
Class of '66 — Linda Buchheim Wagner, Linden Hill, Applecrest Farm, Hampton Falls, N.H. 03844
Class of '71 — Edward P. Hanna, 204 Pembroke Drive, Shillington, Pa. 19607
Class of '76 — Kenneth C. Johnson, 12 Orchid Rd., Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107
Class of '81 — John H. Donegan, 5 Goodwin Rd., Lexington, Mass. 02173
New Trustees and Overseers Elected

Three new trustees and two new overseers were named at the Colby Board of Trustees meeting held May 25. Those trustees are Robert A. Marden '50, William H. Goldfarb '68, and Sarah Janney Rose '76. New overseers are Robert A. Friedman and H. Alan Hume, M.D.

Marden, a former trustee and vice chair of the board, was reelected to serve until 1989. A graduate of Boston University Law School, he is former president of the Maine State Senate and a partner in the Waterville law firm of Marden, Dubord, Bernier, and Chandler. He is married to Shirley Marshall Marden '50 and is the father of Sharon '77.

Goldfarb, who received his L.L.D. from the University of Connecticut Law School after graduating from Colby as a government major, is president of HRW Resources, a real estate investment company in Farmington, Conn. He was named a Colby overseer in 1983, was a member of the Alumni Fund Committee in 1984, and is a member of the Hartford Alumni Club. Goldfarb, whose term runs until 1989, lives with his wife, Deborah, and two children in Farmington.

Rose, a licensed investment broker, is assistant trust officer of the American Security and Trust Company in Washington, D.C. She was named a Colby overseer in 1982, has worked for the College as an alumni interviewer and as a member of the Alumni Council, and is a member of the Washington Alumni Club. She is married to Bolivar de S. B. Rose and lives in Washington, D.C. Her term expires in 1988.

Friedman is a senior partner in the brokerage firm of Goldman, Sachs and Company. He is a graduate of CCNY School of Technology and Baruch College and is now the director and executive vice president of the Greater New York Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is also the trustee for numerous financial organizations including the International Money Market Fund. He and his wife, Linda, live with their two children in Scarsdale, N.Y.

Hume, a resident of Oakland, Maine, is a graduate of Haverford College and the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. He is a surgeon and was recently elected chief of the medical staff at Mid-Maine Medical Center in Waterville. He and his wife, Dorothy, are the parents of three children.

Camp Named Life Trustee

At the April meeting of the Colby Board of Trustees, Alida Milliken Camp, L.H.D. '79, was named a life member of the board. A trustee since 1964, she was appointed at that time to fill the seat left vacant by the death of her husband, Frederic E. Camp, L.H.D. '49, who was the first board mem-
ber in the history of the College to be named a life trustee. Only six members have been so honored. They are, in addition to Mrs. Camp and the late Mr. Camp, Ellerton Marcel Jette, L.L.D. '55, Frederick Albert Pottle '17, Litt.D. '41, Robert Edward Lee Strider II, Litt.D. '79, and the late Julius Seelye Bixler, L.L.D. '60.

New Hands Take Alumni Council Helm

Amidst a good-natured volley of kudos and wisecracks, Jerome F. Goldberg '60 succeeded David Marson '48 as chairman of the Alumni Council and president of the Colby Alumni Association at the association's annual meeting on Reunion Weekend. At the same time, R. Dennis Dionne '61 took over the council vice presidency, replacing Goldberg, and Victor F. Scalise '54 became the new Alumni Fund chairman, succeeding Susan Comeau '63.

Goldberg, an attorney with Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer and Nelson in Portland, Maine, has been a member of the Alumni Council since 1975 and has been vice chairman for the past year. He has also served the Class of 1960 as president for the past five years. After graduating from Colby, he earned his M.B.A. and J.D. degrees from Cornell University.

His goals for the council include developing more fully its role as a conduit for alumni opinions and...
expanding the geographic base of council representation to reflect better Colby's growing national character. "The council and the College have benefitted from exceptional council leadership in recent years," he emphasized in reference to Marson, John Cornell '65, and Warren Finegan '51, adding that a large part of his work would be to continue to build on the base they have created.

Dionne, a council member since 1976, has chaired its alumni awards committee for the past three years. Associated with New England Telephone since 1961, he is now director of corporate security at NET's Quincy, Mass., office.

Scalise was one of those chosen by Dionne's committee as a 1984 Brick recipient on the basis of his longstanding service to Colby as class agent, Alumni Council representative, class officer, and, most recently, a member of the newly formed Alumni Fund Committee. A resident of Brookline, Mass., he is president of the New England Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences. His son, Douglas, is a member of the Class of '86.

Outgoing Alumni Council chairman David Marson, left, shakes hands with incoming chairman Jerome Goldberg after turning the gavel over to him.

Correction and Clarification

Janet Gay Hawkins '48, whose appointment as an overseer was announced in the May issue, is not president of the Gladys Brooks Foundation as the Alumnus indicated. Her husband, Harman, however, has chaired the foundation's board of governors since its inception.

In addition to activities previously detailed, Mrs. Hawkins is president of the Visiting Home Health Service of Nassau County and a director of the Manhasset Community Fund. Formerly she was president of the Manhasset Visiting Nurse Service and secretary and vice president of the New York Colby Alumni Association, of which she remains a member.

Colby 2000 Drive Thrives

As the Colby 2000 Campaign moved steadily toward the $21 million mark in early July, there was much to indicate the vigor of this $28.5 million fund-raising drive.

The Annual Fund closed the 1984-85 fiscal year with a new record of $1,153,296 (unaudited). This is the third consecutive year that the Annual Fund has contributed more than a million dollars toward current operating expenses. Its major component, the Alumni Fund, also set a record at $693,900, while the Parents Fund reached $113,600.

In the capital portion of the Colby 2000 Campaign, the first phase of the general gifts telethon has been completed, with nearly $600,000 in gifts and pledges received from 2,206 alumni. All campaign pledges are payable over five years.

The campaign volunteer organization continues to grow, too. More than 150 alumni who have already made their own pledges are making personal visits to potential contributors of $10,000 to $100,000 in New York City; eastern Massachusetts; Portland, Maine; Hartford and Fairfield County, Conn.; San Francisco; Los Angeles; Philadelphia; and Washington, D.C. Meanwhile, alumni volunteers are gearing up for calls in Rhode Island, New Jersey, Florida, Texas, Colorado, Arizona, other parts of California, Illinois, Ohio, New Hampshire, upstate New York, Long Island, and the remainder of Maine. Solicitations of major gifts of more than $100,000 also continue throughout the country.

Now that bonds for the Miller Library renovation and construction have been retired, one of the campaign's thrusts will be to seek contributions that can pay off similar bonds for the new $3.5 million Student Center. In late June, gifts of $736,370 had been designated for the Student Center. Endowed funds for financial aid and faculty research and salaries are also priorities for the campaign between now and December 1986.
Seniors Pledge Gifts

The Class of '85 has begun a new tradition at Colby—a senior class gift—and has done so boldly.

By late June, 196 of the new alumni, or 48 percent of the class, had pledged a total of $11,345 to be paid over five years to the Alumni Fund. Just days before the deadline of June 30, it was unclear whether the class would collect on a pledge made by the Alumni Council executive committee, which promised to contribute another $1,000 in the name of the Class of '85 if at least 50 percent of the class participated in the gift program.

The 33 seniors who volunteered to solicit their classmates were led by Roy Hirschland, class president, M. Swing Robertson, vice president, Susan James, secretary, and Julie Engel, treasurer.

The Alumni Fund, along with endowment income, contributes more than $2,500 per year toward the cost of educating each student.

Fraternity Alumni and Sorority Alumnae Honored

Dedications of former fraternity houses and sorority chapter rooms took place Saturday, June 8, during Alumni Reunion Weekend.

The dedications named the former Chi Omega sorority room in Runnals Union after Mary Rollins Millett '30, Waterville, Maine; the former Sigma Kappa sorority room for the late Frances Mann Hall, Class of 1877; the former Kappa Delta Rho house for Ralph S. Williams '35, Southport, Maine; the lounge of Chaplin Hall for Pi Lambda Phi members Thomas U. Gordon '73, North Monmouth, Maine, the late Kenneth C. Thompson '63, and the late John P. Bernier '61; the former Delta Upsilon house for Wilson C. Piper '39, Wellesley Hills, Mass., and its lounge for the

Look Out for Our New Look

The December Alumnus will be the first to bear the magazine's updated design. Watch for it, and let us know what you think of the changes.
President Cotter and Susan Wilson '79 watch as Malcolm Wilson '33 and Norman "Cy" Perkins '32 congratulate one another at the dedication of the former Phi Delta Theta building as Perkins-Wilson Hall.

late Cecil W. Clark, M.D. '05; the former Phi Delta Theta house for Norman C. Perkins '32, Bangor, Maine, and for C. Malcolm Wilson '33, Oakland, Maine; the former Delta Kappa Epsilon house for the late Josiah H. Drummond, Class of 1846; the former Zeta Psi house for the late T. Raymond Pierce, Class of 1898, and its library for Roy Shorey, Jr. '54, Madison, N.J., and the late David M. Merrill '53; the former Alpha Tau Omega house for G. Cecil Goddard '29, China, Maine, and the late Theodore R. Hodgkins '25; the former Lambda Chi Alpha house for the late Charles M. Treworgy '22; and the former Tau Delta Phi house for Nissie Grossman '33, Wellesley, Mass.

As each of the buildings was dedicated, fraternity and sorority members lingered for wine and cheese receptions with the honored alumni, alumnæ, and their family members.

Old Campus Marker to be Placed

Clifford F. Morissette, owner of the downtown property that used to be Colby's campus, and husband of Jacqueline Toulouse Morissette '51, has agreed to allow Colby to place on his property a marker commemorating the old campus. A factor in the renewed discussion between the College and Morissette was a query from Hilda Niehoff True '43 (see "Eustis Mailroom" in the May Alumnus).

Fraternity Litigation Continues

After the Kennebec County Superior Court of Maine ruled in May in favor of Colby College in a suit brought by several of the College's fraternities a year ago, the fraternities filed an appeal to the Maine Supreme Court. Thus, fraternity litigation against the College may continue for several months as a decision from the high court is awaited.

In a decision on May 8, Superior Court Justice Donald Alexander had granted Colby's motion for a summary judgment sustaining the trustee decision of January 1984 to withdraw recognition of the College's fraternities and sororities. Subsequently an appeal was filed by Chi Realty Corporation of Zeta Psi, which, on behalf of six of the Colby fraternities, seeks a permanent injunction to keep the College from closing the fraternities. The appeal was unexpected because the Maine Supreme Court had ruled in a separate case last year that the City of Waterville could not tax Colby fraternities because the College owned them and had complete control over them as part of its housing system.

Two of the fraternities, Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Kappa Epsilon, have already reached agreements with the College regarding the disposition of their properties.

Lee Williams Honored

A former basketball coach and director of athletics at Colby, Lee Williams was one of 12 men inducted by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics into the First Interstate Bank Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame in June.

Williams worked as executive director of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., from 1966 until the time of his retirement on July 1 of this year. A native of Oswego, N.Y., he came to Colby in 1946 as head basketball coach. Retaining his coaching position, he was commissioned director of intercollegiate athletics in 1952. In his 19 years at the College, Williams's basketball teams accounted for 10 state titles and one tie, and a conference record of 113 victories against 40 defeats. He was a Colby Brick recipient in 1963 and Colby's "C" Club Man of the Year in 1983.

Calling All Sports . . .

Colby varsity athletic teams had a very impressive year in 1984-85, setting school records and setting fans afire. From men's basketball with a 22-2 record, to women's lacrosse in their first post-season tournament, to three women All-American track stars, there was much to cheer about.
One way to stay in touch with athletic happenings at Colby is to read the "C" Club Newsletter, which is distributed to the club's dues-paying members. The Colby "C" Club is an organization of varsity letter winners and sports fans, joined together in support of the Colby athletic program, and all alumni are invited to become members. Dues are $10 for alumni who graduated within 10 years and $20 for alumni who have been out 10 years or more.

Each year, the "C" Club makes a contribution to the athletic department. For example, the "C" Club helped purchase the soccer scoreboard at Loeb's Field. Members also receive a discount at the "C" Club Awards Banquet at Homecoming.

To join, please send your name and address and a check made payable to "Colby 'C' Club" to: Colby 'C' Club, Box 207, Waterville, Maine 04901.

The Beans of Egypt, Maine
Discussed by Author

Carolyn Chute, Maine native and author of the nationally acclaimed novel, The Beans of Egypt, Maine, was a writer-in-residence at Colby on April 12 and 13. As the first speaker in the annual Feminist Fortnight celebration, sponsored by the Women's Group, she discussed her book, which she called a "love story," and delivered a public reading.

Speaking about the writing of her novel, Chute has stated, "This book was involuntarily researched. I have lived poverty. I didn't choose it. No one would choose humiliation, pain, and rage."

Chute's writing style has gained her much popularity since the book was published last November. Her telling of the tale of the dire poverty of the Bean family of fictional Egypt, Maine, has been compared to the style of Faulkner and her Beans to Faulkner's Snopes.

As best-selling author Carolyn Chute is encircled by students wanting autographed copies of The Beans of Egypt, Maine, her husband, Michael, and dog, Toto, wait in the background.

The Philadelphia Inquirer said of Chute's portrayal of the incestuous and sometimes violent Bean clan, "It is an unsparking, unsentimental tale of poverty that offers no political analysis, finds no spiritual redemption, and makes no value judgments. They're not an especially attractive bunch, yet these people have a vitality, a stubborn appreciation for the occasional pleasures of existence, that gives them some measure of the dignity the world has conspired to deny them."

Colby Crossword Answers
(to puzzle on page 5)

HOMECOMING WEEKEND
November 8-10, 1985

- Colby "C" Club Award Banquet
- Maine Pancake Breakfast
- Alumni Council Meeting
- Varsity Football vs. Bowdoin
- and more

Final details and reservation information will be mailed to all alumni soon.

The Boardman Memorial Service held on June 9, during Reunion Weekend, was dedicated to Dr. Bixler, and the first three tributes below are excerpts of remarks made then. Transcripts of the Boardman Service tributes, including presentations by Dr. Bixler’s brother Herbert, Edward Burke ’60, and professors Robert Reuman and Mark Benbow, are available from the Office of Alumni Relations.

Other tributes that appear here were written for the Alumnus. Excerpts from letters received after the deadline for this issue will appear in the Eustis Mailroom section of the December issue, and copies will be forwarded to the Bixler family.

“. . . Our friendship began shortly after I was named to succeed Bob Strider as Colby’s president. I received numerous notes and telephone calls of congratulations and warm wishes, nearly all of which came either to my office in New York City or to my home in Long Island. There was one note, however, which reached me at a third address, and it was from Seelye. That letter was sent to me care of the public library in Oyster Bay, where I served as chairman of the board of trustees. While I never discussed that choice of address with him, I have always assumed he simply felt it was important that our friendship should begin under the auspices of a literary and intellectual agency, and all of his subsequent communications bore that same mark of love of learning, a deep commitment to ideas and ethics, and an omnipresent sense of humor.

“. . . [He] always focused on the larger questions and we, as his friends and family, and we, members of this institution, which is his permanent legacy, are so much stronger and richer for his gentle but steady insistence that we not allow pursuit of the trivial to obscure the need to ask the larger questions in the search for eternal essence.”

William R. Cotter
President
"All of us know that Bill Cummings portrait that [has hung] in the vestibule of the Bixler Art and Music Center. Bill Cummings captured not only a physical likeness, but he went considerably beyond that dimension. Seelye Bixler had a way of looking profound even when he was at ease, pained even when he was pleased, thoughtful even when he was telling one of his hilarious stories. This portrait reflects that profundity, for as he looks out from it, Seelye Bixler seems to be hearing what Wordsworth called 'the still sad music of humanity.'

"And it is Seelye's own humanity that so often impressed itself upon all of us who knew him and who were privileged to work beside him for the good of Colby and for the world. In an age so marked by mediocrity and mechanization, there was nothing mass-produced about Seelye Bixler. He was not caught up by the fads and fashionable cliches of the time. In his own way, with his own kind of humility, steadfastness, and moral and intellectual integrity, he lived his life and pursued his career according to those principles he had long before chosen to live by. . . ."

Robert E. L. Strider II
President Emeritus

"... Sometime during the 1945-46 school year, the Bixlers invited several of us to dinner. And during the evening Dr. Bixler chose to let us in on a well-kept secret and to tell us about a decision he had made.

'He said, 'Today I burned my last bridge to the presidency of Amherst.' He had thought their offer over very carefully and had found it tempting—after all, it was his alma mater, and his grandfather had been its president. More important, its financial picture, its reputation, its academic program, and the condition of its campus were all so healthy that he would have been free to teach and to be an active scholar instead of having to devote so much of his time and energy to fund raising and administration. But, at a time when Colby's problems seemed insurmountable, this good man chose to stay.

"In an effort to understand such self-sacrifice, I turned to a book he wrote in 1939, Religion for Free Minds, and I think I found the answer. He wrote: 'To have a philosophy of values, means to have a philosophy which must be lived through as much as thought through and to set up definite attitudes which we seek to embody in our life and in our teaching. One of these is surely courage. Courage occupies an especially important place today because this grim and cruel world calls for a religion which stresses risk and not comfort. . . .'

"Colby exists in its present form because of the courage of this brave man who thought through and lived through his philosophy and surely did his work well. . . ."

Ann Lawrence Bondy '46
Trustee

"Dr. Bixler's interest in every man, woman, and child on Mayflower Hill was incredible. Not only were the years I spent working in Colby admissions the result of his interest in me but so was my decision to attend Colby in the first place, rather than returning to Williams after World War II. We all have a million and one thoughts and recollections of him. Several that I'd like to recall here might add some insight into this marvelous person.

We know he was eloquently erudite. He spoke at a Rotary Club meeting one day, and as the meeting broke up, two merchants were discussing his talk. One said, "That was the finest talk I've ever heard in my life." The other replied, "Yes, I agree. But I didn't understand one word of it."

One thing that stands out in my memory about Dr. Bixler, which is almost unique among people, was his willingness to try things in which he had no aptitude nor prior experience. When we walked down fraternity row one day, several football players were passing the ball around. The president called, "Mark, pass it to me!" whereupon the quarterback fired a bullet his way. It went right through his hands, knocked his glasses off, and fell to the ground. He picked up the ball and passed it back. Wherever students gathered, he entered into the occasion wholeheartedly.

A perfect example of his love of all ages and his efforts to communicate accordingly occurred in the year that he taught at the University of Maine, where I was working by then. There was a Maine baseball game scheduled at Mayflower Hill, and so Mrs. Bixler said to me, "Why don't you and Mardie and Andy (age 7) go down with us? We'll have a picnic along the highway on our way." We did. And what Dr. Bixler loved most about that trip was getting down on his knees in that busy rest area and playing catch with Andy. "Put it over the pan," he'd say.

We all know of his great intellect and of his unforgettable appearance, but what I like best to remember was his great human kindness. He made me a member of the Colby family, as he did so many of others. We will not see his likes again.

William Bryan '48
East Holden, Maine
Seelye Bixler was not only a well-known philosopher and scholar, but he was also a true gentleman with a rare combination of ability, humor, and friendliness.

In working with him, which was a real pleasure, I had many occasions to observe those qualities. On one such I recall going to his office for one of my scheduled weekly appointments to find him with a heavy cold and a nose that was running freely. He paused for a moment and then said, “Oh, I seem to be leaking a bit this morning, but come on in just the same!”

It must have been difficult to find the time to attend football rallies, but he did. I can recall his exact words when he was seen at one and, of course, asked to speak: “Let’s scale the heights with Clifford and win tomorrow!”

We experienced some difficult years together in those following the war. At one time I returned from a long recruiting trip, and he greeted me warmly as he always did, with one arm around my shoulder, and said, “Well, how was this one, George?”

I had a great affection for Dr. Bixler. One does not forget him.

George T. Nickerson ’24
Dean of Men, Emeritus
Waterville

The World War II years and those just after were for higher education generally exciting and strenuous ones. Dr. Bixler had, of course, assumed the presidency in 1942, a fact that should not disguise the immense challenges that were ahead of him.

As the war ended, the unprecedented numbers of veterans and older male students arriving on campus, many of them simply bent on getting an education and getting out, shook Colby’s liberal arts foundations. Dr. Bixler was an amazing center-force in seeing to it that we older students were given the kinds of compensatory and remedial treatment we needed, but not at the expense of compromising the College’s standards.

Mrs. Bixler’s graciousness and charm have come so naturally all these years that she became an indispensable part of our appreciation of Colby. She made possible the learning of how to play a supportive role with convincing dignity.

Julius Seelye Bixler has always seemed to some of us indefatigable and indestructible, if not in body, then in the permanent and vital role he has played in the life of Colby, other institutions, and in persons far beyond Mayflower Hill.

Gilbert Y. Taverner ’48
Newport, R.I.

