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Wind power is emerging as a major source of clean energy in Maine and New England, and Colby alumni are prominent players, from developing wind farms to erecting the towering turbines.

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From Mules to the NFL | Eric DeCosta ’93 used Mayflower Hill as a springboard to the NFL. The English and classics major is now director of player personnel for the Baltimore Ravens.
Keyword: Ravens

No Sweat | Colby’s bookstore is at the forefront of efforts to sell only products that are “sweat-free.”
Keyword: Sweat

Pooling Their Talents | Colby’s production of the play Metamorphoses wowed packed houses with talented performers and a stunning set that included an onstage pool (see page 7). Watch clips of the performance.
Keyword: Metamorphoses

A Sculptor’s Work | Harriett Matthews, sculptor and professor of art, has spent decades in studios, both her own and those of student artists. See her at work and hear her discuss her career.
Keyword: Matthews
InsideColby was created for students (by students), but it turns out you don’t have to be under 22 to appreciate the stories. Here are some highlights from the fall.

Watch

A Peek at a Week

The staff at insideColby is always looking for ways to show what life is really like on Mayflower Hill, so this semester they tried something new. Videographers started the “Week in the Life” series, where they follow a student for a week, from dorms to dining halls, athletic center to academic buildings. Plus, topics explored in the regular insideColby video series include Ultimate Frisbee, alternative transportation (e.g. unicycling across campus), and laundry as a new way of life.

Listen

Notable Conversation

Every week student podcasters post a new interview with a notable someone on campus. This semester our audio journalists talked with (among others): Peter Allfather ’11, one of the heads of Colby Emergency Response; Derrick Z. Jackson, a Lovejoy visiting journalist and columnist for the Boston Globe; Susanna Thompson, assistant director of the Goldfarb Center and the Oak Institute; and Molly Muller ’11, a “community adviser”—Colby’s new term for head resident.

Read and Look

This semester student writers posted stories about campus happenings as they occurred. Fall highlights included a student perspective on the Alumni of Color Network, fun in the (first) snow, Dr. Ruth addressing a chapel full of unsuspecting students, and a cold, rainy, rewarding climb up Katahdin. Check back this winter and spring for updates about life on Mayflower Hill.

Beside the weekly Student Lens gallery of photographs, students create photo essays on topics of interest. New this semester: dorm life, campus jobs, and expression of individuality, among others.

WALKIN’ IN A WINTER WONDERLAND
Madi Louis ’13, Suzy Bowen ’13, and Eliza Childs ’13 retreat after a walk in the snow.

BINGO!
Students gather in Foss with hopes of winning big.

DIWALI CELEBRATION
Students perform a Bollywood dance as part of Diwali, the Indian festival of lights.
Putting out this issue of *Colby* highlighted for me some of the practical applications of what we teach and how we teach it at Colby. My duties included editing Julia Stowe’s piece on Jason Klein ’97. Klein and his family foundation stepped in where the Mellon Foundation left off, providing resources for student research and internships in environmental studies. Those opportunities propelled environmental studies majors who, as alumni, used those critically important experiences as a springboard to important work in their field. From clean-energy outreach for the Natural Resources Council of Maine (Amanda Theberge ’08) to producing climate-change data discussed on Capitol Hill (Kevin Fritzke ’07), these young alumni are working to bring about real change in crucial areas.

From that story it was on to the feature by Doug Rooks ’76 on the growth of wind power in Maine. It’s an industry replete with Colbians. Matt Kearns ’93 oversees wind-farm developer First Wind’s northeast operations. Rob Gramlich ’91 monitors the big picture from a wind-power trade group in Washington, D.C. Reed & Reed, the preeminent wind turbine construction company in New England, is its own Colby reunion, from CEO Jackson Parker ’76 to co-owner Tom Reed ’87 to a burly young guy who was part of the crew erecting a wind turbine on Stetson Mountain in eastern Maine in December. He introduced himself as Gardiner Parker ’09. His role in bringing wind power to Maine? He pointed to the top of the 260-foot tower, where another crew member helped a crane operator ease massive rotors into place. “Usually I’m up there,” Parker said.

You can’t get much more practical than that.

I’d also like to point you to the Viewpoint essay by Ayaz Khan Achakzai ’09, a magna cum laude economics and mathematical sciences double major. Achakzai is from Pakistan. He is a member of the Pashtun ethnic group, and he now lives in Islamabad. He got in touch a few months back with an idea for the magazine. After some back and forth, the essay in this issue emerged. Achakzai thinks it vital that Colby readers, and others, understand the roots of the conflict in Pakistan and Afghanistan. I learned a lot about the region and its history from his essay. I recommend it.

Gerry Boyle ’78, P’06
Managing Editor

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**Alexandra Desaulniers ’11** ("All in the Family," P. 28) is currently double majoring in anthropology and theater/dance. She has performed in musical theater both on and off-campus, and competes in and teaches ballroom dance both at Colby and in the community.

**Ayaz Khan Achakzai ’09** ("To Bring Peace to Afghanistan, the International Community Must Understand Pashtuns," P. 10) was a double major in mathematical science and economics at Colby and spent a year studying at Oxford University. He grew up in Pakistan, where he now resides. Achakzai belongs to Qilla Abdullah Khan, a district of Pakistan that borders Afghanistan.
More on Maradiaga’s Journey

We at the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship are proud to number Jeronimo Maradiaga ("Jeronimo Maradiaga’s Journey," summer 2009 Colby among our 2009/10 fellowship class. As this article expresses with such excellent nuance, the Watson Fellowship invests in people, not projects. We also funded this year a student whose difficult childhood forced her to scavenge for recyclables after school to help her family make ends meet. The focus of her year is “The Faces Behind Informal Waste Management” in Egypt, Australia, Guatemala, Ecuador, and Brazil. Our other 38 fellows of this year can be read about at www.watsonfellowship.org.

As with all our Fellows, we firmly believe that Jeronimo’s year, rather than being a detour from his life goals, will be broadening and transformative. Just imagine the global perspective, empathy, and understanding he will be able to bring into his future medical career (or into any other career or advocacy work he chooses to pursue)! Already now, after his first weeks of Watson-funded independence in Mumbai, India, Jeronimo is beginning to answer the questions he brought along from his own personal experiences, while learning to ask a completely new set of questions he may never previously have thought to ask.

Thank you for telling Jeronimo’s story. If nothing else, it gives powerful testimony why working for socioeconomic diversity in the student bodies of small colleges is so important.

Cleveland Johnson, director
Thomas J. Watson Fellowship
New York, N.Y.

I have had the pleasure of meeting Jeronimo Maradiaga but never knew his story. He is an inspiration to us all. And the people around him, who supported him when things were tough, also inspire me. I wish Jeronimo all the best in his quest to collect the stories of others and look forward to reading them. I also wish him the best in his future studies. What an amazing doctor he will be.

Maggie Goodes
Castlemaine, Australia

I read this article by accident after filling out a survey. It is the best article I’ve ever read in this magazine since my graduation and I was moved beyond belief. I’m forwarding it to my daughter and her husband at Penn State as inspiration while they struggle through their own academic and life difficulties.

Mike Walk ’75
Charleston, S.C.

Jeronimo, what you have accomplished and what you are doing with your Watson Fellowship is so very important, because socioeconomic class continues to divide the world, and young people with backgrounds similar to yours need to know that it is possible for them to achieve their dreams. They also need to know that there is pain involved in learning to navigate a different culture. Thank you for sharing your story! I look forward to reading the stories you find on your travels. Thanks to Colby magazine for sharing this story. It’s one of the best I’ve ever read in the 30 years since I graduated.

Kathy Quimby Johnson ’79
Cambridge, Vermont

What an inspiring story. I wish Jeronimo the best and give his mother kudos for inspiring her sons. My husband was raised in a tenement in Scotland and his mother inspired her three children to get an education and succeed in life.

Georgia Fisher Kearney ’52
Birmingham, Ala.

We’re Not in Kansas

Regarding the essay, “Magnetic North,” by Melanie Brown ’13 (fall 2009 Colby), when I walk through little Green Mountain Falls, Colo., wearing my Colby sweatshirt, people ask me if I’m from Colby, Kansas. When people ask me where my daughter went to college, I always have to say “Colby College in Maine.” Perhaps the college should market clothing which has “Colby College—that’s in Maine” stenciled on it, at least for those of us who reside outside of New England. I’m fond of telling inquisitive people that Colby is sort of like our local Colorado College: small, private, liberal arts, expensive, but far superior.

John Morgan ’68
Green Mountain Falls, Colo.
(elev. 7,800 feet)

Gillespie Was a Memorable Mentor

Regarding “More than Mentors,” (fall 2009 Colby), no professor was appreciated more than Jim Gillespie (psychology) as he mentored so many Colby athletes. Those of us who played at Colby in the 1950s and 1960s will never forget him.

John C. Edes ’58
East Greenwich, R.I.

Letters Welcome

Colby welcomes your letters. Send them to Gerry Boyle, editor; Colby magazine; Office of Communications; 4350 Mayflower Hill; Waterville, ME 04901, or by e-mail to mag@colby.edu. Length should be limited to 300 words. Colby reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.
Mitchell Perseveres for Peace

Stressing the role of hope and persistence in peace negotiations, U.S. special envoy to the Middle East, former Senator George J. Mitchell, told a standing-room crowd in Lorimer Chapel Oct. 22, that chances for peace in the Mideast have changed. “For the first time in my adult lifetime we have a president who placed this high on the agenda right at the beginning of his term, not at the end,” he said. “That’s a huge factor.”

Following a speech that recapped his successful efforts to forge peace in Northern Ireland against enormous odds, as well as a broad overview of what needs to be achieved between Israelis and Palestinians, Mitchell answered questions from students and community members.

Asked “What is different this time?” in the familiar scenario where a president seeks peace in the Middle East only to have it fall through, Mitchell suggested his answer holds a life lesson for students: “If you take the position that you tried something that you believed in and it didn’t work once, twice, or three times—

“In Northern Ireland I had seven-hundred days of failure and one day of success.”

George Mitchell, special envoy to the Middle East

that you’re going to give up—you’re going to find that you will go through life without solving a lot of problems that you could have solved,” he said.

“In Northern Ireland I had seven-hundred days of failure and one day of success,” he said.

Early Diagnosis: Fit for Med School

Two Colby students received acceptances to Tufts University School of Medicine when they were sophomores, part of a new program for pre-med students interested in practicing medicine in Maine.

Kevin Baier ’11 and Samuel Levine ’11 are two of six students accepted into the Maine Track Early Assurance Program at Tufts. Both demonstrated academic excellence, particularly in the sciences, had strong ties to Maine, and had completed their prerequisites by the end of their sophomore year—prerequisites that typically take students four years to complete. “All of the things that we would like our students to show in a regular [medical school] application, these students showed by the end of their sophomore year,” said Associate Director of the Career Center Cate Talbot Ashton ’80.

Baier and Levine will be part of the first class in this new program, which is available to students from Colby, Bates, Bowdoin, and the University of Maine. The Early Assurance Program is part of the larger Maine Track program, which addresses a shortage of physicians in the state.

Maine Track students split their time between Tufts and Maine Medical Center during their first two years, then complete their clinical rotations in Maine. They are not required to practice in Maine, though that is the goal of the program, said Ashton.

—Ruth Jacobs
New Dean of Faculty Announced

Following a nationwide search, Colby announced the hiring of Lori G. Kletzer, a professor of economics at the University of California, Santa Cruz, as vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty. Her appointment takes effect July 1.

Kletzer, who joined the Santa Cruz faculty in 1993 following seven years on the Williams College faculty, is a widely published labor economist whose research focuses on the way global competition affects U.S. workers.

At Santa Cruz Kletzer has served as chair of the economics department and is currently chair of the campus’s academic senate. She is also a nonresident senior fellow with the Peter G. Peterson Institute for International Economics, has been a resident scholar at the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System, a visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution, and a visiting assistant professor at the University of Washington.

Her teaching and scholarship, along with her liberal arts background and her leadership on Santa Cruz’s academic senate were factors in the decision, according to President William D. Adams “Lori understands what we are up to at Colby, and I know that she will provide strong leadership and support to all parts of the academic program,” he said.

Kletzer graduated from Vassar in 1979 and earned her Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley. Given her experience at Vassar and on the Williams faculty, she says the Colby appointment represents “a transition back” to the environment that nurtured her academic pursuits.

She succeeds Edward H. Yeterian, who will return to Colby’s psychology faculty full time following 12 years as dean.

Corrado in McCain Floor Statement


McCain objected to a statement by Justice Antonin Scalia, who said “I doubt that one can expect a body of incumbents to draw election restrictions that do not favor incumbents. Now is that excessively cynical of me? I don’t think so.” Before citing Corrado, McCain discussed times when Congress has “risen above its own self-interest and enacted the necessary reforms to address the scandals and corruption that have plagued our democratic institutions over time.” He cited the 1907 Tillman Act, which “prohibited nationally chartered banks and corporations from contributing to campaigns.”

McCain continued: “Although the Tillman Act constituted a landmark in federal law, according to campaign finance expert Anthony Corrado, ‘its adoption did not quell the cries for reform. Eliminating corporate influence was only one of the ideas being advanced at this time to clean up political finance.’”

Oak Fellow Advocates for Marginalized Residents in Israel

It was 1967. Hadas Ziv was 4 when the Six-Day War between Israel and Jordan, Syria, and Egypt broke out. “I remember going through an old market in Palestine and seeing the Palestinians,” Ziv said. “I told my mom, ‘They don’t want to see me. We are not wanted.’” But her mother dismissed Ziv’s worries and told her that the Israelis helped the Palestinian economy. Ziv didn’t buy it.

And as Colby’s 2009 Oak Fellow for International Human Rights, she still doesn’t. Now 42, Ziv is executive director of the nonprofit Physicians for Human Rights-Israel. The organization provides health care to marginalized people in Israel, including Palestinian refugees and Arab Bedouins, under the organization’s founding principle that every resident of Israel has a fundamental right to health.

In a country with so much political history, the work Ziv does is inevitably political. When it comes to the Israeli occupation, the soft-spoken crusader is not one to mince words. “The Israeli occupation is unjust,” she said. “When we victimize someone it takes a toll on the victimizer. ... We are losing solidarity in Israel. ... We control, we oppress, and still we don’t have the society we want.”

The daughter of a Christian father and a Jewish mother, Ziv has worked for PHR-Israel for 14 years. Still, she’s not one to romanticize her work. “You can’t change the world,” she said. “You can only make the right choices personally. ... When you have hope and it’s taken away from you, you begin to despair.”

—Jenny Chen ‘12
**Metamorphoses Transforms Theater, Students**

Ripples brush the water as a laundress dabbles her foot in a tranquil pool. Humming softly, she and her companions set about their task: narrating the opening scene of *Metamorphoses* in Strider Theater.

A pool? In Strider Theater?

Mary Zimmerman’s *Metamorphoses*, which ran for two sold-out weekends in November, showcased nine stories based on Greek and Roman mythology. This production, with a cast of 25, included a 12- by 28-foot, 2,500-gallon pool meant to “reflect and complement” the characters’ transformations.

Director Lynne Conner, theater and dance professor and chair, aimed to link theater and dance in one production. The result included a corps de ballet, original music, video projection, and song.

“There is talent here at Colby,” Conner said, noting that only five cast members were theater and dance majors. “Lynne made it easy for us,” said Ahmed Asi ’13J, a government major with no prior theater experience. “She guided me, but she didn’t tell me what to do.”

*Metamorphoses* was well received beyond Colby. Cast members Alexandra Desaulniers ’11 and Michael Trottier ’12 were selected to participate in the prestigious Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in January.

Still, watching the student actors and managers grow was most rewarding for Conner.

“It’s really about the way in which, over time, they take on confidence as collaborators.”

Abby Crocker ’13, who played Myrrha in an incest scene with her father, Cinyras, said the scene was daunting and even disturbing but ultimately rewarding. “It was the scariest thing I’ve ever done,” Crocker said. “But I’m so grateful for the opportunity.”

“Talk about metamorphoses,” Conner concluded. “These students have been transformed by the experience.” —Laura Meader

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**Alumni Ties Expose Tax Loophole**

A connection that started in The Heights freshman year and continued in the *Echo* newsroom led to national headlines, a *New York Times* editorial condemning tobacco companies for exploiting a tax loophole, and a senator’s call for action.

In the regular process of tracking numbers at Oregon Department of Health, Daniel Morris ’00 found a huge spike in pipe tobacco production following a tax increase on roll-your-own cigarette tobacco. “At first I thought it was a mistake,” he said.

After confirming the numbers, he called Associated Press reporter Matt Apuzzo ’00, a friend from Colby.

“Over the years I’ve pitched a couple different stories to Matt,” said Morris, who was managing editor at the *Echo* when Apuzzo was editor. “This is the first time that I actually got a good one to him.”

Good indeed. Apuzzo’s reporting revealed that, following an expansion of children’s health insurance this spring that increased the tax on roll-your-own tobacco from $1.10 to $24.78 a pound, tobacco companies relabeled roll-your-own tobacco as pipe tobacco, which is taxed at just $2.83 a pound.

The story ran in papers from Boston to Chapel Hill and inspired editorials nationwide. “Obviously the new law is in urgent need of a no-nonsense amendment to bring roll-your-own under proper federal controls and full taxation,” wrote the *New York Times*.

Senator Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey issued a press release. “It is bad enough that they are exploiting this loophole, but to make matters worse, they are cheating the government out of tax dollars needed to keep America’s children healthy. If companies won’t do what is right, then we will—by working to close this loophole.”

Apuzzo’s reporting found companies circumventing as much as $32 million a month in taxes—revenue that may now be recovered, thanks in large part to this Colby connection.

—R.J.

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**Fleming Testifies on Capitol Hill**

Testifying before the U.S. House Committee on Science and Technology in November, Professor of Science, Technology, and Society James Fleming discussed the history of climate control and its governance.

His prepared remarks state, “We simply cannot proceed without integrating the history of climate change and geoengineering with public policy. ... [T]his should be interdisciplinary in essence and international in emphasis, with intergenerational training and participation. In these ways I believe history can effectively inform public policy.”

Go to colby.edu/mag, keyword: Fleming.

**Making the Most of Being “Lost”**

Former *Echo* editor Suzanne Merkelson ’09 has become a spokesperson of sorts for Millennials, the Class of 2009—the “Lost Generation,” as *Business Week* called her cohort. Merkelson disagrees with the labels and the idea that she and others her age are doomed. She is getting her message out, first through NPR’s program *OnPoint*, where she is an intern, then through an op-ed in the *Chicago Tribune*. See www.colby.edu/mag, keyword: lostgen.
Fulbrights in Germany, China

Two Colby professors were named 2009-2010 Fulbright Scholars. Associate Professor of East Asian Studies Hong Zhang will spend the year in China studying the effects of urban migration on family structures and gender roles. Jennifer Yoder, the Robert E. Diamond Associate Professor of Government and International Studies, spent two weeks in Germany this summer examining how that country’s political party system has changed since unification.

During her 10 months of research in China, Hong will look at the migration of workers from rural to urban areas and whether that mobility has led to changes in courtship, marriage choices, “and to what extent the traditional gender roles and intergenerational relations in rural families have been transformed,” she wrote in an e-mail from Beijing.

Hong will also examine the conflict in young people “between their desire for urban mobility and autonomy on the one hand and their economic and moral ties to their rural kin and communities on the other,” she wrote. Hong will conduct her research primarily in Beijing and will take trips to rural villages with young migrants.

While in Beijing Hong will serve as a Fulbright panelist, interviewing Chinese candidates seeking Fulbrights in the United States in 2010-2011.

As one of 14 American scholars at a Fulbright seminar in Germany this summer, Yoder participated in an interdisciplinary examination of Germany’s political parties, particularly the smaller parties that are drawing support away from the larger, established ones. In Berlin, Frankfurt, and Erfurt, Yoder met with political leaders, journalists, pollsters, and others to explore the changing face of German politics. “It was very enlightening,” she said.

Yoder said she was intrigued by the way Germans, gearing up for a September election, seemed influenced by the 2008 U.S. election. “They’re so aware of Obama and the Obama phenomenon,” she said. “As an American you recognize the phrasing, the attempt to energize the base. They were using Twitter, Facebook.”

Yoder planned to draw on this experience in her Jan Plan course comparing the September German election—the campaign, the parties, the election, and the outcomes—to the 2008 U.S. election and the American system. —R.J.

You Can Dress a Mule Up

Clothes don’t make the man or woman, but proper attire for formal occasions is key. Colby’s Student Government Association is launching the Colby Clothes Closet to help students get access to the clothes they need.

Recognizing a wide range of clothing needs among students as they interview for internships and jobs, or even attend formal social events, SGA President Jacob Fischer ’10 is organizing the effort. He’s soliciting donations of “fashionably recent” business suits, dresses, shirts, and shoes in good condition, and he plans to have the CCC open this spring.

Fischer explained that it may serve any student who didn’t come to campus with a business suit, or it could assist students facing what Echo writer Anna Kelemen ’10 called “interviewing fashion emergencies.”

“People like the idea,” Fischer said after presenting it to trustees and publicizing it in the Echo. He imagines a clothes closet well-stocked with a range of sizes of men’s and women’s attire and a system where students make appointments and privately select needed items. Tutorials will be posted in the room about things like how to tie neckties and finding the proper fit for dress shirts. SGA will cover cleaning costs, working with student-operated Lazy Mule Laundry service, Fischer said. —S.B.C.

The Museum at 50

Museum Reaches Out

As the Colby College Museum of Art celebrates its 50th anniversary, museum administrators are not just looking inward, but reaching out. “We want the museum to be more than a place for college students to go for art class,” said Lauren Lessing, the Mirken Curator of Education. “We want it to be more than an art museum.”

With Carolyn Muzzy Museum Director Sharon Corwin, Lessing is working to expand the museum’s campus and community outreach initiatives. This fall 48 courses in various disciplines used exhibits and artwork in the Colby collection. These ranged from the more obvious art courses that use the museum regularly to English and science courses exploring specific pieces and collections.

Mark Macksoud Jazz Quartet in the Jetté Galleries

Colby students also serve as docents and educators for the community. Younger children visiting the museum or participating in Lively Spaces (a summer dance and theater workshop) look up to the older students, Lessing said.

Last year more than 3,750 area students visited the museum, three times as many as three years ago.

For adults the museum offers cell phone tours and Noontime Art Talks. Also new this year, the museum keeps its doors open late for a series of First Thursdays. In October the museum was packed for a tribute to legendary choreographer Merce Cunningham. “We want the museum to be a social space,” Lessing said, “a place to walk through to enjoy the art, but also a place to go study or spend an hour with friends.” —Alexandra Desaulniers ’11
Covering the Developing World with Courage

Foreign correspondent Paul Salopek, who was imprisoned while reporting in Darfur and refused release until his African colleagues were granted freedom, emphasized the courage of local journalists in the developing world in his Lovejoy acceptance speech Oct. 18. “They put not only their careers but also their very lives and the lives of their families on the line to deliver the truth,” he said. “I work with them often and they humble me. They share our ideals. Elijah Parish Lovejoy would recognize them as kin.”

While working for the Chicago Tribune, Salopek won the Pulitzer Prize twice for individual work. Jailed in 2006 Salopek endured beatings and refused to eat until he was reunited with his Chadian driver and Sudanese translator. “As terrible as that experience was,” he said, “and never to downplay those fearsome days, I must be honest in saying that what happened to me pales in comparison to the travails of the reporters I’ve worked with throughout my career in the developing world.”

His 15 years as a foreign correspondent, he said, were the best preparation for his own internment. “After interview-
ing and debriefing scores if not hundreds of victims of torture, refugees, hunger victims, you name it … what always has stuck [with] me in my reporting is that even the people we deem victims, the most abject kind of victims, are really strong. And I think that lesson helped me get through, because finally the camera had turned on me.”

Despite all he has been through, Salopek did not hesitate to recommend this kind of work to aspiring journalists. “If you’re interested in immersing yourself in the wild and woolly world, you’re talking to the wrong guy asking for cautions,” he said. He encouraged them to go to the developing world. “With the census bureau estimating that the U.S. will be a minority-majority country by 2042, largely due to immigration, I would advise any ambitious young reporter today not to head to Washington or to London to launch a career but to light out for the south, because that’s where the global narrative is rapidly taking shape,” he said.

Full audio of Salopek’s speech, which includes details of his imprisonment, is at www.colby.edu/lovejoy. —S.B.C.
Instead of taking absolutist positions, one must look at the Taliban in their regional context. … The vast majority of insurgents are rational players who can be convinced to make peace, but only if the United States makes a credible commitment to the region.
that these people are stakeholders in both countries.

The creation of the Taliban in Kandahar, the royal and cultural capital of all Pashtuns, seems to have been another effort to decimate Pashtun identity. The Taliban, a movement native in composition but proxy in nature, should not be clumped with Al-Qaeda and other foreign mercenaries. Most of the Taliban rank and file are not hardened ideologues. They fight due to a complex combination of tribal, ethnic, religious, political, economic, and social reasons. For example, the symbolism of fighting international forces in southern Afghanistan is not lost upon the Taliban. The front lines of this area, particularly the provinces of Helmand and Kandahar, are often the very sites where Afghans battled and defeated imperial Britain in the 19th century.

Instead of taking absolutist positions, one must look at the Taliban in their regional context. If the clerical parties of Pakistan, the parent organizations of the Taliban, can be part of Pakistan’s electoral process, then the Taliban should be allowed the same in Afghanistan. The religious right garners a minute percentage of the vote in Pakistan; let us see how much they manage in Afghanistan. The vast majority of insurgents are rational players who can be convinced to make peace, but only if the United States makes a credible commitment to the region. A valuable window of opportunity was lost early on when the focus, and resources, shifted to Iraq. In all the tragedies that Afghanistan has had to endure, perhaps the greatest has been the coming to power of a village cleric.

Pashtuns on either side of the Durand Line are one. The sensitivity of either segment of Pashtuns to the conditions of the other means that there can be no peace in Afghanistan until the Pashtun population of Pakistan is politically emancipated. Thus the Pashtuns in Pakistan need to be collected in a single province in which secular political parties are provided a level playing field vis-à-vis religious elements, their language and culture celebrated, and their economy improved. It is important to celebrate the transnational nature of the Pashtun population instead of trying to subsume their ethnic identity into a larger religious framework through the propagation of militant Islam. Efforts in this regard in the past have had disastrous consequences for the world.

Three million Afghans, including Pashtuns from Pakistan, died in the war against the Soviet Union, a conflict that helped bring down the Berlin Wall and liberate Eastern Europe. It seems that the United States was willing to wage that war until the last Afghan. However, the current conflict is not being fought as a reward for those services. It is being waged for the security of the United States, indeed the world (as exemplified by the United Nations mandate for the effort), whose interests align with the interests of ordinary Afghans, since a stable Afghanistan is a prerequisite to denying Al-Qaeda a foothold in the region. If the United States were to leave before Afghanistan establishes its institutions of state (and in a country wracked by three decades of war this might take some time), then the American public should also not rule out the recurrence of a calamity on a scale that was witnessed in New York on the second Tuesday of September, nine years ago.

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Harnessing the Wind

Colby alumni bring booming wind-farm industry to Maine and the Northeast

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In mid-December in freezing rain on 1,085-foot Stetson Mountain, close to the Canadian border in Maine’s easternmost Washington County, a construction crew jockeyed a 250-foot rotor assembly atop a 256-foot tower. Hoisted by an enormous crane, the blades were carefully guided into place until, finally, there was an audible, satisfying clunk.

“She’s in,” said Ron Perry, field safety specialist with the construction company Reed & Reed, watching the operation from the ground.

And Maine moved another windmill closer to its goal of making wind power, a relative newcomer in the New England and the Northeast power mix, a major source of electricity.

Maine will soon have 400 megawatts in wind energy—nearly half the electricity once produced by the now-closed Maine Yankee nuclear plant. A Maine task-force goal of 2,000 megawatts of wind energy by 2015, some from fixed offshore platforms, still looks ambitious, but it’s not out of the question. On that same December day, the state announced first-in-the-nation testing of areas designated for offshore wind turbines. Reed & Reed, a Maine-based construction company headed by co-owners Jackson Parker ’76 and Tom Reed ’87, is a leading player, erecting wind farms across northern Maine and as far south as the Berkshires in Massachusetts.

Wind energy, not so long ago a quixotic curiosity, is transforming into a major contributor to the grid, and Colby alumni are key players. From the 13 Colbians at Reed & Reed to wind farm developer Matt Kearns ’93 to national wind energy expert Rob Gramlich ’91, Colby graduates have embraced both the environmental and commercial benefits of this fast-growing industry. Said Gramlich ’91, senior vice president for public policy at the American Wind Energy Association in Washington, D.C., “In the current economic and political climate, it’s one of the few things we have available.”

Driven by climate-change and other concerns, the energy-industry transformation is unfolding quickly as wind power is seen as one of the most viable, albeit challenging, energy sources for the Northeast. In Maine, signs that wind power is the future are everywhere. Since the first industrial-scale turbine complex went on line at Mars Hill in Aroostook County in 2006, proposals and permits have multiplied around the state. In perhaps the most dramatic installation of wind turbines, 22 towers have been erected on Kibby Mountain, a few miles from the Canadian border in northwest Maine. The turbines, built in Denmark, were shipped across the Atlantic on special ships, trucked across Maine (through Waterville), and installed on the mountain by Reed & Reed—a family company also known for bridge building, including the dramatic Penobscot Narrows Bridge near Bucksport, Maine, completed in 2007.

Without a doubt, the Kibby Mountain installation, owned by TransCanada, is a new and striking human achievement. The 160-foot blades revolve once every four to five seconds, creating mesmerizing shadows and filling the air with a relentless whoosh. Installing them along this rugged, 3,200-foot-high range was an engineering feat requiring moving of thousands of tons of rock for road building and bringing enormous, $2-million cranes to the tower sites.

Wind farms are a new venture for Reed & Reed but, in an indication of the potential seen in this industry, the Woolwich, Maine-based contractor has already become a major player. So far the company has worked on every industrial-sized wind project in New England, though CEO Parker knows that competition will soon be keen as more construction firms enter the business.

Parker first got the idea that wind energy might be in Reed & Reed’s future when, on
vacation in California, he saw some early turbines in Altamont Pass. Then in 1994 Reed & Reed was picked to build a project in western Maine, but the plan was scuttled by falling energy prices and the developer’s bankruptcy.

Parker sees the new generation of wind developers using more advanced technology amid a more favorable alternative-energy climate as a solid opportunity. “We were first in the field and have reaped the benefits,” Parker said.

Though the project is not without its critics, including those who lament the erection of windmills in a remote area replete with wildlife and previously unspoiled views, the results on northwestern Maine’s Kibby Mountain are impressive. These are high-tech machines of considerable sophistication. Computerized controls adjust each blade’s angle to take best advantage of the wind. And, while the Kibby turbines are usually controlled by onboard computers, they—along with most of the wind turbines Danish wind-power giant Vestas has installed worldwide—are monitored from a Seattle office building by the manufacturer.

While Jack Parker concentrates on finances and project planning, his brother-in-law, partner, and Reed & Reed co-owner, Tom Reed, spends much of his time in the field, which he says suits him. A day in the office is, by definition, a day when he’d rather be somewhere else, he says.

