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On the Thai Border

A group of Colby students and alumni join a classmate in a refugee camp on the border of Thailand and Burma, learning that war and civil strife have life-changing consequences.

Coffins at Home

Chuck Lakin, a reference librarian, is displeased with the mechanical nature of modern-day funerals and decided to help people make them more personal.

Not Promoting Obesity

As the founder of the Colby Fat Acceptance Association, I was disheartened to read the responses to the article concerning fat acceptance at Colby (spring 2005 *Colby*) and would like to clarify the purpose of the club.

Under no circumstances do we promote or encourage obesity. I have done a lot of research on this topic and I fully understand the health risks associated with obesity. I do my best to promote healthy lifestyle and physical fitness.

We also do a lot of work to discourage eating disorders. While I understand that many people who suffer from bulimia and/or anorexia do so as a means of gaining control over a part of their life, changing a person's overall view of their body lessens the chance of relapse and aids recovery. We aim to become a link to counseling services and a support group for eating disorder survivors.

I do not believe that accepting your body is a bad thing. In my experience, weight loss is easier when you are not doing it to boost your self-esteem. Once a person loses the ideology that they are ugly and worthless, they find exercising more enjoyable and the pounds melt off.

But this club is not just for fat people. In fact, many of our members are very thin. They joined CFAA to promote acceptance of fat people by non-fat individuals. The amount of discrimination faced by fat people on this campus and across the country is astonishing. It goes beyond mere heckling—which most of us learn to deal with by adulthood—and becomes damaging attacks on a person's character and even a physical threat.

Perhaps we are not ready to see this as outright discrimination, but something needs to be done to change our view of the not-so-perfect body.

Christina M. Terrell '06

Gary, Ind.

Representation Isn't the Issue

In the summer 2005 issue of *Colby*, Richard Streich '52 questions whether [Bridge founders] Nancy Snow Littlefield

'74 and Euan Bear '74 represent enough of the readership to bother writing about them.

The idea that a profile should not be published because the subject does not represent a wide enough swath of the alumni population is silly. Further, disinterest in the experience of others because they are not a complete demographic match to your own is worse. Why limit what you care to know about to your own demographic? At Colby we read Shakespeare, Whitman, Bronte, Ibsen etc. etc. not because they wrote about us, but because through the characters and ideas we learn about human nature, life, and even ourselves. If you don't like certain kinds of people, then you might not be able to see where your experiences overlap or how much you can learn from them, but that's another issue entirely.

Hannab Howland Judson '87

Samois-sur-Seine, France

Alumni Council Notes Holidays

In his letter in the summer 2005 issue of *Colby*, Charles Bowen '96 notes the removal of Western Judeo-Christian holidays from the Colby calendar distributed to alumni while Bowdoin continues to mark the date on their calendar. Mr. Bowen and other alumni may rest easy knowing that the College is cognizant and respectful of these holidays.

The Alumni Council Executive Committee adopted a policy on October 6, 2000, that “no alumni events be scheduled in conflict with (specific) holidays, nor will the Alumni Office support any such conflicting events with mailings, e-mail or other indication of College sponsorship on conflicting dates.”

This policy, with a list of holidays and calendar dates for the next three years, is bound into the Alumni Council Handbook that is updated and distributed every year to all members of the Alumni Council. The holidays include Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Martin Luther King Day, Passover, Good Friday, and Easter. Based on the listing in the Colby Alumni Council Handbook, the Bowdoin calendar

appears to have picked the right dates.

Hope Palmer Bramball '56

Alumni Council chair
Falmouth, Maine

Byrd Allen '75

Alumni Council vice chair
Exeter, N.H.

Letters Section Was Hijacked

I was disgusted to see the letters section in the summer 2005 issue hijacked as a soapbox for the far right (“Christians’ Task Unchanged,” “An Opposing Voice?” and “Judeo-Christian Heritage Erased”). Why did you feel so compelled to pay lip service to alumni with such an obvious agenda?

Jason Kirkfield '93

Superior, Colo.

Colby's Calendar Cops?

Upon receipt of my Colby calendar, I immediately attempted to find the date for Easter. No luck at all. Then I decided to check other major religious holidays—no luck there either. It appears that the sect of the politically correct has taken over and to even note such dates in a calendar is unacceptable. This choice seems strange in a nation in which 95 percent of its inhabitants profess to belong to some type of religious entity. I might add that Martin Luther King Day and Labor Day were duly listed.

And thus it seems that the Calendar Cops are with us. Are we soon to be blessed with Reading Rangers, Publishing Patrols, and Thought Police?

Janice Vaughan Crump '52

Destin, Fla.

Diversity of Ideas is True Tradition

The letter titled “Judeo-Christian Heritage Erased” (summer 2005 *Colby*) was so vitriolic that I found it difficult to reply. I do not know what “calendar status” confers upon a holiday at Colby, but contrary to the author's glib analogy between Colby and a totalitarian regime, it was my experience that any holiday could be meaningfully celebrated without appearing on Colby's calendar.

It seems clear that the status of Judeo-

Christian holidays is not the writer's primary concern. It is instead the alleged demise of "the culture that built the school," due to the author's litany of so-called cultural Marxist's fads. It is difficult to guess what the terrain looks like on the "ideological map" Colby has purportedly abandoned, but if it includes referring to non-heterosexuals as deviants, I am glad to be off the charts.

Before this letter is written off as another salvo in the so-called "culture-wars," I would like to note my profound respect for the Judeo-Christian tradition. Historically there can be no doubt that many elements of that tradition are tainted, yet I am equally certain that timeless value remains. However, the Judeo-Christian tradition is not the sole source of timeless value, and the need could not be more urgent for many members of that tradition to recognize that view and welcome others.

I am grateful to those who contributed to making my Colby education an immersion in ideas, cultures, and traditions other than my own, for the experience was at once an exposure to the other and a confirmation of myself. Such an experience should be the hallmark of a Colby education.

Eric Strome '02
New York, N.Y.

Politics or Hucksterism?

I never expected to read anything so cynical and manipulative in your otherwise excellent magazine as the Q&A with Erik Potholm '91 (summer 2005 *Colby*). Does his recipe to "outspend" political opponents with TV advertising, using the national news media to report this hype, reflect the current state of American democracy? If so, the deadly silence of the media during President Bush's buildup to the war in Iraq was no fluke. Hucksters have always played an important role in American life but it seems that now blatant hucksterism has risen to the level of political science.

L.R. Colitt '59
Berlin, Germany

One Parent's "Blue Team Pride"

As a four-year Colby football parent, like many team dads I've taken vicarious pleasure watching my son participate in the quality program that is Colby football. He and his team classmates will descend Mayflower Hill next spring enriched from their years spent as Mules and better equipped to navigate life's hilly terrain.

Similar I'm sure to other NESCAC football programs, Colby's is filled with much tradition and many time-honored rituals. There is one tradition particularly unique to Colby, I think, that not only provides the program with a strong environment for success but also provides our kids with something more. It is called "Blue Team Pride" and it is the singular focus of team spirit for the Mules.

The inspiration of coaches Tom Austin and Ed Mestieri, Blue Team Pride was initiated in the early 1990s. It transformed Colby's into one of the most respected small college football programs in New England. When I first got a glimpse of it, it was hardly more than a twinkle in the eyes of my freshman football player. Over his four years at Colby, I watched it grow steadily into a way of life he came to share with his teammates. BTP is not so much about winning as it is about working. It is a year-round allegiance to preparation.

Blue Team Pride is a commitment to conditioning: It's the sweat on the floor next to the squat rack and the wind sprint done with more determination than the last. It's a dog-eared strength and conditioning manual falling apart from overuse in late August. It is the team lining up for the opening kickoff with absolute confidence that no one wearing a red, gold, purple, or black (especially black) helmet has worked as hard, as long, or deserves to win more than the Mules. It is dedication to excellence on each and every hit, every tackle, every block, run, kick, pass, or catch. Regardless of victory or defeat, it is the knowledge that the very last ounce of effort was expended.

Blue Team Pride is all about intangibles like attitude, discipline, and desire. It is mostly about the word "team" multiplied

and magnified by the power of 75 players 365 days a year, not just eight Saturdays in the fall.

James Sullivan 'P06
Rye, N.H.

A Hurtful Memory

It was interesting to read about Shareen Abbasy '05 in the editorial section of the summer 2005 *Colby*, especially her post-graduate plans to learn Arabic. I was reminded of my experience in the final semester of 1943 when I was not granted my rightly earned A.B. degree because of the foreign language requirement. Although I had completed all courses with passing grades, when I needed said degree most it was denied me! The Committee of Standing insisted that I had to pass the foreign language exam in either one of their accepted foreign languages, one of which Arabic.

In 1943, and long before that, I could speak and understand Arabic, as it was my inherited tongue. As stated by Doris Kearns Goodwin '64, that era was "No ordinary time." The Committee of Standing could have and should have made an exception in this case.

I graduated from Boston English High School in September 1935. I worked and earned my college expenses during a severe economic depression. In September 1940 the entering class of '44 was the largest entering class in the history of Colby College. In December of 1943 only four members of the Men's Division presented themselves for the coveted degree. I was one of the four having taken an accelerated course in the summer of 1943. Because of World War II most of our class were in the military service. My draft board delayed my enlistment in the U.S. Navy until I finished college.

The denial of the coveted A.B. degree when I needed it most hurt more than words can express. Now, 62 years later, the hurt still lingers even though the College granted my degree in 1943.

Louis Deraney A.B., LL.B. '44
Honorary J.D.
Roslindale, Mass.



The sky was flawlessly blue this morning, the view from the steps of Miller Library to the east reaching halfway to Belfast. With first classes still a day off, the campus was quiet, with a few early-risers crossing the academic quad. I stood for a minute taking in the morning, then went to write about another morning, half a world away but with a direct line to Mayflower Hill.

This one takes place in northern Thailand, near the Burmese border. The view is of cloud-shrouded mountains; the village is called Huay Pu Keng. For the past few months it was home to Colby students who have been working to bring attention to the plight of its other residents.

Rocio Orantes '07 and Mike Deheeger '07J wrote from Thailand this summer to tell *Colby* about their work documenting the lives of Karenni and other refugees who have been driven from their homes in Burma by ethnic conflict there. The refugees include Saw Sunshine Timothy '05, who first alerted his Colby friends to the situation in his homeland when they all lived together in the Mary Low Co-op.

Mary Low is a long way from Thailand but, in another sense, it isn't far at all.

Not to be too wide-eyed but it's gratifying to know there's no place in the world that is out of range. From a hilltop in central Maine, students and alumni dispatch themselves across the state, the country, around the world.

In the past few weeks, I've said goodbye to students, one bound for Peru to do development work, another traveling to Copenhagen to train to become a war correspondent. I've read a compelling interview with a recent alumna who is devoted to helping disadvantaged teenage girls here in Waterville.

These Colbians are undaunted and are determined to leave things better than they found them.

Case in point: Timothy told his friends at Colby about the situation in his homeland, where refugees have been fleeing the strife in Burma for more than a decade. Deheeger, from Winnetka, Ill., and Jayadev Vadakkanmarveetil '07J, from Kerala, India, won Freeman Foundation travel grants to intern with the Karenni government in exile last year. Landing in Thailand, they found their hosts for the internship had gone into Burma on a rescue mission. Not a problem.

Improvising, Vadakkanmarveetil set to teaching politics in a refugee camp. Deheeger taught English in Huay Pu Keng. He returned to Colby with a plan to return to the village to film a documentary about the exiles from Burma, and Orantes, who is from Guatemala, signed on. Awarded another Freeman grant (and partially funding the trip themselves), they filmed from May through July. They hope to alert the world to the plight of displaced people, including former child soldiers and ethnically unusual refugees exploited by local officials to attract tourists. Their report and photos are online at www.colby.edu/mag/thai

Their project, meanwhile, is just one of a steady stream of ambitious initiatives conceived here on the hill and executed in worlds that are both far away and not so far at all. Reports like theirs make the view from the hill, even on the cloudiest days, far-reaching indeed.



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Get Thee to a Nunnery

Colby found an innovative solution to an unexpected housing shortage—leasing a former Catholic nuns’ residence to house 58 students a few hundred yards from the edge of campus.

The former Ursuline Sisters’ home adjoining the Mt. Merici School was leased late in the summer to deal with a housing crisis after three factors combined to swell the student population: an unexpectedly high yield from the applicants admitted to the Class of 2009, an unusual number of students returning from leaves of absence, and fewer students choosing to live off campus.

College officials considered other options to house students, including reserving space in a local hotel, but the recently vacated convent proved the best option. The number of retired Ursuline sisters living there had declined, and the remaining residents recently moved to a new, smaller building on the grounds.

The brick building, at the end of a tree-shaded drive, was converted to a dormitory with 17 double rooms and 34 singles and was named “Colby Gardens.” To transport students between the dorm and campus buildings, about a half-mile away, the College is providing a Colby Gardens shuttle van, has added the new dormitory to the regular jitney run, and has given students taxi vouchers. Inside, Colby Gardens features wireless Internet, a mini-cafeteria where continental breakfast is available, a fitness room, and spacious lounges with televisions.

Initial reaction to the plan was mixed, with some students—and parents—saying they preferred housing on the main campus. Students placed in Colby Gardens subsequently were given the option of rooms on the main campus; 19 of them moved. Offered the opportunity to move into Colby Gardens from main-campus dorms, 15 students accepted, according to the office of the dean of students.

Head Resident Elli Jenkins ’06 said some Colby Gardens residents would prefer to be on campus but most of the remaining residents seemed satisfied with their housing. Jenkins said she was enjoying



Colby Gardens, a former home for the Ursuline Sisters, is a temporary dormitory. The residence, located a half mile from the main campus, has a fitness center, spacious lounges, and a dining area, shown at left.

the opportunity to see people other than college students. “It’s the perfect situation,” she said. “The nuns and the [Mt. Merici School] kids next door.”

Less than perfect, some neighborhood residents feared. Before students arrived, neighbors—including Colby faculty—voiced concerns, anticipating noise and traffic problems. In neighborhood meetings and before the Waterville City Council, they demanded that Colby and city officials address those issues. Neighbors also complained they were not notified of the Colby move in advance.

Vice President for Student Affairs Janice Kassman told neighbors—and city officials—that student and professional staff would be in place to enforce regulations, including alcohol sanctions, and assured that the building’s (mostly underage) residents would not be allowed to host parties where alcohol was served.

Two weeks into the semester, Kassman said there had been no problems. “We had the first weekend and we had no noise complaints that I know of,” she said. “So far, so good.” —*Gerry Boyle ’78*

Natural Disaster Evokes Natural Response

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Colby rallied to offer support in a number of ways.

Shortly before Labor Day the College offered enrollment to qualified students whose schools were closed by Hurricane Katrina and enrolled students from Tulane and Loyola during the first week of classes.

Colby students rolled up their sleeves to

help, and the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement organized their efforts. They began with a fund raising drive that raised more than \$21,500 in its first two weeks to provide assistance to K-12 students displaced by the hurricane.

The Goldfarb Center launched an educational response, beginning with a panel discussion that included three Colby professors

and a former city planner of New Orleans.

Outreach through the Colby Volunteer Center will include working with other organizations to offer long-term support for resettlement needs, such as one that provides professional clothing to those who lost their belongings. Information about ongoing relief efforts is online at www.colby.edu/president/katrina. —*Ruth Jacobs*

The Beauty of *Ugly Ducklings*



While most graduating seniors are uncertain about what the future holds, Jeanette Richelson '05 had it made. She had a teaching contract with the New York Teaching Fellows, which would allow her to get a master's in education at the same time. But she gave it all up—for a play.

Ugly Ducklings, however, is no ordinary project. The play deals with issues of sexuality and bias-based harassment, bullying, and suicide at a girls' summer camp in Maine. Most of the cast is 8- to 16-year-old students from schools in Maine. *Ugly Ducklings* was produced by Hardy Girls Healthy Women and Greater Waterville's Communities for Children and Youth, and it

made its premiere run at Strider Theater September 15 through 17.

Richelson played the role of a stern, and apathetic camp counselor. Along with Siri Ashton '05, she worked on a Community Action Kit that will accompany a documentary film by award-winning director and producer Fawn Yacker. The kit, which will be distributed nationally, includes educational resources and a discussion guide on gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) issues in youth culture.

"I gave up my teaching job because I saw how devoted the people involved in this project were to making a difference," said Richelson. "I can't fathom how anyone could take their life, but kids kill themselves because of bias-based harassment. It shows how hurtful and cruel the words of others can be." The *Ugly Ducklings* team hopes the project will raise consciousness about GLBT issues. "We want the kids to develop compassion for those who are queer and harassed because of their identity," said Richelson.

Co-created by Professor of Education Lyn Mikel Brown and Karen Heck '74, Hardy Girls Healthy Women is a nonprofit organization that aims to improve the physical and social well-being of girls and women in Maine. Several Colby students have worked with the organization as volunteers or employees since its inception in 2000. —*Neba Sud '05*

Wit & Wisdom

"It is almost always a mistake to have heated arguments in virtual space."

President William Adams, offering advice to first-years at the Matriculation Convocation in September. (Adams's address is online at www.colby.edu/president/articles/firstyr05.htm.)

"We were giddy from sitting down at the big table."

Donnell O'Callaghan '06, president of the Student Government Association, describing himself and SGA Vice President Romeo Raugei '06 after their first meeting with the Board of Trustees. (The SGA president and vice president attend trustee meetings as student representatives to the board.)

"Are you the one with the whip?"

An Ursuline nun to Dean of Students Janice Kassman at a neighborhood tea arranged by student residents of Colby Gardens. The nun was referring to a letter to the editor in which Nancy (Briggs) Marshall '82 assured the neighbors that Kassman was always good at "cracking the whip."

"It will be reiterating in a ham-handed way what we already are doing."

Professor Joseph Reisert (government), quoted in the Portland Press Herald about Colby's plan for Congressionally mandated "Constitution Day" programs at American schools.

"Believe me, after four days of not showering, that shower will probably be the most memorable shower you ever take."

Melissa Hernandez '05, to a first-year student before he embarked on COOT.

"I hate that liberal newspaper."

Clyde L. Wheeler, Winslow, Maine, resident, after learning that, in its arts calendar, The New York Times had mistakenly printed his phone number instead of the number for the Colby College Museum of Art. He explained that he comes from a long line of Republicans.

New Scholarships a Dunn Deal

A Waterville woman has made a major gift to Colby that will provide four full scholarships a year to students who weren't even born when their benefactor passed away.

This spring Colby received the remainder of a trust set up by the late Florence E. Dunn—a Colby graduate (Class of 1892), a longtime professor of English, and for many years a trustee.

Dunn, who died in 1964, designated in her will that, following the death of her last surviving individual beneficiary, Colby would receive the remainder of her trust. She directed the College to establish a special scholarship fund, with first preference to Maine students who needed financial help to attend Colby.

When the trust came to the College it

had grown to \$1.6 million. That enables Colby to establish, in perpetuity, a full scholarship for a member of each class to be designated Dunn Scholars.

Dunn was born in Waterville and was one of the first members of Colby's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. She earned a master's degree at Radcliffe College and rose to full professor in Colby's English Department, retiring from teaching in 1934 to serve as a trustee.

A *Colby* magazine obituary identified her as being at the forefront of a group of women who "finally won the long struggle for equal recognition of the women's division" of the College, and in her will she specified that female students be given preference for at least half of the Dunn Scholarships. —*Stephen Collins '74*

Happy Birthday to COOT



Colby COOTers about to take to the water during an orientation sea kayaking trip on the Maine coast in the late 1980s.

Thirty years ago, 18 freshmen trekked into the Maine woods with a lot of enthusiasm and returned to campus with Katahdin or a piece of the Appalachian Trail under their belts. After the first “Freshman Wilderness Orientation Trip,” a *Colby* magazine article said, “The participants . . . hoped that the program could not only be continued but expanded next year...”

They got it. Since then, FWOC has become known as COOT (Colby Outdoor Orientation Trips), and it’s a rite of passage that almost every first-year chooses to brave. “It’s just sort of grown like a fungus,” said Jonathan Milne, director of the program, while preparing to send about 630 new students and trip leaders out on 52 trips throughout the state this summer.

While COOT orients students with Maine’s outdoors, it also orients students with each other. “Around a campfire you can really start talking about some meaningful things,” said Vice President for Student Affairs Janice Kassman. And while first-years are starting their year with a core group of about 10 friends, their roommates are doing the same, so when they get back to campus their social network expands. “It’s like this tentacle that radiates out,” said Kassman.

Tentacle? Fungus? Whatever COOT is, the reality is that four days of eating trail food, not showering, and sharing everything with a group of complete strangers makes them strangers no more. —R.J.

Courageous Columnist Takes Lovejoy

Cynthia Tucker, the editorial page editor of *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, will receive the Elijah Parish Lovejoy Award on October 16. Tucker, who earned praise “for her forceful, persuasive columns that confronted sacred cows and hot topics with unswerving candor” from Pulitzer Prize judges, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree and will speak during a formal convocation in Lorimer Chapel.

The Lovejoy Selection Com-

mittee chose Tucker because she has upheld the Lovejoy tradition of integrity and courage, challenging the Atlanta elite with principled editorial stands that aren’t always popular. The committee called her “an equal opportunity social critic,” who guides editorial policies on everything from foreign policy to local school board races and who has not been afraid to confront powerful people and institutions ranging from government officials to the Martin Luther King Jr. family.

Besides editing the *Journal-Constitution*’s editorial page, Tucker is a syndicated columnist and a frequent television commentator. As a reporter she covered local governments, national politics, crime, and education, and she filed dispatches from Africa, Central America, and Cuba as well as from stateside. In 2000 she won the American Society of Newspaper Editors’ Distinguished Writing Award, and last year she was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for commentary. —S.C.



Editor and columnist Cynthia Tucker

PENALTY POINTS FOR ALCOHOL

In some states, drivers are assessed points for traffic violations. At Colby, beginning this fall, students will be assessed points for alcohol infractions.

The new format aims to simplify the disciplinary system so the College is more aware of repeat offenders and so students can easily understand the system, said Vice President for Student Affairs Janice Kassman. “We want students to know, as they’re progressing through the College, where they stand.”

As in the past, all students who are cited must see an alcohol counselor, but now disci-

plinary action varies based on the accumulation of points or the seriousness of the violation. One-point violations include underage possession and possessing an open container, and two-point offenses include attempting to purchase alcohol with false identification and supplying alcohol to a minor.

Accumulation of three points results in disciplinary probation, campus service, and possible parental notification. A fourth point means off-campus alcohol treatment, and the severity of sanctions increases up to permanent disciplinary probation and required leave of

absence at eight points.

Much like some states offer driving school for point reduction, Colby will deduct one point per semester if students participate in non-mandated campus or community service or make an alcohol-related public presentation with the group Student Health on Campus.

The points system uses existing policies, says Kassman, and does not change or amend any policy. The new system does decrease the fine for one type of violation. Most fines are \$100, except in cases where damage to property is included. —R.J.

Lecture Brings Mitchell Home



George Mitchell

Colby inaugurated the George J. Mitchell Distinguished Lecture Series on September 22 with a lecture by the series's namesake. Promising to bring a prominent world leader each year to speak on international affairs, the series, under the auspices of Colby's Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement, creates a forum to engage the Waterville community while honoring former U.S. Senator, statesman, international negotiator, and Waterville native George Mitchell.

An internationally known decision maker, frequently one who is in the country for the annual United Nations General

Assembly meeting, will give the lecture each September. "We expect these lecturers to be people whose names you will recognize from the headlines," said Goldfarb Center Co-director L. Sandy Maisel.

The annual event will include a convocation for the awarding of an honorary degree to the lecturer, comparable to Colby's annual Lovejoy Convocation, associated with the journalism award, and to the Brody Convocation, associated with the College's Morton Brody judicial award.

The series was launched by generous contributions from Mitchell family members and friends of the senator who were eager to bring a high-profile event to the Waterville area. They include Paul Mitchell, the senator's brother and a lifelong businessman in Waterville; his son Bill Mitchell, also a Waterville businessman and the senator's nephew; and three of Senator Mitchell's cousins, Bob Baldacci, a Portland consultant and brother of Maine's governor, and Waterville attorneys John and Mark Nale.

Quantifying Volunteers' Value

Last year 434 Colby students contributed 5,263 hours of service to 24 community-service organizations, and 218 students served as weekly mentors to area youth through the Colby Cares About Kids program. Add in 309 students in 22 civic engagement courses, and Colby students donated just short of 25,000 hours to local communities in 2004-05. Using metrics developed by The Independent Sector, a coalition of nonprofits supporting volunteerism and philanthropy, The Goldfarb Center calculated that Colby students contributed slightly more than \$334,000 worth of effort to the community last year.

Classic Rockers

The Rolling Stones aren't the only band with a 40-year lifespan. Colby's own Love Equation, the frat-party rockers who once opened for Janis Joplin, took the stage at reunion in June, rattling Roberts with Beatles, Doors, and Jefferson Airplane covers and proving once again that you're as young as you feel.

It was a second annual reunion for the band, whose original members included Vic Pinansky '68, Ron Caruso '69, Barry Atwood '69, Dick Lewin '71, Chris Crandall '70, and Jim Winchester '72. For the reunions, Lewin was replaced by Marc Pinansky '00, Vic Pinansky's son and a professional musician based in Boston. "My first reaction is my jaw kind of dropped when everybody opened



Love Equation in 1969, clockwise from back left: Dick Lewin '71, Barry Atwood '69, Chris Crandall '70, Jim Winchester '72, Ron Caruso '69

their guitar cases and there's all these vintage guitars from the sixties. But that's when they walked down to the local shop and bought them," said Marc Pinansky.

Vintage instruments and vintage musicians in this case make for a musically potent mix. In fact, this year's show was a reprise of Love Equation's successful reunion debut last year. "The whole place exploded," said Caruso, who went on from Colby to a career as a multimedia producer and occasional lyricist. "People just jumped up from the tables and started dancing like it was 1969 again."

Not bad for a band whose members hadn't played together since today's classic rock was cutting edge. —G.B.

For more on the band and its once-in-a-lifetime gig with Janis, and for more photos, go to www.colby.edu/mag/rockers.

And the Survey Says!

In the last issue we asked how much of a threat global warming poses to this generation. Here's how Colby readers responded.

- 77%** Global climate change poses a significant threat to this generation
- 14%** Research is insufficient to determine the threat of global climate change.
- 9%** Global climate change does not pose a significant threat to this generation.



Consider This . . .



Increasing involvement of parents in college students' lives has given rise to the term "helicopter parents" to describe their habit of hovering (see "Ties that Bind," page 10). How involved do you think parents should be in their adult children's lives? To answer go to www.colby.edu/mag.

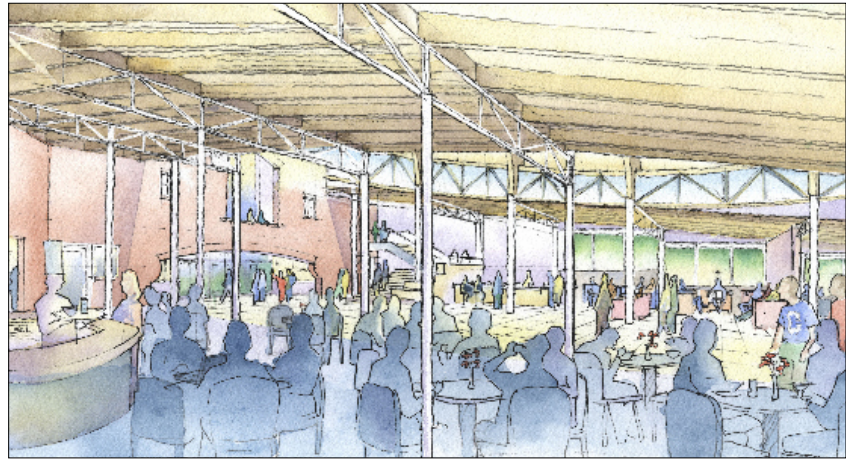
Pulver Pavilion Pending

Colby will receive a \$3 million gift to add a 7,000-square-foot pavilion to the student center. Construction of the Pulver Pavilion, which will bridge the space between two wings of Cotter Union, will begin in 2006-07.

The Pulver Pavilion, a vast, open space with high, barrel-vaulted ceilings, will include a café, a snack bar, and a lounge area. Designed to become a “living room” for Colby students, the pavilion will become the focal point of Cotter Union, with most areas of the existing building leading to and from the new addition.

Trustee David Pulver '63, his wife, Carol, and their daughter Stephanie Pulver '93, made the naming gift for the new facility. David Pulver, who has served on the trustees' Student Affairs Committee since he joined the Board of Trustees in 1983, says that a gift to support student life seemed natural, given his involvement in that aspect of the College. But not until he saw the plans for the building, designed by the architectural firm Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, was he convinced that this project deserved his substantial support. “The more I saw it the more excited I became,” he said from his home in Mendham, N.J.

The Pulver Pavilion will be built into the student center, which was completed in 1985 and was renamed Cotter Union in 1997 in honor of former Colby president William R. Cotter and his wife, Linda. In addition to the new space created in the pavilion, major parts of



Architect's rendering of the interior of Pulver Pavilion, the planned expansion of Cotter Union. At left is the bridge between the two existing sections of the building.

Cotter Union will be reconfigured and renovated. The project is part of a comprehensive campus plan that includes several other new buildings, which, taken together, qualify as Colby's most ambitious expansion since the Mayflower Hill campus was built in the first half of the 20th century. —R.J.

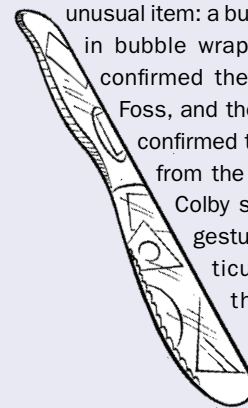


A Change in the Direction

Workers and Colby physical plant staff watch as the sloop *Hero* weathervane is eased to the ground during renovation of the Miller Library tower. The weathervane was to be restored and returned to its place atop the library this fall.

Cleaning Out the Drawers

A lumpy, plain white envelope from Brewer, Maine, arrived in August containing an unusual item: a butter knife swaddled in bubble wrap. Dining Services confirmed the knife came from Foss, and the alumni database confirmed the envelope came from the home of a former Colby student. An honest gesture, to be sure. Particularly considering the student withdrew from Colby in 2000.



No Trivial Matter

English Professor Jennifer Finney Boylan is the first Colby professor we know of to be the answer on a Trivial Pursuit card. The question: “Which American author of *She's Not There* began life as James Boylan?” It's part of the new Book Lover's edition of the game. The card was drawn by a friend of Colby alum Alex Blue '92 during a recent game. Alex nailed it.



Ties That Bind

As college years begin, parents and students enter a new relationship

BY DAVID TREADWELL PHOTOS BY FRED FIELD

It's midnight in London. A student on the Colby-Bates-Bowdoin program there can't find a taxi. She calls her mother back in the States to see if she can fix the problem. The mother immediately calls and requests help from the Colby professor who's leading the program. The professor dutifully arranges for a car service to pick up the stranded first-year.

As the children of the Baby Boomer generation enter college, the scene above is less and less the exception. A generation that has been more involved in its children's lives than any in recent memory continues to stay involved as those children head off to learn to become independent, functioning, and successful adults. Aided by technology—from cell phones to e-mail to instant messaging—the more extreme of these attentive moms and dads have even given rise to a new term that describes their continued involvement in their children's college lives. “They're called ‘helicopter parents’ for their habit of hovering,” a national education writer for the Associated Press reported recently.

There has been a sea change in parent-student relationships in recent years, one that has both college administrators and parents themselves wondering how much involvement is too much. At what point does parental support become counterproductive? Is there anything wrong with sharing the college experience?

Like parenting in general, there is no right or wrong approach to communicating with children who are away from home for the first time. Every situation—every child—is unique. But faculty and administrators who have witnessed vari-

ous situations, and parents and students who have their own approach to separation, can offer insight into what works and what doesn't. Is there a point when a close connection between parents and students crosses from healthy to unhealthy?

Vice President for Student Affairs Janice Kassman, who has 30 years experience at Colby, says e-mail and cell phones have dramatically changed the relationship between the student and the parent and between the parent and the College.

“And that's both a blessing and a curse,” she said. “With instant communication, students sometimes turn to a parent to solve a problem rather than solving it on their own. On the plus side, parents have a much better idea of what their students are experiencing—the courses they're taking, the friends they're making, and so on. I recall a student on graduation day who, after walking across the stage, immediately called her grandmother on the cell phone to say, ‘Hi, Grandma, I just got my diploma!’ That one call alone overrode any doubts I have about the value of cell phones.”

Kassman advises parents to learn as much about Colby as possible and to keep contact while allowing children to maintain independence. The *Colby Student Handbook* and *Parents Handbook* offer a wealth of information about the issues that college-age students face as well as policies and procedures that outline Colby's approach to those issues, and Kassman encourages parents to be in the know. Many deans, coaches, and professors make themselves available to concerned parents, and students are more accessible to their parents now than

in previous generations. “Use e-mail to get a window into your students' experience,” she said. “Don't overreact if you see a problem brewing. Be cautious before stepping in to try to solve a problem. And above all—listen.”

Kassman also emphasizes that she's always ready to do the same. “I don't cringe when parents call. I'll talk at any hour. We don't want any student to fall through the cracks.” In fact, parents can reach someone in the Dean of Students Office at Colby at any time, day or night, if it's an emergency.

But even administrators whose doors—and phone lines—are always open say instant parent-student communication can have pitfalls. Patricia Newmen, director of counseling services at Colby, tells the story of a student who called her mother after class, extremely upset, near tears. The mother called back that afternoon and asked her daughter how she was doing. “I'm fine,” replied the daughter, sounding perfectly happy. “Why do you ask?” The mother had feared her daughter was undergoing a major crisis when in fact she was just experiencing another small bump in the road.

“Of course students encounter challenges and struggles here,” Newmen said. “That's life. And there's a huge transition occurring between age eighteen and age twenty-two. But our students are remarkably resilient. They learn to figure things out and move on.”

And what is the parent's proper role in the process? “It's hard to know how long to let the rubber band stretch,” she said, “to negotiate letting go versus staying connected. My advice: be there, be

flexible, and listen, listen, listen.”

Mark Serdjenian '73, associate dean of students, talks of the “bittersweet struggle” parents face in learning to back away after nurturing their children for 18 years. “Parents can no longer control what life has in store for their son or daughter, and that can be scary. They know that their child will change in college, but they don’t know how. It’s really a fear of the unknown.”

Serdjenian acknowledges that not all parents adapt successfully to their new roles. “Sometimes a parent of a first-year student will call in the summer and say something like, ‘We are thinking of taking a course in biology’ or ‘We plan to major in economics.’ In fact, students must feel free to follow their own passions, to set their own academic goals.”

Although he occasionally must deal with an overly possessive or protective parent, Serdjenian says most parents do a fine job in their new roles. He encourages ongoing communication between the parent and the student and between the parent and Colby.

Athletics is a natural area for extended parental involvement in the lives of students. Parents of student-athletes enjoy an extra opportunity to stay in touch by attending games. And, increasingly, they do just that. “Parents think nothing of driving to Waterville every weekend,” marveled Marcella Zalot, director of athletics. “They used to set up tailgating parties just during football games; now we see them in lots of sports.” She estimates that at least half the parents of student-athletes regularly attend games, stay in touch with coaches through e-mail or by phone, or attend athletic banquets.

For the most part, Zalot views the increased parental involvement on the athletic scene as a positive development. She does, however, point out that there is a fine line between involvement and intrusion. “Let your students make their own mistakes and learn from them,” Zalot said. “It’s their path, not yours.”

Some professors at Colby look less favorably upon frequent student-parent contact than do administrators. “Constant student-parent communication prolongs adolescence,” cautioned Tom Morrione '65, Charles



Beverly and Michael Wilson are in touch with their daughter, Naomi '07, daily with e-mail and instant messaging or by phone.

A. Dana Professor of Sociology. “Sometimes that’s necessary, but often it is not. Students should get unplugged from cell phones for a while; it’s a different experience and different experiences are good.”

Morrione readily admits that times have changed drastically since he lived in Averill Hall 40 years ago. “The one phone on the floor rang endlessly,” he recalled, “and students endlessly did *not* answer it.” He also recognizes that constant cell phone use has become the norm and that it’s difficult, often stressful, for students and/or parents to break the habit.

Jonathan Weiss, NEH/Class of 1940 Distinguished Professor of Humanities in the Department of French and Italian, takes a softer stance. As head of Colby’s Dijon program for years, Weiss recognizes the importance of student-to-parent accessibility, especially during the first semester. He enjoys regular contact with first-year parents while he is on overseas programs, particularly communication concerning the students’ overall welfare, not purely academic matters.

Still, Weiss understands the pitfalls of the cell phone crutch. “We took a hike in the Alps, and just as we were coming down the mountain a student’s cell phone rang. I wish we hadn’t had that intrusion.” Weiss

also wonders about the mother of a first-year student who called her daughter in Europe every night to read a bedtime story.

But Weiss did confess that he does not always practice what he preaches. “I’m constantly trying to resist the temptation to call my son at Trinity!”

Fernando Gouvêa, professor of mathematics, reports that parents seem to intervene directly only during the first year. “When I’m doing first-year advising, I often run up against ‘but my mother said’ arguments,” he said. “For example, there’s ‘My mother said I should take the easier calculus course so that I can get good grades and get into med school.’ I tell them that that strategy rarely works.”