One of my jobs while I attended Colby was to serve as Dr. Bixler’s chauffeur. During a blinding blizzard in April 1957, we made a particularly treacherous trip south so that he could speak at Harvard and attend to some urgent health-related matters at the Leahy Clinic in Boston. Seven and a half hours after our early morning departure, we reached Harvard, where Dr. Bixler made the unusual request that I attend the luncheon where he was to speak. He saw to it that I was seated at the head table, and he opened his speech with a colorfully detailed account of our journey that day. His powers with an audience were such that when he introduced me as the “World’s Greatest Driver,” the listeners spontaneously gave me a standing ovation!

It was 26 years later and 2 years ago that my class celebrated its 25th reunion, to which we invited Dr. and Mrs. Bixler. As we corresponded on details of the arrangements, he said that they would need someone to drive them to Waterville. I volunteered, and his response came back: “Bruce, a person of my advanced years with no title other than Senior Citizen is not worthy of being chauffeured by the World’s Greatest Driver.”

He honored the Class of ’58 with an inspirational speech at our reunion dinner, bringing lumps to many throats and tears to some eyes. To behold someone at age 89 bringing such force to the delivery of a beautiful message was a rare treat. He was so charged with emotion after giving the speech that he exited from the dining area to a standing ovation and left Mrs. Bixler sitting at the table. This was the last appearance of Dr. Bixler for practically everyone in the room, and a more energetic departure could not have been orchestrated.

On March 28, 1985, I—we all—lost a friend.

Bruce C. Blanchard ’58
Wilton, Conn.

One anecdote from my experience typifies the immense generosity of Dr. Bixler. At our graduation in 1958, he handed me my diploma, leaned over, and whispered in my ear, “June 28th.” It was the date of my wedding to Robert Glover, to which he was invited.

We corresponded intermittently through the years, but renewed a more intensive exchange after our extraordinary 25th reunion—at which he was the star! He was an enthusiastic and very faithful correspondent, and offered me some exceptional wisdom. I miss him very much.

Beryl Scott Glover ’58
West Hartford, Conn.
"We must make time for music." These were among the first words that J. Seelye Bixler, the new president of Colby College, said to me in the fall of 1942. And he did make time, during the dark years of World War II and, later, the long struggle to build a new campus on Mayflower Hill.

In the wonderful development of music at Colby, he had the valuable support of his wife, Mary. Musical evenings at their home were frequent and popular. Both were faithful members of the new Colby Community Symphony Orchestra, and he played in each of its concerts at Colby and elsewhere, despite his incredibly busy schedule.

This constant interest and dedication had impressive results. Among them: a Juilliard Foundation grant to the orchestra; a magnificent Baroque organ, made in Germany for Lorimer Chapel; larger appropriations for music after grueling sessions with the budget committee ("I have the money for you, Ermanno.... sigh... What a tough committee!"); an ever-larger music department with nearly a third of all students enrolled in courses and in musical organizations; and finally, appropriately, the Bixler Art and Music Center.

He had moments of dismay at some orchestra rehearsals: "I fervently hope Schubert's Unfinished Symphony will not sound unfinished." And exaltation after nearly all concerts: "Superb, bravo, the best yet!" He was happiest when conducting the orchestra in performances of the Mayflower Hill Concerto: "I have always hoped to conduct an orchestra. Now I hope to drive a locomotive!"

His pursuit of excellence in all areas brought distinguished scholars and artists to the campus. Among them, E. Power Biggs came to perform on our Baroque organ, Stanley Chapple to lecture on music, and Paul Hindemith to conduct the orchestra and Glee Club. Under this president's guidance, a good college became an excellent college, with our Bixler Center a magnificent affirmation of his achievements.

He was a great president—generous, loving, and beloved.

Ermanno Comparetti
Professor of Music, Emeritus
Phoenix, Ariz.

The founding of the art department is frequently cited as one of Seelye Bixler's innovations at Colby, but the significant steps he took to establish the Museum of Art are less well-known. His quest for excellence concerned every aspect of the College, including the acquisition of works of art. Thus, by the time I arrived as the second incumbent of the new position in art, there was already on loan to the College the distinguished Pulsifer group of Winslow Homer oils and watercolors that is still with us. Mrs. Harold T. Pulsifer had previously lent them to Bowdoin, but after President Bixler convinced her that Colby was destined to have a significant collection, she placed them here, in the late 1940s.

In the early 1950s, some exceptional paintings began to arrive as anonymous gifts from the Wing sisters, Adelaide and Carolyn, of Bangor. They were graduates of Smith College, where Seelye had taught for some years, and so with that in common the friendship developed. Colby was much the beneficiary of that friendship, as paintings by Raeburn, Hassam, Homer, Utirillo, Wyeth, and others appeared in various buildings on the campus.

The next important group of paintings came from Mr. and Mrs. Ellerton Jette. Also encouraged by President Bixler, they presented the College with about 80 examples of American folk painting, which were attractively hung in the dining area of Foss Hall until the Bixler Center provided the College with its first museum space.

By the late 1950s, the flame that had been lit by Seelye Bixler was spreading rapidly. Willard Cummings, the portrait painter and founder of the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, was engaged to paint the Bixler portrait, and while the sittings went on, the idea of forming a group of friends and donors, the Friends of Art at Colby, began to evolve in Bill Cummings's mind. The idea received the president's enthusiastic support.

When the Bixler Center opened in October 1959, the Museum of Art was part of it. Our inaugural exhibition revealed that a small college could assemble a remarkable art collection in a short time with the generosity of a number of collectors, the good will of friends, and the genius of a college president who had the idea of a collection before there was any indication that it could become a reality.

James M. Carpenter
Jetté Professor of Art, Emeritus
Waterville

As an observer of the human scene for seven decades, it seems to me that it can be viewed as a vast panorama of mediocrity relieved by an occasional blip: the exceptional man. Colby has seen such a man in Julius Seelye Bixler. Time and distance will blur the outlines of the scholar/philosopher/teacher's life, but its powerful upward thrust will remain visible to all who look.

Kermit Stillman LaFleur '37
Clemson, S.C.
Toward a Better Colby

While the Residential Commons system at Colby is still in the making, increasing numbers of students are investing their energies and opinions.

“What’s happening with the commons system?” Among alumni and friends of the College, it is the question of the year. The answer, if one equates the institution of a new residential life system with the waving of a magic wand, is not un tarnished. But for those with a broader view of social change and governmental reform, the picture is indeed bright.

President William R. Cotter is one of the latter. “In a totally new system, the complexity of changes to be made is enormous,” he reflected. “It was recognized that only extensive student participation could make this system work, and there has been remarkably more participation in student government and much greater involvement in the planning of social life. There are a number of areas that still need work and revision, but I think there’s a general sense that Colby is a better place.”

The Commons Concept
The Residential Commons system was recommended in December 1983 by the Trustee Commission on Campus Life, which had been charged with reviewing how well Colby’s residential life system reinforced the College’s educational mission. Headed by Trustee Lawrence R. Pugh ’56, the 17-member commission advised the Board of Trustees to replace the existing framework of unaffiliated dormitories and fraternity houses with four Residential Commons, each having its own dining hall and encompassing four to eight residence halls. The commission’s related recommendations were intended to give students greater control over their immediate environment and to strengthen the sense of community on campus.

Those recommendations were unanimously approved in January 1984 by the Board of Trustees, which then mandated the campus community to develop a blueprint for the new residential life structure. Almost 190 students volunteered to work with the interim steering committee, called the Residential Commons Advisory Board (RCAB), and its 10 subcommittees. When the 1984-85 academic year began, the system being implemented was the product of RCAB’s labors.

A Season of Uncertainty
“At the beginning of the year, no one knew what was supposed to happen,” said 1984-85 Chaplin Commons president Timothy Bonang ’87 in March. “There was an outline, but the system is being made as it goes along.” Record numbers of students ran for elected offices to help shape the Residential Commons system; others refused to take part and mocked those who did. Said Michael Sanderson ’85, a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, “When you talk of the Colby community, there really seem to be two communities: one is the administration and people like [1984-85 Student Association president] Tom Claytor who are close to the administration, and the other is the ex-frat people and others who aren’t close to the administration . . . . A lot of fraternity members would like to see the commons fail.” The inevitable difficulties of fall semester gave them much to seize upon.

“After first semester I didn’t think there was much chance that the commons system could succeed,” said Michael Ashley ’87, an elected representative of Mary Low Commons last year and its president this year. “But things really picked up second semester.” Students began “to realize that the ball is in their court,” as Susan Perry ’85, Student Association (Stu-A) cultural life chair, put it in March. Optimistic about the commons system’s potential to balance the community’s needs, she said, “I really think it’s just a matter of time now. The more we learn from our mistakes, the better it will be.”

By late spring, there were signs that many students shared Perry’s sense of positive direction. In April, 55 percent of those surveyed by the Echo said the commons system was succeeding to some degree, and 63 percent said that “fine adjustments” can make the system work in the future. Only 21 percent wished to see fraternities return. (Because the Echo was able to interview only 60 percent of its random sample of students, it acknowledged that survey results are biased in favor of students most likely to be found in their residence halls. Of those interviewed, 66 percent were freshmen or sophomores, 15 percent were residence hall staff or elected members of student government, and 15 percent were fraternity or sorority members.) Students interviewed by the Alumnus in May and June agreed that there was less negativity toward the commons system and more determination to see it reflect student priorities. Said Bonang, “I don’t know whether
it's going to be the system that they [the trustee commission] conceived, but I think that a good system can be built. It's just going to take time to see that.''

**Government by the Students**

The structure that gives support to all aspects of campus life operates at three levels: all-campus, commons, and residence hall. For those confused by the governance system’s complexity, 1985-86 Stu-A president Michael Heel '86 has likened it to this country’s government: “It’s easiest if you envision the four commons as four states in a union. Each has different populations, different numbers and sizes of towns, and different leaders.” In this scheme the residence hall councils obviously correspond to local government and the commons councils to state government. The Board of Governors, which includes representatives of the four commons and the off-campus students, corresponds to Congress, and the Stu-A officers, elected at large, to the executive branch of the federal government.

A student promoting a particular type of event may seek support at any of the three governance levels. Although Stu-A has primary responsibility to sponsor all-campus events, some are backed by one or more of the commons together. Thus, students have the opportunity to groom support for an idea from one group of peers even when turned down by another. “It’s much easier for Joe Student to organize a certain kind of party,” remarked Tim Bonang. Said Mike Ashley, “I think the doors are all open so people can go and say so when they have an opinion. They just need to do their homework, to figure out a plan and its costs.”

It was not simply want of initiative or imagination that kept students from making optimal use of the new governance system last fall. The channels themselves were clogged as the governing bodies ratified a new constitution, defined their various roles, and set long-term policies while dealing with immediate issues. During spring semester they were more effective, and eventually the Board of Governors lumbered to a decision that reduced its own ranks to expedite decision-making. At the same time, the governors released the commons councils from the organization laid down by RCAB and gave them freedom to choose their own structures for representing their residents.

Most of the campus expects student government to function much more smoothly in the coming year. Heel looks for the Board of Governors to deal with such issues as the new legal drinking age of 21, fair use of the new Student Center, room selection procedures, the...
ongoing residence hall renovation schedule, and the pending Educational Policy Committee decision on reduction of faculty and student course loads. He perceives a widespread awareness that student representatives must be open and accountable to other students, and at the all-campus level he expects to poll students regularly: "We'll no longer be going to the trustees and saying, 'This is what students think, I know, I can just feel it!'" Stu-A officers were to meet throughout this summer, and other leaders will take part in early fall orientation sessions. Role definition and policy formation are sure to continue, but, said Heel, "Last year we were working uphill all the way. This year we hope at least to get the system on level ground.''

Real Influence
In recommending that students be given more control over their environment and extracurricular options, the trustee commission intended not only to make campus life more malleable but to involve a larger number of students in roles that would foster leadership skills. Well-founded as the concept of student control is, it requires acceptance of ambiguity and willingness to negotiate. Some matters are black and white, but students and administrators must try to see each others' points in the many other areas that are gray.

For those jaded because the trustee commission overrode a 1983 student vote that overwhelmingly favored keeping fraternities, it has been difficult to understand that students can exercise tremendous short-range control while the administration and trustees maintain ultimate responsibility for students' well-being and Colby's long-range direction. Some doubters disenfranchise themselves. For example, when Mike Sanderson was asked if he had ever tried to resolve any of his complaints by working through student government, he admitted that it had never occurred to him and added, "Student government hasn't meant anything to me since I got here and still doesn't."

Others, including Edward Tucker '88, see it differently. "Before, student government was something that was resume filler," said Tucker. "Now it means something—responsibility." Perry contended that students "can do whatever they want, as long as they realize their responsibilities. The system is in its infancy, and there will be problems. But if students don't take part, decisions affecting them will be made without them." Without exception, student leaders who were interviewed said they found administrators and trustees quite open to their views.

The effects are considerable. The Student Center, originally envisioned as a $1 million addition to Roberts Union, is the grandest example. Motioning toward the construction site last spring, Tom Claytor '85 said, "The idea to build that thing out there, to put $3.5 million into it, where to put it, and what to put in was left to us." Demonstrating effectiveness on a smaller scale, student government won several concessions affecting social life: small parties on some weeknights became possible, parties in Roberts Union were allowed to continue beyond the 1 a.m. curfew for gatherings in residence halls, and juniors and seniors were able to use class funds for purchase of alcoholic beverages.

At the same time, the administration moved toward trying to encourage good judgment rather than dictating it. According to Claytor, the midweek party rule was changed in response to this argument: "If we flunk out of school, that's our bag, and if we aren't prepared in class on Friday, give us a quiz." Another rule limiting the number of kegs that could be purchased for a party was changed to a guideline. President Cotter explained, "We should be in the business of educating students about their responsibilities and dealing then with their excesses, not police them.''

Greater give-and-take between students and the administration is evident, too, in disciplinary matters. The 12 students and 2 faculty on the Judicial Board (J-board) now hear all cases, whereas the J-board's antecedent heard only about 25 percent of all cases, those most serious. The board then advises the dean on what sanctions to employ in each case. Although not bound to the J-board's recommendation if she disagrees with it, Dean of Students Janice Seitzinger said that she has asked the board to reconsider sanctions advocated in some cases and has heard its rationale before accepting or amending its "sentence." Thus, the dean can better understand and accommodate the mores of current students while attending to the College's responsibility for consistent discipline over time. "It's a real educational process for both the students and the dean," said Seitzinger. Most students value the J-board, as 81 percent of those surveyed by the Echo in April indicated.

Modifications affecting the J-board illustrate how the new system is being improved as problems become evident. In January the chief justice, who routinely was briefed by the dean's office when a case came to the board, resigned because he felt that the other justices saw him as an agent of the administration. As a result the Board of Governors revised the judicial process to allow a separate facilitator to present the dean's position in a hearing while a different facilitator assists the accused student. In March new controversy erupted when five more justices resigned because the Appeals Board of two students and three faculty substantially reduced the sanctions invoked in a student's case. Consequently the Appeals Board now comprises four students.
Special dinners and commons picnics have added festivity in plans made by students on the commons food service committees.

and four faculty, and a hearing to determine whether an appeal is appropriate has become part of the appeals process.

Taking Charge
In many ways students not only have figured out their positions but have grabbed the ball and run with it. Elizabeth Towle '85 is among those who are highly optimistic about the potential for students to be involved in decisions affecting them. Towle, the food service coordinator for Johnson Commons last year, said that her committee was ineffectual during fall semester, partly because it had no idea what it was to do. By second semester, though, it took charge —planning menus, eliminating many traditional items on them and adding others, and organizing special events such as an Easter brunch. Corresponding committees in other commons added special dinners to their dining plans, while occasional meals were prepared in residence halls by students them- selves, with ingredients supplied by Seiler's Food Service.

Three other students, aspiring restauranteurs William Foster '86, David Goldberg '85, and Anthony Hoag '87, took charge of the newest dining option at Colby. Under their management and with food purchasing services provided by Seiler's, the Whitney Room of Roberts Union was transformed by tablecloths, candlelight, and soft music on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Their fare included a choice of prime rib or "Coquilles St. Colby" at $4 per student.

Initiatives supported by a generous Stu-A cultural life budget also were roundly applauded. In part by inundating the campus with advance publicity, the Stu-A committee drew impressive crowds to all of their presentations. Even the commons system's critics acknowledged heightened interest in cultural events last year. "The speakers have been better," said Sanderson. "I couldn't even tell you who spoke here before this."

Cultural life chair Sue Perry and her committee planned their programs with a clear sense of objectives: "The most important part of my job this year was making students aware that they can go to a lecture and be as stimulated by it and enjoy it as much as they would a party," she said in March, explaining that student morale was a factor in their choice of well-known speakers. The 1984-85 line-up, which Perry acknowledged was faulty in its political bias, included nuclear weapons protester Helen Caldicott, Nixon administration henchman G. Gordon Liddy, Soviet dissident Alexander Ginzburg, and writer Seymour Hersh.

Whether by serendipity or because of spill-over interest stirred by Stu-A, participation in other cultural programs was generally considered higher than in recent years. Sociology Professor Dallas Browne and chemistry Professor Gary Mabbott, both faculty resi-
dents, remarked on the greater student involvement in faculty forums. By spring semester commons cultural committees were planning their own events in their dining halls, including musical performances during dinner and faculty-led discussions after evening meals.

The faculty must be credited for its own part in improving the extracurricular environment at Colby. Heeding the trustee commission’s call to increase faculty involvement in residential life, 75 faculty volunteered as faculty affiliates or associates, eating frequently in a particular commons dining hall and becoming known as someone upon whom students should feel welcome to call. Another seven faculty, along with their families, live in the residence halls. “Now there are so many faculty in the dining halls that to eat with a professor is nothing. It used to be considered brown-nosing,” said Commons Coordinator Gregory Walsh ’84. “I don’t know if faculty participation adds to the commons system [per se], but it certainly adds to the whole campus.”

Social Adjustments

In no part of campus life were adjustments so great as in social activities last year, and the early transition was rocky. Fear that social life would vanish with fraternities had been so widespread that RCAB had successfully petitioned the administration for a whopping $17,000 for social activities in the first six weeks of fall semester. The effect “was almost force-feeding,” Tim Bonang said. In Mike Heel’s assessment, “RCAB had great ideas and lots of money, but the problem with its plan for last fall was that it didn’t assign responsibility to anyone for carrying it out.” In hindsight Mike Ashley saw it as a problem of students’ attitudes, which he summarized as “If it wasn’t fraternity, it was bad.” Ronald Caporale ’87 later described it as “floundering in a basically unanimous whine.”

Other initial problems stemmed from the major adjustments that expatriated fraternity members had to make. Tensions ran high among some residence hall neighbors, and security officers sometimes were called to still late night parties. “In fraternities our brothers used to go to the library if they needed to study when others were having a party,” lamented Sanderson. “There’s no way that [kind of cooperation] can happen now.”

Even as some rules governing parties were relaxed, he said that many fraternity members felt that new ones were created and that enforcement discriminated against them. “Rules that have always been there now seem to pinch because they were operating outside of the rules,” responded Cotter. Meanwhile tightened state enforcement of laws governing alcohol sales created its own pinch.

By second semester, students better understood the power of commons funding as well as the campus and state regulations. While former fraternity members continued to sponsor parties along established themes, the dramatic design of other gatherings was given new consideration. “There’s been a lot of willingness to try new things,” said Greg Walsh, citing examples of a “Medieval Manor” dinner party, a movie party where students watched Jaws from inner tubes in Colby’s swimming pool, and suitcase parties, to which students came with their bags packed in case they won a raffle for an expense-paid weekend in Florida. Alicia “Ceci” Bevin ’85, whose distress over the fraternity abolition had turned to approval, agreed: “I’ve seen a lot more variety in social life. It’s no longer a matter of just getting 10 kegs, throwing them in the basement of a frat house, and walking around drunk.”

Imagination, planning, and coordination peaked at spring carnival, which an Echo editorial called “extra successful” and the “best Carnival weekend Colby has ever seen,” but did not stop there. The year’s grand finale was an outdoor concert on the day after classes ended, featuring the popular bands The Stompers and Otis Day and the Knights. By then planning had begun for next fall. Stu-A and commons officers agreed to assign responsibility among the four commons for two parties per weekend in the first four weeks of school, a pact that Mike Heel admitted probably could not have been struck a year ago.

Questions about social life in the spring’s Echo poll suggest that, although students still were reluctant to credit the commons system for all that goes well, their social satisfaction had grown since fall. Asked about the system’s effectiveness as a replacement for the social life that had been provided by the fraternity system, only 22 percent said it had been effective. But asked about satisfaction with social life during second semester, 66 percent said they were satisfied.

Further Challenges

Just when discontent with social life started to simmer down, outrage over the room selection process boiled up. The problem began with a room draw system designed to encourage commons loyalty, as mandated by the trustees, and it was exacerbated by the difficulties of administering the new, more complicated process.