During the summer of 2009, Reed was dividing time between a bridge replacement in Norridgewock and the Kibby Mountain site, among others. He readily acknowledges that there was a steep learning curve involved in putting up towers and turbines in such rugged and remote terrain. Harking back to the company’s pioneering Mars Hill project, in northern Maine, he said, “We struggled at first, and when we went to put the first turbine in place, some of us held our breath.” But all went well with that first turbine, and now wind power contracts have “changed the face of the company,” Abigail Parker ’01 said.

Wind power’s rise has also drawn wind-power developers’ operations to the Northeast, including one headed by Matt Kearns ’93. Kearns is vice president of Northeastern business development for First Wind, once a small Massachusetts company that has grown to develop wind farms from Hawaii to Atlantic Canada and that has now taken the lead in wind-power development in New England—including the Stetson Mountain project.

An environmental studies major at Colby, Kearns did a Jan Plan with Maine-based Kleinschmidt Associates engineering. That month led to full-time work and to a career in renewable energy. After five years with a major hydro developer, Kearns decided he wanted to return to New England. The First Wind office in Portland where he now works has nearly as many employees (16) as the entire company did just a few years ago.
Kearns was eager to return, he says, because he’s sure renewable energy needs to be a greater part of the electricity mix in New England. “The opportunities for new hydro generation here are very limited,” he said, “but the wind resource is very significant.”

Kearns, working for First Wind, oversaw development of the Stetson Mountain project, with Reed & Reed as the building contractor. The first phase came on line in January 2009, and the second, including the tower described above, is expected to start producing power in mid 2010. Stetson’s combined capacity is 82 megawatts and, along with the operating Mars Hill site and projects in the permitting stages for Rollins Mountain in Penobscot County and Oakfield in Aroostook County, First Wind expects to have 236 megawatts on line within two years. The Kibby Mountain complex, owned by the Canadian energy giant TransCanada, uses larger turbines and will produce 112 megawatts, enough electricity to power about 112,000 homes.

In the shift away from fossil fuels, nuclear power has acquired new advocates, but any new plants are a decade away, with similar timelines for deep offshore wind platforms. In the meantime, land-based wind farms are creating energy—and jobs. “You can’t discount the effect on jobs in manufacturing and construction,” Gramlich said. “This is one of the few new opportunities we have to get people back to work.”

Most of the $50 million First Wind spent on the first stage at Stetson went directly to Maine companies, not just for environmental and engineering studies, but for less obvious purchases—from thousands of bales of hay grown by Maine farmers to large numbers of hemlock ties to move big machinery. “There’s been a lot of discussion of the costs of wind power, but there are a lot of benefits, too,” he said.

With private capital scarce, wind projects are lining up for federal support. The second stage at Stetson is being financed with federal stimulus money. Critics point to major federal tax breaks as subsidizing wind power development, but proponents say that’s typical of all major energy sectors. Indeed, petroleum and gas drilling is still favored by numerous tax breaks. “This is a capital-intensive business that requires lots of investment up front,” Gramlich said. “But there’s a major long-term payback since [with wind energy] there are absolutely no fuel costs.”

New England does provide a challenging arena for wind-power permitting, Kearns and Gramlich agree. “In Texas, landowners can’t get enough of it, and they compete to host new projects,” Gramlich said. “In North Dakota the wind blows strong and steady twenty-four hours a day.” But neither is as near the major population centers of the East Coast as Maine is, making Maine such an attractive, albeit challenging, market for developers. “Siting is a lot more complicated,” he said, “but it can be done.”

Getting electricity to market is also more complex when it’s from remote sources like wind farms. Mountainous locations require miles of transmission lines, and the current capacity of the grid is a bottleneck. Kearns said that First Wind had to build its own 20-mile transmission link to hook into the New England grid from Stetson Mountain. Both Central Maine Power and Bangor Hydro have proposed major new transmission lines, but construction is years away. In the meantime, Kearns said, developers will have to use ingenuity to get their power to market.

Despite the challenges, Kearns often sounds like a man on a mission. “The reason I came back to New England is because I’m convinced that wind power has a big role here,” he said. He sees wind power as a great export opportunity for Maine and a way to expand the state’s economy. “There’s a lot more to do here, and we hope to be a part of it.”

Meanwhile, on Stetson Mountain in December, Reed & Reed was poised to erect its 100th wind turbine. Auspiciously, the landmark was delayed as crews waited for high winds, blowing out of the northwest across the wooded ridge, to ease.
Around the turn of the 21st century, reports of instant-message abbreviations and emoticons insinuating themselves into school papers horrified grammar traditionalists. (OMG!)

“Some teachers see the creeping abbreviations as part of a continuing assault on formal written English,” Jennifer 8. Lee wrote in the New York Times in 2002. “Others take it more lightly, saying that it is just part of a larger arc of language evolution.”

What's the word (or the text-message contraction) on Mayflower Hill today? As the new decade begins, have the dire predictions come true? Have IM, texts, and social networking sites really undermined students’ abilities to write a persuasive essay, a cogent lab report, or a good research paper? Not really, professors and peer writing tutors agree. This is not to say the problem doesn’t exist in high schools (which is what Lee was writing about) or that students’ grammar is perfect. But Assistant Professor of English Paula Harrington reports that students intuitively understand a broad range of writing environments that require different levels of formality, and they do a good job adapting.

“It's all about audience,” said Harrington, who directs the Farnham Writers' Center. “It's not that they should write perfectly all the time, it's that they should figure out who
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Harrington is passionate about weaning students from overuse of the passive voice. “They hear it everywhere, because it’s the way of evading responsibility for actions. ... ‘Mistakes were made.’ ... They hear it in corporate business language. ‘Dividends were suspended.’ Our culture has become so inclined to have people not take responsibility in their language, [students] think this is the way powerful and important and highfalutin movers and shakers talk.” And so they put it in their early compositions, thinking it sounds academic.

Clarity, though, is cardinal.

“Good clear writing shows good clear thinking,” Harrington said. “Even if you have good critical thinking skills, it’s not going to come across in lousy writing.”

“What I say to my students is I want them to think of their writing as a good, clear stream that someone has thrown bottle caps and twigs and gum wrappers in, and I want them to get all that stuff out so I can see all their lovely thoughts—the little fish and the rocks at the bottom of the stream.”

Simple advice. But as E.B. White wrote, “It is probably no harder to eat a woodchuck than to construct a sentence that will last a hundred years.”

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A Year of Self-examination: Academics and Student Culture

Each year the Annual Report of the President affords me the opportunity to highlight events and accomplishments of the recently concluded academic year. In a break with tradition, I want to focus this report on the current year, which is proving to be one of self-examination in both Colby’s core academic program and the culture of student life on campus.

The promise of Colby is that students who enroll will have access to the tools needed to fulfill their potential. We count among those tools an exceptionally gifted and dedicated faculty, fellow students who are bright, curious, and accomplished, a physical environment that ensures students’ comfort and safety, outstanding facilities in which to learn, and the necessary material and technological resources to facilitate scholarship. Further, as a liberal arts college focused entirely on undergraduate education, we understand our mission to include the provision of opportunities for students to develop morally and socially so they may take their places as responsible citizens in a world that needs their talents.

This year we have two important opportunities to assess how well the College is delivering on its promise: the faculty’s ongoing review of Colby’s curriculum and the final report of the Campus Culture Working Group, focusing on the prominence of alcohol use in Colby’s student culture.

Rethinking a Liberal Arts Education

The curricular review process began as Colby prepared its self-study for reaccreditation in 2007. As a result of that study, and out of a desire to reexamine our understanding of how a contemporary liberal arts education should prepare Colby students for success throughout their lives, three faculty committees were created to study curricular oversight, academic engagement, and student communications skills. These faculty committees looked broadly across the curriculum, with particular attention paid to the quality of student-faculty engagement, which has long set Colby apart from its peers, and the critical importance of defining learning goals and outcomes for our students regardless of their chosen area of study.

Of all the learning outcomes possible for Colby students as they sample from the College’s wide variety of programs, three stand out as especially important for each student to achieve. First is the ability to communicate—to write and to speak with clarity, conviction, and power. Second is the ability to think about and through complex problems and issues—to analyze, criticize, synthesize and integrate. And, third is the ability to exercise one’s imagination and creative powers. These basic capacities are among the most enduring and fundamental goals of a liberal arts education, and their mastery prepares Colby students for lifelong success in whatever discipline each one chooses to pursue.

In the next phase of the curricular review, our faculty colleagues are moving from broad, institution-wide themes to defining specific learning goals and outcomes for each department and program at Colby. Central to this process is an articulation of the precise ways each course integrates into its syllabus the fundamental teaching and learning goals of the College. Students should graduate confident they have acquired the skills they will need to succeed, and our goal is to establish a means for all students to assess whether Colby has helped them do so.
Re-imagining Campus Culture

After a year-long examination of data on student drinking behaviors, including a survey that netted more than 3,000 students’ responses to a wide range of questions about social life at Colby, the Campus Culture Working Group (CCWG) presented its report and recommendations to the Board of Trustees in October. The CCWG, made up of trustees, students, administrators, faculty, parents, and Waterville officials, was formed at the direction of the board in May 2008 and was charged with identifying and proposing “the means by which the College can address the more systematic abuse of alcohol in student social life at the College and how Colby students, trustees, faculty, and staff can assist the College administration in addressing the issue of excessive drinking at Colby.”

Chaired by Vice President for Student Affairs Jim Terhune, the CCWG met eight times through 2008-2009 and produced a series of recommendations designed to address the culture of excessive drinking at Colby. Foremost among the recommendations is the creation and adoption of a “Statement of Community Expectations” aimed at clearly delineating Colby’s expectations with respect to “intellectual engagement, civility, and social conduct” among all members of the campus community. This recommendation is not intended to promote specific policies but to serve as a declaration of what we value as a campus community and what we all can, and should, expect from each other in the way of conduct and behavior, particularly with regard to alcohol use and abuse. The full CCWG report and recommendations are available at www.colby.edu/ccwg.

Also under Jim Terhune’s direction, a smaller group of students, faculty, and administrators has begun developing a plan to implement the CCWG’s recommendations by the start of the 2010-2011 academic year. Fully implemented and wholly embraced by the campus community, the work of the CCWG will result in a reshaped campus culture in which abusive drinking ceases to play a central role in student social life.

The Budget: This Year and Beyond

It is tempting to fall back on the cliché “what a difference a year makes” in discussing the College’s current financial situation. Colby is in a much better place financially than many of us a year ago thought it would be. The endowment lost nearly a quarter of its market value during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, but recent estimates show it is recovering, albeit more slowly than we’d like. (A fiscal-year-end endowment report by Chief Investment Officer Douglas Reinhardt ’71 is at www.colby.edu/finances.)

Budget planning for 2010-2011 is underway, and we anticipate another year without a real increase in spending except in the area of student financial aid, which we will continue to support as fully as possible. The real challenge lies three to five years from now, when the full impact of the endowment’s losses are factored into our budget model. If we did nothing to address the shortfall, Colby would face multimillion-dollar budget deficits at that time. But, of course, the College cannot operate with a deficit, and we have devised a variety of options for addressing the situation that the Board of Trustees will consider this year. Though we know there will be tradeoffs and difficult choices to make, I am confident that the board and administration will find solutions that have as little impact as possible on the College’s core academic mission or its financial aid programs.

As throughout the last decade, Colby is focusing key resources on strategic investment in the academic program. As I write, we are engaged in more than 30 faculty searches for the 2010-2011 academic year—this at a time when many colleges and universities are retrenching in their finances and academic offerings.

As we weather the effects of the recession, we know we will not fully recover from those effects for some time to come. A storm has blown through higher education, and we who now survey the landscape are acutely aware that we must rebuild our institutions with care. But, as members of the Colby community, all of us can be proud of the willingness to tackle tough issues—Does our curriculum serve our students’ needs? Are we facing up to the responsibility to move alcohol off center stage in campus culture?—in tough times. It’s a Colby tradition, of course, and one I am proud to continue.

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The Real Joan of Arc

HISTORIAN LARISSA TAYLOR SEARCHES FOR THE TEENAGE SAINT AND FINDS A HEADSTRONG AND FEARLESS WARRIOR

GERRY BOYLE '78 STORY  ROBERT P. HERNANDEZ PHOTO

The movies usually portray Joan of Arc as a sort of winsome and willing martyr, a pious peasant girl directed by God to saddle up and go off to fight for France. Joan divinely inspired the troops, perhaps bringing out their paternal instincts, and, in one of those stories where there's no surprise ending, passively accepted her inevitable death.

But that's not the Joan of Arc that historian Larissa Taylor revises in her new book, *The Virgin Warrior: The Life and Death of Joan of Arc*. Taylor's Joan may have been divinely inspired (historian Taylor declines to weigh in on that), but she also was politically savvy beyond her years and station, a fearless warrior (at a time when battle wasn't for the faint of heart or stomach), as intellectually adroit as a Supreme Court justice, and so dangerously charismatic that her English foes decided they'd be better off with her not just dead but incinerated.

And all of this before she was 18. “She believed she could do anything,” Taylor said. “She believed, as time went on, more and more that she had the right answers, not the others. She had faced up to other people and won.”

It's an extraordinary story by any account, made more riveting by Taylor's meticulous and voluminous research, which traces Joan's unprecedented climb to celebrity and sainthood at a time when most peasant girls never left their home village. Yet young Joan, with her scandalous boy's haircut, her at-first preposterous prophecies, her audacious defiance of King Charles VII, and her remarkable command of language (despite the fact that she was illiterate), shaped the course of European history singlehandedly.

Or did she?

Taylor argues that Joan was headstrong at a time when girls were supposed to be subservient and, while devout, was willing to lie to escape from her oppressive household and a looming arranged marriage. Saying she heard voices directing her, she made her way to a local nobleman who was intrigued enough to show her around.

Over a period of months, Joan was quizzed on theology, underwent gynecological exams (she had to be pure of body), and was closely observed as she hobnobbed with the court. “I think this was a series of tests to see if she could actually be frightening to the English and inspire the French, and I think she passed with flying colors,” Taylor said.

In fact, she argues, there was a political strategy pushing Joan's emergence as a leader of the French forces. “And I don’t think it takes away from Joan,” Taylor said, “because I think she proved to be much more than they ever could have intended.”

Joan would go on to lead the French to victory in a series of battles, fearlessly carrying her distinctive gold banner. She rallied the troops when they faltered and, wounded by an arrow, hauled herself back on her horse (no small feat with 50 pounds of armor) and resumed the fight. Taylor, examining the historical record, noted a three-month gap that preceded the military campaign. She argues that Joan, who as a peasant would never have ridden a horse before, was secretly trained in the arts of warfare.

But if Joan was shaped by Charles's supporters, she wasn’t controlled. “Her motto was ‘Go boldly,’” Taylor said. “She would push when they didn’t necessarily want to.” Joan said God had told her to push the English out of France, and when Charles opted for negotiation, his charismatic girl warrior went rogue. Deprived of adequate men and arms, Joan was captured by the English and subjected to a year-long imprisonment and show trial.

Charles, perhaps wanting his subjects to forget he'd been restored to the throne by a peasant girl, never lifted a hand to save her.

Joan’s grisly execution (she was burned alive before a crowd of 800) was widely reported at the time, as were the proceedings at her trial. Taylor, with the help of researcher Sam Boss '08 (the “right-hand man” she credits with helping make the book happen), pored over primary documents. Taylor also traveled the route of Joan’s life, from Domremy, the small village where she was raised, to Rouen, where she died. “You get a feel for things by doing it that way,” she said. “You can’t just sit in an archive or a library.”

The book already has been widely praised, but Taylor, who is a Catholic, said she expects some hate mail. “People don’t like you messing with their image of Joan,” she said. “But the picture of her as a warrior, a soldier, a leader—that's the picture that's foremost in my mind. Wanting to fight until the end.”

Professor of History Larissa Taylor peruses a Latin transcript of the 1885 beatification proceedings for Joan of Arc. Taylor’s research included study of records from Joan of Arc's life, including reports of her victories in battle and transcripts of the trial that led to her execution in 1431.
A New Challenge

FIRST COLBY STUDENTS FROM RWANDA AND CAMBODIA SHARE COMMON PASTS AND HOPES

Born when his mother was traveling, he was named “Mugyenzi,” or traveler. So far Mugyenzi Innocent ’13 is fulfilling the promise of his moniker beyond anyone’s expectations.

As a boy he fled Rwanda in 1994, and his family lived in refugee settlements in Uganda. Selected to attend United World College from among some 10,000 eligible peers in the Ugandan settlements, he went to Wales for two years at United World College of the Atlantic. This fall he arrived at Colby.

Innocent and Jean-Jacques Ndayisenga ’13, from Kigali, are Colby’s first Rwandan students. Their classmate Vichetrath Meas ’13 (who goes by Rath) is Colby’s first student from Cambodia. All three are Davis United World College scholars, and all were highlighted as the first representatives of their countries this fall.

All three students talked about the challenges and excitement of adjusting to America, Maine, and Colby, and about events that define perspectives of their home countries—genocide.

Innocent said his family fled from the city to a small village in April 1994. When the violence spread to the countryside and it was clear his father, a Tutsi, was in peril, they left the country. Innocent would be separated from his father for two years.

Last summer he returned to Kigali for the first time on a service trip he designed, and he took 16 UWC classmates with him to volunteer at an orphanage. While impressed and even optimistic for Rwanda given the changes he witnessed there, he was very concerned about the orphans. “They are, basically, I would say, hopeless,” he said. It took time living with them to gain their trust, but the children slowly began to engage with the UWC students.

Innocent said he told them, “I was worse off than they are. I had lived in a refugee settlement all my life. I had no rights. I had no national identity.”

“They couldn’t believe me at the beginning,” he said. But they saw what he had achieved, going to school in Wales and soon to college in the United States, and they began to open up. “It was very exciting.”

Meas grew up in a small town far from the...
Diverse Perspectives Equal Value Added

While groundbreaking international students Mugyenzi Innocent ‘13, Jean-Jacques Ndayisenga ‘13, and Vichetrath Meas ‘13 are excited about the opportunity to study at Colby, they should know that students from the United States value their presence here as well.

“I think [international diversity] is a huge difference in terms of life on campus,” said Sarah Bruce ‘10, an Admissions Committee member who transferred to Colby. Recalling her experience applying to colleges, she said, “When you’re looking at a handful of small, New England, liberal arts schools, you have to pick something that differentiates them, because otherwise they all mush together in your brain, which is exactly what happened. I actually do remember that one of the things that Colby was strong in was international recruiting and the high percentage of international students here.” Between that and its study-abroad record, “Colby stood out as … especially strong internationally. That’s something that was very important to me.”

Bruce said she has found lots of opportunities for diverse groups of students to mix on Mayflower Hill. “That’s one of the things I love about Colby. … You actually have to try to segregate yourself.”

Vichetrath Meas’s mother lost several immediate family members in the [Cambodian] genocide, which is still a huge cloud over the national consciousness. “What can I do to help out with this problem in my country?” is one of Meas’s guiding questions, he said.

In classrooms, too, the variety of views is welcome. “On tons of levels,” said Dana Professor of Music Steven Saunders, “these students will come at the material from a different perspective.” He is interested to learn how music and its functions are tied together in other cultures and how some cultures have no tradition of written music. “You get a student from Rwanda in a music class and he’s going to hear different things. … He’ll be able to contribute different things.”

Assistant Professor of Education Karen Kusiak ‘75 said she appreciates perspectives that enrich discussions, but teaching international students also informs her lesson plans. When teaching issues like social class in the United States or the roles of local, state, and federal government in public education, Kusiak considers beforehand what students may have for prior knowledge. “I might not take time to explain what I think is apparent to domestic students if the international students weren’t present,” she said. But she’s surprised how students of all backgrounds benefit.

Said Kusiak, “I think international students in my classes have made me a better teacher.” —Stephen Collins ’74

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Harriett Matthews came to Colby in 1966 to teach sculpture and has since overseen the growth of the College’s program. She spoke with Colby about her development as an artist and about the most important thing a student can bring to the studio.

How did you become involved with art?
I always liked art, even when I was in high school, but I’m not very facile. When I first started out I went to a junior college. I eventually took art as a major, but I was equally interested in horses. And at that point there was a bit of a pull between, okay, is it going to be art or is it going to be horses? And I was fortunate at the junior college: I was slowly becoming more interested in sculpture than painting and, when it came time to graduate, [a professor] recommended that I go to the University of Georgia. And so that’s where it really began.

A lot of your work has references to historical forms. How did that come about?
Well that was very slow in coming. One of the influences ... was an art historian that I studied with at the University of Georgia, Ljubica Popovich. I had never been to Europe—I did not want to go to Europe until I felt that my direction was not so fragile. She really opened the door with the art history that I took from her. Eventually, when I felt strong enough in my vision to go to Europe, she was right there. I traveled through Yugoslavia with her several times. I took a course in classical Greek art history with her, and the whole Greek exposure has become a foundation to my work.

How long did it take for you to become comfortable with your vision?
(Laughs) I think I’m still getting comfortable with it. I feel very strongly that it’s important—and I try to push this with the students—to keep stretching out, and that may mean going beyond what you’re comfortable with. I’m not sure that I’m ever really satisfied. Because of that the work does keep changing, but there’s this undercurrent that is a direct influence of architecture and archeology.

How does your artistic vision marry with art history today compared to when you first started?
It’s become personal. It’s based on my personal experiences, my personal way of interpreting architecture, my experiences in searching particular sites that I think would interest me. Now that I’m spending more time in Greece ... I decided to go back and try something that I had done back in the early Seventies—working in jeweler’s wax. This has opened up a whole new door for me. [In Greece] someone told me about a church that had trees growing out of it. Not only did I get excited, but I’m on my fourth piece working off that idea. So that comes back to, okay, architecture, nature. I never would have dreamed that that would have evolved.

See a multimedia presentation where Matthews talks about her work as an artist. Visit www.colby.edu/mag, keyword: Matthews
What is the process for creating the wax sculptures?
First I do drawings and I get the drawing fairly clear. Then I work it up using jeweler’s wax—it’s thin sheets and I’m using what look like dental tools to work the wax. ... {A jeweler in Greece} then does the casting—which is quite involved—I bring them back to my studio in Maine and I finish them. I clean them up, I sandblast them, I put everything together, braze it, and then I put the chemicals on to color it. Mount it to a wood base and that’s it.

When did you first start traveling to Greece in the summers?
Continually? 1987. My very first sabbatical, which was in the Seventies, I made a trip that wasn’t just Greece, but I designed a trip that brought all my art historical interests together. I started in Italy ... made a circle, going up the coast of Turkey, through a little bit of Yugoslavia, and then northern Greece. I did what I consider a Byzantine and Greek circle.

What does going to Greece give you that you don’t get in Maine?
Everything. It has a landscape and subject matter that has become important to me. ... There’s a kind of mystery there because it’s not my culture. That becomes a source in a way. I thrive more on mystery than I do on understanding.

Speaking of mystery, talk a little about the creative process and how you teach that.
That’s a mystery. There’s a lot of things that have to be established with the students before we really get into the creative process in terms of searching for their own language. You cannot teach the creative process until the students have a technical understanding of the materials. I teach from the sort of classical approach to the object, and I put a tremendous stress on the technical end of how to deal with the materials in relation to particular objects.

What’s the most challenging part of working with students?
That’s hard to pinpoint, because this is a liberal arts school, which means the students are not as committed to the studio process, because it’s part of a broad curriculum. ... There is often a period where the student just kind of wanders around trying to figure out ‘oh, this is what studio means.’

Has it become easier to spot students who have a natural inclination toward artistic expression?
No, because I don’t look for it. What’s more important is a student’s commitment. Because I didn’t have a gift. I wasn’t facile. But I was obsessed with wanting to make art. That’s what I’m looking for. If I have a student who is putting in more time than required, who’s really, really pushing him- or herself, but who’s struggling, that’s fine. That’s what I would look for. I look for the commitment, not what some people call talent.

How does your work as an artist affect your teaching and vice versa?
Each informs the other. I couldn’t teach without doing my work. This is one thing I have always stressed with my students. And the few students that I’ve had that have gone on and gotten graduate degrees have expressed their appreciation of that—that I am always working. I try to make it clear that I don’t ask any more of them than I ask of myself.

Each student has his or her own perspective. Does that keep you...?
Flexible. And agile.
Breathless twists and turns of a Southern girl, woman, mother

MATT O’DONNELL REVIEW

Live from the Homesick Jamboree
Adrian Blevins (English and creative writing)
Wesleyan University Press (2009)

With this follow-up to her award-winning debut collection, The Brass Girl Brouhaha, Assistant Professor of English and Creative Writing Adrian Blevins has established herself as an expert at her craft. An honest, fearless poet, her breathless narrations transfer their need to be told to the audience’s need to hear them.

The poems in Live from the Homesick Jamboree narrate the life of a Southern girl through childhood and adolescence and into adulthood and motherhood. Fortnightly and without sentimentality, the speaker of these poems confronts the frequently painful events of that journey as they intertwine with the raucous joy of life. Blevins is a storyteller who has honed a fine skill with music and diction. “...we lock our mouths / to mourn our losses from the insides of our jackets and black wool caps / with just our eyes in our faces and the lungs in our chests / in the flabbergasted shut of sucking and sucking and sucking it in” (from “First Winter in Maine”). She is not a soft and cuddly poet—she tells it frankly and often with a sharp tongue. The reader’s reward is a sharpness of experience, a role as confidant to Blevins’s speaker. “From the beginning it was our innocence, it was our impertinence, it was a bent outhouse / in the dead dead double-dead clot of twisted winter” (from “Why the Marriage Failed”).

Grounded in place, the poems in this book are not ethereal constructions that exist only in poem land. When her words and her poems mean more than one thing it suggests the poet’s wisdom that life should not, cannot, be taken at face value, and her belief that a well-shaped poem must sound that alarm.

A masterful use of sentence structure shapes Blevins’s linguistic acrobatics. Long sentences drive many of these poems, twisting and turning and building and building upon themselves until the final period—which is more yield sign than stop, as momentum carries the poem out again over the white space to linger there. Her colloquial ease with the sentence is in part what connects us so strongly to these poems—why we get them, how they so naturally belong to us, too.

Hear Adrian Blevins read from “Life from the Homesick Jamboree,” audio courtesy of From the Fishhouse. www.colby.edu/mag, keyword: Blevins

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RECENT RELEASES

Elective Affinities: Testing Word and Image Relationships. Word & Image Interactions
Catriona MacLeod, Véronique Plesch (art), and Charlotte Schoell-Glass, editors
Rodopi (2009)

“Elective affinities”—a notion originally borrowed by Goethe from 18th-century chemistry for his 1809 novel of the same title—here refers to the active role of the two partners in the relationship of the pictorial and the verbal. The book is divided into three sections, which explore how words and images can merge in harmony, engage in conflicts, and interact in a way that tests the boundaries and relations among verbal and visual arts. New perspectives on word and image relationships emerge in periods, national traditions, works, and materials as different as (among many others) an installation by Marcel Duchamp and the manual accompanying it; the impact of artificial light sources on literature and art; 19th-century British illustrations of Native Americans; the contemporary comic book; and a 17th-century Italian devotional manuscript uniting text, image, and music. (Elective Affinities” cover was designed by Rachel Tobie ’04).

Uncovering Promising Practices in School/University Partnerships: A Look at High-performing Charter Schools
John Purcell ’92
VDM Verlag (2009)

A teacher at the University of California Magnet School with a Ph.D. in educational leadership from the university, Purcell has seen firsthand that a partnership with a college or university can deliver great results for a K-12 grade school. His book, which focuses on charter schools, shows that these relationships can enrich curriculum, broaden teaching expertise, and help keep at-risk students in the classroom. At a time when improved public primary education is a priority, Purcell shows the potential benefits from this overlooked resource. He also points to potential pitfalls that can keep such a partnership from working.

Terasaki Hidenari, Pearl Harbor, and Occupied Japan: A Bridge to Reality
Roger B. Jeans ’63
Lexington Books (2009)

Jeans, a historian and professor emeritus at Washington and Lee University, offers this biography of Terasaki, a key player in United States-Japan relations in the World War II era who has been largely forgotten. Educated in the United States and married to an American, Terasaki was publicly committed to peace between the two countries, but both sides suspected him of spying. Jeans’s research shows that Terasaki was neither saint nor villain, opposing the war and working to protect Emperor Hirohito after Japan’s surrender and pursuing transnationalism at a most challenging time.
**The Insecure American: How We Got Here and What We Should Do About It**  
Hugh Gusterson and Catherine Besteman (anthropology), editors  
University of California Press (2010)

“Americans sense that something is terribly amiss,” write anthropologists Gusterson and Besteman in their introduction to this perceptive and often disturbing collection, “even if the full picture is not entirely clear.”

Job security has become a thing of the past, as industries vanish and others turn to low-cost workers. Wage cuts have been followed by the crash of real estate and stock markets. Health insurance, once taken for granted by employers and workers, is increasingly a hot commodity. And, with earning power down, young people and their parents should more debt for education and housing. “If the middle class is increasingly pinched, things are even worse in the financial underworld of the poor,” the authors write.

From that launching point, the book travels far and wide as its writers examine the lives and times of what would seem at first glance disparate subjects: gated communities, the war industry, Wal-Mart, homeless drug addicts, the commercialization of childhood. But these subjects are connected by a tautrope upon which Americans are walking. And the book is a fascinating analysis of the effects of our increasing anxiety. Author and essayist Barbara Ehrenreich writes in the foreword that this collection helps us to understand “the forces that have robbed us of security and—through understanding, combined with a renewed commitment to collective action—overcome them.”

**Legacy of a False Promise: A Daughter’s Reckoning**  
Margaret Fuchs Singer ’63  
University of Alabama Press (2009)

The inquiries conducted by the McCarthy-era House Un-American Activities Committee have been mostly repudiated in post-Cold War hindsight. The blackballing of everyone from academics to actors was later widely seen as a regrettable consequence of the so-called Red Scare.

It wasn’t that simple for Margaret Fuchs Singer ’63. Her father, Herbert Fuchs, was publicly exposed as a communist, but he also turned in those who had served with him in secret communist cells. Fuchs named names.

Singer was 13 when her father was exposed in 1955. The page-one headlines, her father’s firing from his college faculty position, his outing of his former comrades—it all was filed away under what Herbert Fuchs referred to as “the troubles.”

But Singer unpacks that box in this book, which is fascinating on two levels. It offers an inside look at a remarkable period in U.S. history (lawyer Fuchs went on to become a staffer for the House Judiciary Committee in the 1960s), and it also explores a daughter’s complex relationship with her father. Singer delves into her father’s FBI file, but she also examines his life and her own in telling and perceptive detail. “I believe this experience broke his spirit and changed his life—and mine,” she writes. In coming to terms with her father’s legacy and their relationship, she has written a compelling memoir that is both politically and personally revealing.

**Popular History and the Literary Marketplace, 1840-1920**  
Gregory M. Pfitzer ’79  
University of Massachusetts Press (2009)

In 18th-century America, books were the property and province of gentry and intellectuals, something to be cached in a home or university library and perused at one’s leisure. But by the mid-19th century, leisure time had spread to the masses and books soon followed. A new genre of popular history and fiction exploded onto the literary scene and was snapped up by what was a new driving force in the publishing marketplace: the public.