Another professor, who requested anonymity, said that his only negative experiences with parents involve their putting excessive pressure on students over grades or choice of majors. “These parents are the exception,” he noted, “but I see one a semester.”

On a more positive note, Tom Berger, Carter Professor of Mathematics, says that he’s had many favorable interactions with parents, and they are not unusual. One parent even thought enough to endow a scholarship to Colby in Berger’s name.

Michael Wilson admits that he and his wife, Beverly, were mentally but not emotionally prepared for life without their only child, Naomi '07, living at home. “It was lonelier than we had anticipated,” he said. “Life is not the same when you’re living with just your dog and cat.”

Wilson laughs when he compares the contact he had with his own parents during his college years with the communication he maintains with Naomi. “My parents were lucky to get a call or a letter once every two or three weeks. We’re in touch with Naomi perhaps twice a day, if you count e-mails and instant messages.”

This connected father is delighted with the communication he’s had with Colby. “The attentiveness of the faculty has exceeded our expectations, the coaches are exemplary, and Naomi has become more independent, just as we had hoped she would.”

Naomi, too, is delighted with Colby—and with the regular contact with her parents. “I

WHEN PARENTS BECOME MENTORS

When Karen Levin Coburn P'93 began writing about parents "letting go" of their college students, letting go was easier to do.

Coburn, assistant vice chancellor for students and dean for the freshman transition at Washington University in St. Louis, is the co-author of *Letting Go: A Parents' Guide to Understanding the College Years*. The book, now in its fourth edition, was originally published in 1997. That's before cell phones became ubiquitous. Before e-mail was at our fingertips. Before children—and moms and dads—were an instant message away.

Today's technology has exacerbated a sometimes difficult challenge: allowing children to grow independent and successful while wishing to save them the tribulations that can be part of the process. Levin's advice is simple and commonsensical: "It doesn't mean you cut off the connection," she said. "It means you don't jump in and do everything for them just because you can."

Her book was distributed last year to all of the parents of the in-

coming Class of 2008 by David and Pamela Maltz P'05, who found that it addressed issues they were facing as two of their children went off to college for the first time.

"We had to deal with the idea of letting the kids go and grow up," David Maltz said. "This meant that we'd have a different role—one of more a mentor/advisor than a parent."

It isn't an easy transition for either party, Coburn acknowledges. Parents who are capable and caring and have spent much of their adult lives nurturing and encouraging their children must realize that their fledgling kids now need to fly on their own. It's time, Coburn says, "to support your child's growth rather than impede it."

That can be a leap of faith in your own parenting, she said. "Your kids know the values you have instilled in them and they will be taking those values with them to college." —Gerry Boyle '78

For more from Karen Levin Coburn go to www.lettinggobook.com

communicate with my dad a lot. I tell him what's going on here; he tells me what's happening at home—and he makes bad puns."

She believes that it's important for students and parents to stay in touch, especially early in the college years. "College students need support; parents are feeling a sense of loss. It's important to know what's going on in each other's lives."

Ellen Mohl found out what was going on in the life of her daughter (Lena Barouh '07) in an unexpected way. While skiing in Sun Valley, Idaho, her cell phone rang. "I was in a chairlift going up the mountain, and Lena called to say she felt sick and asked what she should do. I told her to go to the infirmary, and she did and learned it was just the flu. I laughed at the time, but it was all right. I was still a mom."

Dan and Paulette Kasperski discovered an interesting way to stay in touch with their son Steve Kasperski '05, at least on Saturday afternoons in the fall. "While others were probably a lot more successful in communicating with their son or daughter on a frequent basis than we were—boys don't communicate well—we did use the Internet on a regular basis to listen to Colby football game broadcasts, both at home and away," they wrote in an e-mail. "Because we live in Illinois, this helped us immensely in keeping track of Steve's activities (middle linebacker)



Micaela Pierce, 7, gives her sister Ashley Jones-Pierce '06 a last hug before heading home with their mom, Debra Pierce of Newton, Mass.

on a real-time basis every week and allowed us to share in his life at school."

Susan Malick speaks like the veteran that she is in playing the parent-of-a-college-student role. Son Nick Malick '05, her third and youngest child, just graduated from Colby. "We come from a small town in the San Francisco Bay area, so we wanted our three children to step out and broaden themselves. Our children don't want us to be underfoot."

As advice to parents just entering this transitional stage, Malick would tell them what she and her husband have tried to do: "Remember that this situation is intensely personal, varying from family to family and student to student. Try to take the cues from your child."

Nick Malick believes that the amount of contact with his parents over his four years at Colby has been just about right. "We usually get in touch about once a week, but it can be four or five times a week if I'm having a problem at school or they're having a problem at their end."

The younger Malick, like his mother, has advice for parents: "Try to hold off calling too much, especially the first year. Give your child some space. Let them try out who they are. If they're really having trouble, they'll get in touch with you." At the same time, Nick advises students to call parents sometimes just to connect, not just when they're in trouble.

Such connections can produce lifelong memories. Sue Leighton Smith, mother of Jennifer Leighton '05, recalls one such moment. "Our daughter called from the Coliseum in Rome to say that she was standing with her Colby friends, looking out over all that amazing history while the sun was setting. This was her first trip to Europe, and how exciting for those of us back in Connecticut to share that with her 'real time.'"

So would anyone begrudge parent or student that shared experience? Hardly. Sometimes parents need to be there; sometimes they need to let go. Knowing which path to take and when, parents and educators say, requires wisdom, intuition, experience and, perhaps, even plain old luck. ▲

Searching for the Ivory Bill



Sara Barker and a team of researchers find conclusive evidence that brings the ivory-billed woodpecker back from 'extinction'

BY GERRY BOYLE '78

For ornithologists, conservationists, and backyard birders, it would be a dream come true. After more than 60 years of presumed extinction, the ivory-billed woodpecker was reported spotted by expert birders in a dense Arkansas swamp. It appeared that “the Grail Bird,” a ghostly symbol of one of America’s ravaged natural habitats, had returned from the past.

Within days Sara Barker '94, a project leader at the Johnson Center for Birds and Biodiversity at Cornell University, had begun recruiting the team that would search for and collect evidence that the bird still existed. Barker’s first challenge: to lure the best birders and scientists to the Arkansas Mississippi Delta without ever uttering these words: “ivory-billed woodpecker.”

“I had to convince seventeen people that they wanted to go work down in Arkansas on a ‘biodiversity project,’” Barker said, back at Cornell this summer. “I couldn’t tell them [in advance] what we were doing. I said, ‘An inventory of bottomland hardwood swamp and bottomland hardwood forest.’”

An understatement, but true. Fourteen months later, the search teams (including Barker, an energetic former Colby ski

racer) had indeed done an exhaustive—and exhausting—inventories of the wild and primeval swamps in southeastern Arkansas. They’d encountered herons, warblers, owls, flying squirrels, ducks, many poisonous snakes—and at least one ivory-billed woodpecker.

The news was big, and not just in the bird world. The official Cornell Ornithology Lab paper breaking the ivory-bill discovery was the cover story of the prestigious journal *Science*. The report made the front page of *The New York Times* and countless other newspapers around the country, was featured on National Public Radio, was heralded at a strobe-popping press conference in Washington, D.C. Nature Conservancy President Steven McCormick began his column in last summer’s magazine with these words. “We’ve found the bird.”

So just how big a deal is this *really*? “I think this probably is the most exciting [bird-related] story of the last fifty years,” said Herb Wilson, the Leslie Brainerd Arey Chair in Bioscience and a nationally known ornithologist.

And Barker, Wilson’s former student, was in the thick of it.

Sara Barker '94 on the Cache River in eastern Arkansas, where searchers saw and heard the ivory-billed woodpecker, long thought extinct.



It should be pointed out that Barker has not seen the ivory-billed woodpecker, though one of her close colleagues at Cornell has. “I lay awake nights,” dreaming of the day, she said. But her inside account of the sightings and the painstaking scientific buttressing of the bird’s rediscovery make for a cloak-and-camera detective story, an example of rigorous scientific inquiry, and a feel-good tale of cooperative conservation.

The ivory-billed woodpecker may be elusive now, but in its time it was one big, showy bird. Twenty inches long, with a red Woody Woodpecker crest, prominent white bill, and startling black and white wings, the birds caught the eye of naturalist and artist John James Audubon when he prowled southern rivers in the 1820s. But the birds declined with the logging of forests in the South, and by the 1890s ivory bills had become rare.

President Theodore Roosevelt saw the birds on a hunting trip in northeastern Louisiana in 1907. “They were noisy but wary, and they seemed to me to set off the wildness of the swamp as much as any of the beasts of the chase,” the outdoorsman wrote. By 1935 the birds had dwindled to the point that the founder of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, Arthur “Doc” Allen, and others camped underneath an ivory-bill nest in Louisiana, recording and photographing the birds with the refrigerator-sized equipment of the time. Subsequent observations were made in 1944, the last time the bird’s presence was irrefutably documented—until last year.

Over the last six decades, there have been tantalizing reports of sightings of ivory-billed woodpeckers in the southern U.S. and in remote mountains of Cuba. The more credible sightings have prompted all-out searches, including one by a Cornell team dispatched to the Pearl River region of Louisiana in 2002. That team found ivory-bill evidence (large tree cavities and trees with bark peeled rather than chiseled), but no birds.

Then last year an expert birder named Gene Sparling reported in great detail sighting an ivory bill during a kayaking trip on the Cache River in Arkansas. A subsequent search by two more experts, including Cornell’s Tim Gallagher, yielded another sighting—one so definite, so momentous that it left the scientists in tears. It also provided a video, shot from a canoe, that scientists say shows an ivory-billed woodpecker in flight.



During the ivory-bill search, Sara Barker '94 confers with her husband and fellow Cornell ornithologist, Elliott Swarthout.

“Tim came back and went into our director’s office and our director honestly thought [Gallagher] was going to tell him he had an incurable disease,” Barker said. “He was white, gaunt, looked like he’d seen a ghost.”

And Gallagher had, in a way. The bird that had flown past him had been nothing more than a specter for 60 years. Within minutes, hushed phone calls were being made. One of those calls was to Barker, in her book-lined office on the second-floor of the lab. A decade after leaving Colby to begin her ornithology career, she was about to embark on the conservation experience of a lifetime.



Barker grew up on a country farm outside of Cleveland. As a child she rode horses, carried home stray animals, watched birds at her grandmother’s bird feeder. A competitive athlete (an attribute that would prove helpful in her future career), Barker came to Colby planning to do science—maybe physical therapy—and to ski race. She had already moved from medical science to the environmental side when she did a program for field biologists in Kenya the first semester of her junior year. In the field most of her

time in Africa, Barker learned to identify 120 different birds by sight and sound. Barker returned to Colby and her life took another irrevocable step when she took an ornithology course taught by Wilson. “Something about that guy,” Barker said, smiling as she recalled her first professional mentor. “I’ve talked to Sarah Goodwin [’04], another Colby grad who works at the lab now. The first thing we said to each other was, ‘Herb!’ I loved his ornithology class, our birding trips and excursions. He’s such a nice guy, so bright, so sincere. There’s just some loveable quality about him.”

Wilson, for his part, still can recall Barker’s enthusiasm and delight as she began to learn about birds and their behaviors. “She was absolutely captured by birds, no question about it,” he said.

Barker’s passion for birds led to a summer internship at the Cleveland Zoo. Her assignment: figure out why the zoo’s Chilean flamingos weren’t reproducing. “I actually made a lot of environmental suggestions, changes to their habitat—the pen they were in, the vegetation. They had greater reproductive success the next year. Whether I can attribute it to my work, I don’t know.”

The zoo gig dovetailed with a senior in-

dependent study that further refined her flamingo study. And after Colby, Barker hit the ground running.

She landed an internship studying the palila, an endangered finch species in Hawaii. Barker captured birds with nets, affixed transmitters to them, did radio tracking. She lived in a tent camp at 7,200 feet with a bunch of other budding scientists. With Colby and Wilson as her foundation, she was on her way.

Studying sexual selection in northern cardinals and working with a Cornell graduate student; monitoring tree swallows and other cavity nesters in upstate New York; examining territory demography of ovenbirds; working on a boat in Maryland studying sora rails, capturing more than 1,000 of the shorebirds and banding them. Barker was in heaven.

Eight years ago she returned to Cornell, where she is now project leader at the ornithological lab. Barker runs outreach projects relating to conservation science, such as providing land managers guidance for improving habitat for songbirds like the scarlet tanager, the cerulean warbler, and forest thrushes.

And then, early in the spring of 2004, the ivory-billed woodpecker winged its way into her life.

After the report of the sightings came into the lab, word spread, but not like wildfire. “Everything was very secretive,” Barker said. “People were not talking about it. We were not allowed to tell anybody, even within the lab. ... They wanted it completely hush-hush. If you were brought into the fold, then you had to sign a confidentiality agreement. You were essentially not allowed to speak to anybody about it. What made it a lot easier for me is that my husband [fellow Cornell Ornithological Lab scientist Elliott Swarthout] was involved in it as well, which was really nice.”

But she couldn't tell her family. She couldn't tell her friends, for whom the biological inventory cover story smelled fishy. “My friends all thought I was nuts,” she said. “Why are you going to Arkansas? What are

you doing down there?”

What Barker was doing was assembling a highly skilled search team, carefully selected from all over the country. “It's pretty remote in some of those areas and you need some tough and hardened folks who can actually hack it in the field,” she said.

Actually they needed to hack it in trackless cypress and tupelo swamps, in this case in eastern Arkansas's Cache River National Wildlife Refuge. Among the last of the bottomland hardwood forests, the primeval-seeming delta swamps are dark and deep, home not only to birds but also to mosquitoes and poisonous cottonmouth snakes. Barker said she teamed with another searcher who stepped out to check a small stretch of walkable woods. “He said, ‘I saw eleven cottonmouths in a hundred feet. I'm getting back in the boat,’” she recounted.

The searchers were prepped with an orientation session that included everything from reminders of confidentiality to comparisons of ivory-billed and common pileated woodpeckers. A full-time crew lived in tiny Cotton Plant, Ark., outside of not-

much-bigger Brinkley, Ark., for five months, supplemented by reinforcements who joined the search in week-long stints.

In the swamp, the searchers ran transects through the disorienting terrain, dividing the area into sectors that all had to be carefully observed. Dressed in commando-quality camouflage, the scientists and birders floated slowly through the swamps in flat-bottomed boats and canoes. They sat in blinds, placed specially made computerized listening devices on some 150 trees. Some even scanned the forest canopy from a bucket atop an 80-foot boom.

And they did all this while trying to remain anonymous—no small task in Brinkley, population 3,600. “You can't bring twenty people into a community and just disappear,” Barker said. “And all this equipment. ... The UPS man was driving by an access to the bayou and Bobby [Harrison] was down there unloading his boat. The guy drove by, stopped, backed up and said, ‘Hey! You with Cornell?’ Bobby said, ‘No. Why? Do you have a package?’”

The reasons for all the secrecy were twofold. For one, there was concern that premature news that the ivory-billed woodpecker had been sighted would bring throngs of enthusiastic birders who would drive the woodpecker deeper into the swamps. For another, The Nature Conservancy—joining with Cornell in something called The Big Woods Conservation Partnership—was quietly buying up land in the area, a process that would have been immensely more complicated had word leaked out. Ultimately the group acquired 18,000 acres of prime ivory-bill territory in the 14 months leading up to the announcement.

The under-the-radar planning also included federal agencies, among them the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In this case, an extinct species would suddenly become an endangered species, with all of the associated need for habitat protection and land-access management. Would land have to be closed to the public? If so, how much and where?

Eating Crow

Even the skeptics are converts.

A trio of scientists who planned to publish a rebuttal of the claim that the ivory-billed woodpecker had been rediscovered said in August that they had been convinced.

Initially the ornithologists' announcement, that they did not believe that the Cornell University team had proven that the bird was alive, dampened the celebration of the ivory-billed woodpecker's return. But before the rebuttal appeared in print, the skeptics said their minds were changed, not by a video purported to be of the ivory bill, but by new recordings of its characteristic call.

When they wrote their rebuttal, the three scientists—Richard O. Prum of Yale University, Mark B. Robbins of the University of Kansas, and Jerome A. Jackson of Florida Gulf Coast University—had not heard the digital recordings made in the Cache River National Wildlife Refuge in 2004.

Those recordings prove that not one, but two, ivory-billed woodpeckers exist, the scientists said. In a statement, Prum said the rebuttal paper was moot. “The thrilling new sound recordings provide clear and convincing evidence that the ivory-billed woodpecker is not extinct,” Prum said, in a story published by *The New York Times*.

Sara Barker '94, Cornell's project leader for the Arkansas search, pointed out that during the debate both sides declared their willingness to be proven wrong. In the end, she wrote in an e-mail from the Cornell lab, “the scientific process prevailed.” —Gerry Boyle '78

“What we wanted was a chunk of time before the announcement to actually develop this plan with the agencies,” Barker explained.

But all of this hinged on the strength of the team’s case. Was this the irrefutable re-discovery of the ivory-billed woodpecker? Or was it just one more tantalizing but inconclusive glimpse?

Five months of intense searching (quantified by Barker as 21,000 searcher hours) had yielded seven well-supported sightings of the ivory bill, 15 sightings in all. The team had located several cavities similar to those made by ivory bills and dissimilar to those made by pileated woodpeckers. Though all of the 17,000 hours of digital recordings had not been analyzed as this story was being written, scientists had singled out what they think are three instances of the distinctive “double-rap” ivory-bill knocking heard on the 1935 tapes.

For a visitor to the Cornell lab in June,

acoustics expert Russell Charif played both the original recordings (recently retrieved from storage and digitized) and the new recordings on a computer used for spectrography. On the monitor the sounds showed as blips amid flat stretches. Lab staff, including Barker, hunched around the computer in rapt silence as they listened to what could be the second known recording of an ivory-billed woodpecker. The file played, emitting a blur of insect noise, the calls of other birds. And then a nasal call sort of like the sound of someone holding their nose and saying the word “kent.” The call is thought to be the birds’ way of keeping track of each other in the forest. And the 2004 calls, from two locations, sounded to a lay birder’s ear just like the call of nearly 70 years ago. “They’re pretty similar,” Charif said of the two sounds. “And they’re pretty similar quantitatively when we measure it on the spectrogram.”

The Cornell experts have not completely

ruled out the possibility—albeit slim—that the calls were those of jays, seen in the area where the sounds were retrieved. Jays are mimics, after all. “But then you have to say to yourself, they had to learn this from something,” Barker said. “So does that mean ivory bills are there [making the calls]? We just don’t know.”

But downstairs, more conclusive evidence was waiting.

In a high-tech studio, lab staffer Ben Clock loaded a digital file into a studio computer. The video began to play, at first showing a man in the bow of a canoe moving slowly through the coffee-colored waters of a tree-filled swamp. The camera was mounted on the canoe’s thwart. The canoe moved slowly, and suddenly a large bird came into view from the left. It veered away and remained in view as it flew off between the trees.

“You have the black primaries and the white trailing edge [of the wing],” Barker

The ivory-billed woodpecker search team convenes at dawn for another day searching the swamps of the Cache River National Wildlife Refuge in Arkansas.



whispered, intently watching the video screen.

The video was played and replayed. It was blown up and slowed down. It was enhanced for clarity, and with each refinement it became more and more clear. Barker confessed that she was a doubter until she heard Gallagher's impassioned first-hand report, then convinced beyond a reasonable doubt when she saw the video. "Even the people who were the most skeptical said, 'What else could it be?'" Barker said.

Nothing else, the team had concluded, other than an ivory-billed woodpecker, flapping out of the hazy past and into the living, breathing present.

The ivory-billed woodpecker went public in April. Like many of the team members, Swarthout, Barker's husband, had been in Arkansas for five straight months. For the duration of the search, Barker had switched from the Big Woods bayous to Cornell in three-week stints.

Back in New York, the team cleaned up and excitedly prepared to meet the media. Barker e-mailed her family-and-friends list the night prior to the Washington press conference. Her message: "You want to listen to NPR in the morning." Along with thousands of others across the country and the world, they did. Barker's mysterious comings and goings of the past months finally were explained.

By June the media frenzy had eased, and the Cornell members of the team had settled back in at the lab, a sprawling faux-barn sort of building on the wooded outskirts of Ithaca. There was a sense of calm elation among the scientists, who were fielding hundreds of congratulatory e-mails, sorting through sheaves of expense receipts from Arkansas—and trying to figure out what to do next.

The party was over; the ivory bill was here to stay.

Moving from extinction to the brink of it, a creature suddenly joins the ranks of highly protected endangered species. In the case of the ivory-billed woodpecker, plans



The last photograph of an ivory-bill Woodpecker, Singer Tract, Louisiana 1935.

were set in motion before the announcement to form a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recovery team. With the newly formed Big Woods Conservation Partnership—made up of Cornell scientists, Arkansas conservation officials, and The Nature Conservancy—federal scientists came up with a plan of habitat protection, public access, and continued searching for clues of the ivory bills' behavior in the 21st century. How had the birds adapted to their vastly reduced habitat? Had their feeding habits changed? What sort of range does an ivory-billed woodpecker now have?

One of the first steps, undertaken by Swarthout, field supervisor for the ivory-billed woodpecker study, involved writing a comprehensive report on the Arkansas search and habitat for the feds. "We're trying to describe what lessons we learned from last season," said Swarthout, a soft-spoken ornithologist who has worked extensively with another endangered species—the Mexican spotted owl. "What went well, what didn't, how we can improve it."

The intent, of course, is to return to Arkansas in the fall to continue the search. The

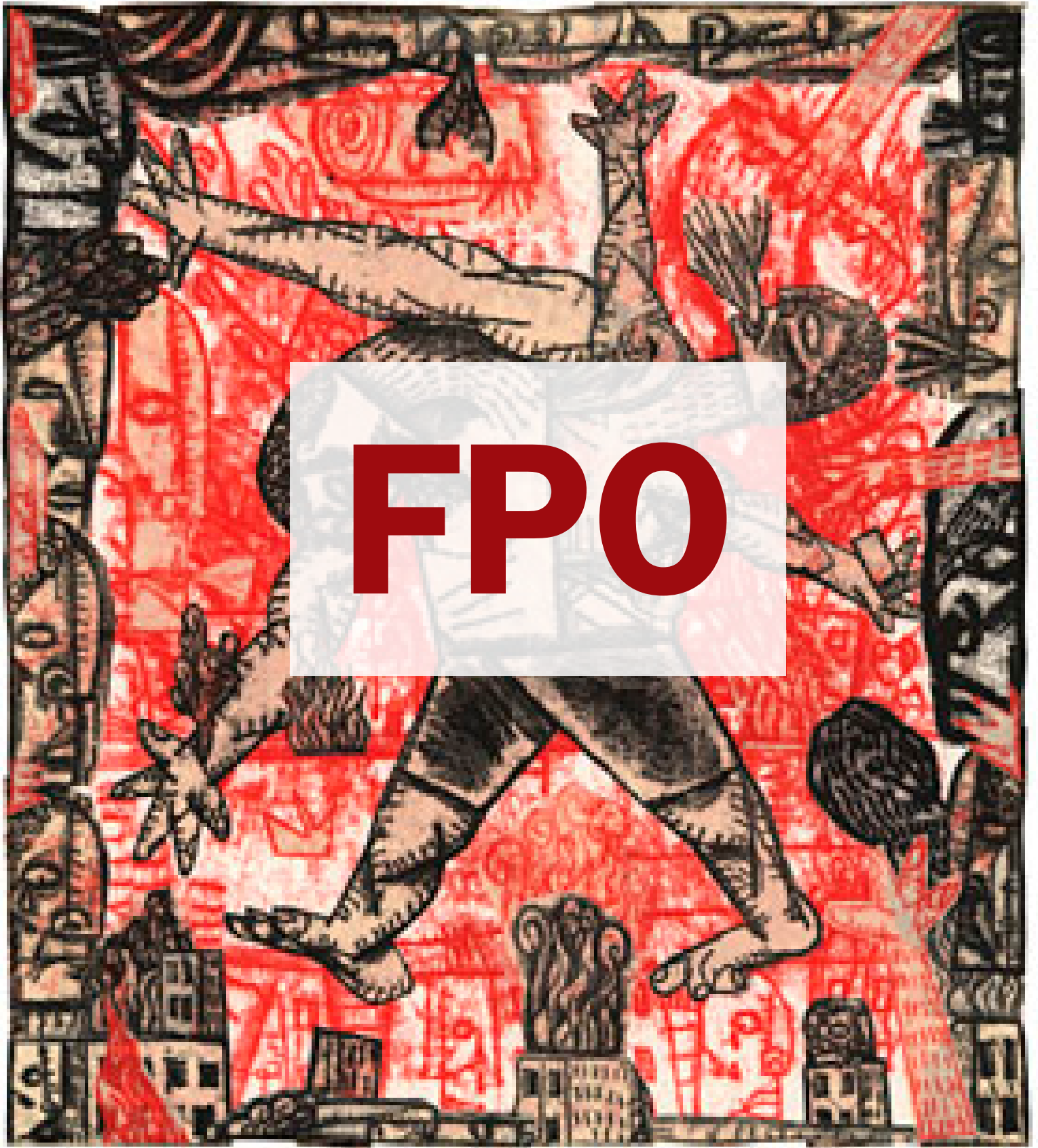
hope is that the team will see the ivory bill again and will see a second specimen, if possible. After all, it's unlikely but possible (until proven otherwise) that the birds on the video and audio are the last in existence. Barker, who observed one of the last wild Hawaiian crows, doesn't think so. "I believe there's more than one," she said. "I just don't think we've found it yet. I can't say how many ... but I honestly believe that if they've persisted for this long, there has to be a breeding pair out there."

Ivory bills have a large home range, she said. The area where the bird was seen is a long narrow corridor. She hopes that somewhere in the deep, dark swamps, the birds are roosting and nesting. And if they are there, perhaps one day Barker will see one?

She waved the idea off as though it were too much to wish for, at least aloud. "As much as I would love to see the bird, it's not about me," Barker said. "I just want us to be able to learn more about the ecology of the bird and continue to preserve its habitat. If I don't see it, just to know that I've been involved in the efforts that have brought about habitat conservation is enough for me, really. As much as the birder in me wants to see this bird, it's still more about the effort than anything else. And about what it can do for conservation."

She noted that the area where the ivory-billed woodpecker was seen was slated to be dredged in the 1980s, but Nature Conservancy efforts kept it intact. Now the ivory bill serves as an example of what can be accomplished—that in the area of conservation, it's still possible for dreams to become reality.

"This is as hopeful as it gets for someone in my field," Barker said. "It's a tough field to be in sometimes because you see a lot of things disappearing, a lot of habitat destruction. There's a lot of negativity, so to have something like this, to think that we haven't destroyed it all, that this bird still persists—there's so much hope out there. It's *such* a positive message." 🦉



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From the Ashes

By Ruani S. Freeman

On 9/11 Andrew Rice
lost a brother and
found a greater purpose

“One day I’d like to meet Zacarias Moussaoui. I’d like to say to him, ‘You can hate me and my brother as much as you like, but I want you to know that I loved your mother and I comforted her when she was crying.’”

Andrew Rice '96

The first time it hit him, in 1995, the destruction stopped close to his childhood home in Oklahoma City, at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The second time, six years later and 1,454 miles away, it took his brother.

When he woke up on a clear September morning four years ago, Andrew Rice '96 was in Canada, covering the Toronto Film Festival for the BBC. Before lunch, with words and images that have now become the history of a nation—the planes, the towers, 9/11—his life changed.

“David worked for the investment firm Sandler O’Neill, and he had called my mother to tell her he was okay, the plane had hit the other tower. I walked into work and saw the second plane hit his tower. I turned and ran back to my hotel and got there just as the first tower collapsed. I screamed. I knew that David was dead.”

Andrew Rice’s boss, Tom Brook, paid more than \$1,500 for a taxicab to take Rice home to New York City, where his sister Amy also lived. When Rice arrived, he joined Richard Von Feldt, best friend to both brothers since childhood and best man at Andrew’s wedding, in the search. By the night of September 13, Von Feldt had identified 31-year-old David Rice, one of only a dozen complete bodies to be found.

How does a 28-year-old filmmaker, enjoying his brother’s company in New York after years apart in college and graduate school, cope with burying his brother in the glare of a national tragedy?

For Rice, the answer took the form of intense and varied public service.

From the moment he lost his brother, Rice plunged into re-examining his life and direction. When he left what Von Feldt calls “the coven of grief” that his friends and family had become, he did not walk into activism. He hurtled.

“Andrew saw what happened on 9/11 as a bridge to a higher purpose,” Von Feldt said, speaking from San Francisco. “Even before [9/11] there had been a restlessness in him ... a sense that he wasn’t being true to his soul path. He had wanted to be a minister, but he grappled with what that meant. In a sense, what he has done with his life is taken on the mantle of ministry. It is just that his congregation is not in one place.”

Not only is it dispersed, it is varied and complex. Between September 2001 and today Rice has headed the Texas Freedom Network’s (www.tfn.org) Fundamentalism Education Project to counter the influence of religious extremism in politics; joined the board of September Eleventh Families for Peaceful Tomorrows, an advocacy group nominated in successive years for the Nobel Peace Prize; launched the Red River Democracy Project, based on Chautauqua-style community festivals and designed to educate and engage Oklahomans in civic issues; served on the board of The People’s Opinion Project; and founded the Progressive Alliance Foundation, of which he is the executive director, which works throughout Oklahoma to advance progressive, constitutional solutions to public policy problems.

He has spoken at gatherings in the United States and South Africa and has been interviewed on the BBC, CBC, MSNBC, and Fox News. He has been covered by the

Sunday Times in Scotland, the *London Times*, *The New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and *The Washington Post*. He was awarded the 2004 Angie Debo Civil Libertarian of the Year Award from the ACLU for his courageous work on unpopular issues under the most trying of circumstances.

Rice now is the head of the Progressive Alliance Foundation, a non-partisan group that advocates on behalf of initiatives ranging from civil rights to ethical foreign policy. He's a new dad who traveled the hard road to political involvement, and he argues eloquently in favor of reconciliation. And to pursue a life in public service, Rice left the political haven he found in New York—a blue city in a blue state—for Oklahoma, where he would be in the minority.

Rice made a conscious decision to do important work where he thinks it is truly needed, rather than, as he puts it, “being a progressive activist where we are the majority... in places like New York City or on the West Coast.”

His decision to return to his hometown was made easier when his wife, pathologist Apple Newman Rice, got a job in Oklahoma City. But she was not the sole reason. Among his muses Rice counts Cornel West, whose work he studied while at Colby and under whom he studied at Harvard Divinity School.

“He talked about the gramscian idea of the organic intellectual, that if you go from a rural area to a place of culture and gain knowledge and experience there, it is your organic responsibility to return to your community to effect change. This was my chance.”

The journey has catapulted Rice into the national arena of advocacy and electoral politics. Throughout, he has held close the image of his brother and the event that brought about his loss.

“I had, ironically, studied fundamentalism in graduate school, and it took on a new meaning once 9/11 happened and David was killed. I wanted to go back to what I had learned about the role of religion in social justice movements.”

Rice's faith (raised a Catholic, he recently joined the United Church of Christ), heavily infused with a strong desire to bridge the gulf between secular need for a just society and organized religion, has guided him throughout his adult life.

It is a characteristic noted by his mentor at Colby, Professor of Religious Studies Debra Campbell. “What makes Andrew different is the particular way in which he combines the personal and the political in a spirituality with deep intellectual roots. There is nothing insubstantial about his faith.”

In 1996, after having made the short list for a Watson Fellowship, Rice deferred enrollment to Harvard, raised funds independently, and went to Sri Lanka to carry out the work outlined in his Watson proposal, drawing on contacts he made while on the ISLE (Intercollegiate Sri Lanka Education) program at Colby. First Rice worked with Sarvodaya, the largest Buddhist grassroots organization in Asia, and then he went to Thailand, where he joined forces with that country's largest private AIDS hospice, housed in a former Buddhist monastery.

A year later a grant allowed him and his sister to travel to Banga-



Andrew Rice '96 with Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Rice's sister Amy during a visit to Capetown, South Africa. Rice advocates the reconciliation model offered by post-apartheid South Africa.

lore, India, to make the documentary film *From Ashes*, which focused on an ex-convict who ran a hospice for HIV-positive people who had been refused treatment. The film was shown at film festivals in Bombay, Los Angeles, and Canada and was used in the United States and in India as educational programming for physicians. “It became a story about rebirth out of the ashes, literally, after they had to go against tradition and cremate a baby who had AIDS,” Rice said.

That preoccupation with renewal, and a stubborn determination to be unbridled by obstacles, came to the fore again for Rice after 9/11.

“After graduate school, I had two interests: work on religion and activism and documentary filmmaking.” For a time, the films won out, and Rice moved to New York to edit and produce segments for the BBC and PBS (his credits include *The Merrow Report* and *The News Hour with Jim Lehrer*).

Rice's brand of progressive politics embraces his opponents. One year after 9/11, he and several other 9/11 family members got a call from the Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation, and they agreed to meet in New York City with Madame al-Wafi, mother of 9/11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui, the so-called “20th hijacker.”

Rice and others sat in a room waiting for her, nervous both about the meeting and the prospect of the U.S. government finding out. Finally she entered the room with the mother of another man who had died in the towers on 9/11. They were both sobbing, their arms around each other.

The sight overwhelmed Rice, he said, and his heart opened up. “Madame al-Wafi reminded me a lot of my own mother, who had cried so much after David died,” Rice said. He cried along with everyone else in the room.

Following that meeting, and grappling with the issue of reconciliation, Rice traveled to South Africa to meet with Archbishop Desmond Tutu. His brother David loved South Africa and lived there as a Fulbright Scholar studying the redistribution of land. “It was a very personal journey for me and my sister, who accompanied me to [the former prison on] Robben Island, where we were involved with representatives from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission,” Rice

said. “The things they were talking about held immense meaning for my own path to healing.”

It was in South Africa that Rice met Marina Cantacuzino, the creator of the Forgiveness Project (an initiative whose patrons include Tutu and other luminaries). Cantacuzino added Rice’s story to the exhibit. His is one of only 42 chosen from events around the world—from Belfast to Chechnya, from Australia to Rwanda—and the only story connected to 9/11.

Rice had found his focus: reconciliation. “It’s a humbling process to see commonality between you and someone who has brought harm to you and your family, but one we must undertake as part of the process of self-introspection,” he said. “Introspection is one of the most important and powerful aspects of every religious tradition.”

Rice appears to make a genuine attempt to reach across divides. He opposes the war in Iraq and supports the soldiers who fight and die in it. In June 2004, when Michael Moore offered a premiere of his movie *Fahrenheit 9/11* as a fund raiser to organizations in 10 cities, Rice’s organization, Progressive Alliance Foundation, was one. At the end of the evening, half of the proceeds were given to military families in Oklahoma affected by the war in Iraq.

The Progressive Alliance Foundation is as widely engaged as its founder. Through planning public forums and brainstorming strategies for communicating policy to Oklahomans, the organization has attracted an impressive roster of speakers that includes Bud Welch, who lost his daughter in the Oklahoma bombing and later befriended the parents of bomber Timothy McVeigh. The group launched the traveling exhibit of the Forgiveness Project in Oklahoma City.

It is not altruism that drives his determination to reconcile with those who harmed him and his family, Rice said. “It is an effort to protect my brother’s spirit. I do not want to embody a visceral hatred between two sides. I want to have a spiritual supremacy that rises above that.”

The loss of his brother notwithstanding, it might seem that Rice has led a life of unmitigated success. And yet some of his most fulfilling work, he said, has come from campaigns that failed: opposition to the war in Iraq and countering the effort in Oklahoma to define marriage as between a man and a woman, for instance. “Andrew lives a principled life. He counts his success in small victories,” Von Feldt said, “and he does not balk at taking the hard road.”

The trajectory of his path, however, leads back to that September morning.

“I was uneasy with the retributive, simplistic language of the administration that refused to look at the political underpinnings of the 9/11 event,” Rice said. “We were going against the democratic and pluralistic principles of our country in response to 9/11. I took it personally.” Rice worked full time lobbying against the war and was speaking out in Alaska when the first bombs fell on Baghdad.

Disheartened by the federal government’s lack of accountability in relation to 9/11, the decision to go to war amid what he and others saw as a haze of deception, and his difficulties bringing transparency

to the political process, Rice decided to run for office.

Soon after the birth of his son, Noah David Rice, in 2004, Rice announced his run for the Oklahoma State Senate seat that covers much of central Oklahoma City. “There are a lot of negative trends here, and I want to make sure that the state deals with the state, with issues of infrastructure and accountability, not interferes in people’s personal lives.”

It is a highly contested seat, with Republicans challenging the last bastion of the Democratic Party in Oklahoma, but Rice has connections that go beyond the district. Eli Pariser, head of the successful online advocacy group *moveon.org*, is supporting his candidacy (the organization itself has not endorsed him), as are those in groups he has worked with outside of Oklahoma.

Admittedly, family and friends share concerns about Rice’s entry into politics. “Oklahoma politics are as dirty as they get,” Von Feldt said. “There are people whose lives have been destroyed, suicides that have occurred because of the vile nature of the political world there. I worry that someone as pure as Andy will be tarnished by it.”