Simply stated, the new system involved first a commons draw and then an all-campus draw. Students who chose to remain in their commons would be assured lower numbers than others moving in from, or moving out to, other commons. It still was possible to use the long-established means of getting a good room by going in with a friend whose number was lower.

Students’ objections to the room draw have several faces, among them unequal housing conditions. Mary Low Commons, for exam-
ple, is perceived as isolated and rather ramshackle in contrast with the smaller and newly renovated buildings in Johnson and Chaplin Commons. In Lovejoy Commons, those with low numbers had a good chance of getting rooms in The Heights, but those with high numbers were relegated to Dana. It's an aged breed of complaint, according to Associate Dean of Students Joyce McPhetres Maisel. "We could have the best room draw system in the world, which this wasn't, and we still wouldn't satisfy everyone because of inequities and perceived inequities in housing," she said.

Resentment of these inequities was compounded by the fact that commons identity is not yet meaningful to students. The advantages of continuity in one's living situation—developing an immediate sense of community and some close friendships within it and being able to select familiar, experienced leaders—can only be seen in time. "If the fraternities were right that those are real values, they can be benefits of the commons system," Cotter maintained. "We're trying to create a sense of comfort and loyalty without being oppressive, so that commons can take on their own identities and serve their members better."

McPhetresMaisel explained the rationale that tied commons identity into room draw: "We created a commons system at Colby and then we had two choices. We could say, 'Because this is new, we'll have another all-campus room draw,' or we could encourage students to stay in their commons but give them an opportunity to move out. We had to choose the latter or prolong the agony of transition."

The forced transition rankled. "I think that a neighborly feeling [within the commons] will evolve naturally," said Beth Towle. "People are feeling antagonistic about being forced. The more the administration sits back and says, 'Let it happen when it's going to happen,' the more people will let it happen." Polled in March to obtain information that influenced room draw formulas, 32 percent of the freshmen in Mary Low Commons indicated that they would want to stay in that commons, as did 65 percent of their classmates in Lovejoy and 99 percent in both Johnson and Chaplin Commons. But in an April referendum that was presented to the trustee student affairs committee, 83 percent of more than 1,000 students voted that housing should be available on an equal basis regardless of commons affiliation.

Much discussion will precede the choice of next year's room draw system. When Trustee David Pulver '63, who chairs the student affairs committee, reported the results of the student referendum to the board, he said that his committee strongly reaffirmed the residential commons concept. "At the same time, we take seriously the concerns raised by the students about the room selection process," he continued. The committee mandated the dean's office to continue assessing the quality of living space within each commons to see what renovations and changes might best be made. It also asked the deans to work with students to determine the best way to encourage students to remain within their commons while giving them a broader choice of housing options. The matter will be taken up again at the trustees' January 1986 meeting.

There will be other problems, and there are some deep wounds within the community that are not fully healed—but the room draw issue is one that demonstrates a new climate at Colby. The priorities of the administration and trustees and those of the students do not always coincide and sometimes are misunderstood, yet efforts to communicate and to resolve the differences have never been stronger. If willingness to invest in this process continues to grow, it bodes well for Colby and its students.

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For the Love of Life

Joie de vivre is central to
Jane Russell Abbott’s disposition and teaching

Jane Russell Abbott ’41 has the kind of quick, gamin grin that suggests that adventures and surprises are about to begin. For her biology students at Waterville High School, that often has been the case. As for Abbott herself, life simply is an adventure.

The latest exploit she has contemplated is a trip into space, an ambition that resulted in her selection as an alternate to the two Maine teachers who competed with others to be the first private U.S. citizen to fly on a NASA space shuttle mission. Her vitality as a scientist and teacher has been recognized in many other ways, including a 1984 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching (of which Elizabeth Savicki Carvellas ’68 was another of 52 recipients nationwide) from the National Science Foundation. To present briefly her professional activities and resulting honors takes an eight-page vita, closely typed.

Abbott’s classroom, teeming with the stuff of biology, is harmonious with her probing nature. Sea creatures taken during Abbott’s scuba diving forays conduct their business in a refrigerated tank at the back of the classroom while plants and mosses grow wildly on the windowsill. Should any class member have a spare moment, the student might seize the opportunity to read the posted current events articles in hope of earning extra credit on the next quiz. Stacks of papers rise up in front of a blackboard covered with lab instructions and chalk dust, and organisms painted on the walls keep watch overhead. Proclaiming her comfort in this exuberant disarray is a small sign leaning against the blackboard: “BLESS THIS MESS.”

In this classroom, activities progress at a fast clip. There is time for plentiful questions and answers (“Be brave and take a chance on being wrong. . . .”), but none to be squandered (“I’ve already answered that twice. . . .”). Nor is there time for mollycoddling (“Use your own judgment on it, and I’ll come back and help you later.”). Abbott expects active learning, and she sees it. “Mostly, I think, it’s a matter of keeping kids in-
Although Abbott gives most of her individual attention to slower students, her predictable appreciation of high achievers led her to start a program for gifted and talented students. They have gathered after school on Friday afternoons, the students working without credit, and the teacher unpaid. "This is the most neglected segment of the high school population that there is," said Abbott. "It's just as bad not to challenge the gifted and talented as it is not to challenge slow learners to the limits of their capacities."

Abbott looms large in the classroom, but she owes some of her stature there to her activities elsewhere. She is a licensed pilot of airplanes, gliders, and hot air balloons, a white-water kayaker who built her own craft, a sailor, and more. "Here was a woman who flew airplanes, rode motorcycles, taught survival swimming, went SCUBA diving, and expected from each of us our absolute best every time," a former student recalled when recommending Abbott for the space shuttle flight. "From her we learned to say not only 'I can,' but also, and most important, 'I will.' " Inspirational as Abbott's experiences may be for students, they also provide interesting illustrations for such topics as water pressure, territorial instincts among fish, air currents, weather forecasting, and BTUs.

Abbott's drive to enlarge her understanding of science has been as strong as her recreational bent. Remarking that her continuous search for knowledge has a contagious quality, her former superintendent, Stanford Trask, said, "Jane is certainly a master of her subject matter. That's obvious to her students." This mastery began in 1960, when she plunged into the National Science Foundation Institute at Colby "not knowing a logarithm from a log," accepted on the strength of Dean Ernest Marriner's recommendation. She received her M.S.T. degree from Colby in 1963. As a Shell Merit Scholar she took a sabbatical leave from teaching to earn an M.P.S. from Cornell in 1972, and she rarely has missed an opportunity to attend a professional conference. Abbott is adamant about the value of these pursuits: "I cannot teach genetics without telling kids about recombinant DNA techniques and the exciting things happening in genetics today!"

Her class leadership extends beyond her teaching role. The former Alumni Council member and 1981 Colby Brick recipient has served Colby as a class agent for the Alumni Fund for 13 years. Her characteristic enthusiasm infects this endeavor, and her class apparently responds. Repeatedly the Class of '41 has claimed the highest rate of participation in annual giving, 65 percent in 1984 compared with an all-class average of 41 percent.

So how does she do it? "I don't sleep," she claimed, but three or four hours nightly. Another of her advantages is speed-reading, which she teaches to colleagues at professional conferences and to her students. She frequently combines activities, writing personal notes at the bottom of Alumni Fund appeals while watching a science show on television, for example. She also relies heavily on the understanding of her husband.

This spring, Jane and Henry Abbott prepared to move south for personal reasons, and so she leaves Waterville High School after teaching there 24 years and heading the science department for 20. When Abbott was exploring job options that included undergraduate teaching and work for textbook companies, one prospective employer asked her about her age. "I'm younger than any of my students," she replied. In terms of energy and youthful capacity to drink in the wonder of life, indeed, few are younger.
Colby's Irish Renaissance

A significant library collection fosters activity in other realms of the College

Ireland, a land known for its beauty and for the charm and wit of its people, has joined the list of those countries in which Colby has a junior-year-abroad program. Although the College has no Irish studies major, it does possess depth in the fields of Irish literature, history, and culture, of which this program is evidence. To a degree, this depth of knowledge and interest has been fostered by an exceptional bestowal—the Healy Collection of Irish Literature, one of several special collections in Miller Library.

A Remarkable Collection
The late James Augustine Healy, L.H.D. '55, collected Irish books for over 40 years. A wealthy New York stockbroker, Healy was a Catholic and an Irish Nationalist who had obtained a portion of his library from that of John Quinn, a New York lawyer and Tammany Hall politician who was both friend and benefactor to the family of poet William Butler Yeats. Between the years 1948 and 1962, Healy transferred a wealth of books, manuscripts, and prints to Colby and also donated the money necessary to build a room within Miller Library to house this collection. That room, dedicated to his parents, John and Catherine Healy, has the character of the gentleman's library the collection once was. It serves not only as the collection's home but as a study room for students and visiting scholars.

The collection's strength is in its representation of works published during the Irish Literary Renaissance (1880-1940), a period in which the works of an intimate collective of individuals, similarly committed, defined and marked an age. The pivotal figure was William Butler Yeats, who was surrounded by artists and benefactors, many of whom were Anglo-Irish, and all of whom were committed to exploring Ireland's mythical, Gaelic character. In celebrating this character, it was their hope that a greater sense of self and dignity would come to their countrymen. Among this group were John Synge, Lady Augusta Greg- ory, George Moore, and Douglas Hyde, artists whose works are well represented in the Healy Collection.

Not by chance, these authors and others of the Irish Literary Renaissance are of special interest to the Colby Library Quarterly. James Stephens, George Russell ('AE'), and William Butler Yeats have all been subjects of special editions of the Quarterly.

Healy's generosity to the College included a substantial endowment, with which curator J. Fraser Cocks III is expanding the collection in depth and to include contemporary Irish writers such as poets John Montague and Seamus Heaney, L.H.D. '84.

Scholarly Inspiration
This treasury of Irish literature is of great value, both to scholars at other institutions and to those here at Colby. Douglas Archibald, dean of the faculty and professor of English, came to the College a Yeatsian scholar, and the collection now supports his scholarship. He regularly teaches a course on British writers, in which the poetry of Yeats and Heaney and the prose of Joyce are studied.

Coming from quite a different background, Cocks has a Ph.D. in American studies and is interested in photography and American in-
intellectual history. Drawn by the collection to gain more knowledge about Ireland's history and writers, he spent the summer of 1980 at University College, Cork. He came back to teach a six-credit seminar on Irish history and literature with Archibald, which was first offered to freshmen and then to seniors. Since then Cocks has also taught an introductory course in Irish history. His collaboration with Archibald has been extended further as they are now cooperatively editing Yeats's *Autobiographies* for Macmillan of London.

Complementing these course offerings this year was an informal seminar on the current state of Ireland, given by Conor Cruise O'Brien, statesman, teacher, writer, editor, and his wife, Marie, a Gaelic scholar. In addition, Helen Mulvey, Irish historian and professor emeritus at Connecticut College, delivered this year's Phi Beta Kappa lecture on "History Remembered: The Case of Ireland."

**University College, Cork**

This existing interest in Irish scholarship and the fact that Colby had no resident program in an English-speaking country has led to Colby's year in Ireland program. Students, 17 of them, will spend the Irish academic year, which begins in October, at University College, Cork. Because a Colby faculty member will act as resident director, students will attend the university without the restrictions sometimes imposed on American students attending foreign universities. Cocks will be the first director and will also teach a course entitled "The Genteel Tradition and American Photography, 1870-1955." A different faculty member will be in residence each year; thus the program will give those with scholarly interests in Ireland the opportunity to pursue them. This year's arrangements also involve Cocks's wife, Catherine, Miller Library's head cataloguer, who will spend the year working at the university's library. In turn an Irish librarian will spend the year at Colby.

**Potential Still**

Healy brought his collection into a fortuitous partnership with those of like-minded interests. The efforts of a number of individuals have helped to create the Cork program, and other developments may follow. According to Archibald, it may be possible for Colby to hold a summer program for college teachers in Irish studies. A second possibility is the establishment of an Irish studies minor, should the designation of minors be reinstated.

But the collection also begets other rewards and pleasures, for in the company of such books one is awed and brought joy by their beauty and by the stories they tell. Although these pleasures do not provide additional information for the College Catalogue, they have their own value.

*RGK*

The prints below were created by artist Jack B. Yeats, brother of William Butler, Elizabeth, and Lily Yeats. They and the cover prints were reproduced by the Cuala Press, which the Yeats sisters founded in 1908, and are part of Colby's special collections.
The Collegiate Rites of Spring

Commencement is a day awaited forever, or so it sometimes seems, and then it's so quickly past.

A beaming Kathleen Bagas moves with the commencement processional.

Leading the baccalaureate procession of 404 graduating seniors are faculty marshals Yvonne Knight and Thomas Easton.

Class speaker John “Gin Pup” Collins, known and revered for his parodies of the “Late Night with David Letterman” show, appears at commencement in Wadsworth Gymnasium garbed in a plastic bag in honor of the rain that merely threatened. His classmate Gary Ruping, not pictured, was the Condon Medal recipient, so voted by his class for his qualities of citizenship.

It takes all kinds to make a photograph, including semi-dressed-up Jeffrey “Harpo” Martin, shown here at the reception for seniors given by President and Mrs. Cotter.
Not wasting a moment in which to celebrate their new diplomas, Leslie Melcher and James Melsner drink a toast to . . . the future?

George K. Bamfo of Kumasi, Ghana, flashes a big grin at commencement ceremonies.

Albert Mavinac, Dana Professor of Government, and R. Mark Benbow, Roberts Professor of English Literature, watch solemnly as their former students graduate.

Formal dress was de rigueur at the graduation ball organized by members of the senior class. Peter Simpson '85 is shown here dancing with Therese Langlois '85, while William Girard '87 and Jennifer Armstrong '85 glide in the background.
Of Chauvinism and Nescience

The Class of 1985 chose William F. Buckley, Jr., to be their commencement speaker. His address, in part, is printed below.

"I am happy to be here on a happy occasion. Happy, also, to be in the State of Maine, which posy I toss in your direction with some confidence, inasmuch as I am not running for political office, and therefore can hope to be believed.

"What would this conservative like to see [your] generation do for this country, for the world, and for yourselves?

"Well, I would be very pleased if, in your pursuit of happiness, you happened on it. It is very unlikely that you will do so in any conclusive way. . . . To anticipate romance—with your country, your profession, your family even—uninterrupted by doubt, temptation to disloyalty, disappointment, disillusion, is unrealistic. That is why unhappiness intensifies to the extent that one anticipates its uninterrupted opposite.

"On the other hand, there is the persistent tendency to think of one's adult career as merely a wayward narrative, the journey through life of a single person . . . whose flight on earth is no more meaningful than the sparrow's.

"Reflection brings many of us to discern more in life, a grander design in which what one does matters, not merely to oneself and one's family and fellow citizens, but also to the Maker of us all. . . . Having pursued personal happiness, what is it that might engage [your] idealistic faculties . . . ?

"Fifteen years ago, on college campuses, there was feverish political activity, most of it designed to disparage the venture we were then engaged in in Vietnam. . . . I was much struck, during those years, by . . . our retreat from the Wilsonianism reaffirmed in 1961 by John F. Kennedy in his celebrated Inaugural Address, a commitment to commit all our strength to the spread of freedom abroad.

"Suddenly, only a few years [later] we found ourselves heading toward a geophysical, cultural, and moral isolationism. . . . Our retreat from Southeast Asia was much more than a military retreat. If it had been only that, one could, with relative equanimity, have concluded simply that our commitments had overreached our strengths.

"But what happened . . . was that in order to feel better about our retreat from Wilsonianism in the imperialistic sense, we nurtured the idea that we had no reliable criteria by which to proclaim our culture's superiority. . . . So that when the marines came back from the war . . . it was a return to a miasma of American self-doubt. . . . It is one thing to be isolationist [like] Switzerland . . . utterly confident of its own well-lodged claims to being a civilized society. It is something else to be isolationist on the grounds that we have no title to say, with confidence, that we are advanced in basic ways over cultures that are, yes, less civilized.

"People shrink at such hubristic noises, deploiring them as chauvinist. But the opposite of chauvinism, in this case, isn't humility, it is nescience. If we cannot hold up the Bill of Rights up against the Communist Manifesto, and declare the one a benchmark of civilization, the other of atavism, then learning is, really, of very limited use, and you may forget everything you got here at Colby that is extra-utilitarian in character. . . .

"Only one year ago . . . Ginetta Sagan of Amnesty International, once upon a time a prisoner of the Nazis, later a vociferous opponent of American participation in the
Vietnam War, visited South Vietnam. Now she chronicles what is happening there, ten years after the fall of Thieu. ... 'The situation (in Vietnam today) includes the familiar signposts of Communist repression. Religious worship is persecuted and churches have become warehouses. Private shops have mostly been confiscated, with ethnic Chinese shopkeepers the favorite victims. Several hundred thousand Vietnamese have spent time in the "re-education camps," and as many as 80,000 people remain. The lucky prisoners dig latrines or plant crops. The unlucky clear minefields. ...'

"Accordingly I take this moment ... at a small and distinguished college devoted to the liberal arts and the humanitarian impulse—to gesture to those who suffer [to show that others] see them and ... cry out to express fraternal grief. And to record my own conviction that if there is such a thing as a corporate challenge to American idealism, can it accept a nobler challenge, noble because the strength of its tormentors renders it so very forlorn, than to stand fast against the juggernaut of which Vietnam is only one national victim, another whose death rattle we hear when standing at attention being Afghanistan; still another, whose tribulations come muffled, so much so as only barely to reach us, being Nicaragua. All of this so that, resisting the lures of pacifism and a blame, ungrateful humility, your heirs and theirs, living in freedom, may say 50 commencements from now at Colby that, at the threatened nightfall, the blood of their forefathers ran strong.

"A third and final injunction is that you mind your democratic manners. Surveying the primary campaign in New York a year ago, James Reston of the New York Times wrote, 'The Democratic performance was not only a disgrace, but an insult to the voters, and, even worse, an embarrassment to the Democratic process....'

"Professor James McGregor Burns has written a new book in which he deplores the creeping apathy of American voters. ... One explanation not explored by Professor Burns is that a contempt is generating for the behavior of democracy's practitioners. We are told of the great achievements in the past one hundred years of our schools and colleges. ... [Yet] we traveled from the Lincoln-Douglas debates to the Nixon-Kennedy debates. ...

"I think we need a Democratic Anti-Defamation League, and I urge you to join in a movement to realize such an institute. The Colby Institute ... would monitor, and hand down grades to, men and women responsible for political utterances. ... [And] how fine if we succeeded in convincing American voters that an index to the political health of the nation depended not on the density of the vote, but on the thoughtfulness of it. ..."

"Well then. Perhaps, in encouraging the formation of a tribunal that hands down judgments on polemical expression, I have perhaps overexposed myself. ..."

"And so, having enjoined you to monitor even my own expressions, I have nothing left to say, save to congratulate you on your achievement, to express admiration for your selection of a campus that combines visible beauty and copious intellectual resources, and to wish you, as I wish the country that nurtured you, godspeed."

Copies of the full speeches given by Mr. Buckley and John Collins '85 at commencement and President Cotter at baccalaureate are available from the Office of Alumni Relations.
And So They Were Honored

"The hood with which you have been invested and this diploma which I place in your hand are the visible symbols of your membership in this society of scholars, to all the rights and privileges of which I declare you entitled."


William F. Buckley, Jr. Doctor of Laws

As the conservative's conservative, you have been a tenacious critic of "knee-jerk" versions of the full spectrum of political theory. Author of books of social commentary, founder and editor of National Review, television interlocutor on "Firing Line," weekly columnist in hundreds of newspapers, and best-selling writer of the Blackford Oakes novels, you additionally occupy an elevated place in the hearts of blue water sailors through your accounts of numerous ocean adventures. A man of wide and varied interests and accomplishments, you received your early education here and abroad and served your country in World War II before entering Yale University, whence you graduated with honors in political science, economics, and history. Among the many awards you have received are the Cleveland Amory Award for Best Television Interviewer, the American Book Award for Best Mystery, and New York University's Creative Leadership Award. Colby is proud to honor you today for your intellectual honesty, for your devotion to the purest forms of the English language, and for your ability to force friend and foe alike to search through the presuppositions of their beliefs and teachings. We have all profited from your insights, especially when they have made us uncomfortable with inadequately examined assumptions....
Kenneth B. Clark  
Doctor of Letters

Your seminal studies of the effects of racial segregation on the psychological development of children profoundly influenced the decision of the United States Supreme Court when, in 1954, it struck down school segregation in the landmark case of Brown v. Board of Education. As a leading member of the psychology faculty at the City College of New York for four decades, you set an unparalleled example of how scholarly research can directly influence national social policy. In more than 15 years as a member of the New York State Board of Regents, the oldest educational policy-making body in the United States, you have provided a strong and reasoned perspective during a period of dramatic change in our educational institutions. Born in the Panama Canal Zone, you studied at Howard University before earning a Ph.D. in psychology at Columbia. Your lifelong commitment to the application of social science research is evident in the accomplishments of the many organizations that you have led to serve the children and young people of America's inner cities. . . . You were a powerful catalyst in fulfilling your profession's credo to serve both as a science and as a means of promoting human welfare. Psychologist, educator, scholar, and social activist. . . . Colby College honors you for your manifold contributions. . . . [to] the lives of all Americans. . . .