Pfitzer, professor of American studies at Skidmore College, explores how the emergence of this new market affected the study of history at the time, increasing knowledge of history but discouraging what was seen as serious historical research. As popular poets and novelists were recruited to produce the profitable but casual historical tomes, serious historians lamented that history would only survive as “an instrument of entertainment.” That pessimism was unfounded, Pfitzer writes, as fiction pushed history aside, but the appeal of the narratives of an earlier era would live on.

**Alcatraz: The Gangster Years**  
David Ward ’55 with Gene Kassebaum  
University of California Press (2009)

It was a time when criminals were household names in America—Al Capone, Machine Gun Kelly, Bonnie and Clyde. Prisons were, too. There were Sing Sing, Leavenworth, and, the island prison perhaps most infamous—Alcatraz, AKA The Rock.

Perched on a windswept island in the middle of San Francisco Bay, Alcatraz (Spanish for pelican) was known as the toughest of the federal prisons. “America’s Devil’s Island.” Ward, a sociologist who has spent much of his career studying issues related to corrections, focuses his prodigious research abilities on Alcatraz, specifically the period from 1934 to 1948 (a second book will explore the prison’s more recent history). From a chance conversation at another federal penitentiary with a former Alcatraz inmate, Ward went on to spend four years researching and writing a book that explores life within the prison walls and in the process sheds new light on a fascinating period in American history.

Depression-era America elevated both the outlaw and the gangster. Many of those well-known criminals ended up in Alcatraz, seen as the worst that the federal law enforcement officials could throw at its enemy. Escapees, alleged incorrigibles, and the most notorious were sent to the island prison, and the author profiles many, detailing their lives before and sometimes after incarceration. The lessons gleaned from hundreds of interviews and documents (e.g. that inmates sometimes act out to preserve their dignity), Ward and Kassebaum conclude, can and should be applied to our consideration of the effects of confinement in today’s “supermax” facilities.
Around the Colby squash courts, it’s known as “the Smith factor.” Samantha Smith ’10 and Harry Smith ’12, siblings from Locust Valley, N.Y., are each number one on their respective teams—“the first time in Colby squash history,” said Coach Sahki Khan of the sister-brother top billing, “It’s exciting.”

And the family factor is just the beginning.

The Smiths are not only co-number ones, they’re also team leaders who set the standard for both play and preparation. In other words, there’s no room for complacency in the Smith court. “Both of them have brought up the standard in overall team dedication,” Khan said. “They are players who like to see people push themselves.”

Said Harry Smith, “I love the competition and working to improve.”

So far, so good for the top players and their teams. As this story was going to press, the women’s team was 4-0 and ranked 21st nationally after wins against William Smith (6-3) and Connecticut College (7-2), with Samantha Smith 3-1, including a wild 3-2 loss against the top Northeastern player. Harry Smith won his opening two matches at the number-one spot as the men’s team cruised to a 7-2 win over MIT and a 6-3 victory against Northeastern in November.

Last year both Smiths competed in the national individual championships and earned NESCAC honors for their outstanding seasons. “Both of them are grinders,” Khan said. “They dig down deep and they stay in matches as long as they can. [Samantha] never gives up. You can’t count her out.”

The Smiths grew up around squash courts, Harry picking up a racquet when he was 6, and Samantha, after watching her little brother play for a number of years, taking up squash in eighth grade.

Despite the years of practice, the Smiths agree there is always room for...
improvement, mentally and physically. “It is just as much about playing against your opponent mentally as it is about your physical endurance or strength,” Samantha said. Harry said he goes in feeling that no opponent is unbeatable. “It all depends on how hard you train and how hard you push yourself,” he said.

But both find time for a rigorous academic schedule. Off the court Harry is an economics major with a concentration in international economics and an art minor. He plays on the golf team in the spring. Samantha Smith is due to graduate in the spring as an English major with a double minor in economics and administrative science. With all of that, squash provides an outlet. “It’s a great break in our afternoons, a stress relief, especially before getting back to all the homework and papers,” said Samantha.

Last year, both Harry and Samantha Smith were named to the NESCAC Winter All-Sportsmanship Second Team, which recognizes outstanding student-athletes dedicated to sportsmanship. In a sport where the players referee themselves and their opponents, sportsmanship is especially important.

Khan said he was looking forward to a successful season with the Smiths at the top of their team ladders. And there’s another advantage to the sibling duo. “If I ever want to relay a strong message to Harry, Samantha is always a good way,” the coach said. “He really pays attention to his older sister.”

Harry Smith ’12 and his sister Samantha Smith ’10 are number-one players for the men’s and women’s squash teams. The siblings have helped push their teams to new levels, says head coach Sakhi Khan.

This fall Colby placed 34 on the NESCAC All-Academic Team, which requires student-athletes to have junior standing, a varsity letter, and a 3.35 or higher GPA. ... MEN’S SOCCER earned a National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award for the ninth straight year. Only two other NESCAC teams received the honor, which requires a team GPA of 3.0. Celebrating 50 years of varsity status, the team made the NESCAC tournament for the first time since the conference organized playoffs. Their final record was 5-8-2 after a first-round loss to top-seeded Wesleyan. ... For WOMEN’S SOCCER Su-Lin Del Guercio ’11 earned All-NESCAC honors for the second year and Hannah Holbrook ’10 made the ESPN Magazine Academic All-District 1 team. The team closed a 6-8-1 season with a NESCAC quarterfinal loss to number-two-in-the-nation Williams. ... Katrina Gravel ’10 earned All-America honors placing 35th and Cassi Knight ’10 just missed All-America at 38th at the national NCAA D-III CROSS COUNTRY Championships. The pair led the team to seventh out of 47 teams at the NCAA regional qualifier. For the men, Mike Bienkowski ’10 was Colby’s top runner at the NCAA qualifier, and Luke Doherty Munro ’13 took 32nd among nearly 300 at the ECAC Division III championships. ... MEN’S CREW placed 26th and WOMEN’S CREW 27th in the collegiate eights at the Head of Charles Regatta. The men’s varsity eight was fourth and women seventh at the Quinsigamond Snake Regatta; men placed sixth and women eighth at the Textile River Regatta. ... Finishing with a 4-4 record including a victory over Bates but a loss to Bowdoin, FOOTBALL earned a three-way tie for the CBB championship, the first tie since 1995. Matt Fait ’10 made first-team offense and Brian Leighton ’10 and Chris Copeland ’10 made second-team All-NESCAC. ... The co-ed GOLF team started with team victories in both the Colby Invitational and the Colby Classic in Waterville. They improved to sixth in the NESCAC qualifier. Harry Smith ’12 was All-NESCAC. ... Meryl Poulin ’11 was All-NESCAC in FIELD HOCKEY for the second straight year. They ended the season with a 2-1 victory over Bates and a 6-8 overall record. ... WOMEN’S TENNIS scored a rare double victory in a doubleheader, with an 8-1 victory over Simmons and a 9-0 sweep of University of Southern Maine. The other team match-up of their fall season was a 6-3 loss to Wheaton.
Internships Connect Classrooms to Environmental Careers

As clean-energy outreach coordinator for the Natural Resources Council of Maine, Amanda “Emmie” Theberge ‘08 travels around the state organizing panels and giving presentations aimed at helping to build grass-roots support for clean-energy policies.

Last year Kevin Fritze ’07, a Ph.D. student in business and environmental policy at Duke University’s Nicholas School of the Environment, gathered and analyzed climate-change data and did economic analyses of carbon offsets. His findings were included in a policy brief discussed during a Senate hearing on reduction of greenhouse-gas emissions.

Both say that in a crowded field of job and graduate school applicants they stood out because they had real-life experience from internships and student research at Colby. “The fact that I have local, national, and international experience definitely set me apart from other applicants for my job,” Theberge said. “And without internship grants, I wouldn’t have been able to do those internships.”

An environmental studies grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation funded student internships and research at Colby from 2000 to 2009. That grant has now ended, but at least one concerned donor has stepped in to help replace the funding.

Jason Klein ’97 has established the Klein Fund for Student Research and Internships in Environmental Studies through the Ruth and Seymour Klein Foundation. Funds are provided for students who otherwise could not do unpaid environmental internships. The fund also provides money for student research projects in environmental studies. “Gaining career and life experiences helps a lot with developing the ability to create connections, and it gives you the necessary experience that employers need,” Klein said. “Spending my summers working in environmental and science education at summer camps and, between my junior and senior years, working for the Wildlife Conservation Society in the Bronx Zoo’s education department, gave me career and life experiences that helped me choose my career path.”

Klein is curator of the Trailside Nature Museum at the 4.300-acre Ward Pound Ridge Reservation in Cross River, N.Y. The museum offers two programs, one focusing on the reservation’s flora and fauna, the other devoted to research on the Delaware Indian tribe.

He’s one of many at Colby who have seen internships lead to careers.

Theberge says she landed her job with NRCM in part because of an internship in the Maine Governor’s Office of Energy Independence and Security, where she researched wind power in Maine, and because of research she conducted on Maine’s environment for her senior capstone class. Theberge also was able to do an environmental economics internship in Australia, thanks to funding from the Mellon grant and the Linda K. Cotter Internship Fund.

Fritze did a summer internship at the Belgrade (Maine) Regional Conservation Alliance between his sophomore and junior years, working with Colby’s GIS lab to create specialized maps for conservation. The following summer he interned at the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C., working in the Office of Environmental Policy. Said Fritze, in an e-mail, “I would credit all of [my internship experiences] together as providing me with an impressive résumé for an undergraduate, which did open doors and led to my current situation.”—Julia Stowe

Philanthropy for Colby comes in many shapes and sizes. For some it is distinguished by a monetary donation; for others it is the gift of time. But, for all of those who give, the inspiration comes from the satisfaction of enhancing the lives of students and making initiatives possible. This is the final year of Reaching the World: A Campaign for Colby. The campaign is making an education available to deserving students who otherwise could not afford it, and creating opportunities for Colby students to give back in their own ways around the world.

Learn more at www.colby.edu/campaign

1920s-30s

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1940

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My only correspondent this quarter is Ruth Gould Stebbins, so I’ll share her e-mail. A fine memorial service was held for her husband, Roger, June 7 in Sequim, Wash. On Aug. 8 one of her granddaughters was married in Santa Barbara. She regrets being unable to attend a Colby dinner in Seattle in November. On the Fourth of July we had all of my children, all grandchildren, all great-grandchildren, all spouses, and all but one boy- or girlfriend here at Marioncook Lake to celebrate my 90th birthday. They were way ahead of time but probably thought I wouldn’t make it to February. They came from California, Idaho, Texas, Iowa, Wisconsin, and New York—none from Maine!

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Harry Hicks, 89, and his wife have loved living in a continuing care community in Williamsburg, Va., for the past 11 years. He enjoys golfing twice a week and hits the ball a hundred times or more. He regrets losing contact with most Colby friends, including Ron Lupton ’43, who has passed on. He has many fond memories of Colby and would love to hear from any friends and classmates, including Dick Johnson, George Parker, Bud Johnson, Huck Kraft ’43, Fran Decorniex ’41, Joe Wallace ’43, and Bill Crowther ’47. You can get in touch with Harry at hhicks11@cox.net. Margaret Campbell Timberlake is happy to live a simple, yet busy life in her own home. She enjoyed line dancing for 22 years, but recently stopped because of her life with two daughters (one a Colby grad), two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

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The Class of 1944 has lost several dear members these past 12 months. It’s sad, but I guess we should not weep over their loss but recall with great pleasure their activities as classmates and their successes as they traveled through life into their 80s.

Judy Jones Zimmerman wrote about the family gathering for her grandson’s wedding in June. There were 35 or 40 immediate family members in attendance. She has one grandson in law school, two grandchildren in college, three in high school, two more and two great-grandchildren in grammar school, one great-grandchild in kindergarten, and one great-grandchild not yet in school. Hard to beat that! Joe and Nancy Pattison McCarthy have downsized and moved to a complex for retired military in Virginia, just outside of D.C. and near two of their children. They missed reunion as Joe is dealing with complications following a simple surgery. They hope to attend Joe’s 65th West Point reunion and the June marriage of a granddaughter. Nancy and Joe celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. My fall trip to Turkey was amazing. I don’t know what I was expecting but the arrival in European Istanbul was eye-popping. We took in all of the tourist sights, sailed on the Sea of Marmora, the Bosphorus to the Black Sea, and took a ferry across the Dardanelles to Asian Turkey, where we spent the rest of the time. The topography of Turkey is stunning. I wish I had paid closer attention in Professor Lougee’s (geology) classes! Standing on ruins that date to 2000 and 3000 B.C. is humbling. Two special highlights were swimming in the Mediterranean (very salty) and an hour’s balloon trip over Cappadocia’s amazing mountains, spires, caves, and rock formations. There were 35 balloons aloft, each holding 12 people plus the pilot. Not a problem—there is plenty of room in the sky.

1945

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This summer he went to China for 18 days with grandson Christopher. Last year they traveled together to the Galapagos. This fall he cruised through the Panama Canal by flying to San Diego, traveling down the coast to the canal, then north to Tampa. Everett spends non-travel time in Zephyrhills, Fla., in an active retirement community.

Three years ago Helen Moore Phillips moved into a retirement facility called New Pond Village in Walpole, Mass. She serves on three committees at Mount Ida College, where she taught for 40 years and was an overseer and a trustee. She is now trustee emerita. Husband Russell (Bud) ’49 plays pool year-round with a group of men and golfers with a long-time friend—not bad for someone who turned 90 in December! Helen keeps in touch her Tri Delta sisters: Shirley Carrier Brown, Avia Yatto Godbout, Barbara Harrington Keith, and Joan Crawley Pollock. They all were saddened to learn of the death of Mille Schnebbe Riordan in 2007. Mary and Gerald Roy are fine and are no longer traveling the country. They sold their motor home and now fly back and forth to Florida, where they spend the winter. They’ll be great-grandparents for the second time next April.

Dorothy and David Marson had dinner in September with Carol Stoll Baker and caught up on families and mutual friends. Lois and Aaron Sandler left St. Louis Nov. 18 for Longboat Key for the season.

Doug Barton’s wife of 49 years, Doris, died in May after a fall at home. Doug will spend most of the winter in Tucson, Ariz., where son Douglass has a second home. He’d love to see any classmates in that vicinity.

Burt Krumholz found it hard to believe that he retired from the active practice of gynecology Nov. 25. Shortly thereafter they packed and left for their new home in Boca Raton, Fla. Joe and Joan Crawley Pollock spent a lovely summer in cool Cayucos by the Sea, on the central coast of California, where they have a cottage. They hear regularly from Barbara Harrington Keith, Bud ’49 and Helen Moore Phillips, and Sue Lynch Henry, who are all okay.

Betsy Brewster is still in cold Rhode Island. She had bilateral cochlear implant Aug. 31 and was awaiting the newest, hi-tech, speech processor, the cochlear Nucleus 5, which will let her hear with two ears. She was in Naples before Thanksgiving with siblings, including brother Dick Yetter ’42, with whom she lives in the summer, and sister Nancy Bacon, who attended Colby for one year. Betty will move from R.I. to a retirement community in Memphis, Tenn., near where she lived for 12 years and where her oldest son and family live. Al and Marrianna Nutter Wyer live year round in Wolfboro, N.H., summering at the family farm and wintering in a retirement complex in town. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a trip to England aboard the Queen Mary II.

In the fall issue of Colby I reported that Virginia Young Ellis had a wonderful trip to Greece, but failed to report that Mary Helen Wilson Miller accompanied her. No other news to pass on. I can’t do this column without your help, so look for a mailing from me early in 2010. I’ll send a questionnaire similar to the one I had in the reunion packet. When you receive the questionnaire, please respond ASAP. Wouldn’t it be nice to receive so many returns I’ll have to spread the news over more than one issue? I hope that’s not wishful thinking! Thank you.

In October Barbara Starr Wolf opened her beautiful condo in Jamaica Plain, Mass., for area Colby alumni to get together for lunch. Barbara hoped the invitation would appear in the Colby magazine, but the timing was off. A few of Barbara’s friends gathered for a good visit with old friends. Barbara’s home is beautifully decorated with wall-to-wall art as well as antique porcelain and other art treasures. Everyone appreciated Barbara’s in-depth description of the objects. Those attending were Nancy Ardiff Boulter, Gloria Gordon Goldman, Priscilla TraceyTanguay, Connie Foxcroft Perrigo, and Connie Leonard Hayes. Dick and Connie Leonard Hayes enjoyed a wonderful five-day cruise on the windjammer schooner Mercantile out of Camden, Maine. An overnight anchorage in Castine Bay with a fantastic lobster bake on an island beach was a highlight. Winds of 35 to 40 knots another day caused everyone on board to hang on and wait out the storm. But all in all it was delightful and great just to be in Maine again. Frank Jones and his wife returned two years ago to Milford, N.H., to be close to their three children and grandchildren. They retired to Florida some 27 years after retiring from Shell Oil Company. They have been fortunate to have enjoyed 63 years of marriage. “It has been a long time since my wife and I lived in the veterans’ apartments ‘on the hill” after military service in World War II,” Frank writes. Elvis and Bud Everts had a great boat trip along the East Coast with stops in Bar Harbor, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec City, finishing in Montreal. They have four grandchildren in college at Ithaca, Fairfield, Elon, and Gettysburg. I hope many of you plan to
attend our 60th reunion in June 2010. In the meantime please send me your news.

1951

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John Linscott sent a terrific CD for which he wrote the lyrics and performed the jazz. His daughter, Anne, is a fine vocalist, and John is great at the lyrics, piano, and tenor saxophone. Anyone who enjoys jazz will like the CD called Manhattan Lady. Ask John and he will arrange a copy (at clergy rates). • I hear from Bump Bean on occasion and he is enjoying his semiretirement. He will never retire from the Colby Eight—keep on singing, Bump. • I chatted with Joan Kelby Cannell ’52, Bob’s widow. She is a great gal and keeps busy but, like us all, misses Bob.

• Walt Russell and I share a lot of e-mails regarding the political scene. We would like to change much of the news. • George Wales is getting along well at Denison University, where wife Lorrie (Arcese ’54) runs the music programs. The PBS program From the Top, which daughter Jennifer is involved with, now has a network TV series.

• Harland Eastman is semiretired but running cultural activities for local creative groups. Good luck Harland! • I can’t find Ted Shiro, but I will catch up to him, and perhaps also Bruce Carswell, in Naples in February.

• I recently hosted a Colby alumni party at the Merion Golf Club. President Bob Adams was terrific as were the other speakers. He is the right man for our College—go Bro! • I also heard from super pitcher Frank Gavel. Frank had an interesting career and has a great memory for all the Colby baseball games we played. • Stay healthy, share your wealth with Colby, and keep the news coming. All the to the best class in Colby history—that’s a challenge to all other classes.

1952

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Greetings Class of 1952. Dave Crocket has joined the Kirkland Village retirement community in Bethlehem, Pa., which has been an enjoyable experience. “They keep us busy,” writes Dave. “The only problem is that there are many more women than men here. I was wearing a Colby sweat shirt one day when a woman introduced herself as the widow of a Colby librarian, who was the librarian when we were there. It’s a small world.” • Janet Perrigo Brown-Wolf’s children nominated her for Vermont Mother of the Year 2009. A congratulatory program and reception was held in April at the First Congregational Church of Burlington by the Vermont Chapter of the American Mothers, Inc. (official sponsor of Mother’s Day). Congratulations Janett! • Sheila and Don Hailer celebrated George Lebner’s 80th birthday Oct. 17. Carl and Muffie MorganLeaf and Judy and Herb Nagle joined them for a lunch and a few laughs. Don and Sheila meet with three other couples for breakfast every Sunday, including George and his wife and their son, Chris ’85. Don talked with Katy Finegan Gant, daughter of Warren ’51 and Betty Levardens Finegan. She is the youngest of the family and lives in Missouri with her husband and two boys. Don also talked with Ned ’51 and Barbara Hills Stuart ’54 in North Carolina. • Betsy Fisher Kearney Caldwell wrote: “Right now I’m sitting here with an ankle cast but recalling our visit to Luzert, France, last summer. We stayed in the Basque area with my husband’s son (we’ve been married five years), who is a professor of French at St. Lawrence University and does a year abroad as chair of the department. We stayed in a house built on a mountain in southwest France. What a wonderful experience. They were with us for 10 days and we traveled the area with no problems. They left and we rented a car and got lost for a week.” That sounds great, lost or not, Betsy! • I (Jan “Sandy” Pearson Anderson) had the privilege of attending a concert on Cape Cod recently. The performers were a group of 70- to 90-year-olds called the Young at Heart Chorus from Northampton, Mass., and they sing rock music! They filled a 2,500-seat auditorium and lifted the spirits of young and old alike. Go see them if they come your way, even if you don’t like rock music.

• Art White and Bob Kline attended the Colby-Bowdoin football game in November. They hoped that Herb Nagle, Lum Lebnerz, and others would join them. • That’s it for this time around folks. Hope all is going well.

1953

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By the time you read this, 2010 will be here and summer and fall a memory. A few classesmates shared summer highlights. Ray ’54 and Priscilla Eaton Billington had a nice lunch in September with George Bazer, Shirley and Nick Sarris, and Sue and Dave Simeinld. They had a wonderful “old friends” get-together. Priscilla’s Colby granddaughter is studying in London this semester so they have golden-retriever duty while her parents are visiting London. As with many of us, it was high school reunion time in 2009. Priscilla traveled to Marblehead, Mass., for hers. Priscilla heard that Ann Burger Noonan’s husband, Dick ’54, passed away in July. • Ginnie Falkenbury Aronson attended her 60th in Glen’s Falls, N.Y. She also had the opportunity to attend a big family wedding and spend quality time with her sisters. • I had a nice e-mail from my roommate, Diane Chamberlin Starcher ’54. She had a wonderful summer with her sisters. Stateside families. They spent time in Italy and hiking along cliffs south of Genoa, followed by a few days in Florence and Siena.

• Ben and Carolyn De Wozniak were off for a fall trip to London, taking time while they are “still able to schlep bags, climb flights and uneven stairs, and clamber on and off buses.” • William Holway also attended a 60th reunion, this one at Yarmouth (Maine) Academy. His summers are spent with family in Maine at the “Good Old Family Cottage.” He spends winter and spring in Massachusetts, with the exception of time at his home in Homosassa, Fla., from Nov. 1 until mid-December. • Bob and Claire Macy Dubis spend four months at their winter home in Naples, Fla. Their summers are still on the Cape, where Claire does some volunteer work in Chatham along with playing golf. She attended the Jackson, N.H., wedding of a granddaughter who married a Black Hawk pilot who is now stationed in Kuwait. Claire has three great-grand-children, all nearby on the Cape. • Mike Wechsler Edelson is also a new great-grandparent. She has10 grandchildren scattered all over the country. Mike currently lectures on literature and poetry while working on a book in collaboration with a landscape photographer (Mike’s poetry). I think I have mentioned in a past column that Mike wrote two successful children’s books. She lives in a converted elementary school in Huntington, Long Island. • That is all for now.

Keep the news coming, especially those of you who read but don’t send in news!

1954

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Judy Jenkins Totman informs that the final tally for our class shows 96-plus percent of us contributing during the last fiscal year. Hooray for us! • Carol Dyer Wauters just returned to Jackson Hole from Berkeley, where she got her semianual “big city fix” while visiting her daughter and family. A five-day river trip down the Green River through the Gates of Lodore was the highlight of the summer. During the winter Carol is a mountain host (an “on the hill,” “on skis” job) two days a week. She continues to be an active board member of a local environmental organization and is still trying to help the Democratic party turn Wyoming from red to blue. In her spare time she helps at her granddaughter’s elementary school. • Diane Chamberlin Starcher writes from France that family visits from two grandchildren, her sister Sue Chamberlin Trager ’60, and her elder son and his wife kept her busy through the summer and fall. Ongoing volunteer work for the Baha’i community in Chambery keeps her busy when not entertaining family. She planned to visit the states for Christmas. • Tom Hunt reports he is healthy, kayaks often (the Maine coast is his favorite spot), walks 15 miles a week, continues to struggle and stumble with Bach and Beethoven piano pieces, and reads every day. In his free time he does volunteer teaching at the UMass Medical School in the MetroWest Interfaith
Maine in early and heart attack. He passed away Sept. 26 following a stroke and his family.

After working 37 years for the Hathaway Shirt Company, Al Joseph and his son bought the vending machine business that serves Colby from his brother. So in his “retirement” Al is carrying on a family tradition that started when we were at Colby. He still manages to play golf twice a week. Sherman Saperstein wrote a poem for our 55th reunion, but was unable to attend through the colorful leaves at the water. It is a beautiful fall in Maine and I’m looking forward to the NASTAR championships. Way to go! Dick and his wife, Pat, live between West Palm and Stockbridge, Mass. Pat, many will remember, was an accomplished horsewoman, but has suffered recently with bad knees. Dick ran into Richard Abedon, “But I have not seen him since I retired from the car business in 2001.” Susan Miller Hunt has seen Maelia McLaughlin Frackman Dillon, who was here from Australia. Sue reported that Ruthann Simmonds Mac Kinnon walked a long, slow road to husband Victor’s recovery after surgery complications. Ruth Ann and Susan still see Joan and Baird Whitlock, former humanities professor and mentor to many of us. Lois Latimer Pan writes, “The big news in Poughkeepsie is Walking Over the Hudson, a railroad bridge built in 1888 that has been converted to a park. Ed and I were part of both the night illumination ceremony and the parade, along with 3,998 other volunteers.” Lois visited Kathy Vogt on the Cape this summer and Barbara Preston Hayes in D.C. A happy note from David Slater stating that he was recently co-chair of his Boston College Law School 50th reunion. “It was noted that the then-young bride, Barbara, also received her degree at the 1959 graduation, a PHT (Putting Hubby Through),” writes David. Congratulations to Donald Rice, who was inducted into the Governor’s School Athletic Hall of Fame. Don was nominated for the distinction by our beloved Frank Huntress, himself a Governor’s School grad. So, my darts, is that for now. John and I wish each and everyone of you Godspeed. See you at reunion!

1956

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Greetings classmates everywhere. These have been busy months for many of you, and I thank those lovely folks who responded to my plea for news and wrote a few words. John and I just returned from a brief visit with Kathleen McConaughy Zambello, who lost Lou ‘55 Oct. 30 after an eight-year odyssey with cancer. How do you bid farewell to a persona bigger than life? Although a class ahead, Lou was an integral part of ‘56 and dearly loved by us all. While in Maine we saw David and Rosemary Crottemhal Sorter and visited Peter and Hope Palmer Bramhall, whose grandson we watched play on the Bowdoin football team. Hope and Peter entertained 25 Colby friends at the Newhaven Inn last summer when John Jubinsky was stateside. Included were the Sorters, Wys, Pughs, Lunders, and Haggett. The Bramhalls had an incredible Canadian Rockies tour and visited their Colby daughter in Portland, Ore. John (Marshall) spoke recently with Bob Bruns. Bob and his wife, Evelyn, are still actively traveling and competing in senior tennis. Bob and Evie chauffeured Kathy and Lou to the fall sports luncheon named in honor of Lou. A surprise e-mail reconnected us with Richard Hallowell. Dick and his wife, Pat, live between West Palm and Stockbridge, Mass. Pat, many will remember, was an accomplished horsewoman, but has suffered recently with bad knees. Dick ran into Richard Abedon, “But I have not seen him since I retired from the car business in 2001.” Susan Miller Hunt has seen Maelia McLaughlin Frackman Dillon, who was here from Australia. Sue reported that Ruthann Simmonds Mac Kinnon walked a long, slow road to husband Victor’s recovery after surgery complications. Ruth Ann and Susan still see Joan and Baird Whitlock, former humanities professor and mentor to many of us. Lois Latimer Pan writes, “The big news in Poughkeepsie is Walking Over the Hudson, a railroad bridge built in 1888 that has been converted to a park. Ed and I were part of both the night illumination ceremony and the parade, along with 3,998 other volunteers.” Lois visited Kathy Vogt on the Cape this summer and Barbara Preston Hayes in D.C. A happy note from David Slater stating that he was recently co-chair of his Boston College Law School 50th reunion. “It was noted that the then-young bride, Barbara, also received her degree at the 1959 graduation, a PHT (Putting Hubby Through),” writes David. Congratulations to Donald Rice, who was inducted into the Governor’s School Athletic Hall of Fame. Don was nominated for the distinction by our beloved Frank Huntress, himself a Governor’s School grad. So, my darts, is that for now. John and I wish each and everyone of you Godspeed. See you at reunion!

1957

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Winter is coming and it looks like you’re all bringing in the wood or out hunting or on vacation without access to a telephone or computer. We have very little new information to write about so we will have to assume nothing much is happening with our class or all have gone on a secret mission for the government and find themselves out of the country! From the rather sparse class news comes a nice surprise regarding Lee Mathieu. Lee, as confirmed by Ed Mestieri, Colby football coach, has been a volunteer with the Colby football team and has been going to practices and games every day for two years. He even went to an away game with the team and today, as I watched Colby lose to Bowdoin, Lee was with the team and pacing up and down the field pretty much like Pacy [27 ] and Ludy [Levine ’21] used to do! Colby’s football coach said Lee came to him two years ago and wanted to help out, and the coach’s remark regarding Lee is, “He’s awesome.” Will try to write more the next time I fill in for Eleanor.

1958

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Marcia Griggs Atsaves’s husband of almost 50 years, Marie, died in 2008, but she still works at the company he founded 39 years ago. Their younger son, Alex, is manager and Marcia is treasurer. She goes to Bethany Beach, Del., every weekend in the summer—swimming, playing tennis, reading a good book, walking, biking. At home she frequents a health club regularly and enjoys discussions with her book club. She keeps up e-mail contact with Maggie Smith Henry and Ellie Fortenbaugh de la Bandera. Congratulations to John Edes, who was inducted into the NE Basketball Hall of Fame in October. “Due to poor putting by Bruce Blanchard and myself,” he reports, the pair lost in the annual Maffie Foundation Golf Tournament. John also took part in the Matt Gaudet tourney at Old Orchard Beach. “You would be proud to be a Colby grad if you saw the outpouring of grads and friends for this benefit!” Dave and Jan Pratt Brown attended a moving memorial for Carl Cobb ’59 by the ocean in September and enjoyed a reunion with Deb Robson Cobb and Beryl Scott Glover in Chatham, Mass. The Browns also were in Charleston, S.C., where it was 95 degrees, then returned to Ithaca, where it was 32. They look forward to celebrating their 50th anniversary in August with family and friends in the Adirondacks. “We feel very lucky to still have each other.” Jan continues her pottery making and Dave his woodworkings. Helen Payson Seager directs the chapel choral at her retirement community in Mass. The group was to headline a music festival in Plymouth. “English majors can do anything!” Garrison Keiller will be impressed. Ed . She stays in touch with Debbie Robson Cobb, who traveled this fall to visit family in Seattle, Virginia, and San Diego. Marian Woodsome is enjoying newfound flexibility to see family...
members more often and become involved in local activities since she returned to home territory. She looks forward to winter—a trip to Germany, cross country skiing, drinking hot chocolate, and reading by the fire. Son Scott, in Iraq since June, will be home in December to make Marian and his family very happy. “Thinking of you all and wishing the best.”  