Yet, who better than an American who lost his brother on 9/11, who speaks in the language of faith, a patriot whose vision of life stems from a deep spirituality, to throw his hat into the ring?

“I wanted to be on the inside so I could have some power in preserving the integrity of our democracy,” he said, “because I saw that there are limits to the efficacy of outside groups, which are tremendously marginalized. Instead of giving up, I want to do more.”

The idea of representative government has a direct, emotional meaning for Rice and others who were so directly affected by 9/11, he says. “It is not in

the realm of the intellect or the abstract,” Rice said. “We know that the basic principles of our constitution and the checks and balances of power are key to American democracy. Of course abuses of power have always occurred, but the use of 9/11, the deaths of our family members, to consolidate political power and benefit certain demographic groups and interests over others—this is a travesty to us.”

Writing from New York, his colleague on the Peaceful Tomorrows group, Adele Welty, described Rice as “a rare man of integrity and good will.” His bid for the Oklahoma senate stems from “a personal conviction that he can have a positive impact on the people in his state, not from a desire to have power.”

“Those within the 9/11 family completely get what I am doing with this senate run,” Rice said.

Colleen Kelly, co-director of Peaceful Tomorrows, agrees. “There are those who hold onto anger and choose to let grief overwhelm them and those that take this horrific tragedy and try to make something better for the world. Andrew is one of the latter.”

Kelly listened to Rice speak at the one-year 9/11 memorial, a vigil held as the sun set on New York’s Washington Square Park and attended by more than 10,000 people. Rice’s speech was memorable, she said. “He did it then and he does it now: Andrew speaks the unfettered truth without self-censorship. When someone like that attempts to do good, everything falls into place.” ■

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ANDREW RICE ’96

PLAYING THE FIELD

An explosion in the number of potential athletic recruits has coaches searching for ability—and intangibles

On a warm afternoon in July, football players packed the playing fields at Minuteman Regional High School in Lexington, Mass. Bulky linemen smashed together, legs churning. Receivers and defenders sprinted pass patterns. Cool-headed quarterbacks fired passes in a dozen simultaneous scrimmages.

Colby Head Football Coach Ed Mestieri watched intently, one eye on the play and the other on a printout providing information—height, weight, GPA—about the 100 or so elite high school juniors on hand for what is sometimes billed as a “skills” camp. But don’t let the name fool you. “They’re not coming here to improve,” Mestieri explained. These players, he said, are coming to be seen.

Dozens of coaches, many from NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference) schools, ranged the sidelines at the Lexington camp, one of 22 camps attended by Colby football staffers last summer. The skills camps are part of a recruiting effort that, especially for NCAA Division III colleges, has increased exponentially in volume of players and dramatically in sophistication in recent years. “The numbers are through the roof,” said Colby Athletic Director Marcella Zalot, “because kids will recruit *us* now.”

By Gerry Boyle '78 Photos by Fred Field



Head Football Coach Ed Mestieri eyes potential recruits during a skills camp last summer.

How far through the roof are the numbers? Mestieri began the recruiting season with about 2,500 names from recruiting services, networking, contacts by athletes, coaches, and alumni. Academic criteria culled more than two thirds of the list. So, as he headed off to Lexington that day, Mestieri knew that “as of 12:52, there were eight-hundred and five kids in our system.”

That’s up 200 over last year, and football isn’t the only sport in which the numbers are increasing.

The men’s basketball program will start with as many as 700 potential recruits to yield two or three players. Women’s Soccer Coach Jen Holsten ’90, blessed with a sport that has exploded in popularity in the United States in recent years, has to contend with so many potential recruits from across the country that she tracks them on a color-coded computer spread sheet, noting each exchange of e-mail, each phone conversation with coach or player, each campus visit. “They’re strong academically and they’re committed to soccer,” Holsten said. “The pool is large.”

And the stakes are high, as students—and parents in many cases—have worked for years toward college athletics. Unlike Division I colleges and universities, NESCAC schools do not award athletic scholarships. NESCAC appeals to skilled athletes with strong academic records because they know the conference is among the most competitive in Division III, both athletically and academically. In

fact, in a recent ranking of Division III colleges by the National Collegiate Scouting Association, using a rubric of academic and athletic strength and student-athlete graduation rates, Colby placed 11th nationally. Ten of the 11 NESCAC schools were in the top 17.

“We offer these kids a world-class education with a great football program in a dynamite setting,” Mestieri said.

Parents know that. Students know that. But they also are aware that, in many cases, these athletes have what colleges like Colby want.

It’s an odd dance, a sort of mutual wooing. Parents and athletes attend camps, contact coaches, bring professionally prepared videotapes and DVDs of the athlete on the field. High school coaches, often former Colby athletes, recommend players, sending e-mails like this one, from a soccer coach at a New Jersey prep school: “She’s a good player and could have an impact at Colby her first year.” Or another, from a Colby alumna now coaching the next generation of players: “She’s a great soccer player and a great kid.”

Colby coaches carefully “watch tape” to discern strengths and weaknesses and to determine whether a player would be an asset to a Colby team. Parents often act as agents, a role that Holsten says can be unhealthy if an athlete is performing only for mom or dad. “Are you playing because your father is a fanatic with eighteen tapes on his lap?” she needs to know, or do you have your own passion for your sport?



Even when drawing from a pool of talent that includes all-conference and all-state teams, Olympic Development and premier leagues, and touring all-stars, it can be a mistake to recruit based solely on skill and academic qualifications. Mestieri, watching a lineman at the Massachusetts camp, said, “He’s a tough kid. He’s our kind of guy.” Or, as Holsten put it, “Heart is a huge factor. ... Is this a player who’s going to go through a brick wall for you? Is she going to do four years for you? Is that more important [than skill alone]? I think yes.”

She and other coaches say they want to cull their recruiting pool down to not only athletes whom coaches would like to bring to Mayflower Hill but to athletes who don’t want to go anywhere else.

Getting to that point requires coaches to sell not just their programs and the College, but to be able to distinguish Colby from its NESCAC peers. Mestieri, for one, says his program has its own defining characteristics just as the College does. He sells the quality of the faculty, the supportive community, and the beautiful campus. He looks for a commitment to football (Blue Team Pride, the team’s motto, reflects hard work and an unselfish team approach) but counsels potential recruits that academics is absolutely the first priority at Colby. “We tell a kid, ‘Pick a school where you would be happy if you weren’t playing football—if you got hurt,’” Mestieri said.

And pick they do—earlier than ever.

“They know that for student-athletes, early decision is the way to go,” Holsten said. This year she had a player write in June to say she would be applying early decision to Colby, the earliest that’s happened, Holsten said. Even those players who by summer have not yet made a decision about where they’ll apply make sure the coaches know Colby is on the list. “I have narrowed down my list to four schools,” one prep-school player wrote in an e-mail to Holsten this summer, with the early-decision deadline still months away, “and I’m very serious about Colby.” How serious is serious enough? For Mestieri, it’s more than just an athlete’s desire to go to Colby, Mid-

dlebury, or Williams. “So many kids are hung up on going to the NESCAC schools no matter which one it is,” he said. “We want kids who want to go *here*.”

Holsten looks for the same desire to go to Colby when she sits in her office with a potential recruit—an interview that, by design, leaves parents waiting in the hall. It’s not hard to pick out the player who can’t wait to put on a Colby jersey, she said. “You can see it the moment they come in the door.”

But before bringing them in the door, a considerable amount of work takes place. From April to February (yes, that’s 11 months of the year), football coaches are doing what Mestieri calls “banging the phones.” Meanwhile, Holsten is talking to coaches, fielding tips, sifting through the vast amount of information on hundreds of players.

Who is strongest academically? Will a player require support from athletics through the admissions process? If so, how much support will be necessary? What else will he or she contribute to the College?

And there are other questions. Does the player have that distinguishing spark that coaches look for? Will the player fit in well with the older players? Could the player become a team leader?

Back in Lexington, Mestieri still was in the early stages of this long but crucial process. He sought out players who already had contacted him at Colby. He threaded his way through the crowds, chatted with high school coaches, was buttonholed by others. “He’s had high honors, took a couple of AP courses,” said a prep school coach from Massachusetts, plugging one of his players. From another coach it was, “He’s not the most skilled kid I’ve ever had but he’s a hard worker. A great kid.”

And then sometimes it is a serendipitous moment, the play that catches a coach’s eye, that starts the long process that can determine where a player spends his college years. “That guy throws the ball nice,” Mestieri said, eyeing a quarterback, running a finger down his list. “Twenty-two in purple. I’ve got to find out who that guy is.”



“The overnight visits gave me such a good look at the kind of people who are there. Are these people you want to spend four years with? That’s really what set Colby apart.”

Kevin Bird '08, a defensive end on the football team, who enrolled at Colby after being recruited by several NESCAC schools.



Clockwise from top left, Katherine Koleski '08, Amanda Comeau '09, and Meghan Herlihy '08 take to the field in an early scrimmage; Football Coach Ed Mestieri leans over the line of scrimmage during a preseason practice; Women's Soccer Coach Jen Holsten '90 gives Comeau some tips; Mestieri and Assistant Coach Tom Dexter compare notes on high school players at the Colby-Bates-Bowdoin skills camp; tailback Chris Bashaw '08 of Rutland, Mass.





Reaching the World

Capital campaign kicks off with emphasis on ensuring Colby experience is accessible to all qualified students

BY STEPHEN COLLINS '74

Convinced of the intrinsic value of the Colby experience, determined to make the institution even better, and committed to expanding access to ever-stronger students regardless of their ability to pay, Colby will kick off Reaching the World: A Campaign for Colby this fall at events in Waterville, Boston, and New York City.

With fanfare.

The Board of Trustees, President William Adams, leaders among the faculty and administration, and a small cadre of loyal alumni and alumnae have been planning the capital campaign over the last several years and have reached the point where the campaign is ready to go public.

Major campaign kickoff events are scheduled at Colby on October 22, in Boston on January 20, and in New York on January 26. At those gala events, specific goals and milestones will be announced, along with progress made during the campaign's pre-kickoff "quiet phase."

The campaign seeks philanthropic support to enhance Colby's academic programs; to make sure the most capable students, regardless of their economic background or financial situation, can attend; to provide support for faculty and teaching; and to provide necessary facilities to keep Mayflower Hill on the list of America's greatest college campuses.

The bottom line is making sure that Colby has in place the resources it needs to develop leaders who will have a positive impact on the world, Adams said.



Reaching the World: A Campaign for Colby seeks to ensure that qualified students have access to the College. Above, students listen as Assistant Professor Otto Bretscher (mathematics) makes a point.

In an informal conversation Adams articulated three main goals for the campaign: “Access, excellence, and competitiveness.”

At the top of the list is ensuring that Colby remains a school of opportunity—one that can help any student who meets the admissions standards meet the cost of attending. “We need to strengthen our resources for need-based financial aid,” Adams said. “We need to up Colby’s commitment to equity and diversity.” Adams noted that the access and equity issue has become the subject of intense national discussion following release of a recent book, *Equity and Excellence in American Higher Education*, by William Bowen, president of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Addressing Colby’s commitment to excellence, Adams said that resources sought in this campaign will allow the College to sustain and expand its tradition of curricular innovation. While the faculty-student bond remains a hallmark of the Colby experience, Adams said, “Teaching and learning have changed, and the requirements for facilities have changed.” Student research offices and small-group work spaces are needed, reflecting Colby’s broad use of project-based learning and research across the disciplines.

Adams talked about the role of the endowment, which will grow by more than \$100 million as a result of the campaign. He said that changes in the world and changes in American higher education require that colleges like Colby “are continually raising funds for endowment and facilities.” Despite substantial gains in the size of

its endowment over the last decade, Colby was recently solicited to submit a grant proposal as an “under-endowed” institution because its endowment still lags behind many of its peers.

Michael Sinkus, president and CEO of the firm Marts & Lundy, an advisor to the campaign, said Colby’s initiative stands out among hundreds of campaigns underway at various colleges and universities because of how strongly rooted it is in the College’s strategic plan. “At Colby it’s not just, ‘give us money—we know what to do with it,’” Sinkus said. He characterized Colby’s fund-raising effort as an extension of the detailed plan for growth in programs, facilities, and the endowment adopted by the Board of Trustees in 2002.

Richard Ammons, vice president for college relations and Colby’s chief development officer, said that should be helpful in communicating the College’s mission and priorities to prospective donors, who are under pressure to support a widening range of philanthropic causes as more and more nonprofit organizations launch their own fund-raising campaigns. As alumni/ae and other friends of the College decide among competing requests for their support, they will have a pretty good idea of what they’re getting. Ammons imagines the key questions for donors will be: “What will it do for students?” “What will those students do for the world when they get out?” and “What can I do with my money that’s going to make the world better?”

While benefactors can address problems around AIDS or homelessness by supporting clinics and shelters, he said, support for Colby is a



The framework of the new Diamond Building, a major academic initiative that will offer new opportunities in social sciences and interdisciplinary studies. The Diamond Building is part of a dramatic expansion of facilities included in the Strategic Plan for Colby, launched in 2002.

more elemental approach—one that gets to the root of these and other social problems by developing scientists and economists and leaders who can have a broad impact on a wide range of social challenges.

Ammons noted that many alumni/ae will be involved in the campaign by way of their Annual Fund gifts, which count toward the campaign total. But he also acknowledged that the campaign is an opportunity to mobilize donors and to ramp up goals and participation rates and the size of gifts.

Lisa Tessler, director of donor relations and the person coordinating the upcoming kickoff events, said those events are geared toward communicating “how Colby is going to put the strategic plan into action.” She said the events need to convey both the enormous pride that alumni/ae have for the institution and a sense of the impressive directions in which the College is going.

Co-chairing the new campaign will be two members of the Board of Trustees, Larry Pugh ’56 and Bob Diamond ’73.

Pugh stresses the importance of building resources for scholarships and financial aid. He notes that despite generous contributions from alumni/ae and friends that have substantially increased the size of Colby’s endowment in recent years, “we’re still in the bottom third among the NESCAC schools.” Priorities for this campaign, he said, are, “to make Colby an even stronger educational institution for the 1,800 students who attend every year,” and “to keep us among the most highly ranked competition in the world of higher education.”

Diamond, president of Barclays PLC and CEO of Barclays Investment Banking and Investment Management, said he is co-chairing the campaign because, “I believe in what Colby stands for, and I believe in the value of a great liberal arts education.” Calling his service to the College “a labor of love,” Diamond said, “Our competitive position is very strong. This campaign is all about Colby seizing its place in the world.”

Nancy Greer Weiland ’65, a trustee who is vice chair of the campaign, said that meeting higher Annual Fund goals is critical to the overall success of the campaign. Individual Annual Fund gifts are important to Colby’s reputation, she said, because “they are used as an index of how attached and loyal alumni are to the College.” For that reason it is important for this campaign to re-engage non-givers and people who have contributed only sporadically. “Colby needs them,” she said.

The theme of “community,” reflecting both the active community life that endures on Mayflower Hill as well as the strong spirit of affiliation that alumni/ae feel for Colby, will play an important role in the kickoff events. And throughout the upcoming campaign, those communities are expected to energize one another: alumni/ae should be inspired by the remarkable students and programs of Colby in the 21st century, and Colby students and faculty of today will be buoyed by the support from generations of students who went before, Ammons said.

Bullish on Colby

Joe Boulos succeeds Jim Crawford as Board of Trustees chair; sustains initiatives and momentum

STEPHEN COLLINS '74 STORY

FRED FIELD PHOTOS

Joe Boulos '68, the new chair of Colby's Board of Trustees, comes to the job with a deep love and enthusiasm for the College, astute entrepreneurial instincts, and an emerging profile as one of Maine's important movers and shakers.

Boulos broke out in the state's spotlight last winter in two major stories—his proposal to build a \$250-million civic and convention center in Portland and a scholarship fund and an event he organized to honor service men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was described at the time as a well-connected but low-profile-by-choice Portland real estate developer who had remained under the radar while making a profound mark on southern Maine and Portland in particular.

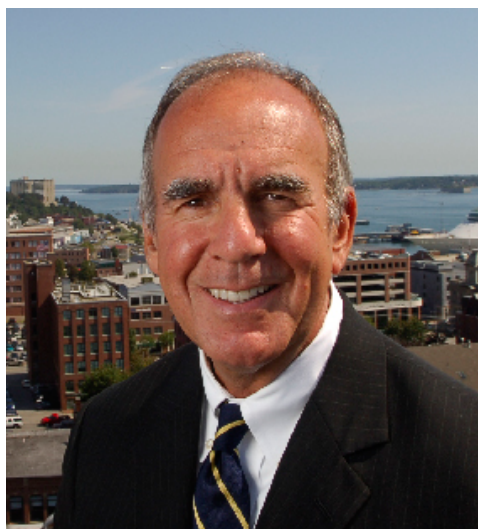
He takes on leadership of Colby's governing body when the College is in the midst of executing a comprehensive plan for the decade and just as it launches the public phase of its most ambitious capital campaign ever. Bullish about Colby's recent accomplishments and its prospects for the future, Boulos has emerged as a leader among trustees who are eager for the College to receive recognition as a world-class institution. And he won't be one to let Colby rest on its laurels.

"I'm very direct. I'm very goal-oriented and results-oriented," Boulos said during an interview in his office, which overlooks the booming Old Port area around Portland's waterfront. "It may be the result of growing up with six kids," he said, referring to his childhood in Portland and South Portland with five siblings.

Boulos points to the ways his experiences as a pilot for the U.S. Marine Corps right after he graduated from Colby shaped his personality and leadership style. Two years in the Vietnam War and experiences afterward as a commercial helicopter pilot in Laos, the Congo, and South America, he says, left him anything but risk-averse. "I think that a military experience, or someplace that you've been tested and you make it through, instills a lot of confidence. You think, 'What's the worst thing that can happen? The business doesn't make it? So what?' I don't think I'm afraid of trying something new."

That attitude has put him at the head of one of Maine's largest commercial real estate groups, with 65 employees in companies that cover commercial brokerage, commercial asset management, real estate development, and real estate security services.

So why does one of the busiest and most successful entrepreneurs in the state make room to chair Colby's Board of Trustees? "I've always thought that a good trustee has to have, number one, a great love for the college and have the college's interests first. One thing I've found



Joe Boulos '68 pledges to move the College forward as it implements its strategic plan.

about our board is it's the antithesis of being political," he said. "If you put your own interest aside, and the credit for all of this, there's not much you can't accomplish."

As board chair he sees his role as "an advocate for the College and an advocate for its leadership and Bro Adams." And, like his predecessor, he's conscious of where that role ends. "The board has great ideas and great vision, but when a board steps in and tries to run a college, something has gone amok. That's not our role," Boulos said.

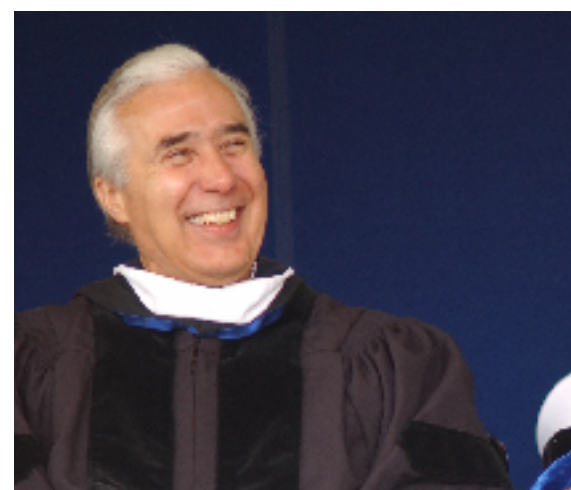
Governing the College requires some tough choices, but Boulos is ready to confront them with hard business sense. "Let's talk about what has to be done and what's it going to cost. There are trade-offs. You can't do everything," he said. "There are certainly challenges, but this Board of Trustees has an immense amount of talent on it and we'll solve those problems."

His aspirations, right in line with Colby's strategic plan, are to see the College ever-stronger. "We have had a terrific start," he said of progress made on the strategic plan under Jim Crawford's leadership. "But you always want to measure yourself, and you never want to look back. You always want to look forward... I'd rather set much more ambitious goals than timid goals."

Jim Crawford's Legacy

The end of the 2004-05 school year brought with it the end of Jim Crawford '64's six-year term as chair of Colby's Board of Trustees. But even as Crawford handed off that leadership role to Joe Boulos '68, his vision was fixed on the future.

"Things are on the drawing board," he said, characterizing his years at the helm of the College governing body as a time of transition and table-setting. "A lot of it now is execution," he concluded, with a nod toward Boulos, seated alongside him in the latter's Portland office. But, in keeping with Crawford's self-effacing character, that summary



overlooked dramatic developments brought to conclusion under his own leadership.

Crawford, who took over as chair of the board in 1999, headed the search committee that brought President William “Bro” Adams to Colby in 2000. He also led the board during the development of a long-range strategic plan that mapped out a decade of ambitious growth in Colby’s programs, facilities, and endowment. And, before he and his wife, Linda Johnson Crawford ’64, were recognized for service to Colby with honorary doctoral degrees presented in May, Crawford saw many of the initiatives in the long-range plan put into action, some ahead of schedule.

Crawford’s leadership was marked by openness, cooperation, and consensus, Boulos said. But the ever-gracious, southern-gentleman demeanor on the part of the Richmond, Virginia, coal-company executive may have partially concealed the strength of Crawford’s leadership. “Quite frankly, some trustees had to be sold on spending the money for the plan that Bro conceived,” Boulos said. “I think through [Crawford’s] leadership and his ability to demonstrate the benefits of a long-range plan, the trustees unanimously bought into it, and you’re seeing the results now. And those results are hard to argue with.”

The Colby Green, for example—the most ambitious campus expansion since the move from downtown Waterville to Mayflower Hill more than a half-century ago. And the Schair-Swenson-Watson Alumni Center, which opened in July. The state-of-the-art synthetic turf Bill Alford Field, completed well ahead of the plan’s schedule. The creation of a neuroscience program, and the rapid ascendance of the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement, which Crawford and Boulos agree strategically distinguishes Colby from its peers by combining some of the College’s strongest academic and outreach programs in an effective pedagogical and service-oriented organization.

Crawford said maintaining and building the board’s relationship with the faculty was a priority for him during his term as chair, and one program he initiated was to include a faculty presentation at almost every trustee meeting.

A hallmark of Colby, and one of the keys to its extraordinary success over the years, Crawford said, is the spirit of cooperation among trustees, faculty members, and the administration. “We, as board members, look upon our role as oversight and as providing the leadership and vision to support the College,” he said. “We’re not in here to try to run the College day-to-day. We’re

not in here to try and do anything that promotes our own self-interest. It’s really ‘what can the board do to strengthen and support ... Bro’s position and also the faculty’s position.’”

Perhaps Crawford’s proudest accomplishment was lining up the current generation of administrative leadership—the hiring of Adams in 2000. “We were looking for someone who was not going to be a radical change from what Colby had. We were looking for someone who had good communication skills and

Jim Crawford ’64, left, former chair of the Board of Trustees, with President William D. Adams at commencement.



was a consensus builder and was a leader who recognized the strengths of Colby,” he said. The most inclusive process used in any college-president search in the nation, involving literally scores of people in the selection, netted three “excellent finalists,” Crawford said, noting that the other two went on to become the current presidents at Bates and Middlebury.

Boulos praised Crawford for the “unbelievable momentum” he established, and pledged to sustain and build upon it. “People—faculty, students, trustees—they feel good about the College, and justifiably,” Boulos said. “We should keep that going.”

Joseph F. Boulos

Education

Colby, Class of 1968, B.A. in administrative science

Career

Chair and CEO, CB Richard Ellis/The Boulos Company (commercial brokerage, commercial asset management, real estate development, real estate security)

1975, founded The Boulos Company

1973-75, commercial pilot in Southeast Asia, Africa, South America

1968-73, U.S. Marine Corps pilot in Vietnam

Service

Trustee, Colby, 1993-present

Trustee, Portland Museum of Art

Advisory board member, Federal Reserve

Trustee, Maine Bank & Trust

Chair, Compact for Higher Education

Founding director, The Maine Alliance

Founding director, Maine Real Estate Developers Association

Awards

2003, Colby College Distinguished Alumnus Award

1997, Maine Business Hall of Fame inductee

1992, Developer of the Year, Maine Real Estate Developers Assn.

1988, Developer of the Year, Finance Authority of Maine

Married: Sheri Boulos

James B. Crawford

Education

Colby, Class of 1964, B.A. in economics

Attended NYU Graduate School of Business

Colby, 2005, Honorary Doctor of Laws degree

Service

Chair, Colby Board of Trustees, 1999-2005

Chair, Boys & Girls Club Foundation, Richmond, Va., 2003-present

Senior Warden, St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, 2003-present

Member, Colby Board of Trustees, 1990-present

Career

Consultant, Evan Energy Company, Richmond, Va., present

Chairman and CEO of James River Coal Co., 1988-2003

President and CEO of Transco Coal Co., 1982-1988

Married: Linda Johnson Crawford ’64



On Postings and Other, Sometimes Uncivil, Discourse

William D. Adams, President

At the beginning of every school year, Colby's first-year class assembles in Lorimer Chapel to hear a few words from the president. It is the first of only two times that the class gathers in this way; the other is for the Baccalaureate service at the end of their time on Mayflower Hill. I write a new speech each year, but whatever else changes in the annual message, one theme has emerged as a must: civility. Not table-manners civility or the simple avoidance of conflict, but a civility of conduct and discourse that requires us to listen to others with open minds, to be willing to learn and to grow, and, when we disagree, to do so respectfully. I consider this brand of civility to exist at the core of an academic community. And I talk about it every year because it is so often discouragingly absent, here on Mayflower Hill, on other college campuses, and in our society at large.

The Digest of Civil Discourse, a 2002 initiative of the Student Government Association, is an electronic bulletin board to which all Colby students have access. It was created, as the name implies, as a place where students could conduct civil discussions about a variety of issues. While most entries are fine, the digest at times can be a Wild West of ad hominem attacks, obscenity, name-calling, smugness, and intolerance ... in short, a digest of very uncivil discourse.

Why? I have my theories.

We are in the midst of an effort to increase diversity at Colby. Although we have a long way to go to become a fully diverse, inclusive, and welcoming campus, our efforts are steady and obvious—and they are generating discomfort. This discomfort is a stage that has to be faced—even embraced—for us to make progress. But many have reacted by pushing back. Some majority members seem to be saying, “If you want more people who are unlike me to be represented in our community, that must mean that you think there is something wrong with me, my background, my culture, my values.” Some members of minority groups come into the community and see the majority as hostile and threatening to their ways of life and their values, and so they too push back. Much heat is generated in this atmosphere, but little light.

Also, I believe that e-mail, instant messaging, electronic forums and the like have made it easier for us to forget that real people, with real feelings, exist on the receiving end of our messages. A case in point happened last spring, when a small group of students posted, to a non-Colby site, what they

later termed a satire exposing the hollowness of reactions to the genocide in Darfur, Sudan. Another Colby student excoriated this posting on the same site, and the vitriol soon spilled over into the Digest of Civil Discourse.

There were many good and helpful responses to this controversy. What surprised and dismayed me, however, was that some of the students involved apparently felt free not just to disagree with the views of others but to attack those others personally.

Given that Colby's educational precepts include our hope that students will learn “how each individual can confront intolerance” and “to understand and reflect searchingly upon one's own values and the values of others,” I might be forgiven some concern when I reflect on how we seem to be doing in these areas. And I sometimes wonder if it is fair of me to ask Colby students to maintain a higher level of discourse than that we see every day in the shrieking cable-news arena, on blogs, and even in Congress.

But fair or not, I do expect and hope for more from Colby students. After all, their ability to communicate with and relate to other people despite intellectual and cultural differences will be critical to their future success. That is why, when the topic of pulling the plug on the Digest of Civil Discourse arises (as it does once or twice a year), I have so far resisted. It is not entirely up to me, of course—I would want a full airing of the matter among students before considering such a measure seriously. And the idea is at times tempting, I admit. But the mission of a liberal arts college is to encourage, not stifle, the free expression of ideas. So, unless the digest takes turns that I cannot envision, I will not be the one to kill it.

What I will do, in my talk to the Class of 2009 and among faculty and staff and all students, is continue to urge us toward a standard of discourse and behavior that makes all of us proud to be members of this community. I will continue to involve myself where possible in efforts to invite to campus speakers and other programs that examine a range of political and social opinion. I will ask my fellow faculty members and administrators to model vigorous civil discourse in the midst of intellectual tension.

Controversy and debate have honored places on our campus and in the wider Colby community that includes alumni/ae and others. My hope is that we can honor ourselves with conduct that rises well above the standard we now see all around us.

FROM THE HILL



TORTURE CHRONICLES

OAK HUMAN RIGHTS FELLOW DR. FRANCES LOVEMORE DOCUMENTS VIOLENCE AND TORTURE IN ZIMBABWE

ALISON JONES WEBB '81 STORY

FRED FIELD PHOTO

In Zimbabwe, political upheaval and violence have become a way of life. But recent forced evictions of some 700,000 political opponents of the country's dominant political party by the military and allied militias amazed even the country's most conflict-hardened residents, including Dr. Frances Lovemore, Colby's 2005 Oak Human Rights Fellow.

The one-semester fellowship was established by a 1998 grant to Colby from the Oak Foundation to allow a frontline human rights practitioner to take a sabbatical for research, writing, and teaching as a scholar-in-residence at Colby.

Lovemore's report from the front lines centered on a government policy that has shaken her country. The destruction of homes and property of urban Zimbabweans in recent months has forced destitute throngs to wander the already-impoverished countryside. "There's just a complete shock in Zimbabwe," Lovemore said from Harare. "People didn't believe the government would go this far. The victims are in a state of complete shock. ... They've basically lost everything."

Because of the large numbers of displaced people, the appalling famine conditions, and the high rate of HIV/AIDS infection and lack of medical care in the rural areas, a new question is starting to surface, Lovemore said. "Is this a planned genocide? Are we looking at a completely different situation than what we were thinking about two years ago, when we thought that we would be able to force a political crisis and have a transitional system where we could advocate for truth and justice?"

Lovemore has reason to ask—and to be worried. For the past five years, she has been treating victims of organized violence and torture and documenting their injuries. The torture methods she describes include beatings, branding and cutting, electrocution, partial drowning, rape and sexual torture. "It would appear that there has been a deliberate decision [by the government] to use torture rather than killing or disappearances ... as it is as effective a method of terror as killing and has the advantage of being harder to detect. It also creates less alarm in the international community."

Lovemore spent her childhood and teenage years in what she describes as "a country of conflict ... which affected everybody in the country, whatever color they were." Lovemore speaks of

coming of age in the 1970s in Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia), when the country's black African majority began to challenge white minority rule. The struggle for independence was violent, with atrocities committed by both sides. "For me," Lovemore said, "it was fairly traumatic, being part of a [white] community that thought they were right."

Lovemore received her nursing degree from the University of Capetown in 1982, where she experienced firsthand the effects that South Africa's apartheid system had on patients. "Being a white, I wasn't allowed to work in the black part of the hospital. ... That really started to develop my interest in human rights." She continued her education in Zimbabwe and became a medical doctor in 1989.

It wasn't until the mid 1980s that Lovemore and her colleagues began to learn the extent of the atrocities perpetrated by both whites and blacks in the struggle for independence. "A lot of my friends had been involved in the war, on both sides, and I felt the impact of them having never been debriefed or reintegrated back into society. I began to question the impact of that on people's future lives." At the same time, Lovemore and others began to see evidence of torture in the patients they treated. Under an elected, black Zimbabwean government in place since independence in 1980, violence continued.

Lovemore now works as the medical director of Amani Trust, which was formed in 1993 to provide community-based care to survivors of organized violence and torture. The trust was founded, in part, with a grant from the Oak Zimbabwe Foundation.

Amani Trust trains doctors in internationally established guidelines for the medical treatment of torture survivors. These guidelines call for more than just medical treatment—doctors also refer patients to counseling and support and to legal assistance. Doctors are also trained to document injuries and complications.

The organization has developed a network of counselors and medical practitioners—and survivors.

Redress and reparations for victims, perpetrator accountability, and public acknowledgment of atrocities are important to the healing process that Lovemore hopes eventually will occur. "In Zimbabwe now, we're beginning to see

the effects of never having a truth and justice commission, post-1980, to create accountability for the atrocities. ... The victims themselves were also the perpetrators on both sides ... [who] never had any opportunity to obtain redress or be held accountable for what they had done."

In the hope that a truth and justice commission eventually will be established in Zimbabwe, Amani Trust works to stay "ahead of the curve," as Lovemore describes it, in documenting torture while it's happening and alerting local, regional, and international organizations. "We've had the advantage of seeing other people's experiences, at seeing what is required for documentation." Lovemore cites work done since the 1970s, including in South Africa, where the Truth and Reconciliation Commission publicly acknowledged the victims and exposed the perpetrators of human rights abuses during apartheid. In Zimbabwe's case, it is a goal to have documentation that leaves no question about the responsibility for atrocities. "Our dream is that we will have absolutely everything ready when we come to some transitional process where we really don't want the issue of an amnesty to occur, where the perpetrators get amnesty as a bargaining tool."

Lovemore arrived in Waterville in late August with her husband and three children. The Goldfarb Center, which oversees the Oak Fellows program, will be host to a human-rights conference in November, along with other events. While at Colby, Lovemore is "really looking forward to some academic interaction with like-minded people and some intellectual input. If I look back at my last five years, it's always been emergency to emergency and meeting another crisis. ... We've got a lot of half-finished bits and pieces of research that I would like to finish off."

Ideally Lovemore would like to write an overview of what has happened in Zimbabwe, how Amani Trust has been able to document torture activities, and tie that to what is being done internationally. But Lovemore says she isn't interested in personal recognition for the work she will be able to accomplish while at Colby. It's the effort of everyone at Amani Trust that produces results. "I've got the most wonderful staff. They're really brave. ... I kind of wish that it was the whole office that was able to do this."

Q&A

PROFESSOR CATHERINE BEVIER ON SUNFISH, FROGS, AND A BIOLOGIST'S NEED TO KEEP ASKING QUESTIONS

NEHA SUD '05 INTERVIEW

FRED FIELD PHOTO

Last year while strolling around Johnson Pond, Catherine Bevier, Clare Booth Luce Assistant Professor of Biology, stumbled upon something she hadn't noticed before—dozens of sunfish nests in the shallows. She spent this summer in Waterville, studying the reproductive behaviors of the fish and the mating habits of mink frogs. Bevier (pronounced beh-VEER) spoke with Colby about her research.

You really just discovered these sunfish last year?

Yes, last summer we were out taking a hike and I looked at the pond and noticed these nests. I hadn't noticed them before because they're very seasonal. I always get curious when I see nesting behavior, especially if it's a system that's easy to study. So I thought, "Wow, what a nice place to do a study. Right on campus."

Have you studied sunfish before?

No, until now I had only caught them as a kid, off the end of a dock in New York. In my animal behavior class though, we've talked quite a bit about blue-gilled sunfish. They've been very well studied in terms of different male reproductive strategies.

Why are you studying these fish? Solely for observation's sake or do you hope to predict anything?

We're generating some hypotheses, especially about territoriality and mating strategies. All the nests are built and maintained by males, but there are also other strategies that males take on to make themselves more attractive to females. For instance, you have the sneaker males. They don't hold territory, but if they see a female and a male spawning in a nest, they'll try to get their sperm to fertilize some of the eggs. So even though they're not putting any energy into maintaining a territory, they can still continue their genetic line.

So the sneaker male is one of the hypotheses you're testing?

Well, we're trying to see if this behavior does occur, and we're also observing other characteristics of nests. My research assistants, Spencer Koury ['06] and Daniel Breen ['06], noticed that the nests toward shore are smaller than those away from shore. Maybe more subordinate and less desirable males have larger nests, hoping that the large nest will make them attractive to females. This summer we'll be measuring the nest size, and we also have a light meter to see how much sunlight is getting into the nest.

Why is sunlight so important to these fish?

Sunfish are prone to putting on displays when the sun is out. Also, they have beautiful iridescence, which is both attractive to females and a factor of competition to other males.

Have any of your hypotheses proved true?

Yes, I was hoping that we'd see some sneaker male behavior, and we've noticed that. There are definite differences between nest sites. We've got about thirty sites identified, and we're doing focal studies. In fact, what I'd like to test further is a hypothesis in sexual selection theory. It's said that males with a better immune system are more attractive to females. A better immune system may be reflected in their body size and body coloration, like has been shown in turkeys and peacocks. Brighter males have a better immune system and are more successful with females.

How do you plan to go about testing the immune system hypothesis?

I've been talking to Lynn Hannum, the immunologist in the biology department, about collaborating to see if the brighter males have a better immune system and eventually getting some of the behavioral data to show that those are indeed the males being chosen by females.

Is there always a fear that your hypothesis won't prove true?

Yeah and that's fine. If you can't find support for a hypothesis then you go on to the next one. Every study is going to lead to three, four, five new questions, and that's just great. It's exciting.

What about the frogs you're studying? Any particular area of interest there?

Yes, this is my sixth season working with mink frogs over at a bog in Mercer. It's a species that's not very well known. In the past I've published on their vocal repertoire—the types of calls that they produce. This summer I'm continuing an experiment to see how males and females react to the different kinds of calls being produced, so I'm doing some choice tests.

