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Nico Porot ’10 shares his account of the remnants of Hurricane Katrina.
Afghanistan-Gould Connection

Regarding Qiamuddin Amiry ’09 partnering with Gould Academy to bring Afghani students to Maine (“Editor’s Desk,” winter 2008 Colby), I am very proud of my daughter, Lesley Fowler Nesbitt, associate admissions director at Gould, and Qiam, who are both determined, intelligent, altruistic persons. What powerful examples they set! Because of them and so many other committed people how can this effort not go forward and prosper?

Betsy Fowler
Madison, N.H.

Way to go Colby and Gould. I am an alumna of both, ’99 and ’03, and it is great to see the two Maine schools working together. Nice job Qiam and Lesley!

Caroline Riss ’03
Polson, Montana

Buy Local—in Finland

Regarding “Local Salad Year Round” (winter 2008 Colby), I’m using this initiative (and the Morning Sentinel article about it) as good examples in my university teaching this month in Finland: Destination Marketing & Local Development. Perhaps buying local can be emulated there!

Bruce Henry Lambert ’80
Stockholm, Sweden

Mixed View on Students, Plum Creek

Emmie Theberge ’08 (“Proposed Development Piques Interest,” winter 2008 Colby) should be complimented for her efforts to become educated about both sides of Plum Creek’s proposal.

In contrast, Andrew Smith, a freshman Colby College student from Pennsylvania, assumes that he already knows everything necessary to make land use and economic development policy for Greenville and the Moosehead Lake region, and that those of us who live in the area, including Greenville’s town manager, do not know what we are talking about.

Erik Stumpfel
Sangerville, Maine

Praise for Colby Eight Reunion

A fun concert that took this alum back to his undergrad days. Elixir of youth!

Ted Lockhart ’61
New London, N.H.

The video sampler of the Colby Eight concert was wonderful! What a range through all the represented “eras”! Nothing easy, everything entertaining—and poignant for this former Eight. Thanks!

Peter Vogt ’63
Cabin John, Maryland

What pure fun—and great memories! Thanks for a very special addition to the [Out of the Blue] newsletter.

Susan Fenn ’63
Pineole, Calif.

Thanks for the video sampling of what I missed. Had my business travel commitments been a bit lighter, I would have been there. Perhaps the 65th Reunion?

Brad Kelly ’69
Dana Point, Calif.

Great addition to your magazine. I would have carried a cane into the presentation of the older group, but my 12th grandchild was born on Saturday morning of that weekend, and I stayed with the family. Right thing to do, but I obviously missed a great show.

John Philbrook ’55
Marblehead, Mass.

What a treat. It’s been a long time since I have heard “The Eight.” It is a joy to see that, despite the changes in musical styles, the talent and camaraderie have lasted through 60 years. Congratulations to all the participants.

Jane Alexander Haines ’70
East Bridgewater, Mass.

Makes me very nostalgic, and the Colby Eight still make me wish I could sing!

Mary Federle Porter ’88
Cumberland, Maine

A Friendship Born at Colby

Betty Wilkinson Ryan ’37 was my roommate at Colby for four years, and in that time I came to realize what an exceptional person she was. She was a happy person, with a ready smile for all of her friends. She was good fun, but at the same time she was very smart, as her scholastic record surely showed.

She majored in biology and did so well in her subjects that she not only was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in her senior year, but she was also honored to be chosen to be a member of the senior honorary society, Cap and Gown. Moreover, she was popular among her classmates, and at the Saturday night Gym Dances, she was often the first to be asked to dance by one of her admiring swains. And in the spring of 1937, she was chosen to be queen of the Holiday Prom!

As was the custom, the Dean of Women, once a student had been accepted, notified the applicant of the good news, and if she was soon to be in a dorm, then she was given the name of another student who would be her roommate. Thus, Betty and I were each notified that we would be roommates in Dutton House. Letters were exchanged, and two eager girls began counting the days when we would meet.

Betty went on to study biology at Columbia University, while I enrolled in a teaching apprenticeship in English at a progressive, private school in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. Betty met a brilliant graduate student, who also was studying biology. Six months later, she wrote he had asked her to marry him.

This past February, I sent a birthday card to Betty. The card was returned to me with the somber news that my beloved roommate Betty had died in October of 2006. I was overwhelmed.

Now, I have all the good memories to sort out. Betty was not only a joy in my life, but she was a good friend, an exceptional student, and someone I shall always remember as a true inspiration to all who knew her!

Marjorie G. M. Shuman ’37
Penney Farms, Fla.

Editor’s note: This is an excerpt from a longer tribute that appears online, www.colby.edu/mag.
FROM THE EDITOR

Nico Porot '10 came back from Jan Plan a changed man. A month spent on your knees tiling floors will do that to you, especially when the floors were wrecked by the floodwaters of Hurricane Katrina.

Porot is from Los Angeles, though now his family lives in Idaho. Before he came to Colby he’d never been east of Arizona in the United States, though he’d flown over it on the way to Europe. Then, last fall, his brother, an AmeriCorps worker doing Katrina relief, called him and said, “You’ve got to see this.”

A philosophy major, Porot flew down and worked with his brother for four weeks. When he came back, he talked about his experience. A lot. “I wouldn’t shut up about it,” he said. “My friends kept saying, ‘Come on. Nic. We’ve heard enough about New Orleans.”’

Not nearly, Porot says.

An engaging guy with an easy laugh, he was, to put it mildly, blown away by New Orleans. The culture, the destruction, the people. FEMA trailers everywhere. Houses caved in, sitting at crazy angles. “The area we were living in, there was just not a whole lot of human activity there,” he said. “You’d see written on storefronts in spray paint, ‘We will be back.’ But they weren’t.”

Some were back, of course, and every one of them had a story, he said. One woman spent three days in her attic, only her head and neck above the floodwaters. Now she has a panic attack every time it rains. Another woman drove 17 hours to Mississippi to escape the flood, driving with eight family members crammed in the cab of a pickup truck.

“And this is the best story,” Porot said, leaning closer and smiling in anticipation. “This woman we were working with, Miss Cathy, her mom was in the hospital with cancer when the storm hit. I don’t know if you know, but there were a lot of hospitals that weren’t able to evacuate right away. Her mom said, ‘I’m old enough, you guys just go without me. Take care of yourselves and I’ll be okay.’ Miss Cathy was saying, ‘I didn’t see my mom for three weeks. I didn’t hear anything. I was worried. And then I get a call from my neighbor. Turn on CNN!’ She turns on CNN and she sees her mom in a hospital bed in Arkansas next to Bill Clinton.”

Porot laughed, then turned more serious. He said he figures his labors put a few people back in their homes, and he might lead a Colby trip to New Orleans next year. But his most important contribution, he says, will probably be to just keep talking about all of this. The story may have fallen off the front page, but it continues to unfold in amazing ways.

I’ve posted more in my blog (www.colby.edu/blogs): some photos Porot brought back, the paper he wrote upon his return, a guide to post-Katrina New Orleans. “I felt like I needed to bring that story back to Colby,” he said.

And I felt I needed to bring this story to you: a transforming experience. Which is, after all, what this is all about.

Gerry Boyle '78, P'06
Managing Editor

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Colby Among Colleges Increasing Aid

With the decision to replace loans with grants for students in need, Colby became one of a small but growing group of institutions addressing the cost of higher education through new aid policies. “It’s now being referred to nationally as the no-loan club,” said Steve Thomas, director of admissions.

“It is principally about access and affordability,” President William Adams said of Colby’s new policy, which takes effect in fall 2008. “As comprehensive fees rise, we can do and we should do more. We don’t want any student not to come to Colby because of concerns about paying off student loans.”

Colby’s move has garnered considerable national attention, Thomas said, but the effect on admissions is impossible to predict. Thomas said the timing of a similar initiative for Maine residents, announced last fall before application deadlines, resulted in an additional 200 applications from Maine—a 49-percent increase over last year.

The no-loan policy will have an effect on Colby’s general applicant pool, he said. “Is it going to be five percent, ten percent, twenty percent? I have no idea.”

As this issue went to press, Vassar and Columbia had just joined the “no-loan club.” More colleges will have to follow suit, Thomas predicted, as they compete for the top students in the nation and abroad.

See President Adams’s commentary on the new aid policy, P. 34.

In the Event of an Emergency

Tragic school shootings around the country have prompted many colleges and universities to assess and bolster their emergency response plans. Colby is no exception. The College recently installed a siren with voice capabilities (formerly used by a town adjacent to the now decommissioned Maine Yankee nuclear power plant) and subscribed to a phone messaging service that allows students to receive information and instructions in an emergency. These complement a broad spectrum of emergency measures, including dispatching security guards, automatically locking buildings, and more. Additional emergency details are online at www.colby.edu/security.

Student Dies in Snowboard Accident

Andrew Peff ’11 died in January in a snowboarding accident at Sugarloaf Mountain. Peff, who spent his first semester of college in the Colby in Dijon (France) program, had already connected with many students there and on campus.

“Like all of you, I am struggling with how to respond to Andrew’s death,” said Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Jim Terhune at a memorial service for Peff held on campus. “I want to understand—to make sense of it. That’s what we do here. We seek to know. We ask questions and we read and research and reflect. And we find answers. But none of the answers about this are complete—nor are they particularly satisfying.”

Peff was on campus for less than two weeks, but, according to many who knew him, he had already made an impact—in his Jan Plan class, in extracurricular activities, and on members of the lacrosse team.

“Andrew belonged at Colby, and he was excited to be here,” said Terhune. “You only had to walk past him on the quad to know that his enthusiasm for Colby was boundless. His time here was too short—cruefully so—but even so, he touched us, added to us, and, while we are diminished by his loss, our community is better for Andrew’s impact on us.”
Diamond to Deliver Commencement Speech

Robert Diamond '73, a world leader in international finance, will deliver the commencement address at Colby’s 187th Commencement ceremonies on Sunday, May 25.

An economics major and one-time university instructor, Diamond is president of Barclays PLC and chief executive of Investment Banking and Investment Management for the London-based bank. He is the architect of the strategies that produced record performances for Barclays across these divisions, and he will be a Colby parent when his son Charlie joins the Class of 2012 this fall.

Diamond will receive an honorary degree along with four others: art historian, museum director, and curator Gabriella De Ferrari; scientist and energy consultant Amory Lovins; author and television writer-producer David Simon; and record-setting female astronaut Sunita Williams.

Hathaway Project Moves Forward

Sen. Olympia Snowe called it “a renaissance” for Waterville and “a great day for a great city.” Gov. John Baldacci said, “It represents the heart and soul of this community.”

And more than 300 supporters remained upbeat and enthusiastic after no fewer than 20 speakers took their turns at the microphone during groundbreaking ceremonies in the cavernous first floor of the former Hathaway shirt factory on the banks for the Kennebec River.

The speakers and the unexpectedly big audience assembled Jan. 10 to celebrate the groundbreaking for the Hathaway Creative Center and to praise developer Paul Boghossian ’76 for his vision, persistence, and tenacity over the last four years as he rescued the derelict mill for historic restoration and conversion to mixed retail, commercial, and residential use.

Among the speakers was Colby President William Adams, who referred to widespread concern about the number of young, well-educated people who leave Maine for other career opportunities. “But,” he said, looking at Boghossian, “when they come back, they come back in extraordinary ways.”

Boghossian, who has worked on similar restoration projects in his home state of Rhode Island, teamed up with Tom Neimann, president of Neimann Capital, to move his dream of saving the Hathaway building to January’s celebratory groundbreaking.

Boghossian said charter tenants include three radio stations, a spa and salon, nearly 300 employees of MaineGeneral Medical Center and HealthReach, and a trendy design, furniture, and accessories store.

Introduced as “a man with a dream” and a Colby College graduate, Boghossian thanked a host of national and state legislators and financial backers who had helped with the “the transformation of the Hathaway into its second life” and who showed up to applaud him.

“Colby was really there in the end, providing a million dollars in financing to put us over the top,” he said, referring to the College’s investment in the project. —Stephen Collins ’74

Stepping Back in Time

Colby is gearing up for a new and improved version of reunion this year, complete with sound bytes.

One addition will be oral history booths, where alumni can record their Colby memories. Meg Bernier Boyd ’81, director of alumni and donor relations, said that gathering personal histories is important to giving texture to the facts and figures that make up existing accounts of Colby’s history. Especially when it comes to historically tumultuous periods such as World War II, she said, “We don’t have the flavor and feel of what it was like to be living here.” While everyone is encouraged to share stories, the College would especially like to hear from those who lived on Colby’s old campus and alumni who were among the first to graduate on the Mayflower Hill campus.

Reunion 2008 (June 5-8) will incorporate the second annual Presidential Golf Tournament and will include a family-oriented reunion carnival, a mini Alumni College with lectures by faculty members, and a documentary film festival showing student-made films from Professor Phyllis Mannocchi’s annual documentary film class.

Changes will continue in coming years as the College seeks to give alumni reasons to attend that go beyond reconnecting with classmates and friends. Colby’s goal is to transform reunion into an engaging and exciting “destination weekend” and an opportunity for alumni to learn about Colby now and how it has changed since they left Mayflower Hill. “We’re hoping to build [reunion] up,” Boyd said. “This is our start.” —Emily Judem ’06
Designing a Science Building

A new science building will soon take its place on the Colby Green, as the College looks to provide more and better space for computer science, mathematics, and psychology—all growing majors.

The new building is slated to open in the fall of 2010, according to Vice President for Academic Affairs Edward Yeterian. To be located next to the Schair-Swenson-Watson Alumni Center, the new science building will be across the green from the Diamond Building, which opened in 2007.

The three departments have outgrown their quarters in Mudd (mathematics and computer science) and Roberts (psychology) and are in need of improved facilities to provide a state-of-the-art educational experience in their disciplines. Plans are for the new 30,000-square-foot building to house faculty offices and student research space, classrooms, a computer laboratory, and informal study and gathering spaces. Yeterian said relocating psychology will also enable the College to move ahead with plans to convert Roberts into residential space.

Museum Expansion On Track

When it announced the gift of the Lunder Collection last May, Colby committed to building an addition to the art museum to put many of its new treasures on permanent display. Colby has selected Cooper, Robertson & Partners, a New York-based architecture and urban design firm that has created campus plans for Harvard and Yale, to develop a master plan. It will include analyzing the current space and determining the site of the addition. With that, Colby will select an architect and will be on track for the target completion date of 2013—Colby’s bicentennial.

Roberts Row Renovations

Colby will begin renovating the small residence halls on Roberts Row this spring. Pierce and Perkins-Wilson, formerly, Zeta Psi and Phi Delta, will be the first two of those buildings tackled in a program that has renovated most of Colby’s other residence halls and all dining halls in recent years. The pace is ambitious: some work will start over spring break, followed by serious construction in the summer, with the halls to be ready for occupancy for the opening of school in 2008.
Academic Examination

In December Colby’s faculty established three working groups—Curricular Oversight, Communication Skills, and Academic Engagement—as part of what President William Adams has called the most comprehensive review of Colby’s curriculum in more than 20 years.

The Curricular Oversight group will examine the students’ academic experience at the College and how they progress through the curriculum. The Communication Skills working group will consider ways to enhance teaching of written and oral communication skills. The Academic Engagement group will consider ways to enhance students’ participation in the academic program and other opportunities at Colby, with a particular focus on project-based learning.

The three groups were proposed by an Ad Hoc Curricular Planning Committee of the faculty that was formed in the wake of the College’s reaccreditation self-study. Members were elected this winter, and meetings got underway in February. Each working group was charged with producing a report to be presented at the February 2009 faculty meeting.

Bookstore Eyes Summer Move

The new bookstore addition in Cotter Union is expected to open in June, after Alumni Weekend, said Patricia Crandlemire Murphy, director of physical plant. The site work is scheduled to be complete by mid-May, and the fitting out of the interior of the store, a major part of any retail project, is expected to be finished by commencement, Murphy said. Bookstore operations will remain in Roberts until after Alumni Weekend.

Diamond Is Certified Green

Colby’s Diamond Building has received LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. The LEED green building rating system is the national benchmark for sustainable construction. Many factors make Diamond a green building. They include the use of local materials, the use of materials with recycled content (including carpeting and wallboard), about 84 percent of construction waste being diverted from landfills, occupancy sensors in classrooms to avoid electricity waste, and a touch-screen display in the lobby that allows visitors to learn about these and other green features.

Building Bonds by Bursting Bubble

A round of “human bowling” on Runnels Hill kicked off the fourth annual Burst the Bubble Week, Feb. 18-22. Events aimed at improving Colby-Waterville connections included “Chill ’n the Ville,” a night of music and socializing for students and town residents, a panel discussion considering both historical and future revitalization efforts in Waterville, an art gallery exhibition featuring student and local artisans’ work, and dinners discounted for Colby students in selected Waterville restaurants.

Burst the Bubble Week was organized by the Colby Waterville Alliance (formerly known as the Colby South End Coalition), with the goal of strengthening the relationship between the College and the Waterville community.

While optimistic, alliance member Steve Erario ’10 said that Burst the Bubble Week is no cure-all for the tensions that often divide Colby and Waterville. “There’s obviously no silver bullet when you’re talking about making relations between the two communities peachy-keen and idealistic, so it’s going to take a lot of work to get it up to that level.” But, he added, “Both communities really are kind-hearted and good-spirited, and if they spend time together, some of the tensions will be reduced.” —E.J.
Learning Outside the Classroom

A new plan for student life aims to enhance the residential experience at Colby and to help students develop real-life skills. Dubbed Colby 360, the plan is based on 360-degree learning; it relates coursework to life on Mayflower Hill and beyond. Colby 360 encourages self-governance in residence halls, offers leadership-training opportunities, emphasizes civic responsibility, and works on enhancing communications skills.

“There is a very deliberate intent to make the out-of-classroom experience more related to the in-the-classroom experience,” said Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Jim Terhune, who spearheaded the effort.

The program includes five key areas: developing life skills, understanding diversity, understanding democracy and civic engagement, promoting wellness and healthy lifestyles, and providing leadership education.

For example, one change rolled out this spring is the application process for leadership positions. Students will now use the writing and presentation skills they learn in class to craft cover letters to apply for positions like COOT (Colby Outdoor Orientation Trip) leader and Pugh Community Board member. “We’re going to ask them to take this on as a job interview,” said Director of Campus Life Kelly Wharton, “in order to demonstrate some of these skills.”

Other things planned or in place include ongoing, interactive programs about diversity issues, dorm programming that includes elements of Colby 360, and budget management. Beginning in the fall of 2008, every residence hall will initiate a civic engagement component, whether it’s local, national, or international. “We want students, through their residence halls, to be looking outward as well—in an ongoing and meaningful way,” said Terhune.

—Ruth Jacobs

Bryant Inspires on MLK Day

Lee Professor of English Cedric Gael Bryant was the keynote speaker at Waterville’s 22nd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day community breakfast. He took a line from Langston Hughes—“Ain’t Been No Crystal Stair”—as his title. “It may be a little early in the morning for poetry, but this is what comes of inviting an English professor to breakfast,” he said, before launching an inspirational 12-minute talk about keeping Dr. King’s dream alive. To hear an audio recording of his remarks, go to www.colby.edu/mag, keyword bryant.

Wit & Wisdom

“The cost of Earth observations from space might have been measured in the billions. But the value of knowing your home planet is priceless.”

Professor of Science, Technology, and Society Jim Fleming, quoted in an MSNBC article about satellites.

“Lucky for him—and for anyone who ever ordered his famous deconstructed tongue sandwich—he had already figured out how to deep-fry mayonnaise.”

Food critic Frank Bruni, in the March 5 New York Times, reviewing the restaurant WD-50 and its owner and chef, Wylie Dufresne ’92, whom he praised as “amusing, important, and rewarding.”

“Yup, that good ‘ol Maine rivalry is alive and kicking, and this makes our little mules of pride do a happy dance.”

Blair Braverman ’11, after writing that, according to a case study conducted by her Environmental Studies 118 class, Colby’s recycling program is better than those at Bates and Bowdoin. (From an insideColby blog post)

“I found his scholarly breadth and prodigious output, even then, so inspiring that I briefly sought to emulate him, though, after several grueling weeks, I settled for admiring him.”

Professor of History Robert Weisbrot on rooming with Jonathan Sarna, professor of American Jewish history at Brandeis University and this year’s Lipman lecturer, while they were in graduate school.

“If you think the military is a bunch of redneck dumbheads, you might think about signing up yourself.”

NPR Senior Correspondent John McChesney, in a March 11 talk about the Iraq War, on his remark that “elite colleges are AWOL.” About the military, he continued: “They are not, by the way. It’s a pretty smart outfit.”
Bubble Bath

Jacqueline Beaupre '08 wades through a hallway in Averill Hall after her friends, playing a practical joke, packed her room with balloons, which spilled out when she opened the door.

Photo by Kendyl Sullivan '11
Wrong Track, Right Track: From Rehab to Mayflower Hill

By Robin Respaut ’07

Sitting at a side table in Foss dining hall, Jake (not his real name) looks a little out of place. Instead of North Face, he wears a tight plain T-shirt, worn jeans, a grey wool hat, and yellow work boots. Tall, with broad shoulders and muscular arms, Jake looks like he just finished his shift on a construction site. And he uses words like “codependent,” “dissociation,” and “psychological conditioning.”

It’s clear Jake has done some therapy.

“Yeah, I guess it comes out here and there,” he said. “I don’t think it’s that obvious though, considering how much therapy I’ve actually had.”

In fact, Jake may have undergone more therapy than any other student on Colby’s campus. During his sophomore year of high school, he developed a serious drug problem and rarely went to school without getting high. Over time his marijuana use was compounded by the consumption of antidepressant pills—and an unrefined version of heroin called “black tar.”

“In high school, I hated the whole social atmosphere. I always felt uncomfortable, like I would never measure up,” Jake said. He speaks slowly and calmly, carefully processing his thoughts. “I guess everyone felt that way to a certain extent, but at times, that’s all I felt.”

After a deep breath, he said, “When I was high in school, I didn’t care about anything and, after a while, I resented being anything else.”

Halfway through his junior year, Jake’s strong marks in honors-level classes dropped, and a close friend warned Jake’s parents that he was “killing himself.” His parents sent him to Maine for what was called “wilderness rehabilitation.”

The rehab center in Maine combined classroom and therapy, in addition to four-day outdoor excursions in the middle of a New England winter. A strict regimen of hiking and living off vegetables and tofu was enforced. “They removed us from traditional society, where ninety-nine percent of kids are capable of functioning, but we weren’t,” Jake said.

He admits that it helped build his self esteem.

“I think I made real progress in not getting so down on myself,” he said. “But in terms of drugs, I wanted to get high off my ass as soon as I got out, and I didn’t keep it much of a secret.”

Jake’s honesty in admitting his plans to return to drugs earned him a one-way ticket to California, where he found, in his own words, a whole new extreme in the “breaking-down-bad-kids industry.” Military in its strictness, the live-in rehab institution included several three-hour group-therapy sessions each week. These meetings were loud, intimidating, and confrontational, he said. “If you needed to talk to someone, you had to get up and walk directly across the room to where they sat. The yelling was so severe that you can guess what would happen if people weren’t physically separated from each other.”

The students at the California school had extensive histories related to drug or alcohol abuse, eating disorders, cutting, and/or depression. “I think if someone from the outside saw what happened in that school, they would think, ‘That’s terrible what they’re doing to those kids.’ But it was necessary,” Jake said. “You know how people will say, ‘That kid needs to get his ass kicked.’ Well, I needed that. I just got it in a different way.”

While in California, Jake curbed his craving for drugs, became more self-assured, and cultivated positive communication with his parents. Despite his progress at the school, however, the intensity level was enough for Jake to want badly to leave. When he turned 18, he hitched to San Bernardino to enlist in the military.

“I looked a little haggard by the time I got to the recruitment center, because I had just slept on the street,” he said. “Still, I received a perfect score on the entry test, and they agreed to take me.”
But Jake’s parents wanted him to stay on a track that could lead to college. “I genuinely wanted to go to school, too, but I couldn’t go back to living under those ridiculous rules with people yelling at me all the time.”

Jake and his parents eventually agreed that he would go to a transitional home in Idaho, where he worked his first job, lived in an apartment, and attended classes at a local junior college. “There was group therapy there, too, but it was nothing like California. I had so much freedom. I loved it.” He shakes his head as if still in disbelief at the reprieve.

It was a Sunday night on campus and Jake invited me to run errands with him in his truck. We went to Wal-Mart, where he bought Kashi cereal and vitamin-fortified yogurt. On the drive back to campus, Jake called his mom. “My parents have been extraordinarily supportive of me. I like to check in with them and show my appreciation,” he said.

Back in his dorm room, Jake scanned The New York Times online and mixed a vitamin supplement into his Nalgene. The bottom drawer of his desk was crammed with bottles and pouches of supplement pills, which he claims are important for staying healthy, especially while working out. As a junior philosophy major, Jake lived simply, with a regular routine of attending class, eating in Foss dining hall, and working out at the gym each day for upwards of two hours.

Jake kept a small social circle—and a low profile. “I mainly keep to myself,” he said. “I don’t go out on weekends, and I don’t party. Sometimes I think I should try to meet more people, but there are a handful of people on this campus that I really know and trust. That’s all I need.”

I was part of that circle. As Jake’s neighbor during my first two years at Colby, I found his introspective manner alluring. In a way, he seemed happily distant from the typical oscillation of emotion that takes place in the dramatic social theater of a college campus. Working summers with construction crews and volunteering at the local fire station, Jake returned to Colby each year to study the deeply abstract and intangible theories of philosophy. His only sustaining concern, it seemed, was to keep himself from drifting back into the smoky black despair that nearly washed him away in high school.

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Jake usually refrained from disclosing his past, but after I learned his story, I realized why a Colby admissions officer melted down the mold to admit a kid with such an atypical story. Jake’s poignant perspective on life was refreshing in an arena of golden college students. Jake did not necessarily know where his next step would place him, but he certainly understood where he had been. For me, I sometimes found myself caught in a wave of consternation in college, concerned over whether I was achieving some intangible standard of success. Spending time with Jake reminded me of my own struggle with depression in high school, and I could safely recognize how much I, too, had grown.

As for Jake, he credits his serenity to his Colby education. Philosophy courses have opened his mind profoundly and helped change his perspective on life. “I consider myself such a different person now, much more perceptive and at peace with the situations around me. One of my greatest lessons is continual: I am constantly learning more about myself and how I interact with other people. I don’t go through the heavily depressive states that I used to.”

He sighed. “It’s a really excited, exciting time, you know? I’m really lucky.”
A Fine

Oscar-nominated filmmakers Andrea Nix Fine and
Sean Fine strike a balance between tragedy and beauty

By Gerry Boyle '78

Photos by Abbie Trayler-Smith
Documentary filmmaker Sean Fine had to make tough calls as he shot the Oscar-nominated film *War/Dance* in a refugee camp in war-ravaged northern Uganda. Fine and his crew sped over the perilous road that led to the camp through rebel-controlled bush. They negotiated with officials to get permission to film at all, even to stay in the camp overnight. They carefully built relationships with former child soldiers who, if they chose to, could recount unspeakable atrocities.

But some of the most important calls Fine made were by tenuously connected satellite phone to suburban Washington, D.C., where his wife, partner, and co-director, Andrea Nix Fine ’91, was at their home/office.

“I would climb up this brick wall next to this kind of brothel,” Fine said. “You could get a bar of reception there.”

Fine was on the ground in a remote area near the border with Sudan. Because the couple decided they could neither bring their nine-month-old son, Aidan, nor risk him losing both his parents, Nix Fine stayed home—and considered the film’s bigger picture.

“My responsibility was more, ‘What is the story we’re telling?’” she said. “‘How are we going to do it? Who are we going to talk to? What kinds of things do we want to ask them?’ So we would talk about that every day, because the whole thing about films, I find, is that it’s just an endless chain of decision making.”

In the end, their decisions were the right ones.

*War/Dance* tells the story of children swept up in the brutal and still-simmering Ugandan civil war. It was shot in Patongo refugee camp, the teeming home to 60,000 people seeking refuge from the Lord’s Resistance Army, a brutal rebel force. Orphans and former LRA child soldiers, most of whom have witnessed or even perpetrated horrific atrocities, are now in the camp schools. They enter a national music contest but must run a dangerous gantlet to reach the competition in Kampala, the capital.

To find out whether they win the contest you have to see the film (now available on DVD), which has been received enthusiastically everywhere it’s been shown. The award-winning husband-and-wife collaboration, the first that had the filmmaking partners physically separated, produced a powerful film about a place and people that is both disturbing and inspiring.

The first Fine Films documentary made for the big screen rather than television, *War/Dance* garnered top honors from Sundance to Sedona, Philadelphia to Flagstaff. In January the Fines received word that the film was one of five Academy Award nominees for best documentary feature. *War/Dance* didn’t win, but its reputation spread far and wide.

For a young filmmaker, it’s been a dream come true—managing the flurry of attention and chatting with actor-producer and Darfur activist George Clooney at a luncheon for Oscar nominees in Los An-
attended public school and played the flute, among other musical endeavors. “It was a good high school, but it didn’t have philosophy or political science or studio art or poetry,” she recalled. “[At Colby], I did all that. I did as much as I could.”

She advises aspiring filmmakers to do what she did, which was to dig into as many different academic areas as possible and to concentrate on improving her writing. “Be able to articulate your ideas and express yourself, because if you can’t do that, no one’s going to make your movie,” Nix Fine said.

It was senior year that she discovered that filmmaking “just made me spark.”

Her group in Mannocchi’s class made a VHS video on the effect of television on young children. They drove to Boston to interview an expert in the field and pieced together clips of kids’ TV. “Looking back on it, it was more the process than what we made,” she said. “I loved that you had to combine aspects of visual ideas mixed with writing, mixed with just getting something done.”

After graduation, Nix Fine turned the spark into a flame. She moved back to upstate New York and got a job at the local public television station, for minimum wage, she said, “and just started hammering away.”

That job led to a position at National Geographic, where she worked for a decade, moving steadily up the ladder. As a producer, director, and writer, she has worked all over the world, often in remote locations, from Africa to Greenland.