Peter David Hart '64  
Doctor of Laws

You have served as political pollster and confidant to 20 incumbent senators and 14 governors. Unfortunately, not all of the candidates you assist emerge victorious and, following last November's presidential election, you referred to yourself as "General Custer's pollster." You graduated from an outstanding Maine college and began a career that led to senior executive positions with both the Louis Harris and Oliver Quayle organizations before founding your own, Peter D. Hart Research Associates. As a counselor to candidates for major political office, you have been a national leader in the field of public opinion polling, and your firm has conducted more than a thousand public opinion surveys. Your pioneering work in applying the tools of survey research to the not very scientific world of electoral combat has improved the management of our political campaigns and heightened the quality of our political dialogue. Because of your significant efforts, we as a people are better able than we have ever been to gauge and pursue that most elusive of objectives: the public interest. On the 21st anniversary of your own Colby commencement, we salute you today for your success in joining the worlds of empirical investigation and political strategy, and for your continuing efforts to refine the art of politics through the science of opinion research. . . .

Ansel Albert Grindall  
Bachelor of Arts

Over nearly four decades, you have both figuratively and physically carried many of Colby's burdens from the old campus to the new, and from a modest physical plant to one that is today recognized as being among the most handsome and splendid in the nation. Your broad shoulders are matched by the scope of your generosity, your willingness to do all that seems possible and much that seems impossible, and by the genuine concern you have for the well-being of others, especially demonstrated by your thoughtfulness to ten generations of Colby students. This College is a far better place because of your unselfish dedication and your pride in the appearance and condition of our campus. While your life's work has centered mostly on Colby, you have been a caring and contributing member of your community, a leader in your church, and a devoted husband and father. You have earned Colby's undying affection and respect and, on this day, a grateful College is proud to bestow upon you its ultimate symbol of achievement. As you retire, you leave hundreds of friends who wish you and Mary the best that life can offer; no couple are more deserving. . . .
James Charles Lehrer  
Doctor of Letters

With degrees from Victoria College and the University of Missouri, you have been a reporter in newspapers and later in television for over 25 years. You have published two novels (Viva Max and We Were Dreamers) and have written and appeared in a moving and highly informative television special concerning your own experience with a heart attack. You have taught creative writing to college students, and among your many awards are the George Foster Peabody Award, the William Allen White Foundation Award for Journalistic Merit, the University of Missouri School of Journalism Medal of Honor, and an Emmy. But you are best known to millions of Americans for your collaboration in "The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour," which has appeared on PBS daily for nearly nine years. During that time we have come to admire the scrupulous neutrality with which you treat the news, your adroit interviewing of guests, and your courage in presenting us with a full hour of serious and penetrating coverage and analysis at a time when commercial television is so fond of capsule news and sensationalism. With its long tradition of support for freedom of the press, Colby College takes particular pride in honoring you... for your insistence that the news media discover and present the truth....

Robert B. W. MacNeil  
Doctor of Letters

A Canadian by birth, you are a world citizen and intellectual leader of television journalism known for your integrity, fairness, and thoroughness. Your distinguished reporting career has included the Reuters News Agency, the National Broadcasting Corporation, the British Broadcasting Corporation, the National Public Affairs Center for Television, the Public Broadcasting Corporation, and now PBS. You have served as both foreign and domestic correspondent for NBC, as reporter for the prestigious BBC documentary series, "Panorama," and as moderator of "Washington Week in Review." At the same time you have participated in numerous special programs and are writing and producing a new series jointly with the BBC, "The Amazing English Language," as you continue as executive editor of "The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour." You are the author of two books (The People Machine and The Right Place at the Right Time), and your innovative introduction of timely interviews with principal newsmakers from opposing camps has made... public television a forum for substantive discussion of the vital issues, rather than merely a rapid sequence of images and summaries... . Numerous awards, including an Emmy, testify to your preeminent success as journalist, and you have clearly influenced the commercial networks to deepen their own news coverage. Colby is especially proud to honor you... for creating a program that has surpassed the highest expectations of the founders of public television and set a standard against which all other news programs are judged....

Olympia J. Snowe  
Doctor of Laws

Now in your fourth term in the United States Congress as the representative from Maine's second district, you have earned a reputation for working hard, thinking independently, and speaking out forcefully on the issues of the day. Born and raised in Maine, you began your career in business and politics shortly after graduation from the University of Maine-Orono in 1969. First elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 1973 to fill the seat vacated by the untimely death of your husband, you went on to serve two full terms in the House before being elected to the Maine Senate in 1978. Now in Washington, your Republican colleagues have twice chosen you deputy whip, making you the first woman to hold such a position in the House Republican leadership. You are a founding member and co-chair of the 92 Group, and as co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, you have stressed the importance of resolving the legal and economic inequities faced by women. Whenever Maine's higher education community needs a sympathetic ear, candid advice, and enthusiastic support for educational issues in Washington, we turn to you. Colby College is proud to have you, our neighbor, as a dedicated public servant and an outstanding role model for young people—especially women—everywhere....
Reunion Weekend involves much more than remembrance of things past. Whatever the current interests of Colby alumni, there was most likely something at this year’s reunions to engage them. And then, of course, among the more than 1,000 taking part in the weekend, there were the old friends to catch up with and new friends to make.

Celebrating their 50th and 25th reunions, the classes of 1935 and 1960 got off to a head start on Thursday, June 6. Most other alumni arrived the following day, when they could view films, take part in a seminar on American art and a museum tour led by curator Hugh Gourley, or take a dip in the pool.

On Friday night Wadsworth Gymnasium was transformed for the alumni awards banquet by flowers, balloons, a huge ice mule at the dessert bar, and, most important, an abundance of amiability and good humor among those present. Alumni who had traveled to Mayflower Hill from as far away as England, France, and Brazil were cheered, and so were Colby Brick recipients Gordon Patch Thompson ’35, Eugenie Hahlbohm Hampton ’55, Germaine Michaud Orloff ’55, and John R. Cornell ’65. But the loudest applause was reserved for Robert J. Bruce ’59, president of Widener University and recipient of the 1985 Distinguished Alumnus Award, and Trustee Robert N. Anthony ’38, who received the Mariner Distinguished Service Award.

When strangers who pass on the sidewalk look directly at one another and smile, the world seems a little warmer and safer than it often does. Such was the atmosphere as alumni moved about campus on Saturday to take part in all sorts of activities. About 15 ran in the “Alma Meter” road race, while others took advantage of help offered by the Office of Career Services, which was open all day. The admissions staff offered separate workshops for parents of soon-to-be college students, secondary school teachers, and admissions interviewers. Swimming, the traditional lobster bake, and shopping for special bargains in the bookstore also took alumni in various directions. Expressing their acute interest through their many questions, about 50 alumni heard presentations on Colby’s approach to
education from Charles Bassett, Dana Professor of American Studies and English; R. Mark Benbow, Roberts Professor of English Literature; Miriam Bennett, William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Biology; and Henry Gemery, Dana Professor of Economics. (Excerpts of those will appear in the next issue of the Alumnus.) Saturday afternoon alumni dispersed to class activities that included softball games and, for the Class of '55, a boat cruise, followed by class social hours and dinners.

The day also contained several opportunities for alumni to talk with President William Cotter, who spoke at the Alumni Association meeting Saturday morning, led dedications of the former fraternity buildings that afternoon (see “News From the Hill”), and, with his wife, Linda, dropped in at class dinners in the evening. At the Alumni Association meeting, Cotter briefly discussed Colby admissions, the curriculum, campus life, and the Colby 2000 Campaign, pointing to some indicators of a very healthy college. Among them was the profile of the incoming Class of '89, of which 40 percent comes from outside of New England and 12 percent from within Maine. Scholastically, they are on par with preceding classes, with a median of 1140 in their combined SAT scores. Most impressive, said Cotter, “Colby didn’t go to its waiting list at all this year. In fact, we had such high yield among students who had been admitted that this fall we’ll actually have about 30 freshmen more than is ideal.” Other indications of Colby’s well-being are contained in an April survey conducted by the Echo, and Cotter expressed special pleasure in that 93 percent of the respondents said that they would recommend Colby to prospective students.

About 350 alumni gathered again Sunday morning for the Boardman Memorial Service, which comprised a special tribute to Colby’s late President Emeritus J. Seelye Bixler. It was a solemn occasion yet a celebration, as well, of a great man, the community he strengthened, and the values he held dear. “Bix’s religion and philosophy are very easy to expound,” said his brother Herbert in the Boardman service. “His God was the God of love, and love guided his life—love of family, love of friends, love of Colby, love of the community, love of mankind. Of course that love did not die with him and never will.”

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Transcripts of the Boardman service tribute to Dr. Bixler are available from the Office of Alumni Relations.
The “lead story” concerns two centenarians-plus, Ida Phoebe Keen ‘05, Pomona, Calif. Coincidentally both have March birthdays. Miss Keen was 101 on March 1 and Mrs. Stinneford was 107 on March 22. Their professional careers present a further parallel—both were modern language teachers. Mrs. Stinneford is believed to be the oldest Colby graduate and oldest member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which she joined 81 years ago. She now resides at the Colonial Manor nursing home in Waterville, where 100 guests honored her birthday. (Since this column was written, Miss Stinneford passed away. Our condolences to her family.) A beautifully composed and perfectly self-typed, autobiographical letter from Miss Keen stated, in addition to teaching, that she served as bilingual translator in the U.S. Signal Corps in World War I, that she was a translator for the National City Bank of New York, and that she held secretarial positions at Union Theological Seminary, Riverside Church, and Columbia University in New York. She said she is “spending (her) ‘sunset years’ very happily” in California. There is sadness as well as pleasure in writing this column. For me one of the pleasures was an extensive correspondence with Harland R. Ratcliffe ‘23, Greenwood, Mass., a former editor of two Boston newspapers, president of the Boston Alumni Club, and editor of the Alumnus. Harland died in Greenwood last February at age 84. One of Maine’s most prolific writers of poetry and short stories, Edwin D. Merry ‘29, North Edgecomb, Maine, is now a regular contributor to Yankee magazine. His favorite theme is of his years growing up on the Maine seacoast and the adventures he shared with his brother in the “Ike and I” series. He reported that his loss of hearing is making him a “recluse.” G. Cecil Goddard ‘29, China, Maine, informed us that the only thing he has “going up hill” for him is his handwriting. He has solved that by using lined paper. Cecil’s biography was featured in the winter report of the Waterville Osteopathic Hospital in recognition of his American Osteopathic Hospital Association Award of Merit, a national honor. G. Alden MacDonald ‘32, Kingfield, Maine, has retired from the accounting firm of MacDonald and Paige of Portland, Maine, and is active in civic affairs in Kingfield. The Community Church of

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The Alumnus staff needs some help identifying those who feasted on lobster at the 50 Plus table. Will they come forward?

FIFTY PLUS CLUB REUNION

A magical rejuvenator touches the 50 Plus Club members at Colby reunions. It’s wonderful! We stand a little taller, strut around, are more deeply happy to see our Colby friends, and are secretly thrilled just to be there. This year’s program was especially exciting because it involved so many of our members. Former fraternity houses and sorority chapter rooms were dedicated, and some of our members were honored in this renaming.

We had over 150 members and guests attending our dinner at Dana on Saturday night. Bertrand W. Hayward ’33, our president, using his great Colby thespian background, was an excellent announcer for the program. It was good to have the Reverend Leonard Helle ’33 give the invocation. There was a moment of awe and great admiration for three lovely Colby ladies—Eva Macomber Kyes ’13, Clara Collins Piper ’14, and Ida M. Stinnieford ’15—as representatives of their classes. Mary E. Warren ’23, a past Waterville High School Latin teacher and a most loyal Colby alumna, was on this evening lovelier than ever! Our guest speaker, Nellie Pottle Hankins ’25, gave a delightful talk on our Colby, contrasting the College we knew to our wonderful, modern-day Colby.

G. Cecil Goddard ’29, for five years our dedicated secretary and treasurer, got up from a sick bed to read his glowing report of the 50 Plus Club’s gift to Colby—$157,716.79 for the fund year ending June 30, 1984. He urged us to continue our efforts and reminded us that gifts to the College are tax exempt. Amen! He was given a standing ovation for his work for the College as the 50 Plus Club’s president, secretary, and treasurer.

New officers for 1985-86 are Paul E. Feldman ’34, president; Laurence E. Dow ’35, vice president; Tina Thompson Poulin ’32, 158 Silver St., Waterville, Maine 04901, secretary-treasurer; Francis H. Thayer ’30, assistant secretary-treasurer; Ernest Miller ’29, 50 Plus Club correspondent; and Joseph Campbell ’29, Franklin Norvish ’34, and Bertrand Hayward ’33, representatives to the Alumni Council.

President Cotter joined us for coffee and talked about Colby’s progress. He is indeed the right president for Colby, possessing strong leadership, and we like him.

You are not going to believe this, coming from the 50 Plus Club, but the one criticism I received was that our dinner took too long because when we went to the Millett House to dance, it was too late! See . . . we are still kicking and dancing!

Tina Thompson Poulin ’32
South China, Maine, credits Marion White Van Strien ’31, Augusta, Maine, as the author of a short church history written in 1968. • Perry G. Wortman ’33, and Ruby Jardine Wortman, Greenville, Maine, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 29, 1984, which was Thanksgiving Day, the fifth Thursday in November, when they married in 1934. The remarkable notation here is that Thanksgiving never fallen on that date since. How do I know? Gladys and I were married on that date. • Norman C. "Cy" Perkins ’32, Bangor, Maine, was inducted into the Maine Sports Halls of Fame at the banquet of the organization on June 2, 1985. He is also honored in the new name, Perkins-Wilson hall, for the former Phi Delta Theta house at Colby. Cy is retired football coach of Bangor High School, whose teams earned an enviable record of wins. • Nissie Grossman ’32, Wellesley, Mass., a Colby overseer, has been further recognized by the College. One of the newly renovated residence halls has been named for him. • A new book of poems, One Day in the Life of Edna St Vincent Millay and Other Poems, was published in 1984 by Leonard Helie ’33, Wiscasset, Maine. Helie is a retired Boston and New York Unitarian minister and son of a former Colby professor. The title poem tied for first place in a national competition sponsored by the World Order of Narrative Poets. • The second annual award of the "Not Famous Enough Americans" citation honors Bernard H. Porter ’32, Belfast, Maine. The Up Rise Farm, Enfield, New York, publicizes the award on printed labels on its projects, which are distributed worldwide. • Verna Green Taylor ’30, Saco, Maine, a retired Thornton Academy teacher, continues her dramatic reading interpretations and library work. • Gene Letourneau, M.A. ’76, Morning Sentinel sports writer, credited Wallace A. Donovan ’31, Waterville, Maine, with promoting the success of the Waterville Gun Club. • Among the 50 Plus Club members who attended the 1985 Southwest Florida Club luncheon in Fort Myers were J. Ardelle Chase ’27, Shelburne Falls, Mass.; Elizabeth Kellett Craven ’23, Cape Coral, Fla.; Elsie McCausland Rich ’20, Portland, Maine; Helen Chase Pardey ’30, Middleboro, Mass.; M. Earle McKeen ’29, Port Charlotte, Fla.; Miriam Sanders Marcho ’30, Brewer, Maine; and Mary Watson Flanders ’24, Elizabeth Watson Gerry ’27, David F. Kronquist ’29, and Jean M. Watson ’29, all of Fort Myers, Fla. • In Memoriam The death of Florence Young Bennett ’29, St. Clair, Mich., occurred there on January 15. She is survived by three sons: Charles E. Callaghan ’28, formerly of Brewer, Maine, died in Norway, Maine, in December. He was for many years athletic coach of Caribou High School. • Leon A. Bradbury ’33, Farmington, Conn., a prominent Hartford attorney and a leader in the Connecticut Masonic fraternity, died at Gorham, Maine, in December. He was a descendant of Captain Thomas Bradbury, who came to New England in 1634. • Margaret Abbott Paul ’23, Westbrook, Maine, died in Portland, Maine, on November 20, 1984. She was a former teacher at Traip Academy and Westbrook High School. • Florence King Gould ’08, January 29, 1985, in Newton Center, Mass., at age 98. Club correspondent: ERNEST E. MILLER ’29, 218 Pickett District Rd., New Milford, Conn. 06776. 

A MANNER OF GIVING

Merrill Greene ’20 is a man whose manner of giving has touched several communities—from his hometown of Athens, Maine, to his present town of Lewiston, from his alma mater to his medical profession, from his patients to community service organizations.

He was born in Athens, where four generations of Greenes have lived in the mansion built by his great-grandfather, a founder of Somerset Academy. Dr. Greene’s gifts to the town helped to restore the Union Meeting House and established a trust fund for charitable purposes in Athens. In 1981, the town made "Doc" an honorary resident and dedicated its annual report to him.

After young Dr. Greene graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1924, he was among the first to call for a general practitioner’s course there, and he has since remained involved with the school. In Lewiston, where his medical practice continues after more than 50 years, other doctors and nurses make use of the Gerrish Memorial Library, which Merrill Greene helped to found.

His beneficence to his alma mater is evident in many ways, including an unbroken record of annual support to Colby since 1933. His classmates elected him their vice president upon their 50th reunion, and the Alumni Association expressed its appreciation to him with a Colby Brick in 1980. His gifts to the College range from antiques that now grace the President’s House to the establishment of the Merrill and Harriet Sweetser Greene/Arthur J. Roberts Financial Aid Fund, which was recently enlarged by the proceeds from a generous gift annuity. The record shows that he served in 1936 on Colby’s first general committee on bequests and that his gifts to the Colby 2000 Campaign have totaled more than $170,000, including a gift to name the Student Center’s main lobby. Thus, it seemed fitting when he recently consented to serve as his class’s planned giving agent.

Merrill Greene’s personal tradition of service and generosity, as well as his vibrant zest for living, has enriched every community of which he has been part. The College is grateful for his untiring service to so many, including future generations of Colby students.

ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The Alumni Council awards committee seeks nominations for three awards on a continual basis. The Colby Brick is awarded each Reunion Weekend to a few individuals who have served Colby in a variety of roles, and the Marriner Distinguished Service Award is given to alumni or friends of Colby who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the College. The Distinguished Alumnus Award annually recognizes one Colby graduate for outstanding professional achievement.

I nominate __________________________ Class of 19___ for the __________________________ Award.

My recommendation is based on the nominee’s activities listed below:

________________________________________

Signature __________________________ Date __________

Sign and mail to:
Alumni Council Awards Committee, c/o Office of Alumni Relations
Colby College, Waterville, Maine 04901

Thank you!
CLASS OF 1935: 50TH REUNION

We arrived Thursday evening, June 6, registered at Roberts Union, and then adjourned to third floor Dana, where, with our returning classmates, we would be guests of Colby for the next three days. To our surprise there were already 20 to 25 from our class reminiscing and laughing in our lounge. A social hour and buffet supper that evening with our class and the Class of ’60 at Roberts Union was a perfect introduction to a glorious Reunion Weekend.

Friday saw more of our members arriving. The awards dinner on Friday evening was always a memorable occasion, and this year one of our class, Gordon Patch Thompson, received a Colby Brick. This was also a time to meet with friends in the classes of ’33 and ’34 and ’36 and ’37, our contemporaries.

They kept arriving on Saturday. When we gathered at the flagpole for the reunion photograph, we numbered about 85. For a very few, it was their first return to Colby since ’35. Our class dinner was at the Bixler Art Museum—ably chaired by our president, J. Warren Bishop. The roast beef dinner was delicious. Kye Pinette Zukowski ’37, our main speaker, almost our contemporary, brought memories of “Old Colby” (I had not thought of The Colby Echo and the Plotter’s column for years) and reached into the Colby of today. Beth Pendleton Clark, Kay Herrick McCrodden, and Harold Brown led the singing of the alma mater and the marching song. A copper etching of the library was presented to Bunny Krinsky, widow of our classmate Moe, in recognition of his years of service and dedication to his alma mater.

Sunday arrived all too soon and each of us went our separate way—but universally the comments were “a wonderful time,” “wouldn’t have missed it,” “hope to return now for our 50 Plus’.”

Some remained for the Boardman Service Sunday morning; this year a special memorial to Dr. J. Seelye Bixler, Colby’s beloved president from 1942 to 1960.