Have you faced any difficulties while conducting this research?

Yes, my field site for the mink frogs totally changed this summer. It's a series of three ponds intersected with beaver dams, and two of the beaver dams breached, draining two of the ponds. So I was left with only one pond. There were five different species of amphibians trying to breed in there, competing for space. It really didn't look possible to continue the kind of work that I was doing last summer.



That kind of setback must have been disappointing.

Yeah, but where there's a will, there's a way. Just up the road there was another site. Thankfully I had some pretty good contacts around the state that helped me find feasible places to conduct my experiments.

Will you eventually publish or present all your research?

Both. Usually when I start a new project I spend one season getting a feel for the animal—how we can study it, if we can mark them individually, and then really defining the hypotheses we want to test. The next season we usually get into the nitty gritty of gathering data.

Does your research usually involve a lot of students?

At any given time I have between two and four students working with me. I've often also had students come back and continue past research.

So, it's relatively easy to find students interested in your work?

Absolutely. I usually have a full lab by February. Students seek out these kinds of jobs. I think it's a great opportunity for those potentially interested in research to see if they like it. Especially if the students are interested in professional fieldwork—this gives them a chance to see whether or not they can sustain their enthusiasm. And they're such a great help to me. I couldn't do it without them.

Sad Sacks, Big Hearts

In Stephanie Doyon's new novel, greatness wears a shabby cloak

ROBERT GILLESPIE REVIEW

FRED FIELD PHOTO

At age 10, Robert J. Cutler already stands out in Cedar Hole, a sad-sack little burg drenched by constant rain and parched by job drought, a place where the railroad called it quits and the only thing growing is grass. Robert is a courteous, ambitious boy admired by adults for his optimism about the town's future—which makes him the perfect antagonist to his classmate Francis Pinkham, a kid pummeled by nine wacko older sisters and shunted to bed in a pantry smelling of vinegar and the potato sack that earns him his nickname, Spud.

If everybody in Cedar Hole were like Delia Pratt, the children's teacher, nobody in town would have a prayer. In Delia's eyes, all the kids except Robert appear absent, in a stupor, miserable, bumbling, slogging. Was Charles Dickens ever so hard on his characters in a first chapter as Stephanie Doyon '93 is on hers?

Some chapters chronicle the growing-up and initiation into life of two boys who couldn't be more dissimilar; many episodes involve hapless adults like Delia, whose couplings with the local police officer are held at the town dump. Francis's sisters pop in and out like monsters in a house of horrors. At one point they cow him into playing "Pinkham Baseball," the antithesis of Tom Sawyer conning a bunch of boys into whitewashing Aunt Polly's fence. It's a shameful chapter in Francis's life when he joins his sisters' night of revenge on an unfair world. The novel covers some 25 years and the family, class, and social relationships of a score of townsfolk facing their own growing pains—or the lack of them.

Feckless fathers and washout mothers, small infidelities and large jealousies, the consequences of a high school pregnancy, childhood friends, mentors, and mainstays drifting apart: Cedar Hole is a lifelong obstacle course, so any accomplishment is treasured. The first time young Francis takes the controls of Mr. Mullen's Toro lawnmower, "the exhilarating strangeness of vibration buzzing right down to his marrow . . . he felt visible. Justified." According to sweet old Mr. Mullen, he might become "the greatest lawn mower in all of Cedar Hole."

Robert and Francis go head to head at the Lawn Rodeo, the town's major summer bash featuring three cornball events that require speed and skill with a lawnmower. But even the merriest moments in Cedar Hole hit the



funny bone. When a mishap falls one of the five finalists in a preliminary heat, the judge calmly raises three fingers and announces, "one of our contestants has lost three toes," adding that if five volunteers would help search for them in the high grass "it would be greatly appreciated."

Not every eccentricity in Cedar Hole is sported with in this exuberant, darkly comic novel, Doyon's first after her career as a ghost-writer of books for teenagers. The girl Francis marries carefully slices into envelopes that contain checks coming in from their fledgling business, as if tearing them open would rip the couple's hopes for a more prosperous life. One poignant detail says worlds.

The Greatest Man in Cedar Hole lines up behind *Winesburg, Ohio* and *Main Street*, classics that portray small-town America as stunted and joyless, but Twain-like horseplay is here, too. So are the stories of commonplace life that flowered in 19th-century local color and realistic fiction, like *The Rise of Silas Lapham*, William Dean Howells's novel about the rags-to-riches Vermont paint merchant who has the conscience to admit to shabby practices. The small town has gotten a fresh face in contemporary fiction by, among others, Pulitzer Prize-winner Richard Russo, Doyon's creative writing

teacher at the College. A Maine native, Doyon nails Cedar Hole's state of mind but avoids locating it geographically.

Since nobody in the town is going to make any Who's Who, the story nudges the reader to think about a couple of heavyweight questions: what constitutes "greatness," and who is "the greatest man in Cedar Hole"?

Among others, there's Robert, who passes along his faith in the town even when choices are limited in large part by the givens of parents, economic class, and work opportunities. His daughter, learning to blow soap bubbles, sees "a world of translucent wonder, shimmering and expanding in a fluid whirl." Hope for better days being as easily shattered as those bubbles, Robert the optimist might take the greatest-man title.

And there's Francis Pinkham, the kid whose sisters' brutishness causes him to ink his name on his girlfriend's palm because he always puts SPUD on his belongings to keep them from being stolen. Isn't making right choices—choices that transform a boy with three strikes on him into a hard-working husband and father such as any decent man might hope to be—pretty great?

Fiction this wise, funny, and true shows us how we might live our lives.

RECENT RELEASES

Stuffed to the Gills

Linda Greenlaw '83 and Martha Greenlaw
Hyperion (2005)

Bestselling author and fisherman Greenlaw joins with her mother to reveal what Maine fishing families eat onshore. Along with anecdotes about island life, the first and only woman swordfish boat captain shares some 75 recipes, including Penobscot Bay Clam Dip and Point Lookout Lobster Salad.

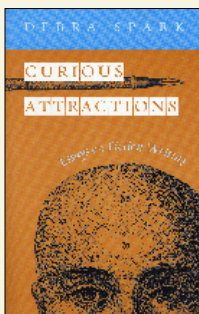
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Véronique Plesch (art), co-editor and contributor
Rachel Tobie '04, designer
Rodopi (2005)

Based on papers presented at the conference of the International Association of Word and Image Studies (IAWIS/AERTI) held in 2002 in Hamburg, the 22 essays in this volume cover an array of intermedial relations and a great variety of media, from medieval architecture to interactive digital art. The contributions come from scholars from Europe, the United States, and South America.

Curious Attractions: Essays on Fiction Writing

Debra Spark (English)
University of Michigan Press (2005)



When she was only 23, Debra Spark edited the bestselling anthology *20 Under 30*, which introduced readers to some of today's best writers. Almost 20 years later, Spark brings this same keen, critical eye to *Curious Attractions*, discussing a broad range of authors from multiple genres and generations. A collection of essays in the belles-lettres tradition, *Curious Attractions* offers lively and instructive discussions of craft flavored with autobiographical reflections and commentary on world events.

Valenciennes, Daubigny, and the Origins of French Landscape Painting **Michael Marlais (art), John Varriano, and Wendy M. Watson** **Penn State University Press (2005)**

A volume that traces the history of French painters' engagement with nature from the late Renaissance, when landscape painting first emerged from the background of narrative representation, up to the eve of 19th century Impressionism. Marlais's essay explains the reasons artists began questioning, while not rejecting, classical formulas.

It's Always a Good Day for Crabbing

Karin Whiting Burgess '83
Flat Hammock Press (2005)

Burgess's first children's book, inspired by her observations of children (including her own) catching and releasing crabs on the Connecticut shore. The story of one young crabber's adventure is told in rhyme and geared to children 2 to 5. Illustrations are by Deborah McLaren.

The Hickory Staff: Book 1 of the Eldarn Sequence

Robert Scott '90 and Jay Gordon
Victor Gollancz and Orion Publishing Group (2005)

This first novel follows the adventures of assistant bank manager Steven Taylor, who finds a 135-year-old safe deposit box in his Colorado bank. Taylor opens the box and enters a portal to the mysterious world of Eldarn, a magical place ruled by an oppressive dictator.

Upcoming

Garry Mitchell (art)
ICON Contemporary Art, Brunswick, Maine
(Sept. 24-Oct. 22, 2005)

This one-man show features 15 of abstract painter Garry Mitchell's most recent efforts. The canvases seem full of shapes edging into figures, becoming pieces of letters, parts of the underwater world, or even an aspect of memory, elusive but still there. Mitchell's paintings are about atmosphere and space, rich hues and surfaces that "tell the story" (as Mitchell explains) of their own making.

From Nick Jans, a "Grizzly Maze" Indeed

Timothy Treadwell and his girlfriend, Amie Huguenard, were killed and eaten by a grizzly bear or bears on October 5, 2003, in Alaska's Katmai National Park. Huguenard and Treadwell, a self-proclaimed bear protector, were camped in what he called the Grizzly Maze, an area criss-crossed by the animals' trails. Experts in bear behavior call Treadwell's close encounters with the grizzlies suicidal. His supporters call Treadwell, the subject of the Werner Herzog documentary *Grizzly Man*, a "bear whisperer."

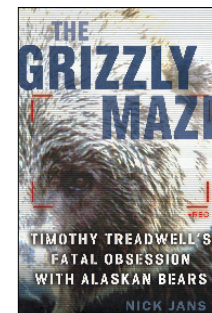
Nick Jans '77, a 25-year Alaska hand, erstwhile bear hunter, and author of three previous books, interviewed Treadwell's friends and critics for his newest book, *The Grizzly Maze*. He tracked the trail of this charismatic "saint, sinner, wise man, fool" who lived among the Katmai grizzlies for 13 summers, gave them cuddly names like Mr. Chocolate, and imitated their behavior to close the gap between human and animal.

Scientists scorn Treadwell's procedures, which resulted in the deaths of two people and two bears. Treadwell defenders cite his organization, Grizzly People, his appearances as a pitchman for bears in films and on television, and his many visits to elementary schools to educate kids about his beloved grizzlies.

Bears play a large part in myth and popular culture—Pooh, Yogi, Smokey, Teddy, and Goldilocks's threesome among them. Jans looks beyond Treadwell's life and death to his own lifelong fascination with bears, which parallels Treadwell's spiritual kinship with the grizzlies. The mysterious power of these creatures eventually led Jans to hunt them with a camera.

One interviewee suggests that the grizzly that killed Treadwell saw him as "just another bear." Treadwell is an object lesson in commitment to a cause, Jans says in this even-handed account of the man who lived among bears to become like them. Treadwell's story offers hope that protection will expand the habitat for the magnificent animals he loved.

The Grizzly Maze is reminiscent of Jon Krakauer's nonfiction stories about wilderness adventures and misadventures—a well-paced and compelling tale. Even though readers know it will end with a train wreck, it's hard to stop watching. —Robert Gillespie



A Tale of Vichy France

Jonathan Weiss plumbs the life of the enigmatic Irène Némirovsky

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Professor Jonathan Weiss, an expert in contemporary French history, has written a timely biography of French novelist Irène Némirovsky who died in Auschwitz. A Jew, Némirovsky aligned herself with right-wing elements but was turned over to the Nazis nonetheless.

A few miles up the road from the Sorbonne University, deep in the heart of Paris's Latin quarter, is a magnificent 18th-century basilica, the Panthéon. The former cathedral's side façade is engraved with names—a memorial to those who died for France during war. Among these names is Irène Némirovsky, an enigmatic author to whom Professor Jonathan Weiss has devoted the past nine years of his life.

Originally intending to write a five-volume epic, Némirovsky only completed the first two installments of her novel, *Suite Française*, before she was arrested by French officers and deported to Auschwitz in July of 1942. She died there a month later. Released for publication by her daughter in 2004, *Suite Française*, a fictional account of German occupation, has already sold more than 150,000 copies in France and publication rights have been sold for at least 18 countries.

Némirovsky was posthumously awarded the prestigious literary prize, the Prix Renaudot 2004, making her the most celebrated author in France at this time. "Yet, it was France that killed her," acknowledged Weiss, author of a 219-page biography of Némirovsky published this summer. "Irène didn't want to die for France; she wanted to live and write. She deserved a prize, but when she was alive."

An expert in contemporary French history, Weiss, the NEH/Class of 1940 Distinguished Professor of Humanities, became interested in Némirovsky when he read her critically acclaimed novel, *David Golder*, published in 1929. The daughter of a wealthy Russian-Jewish banker, Némirovsky fled to France during the Bolshevik Revolution. Educated at French-speaking schools, she effortlessly settled into her new homeland. In 1926 she married Michel Epstein, an émigré Russian banker, with whom she had two daughters, Denise and Elisabeth. She wrote in the 1930s and even as late as 1940 for right-wing journals, and years

earlier had taken the plunge into fiction with *David Golder*, the story of a ruthless, ill-fated Jewish businessman.

"[In the novel,] Irène associated Judaism with materialism. She was more attracted to a selfless, family-oriented life of Christian ideals," Weiss said. In 1939, Némirovsky converted to Roman Catholicism. To the collaborationist French government though, she remained a Jew. By 1941 Michel Epstein was barred from working for his bank, and Irène, once the darling of French literary society, was ostracized. The Epsteins fled to Issy-l'Évêque, a small village in Burgundy. There Némirovsky started writing *Suite Française* and desperately struggled to save her family from persecution.

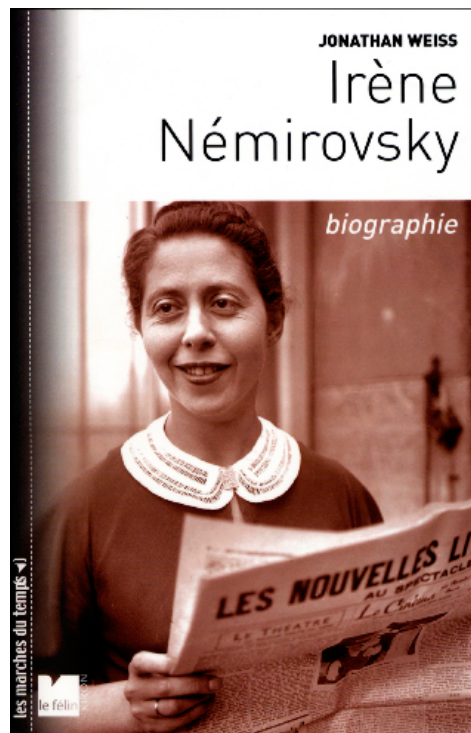
"She thought that her friends on the extreme right would help her get through this," Weiss explained. Némirovsky wrote directly to Marshal Pétain, head of the Vichy government. Her letters argued that despite being Jewish by birth, she herself disliked the Jews, hence should be given special status. Weiss finds this conflict of identity most intriguing. "After reading *David Golder*, I went to talk to Irène's daughters about the ambiguity of her identity," he said. "That's where my fascination with her began."

Weiss spent the next five years trying to understand the mystifying Némirovsky. He shuttled between Maine and France to study Némirovsky's manuscripts, examine periodicals from the era, and interview her acquaintances. His research was both emotionally and academically difficult.

"As a professor at a small liberal arts college, students are your first priority. If a student calls and says, 'Can we meet tomorrow?' you can't say, 'I'm sorry, tomorrow's my writing day,'" he said.

In 2000-01 Weiss spent a year-long sabbatical in France, focusing solely on finishing his book. When he visited Issy-l'Évêque, Weiss noticed that there was no visible trace of Némirovsky having lived there—no plaque on her house, no street named for her. "There was a certain amount of shame involved," he said. "Here was an extremely well-known author. She got arrested by local village police, and no one did anything to protect her."

Then he was faced with hoax calls from people pretending to know Némirovsky. "As a biographer," Weiss said, "you have to be judicious. When you can't verify what someone's telling you, then you are lost."



He resolved the gap between speculation and fact by focusing on concrete evidence. "When you look at this period in black and white terms, it doesn't make sense," he said. "The collaborators weren't all demons and the resistance weren't all angels. Some collaborators actually saved Jews, but little has been documented." He cited the example of Carbuccia, the notoriously anti-Semitic editor of the right-wing journal *Gringoire*. Carbuccia secretly sent Némirovsky money and continued to publish her work, even after she was shunned by society. Weiss concluded, "The ambiguity of the period doesn't allow assumptions about intentions or beliefs. You can only go by actions."

In 2001, when Weiss finally finished his manuscript and sent it to publishers, he was

bitterly disappointed. French publishers rejected his manuscript, saying that Némirovsky was too unknown, and that his book would not sell.

His fate changed in April 2004 when Denise Epstein released her mother's manuscript. Since Weiss's book was the only biography of Némirovsky, publishers fought to get the rights. In North America the biography will be translated by Weiss's wife, Dace (assistant professor of French, emerita), and published by Stanford University Press in 2006. In France the biography was published in the summer of 2005 by Éditions du Félin.

"Weiss paints a very detailed portrait, nourished by facts and texts," said a review in *24 heures*, a Swiss newspaper. The Parisian magazine *Psychologies* called it "a clear and intelligent book that illuminates the emotional conflicts of the author concerning her Judaism." *La Libre Belgique Lire*, a Belgian newspaper, reported, "Jonathan Weiss offers an insightful, penetrating portrait of a particularly complex personality."

Overwhelming as the praise is, the book has raised some controversy, too. Some critics have disapproved of Weiss's assessment of Némirovsky, saying he makes her seem too harsh towards Jews. Weiss, however, maintains that Némirovsky's wealthy Russian background distanced her from the poor Jews in ghetto communities. By converting, she didn't reject her Jewish heritage, but affirmed that she never had a Jewish identity, except by lineage. Yet even Denise Epstein believes that her mother remained Jewish at heart and converted only to escape persecution.

Weiss has taken the criticism in stride. "The critics may disagree with me," he said, "but none of them attacked the writing quality and research. When I did interviews in France, I was surprised at how many people read the book and liked it."

Asked about his newfound celebrity status in France, Weiss modestly replies that he's the "same old guy." He does, however, recall one particularly proud memory. "The best feeling was going to the publisher, and he handed me this 'Fiche Auteur' [author's form]. I sank back into my chair, smiled, and thought, 'Finally!'"

20s/30s



William H. Steinhoff '32

September 21 was the 100th birthday of **William Henry Steinhoff '32**. Asked how he lived so long, Steinhoff said, "I had nothing to do with it, it was God's work. I had a good life." Steinhoff thanks God for his two children, six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, his good friends, and that his head is "still straight on his shoulders." ♦ At a time when obesity in the nation is reaching epidemic proportions, **Lester Jolovitz '39**, one of the founding fathers of Camp Tracy in Oakland, Maine, is looking forward to a new era for the facility. Jolovitz plans to help establish the camp as a year-round youth center that promotes fitness activities and healthy eating practices, the *Morning Sentinel* reported.

milestones

Deaths: **Ruth Young Forster '30**, May 28, 2005, in Southern Pines, N.C., at 96. ♦ **Myrtle Paine Barker '31**, April 26, 2005, in Lakewood, Colo., at 94. ♦ **Ethel Watt Curtis '32**, July 22, 2005, in Madison, Maine. ♦ **Florence Shapiro Sterns '32**, May 9, 2005, in Skowhegan, Maine, at 95. ♦ **Emery S. Dunfee '33**, June 13, 2005, in Orange City, Fla., at 93. ♦ **Chester M. Stratton '33**, April 7, 2005, in Monterey, Calif., at 95. ♦ **Arthur T. Wasserman '33**, June 26, 2005, in Williamstown, Mass., at 93. ♦ **Marion Ross Roberts '34**, April 8, 2005, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at 93. ♦ **Sheldon R. Rudnick '36**, October 3, 2003, in Brookline, Mass. ♦ **Reynold N. Pierce '37**, March 22, 2005, in Nashville, Tenn., at 89. ♦ **Maurice C. Schwarz '38**, November 1, 2000, in Tamarac, Fla. ♦ **Maynard C. Waltz '38**, March 31, 2005, in Exeter, N.H., at 88. ♦ **Fletcher Eaton '39**, April 2, 2005, in Needham, Mass., at 88.

'20s/'30s

Leonette Warburton Wishard '23 continues to be involved with two book groups, an AAUW group and one at her retirement community. She takes notes on every book she reads and recently has written reviews of, and recommends, *Bel Canto* by Anne Pachett and Queen Noor's autobiography, *Leap of Faith: Memoirs of an Unexpected Life*.

44 I heard from **Jimmy Springer**, who was recalling that he and **Harris Graf** (deceased) grew up in Revere, Mass., and that both went to Tufts Dental School. He also mentioned **Bob Riefe** (deceased). Jimmy, who was the director of the Colby White Mule Orchestra, said that Bob played a beautiful trumpet. After Bob retired, he lived in the Rockport-Camden, Maine, area and was a great favorite. At that point, he was a pianist with a jazz group. . . . **Pauline Tatham Stanley**, who lives in Glen Cove, sent along a clipping from the Rockland, Maine, paper of January 19, 1929. It reported that a Rockland native, General Herbert M. Lord, Colby '84 (that's 1884!), director of the Bureau of the Budget of the United States, had accepted the

general chairmanship of the Colby College \$500,000 development fund committee. The story concludes by saying that General Lord is the greatest living graduate of Colby College. . . . **Ethel** (Paradis '43) and **Merritt Emerson** have permanently closed their Book Barn in Farmington Falls, Maine. They decided it was finally time to retire.

45 I received a letter from **Betty Lohnes Grudin** stating that she and Arnold, her husband of 56 years, are retired and living in The Foxdale Village Center, a Quaker-directed retirement center in State College, Pa., where Arnold is in the skilled nursing division. Betty does a lot of walking and maintains an interest in her family. She and Arnold have two sons. Jonathan does computer research for Microsoft in Issaquah, Wash., and he has two daughters, ages 2 and 5; the older girl attends a French-speaking kindergarten. Their older son lives on Bleecker Street in lower Manhattan and teaches special education in the N.Y.C. Public School system. His wife, Nachiko Kudo, is an architect. . . . While we're on the subject of retirement homes, two other classmates have

elected to make the same switch. **Rita McCabe** has moved to The McCauley in West Hartford, Conn., and **Naomi Collett Paganelli** has moved to Seabury Village in Bloomfield, Conn. As Naomi will be writing the next class newsletter, I'll leave it to her to tell you about her move. We visited her there, and I can vouch that it is an impressive establishment with a lot of amenities. We Connecticut classmates looked forward to getting together this summer as we did once last fall at Shirley (Martin '46) and **Chuck Dudley's** house just before they left for Florida for the winter. On that date, **Muriel Marker Gould** joined us for lunch. A good gab fest was had by all as we caught up with each other's activities.

—Dorothy Sanford McCunn

46 In 2004, **Francis Heppner** and his wife, Jeanne, took a European tour for the 60th anniversary of the invasion of Normandy, where he had landed on Utah Beach on June 6, 1944. Frances and Jeanne heard President Bush and the French president speak at the Normandy cemetery on June 6, 2004. At the Normandy American military cemetery, they only had time to visit the graves of one soldier from his Army unit, Lyman I. Thayer Jr. Lyman was in our freshman class in Hedman Hall in 1942, but he enlisted in the Army

after the fall semester ended. He served in the 29th Infantry Division and was killed near Carentan, Normandy, on June 17, 1944. (There is an interesting file on him in the Colby archives in Miller Library.) Their tour stopped at World War II sites in England, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Germany. They ended their trip in the beautiful German Alps, where they visited Hitler's Eagle's Nest in Berchtesgaden. . . . **Chuck '45** and **Shirley Martin Dudley** travel a great deal because their children live in California, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and south Florida. In Florida, Chuck golfs and Shirley goes to painting class three times a week. She has painted portraits of all of her grandchildren. On their way south they visited Norma and Gene Struckhoff '44, who live in Timonium, Md. In Florida they see Marge Maynard Englert '47 and last winter saw Shirley's roommate **Nancy Loveland Dennen**. In August, Shirley's other roommate, **Dot Allen Goettman**, and her husband, Andy, visited them in Windsor. They also see Sally and Jack Lowell '42 in Windsor or in Agawam, Mass. A year ago Chuck and Shirley visited Dick Dyer '42 and his sister, Betty Dyer, in Sarasota, Fla. In Sarasota, at the annual Colby meeting, they always see Ernie Fortin '51 and his wife, Patty, who run the Colby event. . . . **Cloyd**

newsmakers

Joan Kent '45 was honored by the Port Washington (N.Y.) Library Foundations. Kent is a former weekly newspaper and business magazine editor and copywriter. Active in historic preservation, she is a member of the Friends of Long Island's Heritage. A former board member of the Port Washington Public Library, she said, "I firmly believe the best way of furthering one's educational or career goal, is through the regular use of a library card."

milestones

Deaths: **David H. Cotton '40**, June 14, 2005, in Bangor, Maine, at 86. ♦ **Clyde M. Hatch Sr. '40**, November 5, 2000, in Zephyrhills, Fla., at 83. ♦ **John C. Nivison '42**, April 29, 2005, in China, Maine, at 90. ♦ **Duncan L. Cushing '43**, June 16, 2005, in Westerly, R.I., at 84. ♦ **Leo F. Kavanaugh Jr. '43**, May 16, 2005, in Dartmouth, Mass., at 83. ♦ **Thomas P. Norton Sr. '43**, May 18, 2005, in Sandwich, Mass., at 83. ♦ **Malcolm A. MacDonald '44**, April 20, 2005, in Hanover, N.H., at 83. ♦ **Eileen A. Matteo '44**, April 30, 2005, in Providence, R.I., at 82. ♦ **Margery Owen Fallon '45**, May 10, 2005, in McLean, Va., at 82. ♦ **Ralph P. Pallin '45**, April 26, 2004, in North Carolina, at 85. ♦ **Germaine Lallia Alzmann '48**, May 26, 2005, in Lynbrook, New York, at 79. ♦ **Lowell B. Haynes '48**, July 15, 2005, in Granby, Conn., at 79. ♦ **Ruth (Burns) Mason '48**, July 4, 2005, in Manhattan Beach, Calif., at 79. ♦ **Maurice C. Smith '48**, May 20, 2005, in California, at 81. ♦ **Fred D. Sahagian '49**, June 1, 2005, in Burlington, Mass., at 78. ♦ **Philip W. Waugh '49**, May 3, 2005, in Myrtle Beach, S.C., at 80.

Aarseth reports that his grandson David recently returned from Iraq after serving seven months as a lance corporal in the Marines in the “Triangle of Death” in Anwar Province. David is the fourth generation in the Aarseth family to serve his country. In World War II, his great-grandfather was a lieutenant commander in the Merchant Marines, one great-uncle was an Army paratrooper and another a Merchant Marine ship’s officer, and David’s father served as an intelligence officer in the Army in the 1980s.

48 We received an e-mail from **Burt Krumholz**, who wrote: “After a 30-year stint as a member of the full-time teaching faculty in obstetrics and gynecology at the Long Island Jewish Medical Center, I have left to start a new consulting practice in the Great Neck, N.Y., area. I’m now working two days a week seeing patients who are referred to me for the management of Pap smear abnormalities and similar disorders. For the remainder of the week, I commute between N.Y. and Boca Raton, Fla., where my wife spends her winter in the sun. I still retain my full professorship in the department of obstetrics, gynecology and women’s health at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. I find that keeping busy keeps me alert and on top of the changing face of medicine in the new century.” . . . **Marvin Joslow** wrote, thanking us for mail that he said “arrived in the midst of another major storm that locked up our lives for a few days. What a winter! Only a few weeks earlier, due to a major power outage, we were forced to evacuate our home for an overnight in a certified shelter at a school in West Tisbury, Mass. You may recall that we are not supposed to get these kinds of storms, with the Gulf Stream so close by and our general location that is usually a shelter against these assaults. So it’s been a very tough season.” Marvin said they’d managed to muddle through and were looking forward with great anticipation to a warmer time to come. . . . We wish that we had more news from classmates and urge everyone to write to us as soon as you receive the fall *Colby* magazine with this request in it. We remained in Florida until May 15, 2005, and then it was off to Boston (Dedham) for the summer months.

—*David and Dorothy Marson*

49 Just after my last news column was submitted, I had a letter from **Nellie MacDougall Parks** with a

couple of tips for news items. I thought, “Oh good, a little something for the next column.” So here they are, thanks to Nellie. **Hugh ’50** and **Audrey Fountain Jordan** have moved from North Carolina to New Jersey to be near family. **Shirley Kydd Bastien**, **Ethel Quincy Ryan**, **Pat Lydon Latham**, and **Anne Bither Shire** went to Nova Scotia last September. They went over on the *Cat*, billed as the fastest car ferry in North America, and enjoyed the experience. They spent a rainy day in Yarmouth and then went on to tour sites around Halifax. Now that their kids are grown and their family commitments lessened, the four get together annually. Where to this year? . . . Since I’ve heard nothing more from anyone, this is a really short column. When you read this it will be fall and another winter not too far off. Winter 2005 was a Maine winter like we had when we were at Colby. Remember?

—*Anne Hagar Eustis*

50 The “enchanted island,” Puerto Rico, is but a lovely memory, alas. We substituted one week of snow and ice in Connecticut for seven sunny, warm days in the ocean and soft evenings under palm trees listening to the little coqui tree frogs echoing each other’s night song. . . . **Allen Pease** wrote to report that he and his wife, Violet, visited their oldest daughter, Pam, and her husband, Paul, in Santa Fe, N.M., for a guided tour of De Chelle Monument. Allen has made contact with his former roommate, Warren Southworth ’56, who started Colby in the Class of ’52. Warren spent time in the Korean conflict and has fluency in several languages. He spent his life working in foreign countries before retiring to Anaheim, Calif. Warren has written several novels and short stories and teaches English as a second language. Allen also reports that Terry Martin, widow of Ed Martin ’51, has published Ed’s novel *Thunder from the Mountain*, a story told by a Maine Indian about the French and Indian Wars in Maine. Anyone interested in this book can contact Terry at acadianr@prexar.com. . . . My own message this month is that after five years of true as well as “creative” news articles (that means I made them up) this will be my last. I am sure that one of you who has taken the time to read these articles will be able to take over, especially if I promise to answer your requests with news of my adventures. I have made little of them so I have

enough stored up, as well as future fun, so I could contribute from time to time, but only if asked, I promise. . . . I hope that my sister, **Elisabeth “Dudie” Jennings Maley**, and I saw you at the reunion in June.

—*Alice Jennings Castelli*

51 **Charlie Tobin** returned to Waterville to attend a reunion at Coburn Classical and was able at the same time to visit his grandson Jon Amadei ’08, whose room was two doors down from where Charlie had lived. It seems that many of us have not only children but grandchildren who attend Colby, which certainly speaks well for the school. . . . **John Linscott** stopped at a coffee shop in Manchester, Mass., for breakfast, and who should walk in but **Bob “Fearless” Lee!** They had a great time catching each other up and reminiscing about days at Colby. . . . **John Pettengill** spends time in Ft. Lauderdale, Washington, D.C., and New York City. His wife is dean of nursing at Marian College in Indianapolis. He and his wife attended the French Open in Paris in May. . . . **Dorrie and Bump Bean** traveled from Malta to Sicily and on to Rome on a small-ship cruise (60 passengers). They also spent a few days in March at their favorite haunt in Bermuda, The Reefs. I also go there every year, although this year it was in April—a nice way to say goodbye to the New England winter. . . . Jane and **Chet Harrington** wrote from Naples, Fla., that he divides his time between golf and tennis, while she has a black belt in shopping! They had dinner with Arden and **Ted Shiro** and also keep in touch with **George Wales**, who is doing well after an illness last fall. Chet and Jane spend the rest of the year in Villanova, Pa., and would enjoy seeing any Colbyites who may be in the area to reminisce about the greatest class of the greatest generation ever! . . . And last but not least, I finally heard from a female graduate of our class. Not sure why the women are not as apt to write as are the men, but thank you, **Jean MacDonald Peterson**, for writing from California. She returns to Maine annually, usually in the fall, to visit relatives, especially her mother, who, at the time that Jean wrote, was going to be 103. Jean is still active with weaving, mainly rag placemats and rugs. Her specialty is recycling blue jeans. . . . Thank you all for taking the time to let us all know your latest news, and if you have not written, please consider dropping a note or sending

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jane wallace lamb '47 | *flower power*

A quick tip for surviving the coming winter: take Jane Wallace Lamb's advice and let visions of gardens see you through.

Lamb '47, a longtime contributing editor at *Down East* magazine, has collected 26 of her best profiles in her latest book, *The Grand Masters of Maine Gardening and Some of Their Disciples*. The interviews, selected from 25 years of garden writing, are combined with vivid photos that will have gardening mavens drooling on their trowels.

For many gardeners, Lamb—or at least her published horticultural work—is an inspiration. She says the gardening business came naturally. Her mother always gardened and Lamb began to bring home plants at an early age. But her home state of New Jersey, despite its garden-state nickname, wasn't where Lamb wanted to be. "I grew up in New Jersey and escaped to Colby," she says.

Lamb earned a degree in English at Colby and went on to teach high school first in Flagstaff, Maine (a town later submerged by a lake created by a hydroelectric dam), then in Brunswick for many years. She raised two children and found time to write—starting her freelance career in 1964—and sing. She wrote *The Complete Newspaper Resource Book* as a result of her teaching and journalism experience, and began writing about gardening for *Down East*, *Horticulture*, and *Maine Organic Farmer & Gardener*. All the while she tended her Brunswick garden, which she left in 2002 after 52 years to move to Fort Bragg, California to be near her daughter Lucinda Clark

Gardening says. "The big fodils bloom in Coastal Futures by the n its share of fo like coastal M little farther ir land, though, differences ar obvious. "Ove the hill it gets to 100. Here it's never over 70 in the summer."



But despite the cooler temperatures, there's little rain from June to October, and successful gardeners need to irrigate. This differs from Maine, where ample rain falls during summer months.

That's evident in Lamb's latest book. Fields of delphinium seem to wave in the wind in one photo of a Cushing garden, while graceful Siberian irises bob in beds in Harpswell. The book, like Lamb's life, is focused on Maine gardening pioneers and their followers. Organized around garden specialties, it includes daylilies and rhododendrons, cottage gardens, and professionally designed landscapes, such as the Thuya and Asticou gardens on Mount Desert. The book memorializes three pioneering Maine gardeners who passed away recently: Currier McEwen, who bred graceful Siberian irises; magnolia expert Roger Luce; and lilac collector Bernard McLaughlin, whose South Paris gardens are open to the public.

The profiles of the "disciples"—lesser-known Maine gardeners—are equally interesting. Patrick Chasse provides a garden plan and information on design. Two selections on growing roses in Maine purport that it's actually possible, and a profile of former Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Commissioner Bucky Owen explains how to garden with native plants to attract wildlife.

Lamb meanwhile keeps it simple. She claims her great-just keep gardening." she adds that her other ng a daughter "who's rdener, and a son who is She's equally proud of rich *Grand Masters* is the racle, she says. Now Lamb finds gar-ning appealing because 's getting away from the mputer and getting your lands in the dirt and just yeing out there." Advice? "Grow what you like and enjoy it," Lamb said.

—Julia Hanauer Milne

an e-mail to say hello to everyone in our class.

—Nancy Nilson Archibald

52 The *Colby* magazine for spring '05 arrived in my mailbox this morning. I guess that is the strongest reminder I could have to get to work on the next '52 newsletter, the one you are now reading in the fall issue. . . . **Paul Aldrich** wrote on February 24 that he and **Mimi (Russell)** moved their boat to Beaufort, S.C., last fall. They flew back to Maine for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's but enjoyed the warmth of the

south until it was time to "point the good ship *Refuge* north, expecting to arrive back in Maine around June 1." He went on to say that "Beaufort is a lovely southern town, rich in history. It became occupied by the Union Army early in the Civil War and was not subject to the destruction experienced by many southern towns later in the war. A number of the churches here became hospitals, the churchyard graves providing stone slabs for use as operating tables." . . . **Elin Christenson Honsberger** called from her home in Waldeboro, Maine, to give me the sad news of her husband's passing on Feb. 15, 2005. Peter had struggled

with Parkinson's disease for many years and at the time of his death was at the Maine Veterans' Home. We certainly send our condolences, Chris. She and Pete had been with us at Colby for our wonderful 50th reunion in June of '02. She is now considering moving to Pensacola, Fla., to be near children. . . . Condolences, too, to Alison Ryley, whose husband, **Bob Ryley**, died suddenly on Jan. 21, 2005, of a massive hemorrhagic stroke. The Ryleys lived in Jackson Heights, N.Y. . . . Those of us who call Cape Cod our home look back in awe at the winter past, when Mother Nature sent us a record 90 inches of snow! Of course, as I write

this newsletter, winter isn't yet over, but we are all keeping our fingers crossed that the record does not get bigger.