“Andrea has done such cool stuff,” her husband said. “You’re talking about a person who went to the Arctic and they were starving.” In fact, Nix Fine accompanied Inuit hunters on a two-week excursion traveling by dogsled, and the group did run out of food, causing the hunters to mutiny against their leader.

“You get put into all these amazing situations,” she said, noting that she has avoided one of the occupational hazards of her profession: “I’ve been incredibly lucky. I have somehow avoided major parasite problems.”

“My dream has been that, before I died, I’d see a kid from my class win an Oscar.”

PHYLLIS MANNOCCHI, PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH
At National Geographic Nix Fine met her future husband, who graduated from Connecticut College in 1996. Sean Fine had the filmmaking gene, passed down from his parents, acclaimed documentary filmmakers Paul and Holly Fine.

Sean and Andrea Nix Fine founded Fine Films in 2003, working as co-directors. In 2005 they were contacted by Susan MacLaury and Albie Hecht (former head of Spike TV, the cable network), a husband-and-wife team who founded Shine Global, a foundation dedicated to producing films that combat the abuse and exploitation of children.

Hecht knew the Fines through True Dads, a television special Sean Fine directed. MacLaury and Hecht had traveled to Uganda and Kenya with friends who run a relief organization there. By pure happenstance, the couple learned of the music competition in Uganda. “The truth was that every child in the war zone had a story to tell,” MacLaury said. “This [competition] gave us a vehicle.”

They asked whether Fine Films wanted to do the film. The answer was yes—but then the Fines looked into the situation in northern Uganda more closely. They learned that just traveling to the area was very dangerous. They considered their young son and made a decision. “Having two parents [in northern Uganda] with a child at home is just not responsible,” Nix Fine said. “So, for the first time, we decided to split up.”

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SEAN FINE
Sean Fine took the three-person crew to Uganda in 2005. He scouted locations with a translator named Jimmy Otim. They looked at schools in Gulu, 80 miles to the west, but Fine wasn’t inspired. “Jimmy said, ‘There is one other place that might be going [to the music competition], but I don’t think you want to go there. It’s the most dangerous place. No nongovernmental organizations or aid groups really go out there.’”

The place was Patongo. That it was out of bounds was all Sean Fine needed to hear.

The approach to the Patongo camp is through rebel territory via a narrow dirt road walled by 12-foot-high elephant grass. Motorists, including the filmmakers, blast down the road at nearly 100 miles per hour, hoping to make it to the relative safety of the camp, which is defended by government soldiers.

“You’re driving that fast to avoid an ambush, which would basically be the rebels jumping out of the grass and machine-gunning your car,” Fine said. “When I talk about rebels, I’m talking about kids. The reason it’s so dangerous is that, if you get ambushed or you run into the rebels, they’re not asking for money. They’re not trying to steal anything from you. They’re just trying to create the most chaos they can, which involves killing you in a pretty graphic, gruesome way.”

And the Lord’s Resistance Army, headed by a messianic leader named Joseph Kony, has a knack for violence bordering on incomprehensible. One girl profiled in the film was forced to watch as her parents were killed, dismembered, and cooked in a pot. A young boy was forced to kill his mother in order to save his siblings. “All of them have somebody killed in their family or somebody abducted,” Fine said. “It’s [as normal as] having a brother or sister.”

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The long-distance collaboration began.

The crew shot during the day and the Fines conferred at night. “We just took on different roles,” Nix Fine said. “Sean had to really deal with the physical challenges of being in that camp—being sick, trying to figure out the food situation—and the bureaucracy.”

“People think all the glory is being out there,” her husband said, “and the filmmaking is being out there. But it’s not. It’s thinking about it. It’s thinking about the story, the structure. Andrea was doing that on a daily basis.”

Sean Fine coped with a serious case of malaria. He and the crew were stopped on the road late one night by soldiers who stuck grenade launchers through the window of the car. A half hour of frantic shouting determined the soldiers were from the government.

Back at home, Nix Fine worried. “All the time,” she said. She noted that arrangements had been made with a helicopter service on the border so the crew could be pulled out in an emergency.

After six weeks the crew left Patongo. Conferring with MacLaury, Hecht, and others, Andrea and Sean Fine hunkered down in their editing room in Chevy Chase. How would the film be structured? What got used and what was cut out? What was the best way to tell the children’s stories?

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ANDREA NIX FINE ’91

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The three children featured prominently in War/Dance—Dominic, Nancy, and Rose—represent thousands of other children in Ugandan refugee camps, said co-director Andrea Nix Fine ’91. “We wanted to make sure something could happen for them, too.”

Nix Fine said she and her husband, Sean Fine, have stayed in touch with children in the camp. Dominic has qualified for high school, she said, and Nancy wants to go to medical school.

“The kids are doing well, as best they can, as the war continues,” Nix Fine said.

“But I wanted people to see that people from northern Uganda are beautiful. Their resilience. It’s unnerving to see how resilient these kids are. I can’t even think of the things that they went through and how they are in life. They aren’t just victims moping around.”

That is an important part of the mission of Shine Global, the film’s producer. “What is important to us is to find hope within the horror,” MacLaury said. “We don’t want to show these children as victims. We want to show them as children who are prevailing.”

In the future Sean and Andrea Nix Fine may work on another film relating to Shine Global’s mission, this one exploring the way oppressed children in various cultures survive through sports.

The Oscar nomination may lead to feature film deals, as production companies now approach the couple—rather than the other way around, Sean Fine said.

Nix Fine said Fine Films is looking forward to new directions, though future projects will be taken on with consideration for the team’s newest member. Roan, the Fines’ second child, was born in August 2007.

They’ll cope with the logistics, Nix Fine said, as they move into unknown film territory. “My favorite thing [as a filmmaker],” she said, “is that, in a way, you go to school the rest of your life.”
Different Prescriptions

Philosophy? Dance? Economics? The path to medical school doesn’t always start with science.

By Alexis Grant ’03
n the hospital that has become her latest classroom, Emily Heiss Roan ’97 makes rounds daily, checking on patients, implementing skills she learned during four years in medical school.

Now a first-year resident at New England Medical School in Boston, Roan also uses a less obvious set of skills—skills she gained at Colby, where she majored in a seemingly unrelated discipline: religious studies.

Roan’s background in religion adds an important dimension to her treatment of patients, she said, because she understands how to connect with them spiritually. “I think it’s just so relevant to medicine, because it has to do with people’s attitudes toward the world and themselves and faith,” she said. “Medicine really is dealing with issues of life and death.”

Roan is part of a cohort that medical school administrators say they’re happy to cultivate: students with humanities backgrounds.

She’s still in the minority. Most aspiring doctors who graduate from Colby still focus primarily on science during their years on Mayflower Hill. But about a quarter of those who apply to medical school have some sort of humanities major on their résumé.

Of the 47 Colby students and graduates who applied to begin medical school in 2006—the largest number ever—at least nine were non-science majors, according to the College’s Office of Career Services. “It’s still a majority, by far, who were biology or chemistry majors, no question about it,” said Cindy Parker, senior associate director of career services. “But is [medical school] available and accessible to a non-science major? Absolutely.”

Nationwide, students who major in humanities as undergraduates are becoming more attractive to medical school admissions committees, said Gwen Garrison, assistant vice president of student and application studies for the Association of American Medical Colleges. Medical schools want students who can both excel in their studies and become people-friendly doctors, she said, and humanities majors are likely to have had experiences that have versed them in compassion.

“All of us, as people, want to go to a doctor who’s both competent and compassionate,” Garrison said.

Although they attend medical schools all around the country, most Colby doctors-to-be gravitate toward New England schools. The more popular choices include medical schools at the University of Vermont, Dartmouth College, Boston University, Tufts University, the University of New England, and the University of Massachusetts.

Like most colleges and universities, Colby doesn’t offer a premed major. Students who consider themselves premed usu-
ally major in biology or chemistry and fulfill the basic requirements for medical school while working their way through the major. Most medical schools require a minimum of a year each of biology, chemistry, organic chemistry, and physics. Some also require a year of math, others a year of English. And Colby science majors also benefit from extensive undergraduate research opportunities that increasingly are leading graduates to admission to highly competitive M.D./Ph.D. programs, faculty members say.

Admissions officers at those schools don’t necessarily expect to see a college résumé full of science, said Parker, who also serves as chair of Colby’s Health Professions Preparation Committee, which helps students navigate the application process. Instead they look for signs that the student has seriously tested her or his interest in medicine and devoted time to the community, Parker said. At the University of Massachusetts Medical School, in Worcester, entering classes are typically made up of half science majors and half non-science majors, said John Paraskos, associate dean of admissions. “We don’t see any huge difference in the grades, and some of our best graduates are people who just took the bare minimum of biology and chemistry in undergraduate school,” said Paraskos, whose son graduated from Colby in 1991. “When people ask me, ‘Should I be a [science] major?’ I tell them, ‘Absolutely—unless there’s something else that attracts your attention more.’”

A liberal arts college offers myriad opportunities, both academic and extracurricular—for humanities, social-science, interdisciplinary and science majors. Kevin Selby ’05, now a third-year student at Harvard Medical School, took the premed route, majoring in chemistry. Because he attended a liberal arts school, he said, he was able to delve into other interests, including a minor in music and rowing for the crew team.

Liberal arts students tend to have multiple interests, which medical school administrators expect. At Dartmouth Medical School, about a third of students are non-science majors, said Andrew Welch, director of admissions. “We don’t care what the student majors in,” Welch said. “Most of the students who make it through a place like Colby and through our admissions process are going to be just fine.”

And those future doctors go through Colby in different ways.

Michelle Stone ’05 started at Colby expecting to be in the premed group. The daughter of two doctors, she had planned to major in biology to prepare for medical school. But early in her first year, she realized she had other interests she wanted to pursue and declared a very different focus: Spanish literature. “I knew that I wanted to go to medical school—that had been the plan all along—so I figured I should do other stuff that I wanted to do, since I was at a liberal arts college,” she said.

Stone managed to feed both interests: she studied Spanish, spent a semester in Ecuador, and also fulfilled basic premed science requirements. But instead of taking the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) during her junior year, a necessary step to go directly to medical school from Colby, Stone took the test during her senior year, with plans to take a year off.

She worked as a ski instructor (among other things) in Colorado before entering the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Maine, where she’s now in her second year.

“I could have taken more science classes at Colby and been better prepared,” Stone said. “In the long run, I think it’s not going to make a difference.”

Getting In

The percentage of applicants from Colby accepted to medical school is increasing steadily, up 12 percent from a decade ago.

A record 47 students and alumni applied to enter the medical school class beginning in 2006, with 68 percent accepted. That is 21 points over the national acceptance rate of 47 percent.

Impressive, when you know how competitive med schools are. But delve into the murky world of admissions statistics and you will find colleges that boast admissions rates nearing 100 percent. How can that be?

Well, it depends on which applicant a college cares to claim.

Colby’s method is straightforward, according to Vice President and Dean of Faculty Ed Yeterian, former chair of the Health Professions Preparation Committee. The number of applicants admitted is divided by the total number of students who applied.

All current and recent Colby students planning to apply to medical school are told what their chances, and letters of recommendation are “appropriately frank,” Yeterian said.

And other colleges? Some “pick winners” in advance, Yeterian said, support only those students as applicants, and then claim high acceptance rates. Colby supports each and every applicant to the fullest possible extent, he said.

“I can recall numerous times when we supported an applicant who had ‘low numbers’ by national standards (i.e., an academic record that seemed marginal), but who was strong in other ways, and then had the pleasure of seeing that student admitted and becoming a successful physician,” Yeterian wrote in an e-mail. “In short, our way of reporting our admit rate to medical school is consistent with the way that we support all of our students as they work toward their professional goals.”

With that in mind, here are more numbers from Colby’s Office of Career Services for medical school classes entering from 2002 to 2006:

• 78 percent of Colby applicants majored in science: biology, chemistry, biochemistry, psychology, and physics. Biology was the most common major, with 100 applications out of a total of 156.

• Of the 45 humanities majors applying to medical school, nine majored in a foreign language, seven in English, and seven in history.

• 67 percent of science majors were admitted, and 64 percent of non-science majors got in.

—Gerry Boyle ’78
There are a variety of ways to meet medical school science requirements without majoring in biology or chemistry. Some students take only basic science courses and major in another subject, while others skip hard sciences altogether and hope to acquire that knowledge later.

Most humanities-majors-turned-medical-students interviewed for this story said they don’t have problems keeping up with their science-major peers, despite having taken fewer science classes before medical school. But not all.

“Right now I definitely feel like I’m at a disadvantage not being a science major,” said James Albright ’92, now a pediatric ear, nose, and throat surgeon in Houston, began practicing after medical school, a five-year residency, and a two-year fellowship. “It’s a long road,” said Albright, a government major.

“My twenties were pretty much taken up with training and school. It was eleven years after Colby before I could collect a paycheck.”

Albright sees patients three days a week at his private practice in Houston and spends two days a week in the operating room at Texas Children’s Hospital. On a recent workday, one of his patients, a toddler with blond hair, wheeled herself into Albright’s operating room mid-morning in a red toy car, her feet propelling her toward the room where she would receive anesthesia. In just 10 minutes, Albright had inserted tubes in her ears and removed her adenoids. That will help her hear and breathe better and avoid the persistent ear infections that had plagued her over the last year, he said.

How does his government major help him now? It helped make him a strong writer, a skill he said some doctors lack. But most important, he said, is the way it helps him communicate with his patients and their parents.

Albright fulfilled his basic science requirements at Colby, and he chose to go directly to medical school afterwards. But he’s in the minority for Colby graduates: nearly three quarters of those who attend medical school take at least a year off before starting the long process of becoming a doctor. “We have many students who have known they are going to apply to medical school, but they choose to work for several years before they do it,” Parker said.

Nationally, the average age of students entering medical school is 24, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges. Once enrolled, medical students take about two years of classes before the transition into clinical rotations. The workload and schedule can be challenging in a variety of ways. Tim Clark ’03, a second-year student at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, said his biggest adjustment was learning to take multiple-choice tests. As a history major at Colby (he also worked for the ambulance service in Waterville while an undergraduate), most of his Colby exams were short answers or essays.

“At Colby, you never didn’t know the answer,” Clark said. “It was a matter of degree—how much you knew.” But at medical school he either knows the answer or he doesn’t. Though his first trimester was tough, Clark said that, once he figured out how to manage his time and sort through the tremendous amount of information he was expected to learn, he did well.

Medical school is a challenge for nearly everyone, regardless of the route taken to get there. Some say it’s the complexity of the material; others point to the huge volume of information. “Medical school is very difficult,” said Nick Markham ’04, a third-year student in the M.D./Ph.D. program at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and a biology major at Colby. “Anyone who tells you otherwise isn’t working hard enough.”

Indeed, medical school doesn’t leave much time for anything else. Once students become residents, they work 12- and 18-hour days, with some shifts going even longer.

Christy Person Cummings ’02, a French literature and biology major who is now a second-year pediatric resident at Yale-New Haven Children’s Hospital, said she has moments when she realizes all her hard work was worth it. “Sometimes after a thirty-hour shift you get to play with a newborn baby and [be with] their parents,” she said, “and you realize why you’re doing [medicine].”

And yes, Cummings still uses her French. In fact, her language skills make her a better doctor, she said, because she can communicate with non-English speaking patients who visit the clinic.

There are, of course, plenty of aspiring doctors who make their way to medical school the traditional way—the majority who tackle a full load of biology and chemistry at Colby. And they say they are well pre-

Kate Ginty ’03, an environmental policy major who started at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine last fall. “But I think all that’s going to even out within the next month or two.”

Recognizing this trend, Colby recently began offering a course called Medical Biochemistry, intended for non-chemistry majors who are considering medical school. Some may decide that medicine is not for them. That can be a good thing, because the physician’s life is not something to enter into without deliberation.

“I think I’m one of the only med students who thinks they worked harder in undergrad. Other guys, even from Ivy League schools, are struggling with the load, but I think it’s pretty manageable.”

biology major Doug Melzer ’03, second-year student, University of Colorado School of Medicine
Answering the Call

Last fall, to get ready for her first class at the University of Vermont, Megan Gossling ’02 needed school supplies. Not books. Surgical tools.

“Tired of going to Bobs and getting my psyche books,” Gossling said. “Now I’m going to the bookstore and [saying], ‘I need five twenty blades.’”

A so-called 20 blade (the 20 refers to size) is a surgical tool she would soon use to dissect a cadaver at the UVM College of Medicine.

Learning as much as possible from the donated body is a responsibility Gossling doesn’t take lightly. “If I don’t get my butt in gear and know what I’m doing, I’ve completely wasted their dying wish,” she said. “That’s a lot of pressure. But I guess that’s what medicine is—pressure.”

Unlike some of her peers who have been on the fast track to a career in medicine, the psychology major detoured a bit after college before realizing she wanted to become a doctor. But now she’s ready for the challenge.

After Colby, she enrolled in a master’s program in student affairs and counseling psychology at Ohio State University. Partway into the second year of the program, when she began working directly with patients, Gossling realized she wasn’t satisfied. “When I started counseling patients, I realized there was more than just talking,” she said. “It wasn’t just a mind thing, it was a body thing, too.”

Students who didn’t delve into prerequisites in undergraduate school can get them in a post-baccalaureate program. Those programs—about 100 exist across the country—pack all of the necessary science knowledge and skills into one or two years, then help students apply to medical schools.

Plenty of students also take science classes after Colby without enrolling in a special program, an option that can be less costly than a post-bac but may lack guidance through the admissions process.

The post-baccalaureate option appealed to Alex Browne ’03 because he had always considered a career in medicine but wasn’t ready to commit at Colby. The philosophy major enrolled in Bennington College’s Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program in Vermont after taking two years off to work as a paralegal. At Bennington Browne fulfilled the requirements necessary to apply to medical school as well as electives like genetics and microbiology. As at many post-baccalaureate programs, students were expected to learn the basics quickly, over just a 12-month period.

“It was the hardest academic year of my life,” said Browne, who’s originally from New England, where she’s hoping to settle.

Several months into her first semester, Gossling said she’s right where she wants to be. Medicine may not have been the obvious choice at graduation, she says, but it was the right one.

—Alexis Grant ’03

Gossling had no experience in medicine. She had never volunteered at a hospital or clinic. At Colby she had taken one chemistry course and biology for non-science majors, to fulfill the science distribution requirement. Then, rather suddenly, she wanted to become a physician.

Eighteen months into her studies at Ohio, Gossling left. She moved to Boston, where she worked in an allergy clinic for a year to confirm her interest in medicine. Then she fulfilled her science prerequisites through a post-baccalaureate program at Wellesley while working weekends as a patient-care associate, tending to surgical patients. Soon she was applying to medical schools.

“I was told a million times when I was applying that it’s not going to hurt you when you’re not a science major,” Gossling said. “I didn’t necessarily believe that, but a lot of [my medical school classmates] aren’t science majors.”

Her broad background turned out to be an asset; UVM was one of her preferred schools. It gave her the opportunity to return to New England, where she’s hoping to settle.

Regardless of choices made in undergraduate school, experiences outside of what used to be considered directly applicable to medicine pay off for doctors in the long run.

Communication skills are largely what have made Albright, the ENT, successful in his practice, he said. As a result, he has the opportunity to be close to his patients during the best—and sometimes worst—days of their lives.

“That’s really awesome,” he said. “Not too many people in everyday life have that experience.”
he World Series— it’s perhaps the biggest misnomer in major-league sports. Sure, hot dogs and home runs are quintessentially American. But there is a whole world of baseball beyond the borders of the United States, and nobody knows that better than Larry Rocca ’90.

A former sportswriter, Rocca has long called for a true “World Series” that would pit the Major League Baseball champion against the top team in Japan. Now he’s in a position to help accomplish that—and much more.

Rocca joined former New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine in Tokyo as director of promotions for the Chiba Lotte Marines professional baseball team in 2005. “I remember my father saying, and I’m quoting him now, ‘If you could help do that [orchestrate a global World Series], that would be a real feather in your cap,’” Rocca said, clearly still affected by the memory. “I still believe in a true World Series. That’s one reason

Larry Rocca ’90 (right), chief operating officer for the Chiba Lotte Marines baseball team in Japan, confers with Marines’ manager Bobby Valentine.

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Larry has done a great job of teaching and a great job of learning.

Bobby Valentine
Manager of the Chiba Lotte Marines and former New York Mets manager

why this was the only job I went out and tried to get.”

In just three years, Rocca already has begun to change Japanese baseball: helping turn the Marines into a moneymaker through fan programs and advertising deals, introducing a wacky mascot to liven up the crowd, networking with Colby alumni to establish a relationship tying the Marines to the Boston Red Sox.

His approach is measured and tactical; his progress is steady and significant.

“Larry has done wonders bringing in revenue and in persevering,” said Valentine, the Marines’ manager. “He’s learning the culture rather than trying to change it—learning to work from within, which can be the hardest thing.”

From his unique box seat in Tokyo, Rocca has watched and participated in the rise of Japanese baseball (known as yakyū, pronounced yack-you) and has helped promote a shift in the way Japanese baseball is managed and marketed.

“I was hired at just the right time to land in the middle of a revolution in Japanese baseball,” said Rocca, watching a rigorous Marines’ practice after (yes after) the end of the 2007 season. “Bobby [Valentine] loves it here. And so do I.”

The love affair with Japanese baseball began even before Rocca came to Tokyo, but the move was the latest chapter in a well-traveled baseball career in which he has done everything from covering the New York Yankees and Mets for Newsday and other big-city newspapers to dressing up as Henry the Puffy Taco (in the heat of Texas, no less) to washing and painting the exteriors of minor-league ballparks. In Japan, Rocca has boosted the Marines’ revenues, is arranging a scouting program (with fellow Colby alums) linking the Sox to the Marines, and is working for that global World Series.

“Larry has done a great job of teaching and a great job of learning,” said Valentine, also the former manager of the Texas Rangers, who is wildly popular in his adopted home. “He’s been able to teach some of our American ideas to some of the front-office personnel, and he’s also been able to learn a lot about how things work here.”

Rocca has always been a quick study.

At Colby the American studies major had brief flirtations with classics and baseball tryouts (he was cut twice) before switching his interest to media, developing a call-in sports radio program for WMHB and becoming sports editor (later news editor) of the Colby Echo.

“I have nothing but great memories of my time at Colby,” said Rocca. “If I had gone to a larger school, I would not have had the same number of opportunities.” After graduating he worked in sports television production and minor league baseball before spending 11 years with Newsday covering Major League Baseball.

While covering the Dodgers in 1995, Rocca—who’s father spoke fluent Japanese—also was writing for Tokyo Chunichi Sports, Sports Yeah, and the Japanese version of Newsweek. That led him to a book deal, co-writing a Japanese-language biography of Hideo Nomo, the first Japanese pitcher to succeed in the American major leagues. Covering the Mets in 1997, Rocca struck up an acquaintance with Valentine, whom he pestered regularly as a beat reporter digging for scoops.

“I think the fact that I shared Bobby’s great enthusiasm for Japanese baseball was something that set me apart and helped us sort of hit it off,” Rocca said.

When it finally came to teaming up, it fell together quickly. During a hectic week in the fall of 2004, Rocca attended his father’s funeral, broke off a wedding engagement, and e-mailed Valentine about a rumored job offer. Ten days later he was flying to Tokyo for an interview, and he was soon appointed the Marines’ director of promotions.

His life hasn’t been quite the same since.

Rocca has spent nearly three years pitching luxury seats, Bobby Burgers, and blogs. He orchestrated deals that landed MasterCard logos on the club’s batting helmets and The Hartford life insurance insignias on the pin-striped uniforms. “I couldn’t have imagined my life would take this path,” he said.

Though his work obligations leave little time for Tokyo nightlife beyond business dinners and meetings, two years ago Rocca moved from an apartment near the ballpark (about an hour outside the city) to the Azabudai-Roppongi neighborhood, the city center. It’s a hopping district of nightclubs, towering shopping malls, and the greatest concentration of foreigners in Tokyo.

During the off-season, Rocca takes language lessons to improve his fit into Japanese culture, and he also has helped introduce American-style business practice into the management and promotion of the club. Japan’s baseball profile may be a rising star on the world sporting scene, but the bulk of Japanese teams lose money hand-over-fist, operated chiefly as brand extensions of their parent corporations rather than fan-friendly or for-profit business entities. (Rocca also notes that his Japanese boss is a savvy international businessman who held top jobs at IBM and Deutsche Telekom and “knows a hundred times more about business than I do.”)

Valentine—and, in his service, Rocca—have set out to change that way of thinking, nudging forward such American-bred ideas as interleague play, collective bargaining, additional rounds of playoffs, and weight training for players. They have helped create one of the world’s best-integrated sports fan clubs, which works roughly along the lines of an airline frequent-flyer club.
Thanks partly to these efforts, revenues have quadrupled since Rocca joined the club, and he has been rewarded with a recent promotion to the position of deputy to the team’s chief operating officer.

While he may be immersed in another culture, Rocca says it was his Colby connection that kick-started a recently forged alliance between Chiba Lotte’s operations and the 2007 “world” champion Boston Red Sox.

It happened like this: Leafing through an issue of Colby magazine back in his New York newspaper days, Rocca noticed an item in the class notes about Galen Carr ’97, a Major League scout for the Red Sox. Rocca got in touch, and the two stayed in contact.

Then, in June 2006, Rocca broached the idea of a partnership. Red Sox management (which includes Director of Baseball Operations Brian O’Halloran ’93) was enthusiastic, as was Valentine, and the two clubs now share scouting and marketing resources.

“Larry was the catalyst for this partnership,” Carr said. “Both sides look at it as something positive. Obviously the market for Japanese players coming over to the U.S. has never been better, so it’s useful for us. But we can also provide valuable information to them, about both major- and minor-league players that might have an interest in playing in Japan.

“If this alliance is going to be really successful on their side, it’s going to be mostly because of Larry. He’s outgoing, with a good sense of humor. He’s a hard guy not to like.”

That sense of humor has helped Rocca ease into a culture where bowing rather than bravado, and ballpark sushi rather than hotdogs and Cokes, are the norms. When a still-green Rocca suggested to a table of straight-faced Japanese executives (he is still the only foreigner among 60 front-office staffers) that the Chiba club create a clownish character to race fans around the base path during seventh-inning stretches, they had a quick response.

You do it.

So Rocca donned a shimmering gold lamé suit, rainbow wig, and Elton John glasses and nervously performed live karaoke before 30,000 enthusiastic—if slightly stunned—fans. His bewigged “M-crash” character became a hugely popular staple of late-inning Chiba home games for the next two years. Sadly, business responsibilities now take up too much of Rocca’s time, he said, and the wig has been retired (though not forgotten).

“I’ve done a lot of different things in my life,” he said. Japanese baseball “has to be one of the very best.”

The origins of Japanese baseball, believe it not, are in Maine. Horace Wilson, an English professor from Gorham, taught the game to a group of university students in Tokyo in the 1870s. It didn’t really catch on until after World War I, when increasing university populations (and Japanese spectators with new leisure time on their hands) created a boom of interest in a sport that requires little expense, land, or materials to practice and play.

 Universities began to play, then high schools, and finally pro teams. When a team of All-Stars (including Babe Ruth) toured Japan in the 1930s to huge crowds, a light bulb went on in the head of newspaper executive Matsutaro Shoriki. Shoriki and his newspaper firm formed the first club, the Dai Nippon Tokyo Yakyu Kurabu, now known as the Yomiuri Giants. A four-team league soon followed.

“He knew people would buy his papers just to read about the baseball,” Rocca said. “He saw the power of baseball.”

Today, just as in the United States, there are two leagues. In Japan, the Central and Pacific leagues have slightly different rules. The champion of each meets in a best-of-seven fall Japan Series that closely mirrors Major League Baseball’s World Series in format. (The national high school tournament, known as Koshien and played twice a year, also creates a national fever and a television ratings spike similar to “March Madness” in U.S. college basketball.)

The game itself is a bit different from the American version. The baseballs are smaller, and they’re wrapped in aluminum foil until just prior to game time to protect their surfaces. No grass grows in the stadium infi elds; they’re completely dirt. Teams play each other far more often. Pitchers start one game per week.

In-game strategy is different, as well. There’s far more bunting, base stealing, and situational hitting, far less power hitting and power pitching. Pitchers train themselves to throw any pitch to any location in any situation, relying on guile rather than speed to trick the hitters. The result is something roughly approximate to National League-style play in the United States. (Only a handful of Japanese league hitters have batting averages above .300 each season.) On the other hand, Japanese players’ endurance, hand-eye coordination, and conditioning are considered among the best in the world.

In fact, weeks after the 2007 season had ended, the ball club was still hard at work. At a practice in a field house near the club’s seaside stadium, players were stretching and chanting intensely, firing baseballs around, cracking whistling line drives off batting-practice pitchers, and listening to spirited pep talks from manager Bobby Valentine.

These rigorous workouts are among many intriguing facets of Japan’s version of the American pastime, and they’re often cited as one of the chief reasons Japanese players like Ichiro Suzuki (an seven-time All-Star in his seven seasons in the major leagues so far) and Boston Red Sox pitcher Daisuke Matuszaka are enjoying such success in the United States.
When Harold Alfond graduated from high school in Massachusetts, during the depth of the Great Depression, he could have gone to Dartmouth on an athletic scholarship. Instead he followed his father and became a factory worker in the shoe shops. Over the next 70 years, Alfond built two shoe companies, and became a part-owner of the Boston Red Sox and a major shareholder in Berkshire Hathaway. He built a world-class golf course in Belgrade, Maine, and was called “the world’s most unpretentious millionaire” by Golf magazine.

And he made sure that Maine benefited from his good fortune.

Alfond died Nov. 16, 2007, in Maine, at 93. A major benefactor at Colby and at a host of other institutions in and out of Maine, he will long be remembered as one of Maine’s preeminent philanthropists.

In early June, Colby will be the site for a celebration of his life. Fittingly, the tribute will take place in the Harold Alfond Athletic Center.