Gordon Patch Thompson

35 Sad but true, we are now all members of the 50 Plus Club. No more ’35 class notes after these • Margaret Jordan Lewis, San Diego, Calif., has traveled recently in Europe and China and attended our 50th. She volunteers at Scripps Clinic in La Jolla, and is involved with church activities. She had a visit from Dottie Washburn Polley last year • Arthur Feldman, San Diego, Calif., is retired from the Foreign Service and is now president of Search and Rescue Groups of the Californias. He is also adjunct professor, San Diego State University, and has received many awards from the United States and foreign governments. He has traveled extensively, including a trip around the world in 1982 • Rita Carey Smith, Fairfield, Maine, is retired and is involved in church and garden club activities and in oil painting. She has two sons, both graduate engineers of Maine Maritime Academy, and five grandchildren • Ruth Shesong Ross is busy managing family-owned rental properties, after living in Europe and traveling extensively. She is active in Old Town and Orono, Maine, clubs and president of Old Town Historical Society. Her son, Gardner, is division chief, Water Quality Control, Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and daughter, Ann, is a member of the Maine State Commission on the Arts and the Humanities • Joe Stevens, Unity, Maine, is retired from Lever Brothers and is happy “doing what I want to do.” He has traveled widely in the United States and Mexico and has a married daughter in Waterville • Deane Hodges, Newington, Conn., is retired but is a part time minister in the United Church of Christ. His son, Gard ’61, is now a professor in Eugene, Oreg. • Everett “Whit” Gray, Winchester, Mass., sent a folder of clippings about his activities as supervisor of Winchester municipal tennis courts. He plays tennis or badminton almost daily the year around • Wilfred Kelly, Waterbury, Vt., is retired from the United States Department of Agriculture and operates a small orchard • I will have seen many of you at our 50th before this appears, and I thank those who replied to help make this column as well miss passing along news of ’35.

Class secretary: GORDON PATCH THOMPSON. 2458 Florentine Way #2, Clearwater, Fla. 33757.

36 Tragedy struck in Skowhegan in January when the landmark Crane’s Department Store was burned to the ground. Owner of the store is Martin J. Burns. We hope he will be able to rebuild, and we wish him well • Betty and Bill Clark have sold their schoolhouse home in Caratunk and are building a new home on the Kennebec. They are in an apartment in Waterville for the winter and will summer in the country • John P. Dolan, retired from teaching, does some tutoring. He and his wife celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary in February. Belated congratulations, John! Their son and daughter live near them in Des Moines • Best wishes to all for a wonderful summer!

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

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Due to the general uncommunicativeness of the Class of 1937, there is little to report. One of the outstanding graduates of our class, Eleanor Barker McCarger, was granted a showing of her artistic works at the San Jose (Calif.) Museum of Art early this year. Her paintings and drawings, including charcoal on paper, were well received by a professional audience. Eleanor has lived quietly in California at Apple Valley for a number of years, steadily producing a series of excellent portraits and artwork. Marjorie Coul Murphy interrupted her labor of caring for her near-centenarian mother, who has since passed away, to go to England for a brief respite. While there, she missed by a narrow margin encountering Jane Tarbell Brown and Kay Fairbanks Winkler. Unfortunately, Kay is now seriously ill at Chicopee, Mass., as is Barbara Winkler Hutchence. Good friend Betty Wilkinson Ryan assisted Marjorie immensely in her visit by good advice, and materially by a suitcase on wheels, now becoming a sine qua non to an easy visit across the ocean. Hazel Weppler Thayer and husband, Marble '38, entertained Marjorie briefly before she left on the trip. As you read this, your correspondent will be with Spanish friends in Belize attending a phaetonic exposition. And, yes, book devotees, I will get out to Green Gables and see Lucy Montgomery's old home, she of Anne of Green Gables creation. This is not only a beautiful island but a historical one, too, since here the Canadian Confederation was born in the late 1860s. At one time over 100 shipbuilders labored here, and to be attributed to them is the depth of timber on this otherwise lovely island. One hopes that the input of news will increase, as short columns are not to be desired. This is one of the few media available to us to keep up with our classmates' doings. With every good wish. Class secretary: FREDERICK G. DEMERS, P.O. Box 26, Owls Head, Maine 04854.

There is no class news at this time. A questionnaire was to be sent to you in August by the Alumni Office. Please respond in order for me to write the class column. Class secretary: LAWRENCE W. DWYER, 286 Church St., Berlin, N.H. 03570.

Wouldn't you know that Gardiner Gregory was doing all kinds of interesting things! He won the annual Maine Retired Skippers Race last year for the second time, sailing the sloop Wilfswind across the finish line in 20 minutes less time than the second-place finisher. More than 20 boats were in the race. A picture from the front page of the Bangor Daily News shows Gardiner at the helm, wearing a nautical cap with gold braid and clenching a corn cob pipe in his teeth. A second clipping, this from the Maine Maritime Academy Alumni News, shows him presenting slides and albums covering the early years of the academy, 1941-46, to its archives. He taught math, coached basketball and baseball, and served as public relations officer there in 1944-46. I hope you all noticed the picture in the March Alumnus of classmates Jane Mulkn and David Libbey, who both happened to be on the Colby tour of Israel last fall. Jane prepared for the trip by taking summer courses at Boston College. A resident of Hawaii for many years and retired from teaching English in Honolulu, Jane spends her summers in Dedham, Mass., and studies at colleges around Boston and in Ireland. As a change of pace from intellectual pursuits, she joined Airline Bamber Veracka, Elizabeth 'Ippy' Solie Howard, and me for our frequent lunch get-togethers, but she flies back to the Hawaiian sunshine when the leaves start to fall.

I'm writing this before our reunion, so it may be old news to many. John Chase promises to come from Seattle for our next reunion, as he'll be retired by then. John, in the far West, admits missing the four seasons and the rolling hills of New England. Isabel Abbott chairs the annual State of Maine Blueberry Festival in Union. The Farmington (Maine) Journal had a headline, "Farmington native retired in Massachusetts—Prof. G. Flint Taylor from the faculty of Worcester State College." David Cotton retired a couple of years ago after 36 years in education. Kay Reny Anderson winters at Pompano Beach, where she has seen Colby's ex-football coach Bob Clifford. Eleanor Thomas Curtis is back on her sloop, cruising the Caribbean out of Houston. Eleanor's husband, Morton, is ready to publish his third book.

Mrs. Albert P. Brown and husband, Marble '38, are enjoying retirement immensely. However, Benny, as we knew him, doesn't miss Colby. He enjoys visiting family members in the South and Southwest. He has spent the summer in Alabama, Mississippi, and California. His wife, who lives in Winslow, Maine, Marjorie Arey O'Connor, also in Maine (Kennebunk), occupies herself as a public health volunteer, as well as with the Red Cross Blood Bank and serves Meals on Wheels. (Incidentally, Marjorie, delivering meals is one activity I take pleasure in performing once or twice a week.) With Marjorie's letter came the sad news that her sister, Barbara Arey Ambler, had died on February 7 after a six-month illness. Several of our classmates visited Colby last fall and collected memories of her death. She and her late husband owned and operated the Farmington Polo Grounds until 1970 when they moved to Baldwinville, Mass. Rev. Benon Topalian and his wife, who live in Concord, N.H., are enjoying retirement immensely. However, Benny, as we knew him, doesn't occasionally supply an area church. Maurice Rimpo, although retired in Cambridge, Md., is involved in public education work at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. He is also collaborating with a local author on a book and photographs birds along the coasts. He enjoys wintering in Sanibel Island, Florida, and playing in the South and Southwest. Lubov Leonovich Waltz, who lives with her husband, Spark, in Basking Ridge, N.J., has retired from teaching and church organ playing. They spent a delightful vacation in July 1984 accompanied by their two grandsons, ages 12 and 14. In their new trailer, they traveled through 24 states and Mexico. They have lived in Cornelius, Oregon, for many years, and for several years worked at Brookhaven National Laboratora, in Upton, N.Y. Then in 1966 she earned her Ph.D. at Columbia and went on to teach in the biology department at

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It was gratifying to have several responses to the request for your correspondent sent out and I trust we will hear from yet more of you. Many of our classmates like to learn how the rest of us are managing our time and energy now that several of us have retired from our life's work and are seeking alternative activities and sources of enjoyment. Hoover Goffin in West Babylon, N.Y., considers himself semi-retired. He bikes to work (to keep young) and is in the credit department of a paper and magazine company. His wife,elda, still works as a manager of a local doctor's office. They have two sons, one in California and another in Mississippi, and a daughter who lives near them. A year ago, on a visit to Delray Beach, Fla., the Goffs visited Alice Weston Huff '40 in Homestead. At the time, Charles Huff was in Maine, selling their house at Lake Eagle. Perhaps they will write more of their news themselves? I received a short note from Ruth Patterson, who lives in Winslow, Maine, Marjorie Arey O'Connor, also in Maine (Kennebunk), occupies herself as a public health volunteer, as well as with the Red Cross Blood Bank and serves Meals on Wheels. (Incidentally, Marjorie, delivering meals is one activity I take pleasure in performing once or twice a week.) With Marjorie's letter came the sad news that her sister, Barbara Arey Ambler, had died on February 7 after a six-month illness. Several of our classmates visited Colby last fall and collected memories of her death. She and her late husband owned and operated the Farmington Polo Grounds until 1970 when they moved to Baldwinville, Mass. Rev. Benon Topalian and his wife, who live in Concord, N.H., are enjoying retirement immensely. However, Benny, as we knew him, doesn't occasionally supply an area church. Maurice Rimpo, although retired in Cambridge, Md., is involved in public education work at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. He is also collaborating with a local author on a book and photographs birds along the coasts. He enjoys wintering in Sanibel Island, Florida, and playing in the South and Southwest. Lubov Leonovich Waltz, who lives with her husband, Spark, in Basking Ridge, N.J., has retired from teaching and church organ playing. They spent a delightful vacation in July 1984 accompanied by their two grandsons, ages 12 and 14. In their new trailer, they traveled through 24 states and Mexico. Great to hear from you, Lubov. Thanks for writing. Also thanks to Catharine Fussell for sharing her news with us. After Colby she received her master's from Cornell and for many years worked at Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, N.Y. Then in 1966 she earned her Ph.D. at Columbia and went on to teach in the biology department at
CLAS S OF 1940: 45TH REUNION

Tojo or Adolf may have been the reason that you didn't attend our 5th reunion, but if you were at our 45th, you will say, “I shall return for my 50th!” It was tremendous! Forty-four classmates and 21 spouses attended the dinner.

Howie Miller's generous cocktail party encouraged talks from our first days on College Avenue (depth of the Great Depression), to leaving Colby (World War II), to our children in the Sixties (move over King Lear), to recent travels to far-away places. We all agreed that our undergraduate days were the true “golden years!” And as Babs said, “We have seen the best.”

Bill Taylor, our class president for the past 10 years, gave over the leadership to Clark Carter as we head for our 50th. The Zetes have blossomed since graduation, enabling our class again this year to go over our goal for the Alumni Fund. The Millett Alumni House, where we had our dinner, was our 25th reunion gift to the College and will for generations to come be a tribute to this loyalty.

John Gilmore will be our vice president and Howie Miller our representative on the Alumni Council. Eleanor Thomas Curtis, 4607 West Alabama, Houston, Tex. 77027, as secretary-treasurer, will be the class correspondent to whom you will send news for the Alumnus column. You were there, in spirit, at the reunion as many asked about you, so please tell all to Eleanor, and thank you, my classmates, for all the cooperation—you are the greatest!

E. Robert Bruce

Penn State, first on the campus near Pittsburgh and now on the campus near Philadelphia. Great. “Catse” • And neither has Virginia Ryan retired. She is still working for the state in Manchester, Conn., in the Department of Income Maintenance. Not all work for Virginia though, for last year she enjoyed a cruise to Mexico, the Bahamas, and Key West, Fla. • You know, we still have several “lost” classmates. Doesn't anyone know the whereabouts of Melvin Baum, William Butler, Daniel Daley, Bernard Daniels, Franklyn Foster, Thomas Huse, Richard Johnson, Frank Leonard, John Liscomb, Elmer Marshall, Gordon Merrill, Gerald Robson, Doris Peterson Stanley, Richard Thayer. Eleanor Purple Tolhurst, or Chester Wish? If you do, won't you let me or the alumni office know? We'll all be grateful.

Class secretary: RUTH “BONNIE” ROBERTS HATHAWAY (Mrs. Henry L.), 25 Graham St., Fitchburg, Mass. 01420.

42 It is April as I write; summer is waning as you read. With regret, I report the death of Art Lincoln, in March. I remember a quiet math whiz, and indeed his working life was as an actuary with the National Life Insurance Company in Montpelier, Vt. He leaves his wife and two sons. Our sympathy to them • Also until now I was unaware of the death of John B. Warner in June of last year; no further details are available to me. One realizes the bell will toll more frequently now • One of our classmates reported the names of Norman Palmer '30 and Mary Marshall in a volume of Noted American Scholars. More details would be gratifying • There follows a list of some of our “lost” classmates. Please write if an address is known to you. David Brodie, Blanche Fisher Smith, John E. Geagan, Norman D. Jones, Norma Brosius McLaren, and Saul Millstein • I dislike distinguishing a book by mention, but is Caroline Chute's The Beans of Egypt, Maine as worthless and repugnant as it seemed to me?

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

43 Thanks for your responses to my last plea. I now have a wealth of material. My problem now is that much of it may be out of date before it can be included in this column • Hubert Beckwith wrote that in February he celebrated 30 years with the United Church of Christ, of which he was the founding pastor of a parish in Annandale, Va. His first grandson is now over a year old • Louise Trahan McCombs says that it seems that they are always “On the Road Again!” They traveled throughout the United States and hope to get to Europe this year • Ruth Howes Mistark has been retired for five years but keeps very busy. She is editor of The Seagull, the Cliff Island paper, is ward clerk, and has an arts and crafts group in her home. Her sister, Katherine Howes Brooks '44, and brother-in-law, Wendell '42, planned to move to Portland and Cliff Island in the spring.
of 1985 * George Popper visited Cancun, Mexico, in the winter and has planned business/pleasure trips to Germany, Spain, and the USSR for 1985 * Muriel McCellan Flagg has been appointed by Governor Joseph Brennan to the Maine State Museum Commission. This commission was established to formulate policies and to exercise general supervision over the state museum. We congratulate the governor for his excellent choice and Muriel, also, as we know she will be a valued and effective member * Kaye Monaghan Corey wrote of the death of Patricia Gregory Weaver. Our condolences to her family * Priscilla Moldenke Drake wrote that, for the first time in 33 years, she and her husband have no children at home. They traveled to Fatima, Lourdes, and Rome last summer. While in Maine last fall, Priscilla visited Beth Wescott '40 in Bucksport * Ressa Flewell Edmunds is doing substitute teaching in Towaco, N.J. In the summer of 1984 she and her husband visited their daughters in California and in Hawaii, but this summer they plan to visit relatives in Maine. Ressa and I write about getting together but have not yet managed to do it * Ronnie and Betty Wood Reed '44 have four grandchildren, all of whom live close by. Their daughter, Sandra Clougher '69, also lives in Montpelier. Ron reminded me that they were the first couple to be married on Mayflower Hill * If I don't stop, someone will be forced to cut the column. So, keep the news coming; and don't forget the letters to the editor of the Alumnus. Remember, at our age, we have a lot to contribute!!!

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

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

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Class secretary: MR. BEVERLY F. BOOTH, 234 Jackson St., Newton Center, Mass. 02159.

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I talked with Shirley Martin Dudley, who had just returned with Chuck '47 from a 3½-month trip visiting family and friends and seeing our great country. Their travels took them to the states of New York, Ohio, California, Florida, and Georgia. They visited the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, and the Petrified Forest. They also went out West and stopped in Georgia to see Nancy Jacobsen who now lives outside Atlanta. They had lunch with Herb and Marge Maynard Englert '47 at their condo in Largo, Fla., where the Maynards spend their winter months. Shirley said that she and Chuck were looking forward to a trip to Japan next year to visit a son in the service * We would enjoy hearing from the rest of our class. What are your plans for the coming season?

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

CLASS OF 1945: 40TH REUNION

Brilliant Maine weather greeted members of the Class of '45 as we gathered for our 40th reunion. Some of us, returning after many years, truly needed maps of the spectacular campus to find our way to the many activities planned for our weekend. We were housed near each other in Marvin Hall, where the third floor lounge became the setting for many conversations and rememberings.

High spirits were prevalent at the awards banquet, at which a wonderful ice sculpture of the Colby Mule watched over us as we enjoyed dinner and applauded the recipients of awards for service to Colby.

Good weather held for the terrific lobster bake on Saturday. Panel discussions, exhibits, and films were offered. Many of us walked through the campus and buildings with a growing sense of pride and recurring recollections of our own first steps on Mayflower Hill.

Throughout the reunion the opportunity to be with classmates, and to talk of the past and the present, provided a sense of friendship, of acceptance, and of belonging. Our own class dinner was a reunion highlight. We gathered, most appropriately, in Mary Low Hall, in the former dining room. Dinner guests included Wendell Ray, professor emeritus of chemistry, and his wife, Charlene (Blance '46), and Stan Nicholson, current administrative vice president at Colby. We applauded Douglas Smith, elected as our class representative to the Alumni Council; Roslyn Kramer, president; Georgina Gulliford Fielding, vice president; and Naomi Collett Paganelli, secretary-treasurer (2 Horatio St., New York, N.Y. 10014).

It seemed fitting that many of us were able to attend the memorial service and special tribute to President Bixler. We left the reunion with a sense of gratitude for President Bixler's great contributions and for the continuing excellence of the College. It was a memorable weekend.

Laura Tapia Aitken

What a lot of people have been waiting for—lobster! Roslyn Kramer '45, newly elected class president, with Rita McCabe '45, partake of theirs.
INAGURATIONS

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

Herbert R. Adams '54, at the inauguration of Arnold R. Weber as president of Northwestern University.

Diana Wiesenthal Friedman '41, at the inauguration of Michael J. Adanti as president of Connecticut State University.

Wilbur F. Hayes '59, at the inauguration of Christopher N. Breiseth as president of Wilkes College.

Susan Smith Huebsch '54, at the inauguration of John Russell Brazil as president of Southeastern Massachusetts University.

Norman P. Lee '58, at the inauguration of M. Paton Ryan as president of St. Joseph College.

C. Richard Peterson '60, at the inauguration of William Samuel Gaither as president of Drexel University.

Kaplan, who has had a rewarding and fulfilling career in the department store field, lives in Pittsburgh, Pa. • Mildred Hammond Bauer is a social work supervisor and lives in Lincoln, R.I. • Paul and Norma Twist Murray '46 live in Winsted, Conn. He retired two years ago after a career in the U.S. Corps of Engineers in the New England area • Grandpa David Manson, now a Colby trustee, and Dottie are enjoying their new granddaughter. Poor David has new Bauer skates and no one to play with! Keep in touch, I love it!

Class secretary: VIRGINIA BREWER FOLINO

I was gladdened by a phone call from Jason D. Finkelstein, an avid reader of the Alumnus, who has been in the hardware business in Hyannis these many years. The father of two (and a granddad), he wants to know why hasn't he seen more of you summertime Colby visitors to Cape Cod? Centrally located on the main street, he's not hard to find. Since he'll be opening his fourth hardware store, this one in his hometown, he'll really be centrally located! Right off the Southeast Expressway. Now all you summertime visitors to the historic Plymouth area have at least two connections here, and we want to see you • Manson H. Carter (Skippy to us) is the new chief executive officer and chairman of the William Carter Company in Needham Heights. Skippy is a great-grandson of the founder of the 120-year-old firm that manufactures children's wear. I was thrilled to come upon his dignified picture above the formal announcement of his new position in a recent issue of the Globe. It was almost like seeing again his picture in the 1949 Oracle • Meanwhile, in Augusta, Maine, Donald Nicoll served as chairman of the Colby Alumni Association and the Boston Colby Club • Doris Meyer Hawkes is our representative to the Alumni Council. She would be delighted to hear from any or all of our members on Colby matters. Write to her at P.O. Box 82, Fairfield, Maine 04937 • For other class news, write me and fill me in on your doings and I'll be glad to share them with the class.

Class secretary: ELIZABETH WADE DRUM

(Mrs. John J.) 44 Country Village Lane, Sudbury, Mass. 01776.

The January copy of Down East magazine featured a long article on Kents Hill School in Kents Hill, Maine, where Donald Jacobs has served as headmaster for the last 15 years. The article praised the school and the job that Jacobs has done in his tenure as headmaster • A letter was received by the alumni office from Jack Alex, who wrote that he had just returned from a trip to New Zealand, Australia, and Borneo. Jack also wrote that he and his wife were about to leave for a safari in Africa as well as a 10-day trip down the Nile. To finish off this vacation-filled year, Jack expected to spend the month of July at Moosehead Lake
CLASS OF 1950: 35TH REUNION

Although the numbers returning for our 35th reunion were not large, everyone was enthusiastic and commented on what an excellent weekend it was and on how enjoyable it was to renew old acquaintances.