—Janice Pearson Anderson

54 Greetings once again from the northwest corner of Connecticut. As I write, old man winter is giving us what I hope is the final kick in the rear end for the 2004-05 season. 'Tis almost midnight and we have a fresh five inches of snow with a prediction that it will snow throughout the night. If that be the case, we will have eight to 10 inches of the stuff come morning. May that cool you off as you read in late

summer. . . News is sparse for this edition, but I did hear from **A. Lawrence Peirson**, who reports that his battle with cancer and Parkinson's disease is continuing, and there are days when he feels that he is winning. He and his wife are proud grandparents of their fifth grandchild. . . . The report, in a recent issue of *Colby* magazine, of the passing of Ted Weigand '53 raised fond memories of watching him along with Roland Nagle '53, Ted Lallier '53, and Frank Piacentini '53 and others playing on the magnificent 1952-53 basketball team that finished the season at 21-5 and won all nine of its Maine State Series games. . . . My big news is that Caleb Anders Eddy, my fifth grandchild, was born on March 3, 2005.

—Arthur Eddy

55 In what is likely to be my final contribution as class correspondent, I want to send out my thanks to those of you who took the time to communicate the “news”—any news—over the past five years. With the exception of **Judy Holtz Levow** and **John Reisman**, who were regular correspondents—and to them I extend my personal note of gratitude—our class as a whole must have been extraordinarily busy watching their families grow, their careers either enhanced or perhaps coming to a successful closure into retirement, traveling to all quarters of the world, and surely making, in their own ways, a positive and significant contribution to the well-being of their respective communities. Surely, our time at Colby was a positive factor in that regard. . . . Jane (Daib '58) and **John Reisman**, continuing on their odyssey to see the world, recently cruised on a five-masted square rigger in and about Italy and Croatia. They also spent a week in Cozumel, Mexico, getting away from the winter blahs of central Ohio. I assume they had much to talk about in June. . . . **Judi Holtz Levow** continues to wind down from her presidential campaign involvements. At the conclusion of reunion events, she was to head for Boston to see her youngest granddaughter, Ayla, graduate from Cambridge School of Weston. . . . **Ann Burnham Deering**, and **Jack** of course, continue to enjoy Colby football and basketball games in the fall and winter, at the same time enjoying the hospitality of Karl '54 and **Jane Millett Dornish** at their home. They made their annual trek to Manisota Key, Fla., last spring, and in addition to our 50th reunion they

celebrated their 50th anniversary as well. By the way, Ann will be taking over for me. Best wishes, Ann. You'll do a great job, I'm certain.

—Ken Van Praagg

56 I am writing this as we watch a crew dig us out of our latest snowstorm, but by the time you read this it will be late summer. We surely don't miss having to shovel out and negotiate a long, icy driveway anymore. By the time this shows up in your mailbox we will be fast approaching our 50th and deep into the final planning. Already I have been getting inquiries from classmates. We start reunion on a Tuesday at the Sebasco Inn, which is east of Bath, Maine, on the Popham Beach peninsula. We get to campus on Thursday evening for our own reunion dinner and the College golf outing will be the next morning. The new Alumni Center is already open and fully functioning. We have been up to campus to watch a basketball game and to take our granddaughter to a women's volleyball tournament, and we've been watching the conversion to the new Colby Green. . . . When next in a bookstore be sure to look up a great book in the Old Photograph Series—*Colby 1813-1963*. Much history I didn't know about and great old photos of the old campus and faces whose names are on many of our buildings now. Some photos during our years include one of **Joanne Sturtevant Stinneford**, **Julie Brush Wheeler**, and **Barbara Barnes Brown** ringing the Paul Revere bell. . . . Bob and **Celeste Travers Roach** are both still working part time and are huge fans of UConn basketball. We are planning on them in 2006, as well as **Liz Russell Collins** and **Willard Wyman**. Bill's book, *High Country*, will be out in hard cover by August. . . . Peter and **Hope Palmer Bramhall** had lunch with **Chris Layer Larson** during their Florida getaway. Lou '55 and I seem to be the only holdouts and did not head south this winter. . . . Not only were Steen and **Janet Nordgren Meryweather** south for most of the winter, they were to take a month's trip around the horn of South America from Buenos Aires to Santiago, Chile. Last year Janet was in Red Square, St. Petersburg, Finland, and Estonia besides visiting her daughter and grandchildren in Seattle. . . . **Susan Miller Hunt**, who sings in the Greater Freeport Community Chorus, was to be in a fundraising variety show in Bath, Maine. . . . **Judi Pennock Lilley** sends news

that son Alex was recently married “in a lovely pastoral setting in Vermont. At the gathering of family and friends from far and near were Henry and **Hepzibah Reed Powers** and Bob and **Janine King Greene**, along with our younger friend Mary Danforth Lozier '57. The rehearsal dinner, held in the Stratton Mt. ski lodge, was a Maine lobster/clam bake—a little touch of Maine on a mountain in Vermont, especially enjoyed by those of us who have migrated south in our retirement. If the wedding had been here, we could have had a good ole North Carolina pig pickin', but we felt more at home with the lobstah!” Now doesn't that story make your mouth water for the lobster lunch in June 2006? . . . Go online and send me news!

—Kathy McConaughy Zambello

57 I'll start this column off with a shocker (as if you didn't know)—most of us are turning 70 this year! Some knees and hips are better than others, but let's hope that everyone's spirit is soaring high. We are currently down on sunny St. Simons Island, Ga., (March through half of April) and are keeping our eyes on Maine's record amount of snow. It is a very rough winter up north. . . . In her Christmas letter, **Ellie Gray Gatenby** told us that after many years of spending a portion of the winter months in Palm Springs, Calif., she and Art decided to change direction and head for a sunny island in the Caribbean (where the golf courses are also very nice). As memory serves, that is their destination (some of our class material was inadvertently left home in Maine). With all the heavy rain that California has received this winter, I am sure they are pleased with that decision. . . . **Marilyn Perkins Canton** e-mails that all is well with her and Dick in sunny Naples, Fla. Perk is back on the links after her second successful hip replacement last fall, and the only problem that she encounters is ringing bells in airports. Perk always did keep everyone on his or her toes. The Cantons are also enjoying lots of theater and bridge and time with their families. . . . We were happy to hear from **Mac Harring**, even though the news of his wife's death, after 45 years of marriage, was very sad. Mac has retired from dentistry and is able to enjoy a lot of skiing, including a trip to Aspen, Colo., where he hoped to have dinner with **Buddy Bates**. We certainly look forward to seeing Mac at our 50th reunion. . . . In our own Guinness Book of Records depart-

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newsmakers

While still at Colby, **Tony Ruvo '59** signed with a Boston Red Sox farm team, but he had to give up his dream when he injured his back senior year. The *Montclair Times* reports that coaching Little League has become a Ruvo family tradition. Tony coached his son, Bill, who now coaches two of Tony's grandsons. Beyond basic skills, Tony and Bill teach sportsmanship, the importance of learning, and how to be a team player.

milestones

Deaths: **Robert B. Bonner Jr. '50**, July 18, 2005, in Newton Center, Mass., at 79. ♦ **Robert B. Panasuk '50**, January 26, 2005, in Connecticut, at 76. ♦ **Harold E. Brewer '51**, April 30, 2005, in Placida, Fla., at 86. ♦ **Robert D. Tompkins '51**, June 5, 2005, in Pearl River, N.Y., at 77. ♦ **Elizabeth Rivers Russell '52**, April 18, 2005, in Kensington, Conn., at 74. ♦ **Lois Thorndike Sharp '52**, May 24, 2005, in Camden, Maine, at 74. **Paul E. Reece '54**, April 24, 2005, in Alexandria, Va., at 74. ♦ **George W. Ellinwood Jr. '57**, May 10, 2005, in West Palm Beach, Fla., at 71.

ment, Larry '56 and **Diane Schnauffer Zullinger** were on the road again last year for another bicycle adventure, which took them to the Northwest. On this trip they rode the northern coast of Oregon and the San Juan Islands. I really admire their endurance on a bicycle. Keep up the good work, or in this case, ride! . . . Our 50th reunion is only two years down the road, and the way time flies by, that is only a drop in the proverbial bucket. There are rumblings that the class agents are in place and ready to contact each and every one of us. We thank all of you who are working with the Alumni Office on this event, for it is a momentous milestone in our lives and takes a great deal of enthusiastic cooperation from everyone. . . . The letters can only continue if we get information, so please send your news!

—*Guy and Eleanor Ewing Vigue*

58 News from **Helen Payson Seager** is that she's changing her status on Nantucket from a "year-rounder to long-season summer resident." She and husband Brad will continue to be islanders from mid-April to mid-November and then intend to spend the winter months in Hingham, Mass. She says in that way they'll get to have two spring seasons every year. . . . **Dan Yett** has surfaced. Yep, after 20 years of working abroad for the U.S. government, he's renovated his home in Washington for occupancy. But he's off imminently to the Turkish coast and to Yerevan, Armenia, where his son is UNICEF's country director. Visiting grandchildren sounds like a good excuse to me. . . . Pleased to hear from **Carol Hathaway de**

Lemos, reporting that she and Ed travel a lot, including a recent return to Eastern Europe, with Prague—the city of puppets—being their favorite spot. Kitchen renovations will keep them close to home this year. She's seen **Carol Conway Denney**, **Sally Howes Hansen**, and **Harry and Joan Shaw Whitaker**. . . . **Marian Woodsome Ludwig-Springer's** wonderful little estate on a picturesque creek on Cape Cod was the setting in October '04 for the seventh bi-annual Tri Delta reunion. Along with a day's outing to The Vineyard, we ate, yakked, walked the beach, hugged, ate, bragged about our kids and grandkids—you get the idea. . . . My predecessor, **Maggie Smith Henry**, reports that they have a new granddaughter, Maia, born to son Michael and Nina. Michael is an infectious disease doc at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center. Son Tom, an anesthesiologist, was married in May. Maggie says that five years of retirement have flown by, with some traveling and lots of cultural outings in Manhattan. They visited **Mario and Marcia Griggs Atsaves** at their Delaware beach house. . . . News from **Phil Dankert** is that he retired from the Catherwood Library at Cornell after receiving the N.Y. Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship in 2003. The first thing he did was become the 79th person to complete the 560-mile Finger Lakes Trail. That sets a pretty good pace for retirement, doesn't it! Future plans include more cruising with wife Ginny and visiting their son in southern California, where there's lots of winter sunshine. . . . The Northern Arizona Poets and Canyon Moon Theatre combined forces, with a

little help from **Jim Bishop**, to present another All-Spam Slam Competition, featuring two fiery female poets, Suzy La Follette and Andrea Gibson. Suzy is described as a "chainsaw-packing, rooftop-shouting poetista who could spit a poem through a brick wall." If you need an excuse to get out to Sedona, Ariz., give Jim a call and get the next slam event on your calendar—it sounds like a real brain-teaser party in God's country. . . . Yours truly just returned from an adventure trip hiking in the Andes and snorkeling in the Galapagos Islands with the sea lions, turtles, sharks, penguins, and fabulous warm-water fish. Hiking two hours up the Inca Trail to the Sun Gate at 9,000 feet overlooking the stunningly beautiful Machu Picchu ruins (okay, I used a walking stick) was a major achievement.

—*Beryl Scott Glover*

59 Sad news was received from Kathleen Malley that **Terence Malley**, professor emeritus, Long Island University, passed away on July 8, 2004. Terence was the author of *Richard Brautigan*, a critical introduction that was part of the "Writers for the 70's" series for which he was editor. At the time of his death he was on the editorial board of *NINE: A Journal of Baseball History and Culture*. . . **Alden Belcher** writes from Vermont that after thinking the day would never come, he is now retired from the Air Force, dentistry, and the civil service. Life is great, he says, but he is busier than ever with writing, painting, and enjoying the winter. Oh yes, and piano lessons! . . . The *Boston Globe* of September 23, 2004, featured an article on the Milepost Tavern Restaurant in Duxbury, Mass., and its owners, Patricia (Trish) and **Bud Johnson**. The Johnsons have owned the restaurant for 23 years and have established a regular customer base by offering a New England traditional menu and a friendly atmosphere. Bud entered the restaurant business after 25 years of management experience in state and local government. Because they have a responsible staff of 35 to 40 people, many of whom have worked for them for 10 to 20 years, the Johnsons are now able to live a normal life after years of working long hours. At the time the article was written, they were planning a month-long cross-country tour in their new luxury van. . . . Please send me your news. I love hearing from you, and I am sure your classmates would like to know what your activities are

these days.

—*Joanne K. Woods*

61 Volunteers, preferably in the Boston area, where the meetings are held, are very much needed to help with 45th reunion planning. **Penny Dietz Sullivan**, class president, says, "Ideas from anyone are welcome, too—for a place to go for a few days before the reunion, souvenirs of the weekend, and activities. June '06 will be here before you know it. Please call your classmates to encourage their attendance!" If we all donate *something* we can make the 45th our best '61 reunion yet. You can reach Penny at www.gurunet.net. Penny also reports that **Nancy Tozier Knox** is recovering at her Florida home after a total hip replacement. Nancy and husband Jim stopped at **Bebe Clark Mutz's** on their way south in the fall, and they all had dinner together. . . . **Steve Chase**, our head class agent for the gift committee, recently wrote to announce that "the 12/31/04 interim report shows the Class of '61 in first place in the 'participation' category." Keep kicking, Mules! . . . **Bob Burke** plans active involvement in reunion activities as always; he's on the committee (where we need more people—see Penny's appeal above) and will be at Colby in June with wife Donna and son Mike. . . . **Bob North** e-mails that he still works at relocating Chrysler and GM transferees into the Detroit metro area, meanwhile enjoying fairly frequent visits with his family and "gorgeous granddaughter Madeleine." . . . Thanks to all classmates who keep me posted on a regular basis. As you can see, we need much more news! . . . Your correspondent chaperoned 20 Hawai'i high school students in the gifted and talented program to New York, London, Paris, and Amsterdam in June. I taught a course titled College Survival for the Hamakua Coast residents on Hawai'i Island spring semester, in addition to two Critical Reading courses at the University of Hawai'i, to help out in an emergency. So much for retirement. Who else is officially retired but "still working"? Let me know what *you* are doing. Aloha!

—*Diane Srafton Cohen Ferreira*

63 Thanks to some recent e-mails we have some class news. Most is notice of "mini-reunions" with friends, which is a good reminder to all of us that keeping in touch is remarkably rewarding. Again, if this column can

help you locate old friends, let me know. As for myself, I'm surviving the longest winter keeping busy with the Cambridge Historical Society, making presentations on landscape history of Cambridge and Northfield, and doing a mini-garden at the New England Flower Show. This year, Hilary and I won the grand prize, although the competition was down to only two gardens. It is a time-consuming project since it involves not only design but construction, but well worth it for children. Often my biology and art courses at Colby come in handy! . . . A letter from **Nat Gates Lawton** says, "Hi! Just to let you know that thanks to your last column in *Colby*, **Judy Allen Austin** and I have rekindled our friendship from Colby days (not seen each other since 1961). We are both now living in Placitas, N.M. Judy and Noel are full-time residents; we split our time between Placitas and Jaffrey, N.H. In January, **Susie Senkler McMullan** (Austins, McMullans, Lawtons) enjoyed an evening together. Thanks to **Jane Melanson Dahmen** and you for helping us make that connection." . . . Other classmates getting together include Don and **Elizabeth Doe Norwat**, who spent much of a week in January in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, with Frank and **Betty Johnston Rayle**. They had a great time on the beach, poking around in town, eating in lots of good restaurants, and generally catching up. This vacation together was not their first, as they had traveled to Alaska six years ago. . . . **Jo-Ann Wincze French** is enjoying retirement and the time it allows her to be with her family, five grandkids, and her mother, who has just moved from Connecticut to Ohio to be near her. She states what many of us feel: "Don't know how I would have time to do everything if I were working!" . . . News from **Ruth Pratley Madell** is that her daughter, Kristen, who lives in San Francisco, had twins on November 9, 2004. Ruthie is very excited about her grandson Quinn Ethan and granddaughter Lyra Sigrid, who, she said, "are absolutely adorable." She adds, "Other than that, I'm still grants manager and budget director for the Kansas Humanities Council and continue to enjoy my job. It's a good thing, because I don't see retirement as an option at the moment. I bought a condo in the spring and just wish I had done it when I got divorced six years ago. The condo was in need of cosmetic surgery and has taken a lot of my time the last six months, but I

own it so it's worth it." . . . Frequently I hear from **Barb Haines Chase** (who well understands the problem of being a class correspondent lacking news). She, husband Bill '62, and **Dian Emerson Sparling** planned a trip last spring to Nepal and will report later on all their adventures. On this trip Dian also planned to visit a son living in China. Barb reports that in February **Sally Morse Preston** and **Mary Michelmore Ackerman-Hayes**, together with Peter '64 and Gail Koch Cooper '64, were in Guatemala with a Habitat group led by Mary's husband, Don Hayes.

—Karen Forslund Falb

64 I have more notes from the last reunion, which I thought you might enjoy. We think the following people have been at all of our reunions: **P.J. Downing Curtis, George Shur, Steve Schoeman, Lemon Morang, and David and Jane Lewis Sveden**. Here are some snatches of conversations: **Don Haugh's** wife, Joan, works for a French glass company, which was founded some 300 years ago "when the French kidnapped Italian glassmakers to fashion mirrors for Versailles." "Did you know our housemother came from Matinicus?" "I didn't realize how wonderful Maine was when we were here." "Yes, I know Amanda Winter—in our town it's said that 'Amander Wintah teaches yoger.'" "Remember those nasty canvas shower curtains at Colby?" "We live in Farmington." "Ahhh yes, the Farmington Fair!" "I sat beside Jamie Wyeth on a plane not once but twice! We talked *dogs*—he has Kerry Blues that they dress up for the Fourth of July parade on the island." "I'm retired!" "She's retired; I'm not." "He's retired; I'm not." "Sold our Florida house—we winter in Vermont now and summer in Maine!" "Hey, hey, qu'est que c'est. Take the ball the other way!" "Can't you still hear the Colby Eight singing 'Someone to Watch Over Me' to Peggy Chandler at Homecoming?" "Spring Weekend in Ogunquit—I'll never drink rum again." "Prince René at the Chez." "Remember that icicle on Champlin—four stories long and drizzled with food coloring? When it broke there was a *mighty* crack." "Mostly what I've gained over the years is perspective." "Rats are one of the few animals that keep growing their whole lives." "Everyone came to Colby unsure of him/herself. Did you know that then?" I loved this story: "We got a little pet store turtle, with

the plastic tray and little palm tree and a rock. But it was winter, and the turtle was cold so he hibernated under the rock all the time. In an effort to restore a more tropical environment, I took one of those immersion coils for making tea and put it into the water, thinking a short minute or so would do the trick. Then there was a knock on the door: 'We need a fourth for bridge . . . ' And the rest, as they say, is history." . . . Speakers and entertainers who came when we were in school: Carlos Montoya, Odetta, Dave Brubeck, Elie Weisel, Chad Mitchell Trio, the Supremes, Earl Warren, Gerald Ford, Adam Yarmolinsky. Can you add to this list? . . . Reunion wasn't all about nostalgia. We learned a lot about the Colby Green project, the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement, service-learning projects. The student body is growing more diverse by intention, leading to remarkable educational opportunities. The actual cost to educate one student per year is more than \$50K, so everyone essentially gets an \$11K scholarship. Everything about Colby is about quality. . . . **Charles Fallon** continues to be the principal of a residential treatment center campus school for emotionally disturbed adolescents. He is completing his ninth year and still enjoys the kids, the challenges, and the potential to create an environment where children can grow and learn new ways of dealing with their world. . . . **Morgan McGinley** was chosen a Pulitzer Prize juror in journalism at Columbia University for the second year in a row. . . . **BJ Campbell's** biggest news is that as of July 1 she entered the next phase of her life: retirement. After teaching ESL for 16 years in high school and really loving it, she's decided it's time to have more time to stop, smell the roses, and wander down a couple of other paths. One of those paths was a trip to Provence, June 21-29, 2005, on a Colby alumni trip with **Weezie Lippschutz Silliman**. There may have been some other classmates along, too. I expect a full report for you soon!

—Sara Shaw Rhoades

65 Interesting classmates. **Barbara McGillicuddy Bolton** retired in June 2002 from teaching in a Brooklyn, N.Y., elementary school. She and her husband, Frank, remain there and "have often hosted one Colby student at a time in our house for January or the summer. Each has been bright, enthusiastic, fun, well-mannered. And so I

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have a most rosy picture of the Colby student body and look forward to being back on campus for our reunion.” She visits Colby roommate **Jean Ferguson Cole** in Houlton, Maine. Often **Rhoda Goldstein Freeman** and Bob, formerly of Portland, now of Florida, appear and resume the friendship that has endured over 40 years. . . . John ’63 and **Nancy Godley Wilson** recently returned from France, where they were chaperons to nine upper-level students in her French class at Walnut Hill School in Natick, Mass. The Wilsons co-own a cabin on Deer Isle, Maine, where they enjoy the

August holidays. . . . Charley ’63 and **Pam Plumb Carey** gather each New Year’s Eve with Sue and **Chris Brown** and Howard and **Ginger Goddard Barnes**; they engage in a day-long preparation leading up to a New Year’s Eve feast. Pam says, “We try to select a different country each year from which to discover new recipes we have never cooked before. We rotate homes, and the celebration turns into a weekend.” . . . **Tim Cleghorn** wins this column’s prize for “most exotic.” He is in Houston, Texas, at the NASA Johnson Space Center. He describes himself as “an astrophysicist in the Radiation

Health Office, trying to devise ways to prevent astronauts from being fried on their way to Mars, etc. When not doing that, I teach Aikido and Jyodo (50-inch oak staff) at the Clear Lake Aikido Dojo.” His wife, Barbara, retired from the Houston Symphony some years ago but performed a solo violin piece with them in May a year ago. Tim’s daughter, Naomi, is finishing a doctorate in paleoanthropology at SUNY. . . . By the time you see this, we will have had our 40th reunion. My next column should have a bit more news from those who joined in the festivities. Your news is solicited, too!

. . . Hail, Colby, Hail.

—Richard W. Bankart

66 Congratulations to our illustrious classmate **Susan Nutter**, winner of *Library Journal’s* 2005 Librarian of the Year award. Susan is vice provost and director of libraries at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C., and just the 16th recipient of this prestigious national award. The announcement of this honor from the editor of *Library Journal* was filled with Susan’s accomplishments since arriving at NCSU in 1987—far too many kudos to include here, but I’d love to

ted swartz ’68 | *finding the spark*

Ted Swartz ’68 is standing in front of a brightly lit classroom, giving his first graders a definition of the word “schism.” “If you and your little brother have a big argument, and you aren’t talking to each other for a few days, that’s a schism,” he explained. “Schism,” the 17 kids repeat.

“Now, let’s talk about the word ‘buoy,’” said Swartz, pointing to the brightly colored word on a laminated board that runs the length of the classroom. Other words on the board include physics, conceit, gauge, quay, exaggerate, and pension. The words aren’t your ordinary first-grade vocabulary. But the Bronx Charter School for Better Learning is not your ordinary school.

Swartz co-founded the school in September of 2003 along with four other teachers. The school was originally located in a church basement, but has since upgraded to a roomier temporary trailer facility behind a public middle school on Baychester Avenue in the North Bronx.

The school’s slogan is “Giving All Children the Chance to Succeed,” and it has a lottery-based admissions policy. The school currently offers three sections each of first and second grades, with plans to add a third grade for the 2005-06 school year, and a fourth

Hispanic. For this fall, 162 students were enrolled.

New York’s public schools often have to contend with budget issues, teacher shortages, disciplinary problems, and overcrowding. Located in one of the more disadvantaged areas of the city, it seems unlikely that the Bronx Charter School would be a success—but it is.

In its first year, the school moved from below the 30th national percentile in reading to the 74th percentile. Students’ language and writing skills increased from the 48th percentile to the 75th percentile—in eight months. “We’re operating with the belief that all children are extremely intelligent; we just have to do the right things,” Swartz said.

One of the emphases is on teachers adjusting to the level of the class. “If I ask the students a question, and someone doesn’t understand, I’m always thinking, ‘Okay, how can I phrase this question differently?’” Swartz explained. “And a lot of the time, it’s just a matter of that—of putting something a different way.”

That’s not to say that it’s an easy task. In addition to the difficult in teaching younger students, the majority of the kids onx Charter School come from single-parent homes. “They sad, angry, or hungry, or they might come from families ere has just never been very much hope,” Swartz said. “But an let these things suck the energy out of these kids, we see n them, and that’s what we try to connect with.”

he was still a senior psychology major in the spring of wartz never imagined that his career would lead him to this l. “I didn’t know what I wanted to do,” he admitted. “As I was ating, it suddenly occurred to me that I would have to get a -le taught for six years and then spent the next 23 years as pal, then assistant superintendent, and superintendent in the ersey public school system, and also as a consultant.

Leaving his administrator job and stepping back into the room was not a hard decision, he said. Though his current job nse, the atmosphere of the school is warm and supportive. hen the kids walked down the hallway at the end of the day, many of them stopped to give him hugs or show him artwork they’d completed.

“That, my friend,” said Swartz, examining a brightly colored paper contraption, “is one excellent cube.”

—Mackenzie Parks ’99



share the article I have about Susan. Contact me and I will e-mail or snail mail you a copy. Susan is going to try to make it to our 40th reunion, June 9-11, 2006, so we may have a chance to congratulate her in person. . . . If I were to give out awards, the winners would be **Ted Houghton** and **Russ Monbleau**, by far the most faithful responders to the request for news that your class correspondent sends out periodically via e-mail. My last column reported that Ted and Liz (Drinkwine '68) were on their way south for the winter in their RV, and a recent note found them ready to head back to New England, to their twins, and their seven grandchildren after a great Florida winter. Russ sent news of his well-balanced family: by September 2005 all three of his sons will have three children each. Russ is no good at removing himself from involvement with New Hampshire's Babe Ruth softball program, which he has worked so successfully to develop over the years. His latest job, after the briefest of hiatuses, is to take over recruitment and continue to maintain the Web site. Russ says, "I thought this was the point in my life where I was supposed to start winding down." . . . One part of our upcoming 40th reunion that will be extra special is an exhibit of **Bill Ingham's** paintings at the Colby College Museum of Art. The artist will be there himself, along with his wife, **Ruth (Loker)**, and there will surely be time set aside during reunion for a gallery tour with the artist. Bill is excited about this opportunity, a long-time goal of his. We look forward to it, too, Bill! Bill and Ruth live in Seattle, where he has shown his work in several galleries since 1974. Their married son, Fred, works for Concur Technology in Redmond, Wash., and their recently married daughter, Caroline, lives in Virginia. Ruth is a community volunteer and a fine tennis player. Hope you'll sign up to play in our Class of '66 tennis tourney on reunion weekend, Ruth. . . . No, I'm not in the real estate business, but I did hear from **Mary Gourley Mastin** that her place in Mt. Vernon, Maine, went on the market in May 2005. It sounds great! If you're interested in details, contact me, and I'll tell you how to reach Mary. . . . Professor **John Carvellas** of St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vt., will be teaching during the fall 2005 semester at Universidad de las Americas in Cholula, Mexico. Sounds like a nice change of scenery for you, John. How's your Spanish? . .

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Dr. Andrew Weiland '64

David Pulver '63, president of Cornerstone Capital, Inc., a private investment company, was elected to the board of directors of Hearst-Argyle Television, Inc., which owns 25 NBC and ABC affiliate television stations and manages two radio stations in geographically diverse U.S. markets. ♦ When New York Mets relief pitcher Felix Heredia's circulatory trouble in his left arm and hand turned out to be an aneurysm, **Dr. Andrew Weiland '64** performed surgery at the Hospital for Special Surgery in Manhattan to remove blood clots and relieve numbness in the hurler's pitching arm. ♦ The Maine Supreme Judicial Court appointed **Joseph M. Jabar '68** a consultant of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission. Jabar, a superior court judge, formerly served as a district attorney in Kennebec and Somerset counties before going into private practice. ♦ **Dale Kuhnert '68**, editor-in-chief of *Down East* magazine for 12 years, retired in July. Kuhnert told the *Village Soup Times* that he is delighted with retirement. He has time to tend his flower garden, volunteer at the Waldo County General hospital, read books on history, and take a little vacation.

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Deaths: **Elizabeth Lee Holcombe Milliken '61**, June 19, 2005, in Carlisle, Mass., at 66. ♦ **Janet MacColl Krakauer '63**, April 19, 2005, in Durham, N.C., at 63. ♦ **Carol Haynes Beatty '64**, April 2, 2005, in Florida, at 62. ♦ **Joan (Thiel) Hadley '64**, July 16, 2005, Scottsdale, Ariz., at 62. ♦ **Susan L. McGinley '65**, April 29, 2005, in Maine, at 62. ♦ **Charlene Gorsun Solomon '65**, May 6, 2005, in Beverly, Mass., at 61. ♦ **William C. Snow '66**, July 21, 2005, in Montgomery, Ala., at 62.

. Class president **Fran Finizio** is hard at work with his committee planning our 40th reunion. We've allowed him to take some time off with Mandy in June 2005 to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary with a white-water rafting trip in the Grand Canyon for six days and nights. . . . Thanks to all those classmates who are working to make our 40th a reunion to remember. No one will want to miss it.

—Meg Fallon Wheeler

67 Colby lost a loyal alumnus January 27, 2005, when **Douglas M. Schair** passed away unexpectedly in Portland following a brief illness. A trustee at the time of his death, Schair gave, among other contributions, gifts to endow the Douglas Chair in Investment and/or Finance and to help build the 28,000-square-foot Schair-Swenson-Watson Alumni Center, which opened in July. He also gave his time and creativity as an overseer, a trustee, and a leader of The Campaign for Colby. The family has asked that gifts be sent to the College to support the Douglas Schair Memorial Endowment Fund

at Colby College. . . . **Barry Botelho** says, "Our news is simple. I retired as president of Barilla America at my targeted age of 55 and did what I advise everyone to do—change! From Zegna suits to cargo pants; from hotels to tents (camped out in every province of Canada); from a townhouse in Chicago to a small olive farm in Tuscany; and best of all, from Cape Cod summer visits to spending the entire summer at our Alaska cabin fishing, crabbing, and clamming. We even changed to Alaska driver's licenses! Of course, the more olives we pick and fish we catch, the more money we lose." . . . Another retiree, **Eric Rosen**, comments that while he keeps busy since he left the full-time practice of law, he "does what he wants, when he wants" and is very pleased to have it just that way. Eric is doing what he wants in Framingham, Mass. . . . **Lee Potter** is not retired and has no plans to become so in the immediate future, but he certainly does something that he loves in addition to his work; he skis and skis some more. Lee and Linda (Mitchell '66) live in Vermont about two minutes from a

major ski area and last year were on the mountain dozens of times. Linda reported that she skied nearly 100 times last year and was working toward that number this year. We will look forward to seeing this ruddy-cheeked pair at our reunion in a couple of years. . . . **Eric Meindl** sends word that he managed to complete his marathon in Mobile, Ala. "It is quite a sense of accomplishment. My first, and probably my last. I really enjoy running a few miles several days a week. But the weekly 15- and 20-mile training runs you need to do to prepare for a marathon are damn near the most boring things I've ever done!" Quite a feat for anyone at any age, Eric!

—Robert Gracia

68 "Just checking in after 37 years," **Joe D'Elia** writes. "I've been practicing law in Orleans, Mass., for 32 of them. We (Karen and I) raised Alison, UVM '00, Lauren, Dartmouth '03, and Peter, Harvard '07. We saw Nancy and Jerry Senger and family last summer and occasionally speak with Bill Decas, Esq. . . . *The West Lebanon (N.H.) Weekly* reports that **Barbara Stanford Tremblay** was offered the superintendent position at the Mascoma Valley Regional School District in Canaan, N.H. Barbara began teaching in 1970. She won the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Award in 1995, was named the New Hampshire Assistant Principal of the Year that same year, and was featured in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" in 1996. . . . **Joe Boulos**, chair of Board of Trustees, continues to receive recognition for his efforts on behalf of Maine's members of our armed forces. A Christmas party Joe threw for military personnel and their families was attended by more than 1,200 people, and he has established a college scholarship fund for soldiers serving in Afghanistan and Iraq with \$1 million of his own money. A successful real estate developer and investor, Joe was a Marine helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War, in Laos, Congo, and the Amazon. . . . I had a brief visit with **Bruce McDonald** and his friend, Susie, recently in Clinton, N.J., after they had been traveling in their motor home through the Northeast. They live in Austin, Texas, about half the time and the rest of the time are on the road, where Bruce does indigent surgical care for various hospitals and photography in his spare time. Bruce writes, "My latest assignment was in Tyler, Texas, and I was visited by Dick

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Fraser when he was on his way through to visit one of his factories. It was great to catch up on his life and to relive old adventures.”

—Peter Jost

69 I'm sitting here looking at ice and snow as I write this column, knowing that when it appears in the fall everyone will be tired of the heat and humidity. It's a challenge at times to be thinking out six months ahead. That being said, I very much need to hear from many of you who have not yet sent in an update! . . . Last fall, **Lyn Bixby** was named executive editor of the *Calendonian-Record* in St. Johnsbury, Vt. Lyn started his career at the *Journal Inquirer* in Connecticut, then in 1985 moved to the *Hartford Courant*, where he was part of a team that won a Pulitzer Prize in 1999. In 2002 Lyn and his wife, Debbie, a nurse practitioner, moved to Danville, Vt., where he was assistant editor of the *Littleton, N.H., Courier*. He joined the *Calendonian-Record* in October 2004. . . . **Susan Johnston Morse** wrote that she and her husband are farming in Manchester, Maine, and that they were spending hours in the sugar house. In the summer they grow asparagus, raspberries, blackberries, blueberries, apples, and plums and are thinking about adding pears. She says, “Canaan '07 comes home occasionally to help and to introduce his suburban classmates to life in the sticks.” He hoped to spend the spring 2005 semester in China. . . . Last fall, **Cherrie Dubois** retired from teaching after 35 years at Wakefield High School in Massachusetts to care for her ailing mother. She recalled that some of her students over the years went on to Colby as well. She missed our reunion in 2004 because of her responsibilities at home; however, I expect we will see her in 2009. She is now teaching part time in the English department at Salem State College, where she had comp II classes in the fall and was looking forward to a world literature course in the summer. She plans on staying at Salem for some time to come. She reports that although the environment is different from high school, she teaches mostly freshmen, and many of the issues are similar. “I enjoy reading, walking, and gardening,” she says. “Once in a while the gardens look tidy and bright at the same time!” . . . **Terry Reed** writes from Punta Gorda, Fla., that hurricane Charley did significant damage to their home last August (Friday the 13th!), and that

as of this spring they are still waiting to start the restoration process—too many damaged homes and too few contractors. On the brighter side, however, he reports that the weather is fantastic. Terry and his wife, Ellen (Crouch '67), did take time out for a cruise that included San Diego, Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta, Acapulco, Zihuatanejo, and Manzanillo. They're planning on another cruise to Jamaica, Grand Cayman, Cozumel, and Key West, hoping on this cruise to walk more and eat less. His family update: “Peter '89 lives in Cumberland Center, Maine. He and his wife, Laurie (Meehan '88), have blessed us with two beautiful grandchildren. Marie and her husband, Don, live in Richmond, Va., and have blessed us with a third terrific grandchild. John lives with Elaine and is enjoying life on the ocean in Essex, Mass. Terrence II lives with his wife, Katie, in Concord, N.H. She teaches Spanish and is the girls' track coach at St. Paul's School, and he is working on a master's degree and teaching science part time.” Terry is the executive director, institutional investments, for Colliers Arnold, the second-largest commercial real estate service provider in the world.

—Ray Gerbi

70 I recently received a lovely letter from **Karen Knapp Lyons**, who teaches English and women's studies and is associate director of the university honors program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. According to Karen, she has “the best job at UNL—I teach only honors students, I have a gorgeous office, and I take students to England and France every other year for an Arthurian sites tour.” I expect she has imparted her well-known love for the Arthurian legend to innumerable students over the course of her teaching career. In the summer of 2004, she took students on a tour of Ireland while her husband, Bill '69 (who still teaches at the University of Nebraska College of Law), taught a class in Limerick. Their daughter, Ginger, lives with her family just outside of Chicago, and their son, Kevin, and his wife have settled in Lincoln. Karen and Bill have built a log home on Penobscot Bay in Castine, Maine, where they'll eventually retire. After years of hot, humid Nebraska summers they're looking forward to “a lovely sea breeze” from the waters off the Maine coast. Some news Karen shared with me: Rick '69 and **Lynne Mc Kendry Stinchfield** are retired and living and

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Leslie W. Van Berkum '77

Snyder, who also is the George Pratt Shultz Professor of Economics, has served as dean since July 2001. ♦ A passion for growing plants earned **Leslie Warren Van Berkum '77** and her husband, Peter, co-owners of Van Berkum Nursery, the New Hampshire Small Business Association's Jeffrey H. Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year award for 2005. Their 22-acre wholesale perennial nursery in Deerfield, N.H., sells more than 800 varieties of plants to more than 900 retail nurseries and landscaping contractors around New England. ♦ **Angela Mickalide '79** has been appointed as the Home Safety Council's new director of education and outreach. The council is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing unintentional injuries that occur in the home.