Donna Dionne, a custodian in the athletic center, remembers Alfond fondly. “What a nice man,” she said, recalling how sad she was to learn he had died. “He always wanted to see us when he was here, to say thank you for keeping the building so clean.” He also insisted that the custodial staff be included in ceremonial events, such as the dinner when the athletic center was dedicated to him in the mid-1990s.

The Alfond name will forever be linked with Mayflower Hill because of his long affiliation with the College, his enduring loyalty to athletic teams, and because, thanks to substantial gifts, his name adorns facilities including the athletic center, the Harold and Bibby Alfond Residence Complex (senior apartments), the Alfond Rink, the Alfond Track, the Alfond-Wales Tennis Courts, and numerous other spaces and initiatives. He and his wife, Dorothy “Bibby” Alfond, also quietly paid tuition for many children of employees and friends.

Bibby Alfond, who passed away in 2005, was a member of Colby’s Class of 1938. The Alfonds’ son Bill Alfond ’72 is a trustee of the College, and his granddaughter Jennifer Alfond Seeman graduated in 1992. Harold Alfond received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Colby in 1980, one of five honorary degrees he received during his life.

Bill Alfond said his father’s affection for Colby “goes back to his friendships with Galen Eustis ’23, Bill Millett ’25, and, in particular, President Bixler.” In those friends Alfond saw Colby administrators who were kindred spirits—pragmatic Mainers with a firm grasp of what had to be done and who were helping to run the College. Harold Alfond also couldn’t help being infected with the passionate loyalty to Colby embodied in Bibby’s brothers, Ludy ’21 and Pacy Levine ’27. “Dad often talked about all the smart and passionate people at Colby,” Bill Alfond said.

“He had a pretty close personal relationship with four Colby presidents,” said current President William Adams. “We spent time together on the golf course, time at his camp. He would periodically come by my camp on Great Pond. ... The first time I ever played golf with him was at the Belgrade Lakes course. You could tell he was sizing me up. He parred the first hole and I bogeyed it, and when he went to pick up his ball he looked at me and said, ‘You want to play for money?’”

Alfond used to tell friends and family that he would not retire “until at least 10 years after I’m dead,” according to his obituary. And, having committed nearly all of his fortune to the Harold Alfond Foundation to fund charitable causes in Maine, his good works will continue a lot longer than that.

Born in Swampscott, Mass., in 1914, Alfond was a shoe-shop worker en route to the Skowhegan Fair in 1939 when a hitchhiker he picked up told him a factory was for sale in Nor-
ridgewock. A year later, using proceeds from the sale of his car, Alfond and his father bought the plant for $1,000 and launched Norrwock Shoe Company. In four years Norrwock had more than $4 million in sales. Sensing the market was ripe, and eager to provide for his father’s retirement, Alfond sold Norrwock for $1.1 million in 1944 but remained as president until 1969.

In 1958 Alfond purchased a vacant mill in Dexter, Maine, and started Dexter Shoe Company. In 1959 his nephew Peter Lunder ’56, D.F.A. ’98, joined him, and, together with Alfond’s three sons, they built a company that, at its peak, manufactured more than 7.5 million pairs of shoes a year.

According to a New York Times obituary, Alfond pioneered the factory outlet store at the Skowhegan factory in 1971. By the 1990s factory outlets were the rage, and Dexter had more than 80 stores nationwide. Warren Buffet bought the company for Berkshire Hathaway Inc. in 1993, and Alfond stayed involved until 2001, when Dexter merged with HH Brown Shoe Company.

Alfond is survived by a daughter, Susan, and three sons, Ted, Bill ’72, and Peter. He also is survived by a brother, David, a sister, Gladys Nathanson, 13 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. In addition to Colby, Harold and Bibby Alfond’s philanthropy supported buildings, scholarships, and/or programs at eight other colleges and universities, several prep schools, and at camps, hospitals, and other nonprofit and community organizations, including the Harold and Bibby Alfond Youth Recreation Center in Waterville.

“We need more people like him,” Dionne said, wistfully, recalling his small kindnesses. “Do you know what a thank-you will get for you?”
This was a resounding rejection of President Pervez Musharraf. Your reaction?

NZ I was very encouraged. Personally, I was very disillusioned by what was going on for the couple of months before the elections. This was a turning point, I think.

SN I was very excited about the results as well, very enthusiastic. … That was interesting to see how lawyers, students, civil servants, human rights activists—they came out on the streets and demonstrated, mainly against a step that was considered very unconstitutional and against the basic beliefs that the people had—Musharraf declaring emergency and deposing all the judges who had taken action against him. So there was this whole political gloom. And then with the elections there is this cloud of optimism around the city. People are happy, the major parties, the PPP [Pakistan People’s Party] and the PML-N [Pakistan Muslim League: Nawaz Group], have the biggest support in the country. The dynamics of the political scene in Pakistan are going to change.

Was it difficult watching all of this from afar?

NZ It was. I think it becomes so easy to detach yourself from these things, unless you’re actually a part of it there.

SN Difficult for me as well, because over the summer, when I went back home, there were a lot of demonstrations going on, especially in this one place in Lahore called the Mall, where all the government offices are. … The interesting part is that this is the first time since the Sixties that the civil society has mobilized. This time around they are very serious about which direction they are headed in: that Pakistan has to stop being a stooge of the United States and have some independence as far as its politics is concerned and independence in its institutions, such as the judiciary.

Do you think this will just be cyclical? Civil government, then the military again?

NZ Historically speaking, it has been [cyclical]. But the current chief of army staff, I think, is trying pretty hard to distance the army and the military from civil institutions and organizations. I think that’s a positive step and something I hope people in Pakistan hold onto for longer than maybe they had in the past.

SN Musharraf took off his uniform to run for a second term, so his influence on the military is decreasing steadily. This has serious implications for Musharraf because, now that his party has lost and the new people are not willing to deal with him, he is just being sidelined. If he sticks around there will obviously be confrontation between him and the opposition.

Hasn’t he reacted to the election more cooperatively than some people expected?

NZ I think it is in his best interest to have done so, but at the same time people see he has hung on so far and he may continue to do so. Sanval is right. There’s definitely going to be confrontation [if he lingers], because the election has shown his unpopularity among the educated masses.

Political confrontation? Back to the streets?

SN The confrontation would be on issues, specifically foreign issues. The reason there has been this upsurge in militancy in the northwest province has a lot to do with the military. The ISI, the Inter-Service Intelligence agencies in Pakistan, and the military itself helped in the late Eighties to develop the Taliban and place them in Afghanistan and slowly gave rise to such elements, and [now] they seep back into Pakistan through the porous northern borders. But many political analysts are arguing for more social and economic development in the northern provinces. If you work with these militants and encourage them to have schools, for girls especially, and boys, then the newer generation will be completely different from the old one.
Do you think the United States stuck with Musharraf too long?

NZ It still is to a certain extent. It’s pushing the majority to work in tandem with him. But people are saying that is something the PPP needs to distance itself from if it actually wants to work for the people’s will, what they want. I think that’s something that is still there and needs to be addressed. I don’t know how well it will be.

So what is the feeling about the United States and its influence in Pakistan?

SN Even among the most liberal classes, it’s a very negative perception about America’s role, because they always felt, especially after 9/11, the U.S. encouraged Musharraf to stay in power, which is very hypocritical of the United States, to let a military person meddle in our civilian affairs. If the U.S. wants to continue to fight the militancy in the northwest or help Afghanistan fight the Taliban, they have to do it through this new parliament.

Neha, you said you were glad we were to have this conversation. Is that because there are misconceptions about Pakistan’s political situation you’d like to clear up?

NZ I think that it’s more of a general unawareness of what is taking place in other parts of the world, part of the world that’s very important to me. I’m sure there are misconceptions as well. But there are so many other nuances that people tend to overlook. I hope that this will help enlighten people in a way.

Does the election make it likely that you would go back to Pakistan and take part in some way?

NZ I think so. It’s funny you ask, because last week, just after the elections, we were talking and Sanval asked me the same thing. I said, “If you had asked me this question two or three months ago, I probably would have given a very different answer.” I definitely feel more strongly about going back and being part of this, in any way. There is so much to be done in that country.

SN After my graduate studies I will probably go back and teach. It’s human capital that the country needs right now—young people who have studied abroad. At home there are very good schools, and now people are inclined towards staying there because there are so many new opportunities that are coming. About five years ago, when economic progress was at a halt, there was not much to do in the country, so people would just leave, pack up their bags and go make a living somewhere else. Now things have changed completely.
Critics and supporters of the Iraq War agree that, early on, the coalition effort was hampered by a profound lack of knowledge of Iraqi culture on the part of the U.S. military. Four years after the U.S. invasion, military planners decided to “embed” anthropologists in combat units to help American soldiers in Iraq better understand the place and culture.

Good move?

No, according to Catherine Besteman, Colby professor of anthropology and a founding member of the Network of Concerned Anthropologists, which has led vehement opposition to the U.S. military’s $40-million Human Terrain System program.

“What they’re asking,” Besteman said, “is for us to be embedded in military units in the front lines of war where they will be gathering information to be used against civilian populations. That’s not ending the war. That’s not using our knowledge in a way that saves lives.”

That is one side in a debate that has spread like wildfire in the anthropology community. It has led the American Anthropological Association to come out strongly against the embedded-anthropologist program and its practice of using uniformed and sometimes armed anthropologists to gather intelligence in a war zone.

The association’s executive board concluded that the Human Terrain System program is likely to lead anthropologists to violate their own code of ethics, which stipulates that anthropologists may not harm the persons they study. The pro-
Many anthropologists say, “We have no problem working with the military, consulting with the military. We have no problem teaching the military, we have no problem having soldiers in our classes. We have no problem presenting cultural orientation briefings for soldiers who are about to embark to foreign areas. Let us do that. We would be happy to do that. That’s different than gathering information covertly about people that’s going to be used to dominate them. That we cannot do.”

Professor of Anthropology Catherine Besteman
Open-Door Policy

Trading loans for grants ensures access to a Colby education for more students.
The entire Colby community should take enormous pride in the trustees’ recent decision to enhance Colby’s financial aid packages by replacing student loans with grants, which don’t have to be repaid. The response—in the media, from alumni, and particularly from students and their parents—is an almost universal outpouring of support and appreciation for the initiative.

The increasing cost of a Colby education has long been an intense concern of mine. I talked about it when we kicked off the Reaching the World campaign, it is a frequent discussion topic among colleagues and trustees, and I worry about it every year as I write the letter telling students and parents what next year’s comprehensive fee will be.

While this change in our aid policy is not a panacea for a trend that is of national concern, it is a big step for Colby. This decision puts us among a select few institutions that are leading by example, dedicating some of their growing endowments to making college more affordable.

The new policy will cost $1.5 million each year in addition to the $21 million we spent on grant aid this year. It will ensure that we continue to compete for the best students, and it will help Colby retain its place among the nation’s very top colleges and universities. Some of these schools have endowments reaching into the stratosphere, but most, even some of our peers in NESCAC, simply do not have the resources to eliminate loans.

The decision was not made primarily for competitive reasons, though. The most important rationale for eliminating student debt from our financial aid program is that it offers access to opportunity more equitably. It is a deep and historic commitment that Colby wants to enroll the very best students, regardless of their ability to pay, and this initiative to expand grant aid will make Colby affordable to more students from low- and middle-income families.

Why is this important? Because education is one of the greatest engines of opportunity in America and in the world. A Colby education in particular, I believe, has the power to transform lives, and it is our obligation to make sure it is available and affordable to those who can most benefit.

Though the decision was made too late to affect the overall admission pool this year, there is evidence that prospective students and families are getting the message that we will work to make Colby affordable to all. After the same offer was made to Maine students last fall, we saw a 49-percent increase in applications from within the state.

It is important to distinguish what this aid program is not. It is not merit aid—scholarships awarded for good grades or high test scores that, like athletic scholarships, are given without regard to financial need. Merit aid, increasingly practiced at other institutions, is used to enroll attractive candidates by offering a discount, even though their families could afford full fees. At Colby all financial aid is need based.

Colby families may still choose to take out federal loans to cover the calculated family contribution, books, or other expenses. But, based on current aid packages, students with financial need can expect to graduate with $14,400 less debt because of the loans-to-grants decision by our Board of Trustees. Add the interest they will avoid and the total is more than $18,300 that our students won’t have to pay off as a result.

But there are even more important consequences for our alumni and for Colby. Without the burden of this college-loan debt, Colby graduates will have more freedom to pursue careers about which they are passionate. They will be freer to choose work where they can make a difference, to lead lives of consequence, and even to change the world. For Colby as an institution, this new aid policy is a visible manifestation of some very deeply held values—opportunity, competitiveness, and integrity.
For many years Hubert Kueter taught German at Colby. Most people knew he was from Germany. Sometimes he spoke about Breslau, his hometown during the last stage of the Second World War. With the Russian army advancing, Hitler had declared Breslau (now Wroclaw in Poland) a fortress city to be defended to the last person. Occasionally Kueter talked about scrambling for bits of food as Russian shells rained on his city, which was full of starving civilians.

Colleagues and students did not know that many years he fought another fight of a different though no less dangerous nature: Kueter’s mother was Jewish. She asked him not ever to say that he was half-Jewish, and he kept his silence until recently, until after she passed away at age 95.

The situation of Kueter and his mother became more precarious when his father, a violist, passed away when Hubert was 4. Just at this time, the infamous Nuremberg Laws (1935) decreed that marriages like that of Kueter’s parents were forbidden and that no Jew could have German citizenship. The Nazi state therefore no longer considered Kueter’s mother and her extended family as Germans, and all the discriminating legislation against Jews applied to them. And there was no shortage of that: Nazi Germany passed no fewer than 2,000 anti-Jewish laws, ranging from humiliating but banal regulations, such as the prohibition to sit down on certain public benches, to laws excluding Jews from entire professions and from state benefits. Kueter, as a mixed-race child, a *mischling* in Nazi parlance, lived in a less clearly defined legal space, but had the Nazi regime outlasted his youth, he might sooner or later have been deported and killed. Unlike many relatives, however, Kueter and his mother survived, and he tells their story with humor, wit, and elegance in *My Tainted Blood*.

One hopeful aspect was immediately visible to his mother when she contemplated the difficulties of surviving in Nazi Germany: Hubert was blond. He had blond hair—something that not a single top-ranking Nazi had, notwithstanding their rhetoric about the superiority of the alleged Nordic, blond, and blue-eyed race. Being blond probably mattered very much. Kueter was able to attend school with non-Jews, and his mother was never ordered on one of the deportation trains to Auschwitz, which was not far from Breslau.

Kueter tells the tale of his childhood in Nazi Germany with such lightness and wit that it is easy to forget how dangerous the situation was. Not even his blond hair would have protected them if his behavior had antagonized some die-hard Nazi schoolmate or neighbor. There was enough opportunity to get in trouble; on one occasion, young Kueter stole a giant Christmas goose from the balcony of a Nazi family nearby, but he covered his tracks well, and the smell of the roasting goose provided a protective screen for his evasive answers to his relatives’ questions about the origins of the goose.

Surviving the Nazis and the war is not the entire story. Kueter recounts a fantastic escape from Soviet-occupied Breslau to Bavaria with the help of a Russian officer eager to defect to the Americans and a treasure he discovered buried in the garden of an SS general. The account is riveting and hard to put down. While telling his story, Kueter never hides his passion for culinary delights (for many years he ran Johann Sebastian B, a restaurant in Oakland, Maine, that served German specialties, including a quite passable Linzertorte). He revels in his schemes to procure food for his mother and himself and to outwit Nazis before and after the end of the war. This book provides a fascinating tale of resilience, survival, and, despite all, *joie de vivre*. 
**GHOST STORY**

At a dinner party in Waterville in the 1990s, English Professor Jenny Boylan told a story about her peripatetic Uncle Sean, who traveled around the country by freight train. The family knew that he would be arriving soon because he always sent ahead his trunk of books. In those years, Boylan was traveling through her own life as Professor James Boylan, the author of several comic novels and a collection of short stories, and an entertaining teacher in Colby’s Creative Writing Program. Hidden behind the jokester and storyteller, though, was a profoundly female sensibility.

Boylan is transgerndered, and her first memoir, the bestselling *She’s Not There: A Life in Two Genders*, explored the transformation she undertook while in her 40s. In her second memoir, *I’m Looking Through You: Growing up Haunted: A Memoir*, she relates the funny, tragic history of this dichotomy, when she was growing up as a boy outside of Philadelphia, going to an all-boys’ school and then to Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

Like Uncle Sean’s trunk, *I’m Looking Through You* is full of eclectic stories—ghost stories, coming-of-age stories, family stories, zany adventures and escapes, snatches of lyrics—with a large cast of eccentric and sympathetic characters. They include a fortune-telling, turbaned grandmother; a reserved, piano-playing banker father; a team of inept but sincere ghost-busters; various prankster friends; a loyal wife, mother, and sons; a dog named “Sausage” and the cat “baBOING!”

Boylan tells her readers to expect a story that contains invention. Characters are not composite, but time has been shifted, some incidents made up, and dialogue created where memory failed. Such works appear (to this reader anyway) to be best read not for historical accuracy but as a variant of autobiographical fiction. Where fiction takes the material of the writer’s life and disguises it to get at deeper truths, here, in fictionalized memoir, the lived life gives the book its structure, rather like the branches of a tree on which the writer hangs real and imagined events to enhance the story and to reveal its truths.

For her, to grow up transgerndered was to feel translucent, lacking solidity, rather like the ghosts who haunt her family’s appropriately named “Coffin House.” She asks this question: If we’re not seen as who we are, how can we be loved and desired? And even the longed-for transformation, giving her a body in which she feels content and “against all odds” solid, leaves troubling questions: How can she reconcile the woman she’s become with the boy she was? How can she become whole?

Toward the end of the book, her spouse suggests that people heal themselves by weaving “the narrative of their lives backwards and forwards.” It occurs to Jenny that the sense of humor for which “Jim” was so well known was “what I needed to survive,” and that she might yet be saved by “the transformative powers of blarney.”

In *I’m Looking Through You* she draws on that same zany humor and talent for invention to relate a haunting tale of a woman’s struggle to become herself.

—Susan Sterling

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**RECENT RELEASES**

*A Healing Touch: True Stories of Life, Death, and Hospice*

Richard Russo, Wesley McNair, Monica Wood, Susan Sterling, Bill Roehrback, Gerry Boyle ’78

Down East Books (2008)

Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Richard Russo and five other Maine authors (all of whom are present or former Colby faculty or staff) here prove that the close of life need not be filled with darkness when hospice help is at hand. These writers contributed intensely personal and profoundly moving end-of-life accounts that cover a wide spectrum of human experience. All six authors are donating their royalties to Waterville Hospice; Down East will also give a portion of the proceeds to the same cause.

*Be Happy Without Being Perfect: How to Break Free from the Perfection Deception*

Alice Domar ’80 and Alice Lesch Kelly

Crown (2008)

Psychologist and Harvard Medical School Assistant Professor Domar knows the way for women not to achieve happiness—spend your life chasing an ever-elusive paradigm of perfection. With co-author and journalist Kelly, Domar explains that, much as they try, overachieving women will never attain perfection. This book is intended to help readers develop more realistic expectations—and to find contentment as they reach those goals. It includes the insights of more than 50 women and offers a process to help readers see that perfectionism often is the source of discontent.

*Stranger in Paradise*

Robert B. Parker ’54

Putnam (2008)

The seventh novel in Parker’s Jesse Stone series, *Stranger in Paradise* has the small-town police chief grappling with a fugitive criminal’s return. The dilemma: the criminal has been hired to kill a mobster’s ex-wife and kidnap his 14-year-old daughter. Stone ends up helping the daughter—and becoming an unlikely ally of his former adversary.

*The Legacy of German Jewry*

Hermann Levin Goldschmidt, translated by David Suchoff (English)

Fordham University Press (2007)

This comprehensive rethinking of the German-Jewish experience was first published in 1957. Suchoff is the first scholar to translate Goldschmidt’s work into English. Ahead of his time and biblical in his perspective, Goldschmidt, who died in 1998, describes the ways that German-Jewish writers and thinkers anticipated what we now call multiculturalism. Rather than destined to destruction, the German-Jewish experience is reconceived here as a past whose unfilled project remains urgent and contemporary—a dream yet to be realized in practice, hence a task that still awaits its completion.
If you’re a college ice hockey coach, you hope you have at least one player every couple of recruiting classes who can get you 100 points during a four-year career. If you get two in a class, you are blessed.

If you get three? Well then, you had better enjoy every second.

Colby men’s head coach Jim Tortorella had just that embarrassment of riches this season. Senior forwards Josh Reber and TJ Kelley and senior defenseman Arthur Fritch each passed the 100-point mark this year. All three were first-team All-NESCAC, making up half of that all-star squad.

“All three of them are different. Rebes is an assist guy, TJ is a goal scorer, Arthur is a little bit of both,” Tortorella said.

The potent offensive trio, backed by freshman goalie Cody McKinney, who posted NESCAC’s best save percentage, helped power the Mules (15-9-1) to end the regular season in first place in NESCAC. Colby fell 2-1 to eventual champion Trinity in the conference tournament semifinals at Colby March 9.

Kelley was named NESCAC Player of the Year, ending his Colby career with 56 goals and 70 assists for 126 points and as the conference’s leading scorer this year. Reber, despite missing five games to an injury this season, finished with 34 goals and 99 assists for 133 points. Fritch had 32 goals and 84 assists for 116 points.

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“Up until last year, when it became a realistic goal, it never really crossed my mind,” said Reber, who became the first to hit the 100-point mark, with a goal in a 5-2 win Nov. 30 against Skidmore.
A dramatic overtime win over top-seeded Middlebury sent fourth-seeded women’s hockey to its first NESCAC final. The Mules (15-9-3) couldn’t manage consecutive upsets and fell to second-seed Amherst 7-1 in the tournament final, March 10 at Middlebury.

The semifinal win March 9 was one of the biggest victories in the program’s recent history. Lacey Brown ’09 made 46 saves, allowing just two goals in more than three and a half periods of hockey. Middlebury (19-3-3) outshot the Mules 48-17, but Brown frustrated the Panthers until Liz Osgood ’11 pounced on a rebound 13:16 into overtime and drove the puck home.

Laura Anning ’09 tallied the fastest goal ever recorded in a NESCAC tournament, scoring for Colby just 15 seconds into the game. Just over a minute later, the Mules scored again on a shot by Dana Yerigan ’10.

The Panthers tied the game in the second period. Neither team would score for the next 28:39, when Osgood scored the game-winner. Rebecca Julian ’09’s original shot was saved before Osgood snagged a rebound in the crease and buried it to send Colby to the finals.

Women’s hockey coach David Venditti called the victory “a willed win.”

“They never got nervous,” Venditti said. “They just kept working hard.”

Kelley hit the century mark with an assist in Colby’s 4-2 win against Curry Jan. 8, and Fritch joined his teammates with a goal in a 3-2 loss to New England College Jan. 12.

“After our first year, we each had a pretty decent number of points, and it just kind of went from there,” said Fritch, who was a first-team All-America selection last season. “After last season, you kind of had it in your mind that [100 points] was reachable.”

“I don’t think each of us would have been able to do it all by ourselves. It’s all about the guys you play with,” Kelley said.

Kelley and Reber were on the same team at the Taft School but didn’t play on the same line until their freshman season at Colby.

“When TJ and Rebees came, it was kind of an instant connection,” Tortorella said. “I have to separate them in practice sometimes. It’s like, ‘You can make other guys better by playing with them and developing their skills,’ but they always want to be together. They just kind of know where the other is.”

Added Kelley: “We feed off each other. (Reber) loves to pass the puck. I like to shoot the puck.”

Five of Fritch’s nine goals this season came on the power play, where the 6-foot-3, 215-pound blue liner could unleash his strong slap-shot from the point.

“I basically take feeds from my defensive partner, and hopefully it hits the net,” Fritch said. “If not, these guys [Reber and Kelley] will hit in for a rebound. These guys are pretty impressive to play with, and we just try to have a lot of fun out there.”

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Success Out West for Nordic and Alpine Skiers

Vincent Lebrun-Fortin ’11 earned All-America honors in slalom and giant slalom at the NCAA Division I Skiing Championships in Bozeman, Mont. in early March. He placed fifth in the slalom event, good for first-team All-America honors, and seventh in GS for second-team laurels.

The men’s Nordic team placed sixth in the nation in the 10K freestyle, best among eastern schools at the national meet. They had already won the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association championship in the freestyle event.

Lebrun-Fortin, a first-year skier from Montreal, and Josh Kernan ’10, from Shelburne, N.H., who took 14th, gave Colby fifth in the nation in slalom despite having only two skiers competing against teams of three from other schools.

In women’s alpine skiing, Colby’s Dana Breakstone ’10 placed 29th in the women’s slalom.

The Nordic men’s team had three skiers in the top 21 in the 10K freestyle race, a discipline that they dominated in Eastern competition. Colby skiers took sixth place in the team results for that race, despite competing against many skiers from western schools who come from Europe and may be members of their national teams.

It was the first year that Colby sent a full Nordic team to nationals. Silas Gill ’09 finished 18th, Nick Kline ’08 19th, and Wyatt Fereday ’11 21st. “It’s very rare you can get a freshman who not only can score but also qualify for the NCAAs,” Colby Nordic coach Tracey Cote told the Morning Sentinel in a story about the success of the young squad. Cote was named Eastern Coach of the Year for the second straight year. Gill finished in 24th place in the 20-kilometer classical event, helping Colby to a 12th-place team finish in that event.

The Colby ski program (Nordic and alpine, men and women) placed 13th in the country in NCAA Division I despite having just six of the possible 12 skiers that would make up a full team.

All four members of the WOMEN’S SWIMMING team who went to NCAA Div. III nationals in March returned from Ohio as All-Americans. KELLY NORSWORTHY ’08 made it four years straight as an All-American in the 100-yard breaststroke, with a 1:04.82 time, good for fourth place. Norsworthy, KELSEY POTDEVIN ’09, MADDIE GIVEN ’08, and CHELSEA HENEGHAN ’11 earned All-America honors for an eighth-place finish in the 400-yard medley relay. Norsworthy won the 50 and 100 breaststroke at the NESCAC championships and came in second in the 200 breaststroke. She won all three events as a junior. ... Meanwhile, at the national WOMEN’S INDOOR TRACK championships elsewhere in Ohio that same weekend, the distance medley relay team of LIZ PETIT ’08, LAURA POMPONI ’08, EMMA LINHARD ’11, and ANNA KING ’08 earned All-America honors by placing seventh with a time of 12:10.60. ... WOMEN’S BASKETBALL fell to top-seeded Amherst in the NESCAC quarterfinals, ending the season at 9-16. KATIE MCCCABE ’08 capped her career with milestones: fifth all-time in scoring with 1,241 points; tied for second in NESCAC in scoring, averaging 15.3 points per game; and second in NESCAC in rebounding. McCabe was named to the All-NESCAC second team, a first for the three-time All-NESCAC soccer player. ... MEN’S BASKETBALL also lost to top-seeded Amherst in the NESCAC quarterfinals, going 13-12 for the season. ADAM CHOICE ’10 was named to the All-NESCAC second team. Choice averaged 18 points and 7.8 rebounds—second in the conference in scoring. Choice was the only sophomore to earn all-conference honors and there were no freshmen.
Alumni Trustee Nominations

James E. Cowie ’77 and M. Jane Powers ’86 have each been nominated to serve a second three-year term as alumni trustees. Cowie, of Kenilworth, Ill., is a managing director with Frontenac Company, a private equity investment firm based in Chicago. He serves on the boards of four companies and is a trustee of the Illinois Institute of Technology. He earned his M.B.A. from Stanford in 1982 and served as a member of the Alumni Council and as an overseer before becoming a trustee in 2005. He is married to Kathleen M. Keegan ’77, and they have three sons.

Powers is a clinical social worker, child/family therapist, and director of a therapeutic day school for emotionally troubled children and adolescents. A Presidential Scholar and member of Phi Beta Kappa at Colby, she served as an admissions volunteer, Alumni Council member, and overseer before becoming a trustee in 2005. She earned her M.S.W. from Simmons in 1990 and has served on the executive board of the nonprofit Dignity/Boston. Jane and her spouse, Peggy Hayes, live in Medford, Mass.

According to Alumni Association bylaws, other nominations may be made by petition to the executive secretary of the Alumni Council with signatures of one percent of the members of the association. If there are no nominations before May 1, Cowie and Powers will be declared elected by the chair of the Alumni Council.

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40 Last summer only three of us, Doris Rose Hopengarten, Alleen Thompson, and I, represented our class in the Saturday parade at Reunion Weekend. Come and help carry our sign this June! Joanna (MacMurray ’41) and Lin Workman sent their regrets for being unable to leave their Georgia home last year and come to Maine for the summer. Ruth Gould Stebbins has added the role of expert caregiver to her many other skills and accomplishments. Thanks to her ministrations, her principal patient, Roger, has recovered nicely from very serious surgery for colon cancer. Their grandchildren are, respectively, a fashion designer in New York, a songwriter and entertainer who recently toured West Coast cities from Vancouver to San Diego, and a bride in her second year of marriage.

47 Allie and Dick Sampson, from Appleton, Wis., celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary last August with a scenic trip to Alaska up the Inside Passage. In June, besides greatly enjoying Dick’s 60th reunion, they traveled to Wisconsin through Ontario. Currently Dick is resting in a nursing home after suffering a mild stroke, but he’s ready to go home.