At noontime on Saturday, about 20 of us met at the tent behind Roberts Union for the traditional reunion lobster bake. During the afternoon we attended various functions on the weekend program and then met again that evening at Roberts Union for our reunion dinner. Our ranks were increased at dinner by a number of our classmates and their spouses who live in Waterville and the surrounding area.

Our newly elected class president, Bud Everts, presided, and we were honored by the presence of Nancy Hill, mayor of Waterville and widow of our classmate, Kevin Hill. By unanimous vote it was decided that we would begin to make an extra special effort to ensure that we had a large turnout for our 40th reunion in 1990. We also were pleased to note that, although many of us now have grown children, and some of us are grandparents, we are all as physically handsome and beautiful as we were when we graduated from Colby 35 years ago.

Other class officers elected to serve until the next reunion are Albert Bernier, vice president; and Priscilla Tracey Tanguay, Alumni Council representative.

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CLASS OF 1950: 35TH REUNION

Although the numbers returning for our 35th reunion were not large, everyone was enthusiastic and commented on what an excellent weekend it was and on how enjoyable it was to renew old acquaintances.

At noontime on Saturday, about 20 of us met at the tent behind Roberts Union for the traditional reunion lobster bake. During the afternoon we attended various functions on the weekend program and then met again that evening at Roberts Union for our reunion dinner. Our ranks were increased at dinner by a number of our classmates and their spouses who live in Waterville and the surrounding area.

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Class secretaries: CHARLES S. McINTYRE, 27 Elm St., Marblehead, Mass. 01945, and ROBERT E. CANNELL, 2 Robinhood Lane, Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107.

I certainly hope that summer has been kind to you all. Arthur White, headmaster at Hotchkiss, reported that the school has just celebrated 10 years of coeducation. It has enriched the school in every way • Norma Bergquist Garrett continued to be busy as chairman of foreign language at Toll Gate High School in Warwick, R.I., in addition to teaching foreign language methodology at Brown University. She co-directs the Spanish Language School in Warwick for pupils in grades three through six. She is Rhode Island director of AMITY Institute, which sponsors foreign students in the United States to assist in the classroom, is president of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women, and sings in the church choir. Norma and her husband, Norv ’51, travel far and wide, but their favorite spot is China Lake in the summer • Thanks to all of you who helped make the alumni drive a success. Be ready to fill in my next questionnaire, arriving soon.


The class notes this time read something like a travelogue. Seems some of our classmates never stay home. Take Marty Friedlaender and Bob Grindle, for example. They were part of a Colby expedition to England recently and had a marvelous time visiting with Colby friends while enjoying the sights and sounds of London and environs • Then there’s Carol Carlson Van Alstyne, who last year traveled with her husband, Pete, to Germany, Switzerland, Southern France, and Madrid • A note from Joan Shea Conroy told of her return to Florida from travels in Australia, Hawaii, and North Carolina, and included her new address in New Port Richey, Fla. Write to me if you’d like it. Joan would love some Colby news, especially from Jean Lyon Shulkin, Anne Quin Olney, and John Fuller • Then there’s Marcie LaVerdiere O’Halloran, who not only travels but does so with a purpose. She was a principal speaker when the American Hospital Association’s Special Presidential Commission on Biomedical Ethics met recently in Monterey, Calif. Marcie has served on the 11-member commission since 1982. Last year, she was a principal speaker during the first Annual American Hospital Conference on Biomedical Ethics held in Toronto • Finally, Elaine Mark Goldsmith called to tell of perhaps the most exotic trip of all. She and husband Ross ’51 and their three children, David ’80, Susan, and Judy, left Marblehead Harbor aboard their 44-foot sailboat, Hoolimar (which, roughly translated, means “Hello” in Chinese) Sixteen perfect weather days later, with the wind at their backs all the way, they sailed into Bantry Bay, Ireland. After cruising the southwest coast of Ireland and then Wales, they arrived at the Firth of Clyde, where they left their boat for the winter. With two of their three children back home minding the family business, Elaine and Russ plan another exciting cruising summer sailing along the west coast of Scotland. Boats are so much of a family tradition that Elaine reports getting their first boat before they had a living room couch! Next year, Elaine and Russ plan to return to their boat in Scotland and sail it to Scandinavia. The following year • who knows! • Anyway, all this travel talk makes my trip to Richmond to the wedding of Ginny Falkenbury Aronson’s daughter Kathy seem a little pale by comparison. But that’s the way it goes and, besides, it’s always

"Class of ’50 by marriage." That’s how Ben Sears ’52 signed the reunion report for the Class of ’50. Here he sits, appropriately placed, gathering news and tidbits.

I tried to get in touch with Kenny Jacobson, but was told that he was in London working on a new play that was about to open. I hope it was a great success • This is my last column as your class correspondent. I cannot believe that the five years have gone so fast. I have enjoyed writing this column and thank all of you who have kindly sent me information for it. I shall close my term by wishing all my classmates good luck and a long life.

Class secretary: ALAN E. SILBERMAN, 769 Rockrimmon Rd., Stamford, Conn. 06903.
great fun to be with my Colby friends • Thanks for all the news … and please, keep it coming!

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8 Arizona Terrace #5, Arlington, Mass. 02174.

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

55 Classmates: By the time this edition of the Alumnus reaches you, our 30th reunion will be a part of our history. Both Sel and I are looking forward to the weekend of June 7-9, and we hope that many of you have felt the same way. I know that our reunion committee of Germaine Michaud Orloff, Joanne Bailey Anderson, Sid Farr, Anne Burbank Palmer, David and Ruth McDonald Roberts, and Mary Dundas Runser have all worked hard to make our reunion weekend a success • Many of you took the time to answer our latest questionnaire and I thank you very much for doing so. From California, Don Hoagland and Sistie Restall Horne wrote to catch us up on their lives. Don lives in Rocklin, Calif., and is a geothermal energy program specialist in charge of leasing geothermal energy resources owned by the state of California. His outside interests are playing and coaching soccer, sailing, and jogging. • Sistie lives in Newport Beach, Calif., and is busy with gardening, writing, and cooking. She sees Beryl Welfersdieck Piper, who lives in Corona Del Mar, Calif. I wish I had remembered your addresses last February when Sel, our youngest son, Stephen, and I spent a day at Newport Beach. Coming from a New Jersey winter, we certainly enjoyed your California sunshine for the nine days we were there • Andy Boissevain wrote me a most interesting letter last summer from Augsburg, West Germany, telling me of his activities as a doctor in the Army. In his capacity as Army medic, Andy has certainly seen many parts of the world • Harriette Glass Siegel wrote from Marblehead, Mass., that she was looking forward to our 30th. Glad to hear that! • Marilyn Faddis Butler wrote from Sandy Hook, Conn., where she and her husband are both teachers. Marilyn will have a son graduating from Rutgers this year • Betty Harris Smith still lives in Lincoln, Mass., and is working part-time at Brandeis. She regretted not being able to attend our reunion, but her daughter was graduating from high school that Saturday • What a pleasure to hear from Gil Alfano. It must be 20 years, Gil, since we have seen you. Gil says he is "retired" from his commercial real estate company in Daytona Beach, Fla. His main hobby now is, as he said, "Golf, Golf, Golf." Our best to you and Betty—and to all the Class of 1955.

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

56 It was great catching up with a couple of fellow New Jerseyans. Charlie Brown lives in southern Jersey, in Medford Lakes. A systems consultant with the Sun Company, he got involved with computers in the Army after working for a

Walking from one of the many reunion events to another are Sidney Farr ’55, Harley Bubhar ’40, Ann Burnham Deering ’55, Katherine Hartwell Thalheimer ’55, and Elinor Small Hudson ’55.

CLASS OF 1955: 30TH REUNION

Good friends, good times, great weather, and lobster, lobster, lobster! What more could the Class of ’55 hope for on our 30th reunion! It all started with the alumni dinner on Friday evening when many of us saw friends whom we had not seen for far too long. We ’55ers were proud to see Jean Halbhohm Hampton and Germaine Michaud Orloff honored with Colby Bricks. Germaine and Paul Orloff also hosted the after-alumni dinner gathering at their home.

On Saturday, many of our classmates sailed from Boothbay Harbor for a day on the ocean. Other classmates attended the lobster bake on campus. We were informed by a "reliable source" that this year was the first since our 25th reunion that the lobster bake had taken place in sunshine! Saturday evening we "reunited" at Alden Camp on the Belgrade Lakes with cocktails and dinner. Our own Maine humorist, Joe Perham, ably entertained us. Our new class officers were announced at the dinner—President Lou Zambello, Vice President Ann Burnham Deering, Secretary-Treasurer Sue Biven Staples (430 Lyons Rd., Liberty Corner, N.J. 07938), and Alumni Council Representative Allan Landau.

On Sunday morning, many of us enjoyed brunch at the home of David and Ruth McDonald Roberts. Ruth, you did your usual superb job! Before leaving Colby, many of our classmates attended the Boardman Memorial Service at which President Bixler was honored. For those of the Class of ’55 who could not attend our 30th reunion, we missed you! Aim for the 35th!

Sue Biven Staples
CLASS OF 1960: 25TH REUNION

IMPRESSIONS AND REFLECTIONS:

Thursday—A few Colby ’60s arrived at Colby—dinner at the Robins Room at Roberts. Where is everyone?

Friday—A beautiful day. At last, the bus leaves for Portland. Hugs, kisses, “Who was that?” Sparkling day on the boat. Finally, the tour guide stopped talking, so we could talk, talk, talk. Overheard, “I’ll look where we are on the way back.” On to Wadsworth Gymnasium to greet all the masses. The gym was transformed; great dinner. Proud of our classmate, the Reverend Brad Greeley, who gave the invocation. Shouts of joy when our own Roberta Jeromin Nelson won the prize for coming the farthest—from Brazil! Back to the dorm for the Celtic’s playoff game, and the “Center Streeters,” Bill ’59 and Linda MacKey ’60 Foehl’s great group from Dover.

Saturday—Breakfast, more classmates arrived; alumni meetings; touring the campus, sitting in the sun, sitting in the Spa, talking, talking, and talking! You weren’t safe unless you were here. Lobsters and clams at Millett House; more arrived. Crash in the afternoon! Tennis, sun, talk, talk, and more talk. Our own dinner Saturday night at Roberts; a lovely reception at President Cotter’s home. Faculty joined us. You didn’t have to hide from Mr. Benbow because your paper wasn’t finished. Dinner was delicious. Slides of the ’60s. Congrats to our new class officers: President Wendy McWilliam Denneen, Vice President Russell Zych, Secretary-Treasurer Beverly Jackson Glucker (39 Whipoorwill Way, Belle Mead, N.J. 08502), and Alumni Council Representative Leon Nelson. Thank you to all who contributed so generously to the Alumni Fund. A standing ovation for Eunice Bucholz Spooner. We were proud that she is one of ours.

Sunday—The Memorial Service for Dr. Bixler at the chapel; reflections of a president, interwoven with our own Colby thoughts. Brunch was wind-down time; we talked some more, laughed, planned the 30th, solved world problems, took care of our children’s lives, the business world’s woes, and just life in general. Where has the time gone? Colby has grown; we had grown.

Carolyn Knowles ’60
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TO HONOR JESS MARCHESHE

Those Colby alumni who were students between the years of 1959 and 1963 will well remember Jess R. Marcheshe '63, who died last year. Marcheshe was an active member of Tau Delta Phi and had been a cheerleader, a member of student government, and Campus Chest chairman. In these ways he contributed much to Colby, but perhaps his greatest contribution to the College was his zest, enthusiasm, and great sense of humor.

A committee, headed by Michael L. Franklin '63 and composed of members of the Class of '63, hopes to name the Spa or an area in the new Student Center 's Spa wing in Marcheshe's honor. Because Marcheshe loved the social atmosphere of the Spa, the committee considers this a most appropriate tribute.

Franklin requested that alumni who wish to support this effort, in conjunction with the Colby 2000 Campaign, drop him a note at 22 Rambling Road, Sudbury, Mass. 01776.
working. Her tennis has improved, and she's learning to play the piano. She and Merrill love to travel and are enjoying rural living, including gardening, crafts and music, and outdoor sports activities • Jeannette Fannin Regetz is a reading teacher in Arlington County, Va. She and her husband (who is an environmental planner) have an 8-year-old son and a 12-year-old daughter. Jeannette received her Ph.D. in 1981. She said that while at Colby she never intended to go into teaching, but that all roads have led there. The family bought an old house and continue to remodel it. After six years they are asking, "Will this ever be done?" Does this sound like a familiar refrain to any of you? • Marsha Palmer Reynolds is a Stamford, Conn., resident along with her husband, John, (they were married in 1980), and her Gordon setter, Bonnie. Marsha and her husband teach at Chapin School in New York City, and last summer received a grant to sail the coast of Maine for two weeks to make a movie, a slide show, and a series of lesson plans on Maine life and navigation for use in middle school math and science classes. Marsha wants to know where Nan McCune Wagner is • Polly French sent a Christmas card to say that she is still alive and well in the Portland, Maine, area • Owen Mark Sanders is currently an attorney in Hartford and is also very active in real estate. He lives in Coventry, Conn., with his wife. His two children are away at school, his daughter is a sophomore at Mt. Holyoke, and his son is a junior at Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Conn. • Peggy Fuchs Singer may be the most recent mother in our class, with a daughter, Ilana, born in March 1981, and a son, Daniel, born in March 1984. Peggy and her family live in Brattleboro, Vt., and are the supervisor of the Hearing Impaired Program in Westenaw County, Mich. Peggy, at least you don't have to worry about college acceptances yet. Congratulations! • Lois Mervese Stansel and her family enjoyed a trip to New England last summer and spent time in Kittery Point with Sandy Maccullough Lloyd and Bob. Lois, her husband, and three children have a full life, concentrating on enhancing their family life through their activities and commitment to the Nazarene Church, and through their shared interest in horses (4-H horse club). They are located in a small town, Leavenworth, in the Cascade Mountains of Washington state • Colby sent me two news clippings this month that are of interest to our class. Susan Stein Fenn of Brattleboro, Vt., has been appointed the first executive director of the newly incorporated Southern Vermont Health Foundation. Susan has worked in research and public relations at the Winston Prouty Center for Child Development, and has been very active on the board of directors of the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, and was a member of the Brattleboro School Board for six years • Allen A. Donaghy of St. Johnsbury, Vt., has been elected president of the Vermont Association of Realtors for 1985. Allen has been active for several years on the association's board of directors • That's all the news there's room to print this month. Please take the time to return the questionnaire that will come to you soon. And drop a note any time!

CLASS OF 1965: 20TH REUNION

A family atmosphere certainly pervaded the 20th reunion of the Class of '65. Fifty-one classmates returned with spouses and children, swelling our ranks to nearly 100. "Relaxing" and "enjoyable" also describe our weekend, what with the traditional lobster bake, tennis, and swimming occupying a lot of Saturday afternoon. Housed in Woodman because of the number of returnees, we all compared notes! It was unanimously agreed that none of us had really changed and that age had certainly agreed with all.

John Cornell was presented a Colby Brick on Friday evening at the awards banquet, which was followed by socializing (and watching the Celtics game!) at the Millett Alumni House. Our reunion dinner at the Manor (the old "Jeff") was certainly a highlight. Professors Fred Geib, Mark Benbow, Don Koons, and Bob Reuman were our guests, as were Earl Smith, dean of the College, and Bob McArthur, dean of admissions and financial aid. President Cotter also stopped by to welcome us back. Dancing at Foss afterwards proved we hadn't "lost it."

Special thanks to Jan Wood Parsons for a terrific job in organizing our dinner and weekend. Newly elected class officers are Lew Krinsky, president; Bud Marvin, vice president; Marcia Harding Anderson (15 Brechin Terrace, Andover, Mass. 01810), secretary-treasurer; and Harold Kowal, representative to the Alumni Council.

It was amazing that conversations could be resumed after 20 years as if they had begun yesterday! The essence of our reunion was the fellowship we established while at Colby. That fact reiterated a statement my father made on my first day at Colby, "These will be the best years of your life; enjoy them." As I suffered through hour exams, papers, cramming, and living in fear of those dreaded comps, I wondered what he could possibly be talking about. Twenty years later I realize Dad was right!

Plan on joining us, those of you who couldn't make it this time, in 1990 for what promises to be a super 25th!

Marcia Harding Anderson
While at Colby, Karen Eskesen never dreamed she would end up writing for the Press World. She has also, though, started a business called "Art Adventures, Inc.," which offers art tours to the Yucatan and Europe. Last year Karen conducted her own art tour in Venice. She has "Health Matters," a 26-week series of local Adventures, Inc.," which offers art tours to the daughters Kirsti, 13, and Mary, 11, are married and lives half the year on an island off the coast of Denmark. Karen wishes she were able to get to the Galapagos, Tahiti, and Tierra del Fuego! Maybe that will happen by the time I'm done. Maybe that will happen by the time I'm done.

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CLASS OF 1970: 15TH REUNION

Over 50 members of the Class of '70, 15 non-Colby spouses, and 30 of their children came from as far away as Seattle, Toronto, and Baltimore to celebrate their 15th reunion with fun, food, and friendship. The sun shone on their festivities, making it possible to play golf, tennis, and volleyball; to view the ever-expanding and always beautiful campus; and to eat our lobsters under the tent rather than in the gym with the loose snake and memories of final exams! Our children shared the camaraderie and spent many hours in the pool.

The class that brought the College a student strike, a chapel sit-in, and George McGovern as its commencement speaker drove up in their yuppie station wagons complete with baby seats. Although we discovered we can't stay up as late or eat and drink as much as we used to, we tried! The lounges at Mary Low found us intermingling, and we reminisced after cocktails at the alumni house (highlighted by a heartbreaking Celtics-Lakers game on a TV in the corner) and at our candlelight dinner in Johnson Commons. One question on everyone's lips was "How could they replace Big John's with a medical supply house?"

Many of us also attended the dedication ceremonies in the former fraternity houses. Although the buildings looked good as dorms, many shed a tear over the end of an era and, in some cases, dear departed brothers.

Thanks go to Steve Cline (my roommate since Colby!) for a wonderful job of organizing the reunion weekend from afar. Dave Shea now takes over the post of president with Sari Abul-Jubein, who as always provided the entertainment, as his vice president. Arthur White, who was unable to join us, will represent the Class of '70 on the Alumni Council. Thanks for the honor of secretary-treasurer, and please send me news of the class to 6602 Loch Hill Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21239.

As we left the superb brunch on Sunday morning we were already speaking of our 20th and 25th reunions as we tried to ignore our ages. So for those of you who missed it, the reunion was well worth the trip. We hope to see all of you at Colby in 1990!

Laura Struckhoff Cline
Haney was married in June 1983. They live in Westbrook, Conn., and are antique dealers for Haney and Ruskin. Their business necessitates traveling all over the United States and Europe to buy antiques and fine art. Richard Kaback is living in Flushing, N.Y., and is a vice president for the Incentive Marketing Company. His job involves extensive travel here and in Europe. He has received his M.P.S. from the Graduate School of Urban Professions of the New School for Social Research. His wife, Denise, is the manager of litigation paralegal services for a NYC law firm. They have one son, Alexander Bn, born in August 1984.

Christine Murphy and Mark Serdjenian ’73 and their three children are living in Waterville. Tina is a teacher and director of the Park Street Nursery School. Last year Mark was named assistant dean of students at Colby. He also continues as the men’s varsity soccer coach. Tina wrote that they live “practically next door” to the Colby Alumni House and would enjoy having classmates stop by when they visit Colby. Nancy Round Haley and her husband, Stephen, are living in West Kingston, R.I. Nancy has been promoted to the position of supervising public health toxicologist. She is also working on a master’s degree in pharmacology and toxicology at the University of Rhode Island. Stephen is a high school physical education teacher. Last winter, with their daughter, Kaylen Jean, they took a ski vacation trip to Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Alice Juskowitz is in the third year of a doctoral program in clinical psychology at Yeshiva-Einstein in New York. William and Joni Alford live in Dexter, Maine, where he is vice president of operations for Dexter Shoe. They have three children, ages 9, 8, and 4.


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Greetings from “Vacationland!” As summer begins to draw to a close and fall activities are on the horizon, sharpen your pencils and be prepared to let the rest of us know what you’re up to. To help you organize your thoughts, you can expect to receive your very own questionnaire in the not too distant future. In the meantime, we do have news from a few of our classmates:

Marvin White was appointed last winter to the position of buyer of children’s footwear for the U.S. Leased Division of Morse Shoe. Marvin has been associated with Morse since 1976.

Reginald Blaxton was appointed in November to the position of special assistant for religious affairs at St. George’s Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. He was appointed by Mayor Marion Barry and will act as liaison to the city’s religious community.

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

Enjoying their class picnic at Gould Shell are, from left to right, Mary Bastron Harper ’75, Catherine McGeorch Taylor ’75, and Lise Van Vooen ’75.