Angela Mickalide '79

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Deaths: **W. Scott Lawhorne '71**, October 27, 2004, in West Chester, Pa., at 55. ♦ **Joseph M. Koch III '72**, May 20, 2005, in Cumberland Foreside, Maine, at 55.

mountain climbing in Colorado; **Judy McLeish Gordon** lives in Massachusetts with her husband, Doug, and teaches math at a local community college; Greg Ellsworth '69 is retired and lives with his wife, Barbara, in the D.C. area; and Mike '69 and Peggy Philson Foose '69 are also living in the D.C. area. Thanks for your nice letter, Karen. . . . As I write, Ken and I are just about to leave for Sausalito, Calif., for the wedding of our daughter Sarah. Our daughter Laura '98 and son, Ken '02, will both be members of the wedding party. Sarah's wearing my wedding dress, now a beautiful shade of candlelight (after 34 years in storage!) and artfully transformed from a February Maine wedding gown to an April California wedding gown. How lovely and meaningful it is to bequeath a wedding gown to one's daughter! . . . I hope that our 35th reunion on the Hill rekindled old friendships and will generate news with which to begin the next five years of reporting. Please make a personal pledge to send your news. There are many people who care

about you and are interested to hear about the events of your lives.

—Brenda Hess Jordan

71 **Leslie Anderson** writes that she and husband Dan, a visiting professor of chemistry at Bowdoin for three semesters, spent last winter in Brunswick. Leslie reports that she has been studying painting at the Maine College of Art and preparing for upcoming shows of her work in Northeast Harbor and Blue Hill, in addition to creating work to sell in her own gallery. Leslie recently saw **Pat Trow Parent, Jan Blatchford Gordon, and Karen Hoerner Neel**. . . . **Richard Shippee**, associate rector at St. Peter's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Narragansett, R.I., and a Jungian psychoanalyst for 23 years, gave a talk last January “to give people some tools . . . to work with their dreams.” Rev. Shippee holds a master's in divinity from Union Theological Seminary in N.Y.C. and a diploma from the C.G. Jung Institute in Zurich, Switzerland. . . . **Ann E. Miller** is living

in Framingham, Mass. For those of us who remember fondly Ann's love of singing, her current activities include a local group, Boston Jazz Voices, which performs a cappella numbers, and the Yale Alumni Chorus (thanks to her dad's former affiliation). Ann sang on tour with the Yale chorus at the Kremlin in 2003 and in South America in the summer of 2004. Ann's other interests include Clementine, her yellow Lab, and, as always, enjoying the snow. You can reach Ann at amillertmo@aol.com.

—Nancy Neckes Dumart

73 Hope Gottlieb wrote to say that she has lived in Lille, France, since 1996, after many stays in a number of countries. She works as a conference interpreter for the European Institute in Brussels. She would like to hear from **Christine Schopp Kennedy**. Hope recently corresponded with **Gulsan Aydinlar Mutlu**, who teaches English at the Prep School of Bosphorus in Istanbul. Her son graduated from university and is waiting to go to military service. Gulsan would like to hear from **Terri Ashburn-Higgins** and also sends a special hello to **Cindy Canoll Bakanas** and **Ida Dionne Burroughs**. . . . **Cindy Sanders Ingalls** lives in Pittsford, N.Y., and has been a medical oncology physician assistant for the last nine years. She started running again and has completed some marathons. Her son attends Wake Forest University in North Carolina. . . . **Dee Kelsey** is co-author of a book that you should read if you are looking for a way to make the meetings you run more productive. *Great Meetings! Great Results!* is a "how to" book for beginners and experts alike, especially those who work as trainers, consultants, human resource professionals, group leaders, and members. Dee and co-author Pam Plumb are owners of Great Meetings! Inc., providing facilitation and training to individuals and organizations of all sizes. . . . Cheryl (Booker '74) and **Doug Gorman's** son, Bobby, is in Colby's Class of '08, and daughter Katie is a freshman in high school and very interested in soccer. Doug continues in his position as CEO for Information Mapping and had been spending one or two weeks each month in Europe on business. Doug also reports that his "golf disease is nearly matched these days by my tennis disease." Sounds like you are staying very active, Doug! . . . While Doug has been busy with sports, **Ken Gross** has been quite the musician. On

weekends he plays his trumpet in different bands, including his Dixieland band, the New Magnolia Jazz Band, which played in Boston's First Night procession. In the summer of 2004 he played in an Italian band in the North End for all of the feasts, and in the fall he played with a German band called the Mad Bavarians. During the week he represents criminal defendants in district and superior courts in Massachusetts. . . . Also on a musical note, **Eric Rolfson** spent two and a half weeks last November on a musical and cultural exchange in the second-poorest country in the world. Niger is approximately 85 percent Muslim, and four of the seven states on its borders are countries known for their anti-Western sentiment. For 25 years, Project Troubadour entertainers have traveled to developing countries to share music and work with community organizations promoting democracy and self-reliance. Eric and violinist Eileen Cozzaglio partnered with three Nigerian musicians and performed 20 times at schools, orphanages, cultural centers, and villages. Eric's 15-year-old son, John, accompanied and documented the experience and is preparing a film to share with American audiences. . . . Thanks to all who contributed news.

—Roberta Rollins Wallace

74 I'd enjoy hearing from more classmates, as the College and I must dig up information on some of you to fill this column with news. Consider this a warning that I might write about you without your knowing it if you don't send me information on what you are doing! . . . I did hear from **Tim Glidden**, who had two wonderful reunions in 2004. The first came after his efforts to organize an alternative 30th on an island in Casco Bay. It turned into a lovely evening with Sam Brown and **Bev Crockett** and Tim's spouse, **Kathy Lyon**. Sam and Bev have nested in the "other Cambridge" (Maine), where Bev tends the literary flame of the local library and Sam patiently perseveres in pursuit of a sustainable future for Maine's forests. Later in the year, Tim reunited with Chris Duncan '75 and **Bill Howe** and his spouse, Beth Hoppe, at a wonderful seafood feast in Christmas Cove. Chris continues to nurture his artistic talent as a professor at Union College, and Bill re-edits the *This Old House* series into yet more syndications to support his real passions in sculpture and photography. . . . The Advisory

Board of Catholic Charities South recently elected **William Callahan** as chairman. He is the owner of Callahan Real Estate in Brockton, Mass. . . . And **Rob Burgess** has joined Maine Bank and Trust as vice president/group manager, credit administration.

—S. Ann Earon

77 I have actually received news for the column for the second issue in a row, so let's get right to it. . . . **Cindy Pullen Riordan** writes that she gave up the respiratory therapy field after 20 years to become a teacher. She was in her fourth year as an eighth grade science teacher and loves it. Cindy is also back in school working on her master's. She and her husband, Charlie, still live in the house they built in Colchester, Conn. Her two daughters are now in college. When she wrote, her oldest, Lindsay, was a senior at McGill University in Montreal majoring in history. Her youngest, Paige, was a junior at the University of New Hampshire on a full ROTC scholarship and was a dual major in art history and German. Cindy is still an avid skier and hiker, and she has been pecking away at her personal goal of hiking the Appalachian Trail. She also has a summer cottage in Antrim, N.H., and would welcome seeing any classmates in the area. I'll be right over. . . . **Melanie Dorain Green** has lived in Wellesley, Mass., for the past 20 years with her husband, Rich, and three kids. Last year Kirby Elizabeth was a junior at Georgetown University, Kevin '09 was at Colby (Melanie says she is thrilled about that), and Connor was in the 11th grade. Melanie is working as CFO at Harvard University Health Services, which provides health care services to Harvard students, faculty, staff, and retirees. She also manages the health insurance plans for these groups. Between work and family, Melanie complains that she doesn't have much down time—but that might change with two of the kids in college. Melanie regularly sees **Janet McLeod Rosenfield** since she lives nearby in Newton. As head class agent for the 25th reunion a few years ago, Janet talked Melanie into helping with that event, and Melanie says it was great fun to go to the reunion and catch up with classmates. . . . **Deborah Cohen** and I have practically become pen pals. She has very kindly sent news twice since I have been class correspondent, and I appreciate it. Deb is still teaching Spanish at the fabulously named Slippery Rock University, where she

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jil eaton '71 | needle work

Knitting up a successful business wasn't something Jil Eaton '71 envisioned as a studio art major at Colby.

Though her artistic tendencies—music, singing, and graphic design—made a career in the arts likely, knitting was something she did after attending Harvard Graduate School of Design, running Small Pond Studios (her graphic design business and holding company), or working with various arts agencies. But as an artist, Eaton wasn't satisfied with simply following a pattern for the items she made for herself or her son, Alexander.

"I could never go downtown without someone asking me 'Where did you get that?'" said the Portland, Maine, designer, who received her first knitting lessons at age 4 from her mother.

In 1990 Eaton created a hat pattern that sold in knitting stores, then several more individual patterns, and her MinnowKnits business was born. In 1996 her first book, *Knitting for Kids*, was published. Bright colors, luxurious yarns, and unusual accents distinguish Eaton's work. Eaton concentrated first on children's wear. She began designing for adults with the release of *Big Fish, Little Fish* in 2003. Eaton has published designs for children and a collection of adult wear.

Though Eaton says her patterns "come to me," there is not much about bringing them to publication. Eaton first sketches her ideas, then sends it to Carla Scott, executive editor at the magazine *Vogue Knitting*. Scott figures out all the stitch counts and writes directions. A knitter makes a model and sends it to Eaton, who adjusts the design based on what she sees, then



sends the pattern back to Scott for technical modifications and sizing. A pattern checker makes sure all the math adds up. Sometimes the pattern gets knitted again to double-check the work. Only then is the pattern ready to be published.

Altogether Eaton has six books out with many more in the pipeline. Coming soon are *Puppyknits*, *12 Quickknit Fashions for Your Best Friend*, and *Sew Baby*, sewing patterns for children's clothes. Eaton also has a children's story in the works called *Yarn Soup*, about a girl whose African friend and neighbor teaches her to knit, and a series of children's craft books that will include learn-to-knit kits.

Eaton's timing couldn't be better. National trade groups have counted millions of new knitters since 9/11, which Eaton attributes to "knitting is a wonderful thing," she said. "I wanted to go back to doing cozy things that make you feel good."

So who are these knitters? According to Eaton, "It's not just for grandma anymore. It's college kids, young adults—everyone who used to knit is coming back to it."

Running a business, designing patterns, teaching knitting, and speaking at conferences doesn't leave much time for Eaton's own knitting these days. But that's okay, she says. She'd rather be creating patterns to entice people to pick up their own needles. "More knitters in the world is a very good thing," she said.

—Julia Hanauer Milne

has been for the past 13 years. Last fall she directed a short play in Spanish to give theater majors something to do with their three-semester language requirement. She also performed in the campus production of the *Vagina Monologues*, coordinated a one-day language competition for 1,000 area high school students, and turned 50 in February. She says she doesn't remember what happened after that. . . . **Kent Wommack** continues to make me feel guilty about using my environmental studies degree for evil money-making purposes. After single-handedly preserving almost the entire state of Maine as the executive director of the Maine chapter of the Nature Conservancy, Kent has been promoted and is now running the Australian Chapter of the

Nature Conservancy. He is living in Brisbane and says his kids wear school uniforms that look like they are right out of a Gilbert and Sullivan production. He was host to Spencer Libby, the son of Melissa (Lind '78) and **Lowell Libby**, for a semester abroad. Kent is very busy preserving the habitat of soft cuddly native species such as great white sharks, crocodiles, and baby-snatching wild dogs. I trust he will impose some deed restrictions that preclude building daycare centers in dingo preserves. . . . That's all the news for this time. Please help me out and send me some stuff. You're not giving me a lot to work with here.

—Mark Lyons

78 **Tony Lopez** writes, "I am

presently serving on a patrol boat in the Arabian Sea. I recently lost a close friend and had another close friend crippled serving on a similar ship. I know the news networks print about the deaths of service members in Iraq, but the work the sailors are doing on these boats is as important and dangerous. I served in Grenada and Panama with the Army, and I am honored to again be able to serve my adopted country with the Navy in waterborne operations. I'd like to say hello to all my classmates. God Bless."

—Janet Santry Houser and
Lea Jackson Morrissey

79 Snow is falling as I write this column; springtime in the Rockies has not quite arrived. . . . Waterville

native **David Lemoine** is representing Maine as the new state treasurer and top investment advisor. David stepped into office last January. A former state representative from Old Orchard Beach, David served as chairman of the taxation committee, where he often worked to broker compromise. He received his law degree at the University of Southern Maine and spent time in Washington, D.C., working for Sen. Edmund Muskie and Sen. George Mitchell. He is married to Karen, a licensed clinical social worker, and is father to three children all under the age of 10. Congratulations and great success to you, David! . . . **Hillary Jones Egan** dropped a line to say that she was off to Vienna, Austria, and Prague, Czech Republic, with



the Colby Chorale and Paul Machlin on a tour of 60 voices in five concerts. Hillary attended many rehearsals on campus to learn the repertoire of both sacred and secular music sung in three different languages (which she said was tough on her old brain). The final concert was at Lorimer Chapel on April 2. When not traveling around Europe singing, Hillary and her husband make their home in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, with their three teenagers. One is at Northwestern, one is a high school senior this fall and eyeing Colby with interest, and the youngest doesn't have to think about college for at least another year. . . . My last piece of news comes from **Richard Uchida**. Richard started serving in June for one year as president of the New Hampshire Bar Association, an association to which all 5,000 lawyers admitted to practice in N.H. must belong. In the past three years he also has served on a number of Colby Overseers visits to academic departments or programs at the College, including the Latin American Studies program (2004), Anthropology (2003), and East Asian Studies (2002). Rich says that this is his way of staying connected with Colby. It is great seeing professors Tietenberg, Maisel, Branaccio, and Mackenzie, who were just starting at Colby when we were there and now serve as senior professors or professors emeriti. Richard says it really makes him feel old. He does apologize for missing the reunion but was busy that weekend—installation as president-elect for the N.H. Bar Association was hard to miss. . . . I can't believe that it's almost a year since we got together up on the Hill. This year has flown by at my house. My oldest, Kayleigh, graduated in May (I got to present her with her diploma), and there is so much going on in a senior's and her parents' lives. Luckily she decided on a college and a major (athletic training with certification). Just hope I can keep my sanity until she heads off to college! . . . Please drop me a line and let me know what has happened to you since the reunion or why you were not able to attend because so many wonderful things were going on in your life. You can reach me at cpowers@entfederal.com or classnews1979@alum.colby.edu. If you are passing through Colorado, give me a call at 719-532-9285 or drop a line at 6027 Scout Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80918.

—Cheri Bailey Powers

80 NASA astronaut **Richard Lin-**

nehan visited with school children in Biddeford, Maine, in May 2004 to promote NASA's Explorer Schools' math, science, and technology program. Richard is a mission specialist who flew on the Space Shuttle Columbia three times before it broke up in flight in February 2003. . . . **John Flerlage** flies as a pilot for Delta Air Lines on routes from JFK to Europe. He is a retired lieutenant colonel in the USMC and lives with his wife, Helena, and three children in Littleton, Colo. Their daughter, Lisa, enjoys gymnastics, and son Dave, 16, plays hockey as does Karl, 7; John coaches. . . . **Ken Branch** is the commanding officer of a Naval mobile construction battalion (SEABEES), 700 men and women who can go anywhere and build anything. In February 2005 he returned home from Iraq, where they had brought their tough training and courage to a lot of hard work. Ken, his wife, Maria, and their three children were on their way to the South Pacific, where he was to be promoted to captain and take command of the Navy's Engineering Command in the Marianas Islands. . . . Kelley '81 and **Ann Nichols Kash** are stationed at Kadena Air Force Base on Okinawa, Japan, for three years. . . . **Rebecca Brunner-Peters** writes from Seuzach, Switzerland. As vice president, legal and compliance at Credit Suisse, she recently gave lectures on comparative Anglo-American law for Swiss business law students. Becky is eager to share Swiss Alps and Swiss chocolate with Colbyites. Give her a call if you are planning to travel in her area. . . . **Scot Lehigh** was host to **Scott Butterfield** and family in Maine in July 2004. Scot reports that Scott "tried windsurfing on the lake with the gentlest of warm breezes, with a look of concentration on his face the likes of which had not been seen since he wrestled with the science requirement at Colby." . . . Gerry '79 and **Catie Fulton Teeven** and their family moved to Naples, Fla., in the summer of 2004. Catie is teaching AP government and AP economics in a local high school. . . . **Bob Crawford's** first book of poetry, *Too Much Explanation Can Ruin a Man*, was published in February 2005 by David Robert Books. . . . **Doug Herbert** is director of sales and marketing at LEX Business Solutions in Washington, D.C. Doug, wife Gayle, and son Teddy, 7, live in Arlington, Va., where he enjoys coaching Teddy's Little League team. . . . **Andy Goode** is enjoying married life after years of bachelorhood. Andy

and Sue were married in 2003 and recently built a new house in Freeport, Maine, after living in a rough "duck camp" in Brunswick for several years. They enjoy fishing, biking, skiing, and traveling. . . . **Caroline Weeks Diprospero** reports that she and Art have been married for 24 years and that daughter Chelsea graduated from high school in June 2005 and was accepted for college study at several physical therapy programs. . . . **Jane Diben Schwab**, in Vassalboro, Maine, recently initiated a ministry group of seven churches' clergy to do fund raising to help local people with fuel costs. . . . **Elizabeth Barrett Hubbe** lives in Raleigh, N.C., with son Allen, 18, and daughter Geri, 15. Liz graduated in 2005 from UNC-Charlotte with a master's in library science. She hopes to work in a public library or a secondary school media center. . . . **Gretchen Hall** writes from Portland, Ore., where she is a structural/design engineer. . . . For the past five years, contact with classmates, with the excuse of reporting their news in this column, has been truly entertaining. I sincerely wish you all the best and hope that you will continue to write to our next class correspondent, **Tom Marlitt**.

—Lynn Collins Francis

82 **Eric Ridgway** is keeping busy with the 10th Annual Long Bridge Swim in beautiful Lake Pend Oreille in Sandpoint, Idaho. Eric is the founder and director of this event, which is the premier open-water swim competition in the Pacific Northwest. He welcomes all Colby students and graduates to come out for the event, which is held every August. Eric adds, "It is worth the trip to see this spectacular town that was pictured on the cover of *Sunset Magazine* and was voted one of the best small towns in the country by *Outside Magazine*." Check out the Web site at www.sandpoint.org/longbridgeswim. Eric continues to swim on a regular basis but adds, "I have slowed down significantly from the good old college days." Phil Hough '81 has moved to the area, and Eric sees him regularly when he is out on his snowshoes and at events throughout the community. . . . **Nancy Briggs Marshall's** Nancy Marshall Communications (NMC), a division of Marshall Communications, Inc., took home top honors for 2004 at the Maine Public Relations Council's Annual Golden Arrow Awards ceremony in December. In addition to being awarded the Gold Award for

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ALUMNI AT LARGE

Best Communications Campaign for a Non-Profit Organization, the agency's Pine Tree Zone (PTZ) campaign beat out nearly 80 other entries in 11 categories for the overall award, Best of Show. The PTZ program, kicked off in February 2004, was created to stimulate economic growth in regions of Maine where wages are low and unemployment is above average. . . . After four years of teaching English and theater arts in Prince George's County, Md., **Scott Sophos** has joined the faculty at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, Va., where he is the theater arts director. Recently his students presented *Much Ado About Nothing* and *How to Succeed in Business* and put together an entry for the Folger Library Shakespeare Festival. Upcoming shows were to include *Arcadia* by Tom Stoppard and *Psycho Beach Party* by Charles Busch. Scott continues to act around D.C. and just completed his ninth season as a company member with the Maryland Renaissance Festival. . . . **Paul Maier** was recently promoted to senior vice president, sales for Siemens Business Services, Inc. In his expanded role, Paul oversees all enterprise accounts and business development for the North American region of this large IT services firm. Congratulations, Paul. . . . And I will share some of my own exciting news. By the time you read this, I will be a married woman. Those of you who knew me know that I was always just a bit behind in my schedule (this is my first marriage!), but better late than never, and Greg was worth the wait. He has the approval of two solid Colby sources—we have had a lot of fun camping and skiing with **MaryBeth Whitaker McIntyre** and her family, and we had the pleasure of **Sarah Fox Whalen's** company while we watched the Red Sox parade together last fall. . . . Please keep your news coming!

—Janice McKeown

83 Thanks to many of you for sending e-mail changes along with news. **Jennifer Knoll Bouchard** writes that she is busy with church, class parenting at school, and volunteering at a soup kitchen. She and **Vicki Howe Hoyt** spent time together in December making meatloaves to help feed 250 homeless people. Last November, Jenny, **Jan McDonnell Trafecanty**, **Diane Therrien Lamper**, and **Christine Marshall Gaudette** escaped to Cape Cod for a fun weekend. . . . The University of Maine at Machias named

Stuart Swain as acting associate vice president for academic affairs until June 30 this year, when a permanent president was to be chosen. Stuart has been at UMaine-Machias since 1987 and is a former chair of the science programs. During his interim appointment, he retained his regular post as associate professor of mathematics. . . . **Deb Bombaci Pappas** spoke of a wonderful evening out with her hubby in Boston in March to see Kathleen Turner in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* at the Wilbur Theatre. . . . The energy in **Mair Sirakides Hill's** words is infectious when she writes about the new path she has found with Reliv. She works from home and can be there for their three boys, ages 7, 10, and 12. Mair welcomes anyone interested in talking with her about possibilities to contact her at mair@mairhill.com. . . . I am thankful that I can give you good news about **Duncan Gibson**. In December 2004, Duncan had a heart attack. Two stent procedures later, he is well, but this was not the winter for Duncan to tackle shoveling the 100-plus inches of snow they received on the Cape. He stayed busy with activities such as Save Bone Hill, which he's worked on for a couple of years. Check it out at www.savebonehill.org. Duncan saw lots more walking this spring to keep that ticker in shape, and he planned to be at Colby in June for Alumni Council meetings. . . . **Todd Coffin**, who was honored with induction to the Maine Running Hall of Fame last November, completed his second season as head coach of the Colby men's cross-country and track and field teams. The White Mules' first NCAA champion in any sport—he won the Division III steeplechase crown in 1983—he was a three-time All American. At Colby, you can bet he's a major mentor. He and his wife, Lorena, and their sons, Alex and Max, live in Freeport. . . .

Ed Higham and his wife, Jean, and kids, Devon, Kyra, and Brendon, live in Armonk, N.Y. Ed's a senior vice president in mergers and acquisitions at Prudential Financial. He stays in touch with Frank Finetto '81. . . . **Billy Lloyd** wrote from Genesco, N.Y., to say that he and his wife, Meg, are busy raising their four children. Bill continues to work for Merrill Lynch in Rochester. He enjoys running (especially the 15K Utica Boilermaker in July), reading, and working outdoors in his free time. Bill stays in touch with **Noble Carpenter**, **Mark Federle**, **Neal Steingold**, **Tyger Nicholas**,

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Lance '84 and Anna White Hanson '85, and **Stuart Swain**. E-mail him at bill_lloyd@ml.com. . . . In February, **Jennifer Thayer Naylor** made a surprise visit to **Barb Leonard** and **Dan Marra's** new house on the river in Winslow, Maine. . . . **Tim Nicholson** left his job last year as one of the senior attorneys for the Federal Reserve Bank to start his own law firm. If any Colby students want to learn about the law and are willing to go to St. Louis for Jan Plan, Tim can find something for them to do. Colby maintains its Web site for alumni with such information, so I urge everyone to register your own information and check out other alumni. Being willing to help students with an invitation like Tim's can make the difference in someone's career and life. . . . **Sue Desrochers Patterson** moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., from California in December. Sue is still with Sun Microsystems and flies back and forth to California but otherwise works from home. Her husband, Kelvin, works in Tempe, Ariz. . . . **Scott Stein** is the new general manager of Plum TV in the Hamptons. Plum is a network of local TV stations in the Hamptons, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and Vail (as of December 2004). . . . **Jenny Stringham Ward** and her husband, Dane, work in administration at Illinois State University, just south of Chicago. The university just surpassed its first capital campaign, prompting Jenny's comment that "it is amazing to see all that Colby has accomplished over the years, thanks to the generosity of so many." Jenny has rediscovered the passion for running that she enjoyed at Colby, and she now runs with other women who are in similar places in their lives. They have completed two Chicago Marathons and lots of other races. Her boys run, too, so they all participate in road races. . . . **Dan Weeks** served as acting chair of the department of human genetics at the University of Pittsburgh for the last half of 2004. He and his wife, Mary Jo, continue to enjoy their weekend cabin with his son, Patrick, and their grandchildren, Emma, Trevor, and Jack. Dan's newest hobby is kite aerial photography, which involves dangling a fragile camera from the string of a kite way up in the sky. . . . I hope this column finds you all well and thriving in these crazy times. Send me something and share what's going on in your life. My best to everyone!

—*Sally Lovegren Merchant*

84 I guess lightning strikes our class

at least every 10 years! At our 20th reunion, **Lisa Wormwood** and **Brian Preney** reconnected, with special thanks to **Ted Jenkins** and **Jeff Rae**. However, the Colby connections in these two lives didn't end there. They began dating in September, the same month Lisa bought a new car from **David Rosenberg's** IRA dealership. They became engaged in October and got married on December 5, 2004. In January they purchased a home in Falmouth, Maine, from Maren Nelson Nagem '86 and—to keep the Colby theme going—got financing through **Al Pare** and Rob McInnes '83's Mortgage Networks (oh wait, Jeff Rae sold them their mortgage). By March 1, less than one year after the reunion, the new Preney family was settled into their new home. Conclusion: it pays to attend reunions. . . . Got an e-mail from **Michelle Wolpert**, her first in 20 years. She has been living in Houston for the past 14 years working in finance in the oil and gas industry. During her spare time she does pottery and a lot of running. She ran her first 50-mile race in December and since that didn't feel like enough she did another one in February. She is hoping to reconnect with Tanya, Jenni, and Leda, so if you gals are reading this, e-mail her at mwolpert2002@yahoo.com and catch up! . . . After six months as a consultant, **Sam Staley** rejoined the Reason Foundation in Los Angeles as director of urban and land-use policy. He's still living in Bellbrook, Ohio, taking full advantage of telecommunication technology. . . . Sovereign Bank announced that **Steven Litchfield** is part of its Connecticut market leadership team. Steve has been in the banking industry for 20 years and is currently senior vice president and regional manager of commercial banking. . . . That's all, folks.

—*Cynthia Mulliken Lazzara*

85 **Carolyn Altshuler Currie** writes that after 12 years in Seattle she and her husband and two kids moved to Cumberland, Maine. Her "big news is that her third CD, *Kiss of Ghosts*, was released in August, 2004" and was to be reviewed in the top 12 DIY section of *Performing Songwriter Magazine* in the May 2005 issue. Check out Carolyn's performance schedule at www.carolyncurrie.com. . . . Congratulations to **Mary-Jane James-Pirri** on the birth of her twins, Angelo and Caitlin, on February 11, 2005. Older brother Dominic, 2, is thrilled to have "a baby" at home. Mary-Jane and her

family live in Cumberland, R.I., where she is a research scientist at URI's Graduate School of Oceanography. . . . **Elisa Maxwell Tetreault** recently relocated to the Corning, N.Y., area with her husband, Todd, and three children, Luke, 9, Hailey, 6, and Hannah, 4. Elisa adds, "Sometimes I feel like I just left Colby, and other times it feels like it has been centuries!" . . . News came in from Southeast Asia that **Tom Claytor** has been there helping with the December 2004 tsunami disaster. "Amidst a lot of tragedy," Tom wrote, they "had one success, finding a missing French boat in the Similan Islands in the Andaman Sea." Hats off to you, Tom, for a tremendous effort. . . . **Debbie Neumann Dubowsky** sent news that she was married in April 2003 to Dr. Jay Dubowsky and moved to Roslyn, N.Y. Debbie works in Huntington, N.Y., as a cardiologist and is learning to sail—her husband's passion. . . . Many thanks to all of you who sent news these past few months. If your news is not here this time, look for it in the next issue. Keep sending the updates!

—*Sue James Geremia*

86 **Katrinka** and **Tom McCallum** welcomed Declan Canby McCallum on Dec. 8, 2004, in San Francisco. He joins his brother, Lachlan, now 3. Tom is the director of investor relations at VeriSign, Inc., in Mountain View. Katrinka has been consulting at Levi Strauss and will return there after several months of maternity leave. They love living in downtown San Francisco, near the Embarcadero on the bay, and hope to see folks as they pass through town. . . . Sean and **Molly Couch Ward** live in Easthampton, Mass., where she coaches ice hockey and softball and tutors at the Williston Northampton School. She is also the youth coordinator at her church and is busy being a mom to Cameron, 5, and Megan, 2. . . . **Denis Foley** is living in Stoughton, Mass., with his wife, Kate, and four children, ages 9, 8, 6 1/2, and 4 1/2 (three girls, one boy). He says it's hectic, rewarding, crazy, and joyful all at once. Since 2003 he has been working as a film buyer at National Amusements, Inc., in Dedham, Mass., after leaving Hoyts Cinemas Corporation after 17 years. . . . **Ken Jackman** wrote at length: "The Red Sox winning the World Series was definitely one of the greatest moments for those of us who have followed the Red Sox for a long time and suffered through '78, '86. . . well, the list goes

on. But it was an exceptionally special moment for me and my family. My father, Don Jackman, grew up in Connecticut and was a Yankees fan. He and my mother married in 1953 and built a house in North Attleboro, Mass., at which point he became a Red Sox fan. Dad was employed by the L.G. Balfour Company, the maker of World Championship rings, class rings, etc. Dad always wondered why baseball didn't have a championship trophy like the other major sports, so in 1967 (yes, the last time the Sox met the Cards in the World Series), he made the design of what was to become the first World Series trophy. Balfour made the trophy that year, though it was, sadly enough, won by the Cardinals. Dad passed away in 1994, but he would have loved to see the Sox carrying around that trophy, the first time they would do so since he designed it (ironically, beating the team that took that first one away). Although the current trophy is similar, it lacks some of the elements the original trophy had. For our family, every October is special. And for you, the Colby alum, next time you watch the World Series and the trophy is lifted high, you can say, 'Hey, did you know the first World Series trophy was designed by the father of a Colby grad?'" . . . **Robert D. Loynd** says hello from his new two-year assignment with his family at Yongsan Garrison in Seoul, Republic of Korea. He is chief of the strategy branch within the Strategy and Policy Division of United States Forces Korea (USFK). He reports it's not a flying job, but the work is important and rewarding. . . . **Nancy Goldberg** and her husband, Vito Courtney, welcomed Nora Luigia on Nov. 16, 2003; Nora joins big sister Emma. Nancy stays home with the girls and was busy planning their new Freeport, Maine, home, which is currently under construction. . . . **Susan Maxwell Reisert** and her family settled back into life in Maine after a semester in London (her husband, Joe, taught in the Colby, Bates, and Bowdoin program in London in the fall of 2004). They had a fabulous time—a real change of pace from Waterville. Their daughter, Margaret, 8, enjoyed the many art museums and having tea in the Crypt at St. Martin-in-the-Fields church. Their son, John, 5, loved getting around the city on the bus and the tube as well as visiting the London Zoo, which was about a 10-minute walk from where they lived. When they arrived they dropped their stuff at the house in London and set

off for North Wales and Ireland. In September they attended the Welcome to the City event for CBB alums, where the only other '80s person was James Gill '85. In the fall, they traveled to Scotland, Paris, and Belgium. After a busy and exciting fall and a very snowy winter, Susan and her family looked forward to a quiet and sunny summer on Great Pond. They also are looking forward to the Class of '86 reunion next year.

88 **Kathy Trudeau Osborne's** family recently relocated from the San Francisco Bay area to mid-coast Maine. Kathy has lived in California since her Colby days and found she had a lot of stuff to sift through. Running across old Colby memorabilia and pictures prompted her thinking of her two best friends, Anne and Carol. They were to be back in Maine in April and hoped to celebrate their son's second birthday with grandparents. . . . **Steve Masur** writes that "Masur Law is doing great in New York, growing our practice focused on technology in the entertainment industry. Entertainment—technology—law. We have been instrumental in building out the law of mobile content (ringtones, video, and games for your cell phone) and are fast expanding into games and general entertainment. OK, enough for the pitch. The other half of my life consists of racing. Right now ski racing, which was a big part of my Colby experience along with **Jonathan Selkowitz**, Don Darby '89, and RB Klinkenberg '87. Every weekend I'm driving all over to races, from upstate New York to our old stomping grounds at Sunday River, Maine, where our (at the time unsponsored) Colby ski team repeatedly stomped the tar out of Bowdoin on their home turf. Not sure if this still happens. I still get to see Jonny (Selkowitz) out west when I go out there. Anyway, it's pretty funny to see a bunch of old farts spanning the ages of 25 through 84 (literally) wearing lycra suits and decked out in the latest World Cup-approved race gear, matching the tensile strength of their bones against red and blue breakaway PVC piping drilled into the NE ice at irregular intervals. You should check it out, or join us. In the summer you can find me windsurfing and surfing in Amagansett and sailing near Jamestown, Newport, and Buzzards Bay, where I get to see **Bob and Carey O'Brien Thomas** and their kids, **Jemma Craig** and Patrick Driscoll, and, if I am lucky, **Deanna Cook**

newsmakers



Wayne R. Gombotz '81

A childhood injury that left **Peter Lee '80** without extensors in his right arm hasn't kept the Yarmouth, Maine, attorney from competing in triathlons—a test of all-around physical endurance in swimming, biking, and running. "It's a great accomplishment, finishing one," he told the *Portland Press Herald*. ♦ **Omeros Corp.**, a Seattle-based biopharmaceutical company, recently appointed **Wayne R. Gombotz '81** vice president for pharmaceutical operations, *Business Wire, Inc.* reported.

He oversees product development and manufacturing for the firm's pharmaceutical and drug delivery technology platforms. ♦ **Douglas C. Terp '84**, who was named vice president for administration and treasurer of the College in June, also was elected a director at Delta Dental Plan of Maine. ♦ Award-winning *Hartford Courant* reporter **Michael Swift '85** is a John S. Knight fellow at Stanford University for the 2005–06 academic year. Swift was designated a "master reporter" in 2001 by the New England Society of Newspaper Editors, which recognizes reporters for 10 consecutive years of consistently outstanding work. ♦ It's a Sting operation for **Kelly E. Chopus '86**. Fresh from overseeing all event management at the 2002 Winter Olympics and directing the U.S. Ski Team Foundation, she was named vice president of business operations for the Charlotte Sting of the Women's National Basketball Association. ♦ The U.S. Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service appointed **Francis Hodsoll '89** as deputy director to assist in the management of mineral resources located on the nation's outer continental shelf. He'll work on environmentally safe exploration, development, and production of oil and natural gas and the collection and distribution of revenues for minerals developed on federal and Indian lands.

milestones

Marriages: **Carol Anne Beach '88** to Tara Bradley in Stockbridge, Mass. ♦ **William H. Auerswald Jr. '89** to Emily A. Soden in West Dennis, Mass.

Births: A daughter, Leslie Knapp Piccione, to **Nancy Knapp '88** and Anthony Piccione. ♦ A son, Samuel James Taylor, to James and **Sara Dickinson Taylor '88**.

Deaths: **Michael J. Shay '82**, May 6, 2005, in Paradise Valley, Ariz., at 46. ♦ **Kevin S. Young '83**, July 23, 2005, in New York, N.Y., at 43. ♦ **Pamela Sherbondy '87**, May 22, 2005, in Plantation, Fla., at 55. ♦ **John F. "Jay" Mullen '89**, July 24, 2005, in Marion County, W. Va. at 37.

and **Doug McDonald** and kids." . . . **Brannon Claytor** is finishing up his fellowship in plastic surgery at Barnes Hospital at Washington University in St. Louis and was to join the plastic surgery group Plastic and Hand Surgical Associates in Portland, Maine, in July. His wife, Sarah, and their three children, Ben, Emily, and Sam, were excited about moving back east. They were glad to see the Red Sox come to St. Louis for the World Series, but it was tough being so far away from New England during the celebration.

They are hoping the Red Sox can do it again! . . . For the last five years, **Kate Walker** has worked as a counselor at J.K. Mullen High School in Denver, where she also coaches the boys' and girls' golf team. She spends her summers up in Winter Park, where she teaches tennis classes for a recreation district. At alumni club events Kate occasionally runs into **Brian Connors**, who works as a public defender and lives in Windsor, Colo. His son, Patrick, is the tallest kindergartener she has ever seen and, to his dad's

dismay, is a huge Yankees fan! She had a chance to visit with **Lorin Haughs Pratley**, who was in Denver on business recently. She lives with her husband, Phil, and three sons in Greenwich, Conn. Then Lorin wrote in, too. This past May, she and Phil had their third son, Danny, who joins brothers Ben, 6, and Sean, 3. Days are already filled with soccer and hockey games, she says, not to mention the wrestling matches that often break out in the middle of the living room. The baby just watches from his exersaucer, taking it all in and learning the moves he'll use in years to come. Lorin is still working full time but does two days a week from home. After about eight years of working on the Heineken business, she now works for Guinness in trade marketing.