48 We heard from Aaron Sandler, who was looking forward to a visit from us in Sarasota and hoped that a mini-reunion of the classes of ’48 and ’49 could be arranged this winter on Florida’s east coast. David receives e-mail on various subjects from his 1944 roommate Howell Clement, who lives in Kalispell, Mont. Carol Stoll Baker lives in a high-rise in Newton, Mass. After 18 years in Needham, living in a cozy apartment, leaves time for painting (she’s trying portraiture), the BSO, the MFA, and dinner with friends. Recently Frances Hyde Stephan and Carol enjoyed an afternoon of bridge. Carol’s eldest grandson recently married a young woman from England, and her youngest grandson became a freshman at Emory. She finds relationships with the grandchildren rewarding, fun, and a great joy in her life. Mary and Gene Hunter finished their 10th year living in their condo in Scarborough, Maine. They now hold ‘Thanksgiving dinner’ at their son’s home in Brunswick. The last count shows they had 44 ‘Hunters attending:’ They have seven children (ages 37 to 58), 20 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Among their children, Mark is retired from a pulp and paper company and now acts as a consultant to a couple of paper mills in Maine; Allen is a superior court judge in Maine; Marcia is a doctor of psychology in Portland; George is a vice president of the Mid Coast Hospital in the Bath-Brunswick area; Paul is in charge of sales for a food company covering the eastern region of the U.S.; Stephanie owns and operates a business called Hunter Promotions near Orlando, Fla.; and Mary and Gene’s youngest daughter, Dawn, teaches in the Cape Elizabeth school system. They all graduated from the University of Maine. Their grandchildren have attended many different colleges in the United States, Canada, and England. So far they have three lawyers and a dentist. Others are in grad school, high school, and elementary school. Mary and Gene work at a golf course near where they live and Gene is coaching a seventh grade boy’s basketball team at Scarborough Middle School. Gene called Frank Strup ’44 and they reminisced about playing basketball and baseball at Colby before they went into the service. They hadn’t been in contact since the war and had a great time talking about those early days at Colby when they were Zetes. We are back in Florida for the winter. Dorothy went on a trip in January to Australia and New Zealand. She is joining David’s brother and his wife, David passed up the trip, preferring to avoid the 21 days of travel. We recently saw Bob Sage ’49 and his wife, Phyllis. We have stayed in contact with Betty Joslow. Marvin Joslow passed away around Thanksgiving last year. We miss him and think of him often, especially when we sail to Martha’s Vineyard. Our 60th reunion occurs this spring. We are planning to attend! Our ranks may have thinned but we still anticipate having a good time. We hope many of you will participate. David and Dorothy Marson

49 Earlier this fall, Sid McKeen wrote: “In August my wife, in collusion with my two children, threw me a surprise 80th birthday roast in Belfast.” More than 90 people showed up, 10 percent of whom were Colby alumni, including Sid’s wife, Anne Fraser McKeen ’48, Frankie and Bud NANNING. Sid’s senior roommate who made it up from Rhode Island, Fred ’48 and Charlotte Cowan Sutherland ’50, Carol Carpenter Bisbee ’49, Nancy Foreman Slaughter ’71, Sid’s son Jeff McKeen ’76, and Eric Rolfson ’73. Entertainment was provided by Jeff and Eric, half of the musical group Old Grey Goose International, who
No Excuses | Beth Pendleton Clark ’35

Beth Pendleton Clark ’35 had every excuse not to succeed.

Family tragedies and prejudices shadowed her life, presenting her with challenges that could have left her bitter and defeated.

Two months after she married, she learned her new husband had a terminal disease. Years later cancer claimed her son.

Despite these painful losses, Clark pursued a career in ministry, healing others while she healed herself. In the decades following her Colby education, Clark earned three degrees from seminaries in Boston and Pennsylvania. Along the way she also broke a few gender barriers.

She was the first woman to receive her doctoral degree in ministry from Lancaster Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, and while working as interim minister she often found herself preaching to parishes that had never listened to a woman in the pulpit.

“Some people objected strenuously,” Clark said. “But most were very nice, and it certainly helped that I had the training and support to succeed.”

Clark’s spiritual and leadership training began when she was growing up in Waterville. Her father, John Pendleton, worked as executive director of the Baptist Association of Maine. He traveled the state, delivering sermons and working with individual Baptist churches. Clark often accompanied her father, marveling at his talent to unite people of all faiths and make them laugh.

Her father believed that all three of his children, including his two daughters, should receive a college education. Clark and her siblings enrolled at Colby.

“Minister’s children got half off their tuition, but it was still a hard time to be paying for school during the Great Depression,” Clark said. “I can still remember my father sitting in his chair, counting his pennies when he got home from work.”

Clark majored in sociology at Colby because she wanted to help people. After she graduated she enrolled in the Andover Newton Theological School intending to study religious education. After she met her future husband, John Clark, she decided to join him and become a minister. She received a bachelor’s degree in 1938. Two months after they married, Clark learned that her new husband had a terminal kidney disease.

“For fifteen years I knew he was going to die,” Clark said, “and during that time I was trying to get myself into a position where I could raise my children and face life without my husband.”

In the years after her husband’s death, Clark continued to study ministry, earning her master’s at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia (now Palmer Theological Seminary) in 1968 and her doctorate from Lancaster in 1981.

“At the time, men didn’t even want to have a woman as a professor,” Clark said. “It was unusual for a woman to get a doctoral degree then.”

In one church, a man stalked out after learning that a woman minister would be speaking. This sort of reaction didn’t bother Clark. “My father and husband always supported me, and if someone rejected me, I always thought they were the ones with the problem,” she said.

In between preaching Clark worked other jobs to help support her children and pay for their college educations. “It wasn’t easy, but you just have to rely on your strength and faith,” she said.

Years later Clark had to fall back on her faith once again. She lost her son to lung cancer, and her daughter was diagnosed with the same kidney disease that claimed Clark’s husband. At age 81, Clark didn’t think twice about what she needed to do: she donated a kidney to her daughter, Beverly Daggett.

Her mother’s gift allowed Daggett to transcend her own gender barriers while serving in the Maine Legislature. In 2002 Daggett’s colleagues elected her as the first woman president of the Maine State Senate. “When you have a mother with a strong personality, it helps you to persevere the bumps in the road,” Daggett said.

Now 93, Beth Clark doesn’t dwell on “bumps in the road.” And she isn’t ready to “give up living” yet. She reads passionately, laughs often, and talks about the importance of peace “to anyone who will listen.”

“Doggone it,” she said. “I’m not going to quit doing things.”

—Barbara Walsh

Beth Pendleton Clark ’35 and her roommate Honey.

returned a few weeks earlier from a tour of Mauritania under auspices of the State Department. In September, Sid and Anne enjoyed a great visit from old friends Betty Parker Forman ’48 and Diane Palmer Clare. * I bet quite a few of us could report similar events. I had a small family weekend celebration in Bass Harbor, Maine, in September. We had a great time revisiting old haunts, enjoying a Friendshipsloopcruise, and just being all together. It was a doubleheader, too, as we also celebrated my sister-in-law’s 80th! * On Nov. 10 Hope (Toby) Harvey Graf attended a delightful, nostalgic 60th reunion of the Colby Eight. Clifford “Bump” Bean ’51 and President Bro Adams introduced the program and gave a brief history of the Colby Eight(6). Bump founded the group, which first sang at the 1947 homecoming. About 60 alumni took part in their different decades of then-popular music. Lorimer Chapel’s capacity crowd cheered enthusiastically after enjoying the traditional Mood Indigo closing. Don’t you wish you’d been there, too? * On a less happy note, I received an e-mail informing me of the passing of Miriam Dickinson Hammond. Mim died Nov. 2, 2007, in Lake Havasu City, Ariz., at 81. Our heartfelt sympathies to Mim’s family. * Keep the news coming and I’ll pass it on. —Anne Eastis

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Charles Lord writes: “It’s a small world. Last September my wife, Colette, and I, with two other couples, took a trip to France. The highlight of our trip was a week on a barge from Dijon on the old Bourgogne canal through 50 locks to many small villages. The first day out we stopped, waiting to get to the lock, and I started a conversation with a woman (Mrs. Weiss) who was from Colby with her husband in charge of a group of students for a semester. She was most surprised when I told her that I went to Colby many years ago. The fall issue of Colby magazine on Dijon was just wonderful and captured the ambiance of the city, where we enjoyed the walking tour and sites. We spent four days in Paris and three in Lyon, and I must say the French people we encountered were friendly, helpful, and willing to assist us with directions, shopping, restaurants, etc. I did some homework before the trip with language lessons, as my French was quite rusty.” Charles is retired. He and Colette have seven children, two boys and five girls. They have a
Kate and John “Crim” Crawford are in the midst of moving to a retirement community in Boulder, Colo. After spending the summer getting work done on his house, William Burgess planned another cruise to the Mexican Riviera for seven days at the end of December.

Chet Harrington enjoyed a sunny vacation in Montego Bay, Jamaica, before Thanksgiving and looked forward to a family reunion upon his return. He keeps in touch with Ted Shiro, George Wales, and Don Hailer ’52, who pass on news of other classmates. Down in Florida, Ernie Fortin keeps busy five, sometimes six, days a week as president of the Meadows Community Association, where he oversees 8,000 residents, a small paid staff, and a great number of volunteers. He loves the job and will miss it when his term is up this spring. Through his sister-in-law Marjorie he keeps in touch with Duane Hurd, who married Marjorie in 2005. They have a lovely cottage on Embden Pond in Maine and a home in Florida.

Professor Alice Colby-Hall retired from Cornell University after 43 years of teaching medieval French literature. She still reads material in a variety of languages for personal enrichment. Carolyn English Caci visited Ginnie Falkenbury Aranson in Virginia then spent time with Tommi Thompson Staples, which included a bus trip for them to New York City to see Martha Friedlaender.

ELECTRA PASKALIDES COUMOU takes watercolor lessons and teaches bridge at her local senior center. Ann and Rick Tyler traveled to Africa during the month of November. Loretta “Rex” Mears Setter had to evacuate her home during the fires in her community in California; fortunately she and her cat were able to stay with a relative for four days.

Diane Chamberlin Starcher spent time last summer in Wisconsin, a great week in September in Sardinia, four days in Haifa, Israel, in early November, and the remainder of the year in the United States visiting children and her sister Sue Chamberlin Trauger ’60. Sue Johnson and Dick Lehrburger and his wife took The Blue Voyage trip to Turkey in October. Another trip to the Ukraine/Romania/Black Sea area is planned for 2008 and Sue would love to find a roommate. Sue spent Thanksgiving day in Richmond, Va., with Freeman Sleeper, his four children, and several grandchildren.

Does anyone else out there have “memory flashes” when you see a Colby sticker on a car? —Art Eddy

Greeting classmates. Thanks to all who sent news. Frank and Anne McGowan Kubice lead a “quiet life” in West Virginia. They no longer raise sheep but have cats and a dog. Their four sons live locally—one daughter teaches in D.C. and the other lives in Massachusetts. Eight of their 11 grandkids live nearby. Anne is involved in their small live theater as a supporter, usher, fundraiser, etc. In her church she participates in a variety of active ministries and started a grief ministry several years ago. She remains a volunteer for hospice as an “11th hour” volunteer and is called to sit with patients in their final hours. She enjoys reading about Colby and all the progress. Come see for yourself. Anne. It’s quite spectacular!

The Ed Ducharmes returned this fall from Budapest, where their son, Paul, is principal of the middle school of the American School. They had a wonderful time but picked up a nasty bug they hope to cure as soon as possible. Pete Dostic reminisces about how lucky he was to spend the first 22 years of his life in Maine. He still has many friends and family, including his 93-year-old mother, living in our great state. Pete enjoys racquetball and bridge, doing Meals on Wheels, and ushering at church. He and his wife, Shirley, travel extensively and manage to see their grandchildren four or five times a year.

George Haskell’s daughter, Alex, is a sophomore at Colby and is doing well. She is the youngest of his six daughters. Number five daughter, Kate, is a senior at the U.S. Naval Academy and hopes to enter the naval air program at Pensacola and fly F-15s following graduation. Wife Karen (Lawrence ’67) just opened a new Italian restaurant called Roca in Boston’s South End. George keeps working. Lee Culver Johnson was the only ’55 attendee at the annual February luncheon in Sarasota. Lee visited with Bob and Sistie Restall Horne at Sistie’s older brother’s funeral service. Harriet Sears Fraser was also there. I’m glad to have Harriet.
50s milestones


about a mile away from Jack and me in Falmouth. Lee keeps in touch with roommate Johanne Freither Broker and had lunch recently with Dottie Dunn. Lee divides her time between Stratham, N.H., and Osprey, Fla. “Best of both worlds,” she says, sending her best to all. * Joy and Peter Parsons cruised around the Black Sea from Athens to Istanbul and Cairo. They spent five days in Greece with friends who took them to the coast of the Ionian Sea. Pete says “beautiful mountains dropped right into the sea next to white beaches reaching out into the deep blue water.” * Jane (Daib ’58) and John Reisman enjoyed their yearly trip to Maine’s Linekin Bay. They caught up with the Zamboels and entertained Jane’s ’58 Tri-Deltas: Fran Wren Raymond ’58, Willie Mc Donald Sawyer ’58, Cindy Allerton Rocknak ’58, and their husbands. John and Jane plan a Danube cruise this fall and look forward to a 50th wedding anniversary in 2008. * What a difference this year from last! The Red Sox are World Champions, the Boston Patriots were undefeated, and, as I write this during the holiday season, I’m grateful for all of our blessings including our wonderful class! More news in 2008 if you keep it coming. — Ann Burnham Deering

56 Greetings classmates. Thanks for sharing your news and views. The names and places you mention evoke beautiful memories. It’s great to hear how close so many of you still are. * Kudos to Lucy Blainey Groening and Katie Coon Dunlop for being first responders to the Jeopardy! challenge! Your prizes are waiting. * Bill Wyman admits that Barbara Nardozzi Saxon is an elegant lady and was an incredible hostess when he visited her in Maine from California last August. “Miraculously, she arranged wall-to-wall Colby events: boating with the Frasers, sailing with the Sortors, dining with the Zamboels, Rosens, and Henry Taron ’55,” Bill recalls. “Barbara also magically turned into a publicist for my book, arranging a reading at that great little Southport Library and introducing me, with no noticeable embarrassment, to everyone in sight.” Great story, Bill. * A recent highlight for Susan Miller Hunt and Ruthann Simmonds was having lunch with Baird Whitlock, whom many fondly remember as the humanities instructor who introduced us to music and art appreciation. Professor Whitlock, now 84, had a brilliant career after leaving Colby and now lives with his wife, Joan, in Belfast. The Hunts, by the way, recently moved back to Mass., delighting their friends in the Sherborn area. * Janet Nordgren Meryweather visited with Peter and Betty Ré at the Bangor Symphony Orchestra. “Dr. Ré conducted the BSO when I lived in Bangor and was active in the Symphony Women’s Club,” Janet writes. “The very first class I had at Colby was with Peter in the women’s union. What a great entrée to college life!” * Peter and Hope Palmer Bramhall celebrated their 50th anniversary with their entire family in Kauai. This memorable event continued into a second week, when they connected with Tess and John Jubinsky on Oahu. Hope writes, “They were so welcoming and generous, winning and dining us, giving the royal tour of the island and their lovely home overlooking Waikiki and Diamond Head. Jube even found the house I lived in as a kid during the war.” * From Donald Dunbar comes news that Penguin published his book What You Don’t Know Can Keep You Out of College, reviewed both by Amazon with a four-star rating and by Publishers Weekly. “It came out July 5 and is selling well as it is the first book written about the importance of character in the admissions process.” * Dave Sortor invites us all to visit his avocation, the Sherborn Inn. “Rosemary (Crouthamel) and I are celebrating the Inn’s 20th birthday in 2008. We’re looking for someone to continue the inn but would still like to remain active in some way.” Dave also noted that in President Adams’s address to the Class of 2011, Dover/Sherborn High School, along with Milton Academy, had the most acceptances. “Both schools are close by and were attended by our children and grandchildren. Both are excellent academically.” David, you sound like a realtor! * Thus far, nobody has solved the Charlene Roberts Riordan-Russian connection. We’re still hopeful. Until then, John and I send greetings and bid you to keep in touch. — Joan Williams Marshall

57 The year is winding down after a glorious autumn here in Maine, and it hardly seems possible that another column is due. A big thank you to everyone who sends their news in to us—your responses are great! * Jim and Nancy Hansen Marchbank traveled to Russia in late August. Their adventures began in Moscow then continued on a riverboat to St. Petersburg and an exploration of that fascinating city. While Jim held the fort back home in Laurel, Md., Nancy (not wanting to lose her momentum) set off in early November on a bus trip to Spain and Portugal. * Cedric Harring enjoyed a Colby alumni trip to Italy in July, which included the lakes district, Cuomo, and Milan. The opera house La Scala was terrific. Mac has four weeks of Elderhostel skiing planned in Colorado and Utah for the winter months. Perish the thought that 72-year-olds sit at home in their rocking chairs! * In early November Bo Olsen attended the 50th-anniversary reunion concert of the Colby Eight; about 60 alumni returned to Colby for two days, culminating in the Saturday night concert. The Eight sang by decades, and the late ’50s group (era, not age) was excellent. Bo looked forward to the Magic of Christmas concerts and singing with the Choral Art Society and Portland Symphony in March. * Since returning from his bike trip in Austria this past summer, Laurent Roy started a new workshop, the Family Effectiveness Workshop, intended for parents trying to develop communication skills. It’s a fascinating process under way for his research and eventual book—I wish I had the space for a complete explanation of the process. * Ed White and his wife are very much enjoying their first grandchild. Ed helped set up a community justice committee at his church in Phoenix, hoping to keep young people out of the overloaded court system. An enjoyable trip for Ed was surfcasting at Rocky Point in Mexico and actually catching some fish to put on the grill. * Colette “Kyp” Piqueres Greenwood traveled to Chicago where she and her husband were treated to a Cubs game at Wrigley Field. Then it was on to California and Utah to visit her two sons; a road trip took them to Colorado in late August before heading home to Las Vegas. * Charlie Smith spent a late fall weekend at Hope and Bob Pettegrew’s home in Hancock, N.H. Dot and Mac Blanchard were on the scene as well. They did some hiking and touring of Peterborough and Hancock, a beautiful area of New England. * Our adventurous “two old hippies” (that’s a direct quote), Nancy and John Conkling, set off after our reunion in their 1989 VW camper to drive around Labrador, Newfoundland, and Quebec for three weeks. Irresistible! * Dick and Marilyn “Perk” Perkins Canton were off to Egypt in January with high hopes that Perk does not end up on too frisky a camel as she crosses the desert or her current Achilles heel problem will be the least of her worries! * Janet Kimball Clymer will remain in the same nursing home probably for the duration of the winter. She is making limited physical progress with therapy but no progress with her speech. She loves and appreciates cards and notes. Her current address is Langdon Place, 136 A Arch St., Keene, N.H. 03431. * Keep the good news coming! — Guy and Eleanor Ewing Vigue

58 Harry and Joan Shaw Whitaker recently went on a special Colby reunion cruise from Boston
to Bermuda with members of Sigma Theta Psi. Their high point came one evening with a rousing rendition of Hail, Colby, Hail on the top deck of the cruise ship. They’ll be at our 50th and hope all classmates plan to attend. * Kay (German ’59) and Al Dean attended George Denneen’s funeral in June. Al read from the Bible at the request of Wendy (Mc William Denneen ’60), Lois and Peter Doran were also present and Bob Saltz attended the wake the day before. Al, Kay, George, and Wendy traveled together in recent years on cruises to Alaska, the Panama Canal, around South America, and, George’s last, to Mexico last February. * The Tau Delts recently lost another classmate, Aaron Schless, who passed away from cancer in New York City in September. Our sincere condolences to his family. * Dave Adams attended the 60th anniversary Colby Eight reunion in November. He said this event “was really a high point in my life. There were 60 in attendance spanning from the early ’50s when the group was formed. To reclaim the ‘old songs’ and to struggle with the more complex newer ones was magical because of the memories and friendships. Peter Bridge and I sang the ‘bami’ and sometimes the ‘lower weirdly’ parts.” Note: The “Eight” will sing on Saturday night at our 50th reunion. How’s that for an incentive to come! * Linda Corcoran Smith-Criddle and Kay Stanwood Honsberger met for lunch recently and made a pact to develop a list of classmates whom they hope to see at our 50th and to contact them as an encouragement to attend. Maybe others would like to follow suit. E-mail addresses and names to Linda at smithcriddle@snnet.net. * Dick Campbell finally retired in March and writes that he will now have time “to enjoy some leisure years in York, Maine, and for Jeanne and me to visit our son and three daughters’ families in New Jersey and Ontario. Eight grandkids will keep things active! Through the Alumni Council I get back [to campus] a few times each year and am continually impressed by the giant steps the College has made over the years.” Dick and Jeanne will be at our 50th. * Glad to hear that Don Kennedy’s been retired for seven years after being school superintendent in three Massachusetts districts. Don has led over 100 studies in all six states for the New England School Development Council. “My favorites were helping a town get permission to enroll the children of battered women in a shelter, and helping a N.H. high school win an award by substantially reducing its dropout rate.” Don and Jean frequently visit friends in London and cousins in Inverness, Scotland. “Our time in Maine is divided between our cottage on Peaks Island (where I grew up) and visiting friends up the coast.” He also writes local history and helps bring racial and ethnic groups together. * Yours truly has just returned from three weeks in Africa, where the many, many faces of that great land are simply stunning. June is coming up fast, dear friends. Make your plane reservations now ‘cause we’re planning a great program and of course aiming for a record attendance. —Beryl Scott Glover

59 Since last summer the oldest granddaughter of Elaine (Healey ’62) and Paul Reichert has been in Iraq with the U.S. Army. In August Elaine and Paul went to Winnipeg, Canada, and St. Paul, Minn. St. Paul had just had a windstorm and looked like Florida after a hurricane—trees down and blue tarps on the houses. Paul reports no Florida hurricanes again this year. In January Paul and Elaine expected visitors from Costa Rica, and in February they’ll visit friends in Bogota, Colombia. They had a 225-pound wild boar in the neighborhood, which is now providing spare ribs and pork chops. * After 30 years of providing animals for the movie industry in New England, Carlene Price White has started a service-dog project—a charity that trains dogs that are donated to people with disabilities. The primary purpose is to provide Great Danes for veterans returning with mobility problems. The 40 Danes on her farm in Ipswich, Mass., keep the volunteers busy. * Last summer Eileen and Al Wilbur spent nearly a month in Egypt touring all of the usual sites from Alexandria to Cairo and to Abel Simbel just north of the Sudan border. Perhaps the greatest adventure was crossing over into Sinai. At 2 a.m. they, along with their Bedouin guide, climbed Sinai, approximately 6,500 feet, on a switchback trail used by people, camels, and donkeys. After three and a half hours of climbing using flashlights, the reward was the final climb on 750 steps hewn out of rock and very uneven. At the summit was the monastery that has been there more than 1,000 years and the spectacular sunrise looking off to Saudi Arabia in the distance. * Bob Keite had a father-son refereeing opportunity this past summer in Pompano Beach, Fla., when his son, a lawyer in Denver, visited. Last spring his son was selected to officiate the Frozen Four, the NCAA Division I hockey championships, and thus has progressed as far as he can as a nonprofessional hockey official. Father and son were momentary celebrities in the Ft. Lauderdale sports pages due to Bob’s 32-plus years on ice as a referee and his son’s success. Bob still referees 25 to 30 games monthly. * Denny Kellner Palmer and her daughter Elizabeth went to Guatemala on a program called Safe Passage. The program, founded by Hanley Denning, a native of Yarmouth, Maine, and a Bowdoin graduate, is meant to rescue the thousands of children who spend their days rummaging through the huge garbage dump in Guatemala City. The Palmer’s spent eight days with a group of seven seeing how these people live and the various educational facilities that have been built by this miraculous program to help break this chain of poverty. Hanley was a great part of the week. Her spirit of giving was so inspirational and so productive that Denny and her daughter returned to Maine with a new lease on life. Sadly, Hanley was killed at age 38 in a Guatemalan bus crash. The program continues, however, and Denny keeps in touch with the program by sponsoring an 18-year-old (who is in the fourth grade). She also volunteers for the Maine Handicapped Golf Program and is on the auction committee to benefit the Opportunity Farm for Boys and Girls in New Gloucester, Maine. She visited Donald and Penny Burns Winship in Bremen, Maine, where they are working hard improving their house and their beautiful land, having moved from Indiana. Denny keeps busy with family and seven grandchildren in Maine and San Francisco. * The planning has started for the 50th Reunion, which will be here all too soon. Please plan to attend. —Joanne K. Woods

60 Peter “Mac” McFarlane had a scare in 2005 when he suffered a long bout with atrial fibrillation. Fortunately he now has a pacemaker and is back to his normal activities and no longer feels constantly tired. In May the McFarlanes went on a cruise from New York to Southampton,
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Gene Bullis ‘67 was appointed executive vice president and chief financial officer at The Hanover Insurance Group. He brings “an exceptional record of success working with large public companies, both inside and outside the insurance business,” said The Hanover’s CEO. As CFO Bullis is responsible for financial operations and investments. *Stephen Schoeman ’64 was named director of the Environmental Law Section of the New Jersey Bar Association.

With a Ph.D. in political science from NYU and a J.D. from UPenn, Schoeman heads a section that promotes improvement and professionalism in the practice of environmental law. He also lectures widely on national and international affairs. *Alden Wilson ’69, the longest-serving state arts director in the nation, recently stepped down as director of the Maine Arts Commission. Wilson’s leadership placed the arts community of Maine in a strong position, and he left the agency at a time “when it can support the arts for the arts sake,” he said, on Maine.gov.

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U.K., with stops in Boston, Halifax, La Horta and Ponta Delgada, Azores, Cork and Waterford, Ireland, and Plymouth, England. It was so much fun that they made the crossing the other way in early October, departing Rome to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., with stops in Livorno, Italy, Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Valencia, and Almeria, Spain, Ponta Delgada, Azores, and Half Moon Cay, Bahamas. In Colorado they were waiting for the snow to begin, with skis waxed and ready to go. Pete finds it hard to believe that he’s in his 70th year and ready to go. Pete fi nds it hard to

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"If I have seen further than others, it is because I was standing on the shoulders of giants."

