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U.S. in Glass House on Emissions

Regarding “Learning by Doing,” (winter 2007 *Colby*) I think you are sitting in glass houses always, without knowing facts and numbers about greenhouse gas emission. Don’t accuse the developing countries for the pollution. For example India is four times [the U.S.] population, but they produce only 12 times *less* pollution than U.S. It is industrial nations, especially the U.S. and Europe, to be accused of world climate change, and also poverty. Without changing their attitude and consumption pattern nothing will change on this planet.

Geo Palli
Rome, Italy

Fork Ran Away with the Spoon

Regarding the illustration with “And Don’t Slurp Your Soup,” (winter 2007 *Colby*) I am the executive director of the International Society of Protocol & Etiquette Professionals and while I applaud having an etiquette education dinner, the table setting is wrong. The dessert fork should be under the spoon above the plate. The seafood knife and salad knife are switched. If you are going to teach people proper dining, at the very least the tools used should be correct.

Cynthia Lett
Washington, D.C.

Letters Welcome

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

Featuring Teach for America?

Bravo! As an alumna of both TFA and Colby, it makes me proud to see so many of my fellow alumni applying to and being selected for the program. With so many Colby alumni joining the corps, and such a heavy TFA recruiting presence on campus, I would love to see the magazine give TFA a feature article in a future issue.

Emma McCandless '04
Mission, Texas

Exit, Stage Left

The Colby faculty took a sharp turn to the left during the Reagan administration. Since then I have refused all pleas for contributions. I see no change in sight. My contributions have gone to Hillsdale College.

John Fifield '42
Pinehurst, North Carolina, and
U.S. Virgin Islands

Republican Professor Hard to Find

Regarding “Lonely on the Right,” (summer 2006 *Colby*) my roommate was the first to found the Colby Republicans—class of 1993. The Colby Democrats were already well entrenched. When she was going through the process of establishing the club, she had to find a college professor who would act as the “faculty sponsor.” It was a long and difficult search. I’m glad to hear that Colby has at least one Republican professor now. Great article.

Brandy Shafter Chapman '93
New Canaan, Connecticut

Reaccreditation Underway

Colby will undergo a comprehensive reaccreditation evaluation visit November 4-7 by a team representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools & Colleges.

Colby was first reviewed by the commission in 1929. The last review was in 1997, when Colby’s accreditation was continued and when the then-president of Middlebury College, John McCardell, chaired a team that found Colby “vigorous and self-confident.” According to NEAS&C, which accredits approximately 200 post-secondary institutions in New England, the self-evaluation and peer review assure and improve the quality of institutions that seek accreditation.

Colleges undergo a full accreditation review every 10 years and

file a report five years afterward addressing areas of interest raised during the process. This year’s visit is the culmination of a multiyear self-study process that addressed 11 standards for evaluation set forth by NEAS&C, with particular focus, chosen by Colby, on the first-year transition and the transition to life after college.

The visiting team will gather evidence that the self study is thorough and accurate and will recommend to the commission a continuing status for Colby. Following a review, the commission will take final action.

The public is invited to submit comments to: Public Comment on Colby College, NEAS&C, 209 Burlington Road, Bedford, Mass., 01730-1433. For more information on submitting comments, which must be received by November 7, visit www.colby.edu/mag.