89 Right after I sent in my last column, I got an e-mail from **Cathy McMichael DeVore**. Because she said she hadn't written since she graduated, I had to put her first. Cathy married HL Devore in 1989 and, after a decade on Wall Street, "retired" to become a mom to four girls in 33 months. Cathy has come out of retirement to work in real estate in Larchmont, and when she's not working or looking after her kids she likes to sail and cook. Greg Lundberg '90 lives in her neighborhood and also has four kids, all under age 4. Cathy and **Jen Brontas** remain close friends, even though Jen lives in Boston. . . . **Megan Patrick** is also in real estate, working at her family's agency on the Cape. She is a third generation broker and works out of Falmouth. . . . **Lauren Patterson** has started a company called Spot My Dog, which manufactures high-visibility safety products for pets. . . . **Gretchen Krehling McKay** was recently appointed the director of the honors program at McDaniel College, where she is responsible for all aspects of the program, including housing, admissions, and academics. She is currently serving as the interim chair of the department of art and art history and, as she put it, "I now have much more sympathy for what our Colby faculty members had to put up with in terms of paperwork!" . . . **Marc Rando** reported in from Europe, where he has yet to visit me, but he has done a lot of cool things. He and his family spent three weeks in Italy: "Eat, sleep, plan next meal, see beautiful cathedral or medieval town, repeat seven times." They went from Italy to Barcelona (did you see **Gerry Hadden**, Marc?) and

from there to Toledo. They returned to the U.S. in April to a new home they're building in Holbrook, Mass. . . . **Lane Wilkinson** has left REI for Amazon.com. When he wrote, he had yet to run into **Bill Carr**, who also reportedly works at Amazon. . . . **Sandy Thayer** wrote with congratulations to Jenny and **Marc Enger**, who had a baby boy named Jack, to Tom and Sara Hanson Cook '90, who also had a boy, Garret, and to Amy and David Keeper '90, who were due to have a baby in July. As for Sandy, his newest book was to come out in May, and he signed on for a museum project in New York that will have him commuting from Maine. . . . **Shaun Dakin** quit his job at Fannie Mae to work on the Kerry campaign and now works at Laureate Education in Baltimore as director of marketing and project management for their online university, Walden (www.waldenu.edu). . . . **Danielle Archambault Nowak** sent news from West Roxbury, Mass., where she lives with her daughter, Becca, and their Pomeranian, Thor. Danielle works for the French pharmaceutical company Sanofi-Aventis as a clinical research associate in research and development. She travels a lot, including vacation trips to Europe with Becca, who is so well traveled that she qualified for US Air's silver preferred status. She's only 3! I don't have the space to recount all of Danielle and Becca's travel adventures, but if I could you would be envious. Danielle made it to reunion 2004, where she hung out with **Jennifer Joseph** and **Mary LaPointe Farley** and Mary's daughter, Tess. She reports that the campus looked "incredible." Speaking of Jennifer Joseph and reunion, she sent me a bunch of photos of a motley crew that looked suspiciously like the Class of '89, plus 15 years. I'm hoping that she'll send the photos on to Colby so that they can be put on the class Web site, so keep checking. I also got an account of Jennifer's travels, which are the stuff of legend. She most recently hiked for a week in southern Utah and spent a week kayak camping in the Exumas. . . . As for me, I have been lucky enough to spend time in Italy, Prague, Germany, France, and Zermatt, Switzerland, in the past several months. I planned a two-week trip to the U.S. in April and after that a short jaunt to my favorite country of all, Ireland. Living in Europe rocks!

—Anita L. Terry

90 News from classmates. **Kath-**

erine Horne Yehl wrote a brief note to announce that she and her husband, Tim, had a child, Shannon Eloise Yehl, on March 9, 2004. Congratulations on your 1-year-old. Wait until you get to 2! . . . **Kristen Pettersen** and her husband, David Miller, wrote of the many adventures they undertook in 2004 while taking a break from their respective law and surgery careers. Kristen and David traveled as far as Micronesia, where they did wreck diving in Truk Lagoon, and to South Africa to do great white shark diving off the coast. Closer to home, in Connecticut, they attended the wedding of **Danica Fuglestad** to Scott Henry. Lastly they had a Colby roommate reunion in New Hampshire with **Sue Kachen Oubari**, **Mya-Lisa King**, **Clare DeAngelis Connelly**, **Kelly Cogan Calnan**, **Maeve Costin Giangregorio**, and Kristen Fryling '91. . . . **Andrew Doolittle** wrote to say that he completed an ENT residency at Walter Reed in the summer of 2004. He's now a doctor at Fort Bragg and got to go overseas for about three months shortly after arriving at his new posting. When not practicing medicine, he tends to his three children, ages 3, 5, and 7. Andrew keeps in touch with **Roger Holmes** and **Chris Smith**, whom he hoped to see at reunion. . . . A delayed holiday newsletter from **Katherine Cole Aydelott** and her husband, Jack '91, brought much news. Katherine has completed her dissertation and was to graduate in May. Congratulations, Dr. Aydelott! Katherine also has been taking classes at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science of Simmons University and plans to complete her M.L.S. in late 2005 or early 2006. When she has both degrees in hand she plans a career in academic libraries. While Katherine is busy conquering academia, Jack continues to delight palates as executive chef at the Inn at Woodstock. In the midst of all this activity, Jack and Katherine squeezed in some travel. Cities visited included Istanbul and London. . . . Thanks for the updates. Keep the news coming.

—Franc-Eric Wiedmer

91 Thanks so much for sending in news! We love hearing from you! **Sally Hewitt McInnis** writes, "I got married on June 26, 2004, in Princeton, Mass., to Brian McInnis. Brian is owner of a bicycle shop in Medford, Mass., and the two of us have gotten hooked on BMX bike racing. I still work in audio

publishing in Concord, Mass., and I still play trumpet in the community orchestra Symphony Pro Musica." . . . **Amy Davis Brydges** and her husband, Andy, and son, Charles, welcomed Emily Love Brydges on April 8, 2004. She's a big, healthy baby and loves her big brother. . . . **Carol Rea-Feagaiga** sent an update from Alaska: "I have been living in Anchorage since May 1998. My husband, Scotty, and I have two girls, Joy, 10, and Alix, 8. I also have three stepchildren, Briana, 17, Sabrina, 15, and Samson, 12, who live with us full time! I work for a mechanical and electrical engineering firm responsible for projects all over bush Alaska and the South Pole. Other than work, I am busy being a soccer, football, swimming, basketball, and wrestling mom (five kids, five sports—*crazy!*). As a family, we spend a lot of time enjoying the outdoors. I keep in touch with **Iris Kelley Park**, who is living in the Boston area with her husband and two kids, Kelley, 5, and Ethan, 2. **Beth Ackroyd** visited Alaska last summer, and we had a great time. I also run into **Sean Skaling** and his wife, Jennifer (Dorsey '93), who live in Anchorage as well. Sean is doing some wonderful work with Green Star. (*Colby* ran an article on him a few issues ago.) It is amazing how fast time flies! I am in the process of looking at colleges with our oldest daughter, who graduates next year (and we thought college was expensive when we were there—*ouch!*). I also do an occasional alumni interview for Colby." . . . **Abigail Cook Russell** wrote of her recent move: "In June 2004, my husband, Rick, and our two kids, Sydney, 5, and Alton, 2, moved to Rick's hometown of Raleigh, N.C., from Massachusetts. I resigned from my job and am having a great time being home with our children. Rick has started a new career in residential real estate for York, Simpson, Underwood. Any other Colby grads in the area?" . . . In November 2004, **David Unruh** left Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh after nearly 10 years to become the director of major gifts at the University of Pennsylvania. His new e-mail address is unruh@ben.dev.upenn.edu. Colby friends, he says, are always welcome when in town. . . . **Heidi Meyers Waugh** and her husband, Ted, welcomed their second child, Ethan Morgan Waugh, on Sept. 30, 2004. Ethan is adored by his big sister, Sara. Heidi continues to work as a city planner for Fairfax, Va., and Ted works as an

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newsmakers



Holly K. Austin '98

Artist **James L. Condron '92** showed his latest abstract landscapes in May at the Liriodendron Mansion in Bel Air, Md., the *Baltimore Sun* reported. ♦ Want to live in the community where you work? **J. Tyler Rohrer '93**, founder and president of Birchwood Rental Properties, is making affordable housing happen in Portsmouth and Dover, N.H. "I realized early on that we didn't have to hit a home run to make a profit," he said in *The Portsmouth Herald*.

"We could do just fine hitting doubles and singles." ♦ For an up-and-coming screenwriter, **Jon Zack '93** has a heavy load, according to *Daily Variety*. It includes "an update on classic TV spoof series *Get Smart* for Mosaic Media and Warner's; *Seniors*, a comedy about a perpetual college student and the friendship he develops with an eccentric old lady, for Focus Features; and DreamWorks' *Sbrehk 3*." ♦ Maine rock sculptor **Jesse W. Salisbury '95** uses rock drills, wedges, chisels, hammers, physics, and mathematical calculations to find the "character" of a slab of granite or basalt, reported *The Bangor Daily News*. His art is part of a group show through September at College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor. ♦ **Matthew L. Parke '97** was appointed director of basketball operations at the University of Alabama, reports *BamaMag.com*. ♦ The *Syracuse Post-Standard* reports that Hancock & Estabrook LLP Counselors at Law in Syracuse, N.Y., has a new associate: **Holly Kozlowski Austin '98**, a 2004 graduate of Cornell Law School, former law clerk at Cornell's university counsel office, and in 2004-05 a law clerk with the United States Federal Court for the Northern District of New York.

milestones

Marriages: **Charles M. Allen '91** to Kristin W. Fisher in Bluffton, S.C. ♦ **Benjamin W.P. Beatie '92** to Megan Underwood in Santa Monica, Calif. ♦ **David P. Dore '92** to Anita Strods in Skaneateles, N.Y. ♦ **Mark A. Porter '95** to Katie E. Galvin in Buffalo, N.Y. ♦ **Joseph P. Schwartz '95** to Anne Marie K. Rahm in Chestnut Hill, Mass. ♦ **Dana H. Cease '97** to Amanda P. Willius in Camden, Maine ♦ **Karen R. Fontaine '98** to Michael Marchand in Old Orchard Beach, Maine ♦ **Kristina A. Smith '98** to **Christopher D. Gates '98** in Newport, R.I. ♦ **Marianna M. Upmeyer '98** to R. Peter Du Brul in Mount Holly, N.J. ♦ **Alice Lin Zecher '98** to Mark Richardson in Kauai, Hawaii

Births: A daughter, Sally Goossens Alexander, to **Catherine and Todd Alexander '92**. ♦ A daughter, Elle Yormack, to Jill and **Jonathan Yormack '93** ♦ A son, Qaiden Brady Gordon, to **Eric '96 and Katie Quackenbush Gordon '99** ♦ A boy, Charles Vaughan Freeman, to **Ben '96 and Jennifer Anderson Freeman '96**

attorney in Arlington. . . . **Maryann Hutchinson Grimm** writes, "My husband, Jed, and my son, Nate, and I moved to Hingham from Cohasset in the fall of 2004. We recently went to Westford to visit **Karen Crebase** and **Judd Braverman '92** and had the pleasure of meeting Karen and Judd's son, Myles, for the first time. **Stacey O'Brien** was also in attendance as were **Justin '90 and Stacey King Verge** and their two daughters, Samantha

and Lauren. Back in September we visited **Gretchen McCarey Burkitt**, her husband, Bob, and son, Brendyn, at their new home in Belmont. It is so nice to have so many Colby friends in the area. Everyone is doing well." . . . **Lori Wright** sent the following: "Recently my husband, Hank Hultquist, and I moved from Washington, D.C., to San Antonio, Texas, with our 5-month-old son, Henry. Hank took a job with SBC Communications, which

is headquartered here in San Antonio. For now, I am enjoying spending my time being a mom, while also trying to figure out Texas (I'm not sure which is more of a challenge!). I recently saw **Jane Maloney Chitkara, Michele Friel Mullen, and Catherine Giles Stecher** and their families—in Massachusetts (all are doing great)—and I saw **Amy Walter** in Washington and then again on CNN on election night." . . . **Meredith Master** has moved to San Francisco, where she works in a large law firm. Her pal **Josh Ulick** and his wife, Nicole St. John '92, recently had a daughter. . . . Keep that news coming! Reunion is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for June 9-11, 2006!

—Jen Flynn

92 Every few months my e-mail gets bombarded with responses from you folks. The funny thing is, while many of you respond with great information about your careers and your families, the majority of the responses I get are "out-of-office" replies. That being the case, I want everyone to feel included in these class notes: **Heather Hamilton LaVallee**, of Mutual of Omaha, "will be out of the office the remainder of the week. If you need assistance call Peg at x230." **Mitch Rogers '93**, of Fall River Life Insurance Associates, "is on vacation until the first of the month with no access to e-mail or voicemail. He will call you back upon his return." **Brian Mulvey**, of DB/Alex. Brown, "is out on appointments and will call you back at your earliest convenience." Just thought I would give you a taste of what comes with this job. . . . **Pete Andrews** (another of my frosh roommates) checked in from Philly. Pete and his wife, Heather, have two kids, Abigail, 7, and Alex, 4. He works for a classaction law firm representing institutional investors. Pete stays in touch with **Tyler Rohrer '93, Kyle Barnard, Stephen Bell, and Curt Stevenson**. . . . **Jen Robicheau Yagnesak** and her husband, Scott, had their first baby, Ellie Morgan, on February 21, 2005. Congrats on the new addition, Jen. . . . Great news from **Zach Shapiro**, whose first children's book, published through Penguin Putnam, will hit the shelves sometime in 2008. . . . **Amy Moody McGrath** and her husband recently moved to Milton, Mass., from Southie. Couldn't handle the parking, Amy? Their daughter, Anna, is now 2. . . . **Matt Nerney** and his wife, Laura (Fogarty '93), recently moved to

Needham, Mass., with their son, Will, who is almost 2. . . . **Tricia Baldridge Wickliffe** and her husband, David, had their first child. Charles David Wickliffe III was introduced to the world on January 21, 2005. . . . **Jessica Maclachlan Hall** agrees with **Carol Chamberlain** that I write the best class notes ever. Someday I hope to pass along these skills to a young and willing scribe. Oh wait, she also had some news. Jessica and her husband, Sam, welcomed Anna Lane to the world on August 2, 2004. They were to settle in Pahoehoe, Hawaii, on the Big Island, in May. That will be a big change from New Orleans and Denver! . . . **Dan Price** got great reviews for his new novel, *Slick*. He has been making the rounds at various Barnes & Noble book signings and various radio stations. . . . That's about all I have for this article. Keep the information coming at all times. Cheers!

—William Higgins

94 Not long ago I got to spend a glorious dayskiing at Vail with **Graham and Megan Campbell Officer**. At Los Amigos in Vail Village, Megan and I caught a glimpse of **Jeff Carter** coming off the slopes. Jeff is in Denver doing his residency. Megan reported that **Chris Roosevelt** and his wife celebrated the birth of their first child, Noah, in December. Megan was vacationing with one of her b-school friends who happens to be an old friend of a friend of mine here in Denver. She planned to stay a few extra days in Denver to visit with **Michelle Tadros** and **Kim Valentine Walsh** (who had her first son, Oscar, last September) while attending orientation at Exclusive Resorts, a company that is opening an office in downtown N.Y.C. Megan will be handling the sales for this outstanding Colorado company. Megan also regularly sees **Chris Abbott** and **Mike Koester**. Mike and his wife were expecting their second child. . . . **Sally Reis** and **Vinnie DelGreco** are still living in Brunswick, Maine. . . . **Caroline Grab** and **James Kaleigh** recently enjoyed the birth of their second child. . . . **Elizabeth Labovitz Smith** and her husband moved to N.Y.C. and in July had a son, Adam. . . . **Laura Miller** and **Chuck Thompson** had their second child, Alexander, much to the delight of their first son, Chuck Jr. . . . **Bruce and Sue Benson Panilaitis** were happy to tell me that Sue was to deliver a second son in April. Bruce still works for Tufts University as a

research associate in the biomedical engineering department, where he oversees a lab of approximately 10 people. On the side, he continues to try to develop his biotech start-up company. Sue has taken time off from her job as a kindergarten teacher to be home with their sons. In November, Sue also will be looking after sister Patty Benson Bechard '96's child. . . . **Greg Lynch** attended **Meredith Gregory** and **Bruce Ksander's** October wedding, held on the coast of Maine. Other attendees were **Siri Oswald**, **Stuart Pitrat '93**, **Tracy Callan Robillard '93**, and **Jennifer Hurd**, the maid of honor (who recently bought a house in Newton, Mass., and lives near Meredith and Bruce). Greg reports that the wedding was great, as was watching the Cardinals-Red Sox series with Bruce's friends from Boston and Meredith's St. Louis connections. . . . As Jason and **Stephanie Sherman Cain** awaited the birth of their first child (in June), they wondered not only whether it's a boy or a girl (they planned to find out the old-fashioned way) but also whether it was to be born in Washington, D.C., or New York. Their plans were up in the air. Stephanie is in touch with **Lee Awbrey**, who finished up her first year of law school in Ithaca, N.Y., and with **Ana Pitchon**, who's doing great work on her Ph.D. in anthropology in Chile. . . . **Phoebe** and **Caleb Winder** bought a house in Jamaica Plain, Mass., and Caleb is working at Biotechnomy, a life sciences research and investment firm. Caleb graduated from Babson's M.B.A. program in May 2004. . . . **Jonathan Kaplan** writes that he is still writing for *The Hill* newspaper in Washington, D.C., and spent almost three weeks reporting from Iraq (at the same time his wife, Melanie, was in Thailand for a story unrelated to the tsunami and was there when it hit). Jonathan was embedded with various units of the U.S. Army while in Iraq and found it to be a fantastic and informative experience. Fortunately, nothing bad happened. Jonathan is trying to put together a happy hour for Colby grads working on Capitol Hill (e-mail him at jkaplan@thehill.com). . . . **Tara Estra** and her partner, **Julie Sciandra**, proudly announce the arrival of their daughter, **Laurel Catherine Estra Sciandra**, born December 7, 2004. . . . **Josette Huntress** told me that she and her husband resolved to get fit so that they could hike the Machu Picchu trail in Peru in June—a celebration of his completing medical school. . . . **Greg McDonald** and his wife, **Alice**

Colby lists marriages and same-sex commitment ceremonies as “Milestones” in the Alumni at Large section of the magazine. To have a wedding or commitment included, please submit the names of both partners along with the class year(s), the date, and the location of the ceremony to the appropriate class correspondent (listed in the Alumni at Large section). For notices of births and adoptions, the parents' and child's names, date, and location of the birth should be submitted to the appropriate correspondent.

(Amstutz '95), were pregnant and due in June. . . . **Josh Eckel** and his wife enjoyed the first mild winter of their lives (come on, Maine winters weren't that bad) as they moved to the San Jose, Calif., area last August. . . . **Michelle Mathai** is living in Germany and claimed that they “really know how to do it up” at Christmas. Froehliche Weihnachten und ein glückliches Neues Jahr! to you, too, Michelle! . . . **Jon Mitchell**, the silly, silly fella, wrote to tell me that he talks with **Devri Byrom** once in a while. She is doing great in Maine with her house and dog. And **Pablo (Paul White)** is happy as can be living in Santiago, Chile. Jon spent much of the past year surfing the Web for good surf. Yes, there is decent surf in Rhode Island, and he takes as much time away from everything else to get into the water—with a 6 mm wetsuit in the winter. He's still an M.S. candidate in environmental sciences at URI. . . . **Kim Kessler** and **Zach Rubin** are the proud parents of twins, **Emily Claire** and **Joshua Kessler Rubin**, born Oct. 12, 2004. After living in New York City for 10 years, they moved to Mamaroneck, N.Y., in Westchester and love the 'burbs. Zach works at Goldman Sachs as a bond salesman, and Kim is now a full-time mom. They see a lot of Colby friends in the area, including **Jared Morgan** (and his wife, **Cathy**), **Alex Bici** (and his wife, **Danielle**), **Staci Strauss '93** and **Erik Mortenson**, **Tiffany Hoyt Tinson** (and her husband, **Jim**), and **Justin '95** and **Sarah Whitely D'Ercole** (who live right down the street). . . . You probably know that **Hunter S. Thompson**, a local celebrity in Colorado, took his life recently. I thought I'd close with one of his most noteworthy quotes: “I wouldn't recommend sex, drugs or insanity for everyone, but they've always worked for me.”

—*Jessie Newman*

95 **Marc Rubin** and **Hillary Jospe** got married in Melville, N.Y., over Memorial Day weekend. Many Colby alumni were in attendance, including **Chris Lohman**, **Andrew Vernon**,

Mike Rosenthal, **Jen Brown**, **Vaughn Chau**, **Ben Jorgensen '92**, **Joshua Eckel '94**, **Jon Blau '94**, **Cary Charlebois '97**, and me. **Marc and Hillary** honeymooned in Italy and live in San Francisco, where **Marc** works for **Parthenon Capital** and **Hillary** works as a cardiac sonographer at a local hospital. . . . **Peter Gates** married **Lori Gordon** of **Bloomfield, Conn.**, on June 26, 2004, in **West Hartford**. They now live in **Needham, Mass.** **Lori** is a first grade teacher in **Weston**, and **Pete** is a financial consultant at **AG Edwards** in **Hingham**. . . . **Lindsay Bennigson Jernigan** writes that her daughter, **Liza**, turned 2 in April and “continues to bring much laughter and joy into our life.” **Lindsay** is still plugging away at a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the **University of Vermont** and is trying to enjoy some of what Vermont has to offer in the process. She speaks with **Galen Carr '97**, who recently got married and is basking in the joy of the **Red Sox World Championship**. She also hears periodically from **Lissie Dunn Monroe**, happily ensconced in **Tucson, Ariz.**, with her husband and two kids, and from **Nikki Breen**, who lives in **Bangor, Maine**, with her husband and works as a physical therapist. . . . **Courtney Morris** got married on Dec. 31, 2004, in **Oaxaca, Mexico**, to **Luis Guzman**. **Nina Mukai Murata** and **Renate Neumann '93** were bridesmaids. **Nina** now lives in **Tokyo, Japan**, and **Renate's** in **Hamburg, Germany**. **Courtney** is an M.B.A. candidate at the **University of South Carolina**; **Luis** is a jazz musician. They lived in **Boston** last spring semester while she interned at the **Merck Family Fund** in **Milton, Mass.** . . . **Franchot Tone** celebrated the one-year anniversary of his **Los Angeles recording studio, Crash Test Studios**. He writes, “We have hosted recording sessions from many famous artists including **Bone Thugs N Harmony** and members of bands, including **Jack Johnson**, **Ozomatli**, **Beck**, **Ziggy Marley**, and **Jane's Addiction**.” **Franchot** and his wife, **Kristin**, attended **Scott Higgins's** wedding in **New York City**. “It was a beautiful event,” writes **Franchot**. Several other Colby alumni,

including **Toby True**, **Jeff Harris**, **Chad Tyson**, and **Brett '96** and **Erika Ayers Nardini '98**, attended the event. **Franchot** and **Kristin** expected their first child in May. . . . **Alysa Cohen** and **Brian Rayback** had a daughter, **Lucy Karnette Rayback**, on January 8, 2005. “Both mom and baby are doing great,” writes **Brian**, “and are hopeful that **Lucy** has her mother's good looks.” . . . **Patricia Jurriaans Hunkins** attended the beautiful fall wedding of **Barb Buse** in October 2004 in **New Hampshire** along with **Jess Brett McVey**. “I am currently staying at home with my 18-month-old son and enjoying every minute,” writes **Patricia**. . . . Last fall, **Beth Timm Preston** had the great honor of watching **Erika Lichter** successfully defend her dissertation for her Ph.D. in public health at the **Harvard School of Public Health**. **Beth** and her husband, **Ted**, welcomed their second child, **Grace Heather Preston**, last December 9. “Her big brothers **Jack**, 2, and **Leo** (our 5-year-old dog) absolutely adore her!” writes **Beth**. “I see **Greg '94** and **Alice Amstutz McDonald** and their daughter, **Molly**, often. **Jack** and **Molly** are great friends.” . . . **Cristina Harris Faherty** is living in **Falls Church, Va.**, with her husband, **Steve**, son **Connor**, and two dogs, **Kaylie** and **Fletcher**. **Cristina** is a “recovering attorney” working for **Westlaw** as an account manager. Close friend **Kristin Eisenhardt** has moved to **Washington, D.C.**, and is working as a second grade teacher at the **Beauvoir School**. . . . **Lisa DeHahn Jade** was expecting a baby in April 2005. . . . **Darrell Sofield** is a geologist and farmers' market advocate in **Bellingham, Wash.** He volunteers for the **Park Service** and competes in a number of endurance races for fun each year. **Darrell** regularly gets together with **Emma Spenner Norman** and **Sarah English**. **Emma** and her husband, **Chad**, also live in **Bellingham**; she is getting her Ph.D. at the **University of British Columbia** and runs regularly with a close-knit group of friends. **Sarah** lives in **Seattle** and planned to ride 200 miles this summer for charity. Please visit www.active.com/donate/fundraise/tntwaakSEnglis if you want to help her raise money for the **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society**. . . . On Oct. 2, 2004, **Carolyn Caswell** married **Joe Heinen** in **Rye Beach, N.H.** They spent two weeks in **Hawaii** for their honeymoon and were in the process of moving out of downtown **Boston** to their new home in **Andover, Mass.** . . . **Veena**

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Channamsetty, M.D., has joined the medical staff at Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Massachusetts. She graduated from the American University of the Caribbean medical school and completed her residency at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston.

—*Yubgo Yamaguchi*

96 Corey Burnham-Howard is thrilled to share that in November 2004 she and her husband, Michael, welcomed into the world their baby girl, Abigail. After practicing environmental and construction law at a Boston law firm for the last two years, Corey decided to put her law practice temporarily on hold to spend time with

Abigail at their home in Princeton, Mass. Corey also reports frequent visits with **Kirstin Rohrer McPolin**, who lives in New Jersey with husband Greg and daughter Emma, with **Courtney Marum Robaczynski**, who lives in Connecticut with husband Marc and daughter Sabrina, and with **Kristen Drake Patterson**, who herself writes that she and husband Dan are moving to Madagascar for two years. Kristen was the recipient of a Population-Environment Fellowship and will be working on integrated family planning, health, and environmental initiatives with communities located near protected areas in the central highlands of Madagascar. . . . **Kevin Smith** writes that this summer he'll

receive his Ph.D. in ecology and evolutionary biology from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where for the last four years he's been studying the impacts of invasive species on native wildlife in the southeastern United States. In July, right after receiving his degree, Kevin planned to move to South Africa for a few years for a post-doctoral research position. He's excited to get back to Africa for both work and play and asks anyone in the neighborhood to drop him a line for an Afrikaans mini-reunion. . . . Speaking of the neighborhood, **Jennifer Pope** graduated in May with an M.A. in international development from Johns Hopkins and an M.B.A. from the University of Maryland.

She is now working for PSI, an international development organization that specializes in social marketing for health impact. She recently moved to Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, to head their family planning project and writes that she has plenty of space for any visitors! Jennifer also writes that in August 2004 **Tammy Smith** wed AJ Wilkerson in Anguilla and that she and Steph Bunker '95 were bridesmaids. She also reports that Jason and **Abby Smith Derrig** had a boy, Tyler David, on Dec. 31, 2004, that **Amie Sicchitano Taylor** is still teaching kindergarten in Wellesley, Mass., and that **Courtney Sullivan Homer** graduated in May with an M.B.A. from MIT. She and her hus-

emily taxson meadows '98 | one cool cat



By day, Emily Taxson Meadows '98 works in human resources at accounting firm Ernst & Young in northern Virginia. But ask her what she does for a living, and she'll tell you she's a professional singer. That's because on weekends, Meadows sings with a swing band called Big Ray and the Cool Cats. "It's cool to be able to be paid to sing," said Meadows, whose group performs at corporate events, weddings, and parties. "It's a very big part of my identity."

The former Colby singer wants to start her own singing group, maybe a trio, near her home in Fairfax, Va. A music major at Colby, she's continuing her music education by taking voice lessons in jazz and singing jazz stand in the repertoire of Ella Fitzgerald's strongest influences.

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Meadows said her music is blossoming in part because of the flexibility of her job at Ernst & Young. "I can just take my laptop with me, and when I was on the road with the band, I could work from there," she said. "It made a really big difference, and it still does."

A newlywed, Meadows is still adjusting to her new last name. She and her husband, Mark, eloped in December after being overwhelmed by the pressure of planning a wedding. They married in a Mexican-style church in Sedona, Arizona, with only

pews. "We were in the middle of the whole wedding process, hating every moment of it," Meadows said. "We just decided to do it."

The couple met in New York City several years ago when Mark, a 1997 Bates graduate who lived in the same apartment building as Meadows, noticed his neighbor's NESAC attire. "I was moving out and I was wearing my Colby T-shirt, and he struck up a conversation," Meadows said. "The funny thing about it was that we just said goodbye, and that was that." Weeks later, Meadows returned to the apartment with her roommate, Jen Stevens '98, and again ran into Mark. "At that point, it was fate."

A member of Colby's new alumni of color network, Meadows first visited Colby on a whim, then chose the College in part because she felt comfortable there. After growing up as a child of mixed racial background adopted into a white family, she also appreciated that Colby didn't show signs of the racial tension she'd felt at other schools she visited, he said.

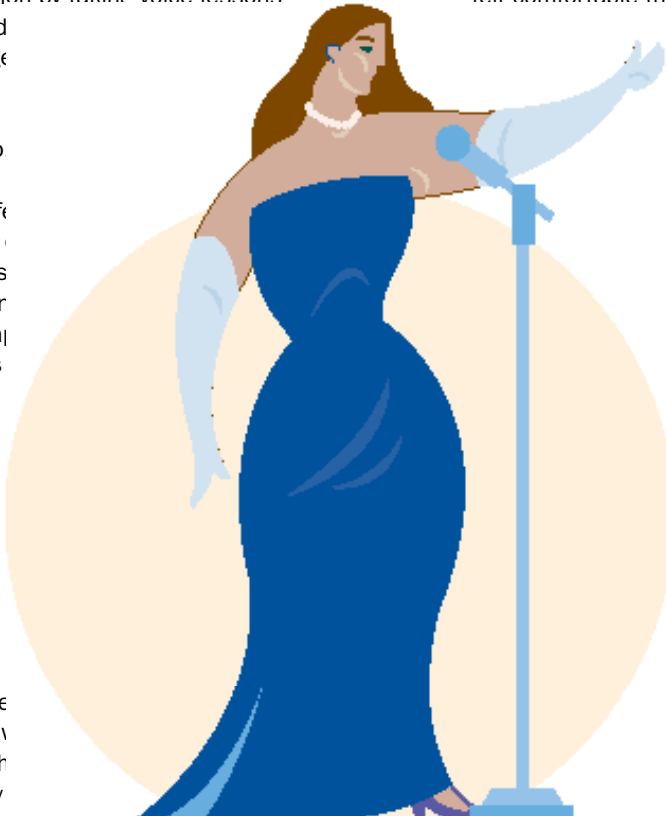
At Colby, Meadows was active in Colby's music she sang in chorale and was a member of the a group, the Megalomaniacs. Just recently, she got with a few of her fellow Colby alumni singers after out that they, too, lived near Washington, D.C. t was the first time we'd seen each other since we duated, so that was pretty hilarious," she said.

After graduating from Colby, Meadows worked in admissions at the Mannes College of Music in New York City before getting a job with Ernst & Young. A year and a half ago, she and her now-husband moved to northern Virginia, where she grew up. As an adult, she sees life near the nation's Capital a bit differently than she did as a child.

"Life is so political down here," she said. "It's just different."

Despite being busy with her two-career schedule, Meadows finds time to serve on Colby's Alumni Council. "It makes me feel like I'm helping," she said. "Helping to keep Colby how I enjoyed it ... a place to be."

—*Alexis Grant '03*



band reside in Charlestown, Mass. . . . In August 2004, **Scott Ames** was made head winemaker at Ambullneo Vineyards, a small, boutique winery in Santa Barbara, Calif., specializing in pinot noir and chardonnay. The winery recently received record-breaking scores of 95 and 93 for its 2002 pinot noirs and chardonnays, respectively. Because of his successes in the wine industry Scott also has been consulting for several new vineyards in Malibu, Calif., and was featured on the new Discovery Channel show *Dude Room*. If anyone is ever in the Santa Barbara area, Scott says feel free to stop in and taste some wine! . . . On April 28, 2004, Ryan and **Sarah Frechette Potts** proudly welcomed Ellie and Annie Potts to the world. Ryan and Sarah write that they are incredibly lucky to have healthy identical twin girls and that Sarah loves being a mom. . . . Chris '95 and **Sheila Grant Orphanides** joyfully welcomed their first child, Elias Christopher, on June 9, 2004, their third wedding anniversary! He is a happy guy and keeping Sheila busy. They often see **Heather Hunt** (now Dr. Heather Hunt), **Gretchen Rice King**, and **Kathy Romeo**, who expected her third child in April. . . . **Sarah Gelman Carney** continues to work at Nichols School in Buffalo as head coach of the girls' ice hockey team and director of alumni relations. She and her husband, Tim, are new parents to twins Jane and Jack, born in June 2004. . . . **Suzanne Arnold Ennis** and husband Daniel moved to the Bay area last August and welcomed their first daughter, Caroline Grace Ennis, on January 21, 2005. . . . **Brian Kingsley** and **Sarah Borchers** are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Kingsley, on February 16, 2005. . . . Tom and **Katherine Holliday Sohn** had a baby girl, Anna Day Sohn. . . . And I am leaving the frozen winters of Montreal for the only slightly less frozen climate of Boston to take a position as assistant professor of organizational behavior at the MIT-Sloan School of Management. . . . Keep the news coming!

—Mark Mortensen

97 I am assuming the responsibility for this column from **Kim Parker**, who has served our class well and kept us well informed for the last seven years. Kim transferred from UPenn to the University of Illinois, still in a Ph.D. program in education, with her research focusing on literacy and African-American adolescent

boys. She reports that she is much happier to be close to her family in Kentucky but also misses the city life she enjoyed while living in Boston and Philadelphia. . . . One of the biggest success stories of the last 12 months is **Dave McLaughlin**, who took over as the head men's basketball coach at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass., and led the Chieftains to a 20-8 record, its first winning season since 1997-98, after a 9-17 mark the previous year. Stonehill was picked to finish 14th in the pre-season coaches poll and finished fourth, which is a testament to his hard work and dedication. . . . **Galen Carr**, the advance scouting coordinator for the Boston Red Sox, had a very successful fall to say the least. After helping the Red Sox win their first World Series in 86 years (in case you missed it), Carr married Jennifer Allaire on Nov. 6 in Boston. Not a bad run for a former Colby pitcher. Carr's partner in crime at Colby, **Harold Graves**, returned to the United States after three-plus years in Tokyo working with Credit Suisse First Boston. He married Machiko Ogawa on Sept. 4 at the N.Y. Yacht Club in Newport, R.I., and is currently trading securities out of his home in Newport. I had the pleasure of spending Super Bowl weekend in Portland with Galen, Harold, Justin Van Til '95, and Matt Morse '98. . . . **Mike Choate** is living in China, Maine, with his wife, Julie, working as a paramedic for Delta in Waterville. . . . **Sarah Molly Lampe** has penned a children's book with a Colby theme, which should be a hit amongst our class members, who are starting to produce more and more future Colby graduates. Sarah's book is titled *Bartholomew Goes to Colby* and is available online through the Colby bookstore. . . . **Amy Stengel**, still living in Boulder, has taken a position in the Colorado Attorney General's Office, where she works in the natural resources and environment section. She frequently socializes with **Anna Hamlen**, who lives in the same condo development. . . . **Geoff Schroeder** also lives in Colorado and is working as a junior high teacher in Fort Collins. . . . **Liz Baker** married Bill Meehan in Vermont in August. Wedding guests included **Jen O'Neill**, **Tom Killilea**, **Wendy Morris Levine**, **Kerri Duffell Murawski**, **Linda Jenkins Van Arsdale**, **Katie Williams Bauer**, **Whitney Wolfe**, and **Mandy Ball Caruso**. . . . **Jenny Lawrence** got married in October to Tim Richman, a 1993 Trinity grad, in Geyersville,

Calif., with several Colby alumni in attendance. Her company (www.diva-designz.com) continues to thrive in the San Francisco area. . . . **John Hebert** has retreated to Van Buren, Maine, and works as a pharmacist in Presque Isle. He and his wife, Amy, are enjoying the recent birth of their son, Henry. . . . **Andrew Black** married Jessica Livada in August in Boston, and they expected their first child in August. Andrew was to graduate from Columbia Business School in May and will continue to live in Manhattan. . . . **Lucas Penney** is finishing his M.B.A. at Cornell and hopes to re-enter the working world in the Boston area, where he can be reunited with his long-time friend and roommate, **Andrew Pease**, who recently moved to Somerville after living in Brighton for some time. . . . **Tony Rosenfeld** has merged his writing and cooking interests into dual roles, working with Jon Olinto '98 at B.Good on Dartmouth Street, a health-oriented restaurant that has drawn rave reviews since opening last winter, and writing about the culinary arts for such publications as the *Boston Globe*, *Fine Cooking Magazine*, and *The Washington Post*. . . . I am working at Rutgers University in the athletic department, serving as the public relations person for the football and baseball teams. I am excited to be helping out with this column and look forward to more news headed my way in the coming months.