— Sir Isaac Newton

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Downs Berger, who retired in 2003 from her first career, as a physician, has had her paintings exhibited in various locations in Boothbay Harbor and Southport Island (Maine). Patty has summered on Southport Island all her life and her paintings depict her experiences there. • University of Maine Anthropology and Marine Sciences Professor James Acheson was named the 2004 winner of the American Anthropological Association’s Kimball Award for effecting change in public policy. • Gerry Tayes had bypass surgery this past February. He’s now in the best shape in his life having dropped excess weight, is exercising, and watching his diet. The wakeup call has worked for him and he highly recommends a healthy lifestyle for all. • Dennis Connolly has become a grandfather for the first (and by this reading) a second time. His youngest just graduated from high school. Dennis continues working, enough to keep his brain cells active, as a litigation consultant and testifying expert witness. • Pat Doucette Light reported that her roommate Joan Phillips Boes passed away in October 2006 from leukemia. Pat is retired and enjoying her teenage grandchildren’s sports activities as well as travel with her husband. • Peter Duggan rented a beach house in Florida last winter. He and Mary enjoyed it so much they plan to spend a month in Florida each year. Pete got himself in shape with beach exercise classes. He is chairman of the board of a small prep school, the Storm King School in New York. Pete’s grandson has been diagnosed with autism. He would like to hear from any of you who can share knowledge about autism. • Joanne Herbold Clary traveled around New England this past summer promoting her new thriller, Skinned, the sequel to Twisted Truth. Joanne writes not only to engage and entertain but also to educate the reader about issues that deserve their attention and action. A portion of the profits from the sale of Skinned will be donated to help victims of human trafficking in the U.S. • Sandra Rollins Kilgore has really enjoyed the summer get-togethers with her Tri Delta classmates who have rendezvoused in Mass., Maine, N.H., and N.C. They always have a fantastic time reminiscing, laughing, storytelling, and eating! • Jean Gaffney Furuyama still practices dentistry full time and is active in dental circles. She and Toshi took a Baltic cruise and couldn’t get over how beautiful St. Petersburg was. Jean plays tennis and golf. • Harmon Withee retired from his second career in May. He and his wife returned to both Colby and Bates for brief visits in the summer of 2006. • John Chapman says his wife, Allison, “is working hard as I am hardly working.” They have grandchildren all over the country, hence need to do a better job building a travel budget. • Ellie Tomlinson enjoyed her experience as our alumni class president for the past five years. Now retired, she spends her time painting, gardening, biking, kayaking, reading, playing squash, attempting golf, and seeing friends. • Cy Theobald coached football for 30 years at Kent School. In June 2006 he was honored by being inducted into the athletic hall of fame at Kent. In September 2006 Kent further honored him by dedicating the football field to him. His greatest achievement, however, was characterized by a former player: “He didn’t make us good football players, he made us good men.” Cy’s coaching philosophy was greatly influenced by his playing days at Colby under great coaches Bob Clifford and John Simpson. • Alice Shest Loffredo wrote and published Perfect Together: Astrology, Karma, and You this past summer. You can find more at AstrologyKarmaAndYou.com. Alice is remarried and lives near the ocean in New Jersey. She has two grown daughters and still loves all things French and is now convinced there’s a past-life connection involved. —Patricia Farnham Russell

Well, my recent request for news didn’t elicit much response, so this is short and sweet. I did, however, get the following “tricks” for telling the difference between stalactites and stalagmites: Stalac-tites have to hold on tight, so they hang down. Stalactites sound like attic so they are above you. G is for ceiling and g is for ground. T is for top, so stalactites are on top. • My sports question brought news from Skip Thayer: “Winning any championship, amateur or professional, is an emotional high that is pretty much beyond the spoken or written word. I was in professional hockey for 28 years and was fortunate to be with a team that won two consecutive Stanley Cups. I was able to share those moments with my sons, one of whom actually worked with me as an assistant trainer for both cup years. Unfortunately we

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February 2008 with President Bro Adams. The Krinsky herd of 11 enjoyed a family cruise on the Disney Wonder in November 2007. With five grandchildren ages 3 to 9, it was a fun time in Nassau. Lew is currently senior VP branch manager, private wealth management at Baird & Co. in Houston. * John ’63 and Nancy Godley Wilson spent five weeks last summer with their son and a forest clearing land on Deer Isle, Maine. The Wilsons are building a year-round house that should be ready for summer 2008. “The physical labor was a change from my 30-plus years of teaching French but it was a wonderful way to start retirement,” Nancy writes. * Your correspondent ran into Jay Gronlund at my 40th reunion at the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth last October. Jay and his son Peter climbed Mount Kilimanjaro last August. * Your correspondent is aware that the late Caesar Seferian was a graduate of Colby, not Hogwarts. The reference to his “racing porches” was a victim of Lord Voldemort’s jinx and should have referenced “Porsches.” * Gordon Corely succinctly reported “Not in jail. Not in hospital. Bills paid. Life is good. Summer at Cumberland, Maine, fairgrounds, currently training 35 yearlings at Pinehurst, N.C. Be happy, be well.” Good advice! Hail, Colby, Hail! —Dick Bankert

66 Debbie Anglim Higgins, Lydia “Barry” Clark Hews, Doug and Beth Adams Keene, Karen Riendeau Remine and friend Joe Pacheco, Mandy and Fran Finizio, Mary and Stan Marchut, Donna (Kievit ’68) and Bob Thompson, Linda O’Connor McDonough, Lynn (Longfellow ’65) and Gary Knight, Mary Sue Hilton Weeks, and Meg Fallon Wheeler met in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, in September 2007 for dinner and an overnight. Those with good sea legs ferried to Monhegan Island on Saturday while the landlubbers shopped. Dinner Saturday night and a Sunday brunch at Mary Sue’s home completed a wonderful weekend. * Sue Turner saw Linda Hall Lord, Kay Tower Carter, Anne Ladd Carlson, Ted Houghton, and Geoff Quaidland and their families on her 2007 travels. She’ll retire as professor of Spanish at College of Charleston this May. * Betty Ann Henrikson went retired last November after 38 years with Catholic Charities. She says her impressive time management skills vanished immediately, but no problem, as her first plan was to have no plan—at least for awhile. She is savoring more new-grandson time, not having to commute in snow, staying awake to watch movies, enjoying rather than dreading evening orchestra rehearsals, reading, and she may even do volunteer work at Forgotten Felines, source of her three furry companions. * Natalie Bowerman Zaremba also retired in 2007. Among the younger daughter of Frank ’64 and Natalie, was married in Portsmouth, N.H., on a gorgeous September day and the newlyweds joined the whole family for a week’s vacation in Kauai. * Florida realtor Gary McKinstry surprised his prep school drama teacher on her 80th birthday in Santa Fe last fall. She received cards from 90 of her students and still performs. Gary, a realtor, expects his business to do well during the winter season in Sarasota, Fla. Gary says, “I can best describe our current market by mimicking a Dickens line: ‘It was the best of times and the worst of times.’ The good news for buyers is that prices are lower and the inventory selection is extensive. The bad news for sellers is that the prices are lower and the competition is greater.” * Liz (Drinkwine ’68) and Ted Houghton spent the winter in their RV in Florida again, volunteering at a state park in Flagler Beach. They frequently check in from "somewhere on the road." Track them at http://map.datastormusers.com/user.cfm?user+6079. Last summer, Ted scanned his slides from the ’60s and has posted some Outing Club photos at www.toad.fobra. com. A history buff and avid reader, Ted read Ron Chernow’s Titan, a biography of John D. Rockefeller Sr. * Karen Riendeau Remine traveled to Colby last October to hear Madeleine Albright speak. Ms. Albright mentioned having to pose in her underwear for a posture picture her freshman year at Wellesley. Sound familiar, ladies? Karen wonders what became of OUR pictures. * Bill and Ruth Loker Ingham’s 2007 highlight was a three-week trip to Italy and France. The trip included a cruise down the Croatian coast around the horn of Italy to see Sicily and Corfu, plus Sorrento and Pompeii. They took the night train from Rome to Nice and visited Bill’s cousin’s son-in-law, a young Frenchman starting a winery in Provence and turning out some wonderful wine! Bill sailed a friend’s boat from Germany to northern Denmark in eight days in August—over 250 miles with sunny skies and good winds. Ruth visited her mother in Rockland, Maine, then she and Bill visited their daughter in Raleigh, N.C., and were able to see their son-in-law’s climbing gym business just before it opened. Bill had fun playing in the Colby President’s Golf Tournament in June 2006, even though he didn’t win anything! * Economics professor John “Daisy” Carvellas now teaches only fall semesters at St. Michael’s College in Vermont. He hoped to go somewhere warm for part of the winter. Of being a volunteer football coach at a local high school, he writes, “Fun, but seven days a week was a lot for this old body.” Wife Betty (Savicki ’68) has retired after 39 years of teaching and works part time for the National Academies of Science. * Gary Knight sat in the stands for game four of the World Series, witnessing the Red Sox sweep of the Rockies and turning his class correspondent green with envy. * Russ Monbleau has a new grandson. “Another boy—that makes eight grandsons and two granddaughters. And now Joyce and I are ‘raising’ my parents.” —Meg Fallon Wheeler

67 A mini-reunion of ’67 ladies had Vic ’68 and Judi Greer deForest as hosts, and a great time was shared by Betty Coffey Gross, Charlotte Killam, Kathy Deney Lewis, Donna Lumpkin, Cindy Paquet, and Kathy Haskell Whittier. The laughter was just as loud as 40 years ago in the dorms. * Charlotte Killam and her brother Steven worked off and on for five years, with many laughs, before finishing their book Empty Nest. Steven, a graphic artist, supplied the illustrations while Charlotte, a retired English teacher from Greenwich, N.Y., supplied the raucously funny rhymes about a family of geese who have ‘flown away’ and found success in careers ranging from architect, to marine, to Playboy centerfold, and sumo wrestler! * Ann “Wendy” Christensen participated in the 21st Annual Open Studios in the Alston Arts District in Boston in November. Her color-splashed landscapes may remind you of a place you’ve been, or would like to visit. Check out her work at www.anchristensen.com. * Sookie Stockwell Weymouth is planning to retire after 18 years as a VA nurse. That’s hard to believe knowing she participated in a marathon with her daughter, Heather, in Rochester, N.Y. * David Chait has lived in Omaha
for the last 25 years and practices medicine and does research in voice problems at the Boys Town National Research Hospital. Dave will retire in the foreseeable future and plans to live in southern Mexico. * For Gene Bullis there is no retirement talk. Gene recently was named executive vice president and chief financial officer for The Hanover Insurance Group. * Dave Aronson has no immediate plans to retire either as he plans on working and playing for some time to come. The playing refers to Dave's pitching and playing first base in the Yawkey League in Boston. In fact, last summer Dave was inducted into the Yawkey League Hall of Fame—an accomplishment that can make all of us feel a bit younger. * Patty Jenkins accepted the position of gallery curator at Western New England College in Springfield, Mass., and is having a great time meeting new artists. She gets to continue her own art work, mostly abstract painting, and has access to a larger studio space. In addition to her new job, Patty and her partner, Joan, have a new grandson, born last May. * Jim Katz got birthday tickets to two events on the same day in Ottawa—a talk by the Dalai Lama and Arlo Guthrie’s Solo Reunion—Together at Last concert. He managed to attend both! They were not as different as one might imagine, says Jim, “Both are good-humored storytellers. Arlo plays better guitar, though.” * The Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams, Mass., recently named Christine McCarty Lozano assistant professor. Christine earned her doctorate from the University of Texas and taught at Southern Connecticut State University before joining the faculty at MCLA. * Charlie and Sally Ray Bennett are off to Peru and will send more information when they return to Rhode Island. After a stop at home, Sally and Charlie will travel to Florida and then the whole family will congregate in Virginia to celebrate an anniversary. If that were not enough, they leave for Finland in June. * After reunion last June, I had the pleasure of dining with Eric Rosen and Jim “Yukon” Thomas while Jim visited the Boston area. The dinner conversation mirrored some of the recent news in the class column: travel, retirement, and retirement plans. * Sandy Miller writes, “My news is mostly sad. My sister finally passed away at 58 after a valiant five-year battle with cancer. The same week, my father broke his hip en route to the airport to go to Florida for the winter, so my parents were sent from Dulles airport to the nearest hospital, where they remained for a hip replacement. Suddenly we became the parents to our parents and, ironically, my daughter was ‘my parent’ the two days we flew to Maryland for my sister’s funeral.” * “He was the high school teacher we all wished for, someone inspiring, challenging and caring. To thousands of former students at Manchester High School, [Phil Stearns] was such a teacher, one never to be forgotten.” These are the opening lines of moving obituary for Phil Stearns, who died this past fall in Connecticut. For Phil’s students, colleagues, and friends the night sky has lost another star. * Write when you can. —Robert Gracia

68 Jane Finkley Stephenson visited with Gregg Crawford, Dana Heikes, and Donna Massey ’69 for an October weekend. Dana still practices as a plastic surgeon in Charleston, S.C. Gregg is retired and living in Greenfield, Mass., and is the father of two recent Colby grads. Jane thinks she’s persuaded Gregg to come to his first Colby reunion. * Ted Bromfield sends greetings from “a finally sunny San Diego, where we had quite the firestorm: 500,000 people evacuated and approximately 1,500 homes lost. All is well at Capstone with the dusting of ash now completely dissolved and the air back to its autumn splendor.” Ted chairs the 40th (gulp!) reunion committee and encourages everyone to join in. Ted says, “We really have gathered a great ensemble of talent (modestly excepting myself) consisting of Skip Fuellio, Steve Ford, Elise Gregory Hood, Bruce Kueffner, John Leopold, Brad Merritt, Judy Mosedale, Thom Rippon, Mike and Olive Niles Shu, and Steve Ward. Each of us has been busy individually contacting our class members and enlisting them in celebrating our ‘Fun Fortieth’ by contributing at least $200,000 to the Colby Fund and reaching the lofty goal of 68% participation, equating to our hallowed year of graduation! To meet these goals, we really need the support of our far-flung classmates, so whether you can join us at the 40th reunion or not, please validate your membership in the 1968 link of the Colby chain of classes with a generous contribution. Celebration of the 40th will begin early and go late!” * Rich Lewis writes: “Chris Balsley, Ken Borchers, Walt Young, and Bill Palombo, as well as Sebs Mamo ’70 and Steve Magyar ’71, attended a memorial service Oct. 21 for Colby track teammate Tom Maynard ’69 in East Hartford, Conn. Both Ken and Sebs spoke at a gathering of over 100 friends and family. Tom passed away Aug. 25 in Durango, Colo. Bob Field ’67 and John McClain ’69, who played with Tom in the Colby jazz ensemble, were also there.” * Walt Young writes: “I notice that there is a defenseless named Mike Self playing for the Fresno Falcons in the ECHL. Could he be related to Mike Self ‘70?” —Peter Jost

69 I hope everyone is looking forward to a warm, cheerful, happy spring season. It’s hard to believe our 40th reunion is only a year away! As the time approaches for us to revisit Mayflower Hill, I hope that many of you will write and let me know what is happening with you so I can share your news in the next few editions of Colby. * Susan Johnston Morse writes that her son Canaan ’07 returned to China and is now at Qinghua University in Beijing for the year preparing for the National Chinese Language Exam. Susan and her husband ended the fall pressing cider (they grow heritage apples such as Cox Orange Pippins, which Thomas Jefferson grew) and over the winter will be preparing to expand their maple sugar operation. * Linda Gray Martin has lived in Hampden, Maine, for the past 27 years and has no immediate plans for retirement. She works as the office manager and tax preparer in her husband Dewey’s CPA practice. Although the practice is successful, Linda and Dewey claim their greatest success to be their children. Their oldest son, Tyler, earned his Ph.D. in spring 2007 in chemical engineering at MIT and is working for Orono Spectral Solutions, a chemical engineering consulting company in Orono, Maine. Their second son, Daniel ’01, a summa cum laude graduate of business with a CPA practice.

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A Homo Sapien’s Homo Sapien | Rick Horton ’77

Rick Horton ’77 is definitely an animal guy. His qualifications include studying tree snails on Britain’s Isle of Jersey, helping establish a wildlife center in his home state of Massachusetts, and working for the reptile gardens in South Dakota. And does he have the scars to prove it? Definitely.

While strolling down a path marked with signs for the sea lions ahead, Horton flipped over his right palm and traced a fissure of scar tissue like a stout lifeline. “This is from a woodchuck that we used for Groundhog Day in Connecticut. Then somewhere around here a big boa implanted his tooth into my skin. I carried that around with me for years until my body finally rejected it, and it popped out,” he explained, pinching the web of skin between his thumb and his index finger.

Horton no longer handles animals; instead, he lives vicariously through the staff at Portland’s Oregon Zoo. As the grants manager for The Oregon Zoo Foundation, Horton is still actively involved in animal rehabilitation, conservation, and education, but his hands do not get dirty in the process.

“My job entails a little of everything,” he said, “but his hands do not get dirty in the process. Animal rehabilitation, conservation, and education, but his hands do not get dirty in the process.” Horton said, “There are two interested parties, the zoo and the funder, and I need to make sure they interconnect.”

He primarily deals in private and charitable funds, which do not simply entail raising funds for new exhibits or entertainment venues for the zoo’s visitors. Many of the services that Horton and the Oregon Zoo orchestrate occur far from the heavy plated glass or knobby wooden railings. “We work with all sorts of groups. For example, I just focused on a deal with a forest organization about helping us prepare for a potential forest fire,” Horton said, gesturing toward the tree-covered hills. “The zoo is surrounded by a park forest, so it’s important to take the right precautionary measures to protect the zoo’s well-being.”

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‘Here, people can take a break from the news headlines or the crises at home,’ he said. “Spending time at the zoo is just refreshing.” —Robin Respaut ’07
As autumn unfolds into winter once again, it’s time for me to let you know the happenings of some of our classmates. Not too many of you responded to my request for news this time and thus, there isn’t a plethora of information for you to peruse. * Fred Copithorn * writes that, although he hasn’t “changed the world” as he thought he might in 1971, he’s preparing for retirement. He has returned to throwing pottery, he just took an oil painting class, and he has his eye on eBAY for a French horn. In addition, he says, “Now I just have to finish remodeling the house.” His message ends with, “So really, I have no news.” Go, Fred.

*Bobby and Judy White Brennan* still live in Middletown, R.I., near Newport. Judy is still in nursing and is now concentrating on psych and gerontological nursing. She earned her master’s from Salve Regina University and hoped to become certified in gerontological nursing early in 2008. She’s also done work with hospice and rehabilitation. Much of her winter is spent going to her son’s basketball games. He’s now the coach! Judy often sees Karen Mahanke, who lives in Newport with her husband, Tim Brown, and their three children. They see Nancy Neckes Dumart and Linda Chester about once a year. They all take advantage of the summer events in Newport and love having company. If you’re ever in the Newport area, give them a call. * I encourage all of you to send me news whenever the spirit moves you. I will always save what news you have for the next issue of the magazine. —Ann E. Miller

73 Gail Andrews McCarthy left her job in June and enjoys doing church volunteer work and traveling. On a trip to China, Gail rode a zip wire off the Great Wall! Her son was scheduled to deploy to Iraq in February. * Norm and Pat Flanagan Olsen* have returned to the U.S. after spending 22 of the past 25 years overseas with the U.S. Foreign Service, most recently in Tel Aviv, where Norm was political counselor and Pat was a teacher and principal of the American International School’s middle school. They left Tel Aviv on their sailboat in June, cruised across the eastern Mediterranean and along the coast of Turkey for two weeks, and then spent a month at their home in Cherryfield, Maine, along with son and daughter-in-law Patrick ‘02 and Teresa Hawkso Olsen ‘01 and new grandson Colin. Norm is now based in Washington as an associate coordinator in the State Department’s Office of Counterterrorism. * Several classmates returned to campus this fall to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the 1972 football season. That team was Colby’s first to finish with seven wins and only one loss, and no team has done better since then! Those returning were Peter Card (all the way from Biloxi, Miss.), Brian Cone, John Krasnavage, David Lane, Duncan Leith, Joe Mattos, and Alex Wilson. The late Luke Kimball was remembered in a toast at the anniversary dinner. * After working as director of development for the Audubon Society of Rhode Island and then in the same position for Memorial Hospital in Pawtucket, Wells Pile became a part-time freelance fund raiser in 2004. And, recently, he became a student again! He is enrolled at The Landing School in Kennebunkport studying marine systems and is looking forward to work on and around boats and ships. His son Craine is working on satellite communication systems and his other son, Austin, is a senior at Colorado State. Austin has also spent several years playing and traveling with the U.S. Men’s Field Hockey team. * Susie Yovic Hoeller* resigned in August 2007 from the legal department at Wal-Mart Stores in Bentonville, Ark. Susie is going to open her own law firm in Bentonville. She will become the president of the American Center for International Policy Studies and will continue as an AMCIPS director. She is also on the board of the N.W. Arkansas chapter of Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Susie visited Janice Johnson Peterson in Wilmette, Ill., in July. * After 10 years as Arizona State University’s vice president for research, Jon Fink is now ASU’s chief sustainability officer and director of their Global Institute of Sustainability. The Institute has an overall focus on studies of rapid urbanization, and the job change means that Jon can professionally justify wearing sandals to work, driving a Prius, and having solar panels on the roof. Jon is also currently chairing the National Academies Board on Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources which is being a policy change. In addition, he also has a nice chat with Sue Conant Cook ‘75. * After 33 years, Phyllis Hasegawa Auger got together with Larry Kominiz, who is a Japanese professor at Portland State University in Portland, Ore. Larry helped Phyllis write the Japanese character for “Beiju,” which is the celebration for one’s 88th birthday—for Phyllis’s dad. Larry and Phyllis met at Festival Japan, where Larry performed a traditional Japanese dance. Phyllis also sees Sally Hall ‘02 as they both belong to the Aurora Chorus. * Havard Jones*, who resides in Washington, D.C., is proud of his new grandson, Seth Christian Jones, born Oct. 12, the same day Havard’s mother was born. * Ed Hatch* is recovering well from a stroke he suffered in 2005. His wife is a division president at Readers’ Digest and his two sons, Kevin and Connor, are in eighth and sixth grades. * Mick Chapuk* is currently teaching painting and drawing at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, Pa. He recently juried a show of local artists at the Allentown Art Museum. He also got together with Brian MacQuarrie for brunch. Brian is writing a nonfiction book about a murder in Massachusetts. Mick also saw Norm Rattey, an attorney in Portland, Maine, and Doc Zeller, who does research for an investment firm in Century City in Los Angeles. Mick visits Tom Sullivan once a year in Centreville, Va., where Tom manages a palliative care facility. * The Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom* was recently named the new pastor of May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society in Syracuse, N.Y. * Linda Krohn’s* daughter Lindsey Vonn, an Olympic skier, was married Sept. 29. Linda said it was the best day of her life—her two triplet sons walked her down the aisle, and her other two daughters were co-maids of honor. * I am now entering my 26th year of consulting in the areas of audio, video, and web conferencing, and my practice has had a surge in business and the resurgence of “telepresence,” thanks to John Chambers, CEO of Cisco. —S. Ann Earon

74 Deborah Wathen Finn’s daughter, Stephanie, graduated cum laude from Colby in June 2007 with an international studies major. Deb and Libby Corydon-Apicella are both College Overseers and sat on the dais as the class graduate. Libby had a “surrogate” daughter graduating that day as well. Other Colby classmate graduates included Vicki Parker Kozak, Jill Gilipatic Richard, Janet (Hansen ’75) and Bruce Drouin, as well as Barbara Gregory Lyons ’73. Deb’s aunt Ruth Pratley Madell ’63 also attended graduation, making three generations in the family who are Colby grads! While in Denver, Deb saw Robin Sweeney Peabody, who is host, along with Linda Krohn, for a gathering of the “Dirty Dozen” (Colby graduates). * Jeff Barke* returned to Mayflower Hill to celebrate 60 years of the Colby Eight. With more than 70 voices in all, eachgroup rehearsed on Saturday and sang to a standing-room-only crowd in the chapel Saturday night. Jeff was in a group spanning ’69 to ’86 and enjoyed catching up with Paul Boghossian ’76, with whom Jeff sang in the Colby Eight while in college. He also had a nice chat with Sue Conant Cook ’75. * After 33 years, Phyllis Hasegawa Auger got together with Larry Kominiz, who is a Japanese professor at Portland State University in Portland, Ore. Larry helped Phyllis write the Japanese character for “Beiju,” which is the celebration for one’s 88th birthday—for Phyllis’s dad. Larry and Phyllis met at Festival Japan, where Larry performed a traditional Japanese dance. Phyllis also sees Sally Hall ’02 as they both belong to the Aurora Chorus. * Havard Jones*, who resides in Washington, D.C., is proud of his new grandson, Seth Christian Jones, born Oct. 12, the same day Havard’s mother was born. * Ed Hatch* is recovering well from a stroke he suffered in 2005. His wife is a division president at Readers’ Digest and his two sons, Kevin and Connor, are in eighth and sixth grades. * Mick Chapuk* is currently teaching painting and drawing at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, Pa. He recently juried a show of local artists at the Allentown Art Museum. He also got together with Brian MacQuarrie for brunch. Brian is writing a nonfiction book about a murder in Massachusetts. Mick also saw Norm Rattey, an attorney in Portland, Maine, and Doc Zeller, who does research for an investment firm in Century City in Los Angeles. Mick visits Tom Sullivan once a year in Centreville, Va., where Tom manages a palliative care facility. * The Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom* was recently named the new pastor of May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society in Syracuse, N.Y. * Linda Krohn’s* daughter Lindsey Vonn, an Olympic skier, was married Sept. 29. Linda said it was the best day of her life—her two triplet sons walked her down the aisle, and her other two daughters were co-maids of honor. * I am now entering my 26th year of consulting in the areas of audio, video, and web conferencing, and my practice has had a surge in business and the resurgence of “telepresence,” thanks to John Chambers, CEO of Cisco. —S. Ann Earon

75 After graduation, Ellie Betz Hess moved 20 miles away from campus to Freedom, Maine, where she and her husband raised three daughters. With an empty nest, they moved to the Marshall Islands. She is the chair of the developmental education department at the only college in the country. Ellie teaches math and science and is learning a language spoken by only 60,000 people. * Quite a distance from
Wayne Blanchard ’70

Wayne Blanchard ’70 won the 2007 Jim Cawley Outstanding Counselor of the Year Award for distinguished contributions to school counseling and for outstanding innovations in counseling Vermont youth. A counselor at Springfield High School, Blanchard is “a change agent... always researching new ideas, programs, and ways of doing things that support students' growth,” said the school’s newsletter. ▪ Maine State Archivist David Cheever ’72 is working to bring a 1776 copy of the Declaration of Independence home to Maine. The copy, from Pownalborough (now Wiscasset) is in private hands in Virginia after a series of private sales. Cheever told the Morning Sentinel, “Some things are not for sale, and this is one of them.” ▪ Jon Fink ’73 was named Julie A. Wrigley Director of the Global Institute of Sustainability and chief sustainability officer at Arizona State University. Long committed to sustaining environmental quality, Fink will oversee operations. ▪ He has been a corporate pilot for a company. Mitch travels all over the country working with employers and coordinate components of ASU’s sustainability efforts, including research at the institute and educational programs at the School of Sustainability. ▪ In March Karen Heck ’74 was inducted into the Maine Women’s Hall of Fame for nearly 30 years of work on behalf of women and girls. Best known as one of three founders of Hardly Girls Healthy Women, a Waterville-based nonprofit, Heck has had leadership roles in many local, state, and regional organizations dedicated to gender equality and social justice, the Morning Sentinel reported. ▪ Sam Koch ’79 is the 2007 NSCAA/Adidas Regional Coach of the Year for men’s intercollegiate soccer in New England after leading UMass to 12 winning seasons, averaging more than 10 wins per season, and going to the NCAA Final Four this year. The Daily Hampshire Gazette quoted him saying, “There are a lot of people who have made this team what it is. I’m proud of all them.”

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Marriages: Arthur W. Radcliffe Jr. ’79 to Peggy Burdick in Old Saybrook, Conn.

the next nest is Curt Brown. He married Carol in 1998 and they have an 8-year-old daughter, Anna, and a son, Ben, 5. Curt is coaching soccer, watching SpongeBob, and enjoying the childhood adventures. He has been a corporate pilot for 25 years (12,000 safe flight hours), the last nine as manager of flight operations. ▪ Karen Chadbourne Miller, in Glastonbury, Conn., is a prayer chaplain for the Unity Church. She also has a business in “inspirational doll making,” leading workshops and working with children in hospitals to make dolls that carry messages to people they care about.

Karen reports seeing classmate Will Tuttle in concert and enjoying his breathtaking piano pieces. Will and his wife, Madeleine, are still on the road presenting lectures, concerts, and seminars on developing intuition. His book The World Peace Diet is in its third printing and he has released a seventh album. ▪ I'm running out of news. Please send me an e-mail and let me know what you are doing. —Dianne Billington Stronach

76 Let's jump right in! Mary Lynn and Gary Jones visited Scott and Debbie Philbrook Belanger last spring at the Belangers' second home in South Carolina. Gary writes that Scott is a principal partner with an accounting firm in Portland, Maine. The Belangers are now grandparents. Gary's daughter, Lauren, was expecting last October. She teaches inner-city fifth grade in Chicago and lives near Gary's son, Josh, a chef who runs the Chicago restaurant Spring. ▪ David ’75 and Harriet Buxbaum Pinansky are proud that both their children have now graduated college. Sarah completed her degree in art from Northeastern. Sam earned his Ph.D. in theoretical physics from UC-Santa Barbara and was headed to Japan for postdoctoral work. Harriet and David are counting the years until retirement, when they can spend all summer at their farmhouse in Sebago, Maine. ▪ Karen Smith Clark has enjoyed reconnecting to Colby through her older daughter, now a Colby senior. Karen moved to the Berkshires recently and is director for maternal and child health at a local hospital. She and her family visited Ireland last summer. Among work, family time, and renovating a Victorian house, she writes “Life is good!” ▪ While David Christie is watching others discuss the trials and tribulations of being “empty nesters,” he and his wife are busy raising an 8-year-old. David works at Atkins Printing Service in Waterville but lives on the coast in Lincolnville, where he leads contemporary worship at his church. He occasionally runs into Joe ’73 and Joanne Defilipp Alex at UMaine hockey games. ▪ Ann Beadle writes that the last two years have been difficult, since her husband, Gary Millen ’74, passed away unexpectedly. She has helped a local foundation in Conway, N.H., raise funds to build the Gary Millen Stadium, scheduled to open in September 2008. Meanwhile she returned to work full time at Echo computer consulting. And, on a bright note, she’s met “a wonderful guy (although a Middlebury graduate).” They plan to marry this fall. All best to you, Ann, and to your work on the stadium! ▪ Mitch Brown checks in from historic Guilford, Conn., where he's EVP of operations for an employee health management company. Mitch travels all over the country working with employers interested in improving employee health and productivity. His wife, Lisa, is finishing her coursework to become a certified integrated manual therapist. Mitch and Lisa have three daughters—Mackensie, 13, Lindsey, 10, and Cameryn, 4. The Browns volunteer with a local soup kitchen and Meals on Wheels. Mitch would love news about Ambrose Cheung and Bill Silverman. (Let's hear from you guys!) ▪ A well-traveled David Systrom did his once-a-decade check in. David is a pulmonary and critical care physician at Mass General Hospital and directs the Harvard Medical School Fellowship Training Program. He teaches, sees patients, and does clinical research on mechanisms for exercise intolerance. He volunteered in Banda Aceh after the tsunami and traveled to Iran last year as part of an effort to defuse tensions through scientific exchange. AND he was just in Melbourne, Australia, as a visiting professor. Daughter Hannah and son Connor both play ice hockey. ▪ Lisa Wolman Haber is closing her travel company and joining Reid Travel in Boca Raton, where she handles exclusive cruise and land travel packages. She remains active with Small Paws Rescue, a nationwide Bichon Frise dog rescue group. ▪ That wraps up this column. Craig, Val, and Paul—I’ll catch up with you next column. Lastly, if you just read this column you must care about Colby. So please help out with a donation to the Colby Fund. Help keep the Class of ’76 among the leaders! Thanks, everyone! —Robert Weinstein

77 Greetings classmates. Kent Womack, our very own hall-of-fame environmentalist, informs us that his family is back in Maine after two wonderful years in Brisbane, Australia, where he was on an expatriate assignment establishing The Nature Conservancy’s first office Down Under. Since his entire family is back in the States we can assume that no dingoos stole his children. Kent is now running TNC’s program in Canada. The telecommute must be rough. His biggest project involves an effort to protect the entire British Columbia coastline from Vancouver Island to Alaska. And I have enough trouble simply keeping the beer cans off my lawn. Best of luck Kent, and the check to TNC is in the mail. ▪ Bob Southwick writes that he is still living in Orleans on Cape Cod and is in the building business. Bob hopefully has no plans to do a project on the B.C. coast. Bob had a midlife crisis later than most of us and bought a Harley Davidson instead of a mistress. He says he
loves to ride his bike and also play a lot of golf at the Captain’s Course in Brewster, presumably not at the same time. * Jerry and Ligia Campana Chadwick were very disappointed they couldn’t make our 30th reunion last spring. Jerry was apparently doing something unimportant like finishing the final class in his doctor of management program at the University of Maryland. Congratulations Jerry! He thanks all of us for our contributions to the Colby Fund and says we exceeded our class reunion goal of $100,000. Ligia and daughter Elizabeth traveled to Peru and Bolivia last summer, and the highlight of their trip was climbing Machu Picchu. I assume that is a mountain. * I had no writer’s cramp this month as I received very little news. Let’s exceed our class goal of four classmates sending e-mails to your intrepid (and long-serving) correspondent for the next column. And I am still waiting for someone to replace me. Please. — Mark Lyons