Ed and Carol Hathaway de Lemos have 10 grandchildren and feel fortunate that all family members live only 35 minutes away. The couple had a wonderful time at the surprise 50th anniversary party for Harry and Joan Shaw Whitaker in Plymouth, Mass., and were looking forward to a trip to Turkey in November.  

Warren Judd and wife Kay spent their usual summer in Wayne, Maine, getting to see John Winkin several times, including at his 90th birthday party. “Still a great guy, and he was better this year than when some of us visited him at our 50th reunion.”  

Peter Doran and Lois joined their son, Dana, at Family Homecoming Weekend to celebrate the career of John “Swisher” Mitchell. “Great night and well deserved honor.” Dana is assistant basketball coach, and his wife, Kelly, is an architect with Colby’s Physical Plant Department. Lois recently enjoyed a visit to the Lunder Collection at the Colby Museum of Art. The couple went to Utah in June to visit grandchildren, then Peter went to Eugene, Ore., to officiate at the USAIF Junior-Senior National Outdoor Track and Field meet. “Lots of fun doing the men’s senior put event on national TV!”  

Peter and I were happy to have brunch recently with Pam and David Adams, who were in VT on their way to Canada for a biking trip. Unlike Marian, we Vlers do not look forward to winter here so hope to be in GA and FL for our annual getaway! Would love to hear from more of you next time—tell us your news! All the best.

60s Newsmakers

Ken Stone ’64 was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in October. He received the Ronald S. Perry Award for Division III Men’s Players after earning All-Maine and All-New England honors during three years at Colby. Stone held the title of all-time leading scorer for the Mules until 1971.  

Michel Picher ’67 received the 2009 Bora Laskin Award, established by the University of Toronto to honor those who have made outstanding contributions to Canadian labor law. Picher, a prominent labor arbitrator and past president of the National Academy of Arbitrators in Canada, was selected from nominees from all fields relating to labor law, including academia, private practice, courts, tribunals, and arbitration.  

Maine Governor John Baldacci nominated David Elliott ’68 to the Maine Labor Relations Board. Elliott works as an independent hearing officer with the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. He previously served the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis for the Maine Legislature and was a lecturer at Bates.

Milestones


1959

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Thank you to all who wrote after reunion with comments and news about post-reunion activities. Sandy and Steve Levine wrote “The 50th reunion was indeed a very special event. Thanks to Colby for hosting us all and for the splendid manner in which we dined, dined, and were entertained.” Thank you, Steve, for putting together the DVD, a wonderful memento of a great time.  

Peggy Lippincott Brezel visited family and friends after reunion before returning to Hawaii.  

Elaine (Healey ’62) and Paul Reichert are “looking forward to the 55th.” After leaving reunion they headed to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia to visit with Florida “snowbirds” and then visited with three of their four grandchildren who live in Virginia, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, driving almost 6,000 miles to accomplish this trip.  

Louise (Robb ’60) and Arthur Goldschmidt stopped on their way to and from Waterville to visit friends and relatives. Arthur reports that the ninth edition of his textbook, A Concise History of the Middle East, has come out. Later in June Arthur and Louise drove to Appleton, Wis., to attend a meeting while the attic of their house was being rebuilt.  

Ronnie and John Shore were especially touched by the Johnson Pond service. “It was especially pleasant talking with several classmates I hardly knew and now wish I had. Colby is something to be proud of, as is our class.”  

Two weeks after reunion Wilbur Hayes was grasping Peking duck with chopsticks among a group of people from Wilkes University visiting Beijing. Two days later they traveled 48 hours to the wild west of China into Lhasa, the capital of Tibet’s autonomous province, via the new Sky Train. They went inside the Potala Palace where the current Dalai Lama lived until 1959. In the city of Shigatse they saw the largest sitting Buddha statue (copper gold alloy) in the world inside the Tashilhunpo Monastery. Wilbur also visited the Forbidden City in Beijing and walked on the Great Wall at Badaling.  

It was the first time Bill Nicholson’s wife, Marian, had been to Colby, and she was impressed with the people, the school, and the reunion activities. For Bill it was great to get together with friends, fraternity brothers, teammates, and great friends Trish and Mike Farren.  

Carol Sandquist Banister (Sanka) thought reunion was super and was glad so many people attended.  

Shortly after reunion Marty and Ann Segrave Lieber became the proud grandparents of Nora Rose Herbert.  

Ann writes, “It is a major thrill for us; such fun to see her grow and develop.” To Ann and Marty reunion was wonderful, and the memorial Saturday morning was especially moving. Ann still enjoys singing in several groups, and she and Marty have had some great get-togethers with the Arnettts, Megathlins, Foley’s, Tomeys, Whitmans, and other Colby folk.  

The weekend following reunion John and Denny Kellner Palmer attended John’s 50th at Williams. They spent the summer at their camp at Panther Pond in Raymond, Maine, where their kids, spouses, and grandkids were coming and going. They fit in as much golf as possible and helped with the Handicapped Golf Program in Cumberland that’s part of the Handicapped Ski Program that John does in winter.  

Lloyd Cohen is still playing Senior Slo Pitch Softball while having reduced his base-running prowess to a walk. He still umpires senior softball games year round, high school girls fast-pitch softball in the spring, and high school boys’ football in the fall. Lloyd and his wife, Sheila, attended his induction into the Cliffside Park High School Hall of Fame in November 2008.  

Russ Longley lives at Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., plays a bit of golf, takes Latin dance lessons, consults for a Canadian aerospace company, and enjoys cruising “while frantically searching for a rich widow who skis.”  

His dance instructor/partner and he placed first in waltz and rumba at a major formal gala in Kansas City in August.  

Reunion has prompted lots of news. Please keep it coming.

1960

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Jock Knowles went to Colby this fall to celebrate a wonderful 50th reunion for the 1959 undefeated soccer team and the 50th anniversary of varsity men’s soccer. Six team members attended and some even dressed for the alumni game. They were given a warm welcome and treated like royalty. About 12 members of our class met Sept. 23 to discuss reunion—including a cruise out of Portland on Thursday—and our fundraising progress, which is going well. Jock hopes people are as excited about the 50th as he is.  

Peg Jack Johnston has had a busy year with her annual three-week trip to Puerto Vallarta and a week each in Sacramento and Chicago visiting grandkids. She sees her sixth grandchild in Denver every week! Peg is chair of the Denver Sister Cities International Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) Committee. Contact Peg if you want to join their trip to Mongolia in September 2010. Their district Rotary Polio Committee is meeting a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation $355M grant challenge to raise their share of $200M. Check out www.endpolio.org.  

Peg is part of our Colby gift committee and hopes to see lots of you at reunion.  

I had lunch with Ken Nigro, who also lives in Sarasota. He still works for the Red Sox and goes up to Boston once a month during the season. He still runs a baseball cruise (sailing in January) and looks forward to our big anniversary in Maine this year.  

Frederick C. Moffatt’s latest book, The Life, Art and Times of Joseph Delaney, 1904-1991, was recently published by the University of Tennessee Press. Since earning his doctorate from the University of Chicago, Fred taught art history at Tennessee from 1969 until his retirement in 2004.  

In September Tony ’57 and Bev Jackson Glockey went on the Colby, Bates, and Hamilton tour, “Classic China and the Yangtze.” They had a wonderful group (75 percent had a Colby connection) led by a terrific guide, Colby Professor Hong Zhang. Besides her language skills, she shared knowledge and insights from personal experience. Bev and Tony highly recommend these trips (their third).  

Dick Peterson works as CEO of Reflective Learning, an Internet start-up company offering positive psychology programs. Dick wrote from Beijing, where he was talking with the PRC government about a program in resiliency for the civil servants. His wife, Bette, retired from being a “real psychologist” (she is his biggest critic but supportive
as long as the online programs don’t have pop psychology content). They attended a very nice evening with President Adams and his Colby colleagues in Philadelphia. Dick and Bette plan to attend our 50th. Carole and Don Williamson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer. Don reports that God has been good to them! He keeps in contact with Colby roommate Ed Marchetti. Sandy Myers Paap looks forward to our 50th. She is retired and lives in the Milwaukee, Wis., area but is considering a move East to be live closer to her daughters in New York as well as to her Maine family. She’s looking for advice and recommendations for retirement communities in New England! Judith Allen Ferretti and her husband looked forward to a river cruise down the Rhine over the Christmas holidays. Judith is busy participating on two presidential search committees—one for the president of the local college, where she is chair of the board of trustees, and the other for a national, nonprofit scholarship organization. John and Becky Crane Rafferty went on a Mediterranean cruise for 12 days in September with their church group. They had never been in Italy or Greece previously and so sights like the Colosseum and the Acropolis were wonders to them. Peter N. “Mac” McFarlane cruised for two weeks in Alaska and enjoyed watching humpback whales on two different occasions. They didn’t see any of the vessels from Discovery’s The Deadliest Catch series but saw where a couple of them dock. I hope all of you are making plans for our 50th. The reunion committee has made great plans, but it is not too late to send suggestions. See you in Portland June 3 for the cruise and then on to Waterville for three days of fun!

1961

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Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2010. Let’s keep on kicking, Class of ’61! Carol Trigg Friedley expects “many others are caught up with grandparenting while tending also to elderly parents. Three children are scattered from north to south here on the West Coast, and after the addition of two more babies this summer, we now have 14 wonderful and loveable grandchildren. My dad, 95, lives in Natick, Mass., under the watchful eye of my youngest sister. So Dave and I travel a lot. We enjoy our motor home and use it during the 6-7 months we’re able to cross the many mountain passes. Add a couple of weeks in Maui to enjoy the turtles and do lots of snorkeling—we still travel to exotic places once or twice a year. If you are looking for a place to relocate consider Sunriver, Ore. Life is good and keeps us busy. Enjoy your families!” Denny Dionne reports, “Mary and I spent time in London last summer with our daughter, Nicole, and her family. We’re back in Sarasota for the winter and will travel to the Panama Canal in early December.” The Dionnes joined Liz (Rowe ’63) and Bev Lapham, Sandy and Nancy Cunneen Boardman, Dee and Sandy Ares, Scotty MacLeod Folger, and Norman ’58 and Charlotte “Cici” Clifton Lee at a gathering in Meredith, N.H. last September. Margie Chamberlain Davis still works full-time at East Greenwich, R.I., Free Library as head of children’s services. She and daughter Holly have two kittens (Margie’s “grand kits”), who keep them laughing with their antics. Margie reports: “Holly and I will visit Disney World in early December to stay at the Grand Floridian for a week of fun and pampering. Holly’s father, Courtney Davis ’60, died in August.” Bob and Jeanette Benn Anderson sent a postcard from their “picture-perfect Mediterranean cruise.” Robert ’59 and Wendy Jhstrom Nielsen send news of “a full summer at the beach with grandparents from VA and AZ, ages 2-4.” Wendy is a Florence Griswold Museum docent who loves learning and meeting people who enjoy impressionist art. “The museum recently featured a ‘Wee Fairie Village.’ The village, covering the museum campus, had 35 fantastic miniature houses created by local artists and architects. A wonderful family art experience.” Diane Sadler Martin reports: “The Rev. Alfred Clark Martin, my husband of 48 years, died May 19, 2009. I was glad we were able to attend the 45th reunion at Colby together and ramble leisurely through Nova Scotia and New England afterward.” Aloha!

1962

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Happily there is news from classmates we haven’t heard from in awhile. Marcia Eck Brolli reports that since a move to Sheffield, Mass., in 2002, she retired after 40 years of teaching high school English and has gotten involved in the Sheffield Historical Society, Old Parish Church, RFB&D, quilting, singing, and the Sheffield Food Assistance Program. She claims to love small-town life where “a visit to the post office means several conversations and welcoming smiles.” Tony Kramer and wife Linda, along with their two college-age children (one at KU, the other to graduate from Colby this spring), took a great 10-day Mediterranean cruise in August. He spends time every year in Chile, where his company started a joint venture, and escapes winter at his condo in Puerto Vallarta. Peter Duggan still lives on the Hudson River, 50 miles north of N.Y.C., where he is chairman of the Storm King School, a small prep school. He and his wife serve on several boards and planning committees in Cromwell-on-Hudson and go to Naples, Fla., in the winter, where he “plays with a bunch of Bowdoin grads.” Peter hosted Linda and Bruce Marshall as they made their way to Florida. Peter reports that Rich Simkins’s wife, Patricia, died June 21, 2009, after a tough fight with a brain tumor. We extend condolences to you, Rich, and remember Pat’s gracious hospitality at your home before our 40th reunion. Peter recounted many brief but joyous times he and Mary Vance had with Rich and Pat over the years. Ceylon Barclay writes: “Here’s a small world thing: while in Kenya working on a U.S. Agency for International Development-funded project, I happened to have on my Colby t-shirt while enjoying a rare Nairobi treat (fajitas and a Dos Equis) when the American-educated manager of the restaurant exclaimed that his uncle and cousin both graduated from Colby. He had stories of Kenyans surviving Maine winters and we had a few laughs and formed a new friendship.” Al Neigher writes that his dear friend Artie Pickman died Aug. 29 of a malignant brain tumor. Al visited Artie about a month before the end and found him to have the “high spirits and typical sense of irony and warmth that we all remember. A wonderful, kind, and valued friend. We will miss Artie a lot.” Sincere condolences to Claire and daughters Heidi and Beth. Toshi and Jean Gaffney Furuyama celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last December with a belated trip to Hawaii. Jean is in the process of selling her dental practice but will continue practicing for a couple of years. She is becoming an expert witness in malpractice cases, which is an interesting way to work your hours. Brenda Lewison and husband Bill rented a lovely 1840 barn in Vermont in September. It was so perfect—with mountain views, dirt roads to explore, and wonderful villages to visit—that they’ve reserved it for next year. They spent time in northern Vermont at the Colby of Home roommate Cynthia Barber and her husband, Jon, and were joined by Steve and Sandy Keef Hunter from East Hampton, N.Y. They all reminisced, laughed, enjoyed the views, and shared the cooking, all in the warmth of gratitude for their continuing friendship. Peter and Brenda Wroblewski Elwell Gottschalk are remodeling a Victorian home in Denver, Colo. Her daughter will be married next summer (“at last,” she says) in an outdoor wedding in the foothills of the Rockies. Brenda traveled to the Sequoia National Park this spring and to the Oregon coast this fall. She is trying to get Margot Ettinger Tartak to visit her. Brenda extends an invitation to visit her in Denver. Michael (McCabe) and Nancy MacKenzie Keating are planning our trip to Decatur, Ga., for the winter. Earlier this fall we enjoyed a long lunch with Bob Ipcar and his wife, Jane, Bill Alexander and his wife, Julia, and Dave Norman and his wife, Judy. Save the date—the first weekend in June 2012—for our 50th reunion at Colby. This one is “on the house.”
interior painting this fall.

They are both cancer survivors. Tom is going biking, blueberry picking, jelly making, and in some clamming, mackerel fishing, hiking, grandchildren visited in August and shared (Godley '65). We also spent a cold night in a yurt welcoming. In a few smaller cities off the Chinese, who have been impressively brought its challenges, our own (no tour) has brought its challenges, so close.” In September Ken and Ann visited their friends, the Dymovs, in Calgary, Alberta. Tanya Dymova first visited them on a teacher exchange in October 2000. Since then their “Russian daughter” and her husband and two boys have spent a total of 13 months living with them as they tried to help the Dymovs immigrate to the U.S. After several false starts, they finally have permanent residency status in Canada. Jerry Shapiro is also authoring: “I retired from private practice two years ago and am still full time at Santa Clara University in the grad program in counseling psychology.” I’m about to become a grandpa for the first time—due date is Feb. 1. I finally got a book contract for my latest book on ‘the youngsters’ (those between 45 and 65)." \[Note to Dave, see op cit.\]

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Recognizing that they will no longer be able to make an annual gift to the Colby Fund after they are gone, Colleen and David have made a bequest in their wills to support Colby after they pass on. Documenting the bequest made them members of the Willows Society.

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striped bass, and tuna. “Retirement has allowed us to slow down a bit to share the lives of our four grandchildren, travel, and give back more actively to both communities in which we now live. Sue (Cook ’67) and Nick Locsin spent much of the summer enjoying boating on the Kennebec and Sheepscot rivers. They went to Barcelona last fall and are busily planning 2010 cruises. By now I trust you have all made travel plans for our 45th reunion June 3-6. Under the leadership of class president John Wood Parsons your reunion committee is planning a repeat of the Galactic Gabfest we had five years ago. It starts at the Twehays Thursday night. You don’t want to miss this one. … Hail, Colby, Hail.

1966

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Our classmates send deep sympathy to Karen (Sward ’68) and Eric Werner on the tragic loss of their daughter, Alison Werner Barton ’96, in March 2009. Alison’s many Colby friends wrote a letter of tribute to her in the summer 2009 issue of Colby. Pam Harris Holdren’s travels included summer escape from the 110-plus degree heat of Scottsdale to rainy Maine, then four weeks in San Diego on a house-sitting assignment, followed by time in the Colorado mountains and a fall trip to London. As the “prudent holder” of four mortgages, Gary McKinstry doesn’t see retirement on the horizon. Luckily, he enjoys being a real estate agent for worldwide clients, and the Sarasota, Fla., market is turning around nicely. Gary traveled around the U.S. and to Holland last summer. Jon Hill continues to live and work in Washington, D.C., his home for 40-plus years. No immediate plans to retire, but thanks to modern technology he is able to work from Cape Cod in the summer. He and Leslie have two children, one grandfather, and another on the way. Debbie Anglim Higgins enjoys teaching French part time at Thayer Academy and being “Madame Higgins” again. John “Daisy” Carvellas remembers working at Colby reunion weekends and thinking the 20th reunioners were old. Foolish though he was, he does find the thought of our 45th in 2011 scary. Although semiretired, he taught a full load first semester at St. Michael’s College. He and his wife, Betty (Savicki ’68), co-taught a summer course at UVM, taking 15 teachers to Costa Rica. Loyal Coloradan Joanne Richmond Shideler lives for ski season but still misses the Jersey shore. She works part time on harassment and discrimination claims as a legal investigator for Denny’s restaurants. Her labor of love is helping adoptees search for birth relatives. Joanne and Robert’s son, Steven, graduated from University of Colorado last June and married his longtime love in August. Fran Finizio plans to keep working at Fidelity Investments for a few more years, having survived four rounds of layoffs. He ran his fourth triathlon last summer and now competes with his son and daughter. Fran enjoys golfing with Dag Williamson. Gayle Jobson Poineett and Garfield Barnes will travel in South America for their five months away from Vermont this winter. Retirement for Susan Footer Hummer has meant more time for family and travel to husband Jim’s nuclear plant locations around the country. They toured China last April and still raise Christmas trees at home in North Bath, Maine. Susan loves Maine’s art museums, theater, and music events. She plays golf, is a Red Sox fan, and follows football, especially Penn State, Jim’s and son Joe’s school. Russ Monbleau did his 20th Male Bonding Fishing Trip on Lake Champlain last fall. Bad weather, good fishing, lots of aches and pains, and unrepeatable conversation about the glories of aging made for a successful trip. Wife Joyce retired in April 2009, needed a project, so acquired a puppy, Sophie. If you beg him, Russ may share with you his 26-stanza poem about Sophie. Sue Turner struggles with what to concentrate on now that she’s retired. “The world beckons, but the choices are overwhelming,” writes Sue. She’d like to hear how other classmates are handling that challenge. Mac Donaldson continues to work, mostly because he enjoys managing the boatyard in Manchester, Mass., where he’s been since 2000. Easy commute, grandchildren nearby, fishing, golfing, hunting, and woodworking all add up to a good life for Mac. Bob and Merri Aldrich Egbert had a wonderful trip to northern Italy with AHI last fall. They are folk festival groupies and follow the national festivals to wherever they are held. Their advice if you’ve never been to one: “GO!” Please send Colby or me your e-mail addresses. For Ted Houghton’s recent reading list, go to www.colby.edu/mag.

1967

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As I write this column, the market is showing some signs of life and I think our classmates have contributed to the travel sector. All but one mentions travel, so if you want a hot tip, invest in the hospitality and travel market. Mark and Sue Barden Johnson returned from what has become an annual visit to Provence, France. They hiked and visited with Mark’s cousin. They look toward England and Sweden for next year’s adventure. Between trips Sue and Mark make their home in Arizona. Roberta (Sookie) Stockwell Weymouth spent eight weeks traveling across the U.S.A. and Canada. While on the road Sookie and Carl visited with Cheryl Woltmann Ritchie in Los Altos, N.M., where Cheryl teaches English as a Second Language. On the way home Sookie visited with Steve and Nancy Wilcox Clarke after Nancy completed her third half-marathon in Rochester, N.Y. Ken Ingram is pleased to report that his daughter was married recently. He looks forward to seeing more of his family since his return from living for many years in Argentina. Ken makes his home now in Salisbury, Conn. Nick Hadgis and Judy have their passports at the ready as they recently traveled to Costa Rica. "The world beckons, but the choices are overwhelming," writes Sue. She’d like to hear how other classmates are handling that challenge. Mac Donaldson continues to work, mostly because he enjoys managing the boatyard in Manchester, Mass., where he’s been since 2000. Easy commute, grandchildren nearby, fishing, golfing, hunting, and woodworking all add up to a good life for Mac. Bob and Merri Aldrich Egbert had a wonderful trip to northern Italy with AHI last fall. They are folk festival groupies and follow the national festivals to wherever they are held. Their advice if you’ve never been to one: “GO!” Please send Colby or me your e-mail addresses. For Ted Houghton’s recent reading list, go to www.colby.edu/mag.

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Dave Bryan writes: “In August Phil and Hethie Shores Parmesano organized a wonderful mini-reunion at a large rental house on the ocean in Port Clyde, Maine. The group included Judy Freedman ’70, Greg and Nancy Thomas Fritz, Don and Betsy Clark Gemmecke, Steve Campbell and Mary Jo Calabrese Baur, and Dave and Nancy Dodge Bryan. Highlights included kayaking, a Kataldhi Valley Boys bluegrass concert, lobsters bought on the dock, the Farmsworth Museum, picnics at Owls Head and Port Clyde Lighthouse, and the boat to Monhegan Island. Best of all, they enjoyed great cooking, (thanks largely to our personal chef, Steve Campbell), extended happy hours, and lots of updates and memories.” Bud Evans says: “Life’s been a fast-paced adventure for me and my wife! … I haven’t had much time to stay in touch with Colby friends (much to my chagrin). My company invests in technology that will create better lives for people. We’re proud to have helped start the only company with an antimicrobial mask that protects against virus (H1N1) as well as a company that produces the only medical device that delivers emergency medicine to the heart through the stemum to save lives of our troops on the battlefield. Another of our companies just received a Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation grant to “cure” diabetes by encapsulating islets that produce insulin thereby protecting them from the immune system. It seems life’s too short to do all we want to!” Peter Roy writes: “Finally a grandfather. Still working. Still skiing. Still think this is a great place to live. Lots of good friends. Healthy family. Guess I’ll have a beer.” Phil Merrill indicates that he’s alive and well somewhere in the wilds of Maine and still battling for truth, justice, and the American way! … For yours truly, my son has recently returned to San Francisco from China after searching for fossils, and I’m shortly flying out to visit him and his girlfriend. Wherever you are, don’t be a fossil—keep in touch!

1969

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Hello classmates! At reunion Mikey Jako gave a presentation on his book, Confronting Believers, that, not surprisingly, received both criticism and support. If anyone knows the minister who considered him arrogant and in the minority, please let Mikey know. He would very much like to contact him to
1970

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Have you made your travel plans for our 40th reunion? Have you visited our online reunion Web site (www.colby70.org) to check for updates and upload your pictures? • On your way to Mayflower Hill, stop at the Center for Maine Crafts at the turnpike’s Gardiner service plaza. Sarah Owen Tabor designed the center’s T-shirt. Sarah’s prints are also for sale there. This year Sarah had prints accepted to juried shows at the New Hampshire Institute of Art in Manchester, the Bangor Art Society, and the Center for Maine Contemporary Art in Rockport. She still teaches at Bangor High School and spends summers at her family’s summer house in Freedom, N.H. • Barrett Hurwitz has been practicing law in New Bedford, Mass., for 36 years, the first 25 with his father, Harold ’37. Barrett lives in Dartmouth, Mass., with his art teacher/artist wife, Mary. The two married July 4, 1995, just after our 25th reunion, where Barrett won the “most recently married” award. He continues to play his guitars every day, including his newest, a Taylor K26ce crafted entirely of koa wood from the Big Island. A couple of years ago he self-produced and released a CD, Barrett’s Blues, featuring acoustic blues written from the 1920s to the 1950s by southern, black musicians. Barrett writes that Clark Smith, of Carson City, Nev., is probably one of the top two biochemists in North America. Clark has traveled all over the world, doing minerals exploration and geochemistry. We hope to see you both at reunion! • “2009 was a great year for me,” writes Cheryl Dinneen Soon. “It started when my husband, Ray, and I attended the Obama Inauguration (he really is from Hawaii), then in the spring I graduated from University of Hawaii with a Ph.D. in city planning. Come summer we toured around Olympic National Park while our kitchen was renovated, and this November my son got married!” Cheryl has two grandsons, 9 and 2, still visits her cottage on Cape Cod annually, and enjoys her work as a transportation planning consultant with an engineering company. “If this is what being a senior is all about,” she concludes, “I’m all for it. See you at reunion.” • Chip and Judy Kelly Lord visited with Bruce and Gail Cucato Kilgour, David and Linda Loring Shea, and Peter and Linda Marsh Foss at son Russell’s wedding in upstate New York. Since our last reunion Chip and Judy have moved to Charlotte, N.C. While Chip enjoys retirement, including volunteering at the YMCA, Judy works in the technical services department of the UNC library. “I really enjoy my job and wish that I had found an academic position many years ago—it’s quite different from public library work!” They love visiting grandson Gavin, who lives close by. • Ginny (Rowe ’68) and Andy Starkis enjoy grandparenting Will, 4 1/2, and Kyleigh, 1 1/2. Ginny has a new job as reading coach at two elementary schools while Andy is an assistant professor at the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover. Andy writes, “I am also continuing my life’s work, trying (unsuccessfully) to finish any number of projects around our house. The one accomplishment I do have is filling a four-ton dumpster (the largest available) with a carefully packed assortment of 30-plus years of accumulated junk from our cellar, garage, attic, and miscellaneous other corners.” • Congratulations to Ilan Hadani, who celebrates the arrival of his third granddaughter, Abigail. We hope to see you at reunion, Ilan. • Joan Talbot reports, “A classics/English major can find true happiness outside of an academic environment. After careers with nonprofit arts organizations and in travel arrangement/consultation, I’m now in my 10th year of self-employment as a language therapist to people with dyslexia. Most of my clients are elementary school students, but ages have ranged from 4 to 50. They, and my new puppy Fonzie, keep me joyfully on my toes!”

1971

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Amidst the russet tones of the colorful New England landscape tapestry, I’m sitting in my house in N.H. as fall draws to a close and winter is just around the corner. Where does the time go? I hope this finds you having enjoyed a summer full of sunshine, fun, and laughter. • From out of the blue Ann Lyle Rethlefson wrote to say “hello.” She and her husband are in Minnesota, where Ann is an associate professor in the education department at Winona State University. She teaches math methods, mostly online, and loves the change from being a classroom teacher. She has two daughters, one an assistant professor at the Mayo Medical School at the Mayo Clinic, the other just graduated from college in Washington state and in search of a job in the Midwest. Ann has stayed in close touch with Carrie Horsley Durkin. • From the Shenandoah Valley Fred Copithorn writes that he is reinventing his love of the pottery wheel, sparked by a Colby Jan Plan. His friends and family can expect his creations for Christmas presents. • Andy Schwab, who was with us at Colby for a couple of years, got his B.A. in history from UCLA. He enjoyed careers in radio, cable television, and the Internet until ill health sidetracked him. With his health challenges, he is living proof of the old adage, “It could always be worse.” He lives with his son outside Denver, Colo. Andy feels blessed to have received all these “extra innings.” Good for you, Andy, and we wish you continued good health. • Bill Hadley’s son, Jacob, is in his junior year in high school and is thinking about college. He’s determined to make all A’s, but his AP physics teacher is making it a challenge since his spoken English is more like a foreign language. • As director of business operations in card services for JP Morgan Chase, Elaine Weeks-Trueblood tells of two major life events in her household. Her 94-year-old dad now lives in their home in Delaware, having moved from Maine. Elaine’s son completed his Ph.D. in marine biology at the University of Rhode Island. After a late October wedding, her son and his new wife moved to southern California so he could pursue a professorship. • Jon Stone recently began working in a new career as a registered financial agent for MetLife managing investments and insurance products. He welcomed his first granddaughter in June 2009. • Bill Johnson is celebrating his kids being off his payroll! He is still active in scouting and hopes to attend the World Jamboree in Sweden in 2011. He’s also preparing for his recertification in geriatrics. • Jim Hawkins finished his first full season of racing a truck at the Seekonk Speedway. • Still loving life in Colorado Janet Beals and Dave Nelson are enjoying their hobbies of horseback riding and mountain climbing, respectively. They saw Howie and Val Thibeau Yates and Jeff Stanton while in Maine last year, and then Mark and Linda Ruggles Hiler in New Jersey. • From Oneonta, N.Y., Bill Simon writes that he still teaches, serves as president of his union local, and works on another baseball anthology. He talks with pride of his two granddaughters and
his son, Joe, who, while in law school, is working with homeless veterans in Boston.  
* I’m welcoming the quiet and calm that comes with the winter months. This last six months were absolutely crazy for me and it took its toll on Clementine, my dog, and me. We are enjoying the cool days, cozy fires, and peace of mind and body.