CLASS OF 1975: 10TH REUNION

It didn’t rain once the entire weekend—but we are the class that sets new records, so we really shouldn’t have been surprised. Not only did we raise over $10,000 in response to Suzie Benson Turnbull’s well-executed 10th reunion campaign, but we arrived on campus in record numbers. There were 150 ‘75ers for dinner on Saturday night, anxious to share stories and to extend a greeting to professors Charlie Bassett and Sandy Maisel, trainer Carl Nelson, Dean of Students Janice Seitzinger, Trustee David Marson ’48, and his wife, Dorothy, all of whom were our special guests.

We are also proud to say that Earle and Cindy Sanders Ingalls from Tacoma, Wash., and Mike “Moose” Hanf, San Francisco, Calif., arrived on campus, each to win a bottle of champagne for their treks to Waterville. I would be remiss if I didn’t also acknowledge the representatives from Florida, Arizona, and Minnesota. Paul Hatton—where are you? We had a bag of groceries ready for your return trip to the Philippines. Our class bestowed the “Huggies Award” on Mugesy Nelson and Jay Sarson—three girls and a boy! We also discovered that Joe Doherty is the consummate cook as he flipped hamburgers and hotdogs from grill to plate in record-breaking time.

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Once a Cape Cod devotee, I am now happily spending yet another summer vacation in Maine. I am reminded of the irony of spending one’s prime educational years in a state called “Vacationland.” An “unofficial member” of our class would like to re-establish some friendships. John Valencia, an exchange student from Pomona, has just finished law school. Write to the alumni office for his address • Bob Hirshland was married to Jennifer Jacob last February. In attendance at the Bel Aire, Calif., wedding were Robin Sherwood and Karen Gikas • Ann Wilson Beadle has been appointed second vice president of corporate services for Union Mutual in Portland, Maine • Bill and Pam Oldman are both chemists at the Connecticut State Department of Health Laboratory. They live in Middletown • Janet Gorman Allen is a workers’ compensation claims supervisor for CNA Insurance. She also owns J. Wray’s Antiques, which specializes in American country furniture and accessories • Two years ago, Ginger Jaschke was beginning a psychiatric residency at the Menninger Foundation in Topeka. Her research was “to delineate factors resulting in the development of the healthy mind, with hopes of staving off nuclear war and other catastrophes.” Important and admirable work, Ginger! Please let us know of your progress • Also two years ago, Susan Tauer-Ano was in her eighth year of living and working in Ivory Coast, West Africa. She is married to Barthelemy Ano, an Ivorian, and they have a four-year-old daughter, Karen. At last contact, Sue was working for the Ministry of Education as a teacher of English as a second language, as well as a supervisor/advisor for other English teachers • Ned and Paula Lipes are living in Auckland, New Zealand, where Ned is general manager for the Baxter Travenol New Zealand subsidiary. They have a two-year-old, Ashley Lynn, and, by now, a newborn, too! I apologize for so much old news. I hope to remedy the situation soon, but meanwhile, I urge you all to be inspired and write!

Class secretary: MELISSA DAY VOKEY (Mrs. Mark), 16 Fox Run, Topsham, Maine 04081.

Former Detroit Lion, Peter Omermele, is back in New York City. I spotted Peter one night in a restaurant, and we caught up on the past eight years. Over a good cigar we were discussing a restaurant on the Upper West Side doing a good job of it, I might add, as I have dined there • I, too, have a new profession. After spending many years in the television world, I am now a talent representative for Xavier Moreau, an agency that represents photographers who do advertising and fashion. Fashion victims can be quite interesting to deal with. With a name like Lachapelle, everyone says that I am destined to work for the French! Apparently so; before Xavier Moreau, I worked for Telefrenca USA Cable Network • One of my colleagues from WNYB is a disc jockey in Poughkeepsie, and he writes a column here in New York City—Phil Redo 78 is still on the radio • Charles Cowing has also carried his college interests far beyond Mayflower Hill. Jeff Gottesfeld tells me that Chas is involved in theater production here. Jeff has switched his career from lawyer to projects editor for Brownstone Publishers, a small growing legal publications company. He also writes on political and legal affairs for East Village Eye magazine • Another classmate in the new job/new location category is Bob Keele. A new position as sales engineer with Palsilac has brought Bob to Minneapolis from New Hampshire. His new company manufactures sophisticated filtration equipment. One of the best perks of the job is a yearly trip to the parent company in Denmark • Travel plans for Rhonda Helzner include a trip to Montana for a Mountain Men Rendezvous. Ronnee, a member of the Youth Conservation Corps Forest Service, reported that she loves working outdoors, and sometimes she does this at an elevation of 10,800 feet. She is working on her second degree in range management at the University of Wyoming • Quality control manager and biologist at Great Eastern Mus­sell Farms is Carter Newwell. A marine studies graduate of the University of Maine, Carter is doing wonders for the state’s clam industry • Both Mark Richardson and Delva King are managing their own companies. Mark started his own health-care consulting firm, FLR Health Resources, in Atlanta. Delva owns Ellen fringe. • The Cleanup manager of Cradyville, Pa., David Malman, is learning to luge! • Jim Torrance and Peter Masterton both say hello to each other, and to Jeff Schwartz and Mark Pesanelli 78. Goodbye from me until next time.


A warm April sun coaxes frost from the long frozen ground, and I think of plans for a new kitchen and backyard garden as I write this column. By the time you read this I will be using the remodeled kitchen to put away the fruits of that garden. I am amazed sometimes when I ponder the changes a few months can bring • Changes in the lives of several of our classmates have been reported to me. The ranks of the lost are reduced by one thanks to Jane Linge McDonough, who reported that she passed the Massachusetts bar exam and is in her fifth year as a resident physician at Beth Israel Hospital, and Elaine is an assistant vice president at State Street Bank in Boston • And Lise Greenfield is now mortgage officer at Martha’s Vineyard National Bank. Congratulations all! Does anyone know the whereabouts of these lost classmates? Mary Margaret Murphy, Jan Ogilvie, Bradley Forde, Al Sheehey, and Sandra Wolcott?

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

As the summer winds down, Leslie Taylor is gearing up for the start of a new school year. She is manager of the admissions office at Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Mass., and lives with her musician/actor husband, Nick Plakias, in Greenfield • Another classmate preparing for the start of a new academic year is Kristin Whittier Lorenz, a second-year medical student at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine • Robin Towle Glynn, now living in Chester, N.H., is the area director for a federally funded social service agency that often aids Hispanics, she said, and thus is “a Colby Spanish speaker” • Speaking of Spanish, Patricia McNally probably has the chance to speak the language often. She is a naval officer stationed in Rota, Spain, for a two-year tour of duty • Marilyn Courtney Cosgrove also lives overseas—in Ireland. She and her husband, Peter, return to the United States annually and, during their last trip, visited Michele Donahue in San Antonio, Tex. • In March of this year, Jonathan Sexton was elected vice president of Bay Bank Middlesex, in Massachusetts • In Hartford, Conn., David Allen was promoted to director of public relations in the actual national department of Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company. Congratulations to both Jon and David! • Jonathan and Joyce Glassock Haines and their one-year-old daughter, Amanda Elan, now live in Indianapolis, where Jona­than has been awarded a postdoctoral fellowship in human genetics at Indiana University • Amy Burdan is busy working toward her M.B.A. at Fairleigh Dickinson while maintaining her job as market analyst with Bendix Electric Power Company in the Jersey shore area • Others who have completed advanced degrees include Ross Moldoff, who became the Salem, N.H., town planner after receiving his master’s in regional planning from UMass at Amherst, and Williams Mills who, after receiving his master’s degree in health service administration from George Washington University, joined the Hudson Valley Health Systems Agency in New Jersey as health planner • Doug Taron was awarded a Ph.D. by Northwestern University from the departments of biochemistry, molecular biology, and cell biology. He is now working for
Amoco Corporation in its research and development division in Illinois • Libby Maynard graduated from the doctor of nursing program at Case Western Reserve and is now a registered nurse in Ob-Gyn and newborn nursing in Cleveland. She travels frequently, but, between trips, spends as much time as possible with Phil ‘77 and Janet Deering Bruen • Glenn Connell, now the father of three, is product manager of cryogenic products for Balzers Corporation. He travels approximately 100,000 miles per year on business to Switzerland, Austria, Germany, and Liechtenstein • Linda Frechette also travels a lot, although closer to home. She’s traveled to the West Coast and spent three months on Vancouver Island. Now living in Camden, Maine, her occupation is public relations • Tim and Magdalene Christolow Buffum ‘81 live in Rhode Island, where Tim is vice president of operations for John F. Allen and Sons, and Magdalene is production manager for Northeast Promotions • Louise Bliss appears to be “building” quite a future for herself as a carpenter and woodworker in Franconia, N.H. She has also started a small farm there and builds children’s furniture on the side • Hope you all had a terrific summer! Please write to share any unusual summer adventures or other news.

Class secretary: JANE VENMAN LEDEBUHR (Mrs. David), 15515 Boulder Oaks, Houston, Tex. 77084.

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Bill and Lynn Collins Francis (married June 23, 1984, in Brewster, Cape Cod, Mass., followed by a four-week honeymoon in Europe) live in their new home in Westwood, Mass. Lynn’s a research biologist at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston; Bill’s an engineer for Hewlett-Packard, Waltham • Susan Erb left the Boston Ballet, where she worked on such productions as the Nutcracker, to become associate director of development, Mount Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, Mass. • Betsy Morrell’s been busy; she went to Africa with the National Outdoor Leadership School in the fall of 1980, then to The Philadelphia Restaurant School, after which she managed various Dunfey Hotels’ restaurants (11 years at Biltmore Plaza, Providence, R.I., and 9 months in Bedford, N.H.). Now she’s taking a respite from hotel/restaurant business but hopes to open her own restaurant in Maine someday • Peter Golden is casting director on “The Cosby Show.” He says that Russ and Lisa Fleming are expecting their second child in early June, and that Jim and Jenni Scully Elmore, living in South Portland, Maine, are not expecting a child. Jenni’s an underwriter at Union Mutual, while Jim’s in the Maine Medical Center’s five-year general surgery residency program • Glenn Davis is finishing up his M.B.A. at Hofstra University • On March 9, 1985, I attended Bob Glaser and Cindy Wagner’s wedding; other Colbyites in attendance included Nancy Reed, Jane De Martin (assistant professor of management at Hartwick College, N.Y.), Lisa Mackintosh (loan officer, European American Bank, New York City), Tom Hagerty (at Dean Witter in New York City). Tim and Anne Luedemann Hunt ‘79, Tom Schofield ‘81, Dave Ryley ‘81, Jeff McLaughlin ‘81, Holly Mackin

CLASS OF 1980: 5TH REUNION

Reunion 1985 is definitely a time to remember. The Farmer’s Almanac and Cosmic Muffin’s weather and astrological forecasts were right on target—it was a perfect weekend in all respects. The skepticism that many of us had felt before this, our first reunion, faded rather quickly as we all became immersed in conversations that seemed to pick up where we had left off in senior week 1980. People were not out to impress one another. Instead, among all attendees a tremendous feeling of warmth was generated as we renewed acquaintances, made new friends, and shared many good times and laughter.

Approximately 110 classmates and guests attended our class dinner, while another 40 drifted in and out at some point during the weekend. Long distance travelers included Tommy Marlitt (Oregon), John Flerlage (California), and Paul Wade (Montana). Peter and Beth Shribman won the raffle’s grand prize, a Colby chair. Carol Slyn won the “Pink Flamingo,” which adorned Johnson lawn throughout our stay, a tradition we’ll have to maintain.

New class officers are President Linda Davis, Vice President Bill McKechnie, and Alumni Council Representative John Carpenter. I’ve been reelected secretary-treasurer and await your news (360 East 65th St., #3H, New York, N.Y. 10021).

Jack McBride and I would like to thank those whose time and efforts contributed to the reunion’s success. It was a truly wonderful affair that I, for one, will not forget. I only hope that those of you who did not attend will do so in 1990—you won’t regret it!

Diana Herrmann
Anzani '81, and Kevin Schneider '79. Bob currently works at Morgan Guaranty, New York City • With The Boston Corps since August 1980, John Flerlage was recently promoted to captain while serving with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, Calif. • Bill O'Donnell married Kemble Carpenter Lickle last fall; he's a vice president at Technical Data Corporation, Boston • Peter Forman was elected to his third term in the Massachusetts State House; he serves as representative for Kingston and Plymouth • Bob Motley married Maria Field this past fall followed by a European honeymoon; Bob is a marketing executive at Xerox Corporation, Hartford, and they reside in Rocky Hill, Conn. • Bob Oberg is now the brother of three: Sarah Erika born March 1984, David, Jr., born June 1981, and Kitty born June 1982; needless to say, she is quite busy • Kevin Shea was recently promoted at Lowell Institution for Savings, in Massachusetts, where he works in the construction and commercial lending area • Elliott Pratt also works in Massachusetts, in the leasing area at Dedham Dodge, where he doesn't miss a day without seeing fellow classmate Andy Goode • As for myself, I am still at American Embassy, New York City, but in a new capacity as a loan review officer; reporting to management on the quality of our loans and lending procedures. I continue to run into classmate in the city, including Hilary Morton (executive recruiter at Smyth Tveen Personnel), Brian Neilan (paralegal at Donovan Leisure Newton and Irvine), and Lisa Paskalides Grimmig (who just bought a house in Summit, N.J.), and continues to work at Kenny. Class secretary: DIANA P. HERRMANN, 360 East 65th St., Apt. 3H, New York, N.Y. 10021.

81 Happy spring, Class of 1981! There are several newly engaged or married couples to be congratulated. Janet Blau, now at Digital Equipment in Hudson, Mass., is engaged to Daniel B. Milton, Mt. • Michael Romano, who is now a department supervisor with Security Insurance Group in Farmington, Conn., is engaged to Lisa Longo, employed at Vantage Computer Systems • Martha Pingree, who works at the Breakwater Restaurant and Inn in Kennebunkport, Me., is engaged to be married at the Kennebunkport Inn • Judy Sheehan and George Metcalf were wed in a fall ceremony in Belfast, Maine. Judy is an associate with the Boston law firm of Lovins and Diller • Barbra Cooper became engaged on Christmas 1984 to Mark Comman, also a medical student in Sturbridge • Jennifer Dorr is a college sales representative in Portland • Mike Koonce is a math teacher in Hudson, N.H. • Cindy Jenkins is working as a quality assurance analyst and going to grad school part-time • Rob and Chris Hood English are living in Manhattan, where Rob is in investment banking with Goldman Sachs and Company, and Chris is in securities sales. Rob received his M.B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1984, and in June 1985 he was married in Old Sturbridge Village. David is assistant to the director of development at Thompson Island Educational Center, while Jennifer will be teaching at Dedham and Women's Hospital in Boston • John Crowley is currently employed by American CableSystems in Dedham, Mass., as the director of marketing. He is also working toward an M.B.A. at Babson • Those of you who read The Boston Globe couldn't miss the picture of Mary Beth Whitaker in the sports pages last September. She is the aerobics coordinator for Play/Jacquet and Fitness in Needham, and was featured in the Globe's article on aerobics • Cindy Jenkins and Steve Barbashe are engaged to be married in November. Cindy is a grad student in the physician's assistant program at Northeastern University, and is a sales rep for Barbashe Associates • Mike Kraone is currently working toward a degree at Northeastern University Law School • Joline Rioux is a teaching assistant at Penn State. She was a teaching assistant at Bucknell University for a year • Last, but not least, I've heard that Steve Brown is working for the Sheraton Corporation of Morgantown, W.Va., selling condos. The last questionnaire I sent is over a year old now. Please let me know if any information has changed.

Class secretary: JULIANE M. CULLEY, 425 Front St., Weymouth, Mass. 02188.

82 Here's the scoop on the Class of 1982. When last I mentioned Nancy Briggs, she was public information officer for WCBB-TV in Lewiston. She has since left that position and is currently working as associate communications director for SugarloafUSA • Elizabeth Williams has been in China for the past academic year. She's been teaching English to Chinese university students and writing her master's thesis. She is the first student to participate in Appalachian State University's exchange program with China. • Dennis Donaldson also works in charge of their personnel matters, company and agent licenses, and miscellaneous contracts. He has returned from an adventure in Africa with the Peace Corps. Mark has been in Sierra Leone, West Africa, since January 1982, where he helped the natives to construct a bridge and a road, and to complete a schoolhouse. Although Mark said that he did not improve his social life greatly and he lost 30 pounds in the delta of rice, dried fish, and beans, he found the experience very rewarding and the natives very hospitable. He even indicated that he would like to go back and visit some day.

Class secretary: PAULA HINCKLEY BUR ROUGHS (Mrs. Jack), 55 N. Reading St., Manchester, N.H. 03104.

83 Class secretary: DELISA A. LATER ZO, 1427 Marine St. #1, Boulder, Colo. 80302.

84 Just one year out of Colby and already making news. Here are the latest happenings for members of the Class of 1984. Jeff Nottonson received a Berklee professional music scholarship and a Chick Corea Jazz Masters Incentive Award for enrollment at Berklee College of Music in Boston. He is studying composition and performance. In May, Jeff went to France to visit friends from his Colby in Caen experience • Lisa Kuzia is a college sales representative in the southern New England area for John Wiley and Sons Publishers • Kathy Musser is engaged to Gordon Marshall '83 and an August wedding is planned. Kathy is currently studying graphic design at the Art Institute of Boston as is Sally Lee • Laurie Rutherford is a research assistant at D.R.I. in Lexington • Derek Tarson is a math and science teacher at Adelphi Academy in Brooklyn, N.Y. He has been directing plays, one of which he wrote, at the school • Mike Megna is a math teacher in Hudson, N.H., and was engaged to be married on June 15, 1985 • Paige Lilly was also engaged to be married, but on July 27, 1985, to Robert Stephens, Bowdoin '84. She is an archivist for the United Society of Shakers at Sabbathday Lake and is living in Auburn • Jennifer Dorf is a research assistant at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. She was married to David Dobbs '82 in Sturbridge, Mass. They are now living in Brookline, Mass. • Peter Witham is studying at George Washington University Medical School in Washington, D.C. • Mark Raymond works at Bookland of Maine in Portland. He is in charge of displays and would eventually like to get into management. He also is doing a bit of charity work for the local art museum • Karen Melino is studying for her degree in student personnel at UNE. She is a hall adviser and works in the admissions office there • Moi! I went to France for two weeks this summer, and I resume grad courses in Spanish literature this fall where I am active in student government, teaching undergrads, and studying like mad! • Check the next issue of the Alumnus for the latest news, and keep writing!

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

85 Class secretary: SUSAN L. JAMES, 59 Deering St., Apt. #3, Portland, Maine 04102.
Milestones

Marriages

Robert K. Hirshland '76 to Jennifer Jacob, February 17, 1985, Bel Aire, Calif.
Peter A. Saras '76 to Barbara Jean Parrott, Lynn, Mass.
Jon A. Hubbard '77 to Marlene Otter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.
Tana Ghizari '78 to Dennis J. Driscoll, Jr., Hanover, Mass.
Michael F. Romano '81 to Lisa Elaine Longo, March 30, 1985, Wolcott, Conn.

Births

A daughter, Alexandra Larschan, to Rosalind and Richard Larschan '64, December 12, 1984.
A daughter, Fay Allen Rothenberg, to Jon and Bonnie Allen Rothenberg '69, October 1, 1984.
A daughter, Dorothy Leonelle Sylviane Chalvet, to Honore and Ronna Winer Chalvet '70, March 4, 1985.
A daughter, Elizabeth Cate Cintavey, to Albert and Kathleen Otterson Cintavey '72, June 22, 1983.
A daughter, Hallie Rose Scott, to Howard and Martha Weitmore Scott '73, April 26, 1985.
A son, Matthew Donald Richardson, to Janet and Donald Richardson '74, March 11, 1984.
A daughter, Amy Michelle Sparks, to Barbara and Robert Sparks '74, February 19, 1985.
A son, Gregory Maurice Martel, to Roland '76 and Adele D'Amico Martel '76, June 8, 1984.
A daughter, Mary Elizabeth Stella, to Joseph '76 and Noel Barry Stella '76, January 1, 1985.
A daughter, Sally Marie Kennedy, to Rick and Iris Greenberg Kennedy '77, February 5, 1985.

Deaths

Florences King Gould '08, January 29, 1985, in Newton Centre, Mass., at age 98. A member of Chi Omega sorority while at Colby, she attended the Alliance Francaise in Paris the summer after she graduated. At Colby she served as women's editor of the Echo and was also associate editor of the Oracle. In her senior year she was elected to Kappa Alpha. Before her marriage, she taught French for several years in New Hampshire and Vermont. She had since served as class agent, was president of both the Boston and national Colby Alumnae associations, and had been active in many church and women's clubs. She is survived by three daughters, Dorothy Gould Rhodes '36, Marjorie Gould Murphy '37, Ruth Gould Stevens '40, a son, and ten grandchildren.