78 Doug Maffucci, founder and CEO of Atlantic Brewing Company, started the business with fellow Colby grad Jon Hubbard ’77 in 1991 on Mount Desert. “This all started as a hobby that got out of control” says Doug. Their bestseller, Bar Soap, Harbor Blueberry Ale, the nation’s first ale of this type, is made with real blueberries. * Maria and John Gray reside in the house in which he grew up. John is thinking of starting a new business. Their son works for the N.H. Veterans Home and their daughter works for a new business. Their son works in the position in 1991 knowing that it was going to be the final season for men’s soccer at UMass. * Robin (Louise F.) Reid says she should have been in the Class of ’78—but “failed” her junior year abroad. 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year and still works in the world of microwave engineering. * Nick Mencher’s son Peter was accepted at Colby for the Class of 2011 but elected to go UNC Asheville. Nick played bass in the band “After Midnight” with Peter on drums and his friend on guitar from their eighth grade until their senior year. They played a gig or two a month for the last couple of years and enjoyed the chance to play live on stage. Nick feels he taught Peter a few things—how to recover from tough goals on stage and keeping your head up and watching the other players. He shared all of this with Dave Ashcraft in an e-mail, encouraging him to share music with his 12-year-old daughter and connect with her on a plane beyond words. * Greg ’78 and Kathy Quimby Johnson are empty nesters now that daughter Lydia started at Hartwick College this fall. Being a couple again, they were able to combine business with pleasure on a short trip to San Francisco in October. Greg attended a professional seminar and Kathy got in some sightseeing. * First-time submitters Deb (Perkins ’77) and Sean Smith write from Denver. Sean shared photos of him and Bob Lizza on the Bighorn River (which can be seen on our class page on the Colby Web site), where lots of fish, great bird life, and good talk abounded. Sean spent spring break hiking in the Canyons of Utah with Brad Warner and Lisa Turner ’80 and their family. Earlier this fall Sean visited with Bishop Savas Zembillas, making sure he was keeping the Greek Orthodox Church in good order. (He was.) They had a terrific dinner in NYC with Gordie and Kathy Wall Hunziker. Last month Sean flew out to Minneapolis for a wee break with Charlie ’78 and Jacie Cordes Hurd. Last fall Sean was immersed in the administrative life of school along with lots of son Malcolm’s games. Behind all of this has been Sean’s brain cancer, diagnosed in 2005. The good news is that he’s coming to the end of the medication course with good results from the surgery and the drugs. His MRIs have shown dramatic improvement. He says it won’t go away, but it is a lot smaller and stable. * Dec. 1 was the release date for David Surette’s second book, Easy To Keep, Hard To Keep In, published by Koenisha Publications. It contains 51 new poems, including one about playing in the Colby alumni hockey game in 2005. Wife Kathy Small Surette works as a nurse in labor and delivery at Boston Medical. * Sarah “Sally” Morton still splits time between Cohasset, Mass., and Key Largo, where she lives in the winter, and she works for an institutional money manager in Boston repping their investment strategies to consulting firms, largely multinational in nature. She loves her job, spends a lot of time traveling, and finds it rewarding. Sally gets together yearly with Debbie Lieberman Moore. * Tenley Joseph Baxter resides in Atherton, Calif., working as a realtor for Keller Williams. She and husband Kris have two children, daughter Hali, a freshman at UCLA, and son Nick, who will graduate from San Jose State this year. Now that the kids are in college, Tenley and Kris plan to travel. Tenley and Becky Alex, who resides in California, spent time together in August at Becky’s beach home in the town of Aptos. * Jan. 3, 2008, marked the third solo exhibition in one year for Catherine Courteneay. This show, at the Bentley Gallery in Scottsdale, Ariz., featured Catherine’s abstract paintings. * I spent a November afternoon with my daughter Kayleigh and Kathy Bleadney Pawley touring Fenway Park and getting a quick city tour. Kathy lives in Bedford, N.H., but was willing to drive into the city to meet us. I truly appreciated the chance to see her and show off my oldest, now a junior studying athletic training at Mesa State College in Grand Junction, Colo., whom Kathy has known since she was a year old. * Please keep the e-mails coming! —Cheri Bailey Powers

80 Congratulations and thanks to the Class of 1980 Alumni Fund committee: Bob Bower, Kevin Fahey, Suze Connolly Levere, Barb Neal, Jack McBride, Leslie Mitchell, Deb Clark Nelson, Dan ‘Hallowan, and Elliott Pratt. Thanks to their hard work we achieved an impressive 53-percent participation rate. That, unfortunately, is much higher response rate than I received for my last request for news! Many thanks, however, to those of you who did write in. * Tamara Hannah has become a registered representative with the broker dealer Welton Street, which specializes in providing investment grade commercial real estate to investors. She also continues to practice law specializing in real estate, small business, corporate, and entertainment law. Tamara has two dogs, Ginger and Greta, and spends her time in Chicago and Miami. * Carol Mordecai Myers recently ran into Dwight ’79 and Jane Sullivan Allison while seeing her daughter off on the University of Virginia’s Semester at Sea program, where the Allisons head the parent’s association. Carol finished her M.F.A. in visual arts in July 2007 and was surprised by Louise “Weezie” Swift Price, who flew in for Carol’s graduation show. * Lori Batcheller had her first children’s book published earlier this year. Rosa Bloom is the inspiring story of a wild rose bush in the foothills of Boulder (which Lori still calls home). Lori’s nonfiction book Real Yoga for Real People, 10 Principles to Make Any Practice Your Own will be available in 2008. Lori is currently busy freelancing for diaboom.com, a new Web site devoted to people with disabilities, and for Fit Yoga magazine. * Pete Lee sent me a quick note to say that he’s now had seven stories accepted for publication. * Mimi Brodsky Kress was voted “Bethesda’s Best Builder” by a local monthly magazine. She ran into Roni Wechsler Ford and Sonia Turcotte Fois at Roni’s son’s bar mitzvah last spring. * It’s a cold and wet December here in Portland, Ore., though by the time you all read these words we should be well on our way to summer. So instead of wishing you all happy holidays, I’ll instead send best wishes for a warm and adventurous summer! And don’t forget to keep in touch. —Tom Marliott

81 Dave ’80 and Sally Fernsten Buffman are counting down to an empty nest, as their eldest started college last fall. Their youngest is a high school sophomore. * Glenn Currier lives in Pittsford, N.Y., a suburb of Rochester, where his two new neighbors are Bowdoin and Bates alums. All three have a son in the same sixth-grade class. Glenn (currier536@yahoo.com) and his pals invite CBB grads to share a beer with them at the Pittsford Pub. * Beth Pniewski Wilson visited Mayflower Hill with friends’ daughters and enjoyed bistro-style cuisine—“paninis on square plates!”—next to a fireplace in what used to be Disco Bobs. * Pam Heleen Spear and her husband are raising two great kids, Kaitlin, 13, and Alex, 11, in the Finger Lakes region of New York. Pam is training for the U.S. National Adult Figure Skating Championships. In 2006 she was a bronze medalist in Division IV free skating and hopes to improve her ranking at the Olympic rinks in Lake Placid this spring. * Bob McCurdy had a blast performing in the Colby Eight’s 60th anniversary celebration concert in Lorimer Chapel in November. * Dani Nemic Miscan’s husband, Jim, is in Afghanistan, so she is very busy managing a house and three teenagers—one daughter at Virginia Tech, the other a high school senior, and a 13-year-old son in middle school. * Jay Donegan took his daughter, Claire, to visit Colby last fall and enjoyed visits with Janice Kassman, Sandy Maisel, coach Dick Whitmore, and Chappy Nelson. * In October Kelley Kash started work as CEO of the Maine Veterans’ Homes, a system of six long-term care and nursing homes throughout the state for veterans and eligible family members. * Finally, fellow freshman Fort Weird resident Susan Haywood sent in her very first note ever! She taught special education for seven years in New Mexico on the Navajo reservation before moving to Fredericksburg, Va., where she has been teaching for the past seven years. * Thanks, and keep those nuggets coming! —Steb Vratts

82 Greetings from Maine! I was pleased to hear from Chris Cameron, a long-lost Colby friend. He sent a brief message saying hello, but when I responded and asked for his news, he did not respond again. Oh well, what’s a few more months waiting when it's been almost 20 years since we had a conversation! * Closer to home, I’ve enjoyed working with Sandy Maisel and the Goldfarb Center at Colby to line up some of my clients to speak at their lecture series. Sandy hasn’t changed one bit, which is refreshing. * Last summer Jim Haddock, his wife, Michelle, and sons Hamish and Max spent 10 days in Scotland with their extended family. Among others, his brother Jon ’83 was there with his wife, Gert, and their older son, Andrew. They had two farmhouses on the Isle of Arran, then spent a few days in Dalwhin, farther north. One glorious day on Arran, Michelle, Hamish, and Jim climbed Goat Fell, the highest peak on the island, at about 2,800 feet. The views from the summit were spectacular. Jim and Max managed to get in some fly fishing on Arran and in Dalwhin. They were introduced to some new (to them at least) fly patterns and even caught a few trout. At home, Jim, an attorney with the firm of Petruccelli, Martin & Haddock, LLP in Portland, Maine, began a term as
80s newsmakers

Mimi Brodsky Kress ’80 co-owns Sandy Springs Builders, voted Bethesda’s Best Builder by Bethesda Magazine. Over the last 25 years Kress and her partners have built homes ranging from less than 4,000 square feet to more than 22,000. The company prides itself on individual attention and on making building a fun, creative process. *Tina Zabriskie Constable *’87 was named publisher at Crown Publishers, Crown Business, and Crown Forum, a division of Random House, Inc. She has worked with bestselling authors Suze Orman, Dave Barry, Martha Stewart, and Jorge Cruise during 20 years at Crown. Before her promotion Constable was the executive director of publicity. *Brad Fay ’87* won the 2007 Advertising Research Foundation Grand Innovation Award for the most innovative research idea of the year. The foundation cited Fay’s role in the development of TalkTrack, the first measurement program that examines marketing-relevant conversations of thousands of Americans. TalkTrack was developed by The Keller Fay Group.

milestones

**Deaths:** W. Jeff Dropo ’80, January 17, 2008, in Sandwich, Mass., at 50.

**Marriages:** Rebecca A. Bruce ’88 to Dr. Stephen B. Dobberfuhl in Lost Pines, Texas

**Births:** A daughter, Naomi Ilana Wilker Jeske, to Laura and Andrew Jeske ’87

president of the board of directors for Maine Boys to Men, a nonprofit social services organization dedicated to supporting the healthy, nonviolent development of adolescent boys. Boys to Men has worked in partnership with Colby, Bates, Bowdoin, and the George Mitchell Institute to put with Colby, Bates, Bowdoin, and French I to French III at Carrabassett Valley Academy by having some tutoring sessions with his mom last summer. *I was delighted to see Lori Douglas Clark* at a conference for librarians where I gave a workshop about publicity. She is working at the Lithgow Library in Augusta and at the Headfield Library. A librarian from Colby, Bob Heath, was also in the group. —Nancy Briggs Marshall

**84** Hi everyone. I hope you all enjoyed winter. As I write this, I’m attempting to return to skiing after performing a spectacular fall last March ending in a spiral break of my tibia and fibula, for which I received a titanium rod and six screws. Wish me luck, and if you see me spring skiing on the slopes of Okemo in Vermont give a shout. *I got an “hola” from Greg Walsh, who had some big news to share. He’s moved to Costa Rica and started working in college counseling and admissions at the new United World College/ Colegio del mundo Unido Costa Rica. His students come from more than 80 countries and most are poor, smart, hardworking, multitalented, and committed to service and international understanding. The UWCCR operates as a bilingual community that is challenging, especially for Greg, as he doesn’t speak Spanish—yet. He sends thanks to the generosity of Andrew Davis ’85 and his family. Because of them, UWC grads are eligible for scholarships at Colby. A few weeks ago Dory Streett from the Colby Admissions Office interviewed about 20 potential applicants. Greg said it has been a real pleasure to help connect these great
young people with our alma mater. Anyone can find out more or send prospective students to www.uwc.org. —Cynthia Mullenik Lazzara

85 Well, I didn’t get much response to my request for song lyrics, although at least Leslie Robinson wrote to say she thought it was a funny idea. (Thank you, Leslie!) I thought for sure I’d get something out of John “the Gin Pup” Collins, Susan Perry Jones, or Lynn Brunelle, but I was wrong, so here’s the real news!

* Linda Jean Flora Blair made partner at her law firm in St Croix, USVI, on Jan. 1, 2007. Her specialty is employment litigation defense. Linda and her husband, Scott Blair, are both still enjoying island life on sunny St. Croix. In addition, Scott, Linda, Laurence Yorra, and another friend took a two-week trip to Rajasthan, India. Their group has also traveled to Vietnam, Cambodia, Peru, and is currently planning a wine-tasting trip to Chile. * Carol Eisenberg and her family hit a milestone when they celebrated daughter Maxine’s bat mitzvah this year, making them parents of a teenager. Their other daughter, Charlotte, 10, a Harry Potter fanatic, was thrilled to win a yearbook contest and meet J.K. Rowling in person at Carnegie Hall. Son Elias, 3, concentrates on developing his skills as a pretend firefighter. Carol is still enjoying practicing law part-time in a litigation firm, and her husband, David Simpson ’86, teaches middle school science. The whole family commutes daily by ferry from Peaks Island to “Portland, Maine.” * Lori Gustafson Adams says her winter plans are all about skiing. With her 16-year-old son on two ski-racing teams and her 13-year-old daughter in a ski club, Lori and her family spend a lot of time in the mountains; they had planned for a week of skiing in Montana in February 2008. Lori laments, “Too bad I can still barely get down the mountain without falling!” * Dawn Gale LaCasce agreed that 1985 does seem like yesterday! She and her family—husband Brent (Bowdoin ’82) and two teenagers, son Jared and daughter Devin—live in Fryeburg, Maine, where the children attend Fryeburg Academy. Dawn continues to work with her dad in a family ski wholesale business, and Brent is in his 19th year as music director at Fryeburg Academy. Dawn was glad to visit Colby last December and plans to go again this year because her daughter performs in the flute choir at the Festival of Carols and Lights. * Anna Sandstrom lives in Dover, N.H., and teaches French at the University of New Hampshire. She has been a lecturer at UNH since 1998, when she arrived out of a partially completed Ph.D. program at UMass Amherst. Anna says the Ph.D. in French ended up falling by the wayside under the pressures of the job, but she loves teaching. Anna is still in touch with Scott and Sarah Stevens Clark, Jen Armstrong (who teaches philosophy at UNH), Charlene Crocker ’86 (in Minn. now), Dede Galvin (Pa.), and Hannah Blake (N.Y.). Charlene, Dede, Hannah, and Anna have had a few “Caen 83-84” reunions over the last six to eight years in various towns in the Northeast. —Gretchen Bean Bergill

87 Some class news has a silver lining. I’ll explain in a minute. First, the hard part. Our classmate Paul Mooney is waiting for a double lung transplant in Pittsburgh. (Like a single transplant wouldn’t be hard enough.) He has cystic fibrosis. “No one really knew about it back in college,” says Paul. “But there it is, kinda hard to hide with all the oxygen tanks and all! Ha! I was teaching English in Chicago but have been waiting for a donor here since June. Waiting, which is really just being, only it’s not.” Paul continues, “Before I’m addled by meds again, I want to thank all of you for the concern and especially the thoughtful notes you left here and in the Web site guestbook. When I was fresh out of ICU, confused and in discomfort, an amazing friend read my messages to me, and I can tell you it was the perfect medicine.” Now for that silver lining. It’s us. Paul needs cash, my friends. Okay, I guess we all do, but he needs lungs, which gives him top billing. I donated $100, which ain’t much, but I’m cheap. Most of us don’t have CF. That alone is reason to visit www.clamshellmuni.org, a darned good site where you can read about his fascinating, challenging, crazy life and actually help. Log on now, then come back. I won’t mind. * After 20 years in PR at the same company, Tina Zabriskie Constable, (who used to have a huge crush on me although she doesn’t know it), was named publisher of Crown Publishers, Crown Business, and Crown Forum, a Division of Random House, Inc. Key word here is “Crown.” Because she’s wearing one. Says Tina, “It’s been exciting to learn and face new challenges at a place that is truly a second home. It was great seeing everyone at the 20th reunion. Can’t wait to start planning the 25th!” Whatever. Now please, get over me, Tina. It’s not happening. Especially since you’re happily married and all. * Chris Fay teaches high school and is actively involved in union agitation. The best kind of teacher. * Teri Scally Kinsella is in Scottsdale, Ariz., trying to sell her house so her family can move to the D.C. area. “My husband has been working there since March. I have put my work on hold until we get settled, but I’m getting itchy to use my brain for something other than ‘What’s for dinner?’” (She never actually mentioned what’s for dinner). * Brad Fay became a member of the Montgomery Township Committee. He was chosen unanimously (that’s almost everyone) after finishing as first runner-up in the 2006 election. Brad is co-founder of the Keller Fay Group, an innovative word-of-mouth market research company. He and his wife, Diane, have been restoring their 1835 farmhouse, with children Brendan and Allison. * Jeffrey DiSandro, an executive recruiter who refuses to make me chairman of anything, was promoted to senior principal and managing director at Howard Fischer Associates. He also built a cottage in Maine on the ocean, has two beautiful kids, and still loves his wife. (There’s clearly a cross joke here, but I’ll let you make your own.) * Charmaine Twigg Hartnett is happily living in Wellesley, Mass., with her hubby (a Bowdoin grad) and raising four kids. “My youngest just started kindergarten—and I have signed up to run the Boston Marathon. I am training with the Children’s Hospital marathon team. If anyone sees me on the course in April, give a shout!” * Kris Davidson’s twin daughters—Alex and Libby—are seniors at Visalia High School. She is “excited for them and relieved 13-year-old son Matthew is still home to ease the pains of those leaving the nest.” She is seriously pondering the idea of starting her own real estate business. Do I hear discount? Because I could swear I do. —Scott Lainer

88 Classmates—Great to hear from a few of you with news but we want more! Jennifer Massengill is proud to announce the birth of Kate Rebecca on April 5, 2007. Congrats! * It was awesome to hear from Lisa Hathaway, who lives in Moab, Utah, working as a “biostitute” and a rock climbing guide. Should you ever find yourself in that neck of the woods, look her up. Check out pictures of life in Moab at www.lisajustice.smugmug.com. * Kathy Trudeau Osborne announces the birth of her daughter, Anya, born Aug. 20. She joins brother Max, 4. Kathy recently visited Colby to hear a lecture by one of her good friends, Ed Kennely ’87. * Andrew McIntosh writes, “I haven’t been able to convince my 17-year-old son, a high school senior, that Colby is as wonderful as I thought it was.” They were hoping to visit this past fall but his son changed his mind. * Zach Abrams lives in San Francisco with his two children and raises private equity funds with his firm, Stratham Capital. In February 2008, Zach’s daughter, Caroline, was poised to turn four and will have been cancer-free for three full years, typically the time required to be called “cured.” Caroline went through surgery and chemotherapy at six months of age for stage-three neuroblastoma and has had a full recovery. We are thrilled to hear she is doing so well. * Melissa Brown Bride writes that her family returned from Honduras in 2005 and settled in Barrington, R.I. She teaches middle school at the Gordon School and leads service volunteer trips to Honduras through an organization called Sustainable Harvest International (www.sustainableharvest.org). * Bob and Carrie O’Brien Thomas live in Cohasset, Mass., with their three kids, Nonie, 9, and Nate and Henry, 6. Bob runs a real estate development company focused on green design and Carrie teaches preschool. Their kids are good friends with Doug and Deanna Cook McDonald’s kids, Ella and Maise. * Susie Allison and husband Dan Remer are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Caitlin Elizabeth, born Aug. 1! * Meg Galloway Pearce is psyched for the 20th reunion this year. “There’s nothing like going back to Waterville for a Dairy Cone ice cream sundae, a sandwich from Big Gs, and a run along the three-mile loop,” Meg says, hoping it will all be possible in 2008. Meg keeps in close touch with Matt ’87 and Bevin Dockray Gove and their three kids. Bevin is happily running PR for Jose Cuervo and Matt is enjoying success with his venture capital business. * Jill Heslam loves her work as a French teacher in Connecticut, and her two
boys are thriving. * I also enjoy hearing from Suzanne MacLachlan from time to time. She's busy with her three beautiful children. * I've also recently caught up with Chris Fay '87 and enjoyed visiting him in Newburyport, Mass. * As for me, this spring I left MCI/Verizon after 16 years. Making the most of my time off, my husband, Marc, and I took our three kids—Marina, 10, Liam, 8, and Annabelle, 6—to Europe for a month this summer. We spent about three weeks touring France. It was an amazing trip and I enjoyed showing my kids the same cool sites I visited during my junior year in the Colby in Caen program. I'm now consulting for a private equity firm and I'm enjoying the flexibility and new experiences. * Betsy Lockhart Casey has a beautiful new boy, Ryan Michael, who joined siblings Peter and Emma Aug. 7. Betsy and husband Pat call Wisconsin home. Congrats Betsy! * Keep the news coming and make sure to put our reunion dates on your calendar!

—Heidi Irving Naughton

89 It's been a slow couple of months for the Class of '89, at least judging by the dearth of e-mails I received in response to the latest request for news. Don't be shy—I write about everyone who writes to me, although Colby doesn't always have space to print it all. Be sure to check out the Web site for the complete column. And please let me know how you are and what you're up to— the good, the bad, the exciting, the boring. * One of the few hard souls who wrote was Diane Pearce Kew. Diane and Dave '90 live in Brunswick, Maine, with their two boys. Diane works as an ESL tutor for kids in sixth to eighth grades. Diane writes that turning 40 "wasn't as bad as it could have been" and that Karin Killmer Kurry '90 was there to help her celebrate. * Ed '88 and Jen Pierce Barr had a little girl, Fiona Pierce Barr, in December 2006. Catherine Andrew Rogers and husband are baby Fee's godparents. Ed, Jen, and their three kids live in Westchester. Jen reports that they ran into Tom Cahill and his family on Shelter Island last summer. Jen is back on the squash court hoping to drag along Laura Thornton Pellegrino's sister, who lives just up the street from Jen and Ed. * Congratulations to Mark Wilson who was ordained Nov. 4 at the Phippsburg (Maine) Congregational Church, where he has been pastor for eight years. As he said, "If you're thinking, 'No way!' imagine how I feel!" * Shaun Dakin's national political do-not-call list is getting some good press. Check it out on www.StopPoliticalCalls.org. * Finally realizing his musical ability, Doug St. Lawrence sings with the Boston Gay Men's Chorus and occasionally performs in local music theater. Where were you when we needed you for BMR, Doug? * As for me, Kevin and the kids and I are settling back into life in St. Paul after our three-year dream life in Switzerland. As I write this, snow is falling outside my office window and temps are hovering around 10. I got a phone call last night from 'Tracy Gionfriddo's little girl, Emma Jo, inviting me to their Chinese New Year celebration in February at their home in Wethersfield, Conn. Meg Christie and her twins, Max and Zoe, will be there, so I hope to make it. * Beth Bitoff Odom and her family had a tough year in 2007. Writing from Fort Richardson, Alaska, where she deals with military spouses, Beth said she has "witnessed tragedy more times than I thought possible in 15 months, as wives lost husbands and children lost their fathers, and mothers and fathers lost their sons." Her husband, Lt. Col. Mark Odom, was deployed to Iraq in October 2006 and was wounded in August when his vehicle hit an IED. Beth learned of Mark's injuries while she was visiting Jen Cooke Rotman in Massachusetts and is grateful for the support and friendship she and her kids received during that difficult time. Mark's platoon was featured in the New York Times Magazine, including photos of the aftermath of the bombs that injured Mark and killed three of his fellow soldiers. Read the article at www.nytimes.com/2007/09/02/magazine/02iraq-t.html. Mark is home now and will recover from his injuries. * May 2008 bring peace to ski season. * Kaylyn Hips is now Kaylyn Groves since her April 21 marriage to Richard Groves in Austin, Texas. * Fred Ramirez's company, Halden Consulting Services, has signed a second client, Econometrica USA, an international software company. Fred and Jeanine (Caunt '92) celebrated their sixth anniversary and planned quite a trip, to London, Dover, and on to Calais. Jeanine headed home after a week but Fred was off to Geneva, Lyon, Beaune, and Paris before heading back to London and ultimately the States. * Dickinson State University hired Michael Shaughnessy as an assistant professor of biology. Michael earned his master's from Shippensburg University and his doctorate at the University of Oklahoma. He worked as an adjunct professor of biology at the University of Central Oklahoma before being hired by DSU. * Believe it or not, it's been 20 years since we attended reunion at the East Bay Grille on Oct. 13. Many Colby alumni attended, including Stacy O'Brien, Maryann Hutchinson Grimm, Shaun Crowley, and Gretchen McCartney Burkitt. * Becca Brackett Price moved from Dallas to northwest Arkansas a year ago. Taking a break from a second complete home renovation and helping her husband run his business, she came up to New England to enjoy the fall foliage and spent some time with Judd Braverman '92 and Karen Crebaste's two precious kids. * Matt Cohen writes from Denver to report a career change. He left the practice of law after 10 years to become a legal recruiter at Gibson Arnold and Associates. It's a busy and challenging new opportunity but gives him more time with his family, including his 2 1/2-year-old little girl. He sees Kent Thompson and Pete Weinberg, who also live in Denver. Matt looked forward to ski season. * Kaylyn Groves is now Kaylyn Groves since her April 21 marriage to Richard Groves in Austin, Texas. * Fred Ramirez's company, Halden Consulting Services, has signed a second client, Econometrica USA, an international software company. Fred and Jeanine (Caunt '92) celebrated their sixth anniversary and planned quite a trip, to London, Dover, and on to Calais. Jeanine headed home after a week but Fred was off to Geneva, Lyon, Beaune, and Paris before heading back to London and ultimately the States. * Dickinson State University hired Michael Shaughnessy as an assistant professor of biology. Michael earned his master's from Shippensburg University and his doctorate at the University of Oklahoma. He worked as an adjunct professor of biology at the University of Central Oklahoma before being hired by DSU. * Believe it or not, it’s been 20 years since we all graduated high school and that means reunion time! In September I attended my 20th high school reunion at the East Bay Grille on the waterfront in Plymouth, Mass., with many high school classmates and Colby classmates Fred and Debbie MacWilliam Bright and Alison Munford, but they were unable to
Twin Passions | Sean Skaling ’91

During a chat in his office in downtown Anchorage, two facts emerge about Sean Skaling ’91: he knows only one speed—full, and he thrives on two passions—skiing and environmental education/protection. His Alaska license plate is “WE SKI,” and he is executive director of Green Star, an award-winning environmental nonprofit that helps businesses go green.

Passion number one began at Colby, where Skaling competed on the Nordic ski team, usually finishing just behind Marc Gilbertson ’91, who later competed in the 30K cross-country ski race at the 1998 Olympics.

Skaling studied psychology at Colby. After graduation he coached the Colby ski team for two years and then went to the University of Colorado, where he earned a master’s in sports psychology. In 1996 he and his wife, Jennifer Dorsey Skaling ’93, whom he met while roller skiing at Colby, moved to Alaska. Jenny had grown up in Alaska and, an equal lure, Alaska presented great cross-country skiing opportunities. They nicknamed their first condo in Anchorage “the ski chalet.”

Skaling, who has become a superior biathlete, waxes (pun intended) poetic about cross-country skiing in Alaska. “There are hundreds of kilometers of groomed cross-country trails, a plethora of wilderness trails, and great wilderness crust skiing in the spring,” he said. Crust skiing entails skate-skiing across the crust of snow in remote valleys in morning hours during what New Engelanders think of as maple sugaring weather—freeze at night, thaw during the day.

Passion number two: Skaling’s life is driven by his desire to create a greener world, especially a greener business world. Happily, he’s found a position and a place to feed that need.

When he moved to Alaska in 1996 he landed a job as the membership director of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, a position he terms, “a great entrée to city life.” One minor program within the chamber was Green Star, which, Skaling explained, “gave merit badges to businesses that ran ‘green.’

In 1996, a month before Skaling began work at the chamber, Green Star became a separate nonprofit organization, and in 1999 Skaling was named its executive director. Today Green Star is a full-fledged environmental organization with a staff of four professionals with advanced degrees. Green Star recognizes businesses and organizations that voluntarily meet and exceed Green Star’s high standards of environmental responsibility. When these standards have been met and peer-reviewed to the satisfaction of the Green Star Standards Committee, the organization receives the Green Star Award, which focuses on waste reduction, or the Air Quality Award, which targets outdoor air quality.

In addition to running the awards program, conducting energy audits, and sponsoring educational events, Green Star has piloted several innovative environmental efforts.

“People were constantly asking me, ‘What should we do with old computers?’ so we established an electronics recycling program,” Skaling said. At its height, the three-day program involved 325 volunteers and the use of 35 40-foot trailers (all donated), which hauled away the used electronic material for shipment to a private firm in Seattle. Impressed with the size and scope of that effort, the Seattle firm decided to set up another operation right in Anchorage, so Green Star was able to hand off the program.

“It was a huge coordination effort,” Skaling said, “but I was thrilled at the success.”

Skaling has been recognized as one of Alaska’s 40 top leaders under 40 by the Alaska Journal of Commerce, but he’s more at ease discussing pollution prevention than personal citations. “Alaska is often hit hardest by environmental issues, and it’s meaningful to be working on a mission, helping businesses and organizations become better stewards of the environment,” he said. “How we address energy issues now will make all the difference in the future.”

—David Treadwell

Kelly Wenger and her husband, Eric Miller, had their first child, a son named Finnegan, Jan. 5. Congratulations and welcome to motherhood. She got parenting advice from Anne Maddocks Michels, Kristen Wallace Livezey, Molly Beale Constable, Elaine Bueschen O’Grady, and Sarah Block Wallace.

Kelly says it pays to be the last one to the party! • David and Tricia Baldridge Wickliffe recently had a son named Andrew. He joins his big brother, Charlie. Congratulations to all of you! • Kimberly Kennedy was featured in the Sarasota (Fla.) Herald-Tribune in an article about Therafit, a new physical therapy clinic and sports training center that she and business partner Greg Benson developed. It’s touted as being not only a top notch therapy clinic but a healing sanctuary on par with a high-end spa. • Meredith Johnson just organized the women’s squash team nationals in Boston. It was the largest turnout to date with over 200 players participating in singles and doubles matches. She looks forward to playing next year when it is at the Fairmount Athletic Club outside of Philadelphia and hopes to see more Colby alums.