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Pat Thomas is currently associate dean for curriculum at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, where they launched a new four-year curriculum last fall, which sparked a lot of energy as well as the trials of organizational change for Pat. She and husband Chris celebrated 31 years of marriage and expected their first grandchild in November. Their second child, Ted, was married in Baltimore in October. Katie, their youngest, is a medical student. Chris and Pat completed their dream retirement home in Mt. Desert, Maine, and enjoyed several short trips there throughout the seasons, kayaking, hiking, and snowshoeing. “Can’t wait to spend more time in Maine,” Pat writes.
* Bob and Christine Hanley Pike still live in Haverhill, Mass., with Bob teaching history at Haverhill High School and coaching football at Amesbury High School (winners of the High School Super Bowl in 2008!). Chris retired last year (after 35 years) from the Manchester-Essex school district and is currently teaching at Northern Essex Community College. Their son Rob, 29, is also a teacher and coach at Haverhill High. Their daughter, Monica, 32, is married and lives in Weimar, Germany, with her 3-year-old daughter, Fiona. Chris and Bob have enjoyed several trips to Weimar, a small city in what was formerly in East Germany. They would love to hear from old friends!  
* Kathy O’Dell is working on a book titled World Art Since 1945 with coauthor Kristine Stiles (Duke University), forthcoming in 2014. Kathy enjoys having “crossed over to the dark side,” as her professorial friends call it, serving as associate dean of arts, humanities, and social sciences at University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She, her husband, John Meritt, and middle school daughter, Lucy, have had fun reconnecting with Jamie Arnow and Doug O’Heir.  
* Janet Holm Gerber’s family traveled to Alaska last summer to celebrate her youngest son’s college graduation. Until this trip she had thought that Maine had the most beautiful and vast wilderness! “Not so—Alaska’s wilderness expanse, wildlife, and pristine beauty is breathtaking and indescribable.” They took a coastal cruise and then traveled inland to stay in a little cabin near Denali. Her oldest son, Justin (in Palm Desert, Calif.), is back in college to make a career change from the golf industry to engineering. Her youngest son, Taylor (in Nashville), graduated from Vanderbilt in May and started work in the health-care business after a tough, summer-long job search. Janet continues to work at a local Episcopal independent school close to home, which she loves! She sends “best wishes” to all!  
* Shel Bai is grateful for good health and family. She described herself as, “this Luddite grandma who might be seen grinning about town with a grandbaby on a trail-a-bike, or running five or six miles with her sister with dreams of a half marathon next June.” She summers as a camp counselor, and then cooks at Eaglebrook School part-time, substitutes in the public schools, tutors Latin at the community college, and feeds hungry neighbors once a month with a crew of volunteer friends.  
* Donna Power Stowe went to Ireland in May, visiting Dublin, Ring of Kerry, Dingle Peninsula, and Doolin. She swam with Fungi the Dolphin in the Bay of Dingle and rode horseback on the beaches. Most recently she has been in San Francisco and Seattle visiting children and family, which was a “great and balancing break from life in D.C.” Donna has travel plans in the works and is deciding how best to mark this next “milestone” birthday. “It’s got to be a grand gesture as I can’t believe it has come so quickly!”  
* Thanks for the news, especially those who haven’t communicated in many years. May 2010 be a wonderful and monumental year for all. Mark your calendars for our 40th reunion in 2012!  
* Live well, laugh often, love much!

1973

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John Hornstein has been named visiting professor of education in the College of Professional Studies at Milliken University. John earned an M.Ed. from Tufts and an Ed.D. from Harvard.  
* Susie Yovic Hoeller, living in Bentonville, Ark., made two trips to Maine in 2009. In April, at the kind invitation of Professor Sandy Maisel, Susie spoke to students at the Goldfarb Center about her career in international law and her pro bono work with refugees. In June Susie joined Barb Powers, Debbie Wathen Finn ’74, Cathy Morris Killoran ’74, Debbie Marden ’74, Martha Hamilton Benson ’74, Jill Gilpatric Richard ’74, Vicki Parker Kozak ’74, Sonja Powers Schmansa ’74, and Jane Dutton ’74 at Windfall near Port Clyde, Maine, for sea kayaking and a ferry ride to Isleboro. Susie and her husband Ted (who flew up later) then visited Lubec, Maine, and Campobello Island, N.B.  
* Vicki and Bob O’Neill met Carol and Jim Daly in Denver in October for a Patriots-Broncos football game. Then they drove to Bob’s new log cabin near Sundance, Wyo... for two days of food, wine, and R&R. Jim and Bob toasted the memory of their friend and classmate Al Linsky.  
* Sue Schink continues as an interim rector at a small Episcopal church in Little Falls—she looks forward to a new church in 2010. Her goldendoodle, Rosie, comes to church and makes home visits to the elderly. She is almost a certified therapy dog and suffers from uncontrolled wagging! 
* Sue visited with Anne Huff Jordan on Cape Cod.  
* Ed and Anne Douglas Stanek spent last year all over the world, taking advantage of Ed’s sabbatical. Five months were in Hawaii, where Anne’s brother and family live, two months in Kolkata, India, where Ed was a visitor at the Institute of Statistics, and time in Sydney, Australia, where Ed did research. Anne enjoyed all this on a leave from her music teaching job in South Hadley, Mass. Their daughter Kari was married in August 2009 and son Kyle was engaged shortly thereafter. Their youngest boys are pursuing graduate and college studies.  
* After 23 years Doug Gorman sold the services piece of Information Mapping, Inc. to a group of Europeans. He retains a technology company (Simply XML) and is considering launching a new venture that he describes as “totally unrelated to anything I’ve done in my life.” Wife Cheryl (Booker ’74) enjoys her work at Harvard University. Son Bobby ’08 has a job at Accenture in N.Y.C., while daughter Katie is a member of the Colby Class of 2012 and “is having a ball in Maine.”  
* Henry Sockbeson III retired
in 2008 from his stint as in-house attorney for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe. He and wife Dee (Fitz-Gerald ’72) took a road trip to Key West and, along the way, visited Donna Chisholm Scimonelli ’72 and her husband. They then chartered a catamaran and met with son Henry and cruised up the coast to home, North Stonington, Conn. Henry has taken on 30 hours a month working as the chief judge of the Mashpee (Massachusetts) Tribal Court. Life is good, Henry reports. * Monica Bignelli has lived in London for two years and is a senior consultant in learning and development for a financial services company. She lives in an old Victorian house in a town. She never ceases to be fascinated by the culture but misses home at Thanksgiving. She would like to hear from classmates in England or Europe. * Allan Hill writes from Tybee Island, Ga., having finished his second summer working for parking services. Alan describes his job, as “no phones, no e-mail, no deadlines. I’ve learned more about human nature in two summers at the beach than I did in all the psych and sociology classes I took at Colby.” Alan sends congratulations to Mark Serdjenian for the wonderful job with the Mules soccer team on this 50th anniversary. * Jonathan Fink was in Maine this year at a conference in Portland organized by Ann (Traver ’74) and David Swardlick. While in Portland he caught up with Dee Kelsey. Dee and Jon keep in touch with Seth Dunn. Jon’s other activities include indoor skiing in Dubai and disc golf lessons with son Andy, 13. He remains busy profes- sionally, heading a sustainability research center at Arizona State University and as a board member of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History. * Mike Savage and wife Martha have lived in Wellington, New Zealand, for 15 years, teaching high school physics and science and raising their two sons. Mike met Martha in 1980 when “wintering over” at the South Pole. Mike looks forward to retirement and describes himself as a “keen tramper and canoeist” as well as member of a local band where he plays mandolin and banjo: http://mikespage13.tripod.com/sites.html. * Bob Grant had a 23-year career as a professional photographer in Manhattan before moving in 2002 to work in Boeing’s intellectual property management division. Bob stays active with his own photography and filmmaking and lives in downtown Seattle. He visits Maine every summer for a couple of weeks. Bob would love to hear from anyone at robert.a.grant@boeing.com. * David Lane was inducted into the Thornton Academy (Maine) Athletic Hall of Fame. David was a star football player at Thornton Academy and was all-state team quarterback in 1968. He also shined in football at Colby. ● Thanks so much for all the news! ●

**1974**

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A few weeks ago I had a call from a Colby freshman, a young girl from Vietnam, asking for a pledge for the Colby Fund. We had a nice talk and she was very interested in the fact that I keep in touch with friends from college and how we manage to do it: Facebook, attending reunions, and trying to get together with friends. How do you keep in touch with Colby classmates? ● Ed Hatch keeps in touch with Jeff Barske and Mike Currie via Facebook. ● Rocky Goodhope says things are status quo on the West Coast, aside from the aches and pains of “growing old ungracefully.” ● (Susan) Diana Stark successfully completed directing the 20th annual Festival of Harps, a three-week celebration that showcased multicultural harp music throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Groups from Venezuela, Sweden, Africa, and China performed in major concerts, smaller house concerts, and various workshops. Her music was recently featured on an international documentary called Reclaiming the Blade as well as on the BBC national radio program The World. ● S. Ann Eaton spent the summer traveling within the United States and Canada, as well as a trip to Paris, France, and Amsterdam. Her daughter has entered her first year of high school in Toms River, N.J. S. Ann is in her 27th year of consulting in the areas of collabora- tion, conferencing, and tele-presence. ● Linda Krohn’s daughter, Lindsay Vonn, the downhill skiing phenom, is busy preparing for competition in the upcoming Winter Olympics. Linda was recently interviewed for Olympic TV coverage about her remarkable daughter and will be in Vancouver cheering her on in February. Make sure you set your TiVo to catch Lindsay’s performances. ● Vicki Parker Kozak had a wonderful visit with Pam and Mike “Munch” Sherrill in August. Mike retired in July 2008 after 34 years working in the private sector and for the Rhode Island Department of Transportation as a geo-tech engineer. Since his retirement he has enjoyed traveling, cooking gourmet dinners for Pam (whom he married in 2002), dabbling in photography, and all sorts of outdoor activities. He and Pam live in his childhood home in East Providence. ● Sean and Barbara Thayer Barry recently traveled from the San Francisco Bay area to Maine to visit Bart’s dad, Jim Thayer ’38, on Orr’s Island. While there they spent a great day in Rockland catching up with Deborah Watthen Finn and myself (Jill Gilpatric Richard), visiting the Farnsworth Museum, and having a wonderful lunch overlooking Rockland Harbor. Sean has been a managing attorney with AAA since 1994 and Barb works for the director of human resources for the County of Marin. ● On a sad note Barry Wilensky ’73 called in late September to inform me of the passing of Mary Barney. Mary was a resident of Monhegan Island, Maine, and was a well-known baker and cook. She cooked for 12 years on the schooner Mary Day out of Camden. She was also involved in a variety of community activities and will be much missed by the residents of Monhegan and the mid-coast. ● Well, that’s it from the soon-to-be-frozen North. Hope everyone’s holidays were great. Send us an e-mail in 2010 so that we can let people know what’s going on in your life.

**1975**

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I just got off the phone with the planning committee for our 35th reunion, headed by Rod Jones. Lots of activities are planned including outdoor water and hiking activities, class dinners, faculty and alumni speakers, and of course, just getting together with classmates. ● Charlie LeRoyer and his wife, Maria, had a wonderful 10-day vacation in Normandy, France. Highlights included Monet’s home, Bayeux tapestry, the beaches, and invasion museums. Charlie got together during the summer with fellow Phi Delts Dan Sexton and Steve Ford ’77 at his home in Seasport. The visit included a trip to Colby. ● Barby Carroll Peterson wrote about a visit with Debbie Marson and Bev O’Brien Carve. Bev is a part owner of Williams & Sons Country Store in Stockbridge, Mass. Deb is doing pro bono legal work in Boston, and Barby has hung her shingle in the Web design business, producing several extensive sites for clients. ● Howie and Brenda Lincoln Lake took a 10-day fall vacation visiting and hiking the national parks in southern Utah and northern Arizona. Their son, Josh, graduated from Bates in May. ● Cathy Mc Gergile Taylor hopes to be back golfing in time for reunion after having hip replacement surgery in the fall. Cathy has started work in financial services and enjoys learning a new field but may need to sell her retail gift store in Waterville. She and husband Bill are following a close niece as she travels to Mali as part of the Peace Corps. ● Bob Walsh was elected by the New Hampshire House of Representatives to be Hillsborough County’s lead prosecutor. As county attorney he will head a team of 20 full-time attorneys. Bob is in private practice but once served as an assistant county attorney. ● Marty Womer has served on the faculty of a number of legal seminars in Boston and for the Maine Bar Association. Marty has also established a Facebook group for the Class of ’75. Be sure to check there and the Colby Web site for news about reunion. You might have noticed a “travel” theme throughout this article. Start now on making travel plans back to Waterville for June 3-6, 2010.

**1976**

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Here’s the latest news to warm your spirits during winter! ● John Lombard and his wife, Anne Russell, have lived in Hollis, N.H., for 21 years. They have two daughters at the University of San Diego. It was hard for John to get used to palm trees on a col- lege campus! John opened an investment advisory firm 19 years ago with zero assets. The firm is now at $70 million and growing at a good clip, or as they advertise, their 10-year performance is better than Warren Buffett’s! John keeps in close touch with Peter Coz ’75, who lives north of San Diego, and he frequently sees his competitor Peter LaBombarde, who changed jobs this summer and is now with Ocean Bank as senior fiduciary services officer for New Hampshire. His oldest daughter is filling out college applications, while twins Evan and Jocelyn are high school freshman. In September Peter received the American Cancer Society’s Saint George National Award recognizing his 26 years of service. Bravo, Peter! ● Sim-Kuen (Chan ’75) and Rob Greggery serve as volunteers with the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship at Bowdoin College, where Sim works full time for the chapter. They live in Damariscotta, where they raised four children and where Rob maintains an active law practice. Rob and Sim were active in Intervarsity at Colby and write they are “sowing back into the field where they both received the gift of faith in God.” They now have seven grandchildren. ● Bill and Caren Starr Schwartz took the Alaska cruise she anticipated last year—from Vancouver to Whittier and on to Fairbanks by land, including a visit to Denali that was way too short. They’re adjusting to being empty nesters. ● Scott L. Smith is assistant head of Fessenden School in West Newton, Mass. He got together with Scott McDermott, who he says hasn’t changed a bit—still Mr. Optimism and Mr. Intensity. Scott and Scott recalled some of their college pranks. Meanwhile, Scott (Smith) has three boys, all grown up. His middle son, Sam Reid, played rugby and majored in geology at Colby, just like Scott’s roommate Sam Gowen. ● David Christie has been promoted to vice president of Atkins Printing and Mailing
and is responsible for sales and customer service. His wife, Kathy, has turned out her second CD, this one jazz favorites a la Rosemary Clooney. Their daughter is 10 and adding new trumpet sounds to the house! • Karen Smith Clark's second daughter, Molly, is a Colby freshman and rowing with crew. Karen had a great time visiting Colby for homecoming. • Harry Nelson and a group of mostly Class of '76ers met in Portland for a Columbus Day weekend of fun and laughs, great food, hiking, and golf at the Belgrade Lakes Golf Club. Harry's golf team, which included Ted Kirkpatrick '77 and Robert Anderson, won the three-team scramble. Other '76ers attending included Mike Boyson, Gary Thornberg, Ned Smith, Scott Pickett, Lindsay Huntington Hancock, Frank Callahan, Rick Clunie, Will Porter, Danny Mallove, and Jamie Stubner. Harry's favorite quote of the weekend was Lindsay's observation: "It is amazing how entertaining this group can be under any circumstances." • Jan Barber Ferguson had a busy summer. In May she finished 10 years of teaching Spanish at a Christian high school in Fredericksburg, Va. In June she and her husband, Keith, took a group of students to Tanzania to volunteer in orphanages and street kids' homes. Then in July she and Keith moved 1/2 hours south to Petersburg to be closer to their daughter-in-law while their son, Matt, was deployed to Iraq with the Army. Jan is substitute teaching while waiting for full-time work to open up; Keith is doing an internship in curriculum development with the Army. • Contact Paul Boghossian at paulboghossian@gmail.com if you want to help with next year's reunion—yes, that said "next year" already. Remember to contribute to the Colby Fund, and remember "Colby College Class of 1976" at Facebook. Best wishes to you all! 1977 Kevin Farnham classnews1977@alum.colby.edu Jerrold and Ligia Campana Chadwick had a busy summer. Ligia spent several weeks in the highlands and Amazon river region of Ecuador, bringing back photos she'll use in her Latin American culture classes. Jerry received a doctor of management degree from the University of Maryland. He'll continue his day job in the food industry while also teaching an M.B.A. course on marketing and innovation at UMD. • Iris Kennedy has a busy travel schedule in her job as a product manager in industrial packaging. Her son graduated from Providence College in May and her daughter was married in Charleston, S.C., in July. A reunion with Linda Lachapelle and Cheryl Doughty Sholl in New York City was planned for November. • Despite the building slowdown, Bob Southwick is busy with detailed finishing work on 14K-square-foot house located on the shore of Cape Cod Bay. "The detail is the most extensive I have seen in my 32 years of work!" When he's not working Bob enjoys riding his Harley. His wife, Deb, and 18-year-old daughter are doing well. • Mark Fishbom and his wife, Shira, have achieved a milestone many of us are talking about these days: they are now "empty nesters." Daughter Talia is a sophomore at University of Delaware and daughter Anne is a freshman at Lehigh. Mark is approaching his 30th year of practicing law in Boston, and "life is good." • Joanne Karlin Giudicelli is also an empty nester: son Chris, 27, is completing his doctorate in physical therapy; Mike, 27, is a high tech manager in the Silicon Valley; and Bryan, 20, is a junior at Dartmouth—which gives Joanne a chance to get back to the Northeast several times each year. Joanne had a significant career change due to the economy (see "Silver Lining" article in fall 2009 Colby). She moved from the San Francisco area to the Sierra Nevada foothills in northern California, where she opened self-serve frozen yogurt shops and "business is booming!" She also published her second book, Hire Power. • Chris McKeon Burry and her husband took a trip to Alaska with Susan Woods and Peter Breu in a shared 25th anniversary celebration. They rented an RV and drove 1,300 miles, visiting Denali National Park and the Alaska coast. In June Carolyn Frazier visited from Chicago and Chris took her on a tour of the Pentagon, where she's worked for the past few years. • Drake professor Michael Rieck planned some December travel, driving first to Sarasota, Fla., then possibly to New England. If the New England trip happens, we plan to get together. • Claudia Schneider, a professional actress since graduation, will perform in The Spiffire Grill at the Good Theater in Portland, Maine, in January and February. 1978 Janet Santry Houser Lea Jackson Morrissey classnews1978@alum.colby.edu Sarah Pollard Cowan and her husband visited Geneva, Switzerland, where their son, Seth, is studying abroad as part of his major in globalization studies at Gettysburg College. Their daughter, Helen, started her first semester at Cornell, pre-vet. (She was accepted at Colby, but Sarah couldn't convince her to attend!) Sarah stays busy at the bank in Middlebury, Vt., heading up the lending function. She finds working in a small community bank rewarding despite the economic downturn. Empty nest arrived for Theanna Poulos Pateropoulos in 2006 when her daughter, Sarah, left for college. Theanna made some big changes too, leaving her lifelong home of Portland, Maine, for San Francisco to start a graduate program and get her master’s in somatic psychology. This is a model of psychotherapy grounded in the new understanding of the central role of the body and the nervous system in human development, trauma, and emotional healing. She is in her third and final year of school, seeing clients in the training clinic, and considering continuing on for a Ph.D. Theanna feels like a 20-year-old all over again! • Also sending news from the West Coast is Rev. Dr. L. A. King, who lives in Sonoma and serves as interim rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Petaluma. L.A. teaches a weekly class at the local senior center using the Latin translation of Harry Potter and The Philosopher’s Stone as the foundation of a beginning Latin course. • Jeff Potter has been the drummer for the Broadway musical Rent since its inception. The show has finished Broadway and is now on an international tour, with Jeff accompanying Stephen Jacobs. They got together with Jeff, Jenny Barber, and Anne McCready when the show came to Boston. They had dinner, went to the show and had a backstage tour, and spent a late night at Jenny’s catching up. Jeff and Anne reconnected later in the summer in Brunswick, Maine, where they had dinner at a favorite restaurant, Bombay Mahal. • Jim Scott has reconnected with a bunch of classmates. He traveled to Portland, he’s sorry to say for the first time in years, for the book signing of Gerry Boyle’s latest, Port City Shakedown. Jim definitely recommends this page turner. Jim was accompanied by Pam Cleaves Devine’s mom, Helen Koniares Cleaves ’53 and, of course, Mary (Vic) Foley Boyle and her parents. Jim has since been back to Portland several times as Helen’s guest and has reconnected with Pam. • Chris Bradley, president of Cuddledown, was proud to be a member of Team Cuddledown, which rode a 100-mile route this fall in Maine in the First Annual Dempsey Challenge. This fundraising event was created by Patrick Dempsey to fund programs in the Patrick Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope and Healing. • Ron Clement lives in southeastern Connecticut with his wife and two children. His daughter loves being a freshman at Wellesley, a setting that reminds Ron of Colby. They have a new addition to their family, a Cavalier King Charles spaniel named Ziggie. • Congratulations to Mary Rolerson Hebert, honored this fall as the 2009 recipient of the Janet Nesin-Reynolds Outstanding Educator Award. This prestigious award is given each year to one middle school teacher in Maine. Mary is a seventh-grade language arts teacher in Middle School of the Kennebunks. Mary has also won two Fulbright grants and has...
traveled extensively to Japan, India, and Sri Lanka and brought her wisdom back to her students. Thanks to everyone who wrote.

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Glen Coral was named director of advanced planning solutions for CBIZ Wealth Management in March 2009. Glen joined CBIZ in 1998 and for the last 11 years has built a successful wealth-transfer, business-succession, and executive-benefits practice. Glen and his wife, Amy, live in West Chester, Pa. Their son Jason is completing his B.S. in chemistry at West Virginia University. Son Jon is pursuing a degree in industrial technology at Millersville, and their daughter, Stacey, is a high school sophomore and an avid softball and field hockey athlete.

Cathy Palmer Smith is working at Casey Family Services in Concord, N.H., where she recruits, trains, and licenses foster parents. In her spare time, she and husband Dan continue to renovate their 110-year-old farmhouse in Boscowen, N.H. Johanna Rich Tesman is a psychologist working with children with autism. Her husband, Barry ’81, was promoted to full professor and given an endowed chair in Dickinson College’s math department. Last August Alison Jones ’81 and Jim Webb (Colby history professor) visited Johanna and Barry.

Karen Caine Babbitt’s daughter, Emily, graduated from Georgetown last May. She competed with the women’s sailing team at nationals in San Francisco and placed seventh overall. Karen’s son, Ike, is a junior at Hobart and hoping to compete at this year’s nationals in Wisconsin. Karen is a literacy coach at her local elementary school in Dartmouth, Mass. She and husband Jib bought a house in Sunapee, N.H., and hope to become their son. Jack McBride is busy with ABODE, a company he started that focuses on building custom-designed, energy-efficient, green homes. His son John is a sophomore studying international affairs at George Washington and son Will is a senior at Concord High (and possibly headgear). John is a high school sophomore and an avid softball and field hockey athlete.

MILESTONES


1981
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Happy New Year! I’m newly employed by Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, diligently, eagerly, and happily working as patient services coordinator for a thoracic surgeon. Congrats to my hockey teammates Sara Bunnell Yeager and Mary Coe Connolly. Last summer, after 19 years at Cushing Academy, Sara became academic dean at Suffield Academy in Connecticut. Sara will also teach English and help with coaching. She lives on campus with her son, Robert, a senior at Trinity. Mary celebrated her 25th anniversary and was named director of college counseling at Presentation High School, a college prep school for girls in San Jose, Calif. She frequently runs into Tom Marlitt ’80 and Ed Devine ’89, college admissions reps for Sarah Lawrence University and Hawaii Pacific University, respectively. At a June admissions conference held at Harvard, Mary enjoyed dinner with Karen Cowles Berkley ’82 and MaryBeth Whitaker Mclntyre ’82, whom she had not seen since moving to California 12 years ago.

“Life is busy and good” for Charlie ’80 and Mari Samaras White, who split their time between Massachusetts and Florida. Mari works at KPMG’s international tax department in Boston, while Charlie does marketing for Chico’s clothing in Ft. Myers. They thought it was strange to have two children attending Colby, but “it feels even stranger to have them as graduates!” They have a third studying architecture in Boston and a fourth at the Kildonan School in Amenia, N.Y.

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E.J. Meade’s architecture studio in Boulder (where he has been for 25 years), Arch 11 (www.arch11.com), has been fortunate to stay in the “new economy.” He completed several modern residences that achieved LEED (Leadership in Energy Efficient Design) gold certification. In March the studio was awarded its first public project, the Park County Public Library, and in October the Colorado AIA chapter named Arch 11 “firm of the year.” He still finds time for some fly-fishing and telemark skiing with daughters Eliot and Nora. Donna Curran Stock was named director of development at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, which expanded her fundraising role. Her two oldest children are off to college (WP and Eastern Connecticut State) and two others remain at home (high school and middle school). She would love to connect with classmates during her travels! Matt Lewis is back in touch with Karen Zuffante Pabon.
He stays active cycling and competing in bike races, duathlons (run/bike/run), and a 5K this summer. He recently completed Bike MS Charity Century, his first 100-mile ride since 1996. Lost friends can e-mail him at mattlewis@optonline.net. ● Doug Sacra, as he approaches 50, enjoys returning to old sports and learning some new ones. This summer he took up sculling. His daughter, Haley, rows for Wayland Westin crew. If any alums would like to join him, he’s often looking for someone to ride with.● Carolyn Berry Copp joined the Newton Community Service Center in West Newton, Mass., as vice president of development. NCCSC is a social service agency that serves children, teens, families, and the community with educational programs. While she misses working in the arts, she really enjoys being involved in an organization that helps children in need. ● Jeff Brown says the small world of Colby has entered his kids’ lives. Alec, 15, has Susan Whitney ’86 for his math teacher, and daughter Hannah has Tom Colt ’85 as her college advisor. Jeff caught up with Matt Figel, who is doing well in LA. Both their daughters are seniors in high school and figuring out where to apply to college. Unfortunately, Colby is not on either list.● Henry and Jen Maire Hagemann lived aboard a friend’s boat this summer. They look forward to getting their boat in the water next spring and living aboard for most of the summer and fall. They have a house in Naples, Fla., on the market, so give them a call if you’re interested. Their oldest daughter, Katie, graduated from Yale in May and is traveling through India. Their youngest daughter is a freshman at UVM, loving linguistics (who knew?), has joined the crew team, and has already coted the third varsity boat in a race.● Michael Clark still lives in Vassalboro, Maine, and works as faculty at the Maine-Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency. His wife, artist Ann Rhinheardt-Clark, works in pastels, mixed media, and woodcarving. She also teaches at Freshwater Arts in Waterville. Ann’s art has won local awards and been accepted into national and international juried exhibits. They have three children: Jackson, 19 (Colby Class of 2012), Graham, 16, and Evan, 12. They were scheduled to go on sabbatical in New Zealand for three months starting at Christmas. Mike will work in a Macau health clinic in Thanes while Ann will paint the beautiful scenery. Jackson will join them for an independent study Jan Plan, and the younger boys will be homeschooled.● Last summer Cathy Leonard Swain took her 17-year-old daughter, Gretchen, and two friends to Spain for four weeks. They spent two weeks in Sevilla, where they took classes and lived with host families. The other two weeks were spent traveling around Spain.

1983

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Morgan Borer ’84 and Duncan Gibson got engaged this fall. ● Ashley Lasbury Dow teaches breastfeeding classes at Maine Medical Center and works at a bakery in Portland. She is president of First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church.● Karla Hostetter and her son live in Antigua, where Karla is founding director of Resortful Arts, a nonprofit organization/consulting firm: www.resortfularts.org. Karla is also gallery director of Harmony Hall, an art gallery, restaurant, hotel, and marina. ● Last summer Ron Krevat spent two weeks in Chennai, India. Ron is the manager of ProCore Solutions in Marietta, Ga., and volunteers as president of Dogwood Toastmasters in Atlanta. ● Kelly Burke Corwen and kids Brendan and Meghan went to Europe last summer. Kelly spent an evening in London with Brian Daly and his wife, Mary Ann, and children. Jessica, Steven, and Sebastian. The Delys were heading to Corsica. ● News from Linda Greenlaw came in while she was in Newfoundland. Onboard her swordfishing boat was a crew from Discovery Channel filming Swords. Season two is slated to air in May or June. Linda’s new book, Sea worthy, will hit shelves at the same time. ● George and Liz Murphy Kloak stay busy with three kids in high school—Peter, a senior, Lucie, a sophomore, and Georgie, a freshman—and Lillie in fourth grade. They went to Michigan, Indiana, and Chicago to visit family and look at colleges last summer. Liz is at Ramapo College doing part-time development work.● Living in Maine Todd Coffin runs into Colby people a lot. Todd’s son is on a soccer team at North Yarmouth Academy with the son of Tom ’87 and Kathleen Pinard Reed ’86, and Tom’s skiing buddy’s daughter, Molly Susla ’13, is a freshman at Colby training with the Nordic ski team. That same team trained the Sugarloaf Uphill Climb in October and placed two strong climbers ahead of Todd: Wyatt Fereday ’11 and Corey Park ’12. Todd is senior project manager at GEI Consultants, Inc. in Falmouth. ● Deorna Schwartz Ball’s daughter, Lydia, is in Colby’s Class of 2013.● Jim Bream lives in Chicago with his wife, their four kids, and three dogs. He’s a shareholder at Querrey & Harrow, Ltd. and practices health-care litigation. Jim serves as president of the board of education, is co-chair of “Character Counts!” and serves on the executive committees of the Lew Blond Memorial 5K and the Jackson Park Hospital Run for Life.● Jim and Debbie Holmes Beam live in Edgecomb, Maine, and have been happily married for more than 29 years. Deb is an ed tech at Edgecomb Eddy School working with autistic, ODD, ADHD, and other special needs kids. Daughter Carrie is 30, married, and an R.N. Daughter Becky just graduated and will be married next June. Youngest Samantha is a junior at UNH majoring in zoology. ● Don and Dawna Eastman-Gallo celebrated their 25th anniversary in Italy with fast cars (visits to Ferrari, Lamborghini, and Maserati factories) and lots of fantastic food and wine in the Piemonte region. Visiting them in Colorado last year were Ross Brennan ’82 and his two delightful daughters; Barclay Foord ’80 and his partner, Daryl English; and Sam Staley ’84. Dawna’s OB/Gyn practice is doing well and she’s active in a tennis league. Don is still in management consulting and enjoys mountain trail running and marathons, skiing, and mentoring disadvantaged local kids making the transition from high school to college. ● Delisa Latero’s clan added a Mustang and a donkey to their zoo of horses, dogs, cats, peacocks, chickens, ducks, and doves. Delisa and son Austin visited Venice, Florence, and Rome and then went to East Hampton for a wedding. Since Austin is a high school junior, they toured colleges in the NYC and Washington, D.C. areas. Delisa’s looking forward to a spring trip to Barcelona. She is president of TouchStone Promotions, Inc. in Steamboat Springs, Colo.: www.touchstonepromos.net. ● Troy Daggers ’80 is a son at The Governor’s Academy. Troy and the family were at Colby to check it out. Troy hadn’t been in Waterville for at least 15 years. They live in Newburyport, Mass., and Troy sees John Perlowiski frequently. ● Chris Easton turned student over the summer, taking an accelerated EMT course so he could run with the newly formed Dixmont (Maine) Rescue Squad. His son, Thomas, is a high school junior and looking at colleges. Son Robert is a high school sophomore, and daughter Marjan, 7, is a horse rider and a skier. Wife Patti is working at Colby in the Biology Department and volunteers with the Dixmont Fire Department and the rescue squad. Chris is an instructor and chair of the math and science department at Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor.● Becky Crook Rogers is raising a puppy for Canine Companions in Columbus, Ohio.