—Pat McBride

98 **Brigette Krantz** was married in Reykjavik, Iceland, to Steve Bjorg in July 2004. The ceremony was in a 1905 church that Steve's great-grandfather had helped construct. Friends and family came from many parts of the U.S. and Europe as well as Iceland. Brigette and Steve met while attending the University of Colorado, where they both received degrees in computer science. For the past 4 1/2 years they have lived in Redmond, Wash., and worked for Microsoft, Brigette as a software engineer and Steve as a software architect. . . . **Kari Christensen** writes that she wed **Eric Anderson** in August 2004 on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee. In attendance were **Beth Deschenes**, **Sara Woodberry**, **Todd Poling**, **Greg Alpert**, Chris Christensen '69, Tim Rouhana '01, **Mike Bernstein**, Doug Hamje '96, **Tricia Claussen Foster**, **Nick Lombardi**, and Paul Magyar '00. . . . **Ed Kostrowski** got married on Jan. 16, 2005, in Chatham,

N.J., to Shannon Bagley. His brother, Eric '01, was his best man, and **Nick Lombardi** was one of the groomsmen. Other Colby people there were **Kate Westhaver**, **Alexis Gendron Lefort**, **Amy Piantedosi**, Carol (Strawn '96) and **Jim Fiebelkorn**, **Scott Shirey**, **Brendan Kearney**, Chris Sullivan '97, Eli Carmichael '01, and Ben Heneveld '00. Ed graduated in May from Cornell with his M.B.A., then moved to the N.Y.C. area. . . . **Devin Coleman** writes that he moved to Burlington, Vt., and started graduate school at UVM, studying historic preservation. He is working part time in the archives at Shelburne Farms and has enjoyed re-connecting with fellow Vermonters and Colbyites **Becky Allen** and Anna Thompson Ward '99. . . . **Kristen Wilson** reports that after instructing for Outward Bound for several years she has returned to school at the Bard Center for Environmental Policy for her master's and is looking forward to an internship in Mexico during the second year. For now she keeps her nose in the books and bakes bread once in a while. . . . **Katherine Lundgren Littell** writes that she is having an exciting time practicing law in Jacksonville, Fla. Recently she was in the right place at the right time as *Law & Order* was filming on location at Jacksonville's main courthouse. Katherine was asked to be a juror and was to appear in an episode at the end of the spring. . . . **Sandra Hughes Goff** writes that things are going well out in California. She is living in Santa Monica with her husband, Marc, and pursuing a master's in urban planning at the University of Southern California. She also is working as an intern with the city of Santa Monica in the environmental programs division doing database work concerning water usage and conservation. California is great, she says, but she is excited to move back to the east coast when she is finished with her graduate program. . . . **Meghan Fallon** writes that **Lizz Castagneto** was married on Dec. 7, 2004, to Guzman Andrada in a Christmas-y wedding in Peabody and Topsfield, Mass. Liz is currently seeking a residency in emergency medicine and living happily in Manchester, N.H., with her husband, who owns Argo Cycles. **Hilary White** was a bridesmaid, and **Heather Piper Jackson**, **Tara Falsani Harkins**, **Meredith Greene Ross**, and **Mila Dickson Rossi** were in attendance at the wonderful occasion. . . . **Chris Shepley** and Grace Perry-Shepley '97

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expected a baby boy on May 31, 2005. . . . **Bianca Guzman** has spent the last three years living on Newbury Street in Boston. She worked at the Four Seasons for two of those years and tutored French. She decided to move with Manisha Sharma '99 to India for a year and plans to live in a beach hut in Goa, trek the Himalayas, hang glide in Kashmir, and ride in a camel safari in Great Thar Desert. . . . **Matthew Godsey** is a research associate with the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control. He co-wrote an op-ed in *The New York Times* on Feb. 25, 2005. . . . Hope all is well and look forward to hearing from you.

—Brian M. Gill

00 Hello Class of 2000! This is the last class news column I'll be doing before **Caroline Calhoun** takes over. . . . **Matthew Davis** recently began working at the Woodcock Chiropractic Clinic after graduating summa cum laude from New York Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls, N.Y. . . . **Brendon Smith** is a therapist at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center's department of community psychiatry and is applying to Ph.D. programs in clinical psychology. . . . **Chris Marks** is teaching English in Vermont and went to the Bread Loaf School of English in Alaska this summer. . . . On December 2, 2004, **Benjamin Humphreys** and his wife, Christine, had their first daughter, Madison Humphreys. . . . **Whitney Lawton** returned from the Peace Corps last summer and moved to Baltimore to attend Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. She'll get her R.N. in May 2006. . . . **Lindsay Shaker McDermott** is working as a second grade teacher in Hopkinton, Mass., and has been married happily for two years. She and her husband were expecting their first baby in April. . . . **David Kirtley** has been publishing short fiction—involving surreal, magical, or science-fiction—in a variety of magazines and anthologies. In January he was interviewed about writing on the radio for WBAI 99.5 FM in New York, and in February he read a story as part of a reading series at the Melville Gallery at South Street Seaport. . . . **Morgan McDevitt** is working for

Oppenheimer Funds during the day and moonlighting as a rock star and playing drums for Voices Underwater and Shimmersound, two local rock bands. He still finds time to ski and volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, and he hoped to visit **Jay Zarnetske** and his wife, Phoebe (Lehmann '01), in Utah during the summer. . . . **Krissy Swanson** is working at Nike and is to marry Aaron Yetman in Oregon on September 24. She hopes that **Missy Fiebelkorn**, Carolyn Szum '01, and Sara Lovitz '01 will be bridesmaids. . . . **Rebecca Ryan Williams** and her husband, David, welcomed baby boy number two into the world last January 26. His name is Tucker, and his older brother, Chris, is 2. . . . **Hue Lam** was to finish up graduate school at Yale University last spring—and was looking forward to marrying Danielle D'Entremont '01 in July. Hue, **Matt Boutet**, **Pete Aykroyd**, and **Geoff Cole** went on a winter camping trip last February on Mount Osceola in New Hampshire. . . . **Jennifer Goodman** is currently pursuing her doctorate in physical therapy at SUNY-Stony Brook, Long Island, and will graduate in June 2006. She lives with her basset hound, Beans, adopted in Boston before she moved to N.Y. . . . **James Mason** finished his master's thesis and got his degree from UNC-Charlotte in December. He was to get married in June in Asheville, N.C., to Suzanne Savin, with **Alex Moskos** as best man and **JR Rudman** as an usher. . . . **Caitlin Nelson** lives in Portland, Maine, and after working in the curatorial department of the Bowdoin College Museum of Art for three years has gone back to school at the University of Southern Maine; she'll get her master's in nursing and become a nurse practitioner. **Sarah Andel** is in her program. Caitlin also has formed a book club with some local Colby gals—**Jeannine Bergquist**, Melissa Sternlieb '02, and Andrea Ernst '03. Jeannine is working part time as a massage therapist in Portland and working on a master's at USM in school psychology. . . . **Ann Birenbaum** is in San Francisco at UCSF's nursing program. . . . **Christy Nuss** recently moved to Lander, Wyo.,

with her husband and 2-year-old son, Quinn. . . . **Katie LaRochelle** is working as a special education teacher in Vermont and was to be married in June to Brendan Gavin '01. . . . **Jason Ri** is engaged to marry Ms. Chie Ito, who was employed at Colby as the Japanese teaching assistant in 1999-2000. . . . **Michael Farrell** is doing lots of fire poi shows and in April and May led outdoor trips in Idyllwild, Calif. This summer he was back working at Outward Bound in Massachusetts. . . . **Jennifer Kassakian** moved to Seattle last September to start a master's program in marine affairs at the University of Washington.

—Reba Frederics Libby

01 Congrats to **Brendan Gavin** and **Katie LaRochelle** '00, married in June 2005. Brendan finished his second year of graduate school at Dartmouth for his Ph.D. in molecular and cellular biology, Katie teaches special education at the White River School in Vermont, and they have a beagle puppy they named Bixler (after the building where they met!). . . . **Patrick Bernal** is engaged to Bliss Woolmington '02. Patrick is working as a lawyer in New York at the law firm of Jones, Jones, Larkin, O'Connell after graduating from Boston College Law and passing the New York bar exam. . . . **Jennifer Worden** married Adrian Fehrmann of Santiago, Chile, in Santiago on Feb. 15, 2004. Jennifer has been living there for about four years. She and her husband planned to return to the States for grad school this summer. . . . **Marybeth Maney** finished her fourth year of teaching English and creative writing at Lake Region High School in Naples, Maine. She was to marry Isaac Wilhelm on July 9 in Massachusetts, and they planned to move to Vermont, where Marybeth can concentrate on some of her own creative writing. . . . **Eric Lantzman** was in India for a month studying traditional Indian medicine before heading off to the Hopi reservation in Arizona for a month with the Indian health service. After graduating, he's off to a residency. He and **Sarah Breul** were going to catch up in Haridwar, India, to watch the candles float down the Ganges. . . . **Abbie Parker** and **Marc McEwen** are living in Maine. Abbie finished her second year of law school and is interning at Berry, Dunn, McNeil, and Parker, an accounting and financial services company. Marc works with Wells Fargo Financial and is coaching a varsity middle school

team in Portland. Marc has spotted **Ryan Kelly**, who is almost finished with his law degree from Suffolk. He reports that **Chris Tashjian** is engaged to marry Kim Paroognagian in summer 2006. . . . **Noam Dorros** is working at Paramount Pictures in L.A. and loving being a super celebrity. . . . **Doug Johnson**, **Bill Getty**, and **Evan Reece** are still living in California and have no plans to ever leave. . . . **JJ Abodeely** reports that he, **Christian Brunet**, **Mike Kleinman**, and **Devon Believeau** went to visit **Matt Reeber** in New Orleans, where Matt was in his second year as a law student at Tulane. They were pleased to report that Matthew has made some nice friends, is passing all his courses, and seems generally well-adjusted—and even has a few women vying for his attention. . . . **Ian** and **Sarah Martin Kennedy** are the proud parents of Charles "Charlie" Martin Kennedy. He was born Feb. 20, 2005, and weighed in at a whopping 9 lbs 2 oz. . . . **Mark Paustenbach** finished up working on the Kerry campaign in November and is now back at the Democratic National Committee under new chairman Howard Dean. . . . **Meghan Short** and her husband, Sean Meszkat, had a baby boy, Brody Alexander Meszkat, on Nov. 30, 2004. . . . **David Forsyth** is living in Austin, getting his master's degree in social work at the University at Texas. . . . **Kristin Moresi** finished her second year of law school at Wake Forest University. During the summer she worked for Wilson & Iseman, a litigation firm in Winston-Salem. . . . **Melanie Morin** graduated from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in May and was to begin a psychiatry residency program at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., in June. She will be promoted to captain in the United States Army Medical Corps. . . . **Janice Greenwald** was accepted to her first choice, Duke's business school, Fuqua. . . . **Thad Fowler** recently got engaged to Erin Lauten, whom he lives with in San Francisco. Thad completed an M.A. in English, has been doing freelance copy editing and tutoring, and finished an M.F.A. in creative writing in May. He had his first fiction publication in the journal *Tarpaulin Sky*, and both he and Erin have work forthcoming in a Lost Island Press anthology of Bay-area writers. . . . **Vanessa Pickett** is engaged to Andrew Moore and will be married in May 2006. She was to finish her master's in higher education this June at the

newsmakers

Some college grads dream of the road trip to California. After getting his diploma in May, **Cory Cramer '05** sailed across the Atlantic. On June 8 Cramer, his grandfather Peter, and brother Charlie departed from Bermuda headed for Gibraltar on their sloop. After completing the 3,355-mile journey at sea, the brothers planned to backpack to Lisbon, Portugal. "[It was] ... a little eerie being out there. One gets a sense of being very small," Cramer told *The Duxbury Clipper*.

milestones

Marriages: **Kathryn A. LaRochelle '00** to **Brendan A. Gavin '01** in Rockport, Maine ♦ **Kristen Merrill '00** to Jason Lavoie in Gray, Maine ♦ **Jennifer J. Tanenbaum '00** to Douglas S. Heffer in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. ♦ **James R. Gagnon '02** to Tracy E. Wilson in Biddeford, Maine ♦ **Hilary R. Lavelly '02** to Parker S. Corbin in Washington, D.C. ♦ **Jill R. Laramée '03** to **J. Thad Feeney '03** in Tahoe City, Calif. ♦ **Kim A. Niederberger '03** to **Greg D. Lynch '04** in Waterville, Maine ♦ **Matt Nelson '03** to Michilynn Duplisea.

Deaths: **Chad S. Garwood '07**, June 11, 2005, in Portland, Maine, at 20.

Harvard Graduate School of Education. . . **Hillary Evans** passed the Washington bar and is currently living in Seattle and clerking for a judge. . . **Kimberly Schneider** is spending a post-Peace Corps year in Burkina Faso. . . **Stuart Luth** continues to write and perform alongside Dan Maccarone '98 and Erik Bowie '00 in their New York sketch comedy group, Slightly Known People, who played at Colby on April 16, 2005. . . **Matthew Houlahan** is working as a geologist for a large environmental firm (Tetra Tech, Inc.) in Santa Barbara, Calif., contributing to environmental restoration at Vandenberg Air Force Base. His twin brother, **Nick Houlahan**, is getting his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago and hoping to teach at the university level when he finally gets his degree. . . Please look at the Web for more news of our class.

—Dana Fowler

02 **Katie Knepley** moved to San Francisco in April to work at a venture capital fund. . . **Jenna Wasson** and **Andrea Graffeo** are living together in Cambridge while Andrea finishes up grad school in physical therapy and Jenna finishes grad school in education policy. . . **Diana McFadden** attends grad school at Villanova. . . **Alex Suchman**, **Shayna Scholnick**, and **Anna Berke** live together in D.C. Alex works on health and disability policy issues on Capitol Hill, Shayna is a caseworker, and Anna is a conference planner. Shayna, **Lauren Frisoli**, **Erika Thoreson**, **Jenn Coughlin**, and **Katy Bruski** were to be in the

wedding of **Jamie Hinson** and James Scribner '99 in June. . . **Rocky Severs** completed his first marathon on April 30, 2005. Over the summer Rocky went to the European Conference on the Research of Fluid Incisions in Italy and then headed to New England for the Gordon Conference on Inorganic Geochemistry. . . **Bill Simpson** and **Katie St. Germaine** got married in August 2004 and took a 2 1/2-month trip to Italy, Greece, and Turkey, mostly working on farms along the way. . . **Becca Bruce** is in Boston, where she's the new head field hockey coach at Wellesley. . . **Brian Wezowicz** lives in N.Y.C. and works for VH1. Brian's current project is "I Love the 70s Part 2." . . **Chris Schlosser** lives in Seattle with **Chris Castle** and works for MSN. . . **Whitney Pearce** works in Boston at Appleton Partners. . . **Kristy Malm** lives in Jersey City, N.J., and works in N.Y.C. at Marsh, Inc. . . **Kathryn Kosuda** works at Merck Pharmaceuticals near Philly and will start a Ph.D. program at Northwestern in the fall. . . **Nicole Shoemaker** finished her first year of law school at the University of Illinois. . . **Micki Young** wrapped up her second year of vet school at the University of Pennsylvania. . . **Blake Crowley** lives in Antofagasta, Chile, where she is a volunteer English teacher. . . **Eric Laurits** finished his first year of grad school at the National Theatre Conservatory in Denver and started a photo business. . . **Bliss Woolmington** is engaged to Patrick Bernal '01. . . **Chad Weiss** studied in Italy at the Johns Hopkins School

of Advanced International Studies for a semester. . . **Andrea Pomerance** works at the European College of Liberal Arts in Berlin. . . **Stephanie Spitko** lives with Mike Eller '00 in New Hampshire, where she works at a veterinary hospital. . . **Clinton Johnson** started student teaching in August to complete his master's. . . **Catherine Benson** has been working with an environmental and development NGO in Uganda but in August was heading back to graduate school at Yale's School of Forestry and Environmental Science. . . **James Ewing** graduated from Wake Forest Law School in May. . . **Meg Cassella** works at an Internet start-up in Cambridge. . . **Erin Gardner** got engaged to a fellow teacher at the Landmark School, and they plan to get married sometime next spring.

—Sarah Dressler

04 It has been a year since we graduated, and everyone seems to have adjusted to life off Mayflower Hill pretty well. . . **Vince Domestico** and **Kaitlin Bain** were married on June 18, 2004. . . **Greg Lynch** and **Kim Niederberger '03** were married at Colby on July 9, 2004. . . **Jason Beal** and **Jennifer Kalman** also were married on July 9, 2004. They spent their honeymoon visiting the fjords in Norway. . . **Amanda Belden** started Tufts Dental School this fall. . . **Cynthia Davies** has been in Senegal with the Peace Corps. . . **Francie McGowan** left for Mexico last May. She has been volunteering in an orphanage outside of Cuernavaca for the year. . . **Lauren Henderson** has quit the casino gig for good and has turned to working for the League to Save Lake Tahoe and the Tahoe-Baikal Institute. . . **Alicia Burrows** is currently serving as a platoon leader in an Area Signal Company. She is stationed in Darmstadt, Germany, where she will be until her unit's deployment to Iraq sometime in October. . . **Trevor Mackesey**, who was working on the Elkhorn Ranch in Montana, is currently traveling the world with **Tim Cullen** and running into other '04 grads in foreign supermarkets. . . **Mahdi Bseiso** is living in Brooklyn Heights in N.Y.C. and is working at Deloitte and Touche in database analytics and computer forensics. . . **Mason Smith** is working toward his master's in computer science at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He is engaged to Amanda Surette '03 and is planning a January

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2006 wedding. . . **Kearney Shanahan** and **Josh Zweig** are working for Cambridge Associates in Boston. . . **Kristin Schaefer** and **Katie Sweeney** are working for their M.S.W. degrees at Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. . . **Alex Gershuny** was living in London and working in an art gallery but plans on moving back to New York this fall. . . **Matt Ritter**, **Josh German**, **Eric McAllister**, and **Ben Sheehan** traveled to Prague in May to play basketball and raise money for charities back in Connecticut. Matt also was accepted to the University of San Francisco School of Law Summer Abroad Institute in Prague and spent six weeks this past summer taking classes in international law. . . **Lindsey Lanier** is living in Los Angeles and working at Universal Music Publishing Group. . . **Emily Laubscher** had been living in Thailand where she had been teaching English at a government school in a town a few hours from Bangkok. In July, she moved to a town on the Burmese border, where she will volunteer at a refugee camp until she comes home in October. In April, **Kristin Saucier** visited her and they backpacked around the country.

—Kate Weiler



O B I T U A R I E S



Myrtle Paine Barker '31, April 26, 2005, in Lakewood, Colo., at 94. She earned a master's in classics from Trinity College and taught Latin for many years. She was predeceased by her brothers, William T. Paine '35 and Stanley A. Paine '37. She is survived by three sons, John, Thomas, and Robert Barker, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and her sister, Arlene Paine Osias '39.

Florence Shapiro Sterns '32, May 9, 2005, in Skowhegan, Maine, at 95. She was active in the family business, Sterns Department Store in Waterville, until retiring in the late 1970s. She was predeceased by her husband, George Sterns '31, and her brothers-in-law, Herbert Sterns '41 and Fred J. Sterns '29. She is survived by two grandchildren, Lee B. Brandwein '73 and Terry E. Brandwein, three great-grandchildren, and a niece and two nephews.

Chester M. Stratton '33, April 7, 2005, in Monterey, Calif., at 95. A retired colonel, he did graduate work at MIT and Harvard. After serving in the Army during World War II, he served as a military attaché in Yugoslavia with the Atomic Energy Commission, and as advisor to the ambassador to NATO in Paris. He retired from the military in 1965 with many decorations, including the Legion of Merit. He is survived by a son, Donald, two grandchildren, and two nephews.

Arthur T. Wasserman '33, June 26, 2005, in Williamstown, Mass., at 93. He earned a law degree from Boston University and built Wasserman and Salter into one of Boston's largest commercial law firms. In 1939 he successfully defended the rights of a German concentration camp survivor who had been forced to sign over his inheritance to the Nazis. During World War II he was an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Etta, a son, a daughter, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother, Robert M. Wasserman '48.

Marion Ross Roberts '34, April 8, 2005, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at 93. After teaching Latin and business courses at Maine's Mattanawcook

Academy and Morse Memorial High School, she retired in 1972 from Brewer (Maine) High School. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Lloyd, two daughters, three grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Sheldon R. Rudnick '36, October 3, 2003, in Brookline, Mass., at 88. He is survived by his son, Leslie H. Rudnick '66.

Reynold N. Pierce '37, March 22, 2005, in Nashville, Tenn., at 89. He enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and served on two destroyers in anti-submarine warfare during World War II. A disabled veteran, he worked as a stenographer and secretary. He is survived by a sister, Helen Beatrice Morin, eight nephews and nieces, and 15 great-nephews and great-nieces.

Marie Tibbetts Slovak '38, February 25, 2005, in Greenport, N.Y., at 87. She was a librarian at the Maine State Library in Augusta and later worked for the Atlantic Sails Co. in Portland and the City of Portland, where she retired from the city manager's office in 1988. She is survived by three daughters, Janet Hall, Ann Hazelwood, and Bonnie Slovak, a stepdaughter, eight grandchildren, and a brother.

Maynard C. Waltz '38, March 31, 2005, in Exeter, N.H., at 88. He earned a master's in physics from Wesleyan. During World War II he worked at MIT's radiation labs. After the war he worked at Bell Telephone Laboratories and then at Bell Labs, where he obtained 12 patents. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, two sons, one stepson, five grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, three step-grandchildren, and his sister. He was predeceased by his first wife, Lubov Leonovich Waltz '41.

Fletcher Eaton '39, April 2, 2005, in Needham, Mass., at 88. He earned a mechanical engineering degree from MIT and worked 10 years for Raytheon and 13 years for Polaroid, where he became principal engineer. He was the former chairman of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Nellie, a son, a daughter,

three grandchildren, his brother, Arthur T. Eaton '44, and many nieces and nephews, including A. Raymond Rogers Jr. '49. He was predeceased by his brothers John C. Eaton '41 and Harvey D. Eaton Jr. '16.

Wade S. Hooker Sr. '39, March 22, 2005, in Attleboro, Mass., at 89. He received degrees from Boston University and Bridgewater State College. A principal, teacher, and basketball coach at Sumner Junior High School in Holbrook, Mass., he also taught mathematics at Wellesley Junior High School and worked for Hooker Brothers Ice Cream Company of Holbrook. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Eleanor, a son, two daughters, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

David H. Cotton '40, June 14, 2005, in Bangor, Maine, at 86. He served with the Army Air Force during World War II and earned a master's in education from the University of Maine. He worked for more than 50 years with Ricker College and served as headmaster and academic dean from 1946 to 1966 and as acting president. He and his wife, Norma, were parents of a daughter, Ellen. He is survived by a brother, Charles M. Cotton '49.

Pauline Lander Higgins '41, February 21, 2005, in Lewiston, Maine, at 85. She taught Latin, English, history, and French at Freedom (Maine) Academy, then worked in the UCLA Meteorology Department. After raising a family she taught English, Latin, and history at Lisbon (Maine) High School. Predeceased by her husband, Earl W. Higgins '39, she is survived by three sons, Michael, Peter, and Matthew Higgins, a daughter, Trudy Brown, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

John C. Nivison '42, April 29, 2005, in China, Maine, at 90. He worked in the papermaking business for Hollingsworth, H&W, and Scott Paper, retiring in 1977 as a division manager. During World War II he was a sergeant in the Maine State Guard. He is survived by two sons, John II and Kenneth II Nivison, a daughter, Nancy Ann Soper, 10 grandchildren, including John C. Nivison '82, 15

great-grandchildren, his sister, and several nieces and nephews.

Leo F. Kavanaugh Jr. '43, May 16, 2005, in Dartmouth, Mass., at 83. A graduate of Pennsylvania College of Optometry, he served as an Army optometrist during World War II. For more than 60 years he operated The Keystone, a family furniture business, with his brother, James F. Kavanaugh '42, who predeceased him. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Therese, three daughters, a son, four grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Thomas P. Norton Sr. '43, May 18, 2005, in Sandwich, Mass., at 83. He served as a navigator and pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. For 42 years he worked at the Gillette Company, retiring in 1986 after working as a chemist, production manager, operations manager, and for corporate headquarters. He is survived by a daughter, Joanne Reeves, two sons, Thomas Jr. and Robert Norton, five grandchildren, and two sisters.

Robert H. Brunell '44, December 22, 2004, in Auburn, N.Y., at 82. He participated in the D-Day invasion of Normandy during World War II. Later he earned a master's in Spanish at Middlebury College, and for 57 1/2 years he served as an English professor at Cayuga Community College, winning numerous awards during his career. He and his wife, Catherine Clark Brunell '44, who predeceased him, had a daughter and son, Martha and Lee Brunell.

Malcolm A. MacDonald '44, April 20, 2005, in Hanover, N.H., at 83. He served in the Army during World War II and went on to work in the heating plant of Dartmouth College, retiring in 1984 after 37 years of service. He is survived by a daughter, Martha, a son, James, and several nieces and nephews.

Eileen A. Matteo '44, April 30, 2005, in Providence, R.I., at 82. She earned a master's in psychology from Rhode Island College and was an educator and psychologist for the Rhode Island Department of Education for 22 years before retiring in 1986. She is survived by three sisters, Rita Ernst, Alma

Hancock, and Kathleen Hancock, and eight nieces and nephews.

Margery Owen Fallon '45, May 10, 2005, in McLean, Va., at 82. She was a docent at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and at the Marine Corps Museum in Washington and volunteered with Hospice of Northern Virginia for more than 15 years. She is survived by two sons, Michael and E.D. "Rocky" Fallon, two daughters, Elizabeth Quilter and Maryscott Greenwood, a brother, and four grandchildren.

Ralph P. Pallin '45, April 26, 2004, in North Carolina, at 85. He earned a degree from Boston University, served in the Navy, and worked in the automotive dealership business. He is survived by his wife, Edythe.

Maurice C. Smith '48, May 20, 2005, in California, at 81. He served with the Army Air Corps and owned a sign-making business. He and his wife, Edythe, had two daughters and one son.

David D. Lynch '49, January 28, 2005, in Yarmouthport, Mass., at 82. He served in the Army during World War II. After attending the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, he enjoyed a successful career as an investment banker/financial analyst with Wall Street firms. He is survived by two sons, Jeffrey and Jonathan Lynch, two daughters, Catherine Lynch LeBlanc and Jennifer Zambuni, a grandson, a brother, and many nieces and nephews.

Fred D. Sahagian '49, June 1, 2005, in Burlington, Mass., at 78. His expertise in the Japanese language led him to service in the Army Counter Intelligence Corps in World War II. He received an M.B.A. from the Wharton School in 1950 and was chief credit analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston before retiring in 1986. He leaves a brother, Karekin Sahagian '49, and two nephews and their children.

Ruth Pierce Abrahamsen '50, February 19, 2005, in Ashland, Va., at 76. She worked for Raytheon before her marriage. An active volunteer, she worked with local hospital auxiliaries, in scouting, and with many school and church activities. She is survived by her husband, Fred, three children, and four grandchildren.

Harold E. Brewer '51, April 30, 2005, in Placida, Fla., at 86. He was an Army veteran of World War II and earned a master's in psychology from Fordham University. He retired in 1983 from O.M. Scott Co. (an ITT subsidiary) and moved to Florida, where he was president of the Gasparilla Island Water Board and the Boca Grande Child Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, a daughter, two sons, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Robert D. Tompkins '51, June 5, 2005, in Pearl River, N.Y., at 77. He served in the Army during World War II and earned a master's in education from Columbia University. A high school teacher and principal, he joined Holt, Rinehart & Winston as a mathematics textbook editor and retired in 1985 as vice president and editor-in-chief of its school department. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Susan McPherson Tompkins '50, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

Elizabeth Rivers Russell '52, April 18, 2005, in Kensington, Conn., at 74. She earned a master's in marriage and family counseling from the University of Connecticut and had a successful counseling practice until 1988. She is survived by her husband of more than 50 years, Donald, two sons, a daughter, eight grandsons, two step-granddaughters, her sister, a niece, and several nephews.

Robert Ryley '52, January 21, 2005, in New York, at 74. Following service in the Air Force he earned a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota and was a professor of English at York College of the City University of New York. He is survived by his wife, Alison, and his son, Alexander.

Lois Thorndike Sharp '52, May 24, 2005, in Camden, Maine, at 74. After several years as a housewife, she worked briefly at Best & Co. and then Fleet Bank (formerly Central Jersey Bank & Trust), where she held positions as teller, loan officer, and bookkeeper before retiring in the early 1990s. She was predeceased by her husband, Russell Brown '51. She is survived by a daughter, Kerry Brown Albano, a son, Michael, three grandchildren, and several cousins.

Paul E. Reece '54, April 24, 2005, in Alexandria, Va., at 74. A retired

journalist, magazine publisher, and association executive, he is survived by his wife of 36 years, Carolyn, a son, a daughter, and a grandson.

George W. Ellinwood Jr. '57, May 10, 2005, in West Palm Beach, Fla., at 71. Prior to his retirement in 1992 he was a vice president and international private banker with Citibank, where he worked for 36 years. He also served on the board of directors of the Humane Society of New York. He leaves his companion, Hugh L. Harrison, three sons, seven grandsons, a granddaughter and step-granddaughter, and a sister.

Elizabeth Lee Holcombe Milliken '61, June 19, 2005, in Carlisle, Mass., at 66. She earned a master's in occupational therapy from Tufts. A community activist, she served as coordinator of services for seniors, youth leader, fund raiser, and journalist. She worked at McLean Hospital before marrying and later as a counselor at Emerson Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Arthur, two sons, a daughter, six grandchildren, three brothers, and a niece, Wendy Holcombe '93.

Janet MacColl Krakauer '63, April 19, 2005, in Durham, N.C., at 63. After earning a master's in zoology from the University of Florida, she taught science in the Roanoke, Va., public school system, at a progressive elementary school, where she served as director, and at the Duke School. She was a member of the scientific research honor society Sigma Xi and the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators. She is survived by her husband, Thomas, and a son.

Carol Haynes Beatty '64, April 2, 2005, in Florida, at 62. After Colby she attended the Katharine Gibbs School. She is survived by her husband, Michael. She was predeceased by a grandfather, Harold W. Haynes, Class of 1900.

Susan L. McGinley '65, April 29, 2005, in Maine, at 62. She earned a master of fine arts degree in theater arts from Boston University and was chair of the theater departments at the University of Massachusetts at Boston and Wheelock College. She was predeceased by her sister-in-law, Nancy Cowing McGinley '55, a cousin, Robert Lombard '66, an uncle, Edward W. Lombard '38, and

a grandfather, William Lombard, class of 1893.

Charlene Gorsun Solomon '65, May 6, 2005, in Beverly, Mass., at 61. She earned a master's in mathematics from Harvard and was a professor of mathematics for nearly 20 years at Wentworth Institute of Technology. In 1999 she co-wrote the textbook *Precalculus Investigations—A Laboratory Manual*. She is survived by her husband, Mark, a daughter, a son, a sister, an uncle, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws.

Joseph M. Koch III '72, May 20, 2005, in Cumberland Foreside, Maine, at 55. He was president of New England's only cement manufacturer, Dragon Cement and Concrete. After earning an M.B.A. at Washington State University he joined the Boeing Corporation in Seattle and later was a vice president at Cianbro Corporation. He served on the boards of industry associations and was chairman of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce. He is survived by his wife, Susan, a son, a daughter, his parents, and two sisters.

Michael J. Shay '82, May 6, 2005, in Paradise Valley, Ariz., at 46. He studied the culinary arts under Master Chef Emeril Lagasse, worked at Ken's Steak House in Framingham, Mass., and created some of the most popular Ken's Steak House Salad Dressings flavors. He was the former proprietor of World Gym in Framingham. He is survived by his wife, Victoria Marie, a daughter, his parents, his mother-in-law, three brothers, one sister, and many niece, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Pamela Sherbondy '87, May 22, 2005, in Plantation, Fla., at 55. She earned a degree from the University of Southern Maine and taught for 14 years at the George J. Mitchell School in Waterville.

Chad S. Garwood '07, June 11, 2005, in Portland, Maine, at 20. He excelled in both football and basketball at Winthrop (Maine) High School and continued his football career at Colby, where he studied economics before transferring to the University of Southern Maine. He is survived by his parents, Steven and Michele Garwood, his sister, his paternal and maternal grandparents, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

ON BIG QUESTIONS AND A CENTURY OF EINSTEIN

By Robert Bluhm

Albert Einstein published his theory of relativity 100 years ago, and the anniversary has been noted with fanfare around the world. Colby asked Professor Robert Bluhm, an authority on Einstein, to reflect on Einstein's contribution to physics and our world.

I cannot imagine physics without Einstein. While it is certainly true that the subject has been around since well before Einstein burst on the scene 100 years ago—and there have been other great physicists both before and after—it is nonetheless Einstein's work that touches the heart and soul of what it means to me to be a physicist.

Since this is the centennial year of Einstein's relativity and has been declared the Year of Physics by the United Nations, I find myself thinking more and more about Einstein lately and what his work has meant to my teaching and research.

To me, there are basically two types of physicists. First there are those who like to take stuff apart and figure out how things work. Then there are those who like to ask the big questions: where did the universe come from, and why are we all here? Of course, most physicists—including Einstein—are a little of both. But for those who lean more toward the big questions (myself included) there is no greater role model than Albert Einstein.

Perhaps the most astonishing thing about Einstein is that he was able to come up with the theory of relativity largely on his own and from outside the academic community. While he was aware of much of the work of his contemporaries and had all the benefits of a university education, he had nonetheless fallen into obscurity by his mid-20s, taking a job as a patent clerk in Bern, Switzerland. Somehow Einstein thrived, and in 1905 he published five papers that forever changed physics.

By far the most important of his papers that year were the two dealing with the special theory of relativity. The implications of this theory are mind boggling: the passage of time and spatial distances are all relative, and mass and energy become equivalent as stated in the famous equation $E=mc^2$.

According to relativity, how one person ages compared to another depends on how fast they are moving relative to each other. This means that if I were to go off for one day in a relativistic rocket at, say, 99.9999999 percent the speed of light, when I returned I would be one day older, but my children would have aged by over 60 years!

Of course, in our slowpoke existence we do not have to worry about such scenarios. Even in the fastest jet planes the relative time shift due to relativity is only a fraction of a microsecond for a one-day trip. This is far too little for anyone to notice—though it has been measured with precise atomic clocks.

Indeed, there have been numerous high-precision tests of relativity over the years, and much of my research for the past seven or eight years has been concerned with looking for better ways to test relativity. In the end, as bizarre as relativity may seem, its main predictions do appear to be correct. Time and space do not behave as we naively assume based on ordinary experience.

However, the relative nature of space and time is just the beginning of the story. Einstein's 1905 theory of special relativity concerns only steady (or non-accelerated) motion. In the years 1907-1915, Einstein generalized the theory to include the effects of acceleration—the resulting theory is known as general relativity. Since gravity causes objects to fall with an acceleration, what Einstein ultimately had to do when he developed general relativity was to invent a new theory of gravity.

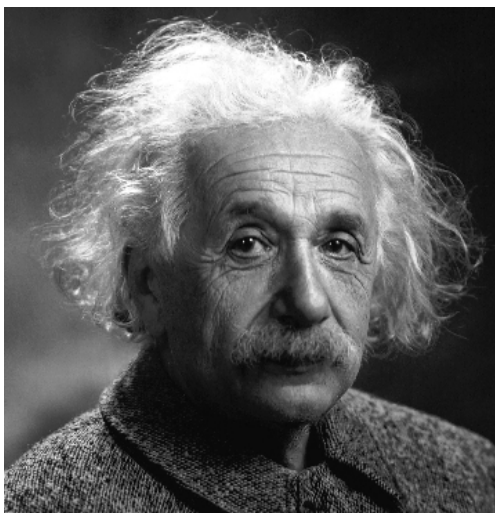
In general relativity, massive objects like planets, stars, and galaxies cause the space and time around them to curve. This distortion of space and time can become so extreme that in objects called black holes not even light can escape. Perhaps most intriguing of all, one can model the whole universe in the context of general relativity. The solutions describe a dynamical universe that can expand, contract, or even accelerate. When combined with experimental observations, we find that the observable universe appears to have a beginning. Projecting back about 14 billion years, there appears to be a moment of creation or Big Bang in which all matter and energy erupted from a single point of extremely high density and hot temperature.

As a teacher at Colby, I never tire of retelling the story of Einstein's discoveries and how they have reshaped our understanding of the universe. I see the initial looks of total disbelief on students' faces as I tell them about the strange behavior of space in time in special relativity. In my upper-level course on general relativity, we work our way slowly through the mathematical intricacies of describing warped space and time and how very recent discoveries have altered our understanding of the evolution and makeup of the universe.

As much as I admire Einstein's relativity, it is still just the latest installment of an ongoing (and probably never-ending) effort to understand all of physics at the most fundamental level. Indeed, much of the current research in theoretical physics is devoted to finding a quantum theory of gravity that will supercede Einstein's general relativity.

Ultimately, though, when a deeper, more fundamental theory is uncovered I suspect it will be the result of a huge collaborative effort. It is hard for me to imagine that there will ever again be a single person emerging from near total obscurity who will singlehandedly change our view of the entire universe. For this reason, I believe Einstein will always remain a unique figure in physics, one who will inspire and amaze physics students for years to come.

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