She works in sports medicine at Lahey Clinic and consults on IT implementation programs at Mass General Hospital. • Zach Shapiro may be moving into politics, as his partner, Ron Galperin, is running for Los Angeles City Council. Zach loves his service as rabbi of Temple Akiba in Culver City. • Cecily von Ziegesar is getting lots of press since her book series, Gossip Girl, was turned into a prime-time TV show on the CW11. She and her family, husband Richard, 6-year-old daughter Agnes, and 3-year-old son Oscar, moved from Westchester to the Cobble Hill area of Brooklyn. She hopes to visit Colby soon because she is working on a new novel inspired by her experience at Colby! • Nancy Putnam Bentley still lives in Florida where it is HOT HOT HOT and longs for those nice cool fall days! She has three children—8, 5, and 2. Her 8-year-old is a gymnastics fanatic with the Olympics as a goal. Nancy is quite involved at their school and has a wonderful time at home with her 2-year-old. She still teaches a 6 a.m. exercise class. Over the summer she got together with Jennifer Greenleaf.
Jenn Pelson Hopkins, Deb Brown, Becky Graham Hudson, Jen Kosek Walker, and Sarah Hamilton Barringer in Maine. Their kids ran around and had a great time, as did the adults (seven adults and 12 kids—what a blast)! David Roderick started a tenure-track position teaching creative writing in the M.F.A. program at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He got married last summer to a wonderfully talented poet named Rachel Richardson. He was awarded the Amy Lowell Traveling award for a middle-aged poet at Greensboro. He got married last summer to a wonderfully talented poet at Greensboro. He got married last summer to a wonderfully talented poet at Greensboro. He got married last summer to a wonderfully talented poet at Greensboro. He got married last summer to a wonderfully talented poet at Greensboro. He got married last summer to a wonderfully talented poet at Greensboro. He got married last summer to a wonderfully talented poet at Greensboro. He got married last summer to a wonderfully talented poet at Greensboro.

93 Helen Vulture Shelflake expected her second set of twins in December. Ingrid Bernhard Gordon reports that she is happy spending time with her husband and three kids, ages 6, 9, and 11. In her spare time she continues to work with a coauthor on their newest book and volunteers for Katrina relief efforts in Biloxi, Miss. In Sudbury, Mass., Oct. 6, 2007, in the presence of fellow Colby alum James Kelley and Amanda White, Rob Isaacsen married Pamela Sue Gifford. Danae Clohan teaches middle school Spanish in Palo Alto, Calif., where she also works as the school’s English Language Learner Program Coordinator. In 2000 she and her lifetime partner, Julianne Bonnet, had a commitment ceremony, and in 2007 they were legally married in Canada. They live with their two kids, Gwendolyn, 5, and Kheradin, 2, as well as an extensive assortment of animals. Sven and Janine Deforge Olson welcomed their fourth child and third son, Tait, Sept. 12. Their whole family enjoyed attending Family Homecoming Weekend. On Sept. 6, Nancy and Bob Hostler had their first child, Abigail Kennedy. Mike Murphy has been living in Alaska since 1996 and will complete a master’s in counseling this spring. During the summer he lives in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and he encourages friends to visit. Ari Druker has built a house in central Tokyo, in a place called Ebisu near the Westin Hotel, and he invites any visitors that happen to be nearby! So the bosses of Colby remind me that my witty banter might be the leading cause of the length of our class columns and encourage me to keep it short. I’ve never been a big fan of rules, so apologies if we run long.

Our first-ever green update, from John Utley. He and wife Jennifer and daughters Lania and Maliah live on Greenwood Lake in N.J., and just installed a 10,000-watt photovoltaic system on their home. I’m praying for sun for you, John! He still works for the family business, Uteleys Inc., in Queens. Cecily Totten is on the road! She’s taking a year away from teaching to do surf camp in Costa Rica, work on a cattle station in Queensland, and do an internship for a newspaper in Wellington, N.Z. 2008 includes a trip to South Africa, back to Costa Rica for more surfing, and Spanish lessons. Rock on sister! Paul Matthews wrote from Disney World, where his wife, Shyla, son Quinn, and daughter Catrina were vacationing. They bought a new house in Worcester, Mass., and Paul is running an economic development and advocacy nonprofit in Westbrook, Mass. He writes that Jeff Cohen lives outside Philadelphia with his wife, Joan, son Timmy, and new twin daughters; Erik Hassing is a lawyer and lives in New Jersey with his wife, Heide (Girardin ’97), and their dogs; Matt Salath and his wife, Shannon, now have three kids and moved into a house they built on Boston’s South Shore; Mike McCabe is in Buffalo working as an assistant attorney general and recently engaged; Scott Kadish and Paul’s sons play tee ball in the same league. Scott lives in Worcester with his wife and family and works at Fidelity. Great updates on folks we haven’t heard from in a while—thanks Paul! After a much-needed two-month summer vacation, Ross Nussbaum joined Merrill Lynch as a managing director in the Global Commercial Real Estate Investment Banking Division. He was moving the family for the fourth time in six years, back to Greenwich, Conn. Michelle Mathai still loves Napa Valley and headed to India in mid-December. She just adopted a lab/golden retriever. I vote for our 13-year reunion in Napa—who’s in? Michelle Satterlee and her very hip boyfriend, Joe, were in Boston for Christmas. Jonathan Kaplan is the Portland Press Herald’s new Washington correspondent. Also in the “where-is-he-now?” category, Erik Belenkay made partner at Paul, Hastings in Atlanta. Erik Cole-Johnson and his wife had a baby, Nikolai, a few hours after Christmas 2006 as big sister Ingrid looked on! Heather Vincola had a second baby girl, Sadie, on 7/7/07. She joins sister Sasha, 2. Cate Czerniwicki Reynolds made partner at Robinson & Cole, LLP in Conn. Lisa Conley McPhee is a middle school language arts teacher in Bangor. She and husband Shawn had a big bouncing baby boy, Conner Jaxon, Sept. 10. Rob Underwood ran his third NYC marathon. Greg and Erin Crossland Christopher attended the wedding of Chris Lohman ’95 in Long Beach with Josh Eckel. The Eckels and Christopners share a Tahoe ski house. They love seeing (uncle) John Grady since they’ve moved to California and keep in touch with Jen Zwick Somer, who recently moved from San Francisco to Florida. Bobby ’93 and Kerry Sheehy Ward welcomed the arrival of Samantha Kinsey Ward in August and moved back to the Boston area. Ryan Joseph Artmann was born to Amy Alderson Artmann April 12. In April Alyssa Schwenk and I visited little Ryan. Rob and Danielle Jamison Benedetto and their three kids—Karen, Amy, and Mark—came from Amherst, Mass., to visit Colorado in October. Kamin McClelland Macomber welcomed her third daughter Nov. 7. Eleanor “Elle” Grace is getting lots of love and attention from her big sisters, twins Kate and Maddy, 4. Bruce and Sue Benson Paulaitis had their fifth boy, Benjamin Harold, Aug. 23. All the kids are doing well. Bruce has a t-shirt that says, “Who are all these kids and why do they call me Dad?” Paul and Jennifer Chasin Davis bought their first home, in Calabasas, Calif., just outside of Los Angeles. They love living in the suburbs with their son, Ethan. Neil and Jenn Wolff DiFrancesca live in Millbury, Mass., with their two dogs, Casy and Joa. They plan to start an addition to their house. They have traveled to Lake George, the Cape, Mystic, Providence, and N.J. Jenn had lunch recently with Emily Chapman. Jon Mitchell is a middle school science teacher in Stonington, Conn. He often hears former teachers (including those from Colby) laughing as they finally see revenge for the troubles he caused as a student. Andie Sulak got a Bernese mountain dog named Chedi, with whom she is madly in love. She is at UC Berkeley working on wildfire issues in the Sierras and living in the Lake Tahoe area. She had a blast!
90s newsmakers

Kendra King '94 was honored by Big Sisters of Rhode Island at its 40th anniversary. A former Little Sister, King shared her story of going from a Providence housing project to associate professor of politics and director of the Rich Foundation Urban Leadership Program at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta. In April she will receive a Classical High School distinguished alumna award. • Jonathan Kaplan '94 is the new Washington correspondent for the Portland Press Herald. He will cover the 2008 national political campaigns and conventions. At The Hill, the Washington-based newspaper where he previously worked, he traveled to Iraq twice and covered the 2004 recall election of Venezuela's Hugo Chavez. • Erin Duggan '97 joined the New York City Press Office as a press officer. As a reporter she has written for the New York Times, Albany Times Union, and Syracuse Post-Standard. She covered the state capitol for three years and was president of the Legislative Correspondents Association. She also worked in public relations at Weber Sandwick Worldwide.

milestones

Marriages: Brigid R. Jordan '93 to Michael E. O'Connor in New Castle, N.H. • Sandy Bugbee '95 to Eric Larson in Ocean Point, Maine • Neal G. Desouky '96 to Elizabeth W. Greer in Sonoma, Calif. • Nathan R. Pierce '97 to Jody L. Keeler in Hallowell, Maine • Steven W. Suomi '97 to Joanna Hedstrom in Concord, N.H. • Amy J. Cote '98 to Michael Boles in Ellsworth, Maine • Kristen Haley '99 to Will Chamberlain '98 in Waterville, Maine • Jenna H. Hannibal '99 to Frank Schildgen in Litchfield, Conn. • Lynn Powers '99 to Jeffrey Harder in Yarmouth, Maine • Michael S. Salerno '99 to Erin K. Yates in Manchester, Vt.

Births: A daughter, Samantha Gilbert Holsten, to Jennifer Holsten '90 and Jessica Gilbert '99 • A daughter, Lila Louise, to Matt '96 and Anne McManus Hurlbut '95 • A daughter, Teaghan Mae, to Kendra King '94 and Marco Melamed.

ski plans with the Christophers and with Stacey Warner. In October she visited Michelle Tadros Eidson in Denver. • Sara Ferry Gyan's always excellent updates include her return from maternity leave to a new position at American Express as a senior HR generalist. She attended game 2 of the World Series in Boston with her husband, Dave and Marille Haylon Borden will travel to China to bring home their daughter, Lia Hui-Ying Baker Borden. Their son, Jack, is excited to be a big brother. — Jessica Newman

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Sandy Bugbee got married at the end of September to Eric Larsen. They live in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, where Sandy owns The Custom House, a gift shop, and Eric is a financial advisor. Lisa DeHahn Jade and Jonathan Bardzik '96 were attendants at Sandy and Eric's wedding. • It has been an incredibly challenging year for Regina Wlodarski Kruger and her family. They have an autistic daughter, Megan, 5 1/2, who has had a difficult time for most of the year. They've worked hard to get her the help she needs in school. Their other daughter, Anika, 3 1/2, started preschool and is doing great. Regina's family bought a small vacation house in Chester, Vt., and Regina enjoys teaching Megan to ski and getting Anika on skis for the first time. Regina is still with Mary Kay and plans to become a sales director this spring. • Darragh Fitzsimons Young, Lisa Kenerson Weber, Lisa Zorn Smeglin, and Rachel Lapkin recently spent a fun weekend at Cara O'Flynn's apartment in Brooklyn, N.Y. Darragh moved in December to Athens, Greece, with her husband, Jake, and their two children, Bryce, 4, and Tripp, 18 months. • Franchot Tone owns and operates Crash Test Studios, a commercial recording studio in Los Angeles. He produced Dos for the band Culver City Dub Collective. He also composed the film score for an independent feature film titled Prey For Me. Franchot lives with his wife, Kristin, and daughter Whitney in Topanga Canyon, Calif. • Matt '96 and Anne McManus Hurlbut welcomed their second child, a daughter named Lila Louise, May 31, 2007. Big brother William Dawson, 3, is smitten. Anne has been on a fellowship from Tabor Academy this year working on a M.F.A. in creative writing and Matt is teaching history at Duxbury Middle School. The Hurlburts live on campus at Tabor in Marion, Mass.—Yubgo Yamaguchi

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Karin Kidder married Marco Manullo in May 2006 in Santa Barbara. Classmates in attendance included Kerrish Shaw Noble, Ashoke Ghosh '95, Josh Burker '95, Meghan Scheck, and Marah Smith Atwell. Karin and Marco reside in London, where she is pursuing her M.B.A. at the London Business School. • Kara Marchant Hooper spent an August weekend in San Francisco with Ellie Peters Bergquist and Austen Briggs for Austen's bachelorette party. Austen was in the midst of planning a January wedding to Michael Crossley as well as a September move to Dallas. • John and Erika Moore Coombs have two daughters, Abigail and Haley. They enjoy getting together with Betsy Eisen Porada, her daughter, Carolyn, and newborn son, James, born Oct. 29. This summer they also saw Emily Guerette Read '96, her husband, and son, John, as well as Matt '96 and Rachel Moritz O'Connell '96 with their son, Brian. • Josh and Kate Charbonnier Oeljen welcomed their second daughter, Emma, last spring. • JJ. Eklund McGaw, Sue Hesselbach Pierce, Megan Jeans, and Jen Mason Drolet spent Memorial Day together in Aspen. J.J. and her husband have a two-year-old son, Brady. • Katy and Andrew Weber have kept busy attending the four wedding receptions (two in South Korea and two in D.C.) of Peter Sheren and his wife, Victoria Lim, who live in Hong Kong. As for Andrew and Katy, they are having a wonderful time living in London and traveling all they can. • Adrienne Clay married Russell Rickford Sept. 15 in the Santa Cruz mountains; Sarah Muzzy and Jessica Wolk '96 helped celebrate. Adrienne and Russell live in NYC while they complete graduate degrees. Adrienne recently saw Natalie Collins, who was planning a move to Jamaica to work on a children's museum project she designed. • Mike and Julie Lovell Dunlap and son Aiden moved to Chestertown, Md., this winter. Julie works part time as a nurse in the ICU, ER, and post-anesthesia care unit. She shares that Kelly Mesnil was married last March and expected a son this winter. Julie would like to get back in touch with Marnie Eckerman from her time at Colby. • Pat Doyle recently became chief announcer at WHUS (91.7 FM in Conn.), where he is host of a blues program every Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m. under his old DJ name 'Washboard Pat'. Listen online at www.whus.org. • Mika Hadani Melamed now works for Robert Half International in New Jersey, where she recently bought a home. She loves her job in their creative group division staffing creative freelancers. • Monica Torres '00, Ted Weil, and daughter Aurora welcomed new brother Tobias in September. They live in Pawtucket, R.I., where Ted works in audio and music production and composition for a digital marketing company. He's also trying to get his own studio, Eyebox Studios, off the ground. He coaches soccer in town, where his under-10 girls' team recently placed second overall. • Kristina Dantcheva works in London as an economic consultant after finishing her master's at Oxford. • Zahid Chaudhary is an English professor at Princeton, having finished graduate school at Cornell and having taught at University of Washington (Seattle) for two years. • Neema and Ryan Mayhugh welcomed son Connor Oct. 11. Ryan wrote, “He attended his first Cleveland Browns tailgate a couple weeks later, and we'll get him
Caitlin Nelson volunteered for Operation Smile, a medical mission for children with cleft palate and cleft lip. She works as a lawyer in NYC doing commercial real estate development and lives in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Washington, D.C. area. David Dodwell is currently enrolled in Cornell’s hotel management program and placed third in Bermuda’s annual sand castle contest. Steve and Amy Lyon Higgins enjoy their new home in Portland, Ore., with their new baby boy, Tasman, who loves his Colby bib, and their three-year-old daughter. They look forward to reconnecting with others from Colby in the Northwest. Raj ‘99 and Jen Spiess Gupta are in Concord, N.H. She finished her master’s in political science from UNH and works for Stonyfield Farm as a demand planner. They had their second son, Parker Davis Gupta, Sept. 28, 2007, and big brother Owen, 4, thinks he’s pretty cool. Jennifer Stephens married Charlie Congilio in Stoughton, Mass., Oct. 20, 2007. Emily Taxson Meadows was matron of honor, and also in attendance were new parents Ben ’00 and Elizabeth Magyar Stockwell. Jennifer and Charlie currently reside in West New York, N.J. Roger and Kristen Paratore Bock and son Oliver just moved to a new house in Arlington, Mass. Kristen really enjoys being a mom and continues to work towards a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Boston College. Laurel Hart ran her first marathon, the New York City Marathon, in November 2007. Colby friends cheering along the course were filled for his first pair of hockey skates by Christmas. After all, everyone says they grow up really fast.” Congratulations to Amy and Chris Sullivan, who welcomed daughter Teaghan Maie Sept. 11. Danielle Herget was promoted to chair of the College of Arts and Sciences at Fisher College, where she’s been assistant professor for five years. She recently presented a paper at the Fantasy Matters literary conference in Minneapolis. —Leah Tortola Walton

Shelley Wollert, Mimi Sotiriou Raygorodetsky, and Mary Ellen Shuttleworth. Alex Solod moved to Seattle, married Melinda Murray, an emergency medicine physician, and is completing a general aesthetic surgery fellowship. He plans to open or join a practice in July 2008. Jared Fink has been promoted from post-doc to associate researcher at the Alzheimer’s Research Center in St. Paul, Minn. Kate Conklin got engaged to Mark Ciriello, a classmate from her Babson M.B.A. program. They’re planning a July 2008 wedding in Connecticut. Kate works in the executive development program at MassMutual Financial Group in Springfield, Mass., and lives in Bloomfield, Conn. Thanks for passing along the interesting news and I look forward to seeing you all at reunion! —Brian M. Gill

Caitlin Nelson married Joshua Merrill by the seaside in South Portland, Maine, Aug. 18 in a ceremony attended by her uncle Fred Beyer ’67. A honeymoon to Prince Edward Island followed. The couple is moving from Maine to Boston, where Caitlin has a job as a nurse practitioner in the pediatric unit at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. Jen Kassakian works in Washington, D.C., for the House of Representatives’ Committee on Natural Resources, where she provides legislative support to Congress on fisheries and ocean policy issues. Michael Siegel reconnected with Skip Newberry on Facebook and encourages anyone who hasn’t already to join the online community. Following a recent move back to the Boston area, Sarah Murphy is expecting her second child in April. On June 2 at Sebago Lake in Maine, Reed Bundy married Kelly Fanning. In attendance were Jon ’98 and Melanie Guryansky Olinto, Steph Zegras, Pierce Cole ’01, Chris Greenfield ’96, Brian DiBello ’99, Sean Foley ’99, Dan Zipin ’99, Dylan Commeret ’99, Jeremy Donovan, Doug Nilson ’99, Liz (Magyar ’98) and Ben Stockwell, Tammie Sebelius ’02, Greg Hanson, Rachel Gitelson, and Alexis Fine. From downtown Boston, Jonah “J.R.” Rudman sends news that he is engaged and will be married Columbus Day weekend 2008. At the moment, he works as a software consultant. From Oct. 11 Tim ’99 and Amanda Carucci Boggs had a baby girl, Sophia Page. They’re sleep deprived but happy and well. Karen Lee married Gautam Baski at the Bayonet & Blackhorse Golf Club in Seaside, Calif., Oct. 13. The beautiful outdoor sunset ceremony featured Sandi Mattfeldt and Paige Morrison as bridesmaids; Andy and Carrie Keeling Miller and Erin Darling also attended. Morgan McDevitt is cruising through his second year of Cornell Law and looks forward to spending summer 2008 at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Philadelphia. He and his wife, Suzanne, recently caught up with Tacy Conard Quinn and Amanda Carucci Boggs. Patrick Burlingame, still on exchange in Hungary, accepted a position with GE Money’s Executive Commercial Leadership Program and plans to begin an international marketing career in consumer banking upon graduating from the Kelley School of Business with his M.B.A. and an M.A. in East European studies.

From Portland, Ore., Mary Larios Gatlin writes that her husband, Jason Gatlin, finished his Ph.D. and looks forward to having nights and weekends free again. Susan and James Mason celebrated the birth of their son, Nolan James, Sept. 28. James continues his work as an environmental biologist at the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The family will soon move to their new house in Apex, N.C. Chrissie Marzano relocated to Breckenridge, Colo., with her boyfriend, Nat, and accepted a job as sales representative for a ski and travel tour operator called Mountain Reservations. During the World Series they made a trip to Denver to see Lara Bonn, Pete O’Neil ’98, and Julie Alosi ’98, who were in town for the game. They also met up with John Baptiste ’97, who lives in the city with his wife, Jen, and their baby, Connor.

Jon and I are back from London and living in New York City again. We’re anxiously waiting our first cat skiing trip of the season to Canada that I booked through www.liftopia.com. Evan Reece’s company. Melinda Mraz is doing well (and having a great time) at Tuck Business School at Dartmouth. Michelle Chandler Oettmeier just returned from an amazing trip to India. Peter Oppenheim and his wife, Katie Downs, are in Chevy Chase, Md. Pete works as a lobbyist in the international practice at the Carmen Group in D.C. Stephanie Greenleaf Fyne lives near London and is doing well. Patrice Guryansky is doing well and can be reached through www.liftopia.com. —Evan Reece

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Imagine this scenario. You’re running alone on a country road at a brisk eight-minute-per-mile pace. It’s 3 a.m., a pitch black summer night; only your head lantern lights the path ahead. You’re tired because you completed a five-mile run the afternoon before, and you’ve had only two hours of sleep on a hard gym floor. You’ll have to do yet a third run later in the day after a short break. You have every reason to feel miserable but, in truth, you’ve never felt better in your life.

Annika Svore ’04 has a gleam in her eye as she sits at a Starbucks in Seattle, recounting stories about her participation in the Ragnar Northwest Passage run, a 12-person relay race that begins in Blaine, Washington, on the Canadian border, and ends 189 miles later on the southern tip of Whidbey Island. Like her teammates, Svore had to run three different legs, but she alone experienced the joy of running the last leg.

Svore’s team, composed of friends, friends-of-friends, and a last minute fill-in from Craig’s List, had a distinct Colby flavor. Chris Castle ’02 was a fellow runner, as were the husband, sister, and brother-in-law of Natalie Keilholz ’02, who served as a volunteer for the race.

“Running is an individual sport,” Svore said, “and a relay race offers a whole new experience. We were traveling along in two vans, six people huddled in each van—eating [Power Bars, fruit, nuts], listening to music, laughing, and waiting for our next turn to run. It was like a slumber party without sleep.”

Her team, the Muffin Tops, finished 23rd out of 58 teams, with a time of 26 hours, 41 minutes, and 27 seconds, slightly under an average nine minute-per-mile pace.

This native Washingtonian thrives on challenge. “Before I came to Colby, I deliberately chose the toughest COOT option: a three-day, twelve-mile trek over the Mahoosic Notch on the Maine-New Hampshire border, one of the most challenging stretches along the entire Appalachian Trail.”

A lifelong outdoorswoman, Svore loved the chance to go hiking and skiing in college, as well as developing close friendships with other runners on the cross-country team.

On the academic front, she began as a pre-med major, but switched to math sciences (from the frying pan into the frying pan) her sophomore year. For good measure, she added an art major. “I wanted to balance the problem solving of math with the creative freedom of art.”

After Colby, Svore took a summer career discovery course in architecture at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. From there, she returned to the northwest to take a job as a design manager for Greenpoint Technologies in Seattle. She now works with five other designers, designing the interiors of top-of-the-line private planes for elite clients, such as the Saudi royal family and other heads of state, sports teams, and successful business leaders. “Because I knew nothing about airplanes before coming to Greenpoint,” she said, “I’m able to think outside the box.”

Creative problem solving is a must for this job because, with this clientele, no request is considered unusual: a garage to hold a Mercedes, say, or a medical room equipped for surgical procedures, or several tubs equipped with water jets.

Besides meeting a range of requests and dealing with clients used to getting what they want, Svore and other designers must address significant aircraft safety certification challenges. “All materials must be treated and burn tested,” she noted, “and the furniture must be structurally secured.”

In addition to meeting the demands of her job and her clients, Svore stays sharp by running three or four days a week and practicing “hot yoga” (in 105 degrees).

Will she experience another slumber-party-without-sleep in the future? Well, her faraway expression when she mentions the popular relay race from the top of Mt. Hood to the Oregon seaside gives a pretty good indication.

—David Treadwell
live in Pasadena, Calif., and Pam is an environmental consultant with a focus on sustainable development. • Bobby Fleiss has been busy running his business, www.iwp360.com. • Shanna Brownstein lives in New York and will graduate from Columbia in May with a master’s in public administration. She spent the summer traveling out West and saw Tim Grayson and Jon Netkin at a bluegrass festival in Wyoming. "Stan O’Loughlin just graduated from law school and is clerking for a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Pittsburgh. He recently visited Colby for the 60th anniversary of the Colby Eight. • Coji and Yuki Kodera Watanabe moved to their new home in Lenexa, Kan. Yuki works as international students’ advisor at the University of Kansas, and Coji continues to work in financial consulting with Bank of America.—Dana Fowler Charrette

02 We had good success with Colby’s Welcome to the City event in September in our own Portland, Ore. I encourage you all to reach out to your Colby community wherever you are. You never know who is living next door. To my surprise one you are. You never know who is attending nursing school in Pittsburgh. • Kirsten Ness has a new job working as a water resources specialist with the Portland (Maine) Water District and she just bought her first house in Portland. • Ali Culpen is attending NYU for a master’s program in urban planning with an environmental focus. • Jess Bennett is in her second year at Tufts Medical School. • Rob Belcher is in Boston working on clean energy projects and spending a lot of time at the climbing gym. • Dave Hauser is “organic” in San Francisco. • Brian Wezowicz is now an editor at the Fox Business Network. • Helena Tubis lives and works for a nonprofit in Brooklyn, N.Y. • Maread Carney has relocated to San Francisco. • Patrick Swilling also lives in San Francisco and is growing a mustache to raise money for the Breakthrough Collaborative, a nonprofit that creates educational opportunities for disadvantaged students. • Chris Leach continues to live and work in NYC and is always planning his next ski trip out West. • Pete Morelli just returned from a trip to Torino, Italy, where he raced in the Silver Skiff endurance regatta. He’s also helping Colby rowers stay connected through alumni. • Catherine Benson graduated in May 2007 with a master’s of environmental science from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. She started a Ph.D. program this fall at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. • Bliss Woolmington Bernal traveled to Beijing in October and started a new job at a hedge fund in NYC. • Matt Koontz attends business school at the University of Michigan and is not sleeping much these days. • Edward Jastrem started a new job as a financial planner with Heritage Financial Services in Norwood, Mass. • Mike Bergan married Maeve Mullally (Colgate ’02) in Thompson, Conn., last summer. Mike is in Cambridge, Mass., in a new job as a managing partner at Capitol Consulting Group, LLC. • Anne Paruti began working as an assistant district attorney in Middlesex County (Mass.) in September.—Sally Hall

03 Sara Schwartz is engaged to be married to Jeff Mohan this coming summer. CONGRATS Sara! She’ll also graduate from Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth in June 2008. • Suzanne Skinner will finish her law degree from Penn in May 2008. After graduation, she’ll move to NYC and work at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in the litigation department. • Kate Swayne finished her master’s in environmental policy and management at the University of Denver last spring and moved to D.C. to work for Marsh on climate change issues. • Karli Jaffe will finish her M.S.W. from USM in May 2008. She attended Leah Robertson and Zack Brown’s wedding Oct. 20, 2007, on Cape Cod. There were many Colby alums in attendance, including Chelsea Hoffmann, Sam Shaw, Emily Allen, and Pete Lovero. • Carrie Morin will graduate from dental school at Dalhousie University in Halifax, N.S., in May 2008 and plans to move back to central or southern Maine to practice. • Ellen Whitesides still lives in South Africa, working on community and school projects. Some of her current projects include setting up school libraries with donated books and organizing health awareness days. • Hal Hallstein wrote in for the first time since graduation with lots of news. After three years at a Boston-based Buddhist publishing house, Hal left his job and joined Jake Beren on a two-month rafting expedition in Utah. Hal also reports that Eric Crabtree is teaching third grade on the north shore of Oahu and shaping a surf board by hand in the bathroom of his rented apartment and that Mike Lee works as a vintage photography dealer and spends his time collecting art books for his work. • In December Jake Beren was in Ecuador and soloed Cotopaxi, a volcano south of Quito. He climbed the 19,347-foot mountain, hut to hut, in four hours and 20 minutes. "Now if that ain’t news," Jake wrote, “I don’t know what it is.” • That’s all for now!—Lauren Tiberio

04 Leigh E. Cummings III and Kristine Ann Povilaitis were married at Nuptial Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul Aug. 25, 2007, in Philadelphia. Alex Kronauer ’05 was a groomsman and the wedding was attended by Kyle and Kristine Pelletier Lieberman, Brian Foley, Chris Blomberg, and Erica Josefay. Leigh and Krisy are both first-year associates in Boston, where they live with their puppy, Ralphie. • Cristina Jaleru is getting her master’s in international journalism, broadcast, at City University in London. She also writes for an online chocolate magazine back in New York. • Lauren Henderson moved to Berkeley, Calif., to open an office in the Ecology Center for the League to Save Lake Tahoe. • Amanda Sullivan lives in Beacon Hill and works at an advertising agency on Boylston Street. She attended Laura Barrow and Phil Geiger’s wedding in Chicago in November. Other attendees included Derek Taff, Matthew Harrington, Jesse Zerendow, Matthew Ritter, Josh Zweig, Caitlin Cassis, Sarah Gagnon, Joshua Hunnewell, Jen Mojo, Orelia Scoville, Terri Cunningham, Josh German, Vince Domestico, Anne Christman, Danny Donovan, and Sam Poland. • Vicki Hayes is engaged to Ryan Wepler ’02. She works as the assistant sales manager at Johnson String Instrument in Newton, Mass. • Andrew Will works at the Bose Corporation as a tech support specialist and spends his nights as sound designer/audio engineer for the SpeakEasy Stage Company at the Boston Center for the Arts. • Kristin Jiggetts finished her master’s at LMU in May and is working at The Dr. Phil Show in Hollywood on the news team. She attended Kim Francetich and Brian Kittler’s wedding along with Ryan Glennon, Cara Dionisi, James Bradford, Greg Dupuy, Molly Given, Samantha Saeger, Emily Quinn, Jeremy Jamieson, and Marshall White. • Camille Dugan Campanile and her husband are expecting their third baby in June. • Chris Roberts is getting his M.B.A. at Cornell. • Celeste Miliard lives in Cambridge and works as a development officer for the Appalachian Mountain Club. • Kristin Saucier started her M.A. in international development studies at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University. • Meredith Collins is finishing her fourth year of med school and interviewing for plastic surgery residencies. • Kate Russo married Tom Butler in November in London. She finished her M.F.A. last June at the Slade School of Art, where she met her husband. Liz Bonme, Kate Chuprevich, and Kate Hurd ’05 attended the wedding. • Kirsten Zmetske is working as a rep for the Roxy Mountain Project and plans to attend a doctorate program for physical therapy next fall. • Ande Nicoletti lives in NYC with Steen Sehnert ’06. She teaches
yoga and works as a waitress. She is getting ready to apply to grad school for her master’s in fine art. • Cynthia Davies is ski patrolling at Sunday River. • After returning from Honduras, Francie McGowan lives in Chicago and works at a youth agency. She recently joined the board of directors of the Chicago Freedom School. • Janine Elliott works in environmental education in the San Francisco area. She is starting a massage therapy practice as well. • Kaitlin McCafferty lives in Beacon Hill and works in advertising at Arnold Worldwide as an account manager on the Jack Daniels account. • She visited www.franklinfreestyle.com to provide camperships to boys and girls. Emmons joined the organization because he was looking for ways “to give back,” he said.