Class of 1984

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Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Lots of news. I heard from Vicki Crouchley Dougherty via Facebook. She and Tom ’82 reside in Arkansas and celebrated their 24th anniversary in September. (I have vague [not due to age] but fun memories of that wedding!) Their oldest daughter, Megan, 19, is a sophomore at Furman University, where she was recruited to play soccer. Vicki volunteers in their community and travels quite a bit for their youngest, Allie, 14, who plays competitive soccer.● Proud dad John Tawa reports that 10-year-old son, Tim, helped his West Linn, Ore., youth baseball team not only qualify for the 10-year-old Cal Ripken World Series, but they finished third nationally! In the process, Tim set a World Series record for extra-base hits, slugging percentage, and home runs in a game and was named to both the all-tournament and all-defensive teams. Hopefully Theo Epstein is reading this, as the Sox could use Tim’s help.● Kate Shaw recently left the government having served for three years as deputy secretary of postsecondary and higher education for the Pennsylvania Department of Education. She’s returning to Philly as executive director of an independent educational research organization. Kate and husband John, a faculty member at Arcadia University, and 13-year-old daughter Anna are take-no-prisoners Phillies fan (sorry Anna, maybe next year). The highlight of Kate’s year—no, of the decade—was playing beer pong with David Rosenberg at our 25th reunion! Kate recently met up with Lori Sturgeon Davis, Joy Valvano, and Ann Poolos Bailey for a Quad reunion at Ann’s home in Texas.● Marian Leeburgh had two business trips to London this year—accompanied by her 15-year-old son on one trip and her 12-year-old daughter on the other. A great time was had by all.● In the “we’re-not-that-old-yet” category, in September Cindy Mulliken Lazzara finished her annual triathlon in Darien, Conn., finishing fifth for her age group (moving up from last year’s 11th). Todd Halloran competed in the same triathlon, finishing second in his age group and 27th overall in a field of 299 competitors.● Jennifer Cleary Calabro wrote from Merrimack, N.H. She and her husband have three kids; a sophomore son at RPI, a freshman daughter at Fisher College in Boston, and another son, 12, who keeps her busy. Jen continues to work part time as an attorney in MA and volunteer in the schools. Life is good!● Finally, I enjoyed some post-reunion get-togethers. I met Cindy Mulliken Lazzara and her boys for lunch in Darien on my annual trek back from Cape Cod in August, and I had a great time with Tracy Weiner and her partner, Bill Cotopolis, here in D.C. over Columbus Day weekend. Tracy was visited in Ohio the previous weekend by our former roommates Kitty Wilbur and Genevieve Hammond ’86, both of whom are in the Boston area and doing great. ● Anyone else have any post-reunion stories? Send them along or post them to classnews1984@alum.colby.edu.
1985

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I received an interesting collection of responses to my last plea for news, some from “first-time callers,” others from some of our best and most far-flying correspondents. ◆ Steven Haynes wrote (I believe for the first time in my almost five years of assembling this column) that he has done nothing exciting short of getting married and having two kids. Steve’s coolest vacation was in Yellowstone National Park, and he would love to go back and spend a week in the backcountry. Sounds good to me, Steve. ◆ Mark Phillips, another first timer, commented, “Twenty-five years is a long time,” while promising to attend the reunion in June. Mark has been married to Tia Boaz for 21 years. Tia was at Colby as an exchange student from Pomona. After graduating from Pepperdine Law School, Mark practiced law in California for a number of years before returning, with his family, which by then included twin boys, to New Hampshire. Back at home Mark began coaching football, wrestling, and baseball at Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua. Although initially he thought he would return to law, Mark decided to stay in education and has been teaching since 1995. His boys are now seniors playing football and baseball, and they hope to continue their education and athletic careers next year in college. Good luck with the two tuitions next year, Mark! ◆ Another Mark, Mark “Howie” Howard says, “There have been many adventures for this Mule since June 1985. The most exciting (besides weddings and births) was probably bushwhacking through Alaska with my wife, Marion, pre-children. The scenery was spectacular, the lifestyle was totally unconventional, and the fear (of grizzlies) was palpable.” Mark has had some time on his hands ever since last year’s financial meltdown and has begun to hatch a plan for the years before our 50th reunion, “Prior to the 50th,” he says, “I aim to go back to Colby and other educational sites so that future generations will be as fortunate as I have been.” Great sentiment, Mark! ◆ A busy man and not much for class correspondence, Ryan Stinneford unintentionally provided me with news when his out-of-office message informed me he was attending a meeting in Salem, Mass. When I emailed back to warn him that Salem is pretty scary in October, Ryan replied to say, “Not too scared yet. But hey, I’m a compliance attorney speaking to a bunch of bank marketing people—they are going to be scared of me!” ◆ Mike Muir is also planning to attend reunion. Mike is busy working as vice president for development and support for ResuTech, a group that works with schools to help motivate kids. Mike says that by far his proudest accomplishment since graduation is creating a project-based virtual school. Prior to our 50th reunion Mike would really love for his school to have a national impact on education by providing multiple pathways to success in school. ◆ John “GinPup” Collins says, “Hope all is well. I’m hoping to attend reunion next June. In terms of what I would like to accomplish by our 50th: I would like to finish paying off my student loans.” An admirable goal for sure. ◆ And finally Tom Clarytor checked in from Argentina, where he was preparing to climb Aconcagua. Next year Tom is planning to try and climb Everest. He was proud to announce that he has a son in Bhutan whose name is Tshering Lhendrup. I guess playing elephant polo isn’t quite a full-time job for Tom? ◆ Personally, I have nothing to top that, so I guess it’s best I just stop and wish everyone well, no matter how exotic or domestic their personal adventure may be. See you in June!

1986

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I won’t let it happen again. My heart sank when I received the fall Colby magazine with no column for 1986. My fault—not yours. You’ve been great with the news—keep it coming! ◆ One recurring theme is REUNION. Many folks have written saying “I will NOT miss our 25th.” Mark your calendars now, June 2-5, 2011, Waterville! ◆ Lilip Hopson Monahan is one of those who can’t wait to reconnect, looking especially for Cindy Castro-Minnehaha, Joyce Sutton Anderson, and Scott Oleviler. Lila lives in Nashua, N.H., with her husband, daughter Cassie, 14, an avid gymnast and teenager, and Nicholas, 10 (“Mr. Baseball”). At her thriving practice, Partners in Pediatrics, Lila sees patients and works with obesity prevention and treatment. Lila trains for the Multiple Sclerosis Challenge Walk—an annual 50-mile walk on Cape Cod that she and her sister have done for eight years. As their older sister was diagnosed with MS 15 years ago, their hearts are in it. ◆ It’s back to school for Leslie Greenslet Perry, who’s getting a master’s in education, media, design, and technology. Translation: she’s learning how to cut the cutting edge of integrating technology into education. ◆ Mary Lou Kapas is also working on a master’s—in midwifery at the University of Washington’s School of Nursing. Her own babies include one son in high school and one in eighth grade. And the family vacationed in France last year. After using the Rosetta Stone program to brush up, she got along pretty well on the French she learned in high school and at Colby! ◆ In contrast Jessica Flood Leitz is back to work full time after 13 years home with the kids. She has her “dream job” as the executive director of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators. Her son Keegan is loving his first year at Worcester Polytech. Younger sons Nils and Duncan are busy with cross-country and hockey. And, just to fill that empty bed, they have an exchange student, Axel, from Hamburg. As I write, Jessica is heading to the Cape for the annual “birthdays” weekend with Laura Goepfert Stolp, Lisa Foley (who married Jim Clooney this summer after 20 years of cohabitation), Rob Cisby Pelezcar, and Amy Barnes Hurley. Jessica says they try to recreate the wild parties of yore but bedtimes keep getting earlier (read: board games and photo album sharing)! ◆ Craig and Alison Capstick Carlson live in Santa Barbara, Calif., with kids Matthew, 9, Hayden, 8, and Sydney, 6. Craig is a professor of oceanography at UCSC, while Alison is “mom” with part-time sales work from home. ◆ Ricardo Sieveking still lives in Guatemala. His oldest son is in 12th grade, a great soccer player, and applying to colleges. ◆ Dave and Jeanne Choquette Radvany are still in Pelham, N.Y., with Rachel, 10, and Andy, 8. Jeanne is president of the local education foundation, raising private funds to enhance education programs. They had an incredible family trip last summer to the Canadian Rockies, touring Banff and Jasper National Park. Having seen those mountains, Jeanne longs for Sugarloaf. ◆ Suzanne Maselio’s family had a summer trip to Italy, visiting Rome, Naples, Venice, with a stop at a Tuscan villa. She and kids Mark, 14, Lexie, 12, and Juliana, 9, are having gelato withdrawal symptoms! ◆ Diane Smith moved to Maine several years ago from the D.C. area and loves it. She works for a nonprofit agency as a civil rights attorney and is a mom to her 15-month-old daughter. ◆ In Tunbridge, Vt., Eve Ermer added children to her “family.” With kids Erik and Andrea both out of the nest, I guess she needed more babies to tend to. Husband Scott Russell ’83 keeps busy brewing fantastic beer. Maybe they’ll bring some to reunion. Hint, hint. ◆ Bob Sidman broke his radio silence to let us know that he is well, living in R.I. with wife Laura and their three daughters. His work takes him to a mid-sized hospital just over the border in CT. Bob’s in touch with Dave Epstein and Cabot Philbrick, as well as Bill Sheeian ’84 and a few other DUs. Bob shared the very sad news that Tom Noel passed away. His obituary in the Providence Journal noted that he was an inventor, the founder and president of Modular Thermal Technologies, and had worked as a commercial fisherman. ◆ Seize the day, enjoy the moment, hug your loved ones, and reconnect with friends far and near. I treasure the connections and hope to see you all at Colby in June 2011 if not before.

1987

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I want to thank George Clooney for offering me a role in Ocean’s 14, but that nude scene was a bit too much to ask, given that this installment is in 3D. Anyway, I already have too much on my plate. For example, the class notes! ◆ Irene Izquierdo Patterson says “things are just swell here in L.A. The fires ravaged the Angeles Forest and we held our breath because all of the smoke and now are worried about the flooding. But so far it’s okay. Now we are back to scorching weather just when I thought fall had finally arrived. [Sounds like paradise, Irene.] We are enjoying our new house in the hills, below which I can see the observatory, downtown, and DodgerStadium. I really love teaching first graders as I continue working on my credential. Does school ever end? My own two are Charlie, in fifth, and Anna is a junior at my old alma mater. I’m trying to convince her to look at Colby, but I think the cold scares her, and we have already told her that her room will be the office when she leaves. No major vacations or events. We’re nesting in our new home.” ◆ Kristine Davidson is still doing that whole real estate thing at www.maineislandliving.com. Great slide show of the island! But it doesn’t end there: “I am in the process of creating a design company with my very good artist friend, Eric Hopkins. He’s a North Haven guy who is pretty well known for his aerial landscapes of Maine Island. [Now why can’t I have a cool artist friend? Preferably named Van Gogh Jr.] We have some extremely cool, fun, and vibrant stuff. Hope to launch a line by summer 2010. Will keep you posted!” ◆ Rick Huntress and Karen Welling got married July 1, eloping to the island of Anguila. In August they celebrated with Glenn ‘85 and Lisa Bothwick Wilson and Gina Cormacchio Leathy. (Do I smell run?) ◆ Chris Fay says “I spend my days trying to, you know like educate teenagers about, you know seriously like, what is good music and important about history. I spend my nights trying to educate my own children, teenagers, about how cool I am. Then I go to sleep at 8:30.” (Like, y’know, we feel your, like, pain Chris.) ◆ Sarah Graves Stelfox wrote all the way from Kenya. (That’s in Africa, I think.) “I thought I’d drop you a line about how we already have four inches of snow on the ground, and how this isn’t really
something you consider when you marry a Canadian who met in Kenya when he was wearing nothing but a pair of Patagonia shorts and some nice pecs. I missed Senior Week as I was already back in Kenya with aforementioned pec man, apparently the first ever student to do her final semester in absentia.” (Sorry, Sarah. Actually, I did all four years in mental absentia.) • And Colleen Balch kindly corresponded to say: “Now that I bought my house in my new town I’ve gotten roped into a few things. Mostly musical, to my great pleasure. I’m the prolio alto in a small vocal group called the Spoon Mountain Singers, and newly exposed to Paul Hindemith, a sociopathically, atonal composer and my personal nemesis. I’m playing in a bell choir, anchoring the deep end of the music. When I make a mistake, everyone knows it. And, I’m coordinating a small music series for a small, beautiful space just down the street from me. I love walking up the hill, listening to the evening sounds of wood and field, or under the stars to hear Celtic music, blues/jazz guitar, Cajun/Zydeco, and folkly fusion. I’m on my town’s energy committee, educating about energy efficiency and helping to retrofit our town buildings to walk our talk. After teaching 10-hour days with at-risk kids, that’s about all I have time for.” (Personally, I just watch a lot of TV.) • Be safe!

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Sandy Thayer and his partner, Greg, fix up historical coastal cottages in Maine. This winter they are trying to save an 1885 Modern Gothic cottage in the tiny village of Bayside, in Northport. Last year they renovated a 1907 Arts and Crafts cottage, Keepper ’90, and their families for reunion. Ten-month-old Skyler no doubt has the Colby wear to prove it! Lara recently returned to work as a school psychologist, and her husband started his own Internet marketing business. • Andrew Ian Dodge and his wife, Kim, enjoyed a two-week Baltic cruise and a week in Ft. Lauderdale and now are busy writing books and articles. • Anthony Scaturo teaches physics at St. Andrew’s School in Savannah, Ga., where he lives with his four dogs. His adopted daughter is in law school and his adopted son is a senior at West Point. • Ponch Membreno has ventured out on his own, joining a company that purchased Lincoln Canoe & Kayak this summer. Drew Simmons is handling PR for the company, which makes kayaks in Freeport, Maine. So far Bret Dixon, Lynn Sullivan, John Robbins ’90, and Cory Snow ’91 have visited the store. • Carolyn Bell-Tuttle and her husband, Dan, are on a sabbatical from Punahou School in Honolulu. They are visiting independent middle schools across the country to study advisory, technology, curriculum integration, and science curriculum. They started in San Diego, drove north to Oregon and Washington, west to Iowa, and are now in Minneapolis until the new year. In 2010 they’ll be in Baltimore and New England. Carolyn would love to hear from classmates working in independent schools. • Jennifer Joseph continues her traveling ways, going to Edinburgh, London, the San Juan Islands, Algonquin Provincial Park in Canada, and Yellowstone and the Tetons. She has a mini-reunion in Pittsburgh with Kaari Busick, Julie Lewis Petersen, Mary Lapointe Farly, and Cheryl Mealey Cowherd and sent me a fabulous photo to prove it. Brian Moore joined the party for dinner one night. Jennifer also bumped into Danielle Archambault in LaGuardia—small world! Keep the news coming!

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Pete Sekulow and his wife, Arianna, an opera singer, have developed an iPhone application called myDiva. It brings light-heartedness to high culture but, as they say, myDiva is great for any occasion when your inner diva needs to roar! It’s in the Apple store. • Bill and Mim Siegel Lombardo both work in publishing. They live in Easton, Mass., with daughter Ally, 3, and son Nick, 9. • Sarah Faragher and her husband bought a house in Stockton Springs, Maine, and Sarah closed her used book shop to devote more time to painting (www.sarafaragher.com). Sarah has shown work in several galleries around mid-coast Maine the last couple of summers. • Andrew Doolittle has a private otolaryngology (ENT) practice in Rockingham, N.C., after getting out of the Army last year. He lives near Pinehurst but rarely plays golf. He is trying to start a lacrosse league for local kids, and he has a roller hockey league for adults and children. He and his wife have three children, 8, 10, and 12, and they all enjoy visiting the Northeast in the summer. • Laura Senier completed her Ph.D. in sociology at Brown last spring. She moved to Madison, Wis., last fall to start a tenure-track job at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. It is a joint appointment in the departments of rural sociology and family medicine. She was excited about the job and looked forward to reconnecting with Kristin “Cricket” Girvin Redman, who owns a graphic design company in Madison, and Gretchen Schwarze, who teaches in the medical school. • Ann Band is still in Jackson, Wyo., with husband Joe Hunt and their 7-year-old son. They love to ski, mountain bike, paraglide, and canoe. Ann works with Bat Conservation International to reduce threats to bats worldwide. She studied neotropical bats for 12 years and teaches environmental science. In the last few years she’s developed a thriving jewelry design business: www.annieband.com. • Amanda Sharbrough Bryan ’89 and Diana Howell O’Brien are also in Jackson raising their families. They get to spend time together since they live within two miles of each other. Di has a beautiful daughter and is a respected physical therapist with a busy practice.

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Dave Vincent thought it might amuse some of the old crowd that, after 15 years of legal practice in Chicago, Washington, and Maine, including some seven years of criminal and tax work on behalf of both organized and disorganized criminals, he has enlisted in the U.S. Army. He shipped out in September to Fort Leonard Wood for training as an E-4 218, Combat Engineering Specialist and eagerly anticipates deployment to Afghanistan in 2010. • Jennifer Lim Nitchman lives in Scarborough, Maine, with husband Dave (a Bates grad—she tries not to hold that against him!) and their 11-year-old daughter, Bryce. Jennifer works as senior vice president of IT at Saco & Biddeford Savings. They spend most of their time at soccer tournaments, practices, and games but manage to squeeze in a hike or bike. Jennifer exchanges e-mails with Chris Goulding, Brian Monks, Dave Coleman ’90, and Dan Johnston ’90 and had a long-weekend visit with Rebekah Mitchell, who is still in San Francisco. • Andy and Margaret Mauran Zuccotti live in Pennsylvania. Andy works at Penn Charter teaching upper school social studies. Nick and Emma are students there now. Robby, 3, thinks he is ready but isn’t old enough. They went to Paris last summer and ran into Jenny Alford Seeman ’92 and her crew at the Luxembourg Gardens. They saw lots of John Roth and family this summer and saw Jim Hayes and Todd Ver Hoeven as well. Jen Wood Jencks and Margaret hung out one afternoon this fall. They look forward to seeing the Winokur-Browns and possibly the Chris Whealans this winter up in Vermont. • Fred and Debbie MacWalter Bright and their kids saw Rome in April (also Pompeii), Bar Harbor in August (with a stop at Colby and the new bookstore), and D.C. in September. • Living in Denver for almost 12 years, Matt Hughes and wife Tracy have three children, Charlie, Henry, and Abby. Matt has two master’s (M.B.A. and M.S.I.S.) from the University of Colorado and his own software process consulting company: Charles Henry Consulting (charleshenryinc.com). • Susan Cummings Wiseman had a great summer with her family, despite the wet/cold June and July. She divided her time between Kennebunk, Maine, Conway, N.H., and home in Winchester, Mass. Abigail Cook Russell stopped by in June for dinner and catching up. Susan sees Dean Zioce at least once a month at a supper club. Dean tries to convince the supper club that one night should be a beer die night at his house. They have no idea what he is talking about and he looks to Susan for support. • Colleen Halleck Taylor and Susan stay in touch. They were planning on doing a half marathon together this year, but Susan got injured, so Colleen keeps running without her. Susan has four children: Jack, Mackayla, Caitlin, and Meghan. • Kaylyn Hipp Groves and husband Richard have a baby girl, Mary-Alice Clare Groves, born July 20 in Round Rock, Texas. She has big blue eyes, a dusting of red hair, and smiles a lot. • John Avery and his wife moved from Billerica, Mass., to Tewksbury, Mass., to their first townhouse, which they love. They attended a wedding in September in N.H. and saw Matt ’92 and Laura Fogarty
Nerney ‘93. Matt and John get together with Greg Greco ‘92 for a monthly buffalo wing gathering at Roggie’s by BC. • Charlie Allen and wife Kristin had their first child, Charlie Wheat Allen, in July. Mother and son are doing well. • Becky and Matt Melander, along with sister Ann (Dartmouth ’97), ran the Chicago Marathon, set PR’s, and had great fun! Matt had a chance to attend Dan Bouvier’s 40th birthday in Nashua, N.H., last June. Many classmates attended: Lesley Eydenberg Bouvier, Julia Collard Poeselidis, John ‘92 and Theresa Sullivan Brockelman. Leaf Ives, Jess Butler, Matt Dumas, and Keith Fortier ‘92. • Thanks for all the news—keep it coming!

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Last issue I told you about Jim Condrond’s artwork being shown at the Thomas Segal Gallery. Read a complimentary review at www.baltimoresun.com/entertainment/bal-ae.li.gallery27aug27,0,101445.story. Nice going Jim! • Andrew Barnett and his wife, Liza, welcomed baby boy, Augustus (Gus) Blair-Barnett, Aug. 2, 2009. He’s long and tall, unlike either of his parents! They hope to see Jason Reifler ‘95 this winter now that Jason lives in Atlanta and the Barnett’s are in southeastern TN. • Ollie and Marianne Ansdell Stone welcomed Sophia Charlotte June 15, 2009. Mom, dad, Leah, 11, Heather, 9, and Ashleigh, 8, are thrilled. Marianne has returned to work part time as a registered nurse. • Todd Alexander and his wife, Catherine, had their third girl in July. Paige Mitchell Alexander joins Sally, 4, and Grace, 2. Todd looked forward to a seventh (?) annual golf trip last fall with Mark Flaherty, Brian Mulvey and Jim Burke. • Margaret Russell Ewald continues to travel. She gives papers on Wake Forest University’s dime. Sometimes she extends her business travel into pleasure, as with Berlin last summer and Barcelona last December. • Carol Chamberlain got married this summer on Cape Cod to Don Hebert. In addition to her son, Daniel, 12, she has a stepdaughter, Mandy, 11. Sharing the day with Carol and Don were Rob and Bonnie Dewsbury Chase and daughters, Joanna, 8, Emma, 6, and Julia, 4, and Dave and Beth Baumer LeBlanc and their sons, Joey, 3, and Tommy, 1. After their honeymoon in Jamaica, they moved into their new house in Cotuit, Mass. Carol still teaches high school math in Barnstable. • Kendra Smith enjoys an exciting new job at Bonneville Environmental Foundation in Portland, Ore., working with watershed councils to restore local streams. She made the leap last winter after working 12 years for a local water utility. Kendra is selling her eco-friendly home with a view. • JC Klick moved to Cleveland in November, where he works at the University Hospital of Case Western Reserve University practicing cardiothoracic anesthesia and critical care medicine. • Joy Marean married John Hickey in mid-August in New Haven. Meredith Johnson was one of her bridesmaids. Also in attendance were Tara McDonough, Drew and Jenn Coffin Hoyt, Michelle Corrigan Rios, Kim Ereminas Reeve, and Stephanie Clement. Joy and John live in Battery Park City, Manhattan. Joy is finishing her doctorate in education leadership at Columbia’s Teachers College and hopes to graduate next year. Joy and John introduced Meredith Johnson to her husband, Al Lavoie, and they were married last September on Great Diamond Island, Maine. Joy and John were both in the wedding party. Others in attendance included JC Klick, Jim Albright, and Dominique Saussaye and Laurent Batsch ’86, who were TAs from France who spent their junior years at Colby. Meredith and Al live in Boston, where they see Steve Swartz and Mark Boles and Kate LaVigne ‘95. • Dana Mackin P Releases her doctorate in clinical psychology. After completing her dissertation she’ll do an internship and residency. She works as a therapist with HIV-positive clients. To top it off she is expecting her first baby in January! • Kelly Wenger and her husband, Eric Miller, welcomed their second son, Copeland Tate Miller, last February. They love living in Portland, Ore., and wish there was more time for keeping up with Colby friends. • Jay Hermens and his wife, Jackie, had their first child, Peter John Hermens, June 23, 2009. Sleeping is not one of his favorite activities. Jay shared that Steve Swartz married Heather Witte Sept. 26, 2009. In attendance were Steve’s sister, Barbara Swartz ‘89, Mike and Michelle Tupesis Gorra, Mark Boles and Kate LaVigne ‘95, Troy Vincent, Joe and Sandy Goldstein-Savoie, Bryan Chase, Rachel Klein-Ash, Garin ‘91 and Kelly Evans Arevian, George Linge, and Jason Eslick. • Chris Frothingham is at the same practice, specializing in osteopathic manipulative medicine. He and wife Heidi have three daughters, Emma, 6, Molly, 3, and Hannah, 1, and live loving in Portland, Ore. • Alec Haavik was interviewed by a Web magazine in Shanghai. Alec is a local saxophonist and composer who plays in several jazz bands. • Scott ‘91 and Margaret Igoe Osborne live in Frederick, Md. Scott works for Bechtel, where he runs their project controls department. Margaret is about four classes away from finishing her M.B.A. Their girls, Cate, 6, and Julia, 4, keep them busy with ballet, gymnastics, and Daizies. Margaret got together with Amy Selinger and her family in Williamsport, Mass. Amy and her husband, Mark, have two girls, Hannah, 6, and Julia, 3. Amy works as a college counselor for BB&N in Cambridge and Mark is a lawyer. • Jim Conrad and his wife, Lori, live in a small Bavarian town about 20 miles south of Munich, Germany. Last June they welcomed Ashley to the clan. Sister Caitlin, 5, and brother Toby, 2 1/2, are ecstatic about their new sister. • Now that, my fellow classmates, is how you do a jam packed class column! And I couldn’t have done it without your help.

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Josh ‘90 and Beth Hermanson Kinsley welcomed their third child, Amelia, in October. Amelia joins Johnny, 5 1/2, and Luiza, 3 1/2. Beth also started a new job last year as vice president and assistant general counsel at Northland Investment Corporation, a real estate investment company in Newton, Mass. • Mike Zhe and his wife, Lisa, welcomed Brennan Charles Zhe July 15. He joins Tyler, 5, and Mike’s family live in Newmarket, N.H., where he is the editor of New England Hockey Journal magazine and the sports editor for the Portsmouth Herald. Mike catches up with Megan Winchester Caradonna, Joy Moore, and April (Armstrong ‘97) and Shawn Campbell, who have baby news of their own; their son, Jack Benjamin, was born in August joining sister Molly, 3. Shawn is a senior software engineer, game designer, and manager for WorldWinner.com/GSN, and April is with VCA Animal Hospitals as a senior veterinary technician in emergency and shelter medicine. Shawn and April began dating at Colby nearly 18 years ago! Does our class have any other Colby romances that went the distance? • Bree Jeppson visited Brian and Sue Furlong Kiggins, who are proud
parents of twins born July 31. Castle and Connor are healthy and beautiful! *Chris Wilder* works as a portfolio manager at a hedge fund focused on emerging markets. He and his girlfriend live in London with their daughter, Thaisa, and are expecting a baby boy in February. *Michael and Brigid Jordan O’Connor* are also expecting—they’ll welcome their second daughter in 2009 or 2010: Brigid’s due date is New Year’s Eve! Their first daughter, Madeline, is 18 months.

* Lisen Biersach Kern is grateful to have spent a semester in Chile her junior year, as her adopted daughter, Allison, 4, speaks only Spanish. After a three-and-a-half year process, Allison joined Caleb, 10, Wyatt, 6 1/2, Larkin, 5 1/2, who came from China, and Chloe, 3, also from China. * Janine Deforge Olson can also attest to the hard work required to raise five children. Her fifth child and fourth son, Colwyn, was born this summer. Cole joins Alexa, Zack, Oliver, and Tait. Janine is back at work at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and periodically sees Kristen Schuler Scammom, Sarah Oelkers, and Scott Abrams. Sarah and Robbie Robins are both teachers at the middle school attended by Janine’s daughter, Alexa. In fact Robbie is Alexa’s social studies teacher! *

* In October Ellie North visited Corey and Andrea Walker Fravert and their family in Maine. Andrea and Corey had a baby boy, rounding out their family of five. Ellie lives in Roslindale, Mass., and works as a hospitalist NP at Norwood Hospital, where she is a hospitalist leader. Ellie was in the Belgrade, Maine, last fall and drove by the site of her COOT. She got so nostalgic she drove to Waterville and checked out the hospital with her husband, Travis, and their two kids, Sarah and Neil. * Marile Haylon Borden, Sara Ferry Gyan, Rebekah Freeman Schulze, Heather Loubsoun, Carolyn Hart, and Kim Morrison Lysaght ’90, Heather expected a baby boy at the end of December. He will join brother Zac, 2. * Speaking of babies, our class is busy: Jessica Matzkin Shactman had baby boy, Bennett, in August, who joins siblings Annie and Max. Jess gets to see Laura Eames Martin when up at their cabin in Connecticut. * Marina Netto Campos announces the birth of daughter Alice Leal Netto Campos in September; Amanda is her big sister. * Jenn Wolff DiFrancesca and husband Neil missed reunion because they adopted a newborn baby boy, Dylan Reed, in May. * Rebekah Freeman Shulze had a baby boy, Edward “Teddy” Davis Schulze, in May. He joins sister Annie, 3. Rebekah took a new job at WPI as assistant director of academic advising and learning resources. * Katie Morrison and partner Curran Reichert welcomed baby Ellis “Elli” Jane Reichert Morrison in August in Berkeley, Calif. * Chris Austin and wife Lauren expected baby #1 at the end of November. * Frances Van Huystee Morris is in Connecticut working in the family business as a cigartobacco broker. She and her husband, Rob, are expecting their third baby in January. Their daughters, Elisabeth, 2 1/2, and Jane, 1 1/2, are excited. * And there are marriages to report: Kim Stern married Justin P. Allen in September in Jackson Hole, Wyo., with Carolyn Greene Goetz and Elizabeth Greene Appy in attendance. Honeymoon was in Thailand. * Jeffrey Carter married Liz Vollmer in August in Stowe, Vt. They recently caught up with Tyler Merritt ’93 at the Vermont 50 mountain bike race. * Jennifer Hurd married Brock Lyman (UVM ’94) also in August in Stowe. * Meredith Gregory Ksander and Tracy Callan Robillard ’93 were bridesmaids, and Greg Lynch and Karen Carlson were there. They honeymooned in France. * Lori Sherf and her mother participated in the PMC one-day ride—84 miles from Wellesley to Bourne—in memory of her dad, Bana Cohen ’62 (a former PMC rider) who passed away five years ago following a brief illness. They are already thinking about doing the two-day ride in 2010! * Marilie Haylon Borden launched a new online publication for moms called Momicillin (www.momicillin.com). In addition to keeping up with Liu, 3, Jack, and 6, she runs a marketing communications firm she started nine years ago. And in all her spare time(!) she is addicted to sprint triathlons. She spent a day at the beach in New Hampshire with Jessica Haskell Curtis. Holly Labbe, Jennifer Walker Hemmen, Sally Zimmerli ’93, and Beth Cronin ’93. Holly lives in Harrisonburg, Va., with her husband, Scott Cole ’95, daughter Ada, 5, and sons Wyatt, 3, and Eli, 10 months. Holly helps Scott out with productions at Bridgewater State College, where he is chair of the performing arts department. Jennifer lives in Sacramento, Calif., with her husband, Travis, and their two kids, Sophia, 6, and George, 4. Jen is an ultrarunner (i.e. lunatic). She competed in two 50-mile road races this summer. Jessica lives in Grafton, Mass., where she is a SAHM to Sadie, 7, Wyeth, 4, and Oliver, 1. * Andrew Kulmatiski just moved with his wife and baby son (Otter) to Anchorage, Alaska, to work for the University of Alaska. He recently met up with Sean ’91 and Jenny Dorsey Skaling ’93, who live in Anchorage and are looking for more alumni to ski with.