Ruth Wood Hebner '10, October 15, 1984, in Fairport, N.Y., at age 98. She was born in East Taunton, Mass., and attended Taunton High School before matriculating at Colby. She was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority and became a teacher at Jackson College in Jackson, Miss. She was very involved in religious activities and was a founding member of the United Church Women, as well as a member of the Secretary Council of Church Women of Rochester, N.Y., and the Women's Baptist Missionary Union of Monroe County, N.Y. She lived in Rochester, N.Y., for over 50 years. A member of the American Association of University Women, she also was president of the Delta Delta Delta alumnae chapter of Rochester. She is survived by her daughter, Faith Kilburn, one brother, two grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Gertrude French Packard '10, August 1, 1982, in Montclair, N.J., at age 95. She matriculated at Colby before receiving her degree from Bates in 1911. She taught for a year in Thomas­ton, Maine, and then married in 1912. She had been a volunteer for the Red Cross for several years and a private tutor. She is survived by a son, Robert.

John Hess Foster '13, March 2, 1985, in Lewiston, Pa., at age 93. Born in Swatow, China, he was the son of Clara and John Marshall Foster Class of 1877, and the grandson of John Barton Foster Class of 1843, a former Colby professor. A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and went on to study medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He completed postgraduate studies at Harvard and Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, and then served as a first lieutenant in the army medical corps in World War I. He returned to China to teach at the Harvard-Yale medical college in Changsha, but was forced to evacuate the mission during a Communist takeover in 1927. Dr. Foster began his practice as a cardiologist and attending physician at the Waterbury (Conn.) Hospital in 1930, from which he retired in 1972. He maintained a strong interest in China and donated many books on the subject to Colby's Miller Library. Dr. Foster's wife, Helen Thomas Foster '14, died in 1982. He is survived by a son, John Thomas Foster '40, a daughter, Anne Foster Murphy, a sister, Grace Foster '21, seven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Carleton E. Nason '14, March 31, 1985, in Lexington, Mass., at age 94. He was born in Somersworth, N.H., and attended Berwick Academy in Berwick, Maine. He matriculated at Colby and Amherst before graduating from the Harvard Dental School in 1917. His independent practice of dentistry lasted for 63 years in various Massachusetts locations. He was a member of the Psi Omega Dental Society and the Senior Society of Harvard Medical. He died at his home and is survived by his wife, Irene, two sons, three daughters, and twelve grandchildren.

Newton L. Nourse '19, April 22, 1985, in Waterville, at age 88. He was born in Lancaster, N.H., and attended Lancaster Academy before graduating from Colby as a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. In 1919 he became a teacher and coach at Stratford (Conn.) High School. From 1920 to 1930 he worked as a chemist for the Brown Company in New Hampshire and from that position he moved to Brown's technical sales department in Portland, Maine. Upon his retirement he was Brown's vice president in charge of sales. He served on the Board of Trustees at Colby from 1942 to 1958 and was awarded a Colby Brick. He served on the War Production Board from 1940 to 1947. He was a member of the Chemist Club of New York and a member of many local, national, and worldwide wood pulp associations. He was a former member of the Algonquin Club of Boston. He was also a
Arthur J. Brimstone '21, April 7, 1985, in Milton, Mass., at age 87. Born in North Vassalboro, Maine, he attended Oakland High School before matriculating at Colby. After his graduation and until 1925, he taught mathematics and coached track and cross-country at Berwick High School in Berwick, Maine, of which he was principal. In 1950 he earned his master’s degree in education from Boston University. He then went to Milton High School, where he had been head of the math department, a member of the guidance department, and vice principal. He was a member of local and national school associations, the Massachusetts Schoolmaster's Club, and the Milton Masonic Lodge. He died suddenly at his home and is survived by his son, Frederick, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

John H. Tobey '21, March 1, 1985, in Topsham, Maine, at age 85. He was born in Fairfield Center, Maine, and attended Waterville schools before graduating from Colby. He had a long career at Bath Iron Works, from which he retired in 1965. He was a life member of the Waterville Lodge of Masons. Besides his wife, Ruth Harlow Tobey '21, he is survived by two sons, including William H. '44, one sister, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Charles Williams Totman '22, February 4, 1983, in Augusta, Maine, at age 82. He was born in Malden, Mass., and attended Milton Academy in Wilton, Maine, before matriculating at Colby. A member of Kappa Alpha and the Chi Omega sorority, she graduated cum laude and then taught French in Maine high schools. Later, she became an insurance broker for companies such as Hartford and Aetna. In 1929 she married her own insurance business. She belonged to the Colony Club of Ambler, Pa., and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was also an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ambler and is especially remembered for her editorial work on a newsletter that was sent to soldiers overseas during World War II. She is survived by one son, Richard, a brother, and a sister.

Ralph Henry DeOrosy '27, March 16, 1985, in Bridgton, Barbados, at age 79. He was born in Waterville, Maine, and attended Coburn Classical Institute before matriculating at Colby, where he was a member of Zeta Psi. After his graduation, he attended the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. His medical career began at the Philadelphia General Hospital, where he interned and later became assistant chief resident. He was an assistant student physician at the Drexel Institute in Philadelphia and was employed by the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania as assistant chief surgeon and instructor of surgery. In 1942 he enlisted in the Navy and was senior medical officer aboard the battleship USS Massachusetts. He held the rank of commander and was awarded two stars for his service. After the war he returned to the practice of medicine at the Delaware Memorial Hospital, as team physician for the University of Pennsylvania's football and track teams, and as assistant police surgeon for Upper Darby Township in Pennsylvania. He retired from active practice in 1976. He was a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Society of Colonial Surgeons, the Massachusetts Historical Society, the Delaware county, state, and American medical associations, the Union League, and a member and past president of the Upper Darby Rotary Club. He lived in Drexel Hill, Pa. He is survived by his wife, Clara, two sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren.

Ruth E. Williams '28, January 3, 1985, in Waterville, at age 77. Born in Franklin, Maine, she attended Waterville High School before matriculating at Colby. After her graduation as a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she continued her studies at the University of Maine, Columbia University, the University of Colorado, the University of California, and Middlebury College, where she earned her master's degree. She taught for more than 20 years at Deering High School in Portland, Maine, and in 1950 she was named assistant professor and dean of women at Farmington State Teachers College. She retired in 1972. She was very supportive of Colby as a member of the Alumni Council and as past president of the Western Maine Alumnae Association. A past president of the Maine Deans of Women Association, she also belonged to the National Association of Women Deans and Counselors, the Business and Professional Women's Club, the American Association of University Women, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Kennebec Retired Teachers Association, the Waterville Garden Club, the Waterville Women's Club, and the Pleasant Street United Methodist Church. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Florence Young Bennett '29, January 14, 1985, in St. Clair, Mich., at age 77. She was born in Brockton, Mass., and graduated from Brockton High School before attending Colby, where she was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority. After graduation she worked as an assistant to the minister of Tabernacle Church in Salem, Mass., until 1933 and then as assistant in the Brookline, Mass., Leyden Church. She married the Reverend Franklin P. Bennett in 1934 and helped him serve various Episcopal parishes for 36 years. She and her husband retired in 1970. She is survived by three sons.

Dana M. Simmons '31, January 28, 1985, in Bangor, Maine, at age 77. He was born in Appleton, Maine, and attended the Coburn Classical Institute before matriculating at Colby as a member of Kappa Phi Kappa and the Zeta Psi fraternity. He did graduate studies at Presque Isle Normal School, the University of Maine, and American University. His lifetime career in education in Maine began in 1931 at Bangor High School. He later taught at Orono High School and the University of Maine and was principal of Bucksport, Stephens, and Bangor high schools. After his retirement from secondary school teaching in 1970, he assumed the positions of associate professor of education and acting president of Unity College for three years, from which he received an honorary doctorate of pedagogy in 1973. He was past president of the State Principals Association, the New England Council of Secondary School Principals Association, and past chairman of the Scholarship Committee of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. For his leadership in these professional organizations, he was honored by Colby on two occasions with Colby Gavels. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a son, a daughter, her sister, Helen Simmons Dempsey '32, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Norma Fuller Hurst '33, April 22, 1985, in Delanson, N.Y., at age 74. Born in Waterville, Maine, she attended Oak Grove Seminary and the Coburn Classical Institute before graduating from Colby. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority. She went on to study fine arts at the Yale Drama School and worked as a free-lance costume designer from 1936 to 1942, designing the costumes for several Broadway shows. She then attended the City College of New York and studied bacteriology to become a medical technician at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, where she supervised a laboratory. She was honored as a research technician at Albany Medical College. She died after a lingering illness and is survived by her husband, Charles, her brother, Gordon K. Fuller '31, and several nieces and nephews.
Robert F. Murphy '37, December 17, 1984, in Augusta, Maine, at age 70. He was born in Portland, Maine, and attended Hallowell (Maine) High School. He graduated from Colby as a member of Kappa Phi. After graduating, he did graduate studies in education at the University of Maine. A World War II Army Air Force veteran, he was employed by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services for many years. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Biddeford. He also taught at the Monmouth, Maine, school system and worked as a counselor at the vocational rehabilitation division of the state Department of Education. He died after a brief illness. Survivors include one sister, Barbara Miller, and several nieces and nephews.

Foahd J. Salien '37, February 26, 1985, in Waterville, at age 70. He was born in Waterville and was president of his senior class at Waterville High School. He graduated from Colby as a member of Alpha Tau Omega and graduated from Boston University Law School as an Army veteran of World War II. He was a prominent Maine lawyer and a former assistant attorney general as well as a former president of the Waterville and Kennebec bar associations. His high school and college participation in athletics and his popularity as a speaker and master of ceremonies made him a valuable associate of the American Little League for more than 25 years. He was also director of the Waterville Boys' Club, a member and past president of the Oakland Lions Club, and a member of the Waterville Lodge of Elks and the Bourque-Langan Post American Legion. He is survived by three sisters and two nieces.

Edward H. Gleason '38, April 27, 1985, in Waterville, at age 68. Born in Colebrook, N.H., he attended Colbybrook, N.H., he attended Montpelier Seminary before he matriculated at Colby, from which he graduated a member of Lambda Chi Alpha. He worked for the Electrolux Company for many years and was active in church work and community affairs. Mr. Gleason was a member of Masonic Lodge 53 and attended the Second Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, a son, a daughter, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Stanley Parker Thompson '38, December 6, 1984, in Springfield, Va., at age 69. Born in Boston, Mass., he attended high school in Quincy, Mass., before matriculating at Colby. He was a member and 1936-37 president of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. After his graduation, he joined the Socony Mobil Oil Company's Boston district offices. He enlisted and served as a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps during World War II before returning to Mobil Oil, where he worked for 42 years and retired as a sales representative. He is survived by his wife, Mabel, two daughters, a sister, and five grandchildren.

Machaan E. Stevens '39, January 27, 1985, in Waterville, at age 67. He attended the Colburn Classical Institute and graduated from Colby as a member of Kappa Phi Kappa and Zeta Psi fraternity. His graduate studies in education and engineering took him to the University of Maine, Cornell University, the United States Naval Academy, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He began teaching in Maine in 1939 at Portland High School and continued at Lawrence High School and at the Oak Grove School. Later he worked as plant manager for the Harris Baking Company and as personnel manager for the Ralston Purina Company. He returned to teaching at Hampden Academy, where he stayed for nine years and retired in 1977. He also had a distinguished Navy career as lieutenant commander in World War II. He died following a short illness and is survived by his wife, Mildred Colwell Stevens, three children, a brother, Alton L. '43, and eight grandchildren.

Barbara Arey Ambler '41, February 7, 1985, in Windsor, Conn., at age 64. Born in Winchendon, Mass., she attended Gardner High School in Gardner, Mass., before matriculating at Colby. A member of Sigma Kappa sorority, she left Colby in 1942 to study medical technology at Massachusetts State College, the Worcester City Hospital, and Clark University. She served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 and then went to work for Springfield Hospital. She later was employed by Worcester Hospital and finally the Henry Homwood Hospital. Since 1959 she owned and operated the Farmington Polo Grounds in Connecticut with her husband, Clarence T., who died in 1980. She was a member of the Registered American Society of Clinical Technicians and the Order of the Eastern Star. She is survived by her two sisters, Charlotte Arey Hoppe '43 and Marjorie Arey O'Connor '41, and two brothers, including Philip Arey '51.

Vita Fedorovich '42, December 28, 1984, in Cocoa Beach, Fla., at age 65. He was born in Winslow, Maine, and was a member of the National Guard before matriculating at Colby, where he joined Lambda Chi Alpha. In 1941 he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He became a communications specialist and rose to the rank of colonel. He was cited by NASA for his participation in the Gemini and Apollo space programs and was a member of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association. He retired from the Air Force in 1964. He is survived by his wife, Eileen, his mother, two daughters, four siblings, and a grandson.

Arthur B. Lincoln, Jr. '42, March 13, 1985, in Burlington, Vt., at age 63. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and attended Jamaica High School in Jamaica, N.Y., before matriculating at Colby. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa and as a member of Zeta Psi fraternity. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force and rose to the rank of sergeant. Later he attended New York University, and then in 1948 he was awarded a master's degree in mathematics and actuarial science from the State University of Iowa. In 1949 he began his lifelong career association with the National Life Insurance Company. He worked in various actuarial positions, becoming director of employee benefits in 1977 and senior resources officer in 1983. He was a fellow in the Society of Actuaries; a Montpelier, Vt., Little League coach of 17 years; and a member of the Montpelier Theater Guild, the Montpelier Kiwanis Club, the Boston Actuaries Club, and the Montpelier Elks Lodge 924. He was also an active member of the...
Bethany United Church of Christ and had served as chairman of its deacons, president of the congregation, and member of the choir. He died after a long illness and is survived by his wife, Arline, two sons, his father, and two sisters.

Patricia Gregory Weaver '43, January 27, 1985, in Hawaii, at age 62. Born in Caribou, Maine, she attended Caribou High School and Regis College before matriculating at Colby. After her graduation as a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, she married Richard E. Weaver, a career Air Force officer, in California. They lived in Shingle Springs, Colo., before her death while on vacation. In addition to her husband, she is survived by four daughters and two grandchildren.

Richard T. Wescott '43, March 12, 1985, in Gettysburg, Pa., at age 63. Born in Belfast, Maine, he attended George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill, Maine, before graduating from Gettysburg College. A member of Alpha Lambda Beta and Delta Upsilon, he did graduate studies in education at Columbia University, Boston University, the University of Maine, and Indiana University, from which he received his doctorate. After his World War II Navy service, he taught and coached at Milo High School in Maine, Spaulding High School in Vermont, and Spaulding High School in New Hampshire. Eventually he became dean of men at Gorham (Maine) State Teachers College, where he was also instructor of health and physical education and baseball coach. In 1966 he was appointed associate professor of health and physical education at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, and from 1974 to 1980 he was chairman of the department of health and physical education. A member and former president of the Maine Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, and the Adams County Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, he also belonged to the American Association of University Professors and various local and national teaching and sports officials associations. For many years he was an elder at the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, at which he was a member of the senior choir and a student in the men's Bible class. In 1984 the church named him Man of the Year. He is survived by his wife, June, two sons, two daughters, a sister, Elizabeth C. Wescott '40, and a grandchild.

Maynard F. Baldwin, Sr. '47, March 27, 1985, in Sharon, N.H., at age 59. He was born in Chicago, Ill., and graduated from Newton High School. At Colby he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and he interrupted his college studies to serve as a lieutenant in the Navy during World War II. He received an honorable discharge in 1946. He was employed for 24 years by the International General Electric Company of New York, and then in 1972 he moved his family to Sharon, where he became the dietary manager of purchasing and sanitation at the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital. He died suddenly at his home and is survived by his wife, Constance, a son, two daughters, two sisters, and six grandchildren.

Richard C. Thorne '48, March 9, 1985, in Boston, Mass., at age 59. He was born in Millinocket, Maine, and attended Stearns High School before graduating from Colby. He was awarded a medal of Good Conduct for his 1943-46 naval service and earned his master's degree in American history from Boston University in 1950. He also pursued studies in Far Eastern history at Harvard. He taught at Hollis High School in Maine and Laconia High School in New Hampshire before he became a professor of history at Bay State College in Boston. He taught there for 30 years, until the school closed, and then worked for Massachusetts community colleges as an admissions officer. He was a member and past treasurer of the Bay Village Association and a member of the Waybridge Society and of the Brookline Community Chorus. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Lloyd Thorne '47, one sister, and three nieces.

Nancy Masson Metz '50, December 21, 1984, in Hyannis, Mass., at age 56. She was born in Long Branch, N.J., and attended Bronxville High School in New York. After Colby, where she joined Delta Delta Delta sorority, she attended the Wood Secretarial School. She worked as a legal secretary for Pan American World Airways until her marriage in 1956. She died after a brief illness. Survivors include her husband, Kenneth, a son, two daughters, three sisters, and two grandchildren.

Mary Thomas Vassar '51, December 18, 1984, in Waterville, at age 55. She was born in Waterville and attended Waterville Senior High School. At Colby she belonged to Sigma Kappa sorority. After her graduation she worked for the Waterville Osteopathic Hospital and then as a model in New York. She is survived by two children, one brother, and two grandchildren.

Phillips B. Hunt, Jr. '52, January 2, 1985, in Concord, Mass., at age 56. He was born in Weymouth, Mass., and attended Hingham (Mass.) High School. After graduating from Colby as a member of Zeta Psi and a Navy veteran of World War II, he went to work for the Burroughs Corporation, where he was marketing manager at the time of his death. He was very interested in his community and was a member and past vice chairman and chairman of the Sudbury Finance Committee and a member and past treasurer of the board of governors of the Greenwood Swim and Tennis Club in Sudbury. He worked for the Hingham Republican Town Committee and was a member of the Boston Harbor Marina Yacht Club. He died after a long illness and is survived by his wife, Darthea, two daughters, and his father.

James Lincoln Richter '72, January 20, 1985, in Oaxaca, Mexico, at age 34. He attended Colby and graduated from the University of the District of Columbia. He was a part-time art teacher at the University of Maryland and had established himself as a well known free-lance artist. He painted murals at the Old Ontario Theatre in Washington, D.C., and at the Community Center in Takoma Park, Md., and his work had been exhibited at the University Club and at the Potter's House. He helped edit the newsletter of the Washington Peace Center and contributed to The Washington Post. He died of pneumonia while on vacation and is survived by his father, Irving, three brothers, and one step-brother.

FRIENDS

Harrison Chandler, May 4, 1985, at age 82. Born in Los Angeles to the Chandler family, owners of major California printing and publishing firms, he attended Stanford University. Following his graduation in 1926 he began training in the Times Mirror Printing and Binding House, owned by his family. After his World War II naval service, he returned to the Times and subsequently transformed it into the Times Mirror Press, one of the largest telephone book printers in the West. He continued his association with the Navy and worked for its Washington public relations offices and also served on the national board of directors of the Printing Industry of America Incorporated, a trade guild. A trustee emeritus of Colby, he started the Times Mirror Press Scholarship for outstanding, college-bound high school students interested in printing management. He was an active worker for charities in the Los Angeles area, including the YMCA, Community Chest, the Salvation Army, and Goodwill Industries. He is survived by his wife, Martha Marsh Chandler, one daughter, and three grandchildren.

Alberta G. Hitchcock, February 10, 1985, in Sheepscot, Maine, after a long illness. Mrs. Hitchcock had established the Russell Hitchcock Bindery at Colby in memory of her late husband. Born in Port Gibson, Miss., she came to Maine in 1955 when her husband retired from his career as a naval architect. Mr. Hitchcock had always been interested in bookbinding, but it was not until he retired that he was able to pursue the craft. He established a bindery in their Sheepscot home, and through the generosity of his wife, the tools that he worked with there now benefit others. She is survived by two daughters, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

STAFF

Dorothy P. McKenney, December 18, 1984, in Waterville, Maine, at age 69. She was born in Phillips, Maine, and graduated from Kents Hill School in 1936. She had lived in Waterville for many years and was a retired employee of the Colby admissions office. She was a director of Sunset Home, a member of the Maine Genealogy Society, and an active organizer and founder of the Greater Waterville Emergency Food Bank. She died due to injuries sustained in a traffic accident. Survivors include two sons, two brothers, three sisters, and five grandchildren.

Omission

In the May 1985 obituary for Charlotte Howland Fencer '36, Elaine Fencer Carlson '66 should have been named as a survivor.
Area club representatives send announcements of local club events to all area alumni, so please keep your address up-to-date. The following is a list of area clubs and representatives, who would welcome your questions and suggestions.

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En route to meetings with alumni in the Orient this spring, President and Mrs. Cotter enjoyed a traditional Hawaiian welcome from alumni in Honolulu, where John Jubinsky ’56 organized a reception. Pausing here before the camera is Diana Walsh Lockwood ’67 and Alice Covell Bender ’49, Bill Cotter, Marge Dunstan ’71, and Linda Cotter.