05 Nick Miller is in his third year teaching English at the Landmark School on the North Shore in Massachusetts. He coaches golf and baseball and is also finishing his final year of a master’s in special education through Simmons College. • Carrie Fredland works as an AmeriCorps volunteer at a nonprofit organization called Environmental Concern in St. Michaels, Md. The organization is dedicated entirely to restoring and building wetlands and educating the public. She is also finishing an M.A. in English in a part-time program. • Former hockey player Jared Gordon and his wife, Crystal, were married last August in Lincolnville, Maine. In attendance were Ken Pitter, Meghan Barringer, Chris Ries, Barry Brown, Pat Slipp, Joel Morash, Nick Bayley, Eric Molander, Cory Ernst, and Patrick Walsh, along with Colby grads from other classes. • Matt Gangel moved back east after spending two years in Missoula, Mont., and is now employed at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston as a research assistant. • Rachel Luskin has been pursuing her film career by producing an independent feature film, The Aristocrat, (www.TheAristocratMovie.com) in the greater Boston area and Cape Cod. • Ellen Weaver recently got engaged to her boyfriend, Derek Berg. They’re tentatively planning an October 2008 wedding. • Melissa Hernandez is in a master of library science program at Long Island University’s CW Post campus, with guidance and encouragement from Marilyn Pukkila of Miller Library’s reference staff. • Steve Bogden ran the D.C. Marine Corp Marathon with Eric Reinauer ’04. Bogden finished in 2:59:28, most likely due to the encouragement of Jackie Dao, Pat Semmens, Kevin Yardi, and Jeff Alden ’07. • Nora Gouge is completing her master’s in psychology at NYU, still working in preventive medicine research, and coaching after-school sports in New York City, where she recently ran into Katie Ghelli. Nora informed me that Todd Moore is in his first year at Fordham Law School. • Alan Ashbaugh took a three-week cross-country road trip this fall, ending in Alta, Utah, where he’s working as a waiter at the Alta Peruvian Lodge for the ski season. • Since September Josh Gray has been attending The Landing School in Kennebunkport, Maine, where he’s completing a one-year program in yacht design. Josh, along with Matt Guy-Hamilton and Lauren Simmons ’06, recently ran into Nicole Wessen and Jared Cushman at the Portland Brewers Fest on Nov. 3. Nicole, Jake Colognesi, Charlie Reed ’06, and Ryan Praski ’07 are skiing as part of a night league team at Wachusett this winter. The team is sponsored by Shred Optics, a company owned by Charlie’s friend, Olympic gold medalist Ted Ligety. • Jon Eisenberg lives in L.A. and works for Film 44 in television development. He has run into Vanessa Ambatielos and James Oh ’06 around the city. • Elizabeth Riley started her second season working in the front office for the Portland Sea Dogs and enrolled in the M.B.A. program at the University of Southern Maine. She visited Amanda Walsh and Kara McCabe ’06 last fall in Washington, D.C., and planned a January trip to visit Kim Jones, who lives in Dublin, Ireland. • Hannah Emery is still plugging away in the sociology Ph.D. program at UC Berkeley. She had a memorable weekend on Mayflower Hill in October reminiscing with Melissa Hernandez, Matthew Ruby, Ryan Phelan, Jonathan Lees, and Hande Barutcuoglu. • Melissa Hinkle finished her master’s in journalism at Northwestern Dec. 7. She’s in the process of searching for jobs and hoping to find the perfect fit. • Wendy Bonner is engaged to her boyfriend of two years, Ryan Spicer, whom she met through an adult ice hockey league in Washington, D.C. They are tentatively planning a summer 2008 wedding. • A benefit Wakeboard Tournament will be held in August 2008 in Wisconsin in honor of the Chris Starz Leadership Memorial Fund. The money raised will provide camperships to boys and girls so that they can attend nonprofit camps during the summer. Please visit www.franklinfreestyle.com to learn more or to make a donation in Chris’s memory. • Have a great spring! —Katie Gagne

06 Barbara Hough still teaches in the Haverhill school district but is now a full-time music teacher, grades one to five. She is also faculty at New England Conservatory in Boston, where she teaches a flute student as well as co-instructs a flute studio class. • Kim Devine recently moved to Portland, Maine, and works for an advertising agency downtown called Kemp Goldberg. She works in client services and runs into many Colby folks. • Noah Balazs teaches first grade in Beverly, Mass., after leading a teen community-service trip last summer in Hawaii. He hopes to lead a similar trip again this summer and is also busy working on his M.Ed. in elementary education. • Melina Markos lives in Girona, Spain, teaching English in a language school to kids and adults. She is trying to simultaneously learn Spanish and Catalan. And as of a few weeks ago, Caroline Cotter is living just down the road in Barcelona, where she’s doing a similar thing. • Heather Lersch is a ski instructor in beautiful Truckee, Calif., (North Lake Tahoe). She enjoys hanging out in San Francisco with former Colby swim team buddy Blake Crowley ’02 during the off season! • Kaitlin Herlihy is the public policy coordinator at Cesar Chavez Public Charter School for Public Policy in D.C. She also teaches a 12th grade public policy thesis seminar. She’s enjoying her second season as the varsity women’s soccer coach and writes that her team recently won their first game ever! • Jess Seymour is really enjoying her second year teaching middle school Spanish at Savannah Country Day School in Georgia. She also coaches soccer and teaches an after-school yoga class for the faculty. • Meris Esterly and her parents, Diana and Harry, are the new owners of Geronimo Trail Guest Ranch in Winston, N.M.
Guests come to ride horses and have a western-style vacation. The ranch is in Apache Indian country (on the Geronimo Trail Scenic Byway) in the Black Mountains in the Gila National Forest in southwest N.M., two hours from the nearest town, Truth or Consequences. Brandon Smithwood is also out in New Mexico teaching fifth graders. He has been running and mountain biking when he can. He looks forward to moving back to Boston this summer. Taka (James) Bennett has been pretty busy applying to medical school and should be hearing back in a couple of months. In the meantime he moved out to Jackson Hole, Wyo., to enjoy the snow. He is going to coach alpine ski racing at the Jackson Hole Ski and Snowboard Club and will probably pick up some other part-time job working at a ski shop or waiting tables. Antonio Mendez is working at the Posse Foundation, a nonprofit scholarship organization in downtown New York, and is also starting his second film project, a seven-minute short documenting the three different Chinatowns in New York City. Kristine Fucillo lives in Freeport with Trevor Hanly ’07. She’s in her second year at Maine Law and is enjoying an internship with the U.S. attorney’s office, District of Maine. This summer she’ll start a job with the Cumberland County DA’s office. Charlie Hale is still out in San Francisco working for Google. He has changed teams and just got back from India doing some training in the Google office over there. Emilie Coulson was in California for the summer, and other Colby grads Katie Himmelmann ’07, Adam Atkinson-Lewis, Jayadev Vadakkanmarveettil ’07, Matt Morrison, and Meredith M. Blasovich are also out there. Steen Sehnert, Jon Bastian, and Tim Stenovec came to visit Charlie and ran around the Google campus trying to avoid security. —Jen Colfores

Let’s start off with a huge CONGRATULATIONS to the most recent additions to the Class of 2007: Huseyn Akturk, Chris Appel, Anita Buragohain, Duncan Carvey, Juan Colon, Brad Curtis, Vivek Freitas, Chalie George, Stefanie Glasser, Julia Hutchinson, Phoebe Larkin, Bayley Lawrence, Hengtian Lin, Ryan Maher, Shapel Mallard, Amy Pendoley, Mike "Pops" Poplaski, Jamie Tang, and Emily Wilbert graduated from Colby in January 2008 and are already doing amazing things. In January Julia Hutchison began her seven-month journey around the world, including three months at WWOOF (Willig Workers on Organic Farms) in New Zealand, followed by other stops, mainly in Asia and Europe. Amanda Hilton is in Italy on a Fulbright, working as a teaching assistant and doing her own anthropological research. Elisa Chinari lives in Copenhagen and works for the Danish Institute for Study Abroad doing institutional relations, and she offers up her futon to any alums. Rob Rosenbaum lives in South Africa and works for CHOSA (Children of South Africa) and runs the Philani Family Fund, an NGO he co-founded. He also helped establish a baseball development program in the black townships surrounding Cape Town. Liza Benson spent five and a half months in a 36-foot wooden sailboat banking 10,000 nautical miles, including sailing across the Atlantic Ocean in 27 days. Out in San Francisco, Katie Himmelmann works for UCSF at the AIDS Health Project and volunteers as an HIV test counselor. Liz Boeheim and Kathryn Bartholomew are having an awesome time living together in Bozeman, Mont. Alexis Heimann is an office manager at an eating disorders clinic and also a mental health counselor at the Children’s Hospital in Boulder and is roommates with Katie Price. Emily Wilbert is the French teaching apprentice at the High Mountain Institute in Leadville, Colo., with Kate Braemer, the Spanish apprentice. They’ll be hanging out with high school students, helping with backcountry expeditions, and living in the highest city in the U.S. (10,400 feet). Kriisy Thatcher enrolled in the University of Minnesota biomedical engineering Ph.D. program and currently works in the cardiovascular engineering lab. She also plays on the university’s Ultimate Frisbee team. Mark Biggar is attending law school at Northwestern in Chicago. Lindsay Kohlhoff is at Duke University working towards a master’s in environmental management and resource economics. Natalie Ginsburg is teaching third graders in the Mississippi Delta with TFA and met up with Tammy Lewin, Katie Maland, and Karli Gasteazoro for the big Univ. of Texas vs. Oklahoma football game in Dallas. In D.C., Diana Cole is attending law school at the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. John McCormack works with Tammy Lewin at Project Performance Cooperation. In Baltimore Steve Plocher and Megan Bovill are engaged to be married this summer. Megan teaches with TFA and Steve works in publishing. In NYC Lee Kozakiewicz is pursuing her Ph.D. in molecular genetics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and focusing her research on the pathogenesis of multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis. Lucy Hitz attended the Columbia Publishing Course last summer and now works for People magazine. Laura Keeler works at an art gallery in Chelsea. Kaitlin Gangi works for Marina Mahler Communications, a PR firm, and lives on the Upper West Side with Erica Annon. McAleer has been teaching and expects to have her master’s in education with a certification in special education moderate disabilities by September 2008. Nicole Lavery works with AmeriCorps in the Massachusetts Promise Fellowship and takes graduate classes at Northeastern working toward a certificate in community justice. In Boston Mike Piacentini works as the development and marketing assistant for From the Top, a nonprofit that encourages and takes graduate classes at Northeastern working toward a certificate in community justice. In Boston Mike Piacentini works as the development and marketing assistant for From the Top, a nonprofit that encourages and celebrates the commitment of young people to music and the arts. Beth Hirschhorn lives in Somerville, Mass., working as a clinical research associate. Becca Goldstein is at Boston College starting her Ph.D. in chemical biology, while Ta-Chung Ong is pursuing his in chemistry at MIT. Mary Warlaumont and Liz Coogan are clinical research assistants at Children’s Hospital and are housemates with Meg Davis and Alisa Perry, who both work at Dana-Farber. Blakemore Foster is a research analyst for a hedge fund marketing company and lives with Pat Lizotte ’06, with frequent visits from Mike Gravelle and Christine O’Brien. Adrian Gilmore manages a psychology lab at Harvard with a focus on aging and cognition. Lindsay Carlson works as a clinical research assistant in the psychiatric neuroscience department at Massachusetts General Hospital. In January she attended the Sundance Film Festival with Kyle Haskett, Tony Gill, and her sister, Kristin Carlson ’04. Robin Respaut is writing for a community newspaper in New Hampshire and covered the N.H. presidential primaries. Mindy Favreau works in Portland as the editorial assistant at Mainehiz, a statewide business newspaper, and has been freelance writing for Port City Life magazine. Felicia Teach moved to Portland and now works as an office manager for Adam Cote ’95 for Congress. Go Mules! —Karli Gasteazoro
OBITUARIES

Myron M. Hilton '32, December 24, 2007, in Cumberland Center, Maine, at 99. He was one of the first executives of Union Mutual Insurance Company (now Unum) and worked there until 1971. He became a real estate appraiser and was on Maine's board of appeals for real estate appraisals. He golfed and bowled into his nineties, lived independently, and exhibited great patience. He was predeceased by a son, Richard L. Hilton '60. Survivors include his children, David, Brad, and Brian Hilton, Anne Hilton-Sawyer, and Linda Deetjen, a sister, nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews including Warren R. Kinsman '57.

Richard H. Packert '32, December 11, 2007, in Machiasport, Maine, at 96. He earned a M.B.A. from Harvard in 1934 and worked in various businesses throughout his life. He was an avid fisherman who loved the state of Maine. Survivors include his son, Richard Jr., three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Ruth Pullen '33, December 4, 2007, in Camden, Maine, at 98. Devoted to improving the lives of women and children, she taught school and was a child welfare worker. An administrator for 20 years at the Maine State Women's Reformatory in Skowhegan, she retired in 1961 as superintendent. She earned a J.D. in 1964 and became the first woman to practice law in Franklin County, Maine, retiring in 1979. Through her involvement with AAUW and BPW, she helped Margaret Chase Smith get elected to the U.S. Senate. In 1961 Colby awarded her an honorary master's degree. She was predeceased by a sister, Hope Pullen Gillmor '31, and a brother, John J. Pullen '35. Survivors include her sister Olive Pullen Palmer '40 and several nieces and nephews including John P. Gillmor '65.

Robert E. Rosenberg '33, April 26, 2007, in El Paso, Texas, at 95. He earned a law degree from Harvard and in his practice specialized in family law. He served as a captain in the Army during the 1950s. He and his wife raised two children.

Cedric G. Porter '35, December 29, 2007, in Newburyport, Mass., at 94. He worked for 42 years as a produce inspector for the U.S. and the Maine departments of agriculture. He served on the Caribou, Maine, Library Board, was a Mason, and loved to sail and fish. Survivors include his son, Daniel C. Porter '72, his daughter, Faith C.P. Prior, and two grandchildren.

Muriel Scribner Gould '37, January 12, 2008, in Hershey, Pa., at 91. She taught school for awhile and later held civil service jobs with the federal government. She was a devoted wife and mother who enjoyed traveling and reading. Survivors include her children, Lewis, Lawrence, and Burton Gould and Margaret Daily, six grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her mother, Josephine Clark Scribner 1908.

Elliot H. Drisko '39, January 8, 2008, in Yonkers, N.Y., at 90. He was a technical sergeant during World War II and earned an M.S.W. from Boston University and a doctorate from Columbia. As executive director for 33 years at Family Service Society of Yonkers, he became nationally known for his expertise in family life education programs. Active in civic affairs, he was awarded the Jenkins Memorial Award from the Yonkers Council of PTAs. He was an avid photographer, active with the Boy Scouts, and had a passion for genealogy. Survivors include his sons, Elliott Jr. and James, four grandchildren, and his cousin Jeannette Drisko Rideout '39.

Frank L. Jewell '40, January 11, 2008, in Laconia, N.H., at 88. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He then worked as an accountant, first for Central Maine Power then for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, retiring in 1971 as head accountant. He was active in his church, serving as treasurer and deacon and singing in the choir. He is survived by his wife, Lois, two stepsons, a brother, and a niece.

Constance L. Tilley '40, January 10, 2008, in Gaithersburg, Md., at 89. A policewoman for 30 years for the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C., she was assigned to the women's bureau and worked with battered and neglected children. She retired in 1973 as a lieutenant.

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Eleanor Cornish Martin '42, October 17, 2007, in Woonsocket, R.I., at 86. She was a social worker for the state of Maine for 12 years before becoming a mother and homemaker. She was active in her church, belonged to the Pemaquid, Maine, Historical Association, and was a member of the Pemaquid Chapter of the DAR. Predeceased by her cousin Nathaniel E. Wheeler 1909, she is survived by her children, Susan Martin, George L. Martin Jr. '79, and Anna Sprague, and six grandchildren.

Charles Fred Pearce Jr. '43, January 29, 2008, in Gloucester, Mass., at 87. He served in the Army during World War II, first in the infantry and then as sailing master in Italy. He was a management consultant for IBM until he retired in 1975. Active in his community, he was president of the Village Hall Association and an incorporator of the Cape Ann Savings Bank. An avid sailor, he belonged to the Annisquam (Mass.) Yacht Club. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Carolyn, two sons, four grandchildren, including Whitney Pearce Fitts '02, and a great-granddaughter.

Roslyn E. Kramer '45, October 7, 2007, in Newton, Mass., at 83. She served with the U.S. Navy WAVES as an aerographer. A chemist, she worked for hospitals and then established a career working in a U.S. Army lab researching and developing food and clothing. A devoted volunteer to the College, she was awarded a Colby Brick in 1995. She was active with various organizations, including the League of Women Voters. She was predeceased by a brother, Charles Kramer '48.

Richard W. Billings '48, November 15, 2007, in Montville, Maine, at 83. Before Colby he served as a navigator in the Army Air Corps, rising to the rank of first lieutenant. He earned a master's from Springfield College and a Ph.D. from LaSalle University, then worked for 20 years as an executive for the YMCA in New York state. Returning to Maine, he worked in insurance, created the Informed Notaries of Maine, and started his own publishing company. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Norma Taraldsen Billings '46, three daughters and a son, two brothers, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mildred Schnebbe Riordan '48, December 20, 2007, in Somers, N.Y., at 82. A self-employed bookkeeper, she worked for Riordan Business Services in Somers. Generous and independent, she loved to cook, play bridge, and be with her grandchildren. Survivors include her children, Lawrence Riordan, Linda Riordan, and Gail Ashley, two grandchildren, and a sister.

Charlene Bickford Bartlett '49, November 20, 2007, in Auburn, Maine, at 80. She left Colby, married, and raised five children. She later earned her bachelor’s and her master’s from the University of Maine and taught first grade for 21 years in Topsham, Maine. Passionate about genealogy and history, she cofounded the Bowdoin [Maine] Historical Society and wrote a book about the town of Bowdoin’s cemeteries. An avid reader, she followed politics and current issues. Predeceased by her brother Kenneth R. Bickford '38, she is survived by her husband, Charles, four children, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.
Miriam Dickinson Hammond ’49, November 2, 2007, in Lake Havasu City, Ariz., at 81. She worked for a few years as a medical technologist in California, then devoted herself to her children and home. She is survived by her husband, Dick, a son and a daughter, and a granddaughter.

Anne Whitehouse Miller ’49, November 26, 2007, in Tenants Harbor, Maine, at 80. She taught for 14 years at Kennebunkport (Maine) Consolidated School while raising her nine children. She earned a master’s in education in 1967. After moving to Tenants Harbor, she owned and operated the Cod End Fish Market for 33 years. Hard-working and independent, she loved her pets, the outdoors, knitting, and reading. Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Carlton D. Miller ’50, nine children including Susan Miller ’76, 14 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and four step-grandchildren.

Donald E. Wentworth ’50, January 6, 2008, in Kennebunk, Maine, at 80. He earned a master’s in education and an advanced diploma in secondary school education. He was a teacher and principal of the Dolan Middle School in Stamford, Conn., and a consultant to the Stamford Board of Education. A founding member of the Middlesex Genealogical Society, he also founded two men’s clubs in Stamford. The nephew of Colby Jack Coombs 1906, he was an avid baseball fan and enjoyed other sports as well. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Theresa, and two brothers.

Barbara French Brandt ’51, December 30, 2007, in Westford, Mass., at 79. She was a housewife and dedicated mother who also parented troubled foster children. She traveled in Europe, New Zealand, and Asia and summereed in the Adirondacks. Survivors include her husband, Roger, three children, and four grandchildren.

Richard P. Yeager ’51, June 17, 2007, in Waynesville, N.C., at 77. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1951 to 1953. He worked in retail, selling men’s apparel, was a Chicago Cubs fan, and enjoyed fishing. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Lois, two daughters, five grandchildren, and a brother.

Donald Silverman Cameron ’52, September 9, 2007, in Snyder, N.Y., at 78. He received a master’s and a doctorate from New York University while building a career in banking. He became senior vice president for Chase Manhattan Bank, working for several years in London. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Sally Shaw Cameron’52, four children, and eight grandchildren.

Diane Sargent Larsen ’52, November 27, 2007, in Jacksonville, Fla., at 76. She was a housewife and raised the four children who survive her: Ric and Scott Larsen, Donna Evenson, and Kathi Simmons.

Sandra Thompson Cyr ’53, December 29, 2007, in Bangor, Maine, at 75. A schoolteacher for 20 years in northern Maine, she retired in 1983 after suffering injuries from a car accident. She played the organ at the Limestone (Maine) United Methodist Church, was a reader, and loved to travel. Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Thomas, three sons and a daughter, two grandchildren, a sister, and several cousins including John H. Irwin III ’76 and Carla M. Thompson ’85.

William J. Yskamp ’53, November 18, 2007, in Oakland, Calif., at 77. He was an editor for science textbooks and raised three children with his wife, Claire.

Ernest W. Flick ’55, December 15, 2007, in Newburyport, Mass., at 73. He served in the Army National Guard until 1960. He put his passion for chemistry to use as a literature scientist and technical writer for chemical companies and later as a freelance writer. He wrote formula information for more than 600 products, edited operating manuals, and wrote technical books. He is survived by his stepdaughter, Suzanne Leasenfeld, cousins, and friends.

Mark F. Sawyer ’55, January 23, 2008, in Gothenburg, Neb., at 75. He worked for the meatpacking company IBP, Inc., in Nebraska doing construction and special projects within the plant. Survivors include his children, Tami Finn, Mona Price, Ruth White, and Steve Sawyer, a stepdaughter, two grandchildren, a brother, and two sisters, including Mary Sawyer Bartlett ’61.

Donald D. Gerry ’56, November 19, 2007, in Bourne, Mass., at 73. He served in the Navy for nine years, spending time on the salvage vessel USS Prevezor and the destroyer USS Davis. In 1968 he became proprietor of the Little Fan Gift Shop in Mashpee, Mass., which he ran until he became ill. Survivors include his wife, Rita, a son and two daughters, and seven grandchildren.

Russell A. Nahigian ’56, January 31, 2008, in Arlington, Mass., at 73. He served in the U.S. Air Force before earning a master’s in engineering management at Northeastern. He was a computer specialist and worked for 15 years as a mathematician for the Department of Transportation. Survivors include his wife, Carol, three children, three grandchildren, and a sister.

Jean Haurand Furman ’57, December 14, 2007, in Bridgewater, N.J., at 71. She was a chemist and earned a master’s in library information science from Pratt Institute. She worked as a technical information specialist for several companies including American Cyanamid and Exxon Biomedical Sciences and was honored by Sigma Xi, the scientific research society. An accomplished nature photographer and avid alpine gardener, she had her photographs published and gave lectures on gardening and photography. Survivors include her husband, Frank, two sons, a brother, and three grandchildren.

Dana F. Danforth ’66, December 21, 2007, in Belfast, Maine, at 53. He earned a master’s in French from the University of Maine and taught French for 36 years at Mt. Greylock Regional High School in Williamstown, Mass. From 1981 to 2004 he and his wife served as resident directors of the Williamstown chapter of A Better Chance, helping underrepresented youth. He was predeceased by his great-aunt, Ninetta M. Runnals 1908.

Richard J. Gleason ’75, February 13, 2008, in Mansfield, Mass., at 53. He earned a master’s in geology from Dartmouth and established a career in environmental restoration and hazardous waste remediation. Survivors include his wife, Ellen, a son and a daughter, a grandson, a brother, and his parents.

Ellen C. Ross ’78, July 3, 2007, in Basking Ridge, N.J., at 50. She earned a doctorate in physical therapy from New York University. She taught at Columbia University and at the University of Medicine and Dentistry, New Jersey. An avid gardener, she also enjoyed the ocean, hiking, and bicycling. Survivors include her husband, Bob, two children, her parents, and two sisters.

John A. Lancaster ’79, December 2, 2007, in Caribou, Maine, at 51. He graduated from the New England Institute of Mortuary Science and became a funeral director and co-owner of Lancaster-Morgan Funeral Home in Caribou. He was a competitive chess player, worked on and rode motorcycles, and played bass guitar. Survivors include his sons, Tyler and Casey, and his mother.

W. Jeff Dropo ’80, January 17, 2008, in Sandwich, Mass., at 50. He was a business executive for TNT Fireworks, headquartered in Alabama, but made time for lobster fishing off Cape Cod. A triathlete and avid swimmer, he was a volunteer swim coach at the YMCA-Cape Cod, and had as his motto “Never Give In.” Survivors include his wife, Susan, three children, and two sisters.

Andrew M. Peff ’11, January 19, 2008, in Carrabassett Valley, Maine, at 19. He died in a snowboarding accident at Sugarloaf. A first-year student, he had arrived on campus two weeks earlier, following a semester at the Colby in Dijon program. Originally from Jenkintown, Pa., he is survived by his parents, Thomas and Ann, and three siblings.
Egypt’s Rise: Serving Security Through Development

By Yvonne Siu ’03

Want a true barometer of stability in the Middle East? Consider a country’s government—and then walk through the streets.

I say this having just returned from Egypt, one of America’s strongest allies in the Middle East, where I attended the ninth General Conference of the National Democratic Party (NDP). Waiting patiently in a Soviet-era stadium full of Egyptians for the opening of the conference, I sat in an enclosed section for international delegates, straining to hear the English translation of the proceedings above the deafening chatter. I was in Cairo as a delegate to the party’s conference where the party would review progress on political, economic, and social reforms.

In an age where terrorism and nuclear nonproliferation dominate the international agenda, where America’s national security depends increasingly on events in faraway places, I was keen to learn more. What did the poverty, the burgeoning overpopulation of Cairo, and inequality mean for the safety of everyday Americans? How could the squalor and dysfunction of Egypt mean so much to America’s security?

Of particular interest were the comments of Gamal Mubarak, the president’s son, who eloquently outlined the real economic successes in Egypt in the past few years: a GDP growth rate of 6.9 percent and foreign investment that has surged to $6.1 billion in 2005-06 compared to only $2 billion in 2004. Egypt now attracts much investment and business from the Arab world, following economic reforms and liberalizations since the elections in 2005. Today Egypt also enjoys a favorable trading position on the Mediterranean rim, which has created needed jobs and income.

But Mubarak, in articulate and perfect English, also admitted that, along with such positive growth, Egypt is straining under a multitude of development challenges—poverty and unemployment, rising inequality, a rapidly growing population, water and air pollution, water scarcity, and rising energy and housing costs. These issues pose considerable challenges to the government—and the international community—to ensure that the country’s rise is not met with social discontent, alienation, and unaddressed poverty, which could fuel the fires of extremism.

Walking through the stalls of the Khan al-Khalili bazaar during breaks from the conference, or strolling through central Cairo, it was easy to believe that 23 percent of the country lives in absolute poverty. Dust and the smell of diesel exhaust mix with roasting beef and kabobs on every corner to form an intriguing but unsettling aroma. Bathed in glaring neon lights from lines of new clothing stores, traditional open-air fruit and vegetable stalls sit along dirt roads in downtown Cairo lending a modern mystique to the Orient. The constant jostling and movement in the streets is a living reminder of the real and strong undercurrent of public support needed to shore up the legitimacy and success of the NDP—and stability in the Middle East more broadly.

Considering the growing anti-secular, anti-Western forces in Egypt, a question became apparent during the conference: What role should the United States play in strengthening Egyptian governance to help the country meet the development needs of its people? By governance, I do not mean supporting a certain political system, but rather the effectiveness of that system to meet basic human needs and to respond to growing discontent. A government without this risks a legitimacy gap and leaves itself open to criticism from other groups that may rally the poor and the alienated to an extremist cause.

The United States has had a strong strategic relationship with Egypt since the 1970s, given Egypt’s central role in acting as a facilitator of dialog among the United States, Israel, and the Palestinians. But relations have been strained recently because of America’s current policy of pushing democracy issues on the country.

At a time when pressing development challenges in Egypt could quickly spill over into social discontent, the United States would do well to encourage efforts to address the development ills in the country. By focusing on these practical efforts, America would add to the legitimacy of the NDP domestically and internationally, help meet the needs of Egypt’s poor, and ensure that the country follows the road of growth that meets the needs of all its people. Perhaps more importantly, doing so would give groups like the Muslim Brotherhood, a powerful force in Egypt, less chance to argue against the effectiveness of the government.

Economic growth would erode the moral authority these groups might use to win over the Egyptian people and the Arab world.

I became increasingly convinced during my stay that, in maintaining Egypt as one of America’s closest allies in the Middle East, the United States should consider the country’s economic and social development challenges as not only a matter of international aid, but also one of international security. No matter what democratic principles it adopts, if the government of Egypt cannot provide for the basic human needs of its people, then extremists will fill the vacuum and the world will have suffered a serious loss in the fight against terrorism.

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