1994

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You all are wonderful! As I am cooped up recovering from H1N1, it’s unfair to hear about the exotic travels and amazing accomplishments: Cecily Totten is living in Underberg, South Africa, and returned from a horseback safari in the Okavango Delta of Botswana. * Jesse Newman traveled to Buceras, Mexico, and was successful in not getting the swine flu (touché) or being abducting by drug lords. * An annual “Colby Girl” weekend took place in Scarborough, Maine, with Marilie Haylon Borden, Sara Ferry Gyan, Rebekah Freeman Schulze, Heather Loubsoun, Carolyn Hart, and Kim Morrison Lysaght ’90, Heather expected a baby boy at the end of December. He will join brother Zac, 2. * Speaking of babies, our class is busy: Jessica Matzkin Shactman had baby boy, Bennett, in August, who joins siblings Annie and Max. Jess gets to see Laura Eames Martin when up at their cabin in Connecticut. * Marina Netto Campos announces the birth of daughter Alice Leal Netto Campos in September; Amanda is her big sister. * Jenn Wolff DiFrancesca and husband Neil missed reunion because they adopted a newborn baby boy, Dylan Reed, in May. * Rebekah Freeman Shulze had a baby boy, Edward “Teddy” Davis Schulze, in May. He joins sister Annie, 3. Rebekah took a new job at WPI as assistant director of academic advising and learning resources. * Katie Morrison and partner Curran Reichert welcomed baby Ellis “Elli” Jane Reichert Morrison in August in Berkeley, Calif. * Chris Austin and wife Lauren expected baby #1 at the end of November. * Frances Van Huystee Morris is in Connecticut working in the family business as a cigartobacco broker. She and her husband, Rob, are expecting their third baby in January. Their daughters, Elisabeth, 2 1/2, and Jane, 1 1/2, are excited. * And there are marriages to report: Kim Stern married Justin P. Allen in September in Jackson Hole, Wyo., with Carolyn Greene Goetz and Elizabeth Greene Appy in attendance. Honeymoon was in Thailand. * Jeffrey Carter married Liz Vollmer in August in Stowe, Vt. They recently caught up with Tyler Merritt ’93 at the Vermont 50 mountain bike race. * Jennifer Hurd married Brock Lyman (UVM ’94) also in August in Stowe. * Meredith Gregory Ksander and Tracy Callan Robillard ’93 were bridesmaids, and Greg Lynch and Karen Carlson were there. They honeymooned in France. * Lori Sherf and her mother participated in the PMC one-day ride—84 miles from Wellesley to Bourne—in memory of her dad, Bana Cohen ’62 (a former PMC rider) who passed away five years ago following a brief illness. They are already thinking about doing the two-day ride in 2010! * Marilie Haylon Borden launched a new online publication for moms called Momicillin (www.momicillin.com). In addition to keeping up with Liu, 3, Jack, and 6, she runs a marketing communications firm she started nine years ago. And in all her spare time(!) she is addicted to sprint triathlons. She spent a day in a day at the beach in New Hampshire with Jessica Haskell Curtis. Holly Labbe, Jennifer Walker Hemmen, Sally Zimmerli ’93, and Beth Cronin ’93. Holly lives in Harrisonburg, Va., with her husband, Scott Cole ’95, daughter Ada, 5, and sons Wyatt, 3, and Eli, 10 months. Holly helps Scott out with productions at Bridgewater State College, where he is chair of the performing arts department. Jennifer lives in Sacramento, Calif., with her husband, Travis, and their two kids, Sophia, 6, and George, 4. Jen is an ultrarunner (i.e. lunatic). She competed in two 50-mile road races this summer. Jessica lives in Grafton, Mass., where she is a SAHM to Sadie, 7, Wyeth, 4, and Oliver, 1. * Andrew Kulmatiski just moved with his wife and baby son (Otter) to Anchorage, Alaska, to work for the University of Alaska. He recently met up with Sean ’91 and Jenny Dorsey Skaling ’93, who live in Anchorage and are looking for more alumni to ski with.

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Mike Yunes, his wife, Susan, their two children, Samantha, 5, and Tyler, 3, live in western Massachusetts. Susan is a novelist and Mike is a radiation oncologist and the director of the stereotactic radiosurgery program at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. * Foster Klug is a world services reporter for the Associated Press. He and his wife, Emi, welcomed their first child, a boy, Taiga, in December. They live in Washington, D.C. * Steven Horsch left his job at Harvard to return to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he heads up development activities for the MIT librar-
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domestic, reports Darragh. ● Kaatje Van der Hoeven Kraft visited Heather Beusse in Portland, Ore. Kaatje presented several education research projects at the Geologi
cal Society of America annual conference. Heather recently spoke at a solar economics forum in Washington, D.C., and caught up with KC Lawler, who teaches at Georgetown Day School. Last summer KC and Heather visited Michelle Mathai ’94 in Napa Valley, Calif. ● Dr. Betsy Robinson Phillips is an owner of Tonka Smiles, a family cosmetic

advice to tailgate at and attend a ‘49ers game. In

coursework towards a doctorate in bilingual

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former 8th grade teacher at Elon University.

At Whitney Glencoe, they're married Peter Black Aug, 29 in Geyersville, Calif. The couple honeymooned in Cali's Russian

Cindy, e-mail Martha at Martha_Botten@yahoo.com. ● Teresa Tiangha Cuvelier welcomed daughter Chloé Ava Cuvelier June

28, 2008, in Newport Beach, Calif. Theresa's on Facebook, so check her out there. ● Nick Lambert still lives in Bethel, Maine, and works as branch manager for Sunday River and Sugarloaf. ● Peter Bennett is still with the USGS but transferred this summer from Sacramento, Calif., to Albuquerque, N.M. ● Katherine Holliday Sohn welcomed a baby boy, Hollis William, last February. ● Mike Montgomery finished his M.Ed. in higher education administration from Vanderbilt, landed at job at Dickinson College, and can be found at a college fair near you. Mike says that Jonathan Howe married Linda Penxeterd at the Boston Museum of Science last fall with many "After 8" alumni from 1990 to 1998 in the house. Jonathan lives in Port-

land, Maine. ● Ruth Bristol finished her training in pediatric neurosurgery and then became the first female associate in one of the largest private neurosurgery practices in the world. She just bought a new house in the Phoenix area, welcomed their second child, Oscar Foss Albuquerque, and has an au pair from Brazil living in their home. ● Keep the news coming. Great hearing from you all.

The class of '97 answered the call for news this time around, so I'll get right to it! ● Jess Miller Pachler wrote, "Mike and I are moving back into the house we have been renovating for the last year, with Sampson, 3, and Henry, 18 months. Mike did almost all the work himself, [and we're] proud to say it is an energy efficient, healthy house." The Pachlers live in Annapolis, Md., and occasionally see Rob Gimpel and Brian Dowling. Mike is job-hunting in the IT world, and Jess is cobbling together freelance writing, event planning, and wine sales. They still host Manaiung every Labor Day, "a weekend in Pennsylvania full of beer, die, food, friends, and kids. It's open to all Colby clerks have been living

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in attendance, including Alyssa’s sister, Shelley Hughes ‘03. Alyssa and Chris live in Hanover, N.H., where Alyssa is an associate veterinarian at a small-animal practice, and Chris is a second-year medical student at Dartmouth. • Farrell Burns Hudzik welcomed a new baby, Eli Hudzik, Jan. 12, 2009. • Kathleen Pigeon and her partner welcomed Rory Pigeon Sept. 2, 2009. • Cindy Lohmann and her husband, Andy Million, had their first son Aug. 23, 2009: Colby James Million. • Kevin Landis completed his Ph.D. in dramatic literature at Tufts and moved to Colorado Springs, where he is the new director of the program at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. • Josh Walton got married June 20, 2009, in Seeley Lake, Mont., to Andi Rogers. In attendance were Ken and Leah West Raiche, Kristen (Haley ’99) and Will Chamberlain, Deb Shea, Nicky Moody, Carol (Strawn ’96) and Jim Fiebelkorn, Alex Roth ’96, and Brendan Kearney. Devin Colin was planning on attending, but his flight was cancelled halfway through his cross-country trip due to weather. Josh lives in Flagstaff, Ariz., and works as a mechanical engineer at Southwest Windpower. • Bill and Betsy Kies Raftery had a boy, Sean, Sept. 16, 2009. • Tyler and Sandy Swanson Hill welcomed Alexander Drake Hill Sept. 9, 2009. He’s doing great, and Ashley is enjoying being a big sister. • Dave Dodwell and his wife, Kathleen, recently competed in a tandem kayak race around Bermuda and finished second in their age group. • Kristi Straus and Peter Clark bought a house in Seattle this summer. Kristi is still in a Ph.D. program at the University of Washington in aquatic and fishery sciences with hopes of becoming a professor. Pete teaches ninth grade science and loves working with the students. • Heidi (Salley ’97) and Justin Ackerman had their second child, Elsie Violet, Oct. 5, 2009. • Kari Nakashima got married and had four weddings (in Hong Kong, Aigers, Tokyo, and Barcelona). She now lives in Paris with her husband. She also started her own business, with her mother, making one-of-a-kind clutch bags out of Japanese obi and kimono. The brand is called Chako (www.chakotoko.com). • Laurel Hart joined the adjunct faculty at NYU and will begin teaching a graduate course on social media in the public relations and corporate communications master’s program. She is also a partner at a crisis management and communication consulting firm in N.Y.C. and will keep working full time while teaching part time. • Nathan Radcliffe celebrated five years in Manhattan and five years of marriage to his wife, Lauren. They have two children, Jane, 2 1/2, and Henry, 6 months, who are a constant source of joy, entertainment, and exhaustion. He is finally working as an ophthalmologist, specializing in glaucoma at Weill Cornell Medical Center. • Eben Peck got married in August 2009 in St. Louis to Colette Bottini. Among the groomsmen were Chris Coakley and Ryan Hambleton ’99. Others in attendance included Jesse Carlson, Paul Coffey, Charlie Costanzo and Jen Rose, Kelly Falsani ’01, Drew Minkiewicz ’96, Keith Philfer, Laura Blythe ’00 and Nick Wright, Todd Poling, and Andy Weinstein. Colette and Eben moved to a new house in D.C., and Eben recently completed a master’s in government at Johns Hopkins, where his thesis on congressional earmarking won the government program’s William F. Clinker Jr. Award. • A son, Wyatt George, to Chris Sullivan ’97 and his wife, Kathleen, recently competed in a tandem kayak race around Bermuda and finished second in their age group. • A daughter, Teagan Bailey, to Willet and Carole Reid Bird ’97

90s Newsmakers

U.S. Navy Cdr. Matthew Ovios ’90 successfully concluded his tour as commanding officer of the Oliver Hazard Perry class frigate USS Ingraham. The Ingraham was deployed to the Middle East, the Arabian Gulf, and the western Pacific, where the crew conducted maritime security and anti-piracy operations as well as humanitarian assistance and disaster response missions. Ovios will now report to the staff of Commander, Carrier Strike Group 3, aboard the USS John C. Stennis. • Temple University named David Unruh ’91 senior vice president for institutional advancement. Unruh recently served as University of Chicago’s associate vice president for alumni relations and development and executive director of university development. Temple President Ann Weaver said, “[David’s] extensive experience will be invaluable as Temple seeks support for our strategic initiatives.” • John B. Dunbar ’95 was recognized in Vermont Business Magazine for his work as sales manager of Jancewicz and Son, a roofing, siding, and windows company in Bellows Falls, Vt. Under Dunbar’s leadership Jancewicz and Son was awarded the Certified Contractors Network’s 2008 Company of the Year Award and several other national recognitions.

Milestones

Marriages: Meredith Johnson ’92 to Al Lavioe on Great Diamond Island, Maine

Births: A son, Ian, to John ’97 and Erika Moore Coombs ’97. • A son, Wyeth Robert, to Jon ’95 and Denise Mailloux Bowden ’97. • A son, Wyatt George, to Ted ’97 and Monica Torres Weil ’00. • A son, Callum John, to Amy and Chris Sullivan ’97. • A daughter, Isabella Margaret Grace, to Douglas and Drea Barbalunga Wood ’97. • A son, Jack Benjamin, to Shawn ’93 and April Armstrong Campbell ’97. • A son, Tyler Bodie, to Mike and Julie Lovell Dunlap ’97. • A daughter, Teagan Bailey, to Willet and Carole Reid Bird ’97.

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Alex Wall, who resides in Bronxville, N.Y., is an attorney at Fried Frank, LLP in Manhattan and married Marie Kent Sept. 19 in Oregon. • Evan Robertson attended. • Kelly Bregou is engaged to a neuroscientist at MIT, Najib Majaj from Jordan; they live in Boston. • Louisa Williams, also in Boston, is engaged to David West. • Carrie Peterson Baughman, husband Charlie, and twins Elizabeth and Soeren love their new home in Springfield, N.H. Carrie continues at the Global Health Council in White River Junction, Vt. • Tucker Jones, his wife, and their two boys, Durham, 4, and Rhys, 1, live in London; they see Brad Seigal and Jason Cuenca, who both live in London too. • Dan Zipin finished his residency at Boston Medical Center and his fellowship in pain medicine at Walnut Creek, Calif., and started a job in Exeter, N.H., doing interventional painistry with an orthopedic group. Dan got married Nov. 7 in Waitsfield, Vt. • Guests included Brian DiBello, Andy King, Sean Foley, and Peter Shapiro. • Brian and Alexis Azar Posnanski expect their “surprise” second child; their kids will be 14 months apart. • Ned Gignoux and wife Oma McLaughlin welcomed daughter Josephine in Seattle Sept. 5. • Matt Lundquist, who was recently accepted to a Ph.D. program in social sciences, a joint offering of the Taos Institute and Tilburg University in the Netherlands, left his group psychotherapy practice in February 2009 to go into private practice in Tribeca, where he also lives. • Melissa Knight DuBois got married April 26, 2008, and honeymooned in Morocco. Unfortunately, three weeks after her honeymoon Melissa was diagnosed with Stage 2 breast cancer. But, after 18 cycles of chemo and 30 radiation treatments, she is now in remission! • Still running national advertising campaigns at GMBS, Oliver Griswold bought a house with his wife, Ellen, on Capitol Hill in D.C. • In May Kim Nagy returned to CT after having lived in El Salvador for more than three years serving as a Maryknoll Lay Missioner doing clinical social work in a parish near San Salvador. Kim whitewater canoed this summer in Canada’s Yukon Territory. • Peter and Karena Bullock Bailey live in Darien, Conn., and love spending weekends with neighbors Blaine and Lindsay Hayes Hurty and Allison Birdsong, Karena has two French bulldogs. Halsey and Petunia, and commutes to N.Y.C. to work on Glamour’s Women of the Year Awards. • Lisa Berry Engler and husband Steven Engler, who live outside Boston, where Lisa works for the state doing environmental planning, celebrated son Samuel’s first birthday Aug. 29 with friends Courtney Smith Eisenberg. • Shelby Thibodeau Dineen, who works as a full-time instructor for Kaplan University teaching early childhood education, got together last summer with Stephanie Sharpes Sulzbach and Jessica Montgomery Green and families in Biddeford for the fifth year running, Shelby, her husband, Matt, and Raymond, 3, welcomed Helen Elizabeth Dineen July 22. • Last fall Dave and Molly Pinzell Wilkins finished their first season making and selling goat cheese on their farm (Sage Farm) in Stowe, VT. They had a baby boy in May, Soren Emerson Wilkins; daughter Juliette is a wonderful big sister. • Chris Rogan and wife Ellen had their first baby, Emma, Sept. 28. Chris finished active duty with the Navy to complete an emergency medicine residency in Delaware. • Flannery Higgins and husband Todd Ellis, who moved to Milford, Ohio, welcomed a baby girl, Teigan Aubrey Ellis, June 8. • Doug Connelly married Liz Palchak; they had been teaching in New England and NOLS mountain guide instructing in Wyoming until last year brought a move to teach at the Teton Science School in Jackson Hole, Wyo. They wed in her hometown in Michigan, with guests Chris Davis and Eric “The Goat” Cook. • David Black and wife Brooke expect their first

● Mary Schwalb partnered up with a Tufts grad, who is a photographer; they’ve got a dog, Jpeg. Mary, who has been working as a freelance photojournalist, primarily for the Associated Press in and around Boston, returned to Philadelphia for the third year to photograph the Philadelphia Phillies in their postseason for mlb.com.

● Jon Hiltz and wife Danielle, who still live in Topsham, Maine, where Jon is a financial planner, had baby number two, Brady Irving, May 30; daughter Lydia is 3.


Katie Curry Porch

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Jeff and Katie Curry Porch looked forward to closing their seasonal restaurant for the winter and spending time with children, Carter, 4, Sadie, 3, and Noah, 2. They are expecting boy/girl twins in February!

● Keryn Kweder lives in Beverly, Mass., and teaches at the Landmark School. She recently took on a role with the outreach program, which takes Landmark’s teaching strategies for students with language-based learning disabilities to teachers in other school districts.

● Mark Edgar celebrated the birth of his daughter, Ruby Elizabeth Edgar, July 5. ● Tim ‘99 and Amanda Carucci Boggs welcomed Sadie Julienne June 1. She and big sister Sophie, 2, are doing great!

● Kelly Fanning and Reed Bundy happily announce the birth of their daughter, Reese, Oct. 11! ● Chris and Ann Birenbaum Baker live in San Francisco and celebrated the first birthday of their daughter, Sadie Reed.

● Becky Rasmusen Dalrymple welcomed her son, Charlie, Aug. 7. She looks forward to sleep-filled nights! ● Scott and Melissa Bradbury Friedman are thrilled to announce their Oct. 3 marriage in downtown Boston. Sarah Cleary Manzo and Christine Casey Hutchinson were bridesmaids. They live in Charlestown, Mass., and Scott is an associate at Industrial Economics in Cambridge, while Melissa is associate director of admissions at Tufts School of Dental Medicine and is pursuing her master’s in educational studies at Tufts.

● Jason and Mary Larsos Gatlin enjoy their lives in Portland, Ore., with son Jackson, who started preschool. Mary appreciated seeing so many Colby friends at Melissa Bradbury and Scott Friedman’s wedding.

● Will Barron ’01 and Karen Macke expected their second daughter at the beginning of January in Syracuse, N.Y. Daughter Brynne is 3. Karen is currently a Ph.D. candidate in sociology at Syracuse.

● Matt Janssen and his wife, Bahar Shariati, enjoyed catching up with Jamie Brewster in Edgecomb, Maine, while on vacation. ● Clifton and Carrie Logie Sprague enjoy downtown life in San Diego. Clifton just started a master’s of architecture program and Carrie is working as an event sales manager for the Hard Rock Hotel San Diego. ● Craig and Alexis Fine Greiner are having lots of fun with their twins, Elliot George and Leah Brooke, born July 11! ● Amy Forrer ’09 and Erik Waters purchased a house in Somerville, Mass., this summer and their twins, Elsa and Olin, turned 8 months. Amy is about to begin work as a physician and Scott is working in finance for GreatPoint Energy in Cambridge. Amy and Scott saw Jon Allen in September.

● Matt and Ashley Smith Leavell were married Aug. 29. Christine Pirani and Alison Silberman were part of the bridal party, and Christine Pinkerton Keeling was a reader. Ashley is working toward a Ph.D. in developmental psychology at NYU.

● Christine Pirani got engaged to Andrew Hollenhorst. They plan to marry this June. ● Keith Richardson lives in Colorado and works as a firefighter and EMT. He started paramedic school in January. “Gotta love that $120,000 education for a job I needed a GED for!”

● Frank and Whitney Lawton Linnenbringer celebrated the birth of their second son, James Edward, Sept. 18. He joins Alexander, 15 months. Whitney returned to work full time as an OB nurse in December.

● Ian and Katie Mitchell Brooks welcomed their first child, Rachel Elizabeth, Oct. 15 and look forward to her first surf lesson in their home state of Hawaii! ● James Spidle ‘99 and Jenny O’Donnell got engaged last summer and plan their wedding for May 2010 in Hanover, N.H.

● Alex Moskos lives in Boston and looked forward to a trip to the Bahamas in November for his sister’s wedding. He had a great time touring wine country in California last summer with James Mason, Drew Davis, Sean Scott, and Fremont Latimer ’02.

● Dana and Brian Hanseth welcomed their son, Hunter Brian, to their home in New York City June 5. They moved to Boston in November, where Brian will work for Nova Capital Markets.

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I’m now writing this column out in the suburbs. Jon and I moved to Greenwich, Conn., in the fall and thankfully the novelty of things like raking leaves and driving to the grocery store has not worn off yet. ● Kelly Falsani and his wife, Heather, welcomed Samuel Cesar Falsani, Sept. 26, 2009.

● Elizabeth Wainwright enjoys living in N.Y.C. and teaching Class VI English at the Buckley School. ● Robin MacColl is finishing up her OB/GYN residency in Denver. She recently got engaged and is getting married in Baltimore April 10. Next year she plans to work as an OB/GYN at University of Colorado-Radford Hospital. Robin and her fiancé, Blair Fennimore, just bought their first house in Denver.

● Luis and Jennifer Miller Perez welcomed little Elena Rose to the world on the Fourth of July. They recently took a trip to Maine to visit John Hutchins to celebrate his daughter Addison’s first birthday.

● Stephanie McMurroch moved back to Boston and works as a staff psychologist at the Bipolar Clinic and Research Program at Massachusetts General Hospital. It is a great time to be back since other alums recently moved there: Emily Mahman and Mindy Mraz. ● Eric Lantzman and his wife, Maggie, are settled in Anchorage and loving life at Alaska pace, working at the native hospital and Planned Parenthood, and hiking a bunch before winter sets in. Eric spent time with Sarah Breul, Martha Beebe, and Calla Fankhanel at Shanna Brownstein’s wedding in Philadelphia.

● Julie Drees and her husband, Erin, had a daughter, Claire, Aug. 22 and live in Berkeley, Calif. ● In the last column I mentioned Liz Frankel’s wedding to Teddy Rave, but didn’t include attendees from our class: Stu Luth, Karin Feinly Ney, Debbie Schwartz, Beth Monahan, and Lauren Schaad. Her wedding photography was done by another alum, Meg Belanger ‘99 (www.megbelanger.com).

● Katie Stimac got married in August to Jon Mendelson, whom she met during her first year of med school. They were blessed to have a few friends from Colby make it all the way to Seattle for the wedding, including Binah Palmer, Laura West, Nyasha Phuku, and Paul Berube ’00. Katie will start her fourth year of medical school in January. Katie reported that Rob and Anna Randall Painter are doing well and loving life with Lucy, 1. ● Ted Wallace was in Cannes with his film Layover (www.blindidproduction.com). He is finishing his first feature, a documentary about inner city kids using magic and performance to escape the ghetto, with David Blaine as a guest star.

He also started a new company, We Create Space (www.wecreatespace.org) while living in Sweden with his wife and working in Copenhagen, N.Y.C., and L.A. ● On Oct. 17 Jennifer Carlson married Scott Moreau in Bethel, Maine, and several alums joined to celebrate, including bridesmaids Jen Jost, Colleen Dugan, and Melanie Morin.

● Betsy Loyd and Kol Harvey ’99 tied the knot in September at the top of Cannon Mountain in New Hampshire. Friends and family from six different Colby classes were represented, including Jackie Ogutha, Kate Thurman, and Anna Randall Painter.

Kol and Betsy now live in Europe, where Kol works for PricewaterhouseCoopers and Betsy is working to complete her Ph.D. dissertation in American studies at the University of Iowa.

● Junko Goda is in Los Angeles working a few Japanese/English translator jobs during the day and continuing to pursue an acting career. Her first TV role was a co-star on Eli Stone that aired over the summer! She also saw an old guest professor, Jack Axelrod, perform at the Colony Theatre in Burbank.

● Jeannine Foster is in Bangkok working at an international high school. Life is busy, but if any Colby kids are heading his way, definitely contact him.

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The baby train continues! Erin and Danny Noyes welcomed their first this summer, Anderson Carter Noyes. Danny is Colby’s head alpine ski coach and lives in Augusta.

● Liz Marceau Gensmer and her husband expect their second baby in January. Big sister Isabelle is 2. They live outside Minneapolisl.

● Katie Egan Wertheimer had a son, Mason William Wertheimer, Aug. 20. ● Loryn Traversi-Irwin graduated in May from BC with an M.S.W. and received her LICSW. Loryn expects their first child in April.

● Sam and Becca Bruce Vaill welcomed son Jack last April.

● Sarah Browne Trinward had a baby boy, Felix, with husband JT in August.

● Marcia Ingraham Tatun was due to deliver in early November. Marcia, Anna Beardslee, Abby Kussell, and Becca Bruce Vaill all recently moved to Charlestown, Mass., and plan on many Colby gatherings.

● Tim Sullivan lives in the Boston area with his wife, Katie, and practices law at Goulston & Storrs. They welcomed their first baby, Liam Michael Sullivan, May 21. ● Lindsey Malbon Coffin gave birth to a boy, Benjamin Louis, Sept. 8. Lindsey is back to work as a parent trainer for families with children who have special needs.

● Erin Gardner Broudo and her husband had a boy, Caleb Robert, in January. Erin has a new job as a
There's a story behind Ellen Newcomb's job. Fresh out of college, with no idea what she wanted to do with her life, the government major moved to Washington, D.C., to intern for California Congresswoman Lois Capps. Capps was the cochair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues. At the same time, Newcomb '07 lost her health insurance and was tapping into her parents' policy. The stars were aligned. Newcomb found her calling.

Today, after working as an advocate at the National Women's Law Center until last August, Newcomb can rattle off facts about women's health and reproductive rights: women have less health insurance coverage than men even though women on average need medical attention more often; from 1999 to 2008 health insurance premiums increased 119 percent, 3.5 times the increase in wages over the same period; 18 percent of women have no health insurance, and among minorities the percentage is even higher.

"This will really upset you," she said. "Ten states, including D.C., don’t force insurance companies to cover domestic violence victims." The policy, Newcomb says, leaves many women in one of the most vulnerable populations uninsured.

It's an exciting time to be working on health-care reform, and Newcomb knows it. Her animated gestures show a passion that many yearn for in their work. "I've really grown up a lot in the last two years," she said. "At Colby, there was always the disconnect between work and the outside world. I used to be more passive about comments that offended me. It's a different story now," she said, laughing.

The job has been good for her in other ways, too, she said. Newcomb always planned to go to law school, but it was her coworkers at the center who gave her the encouragement and information that she needed—advocating like they do best. This fall she entered law school full time at American University, where she's active in the Women's Law Association and the Equal Justice Foundation. But she isn't leaving the field she loves. "I definitely want to go back," she said. —Jenny Chen '12

special education coordinator/teacher at Masconomet Middle School in Topsfield, Mass.  @ Kevin and Cortney Kirkendall Moullilesseaux had a girl, Maggie, in March. Cortney finished her residency training in June and now works as a pediatrician in Los Angeles. @ Christopher Schlosser got engaged last summer on Martha's Vineyard to Emily Curry (Bucknell '03). They met at Columbia Business School and plan a wedding in Darien, Conn., next fall.

Bill Spencer was engaged in August and is getting married next fall in Boston. Billy is a partner at a financial planning firm.

@ Jonathan Lord married Margaret Panian in August in Three Lakes, Wis. Classmates in attendance included David Pinstria, Jed McGraw, James Garrett, Corey Gammill, Cameron Gammill, and Dan Deacon '03.

@ Pete Morelli represented the U.S. in rowing at the 18th Maccabiah Games in Israel. The rowing team won each event for nine gold medals in total. @ Micki Young lives with her husband, Phil, in Long Beach, Calif., and is halfway through veterinary ophthalmology residency.

@ Steve Hooper is attending the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. John Shea and John Sullivan are classmates at Tuck.

@ Bethany Record married Wes Corbin in May with an impressive Colby turnout: Mariah Hamel, Megan Laird Hodgkins, Max Sadler, Josh Gerber, Holly Brewer, Emma Hallowell, Helen Soffer, Jake Culbertson, and several others. @ Ali H. Ghaffari moved to Meridian, Miss., with his wife, Mary, and their daughter, Reyna. Ali is a flight instructor for the Navy, and they expect a second child in January. @ Rez (Amy Reznitsky) and Sara Pullen ask that we keep their daughter, Becket, in memory.

@ Meg McCusker climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro last summer and moved back to Boston. @ Matt Koontz moved to Seattle this summer and met up with Evan Anderson in LA and with Andrew Hicks and Mike Donohue '03 in San Francisco. Matt works on Internet strategy work for Microsoft and hangs out with Ashley Landlboom and Baskut Tuncak '01. @ Matt Tolve married Mercy Horst (Midd '01) in Washington, D.C. In attendance were John Skovran, Will Cropper, Carl Tubgerk, Steven Hooper (and wife Laura), Meg McCusker, Mary Zito, Melanie Ouettele Karlins, and Kristina Tabor. Matt and Mercy live in San Francisco. @ Eric Lauurits set up a boutique photography studio (www.ericlaurits.com) in Amesbury, Mass., traveling the world documenting love and relationships. This year he photographed the wedding of Ryan Wepler and Vicky Hayes '04 at Colby. @ Eric Zuoara survived an avalanche last January in Telluride, is recovering from injuries in Portland, Ore., and enrolled in welding classes and builds sculptures out of plate steel. @ Monty Hobson is the associate pastor at Windsor Crossing in Chesterfield, Mo., where his main job is to mentor volunteers (musicians/singers). @ Bridget Zakielarz married Gavin Duffy in January 2009. Anne Parutti, Sarah Mockler, and William Roberts attended. Bridget completed her pediatric residency at the University of Maryland in June and is currently the pediatric chief resident. @ Jen Smyth Curti started her master's in physician assistant studies at Chatham University in August. She lives with her husband, Matt, in Pittsburgh.
On his way to California, he stopped in Vegas and hung out with Melv Ladera.

Kate Zimmerman Marlow graduated from Colby College, Teachers College, University last spring with a master’s in teaching English. She teaches ninth- and 11th-grade English in Rye, N.Y., and loves it! Lucy Baker graduated from Sarah Lawrence with an M.F.A. in creative writing and just completed her first cookbook, a collection of dessert recipes with cocktails to match (including Peter Chapin’s hot buttered rum). Will and Kristen Vaughn Olson bought a house last summer in Ithaca, N.Y. Kristen received her M.A. in historic preservation planning from Cornell last January and works as preservation director for Historic Ithaca. Will opened a brew pub in Ithaca called Bandwagon.

Kristen Jiggetts ’04 is coaching the Northeastern squash team and doing Deacon. Congrats!

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Ashley Harris, Mike ’02 and Marisa MacNaughton Meloski, Amanda Beiden, Cate Young, Meredith Collins, Allison Dwyer, Maura Myers, and Jared Bisogni were there to celebrate.

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Peter Chapin’s hot buttered rum.

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Shannon Hopkins married Preston Rybacki in August in Denver, Colo. Kristan Jiggetts ’04 and Desiree Davis were bridesmaids and Alexis Caselle Bancroft and Kristin Carlson attended. Shannon and Preston have lived in Vietnam for four years. They run and coordinate a number of charities including Children of Peace International. Desiree graduated from Stetson University

College of Law. She lives in Boston, works for Bank of America doing securities regulations compliance, and is working towards her master’s in banking and financial law at BU School of Law. Kristan Jiggetts is in graduate school at DePaul studying for her M.E.D. to become a high school English teacher. She ran the Chicago Marathon on her 27th birthday—one mile to celebrate each of her first 26 years. Ryan Glennon moved to Newark, Del., and works as an assistant lacrosse coach at the University of Delaware. Chyann Oliver successfully defended her dissertation, Don’t Believe the Hype: The Polemics of Hip Hop and the Poetics of Resistance and Resilience in Black Girlhood, and received her Ph.D. in American studies from the University of Maryland, College Park. She is in the process of creating a gourmet, vegan, gluten-free, soy-free, and corn-free catering company in D.C., where she will be the executive chef and owner. Kathryn Hulick got engaged on a backpacking trip in Vermont to Steve Gargolinski. Nick ’05 and Rebecca Taylor Malick welcomed their first baby, Juliet Caroline Malick, Sept. 6. They live in Eugene, Ore. Ian Kimmich bought a house in Portland, Ore., and is writing articles for online companies, making beer, and editing books. Andrew McKenna-Foster is looking for a Ph.D. program in entomology while studying beetles and spiders on Nantucket. Amy Tolisford lives in Seattle doing her internal medicine residency at UW. Samuel Ludwig returned in July from two years with the Peace Corps in Mongolia. He started a Russian regional studies master’s program at Harvard in September. Will Sander got engaged to Sam Haskins at the end of August. Tom Rogers is still in Missoula, Mont., finishing his master’s in biology studying heavy metal exposure in bears and wolves in the Yellowstone ecosystem. He got engaged this summer to Julia Levine and they live with their dog, Sylvester. Chris Zajchowski ’07 will be a groomsmen. Cynthia Davies finished her first year of her physician assistant program in Portland, Maine. She’ll spend the next 12 months on clinical rotations, some in Maine and others around the country. Emily Williamson graduated from UVA with her master’s in architecture and now works in D.C. at an architecture firm called Studio 27. She’s working on her thesis project about water infrastructure and its potential to affect public life in a small squatter community in Cape Coast, Ghana. She hopes to get pieces of her project built and began a nonprofit to support this and other international grassroots design efforts. She also got married last summer. Marc Attiyeh made a career detour after working for two years as a software engineer and is now a first-year medical student at Columbia in New York and couldn’t be happier. Jeff Moyer married Allison Cleary last July and they built a house in Bridgewater, Mass. Kevin Smalley ’03, Micah Siegel, Marshall White, Greg Lynch, and Brian Kittle all attended the wedding. Samantha Saeger was selected for the U.S. Orienteering Team to the World Championships by virtue of her first-place finish at the U.S. team trials in Cobb, Calif. She is currently a teacher in Needham, Mass. Rumbi Sundire moved back to Zimbabwe and is finding ways to bring economic development to rural areas of the country. She successfully set up a grinding mill in her home village, which has cut the long distances (up to 30 km) that people had to walk to reach the nearest one. In January she’ll start working towards her M.B.A. at INSEAD in France. I attended Jackie Smith and Josh Zweig’s beautiful wedding in Beverly Hills, Calif., in October. It was great to see so many Colby alumni including bridesmaids Margaret Siciliano, Liz Neumann, and Catherine Zweig ’08 and groomsmen Matthew Harrington and Josh German. Other in attendance were Lindsey Lanier, Derek Taff, Chrissy Atwood, Eric and Jenny Carpenter McAllister, Jessie Zerendow, Sarah Gagnon, Benson Hyde, Nate Werlin ’06, and Adam Freedman ’03. Jennifer Barrett married Nick Crocker last August in Marion, Mass. Evan and Kim Betz Kearns. Kaitlin McCafferty, Grace Becker, Laura Anker, Ashley Harris, Mike ’02 and Marisa MacNaughton Meloski, Amanda Beiden, Cate Young, Meredith Collins, Allison Dwyer, Maura Myers, and Jared Bisogni were there to celebrate.

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Mary Medlin’s first story will appear in the March 2010 issue of the literary magazine Colorado Review. Mary recently attended the nuptials of John Cole and Wendy Sickard, who tied the knot in Grande Isle, Vt., Oct. 11. Grads attending included Laura Miller, Kristi Eck, Chris Van Wagenen, Dan Seifert, Cory Cramer, Tom Ireland, Andrew Raser, Robby Mehlich, and Justin Depre. Carolyn Hunt married Brendan Carroll last summer in Rhode Island. Carolyn starts her M.B.A. program at RSM Erasmus University in January. Helen Brown was named the new director of Johnen Galerie in Berlin, one of the leading galleries in contemporary art. Johnen Galerie represents established artists such as Jeff Wall, Dan Graham, and Martin Boyce as well as a dynamic emerging art program. After two years in Jackson Hole and two years in Brooklyn, Andy Orr is now in law school at Cornell and already looking forward to our fifth reunion. Torrey Kulow is in her second year of graduate school studying curriculum and instruction for math education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has been running with Allison Cogbill ’07, who is at UW-Madison Law School. Alan Ashbaugh is living at home with his parents in Needham, Mass., saving up for a move to the West Coast. Melissa Widdis is in her third year of a doctorate program in Hispanic literature at Rutgers. She currently teaches Hispanic literature to undergrads, but prior to that spent a year in Madrid, earned her master’s from Middlebury, and spent three
summers doing social service work in the Dominican Republic. ● Patrick Ochleano began a computer science program this fall at the University of Southern Maine, where he is working toward his second bachelor’s. ● Abigail Robson lives in Lynchburg, Va., where she is a history teacher at William Campbell High School. ● Warner Nickerson qualified for a place in the World Cup season opener in Solden, Austria, this fall, one of five possible American spots. Before the race he spent August in New Zealand and September in Chile, and yet he still wishes he had “more exciting news” to contribute to the column. ● Abraham Summers and his wife live in Beijing and expect their first child at the beginning of February. Abraham continues to work in the golf industry and is planning a family vacation to Tuscany during summer 2010. ● Jake Cologesi is enjoying his first semester studying for his M.B.A. at Tuck in Hanover, N.H. ● Isabelle Reining and Steve Bayes ’04 were married July 3 at Fort Mason in San Francisco. The wedding party included Kyle Foley, Allison Neumeister, Sarah Eilefson, Beth Foxwell ’06, Liz Curran, Kate Crocker Jordan, Nathan Quigley, and Mike Hildebrandt ’04. Isabelle is in her second year at the Presidio School of Management working toward her business degree. Allison works as a recruiting manager for the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry in San Francisco, and Sarah recently relocated to attend graduate school in English literature at Loyola in Chicago. Liz works in Monterey and volunteers at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Kate flew in for the ceremony and spent a few weeks visiting family and friends statewide before returning to her Ph.D. program in London. Nathan is now attending law school at Seattle University. ● Matt Lynes and Maureen Sherry were recently engaged. They are making wedding plans for early 2011. ● After their September nuptials Jeff and Melissa Plante-Dubois relocated to Toyo, where Jeff will do research for his dissertation and Melissa will teach English, learn Japanese, and explore the city. ● Mallory Young attended Noah Hoffman and Sarah Goodrich’s wedding over the summer in Boothbay. Included in the bridal party were Mike Booras, Steve Kasperski, Larry Dagrosa, Meghan Baringer, Adrienne LeClair, and Tom Wilson. Mallory lives in Waterville and works as the assistant women’s ice hockey coach at Colby. ● Thank you all for writing!

2006

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John Wheelock lives with Brett McNeice ’08 in New York and is going to Peru in the fall to surf and build houses. He has a huge framed grizzly bear poster in his apartment and Will Kinder ’08 recently declared 2009 to be the “Year of Dating.” ● Garry Bertholf is a fourth-year Ph.D. student and William Fontaine Fellow of Africana Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. In November he planned to cross paths with his dear friend and erstwhile mentor, Colby professor Paul Machlin, at the annual meeting of the American Musicological Society in Philadelphia. ● Leah Weisberg is still in New York working at Google. Kelsey Neville and Josh Berman got engaged in July! Getting married next summer. ● Bryan Sanders and Sarah Huckabee, daughter of former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, got engaged on Bryan’s family ranch in Kansas in August, much to the disappointment of Frasier Moncur and Colby women everywhere. Fraser, Ted Wright, Matt Birchby, and Jack Sisson were on hand to celebrate. The wedding is scheduled for May in St. John, Virgin Islands. ● Dan Giuliani is living in Seattle, going to graduate school, and launching a career in sports broadcasting. He called semipro soccer games in the summer, high school football games in the fall, and University of Washington women’s basketball in the winter. ● Sarah Smithson is a first-year medical student at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. ● Emily Tull works as a business development coordinator for the international law firm Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton. ● At the beginning of September Elizabeth Ghiardi moved to Pittsburgh and works as the assistant lacrosse coach at Robert Morris University. She says Pittsburgh is a very well-kept secret! ● Lindsey Boyle and John McKee moved to the San Francisco Bay area in June. John works for the Department of Justice and Lindsey works at UCAL Berkeley as a research associate in the cosmochronology lab. ● Rebecca Greslick Vance was married in fall 2007, purchased a home in Gorham, Maine, during the summer of 2008, had her first daughter, Lola Yvonne, in December 2008, and is expecting number two in February 2010. ● Dan Osar is in his third year of teaching at Hyde School in Woodstock, Conn. He teaches English, coaches tennis and basketball, and works in the college counseling office. ● Meghan Race got engaged to Jeff Petrello, whom she’s been dating for four years. They moved to Avon, Colo., about three years ago. They will marry in September in Steamboat Springs. ● Kendra King lives in Cairns and works on a dive boat on the Great Barrier Reef. Conor Sullivan just moved there and will be traveling/working around Australia. ● Michael ’07 and Emily Boyle Westbrooks are settled in Dublin. Michael started a master’s in guidance and counseling program, coaches basketball, and plays for the top league there. Emily keeps busy with public relations consulting projects. Every so often they see Kim Jones ’05 who, as far as they know, is the only other Colby grad in Dublin. ● Barbara Hough is a full-time general music teacher in Bradford, Mass., where she finally has her own music room. She also directs her church choir and teaches private flute lessons in Haverhill and at New England Conservatory in Boston. She played with the Boston Metropolis Philharmonic Orchestra and chorale group at Harvard in November. ● Ryan ’05 and Madeline Horwitz Bocuzzi moved to Los Angeles, taking a month to drive from NYC. They visited family and friends and toured eight national parks. Ryan is teaching and Maddy is working for the Canadian consulate. They’ve already had a few Colby friends visit and look forward to SoCal’s anti-Maine winters. ● Kristine Fucillo graduated from the Maine School of Law in May and passed the bar in Maine. Trevor Hanly ’07 and Krissy were married Oct. 3, 2009, at the Samoset in Rockland. They had an impressive Colby turnout: Theodore (Skip) Fucillo ’68, Ross Kaplan ’07, Dan Melega ’07, Adam Roslyn ’07, Best Man Alan Ozarowski ’07, Jon Bandi ’07, Stephen Planas, Bennett Barnwell and Nate Stone, Joe Boulous ’68, Lee Emmons ’07, Drew Brandon ’07, Lynn Hasd ay ’05, Maid of Honor Rachel Carr, Cait Miller, Melissa McNulty, Aine McCarthy, bridesmaid Taylor Snook, and Gerald Ogas ’68, Trevor and Krissy honeymooned in Key Biscayne. Trevor is an analyst at L.L.Bean and Krissy was recently sworn in in Maine and works for the Maine Indigent Defense Center. ● After dancing on two world cruises Shari Katz has performed regionally at different theaters. At Christmas she danced in a show in Indianapolis. She just signed her first lease in NYC and lives blocks away from several Colby stomping grounds, including the infamous Dorrian’s.

2007

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Lindsay Kohloff graduated in May from Duke with a master’s in environmental management. She moved to D.C., where she lives with Duke friends and works with Tammy Lewin and John McCormack. ● Mariah Hudnut and Alex McPherson were married Sept. 12, 2009. They plan to move to Boulder, Colo., and then head to Italy for two months of adventures! ● After two years Megan Deelely left her job at Home for Little Wanderers (a local nonprofit in Waterville) and started law school at Northeastern. ● Carolina Sicard, Melissa Cianciolo, Amy Pendoley, Alan Ozarowski, and Francis Chapuredima ’06 attended Mary Catherine Saraiva and David Amadu’s wedding. ● Kelsie Cullinan is in her third year teaching in Dorchester, Mass., at the Ephiphany School, a private, non-tuition middle school for low-income kids. She’s working on getting her M.Ed. in guidance counseling from Cambridge College and is roommates with coworker Katie Harris ’08. They’ve taught their students to love Colby! ● Alison McArule lives in Boston with Jennifer Hinson and continues to work for the Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund. Recent highlights include a vacation trip to Hilton Head Island with Laura Keeler and Blake Foster as well as receiving a Colby garden gnome from Stephanie Finn. ● Zach Haas recently moved from Rhode Island to Savannah, Ga., and is working as a paramedic/firefighter for Southside Fire Department. He plans on getting married next year and climbing Mt. Rainier in August. ● When Lena Barosh isn’t bartending at a local rock club, she puts her hard-won history degree to good use by reading voraciously and shouting at the History Channel’s many factual inaccuracies. Lena, aka Whiskey Ginger, can also be found skating with Tilted Thunder Rail Birds, a Seattle-based banked-track roller derby league. ● In November Robin Respaut took the giant leap into full-time freelance writing and public radio producing/reporting. Check out her latest work at www.robinrespaut.com. ● Michael Wolk is a third year J.D. candidate at Cornell Law School and recently had his note “The iPhone Jailbreaking Exemption and the Issue of Openness” selected for publication in Volume 19:3 of the Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy. ● Josh Handelman continues to live in New Hampshire working for Congressman Paul Hodes but frequently makes it down to D.C., where he mingles with Merle Eisenberg and Chris Appel. Merle continues to live in D.C. with AJ Herrmann and Emily Forman. Merle met up with Charlie Wilson and Rob Doton in New York over July 4th weekend and reenacted many of their ridiculous antics from college. In August Charlie tasted wines at numerous vineyards in Napa Valley with his roommates. ● Emily Wilbert still lives in Telluride, where she works at a wine bar at 12,000 feet, skies a lot, and teaches French at the community college. She spent all summer leading teen adventure trips in the Southwest and taking personal trips to the mountains, the rivers, and the desert in the area. ● John DeBrucker enjoyed his summer off before landing a new job in September as a copywriter at an advertising agency. He lives in Philadelphia and regularly attends Flyers games.
between climbing with Rob Selover '04 and his brother, Grey '06, and taking in the fall foliage on Canon Cliff’s Lakeview, Ry Brooks continues making TV commercials at Picture Park and daydreaming about where next to take off. • Alex Harris can still be found frolicking around Massachusetts with roommates Jen McAleer, Lindsay Tesdeschi, and Erica Ciszek '08. Unfortunately the final roommate, Sarah Nagel, is too far away to enjoy the New England fun. • Liz Stovall has been working as an AmeriCorps VISTA at a Community Action Agency in Kalamazoo, Mont., since July and welcomes visitors. • Jackie Page lives in Tel Aviv, Israel, and is doing a research internship at the International Counter-terrorism Institute in Herzliya. Highlights include camping on a beach amongst Crusader ruins.

2008

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Amanda Roehn is getting her master’s in sports administration at the University of Miami while interning with the Hurricane Club. In July Amanda and Lacy Favreau went to Virginia to visit Lauren Baard, who works at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg. They saw Lauren train the animals and had an amazing time exploring Williamsburg. • Kristen Kouttab is engaged to her former classmate, Driss Jamay, from her study-abroad program in Morocco. They plan a wedding next year in the states and will move to Washington, D.C. She also owes Patrick Sanders a cup of coffee.

O B I T U A R I E S

John W. Miner ’29, Dec. 5, 2009, in Calais, Maine, at 102. He earned his D.M.D. from Harvard in 1934 and then practiced dentistry in Calais for more than 45 years. After retiring he ran the family farm in Robinston, Maine, until the late 1980s. He was involved with many local organizations and he loved to read. Survivors include his wife, June, a daughter, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Thompson Clark ’36, Dec. 5, 2009, in Bar Harbor, Maine, at 94. She attended the Katherine Gibb School in Boston and was a secretary in Massachusetts. In Maine she was a Girl Scout leader, sat on the board of the Kennebec Girl Scout Council, and belonged to other civic organizations. Predeceased by her husband, William M. Clark ’36, she is survived by her daughters, Katherine Goodspeed and Suzanne Picuro, two stepsons, nine grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Ralph W. Brown ’38, May 9, 2009, in Nashua, N.H., at 94. He earned a master's from Suffolk University. A captain in the U.S. Navy, he served in both World War II and the Korean War and then spent 36 years working as a teacher, principal, and superintendent. Survivors include his daughters, Sandra Cournoyer, Pamela Quimby, and Marsha Gagnon, nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and his companion, Bernice.

James Fox ’38, Oct. 1, 2009, in Dartmouth, Mass., at 93. He served with the Air Force during World War II. He earned his degree from Boston University Law School and then was an attorney for 50 years. He refereed college soccer and coached high school girls’ soccer, played the violin, and was secretary for the board of his local YMCA. Survivors include his children, Jonathan and Adele, a sister, and a granddaughter.

Diana Wiesenthal Friedman Opton ’41, Oct. 27, 2009, in Stratford, Conn., at 88. She worked as a research assistant at the Yale University School of Medicine but was mostly a homemaker and volunteer with groups such as the League of Women Voters and Jewish Family Services. Survivors include her sons, Martin Friedman and Rabbi Charles Shalman.

Eleanor Furbush Chase ’42, Nov. 27, 2009, in Bristol, R.I., at 89. She was a U.S. Navy WAVEN and then attended the Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School. She worked as a secretary at the former Coggeshall School in Portsmouth, R.I. She was active
with her church, volunteered with Meals on Wheels, and belonged to the garden club. Survivors include two sons, George and Thomas, a daughter, Virginia Pinney, and four grandchildren.

Irving E. Liss '43, Sept. 8, 2009, in Boston, Mass., at 88. He served in the Navy during World War II and became captain of his own ship. He returned to Colby and then became a businessman, establishing and running Tent City, an urban outlet for camping and backpacking supplies, in Boston for almost 50 years. Survivors include his companion, Joan Sanborn, his former wife, two stepchildren, and four step-grandchildren.

Barbara Grant Nnoka '43, Sept. 4, 2009, in Arlington, Va., at 87. She earned a master's from Haverford and another from Antioch in Washington. She taught in Nigeria and was an aide to Nnamdi Azikiwe, Nigeria's first president, before returning to the United States to be a professor and department chair in African studies at SUNY-New Paltz. Later in life she was director of a Quaker orphanage and was a social worker for the American Red Cross. Survivors include her twin children, Catherine and Barrett, and two grandchildren.

Helen Watson Boldi '44, Oct. 27, 2009, in East Hartford, Conn., at 89. She worked at various jobs, including syllabus coordinator for the medical and dental schools at the University of Connecticut Health Center. She volunteered as a cuddler in a neonatal intensive care unit, loved to travel, was skilled at needlepoint and knitting, and was an avid movie-goer. Survivors include her children, Martin Boldi and Corinna Boldi Tamburini '79, five grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

W. Merritt Emerson Jr. '44, Dec. 7, 2009, in Farmington, Maine, at 87. He served with the Army Air Corps during World War II and later earned his degree from the University of Maine. He was a high school teacher and principal until 1968 when he became a deputy sheriff for Franklin County (Maine). He and his wife were founding members of the Farmington chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Predeceased by his wife, Ethel Paradis Emerson '43, he is survived by his children, Sanford Emerson and Elaine Smith, two grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Janet Jacobs Holden '45, Dec. 13, 2009, in New Baltimore, N.Y., at 86. She was an active volunteer and church member in Albany, N.Y., who enjoyed gardening, painting, and bird watching. Predeceased by her sister, Helen Jacobs Eddy '47, she is survived by her brothers Donald '51, Robert '54, and John '55, five children, including Marguerite Holden '82 and John Holden '85, and 10 grandchildren.

Richard J. Marcyes Sr. '47, Aug. 8, 2009, in Dallas, Texas, at 87. He left Colby in 1943 to serve in Europe during World War II, returning after the war to complete his degree. He established a career in personnel working for banks in Maine and New York. Survivors include his wife of more than 50 years, Marjorie Collins Marcyes '47, two children, including Richard J. Marcyes Jr. '78, and four grandchildren.

Helen Knox Elliott '48, Aug. 8, 2009, in Burlington, Mass., at 82. She taught high school English for several years and enjoyed her retirement in North Carolina. She and her husband, Charles, raised one son.

Melzine McCaslin Pierce '48, March 30, 2009, in Newagen, Maine, at 83. She taught Latin and English at high schools in Maine, was the librarian at Morse High School in Bath, Maine, for 20 years, and earned an M.L.S. from the University of Maine in 1973. She was predeceased by her husband, Douglas.

John Stewart Thurston '49, Sept. 25, 2009, in Bangor, Maine, at 88. He was a signalman for the U.S. Navy during World War II, after which he earned a master's from the University of Maine. He taught English at Caribou (Maine) High School for 16 years and then was the assistant principal for 22 years. In his retirement he enjoyed fishing and walking his dog, Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Greta, two children, five grandchildren, including Kristy T. Thurston '03, and a great-grandson.

Charles E. Garland '50, Sept. 3, 2009, in Wilmington, Del., at 83. He served with the Navy during World War II, and then he came to Colby. He earned a master's in chemistry from the University of New Hampshire and was a research chemist with DuPont for 35 years. His interests included ballroom and square dancing, woodworking, and genealogy. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Marilyn, a daughter, three grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

J. Allen Torrey '51, Oct. 20, 2009, in Scarborough, Maine, at 80. He was an investor who, along with his wife, established the Margaret Torrey Crane '82 Scholarship Fund at Colby. Predeceased by her daughter, Margaret Torrey Crane '82, he is survived by his wife, Helen "Sistie," two daughters, and six grandchildren, including Torrey Kulous '05.

Judith Holtz Levow '55, Nov. 30, 2009, in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., at 76. She earned an M.S.W. from Boston College and established the Lexington Chapter of the Massachusetts Association for Children with Learning Disabilities. She ran her own interior design business and was active with the Florida State Democratic Party. She was predeceased by her husband, Barry Levow '54, her brother, Gerald Holtz '52, and her niece, Keren Holtz '83. Survivors include her children, Faye and Larry, her sister, Gale Holtz Hartstein '61, four grandchildren, and nieces and nephews including Andrew H. Holtz '82.

Louis V. Zambello Jr. '55, Oct. 30, 2009, in Scarborough, Maine, at 76. He served in the Air Force after college and then established a career in sales and sales management, retiring as senior vice president for the Reebok companies. He served on the board of the Damoniscotta (Maine) Lake Watershed Association, supported the Casco Bay YMCA's Adaptive Services, and raised funds for the Sudanese group Aseresa. He skied, golfed, and supported Boston sports teams. He established a scholarship fund at Colby for Maine students, was honored with a Colby Brick in 2000, and was named 2008 C Club Person of the Year. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Kathleen McNoughy Zambello '56, three children, six grandchildren, and two sisters.

Aiden C. Belcher '59, Sept. 20, 2009, in Calais, Vt., at 72. He was a pilot for the U.S. Air Force Strategic Air Command and later was an official with the Federal Aviation Administration. He also earned a D.M.D. and practiced dentistry in Dexter, Maine. He sang in his church choir, traveled the world, and loved to hunt, fish, and camp in Maine. Survivors include his companion, June Morse, two children, his sister, Prudence Belcher Shuler '53, six grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Erle Cleave Davis '59, Nov. 3, 2009, in South Portland, Maine, at 71. A social worker in New York City and Maine, she earned an M.S.W. in 1989 from University of Toronto and worked in the cardiac care unit of Maine Medical Center. She was a member of the vestry and chairperson of outreach at her church. Predeceased by her mother, Adelaide Jordan Cleave '34, she is survived by her children, Mark and Rachel, a grandson, a brother, and a sister.

Alfred Fearng Jr. '59, Oct. 29, 2009, in Buxton, Maine, at 72. He entered the Coast Guard in 1957 and served for 23 years, retiring as a chief warrant officer 4. He then owned and operated the Dairy Queen in South Portland, Maine. He was a life member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Thompson Fearng '59, two sons, and two grandchildren.

Joan G. Morrison '59, Nov. 13, 2009, in Exeter, N.H., at 72. She served as a librarian for 38 years at Folger Shakespeare Library and was a passionate reader and traveler. She rooted for the Red Sox. Survivors include her sister, Nancy Morrison Lundin '64, two nephews, and a niece.

Arthur P. Pickman '62, Aug. 29, 2009, in Delray Beach, Fla., at 68. He earned an M.B.A. from the University of Miami. He worked in insurance and marketing and was president of Cap Industries, a computer hardware company. He played golf and served on the board for a Jewish community center. He and his wife, Claire, raised two daughters.

Nancy Barnett Fort '65, July 31, 2009, in Portsmouth, N.H., at 66. She bred and raised donkeys at farms in New Hampshire and Texas. Survivors include her children, Jeff Fort '91, Ali Maglieri, Tucker Fort, and Elizabeth Fort, five grandchildren, and a brother.

Mary Ann Golden Kirkby '70, Sept. 11, 2009, in Pickerington, Ohio, at 61. She was a junior high social studies teacher for 16 years and also served on the board of the Pickerington Public Library. Survivors include her husband, Lynn Kirkby, three children, two grandchildren, her mother, and two brothers.

Mark G. Maher '83, Nov. 8, 2009, in Beverly, Mass., at 48. He earned a doctorate in law from Boston College and practiced law in several Boston firms. He was also president of DMM Enterprises in Beverly. Survivors include his wife, Leslie, two sons, a brother, a sister, and his parents.

Paul J. Mooney '87, Dec. 5, 2009, in Evanston, Ill., at 44. He was a writer who taught English and creative writing at Oakton College. He was awarded the 1992 James Michener-Paul Engle Literary Fellowship and earned an M.F.A. from the University of Iowa Writers Workshop. Survivors include his parents, William and Jacqueline, and two brothers.

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Technology Rules: We Submit

Fuel-efficient and blazingly fast automobiles, powerful antibiotics, fresh fruits and vegetables year round, high-speed computers—these and other technologies signal the glories of modern industrial life. We live longer, eat better, and move about with fewer restrictions on our aspirations. We apply industrial techniques not only to the production of consumer goods but also to agriculture, forestry, the management of information, even our landscape, hoping for a better life—by which we seem to mean instantaneous access to more goods and services—or perhaps new “apps” on our indispensable iPhones.

Yet, we embrace modern technologies unthinkingly, often at great risk of irreversible social and environmental costs. Inherent in the seeming efficiency of modern technology are leveling of the quality of life, loss of privacy, and profligate use of resources. Repeated recalls of bacteria-tainted foods, destruction of the landscape to serve machines, and the endless accumulation of cell phones and computers that tether us to beeps and emoticons should tell us that technology is hardly a panacea. Ned Ludd, the fictional opponent of the machine age, smashed textile mills at the dawn of the Industrial Revolution. Today’s neo-Luddite hopes that we will slow down, ponder, and hopefully refuse the call for progress if it means the increasing technologization of daily life.

One of the sources of the problem is that modern technology is self-augmenting. Such writers as Rachel Carson, Jacques Ellul, Langdon Winner, and Herbert Marcuse have pointed out that we build technologies to assist technology assuming there will always be a technological solution for technological crises. In the process we have forgotten what is human about technologies and whose ends they serve.

We seek a mission to Mars, but we cannot fund public transport. We build nuclear weapons and missile defense systems, and we reject real diplomacy. We look in the mirror and turn to plastic surgery. And then we check our e-mail.

The automobile is a powerful example of self-augmenting technology that requires us to do its bidding. The automobile required the establishment of gas stations, highways, and multinational oil corporations. Governments cannot support social programs or passenger trains, but they find millions of dollars for wider roads that cut swaths through neighborhoods, farms, and forests and call even more vehicles to clog them. The U.S. government has spent over one trillion dollars on highway and airline infrastructure in the last 30 years and less than $40 billion on Amtrak. On top of this, the automobile creates barriers between rich and poor, white and black, suburbia and the city, driving and walking. Applying Ford to housing, we moved quickly from Levittown to ostentatiously mediocre and resource-consuming McMansions. The result is a fast-food lifestyle that extends from agribusinesses to restaurants and malls. When driving to the athletic facility for our workouts, how many of us chat on the cell phone?

A second example is computers. Touted as labor-saving devices that enable creativity, facilitate efficiency in appliances, automobiles and industry, and serve in many places as the voice of democracy through desktop publishing and Web-communication with a seemingly unlimited audience, in most applications they deaden the senses. They lead to multitasking, with all of us writing papers, checking the weather, answering e-mails, updating Facebook, and tweeting about nothingness simultaneously. Would we prefer a love letter, handwritten, in black or dark blue ink, to an e-mail expressing ostensibly the same views with emoticons?

Too many data are also a very bad thing. Governments, businesses, and insurance companies surveil and monitor us with the argument that the common good overrides individual rights. Shouldn’t database managers—and their employees—be required to ask permission to use information that they assemble willy-nilly about us?

Computers involve the inputting of vast quantities of information, which are then manipulated to serve needs that are hardly objective or value neutral: business, military, political, academic. More power and speed in manipulation do not provide better answers. Today’s computers are far more powerful than needed, and still every few years we pay for upgrades. We push this technology into all forums, assuming it will improve the quality of service. Yet the result is both an industrial ethos and less human contact. Are classroom lectures and discussions better because the room is wired for the Internet? Is PowerPoint the key to a good lecture? Since it can be done, should we require everything from learning programs to course evaluations to be done online? By the way, why do all Web-based forms ask us to “submit”?

Of course no one calls for a return to the preindustrial era, abandonment of the comforts of home, or thoughtless rage against the machine. But a neo-Luddite approach would encourage us to consider environmental and social costs before the headlong embrace of more technology. Here are a half-dozen simple suggestions: 1) every road construction or repair project must include bike lanes and sidewalks; 2) traffic must be calmed through narrower roads and speed bumps, not through building larger swaths of blacktop; 3) turn off your phone and computer, or at least its bell tone, beeps, and whistles (and no downloaded songs to announce to the world that you’re alone); 4) buy local produce; 5) abandon the lawn; and 6) don’t submit.

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- Evening reunion carnival in Pulver Pavilion, filled with activities for the kids
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- Free drop-in childcare Friday afternoon so parents can attend faculty lectures

### SATURDAY
- State of the College Address by President William D. Adams
- Children’s mini-golf tournament with Aristotle, our mascot
- Parade of the classes
- Colby lobster bake and barbecue
- Lectures and presentations by alumni and faculty
- Alumni book signings
- Class photographs
- Individual class receptions and dinners, followed by music and dancing
  - DJ
  - A live band from Colby, Pearl, whose members include Sandy Pardee ’77, R.P. Higgins ’77, Tom Stratton ’81, Geoff Becker ’80, John Stivers ’81, and Sara Frolio O’Leary ’79

Saturday childcare and children’s activities are available for infants and children up to 13 years of age. Teens may participate in campus activities.

Brochures will be mailed in April to classes whose years end in 5 and 0. If you are not a member of a reunion-year class but would like to join the fun, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations.

**We look forward to seeing you June 3-6, 2010!**
An Artist’s Life

Sculptor Harriett Matthews joined the Colby faculty in 1966 and has since taught generations of student artists while forging her own career as an artist. Matthews discusses her work and teaching in a Q&A. P. 12