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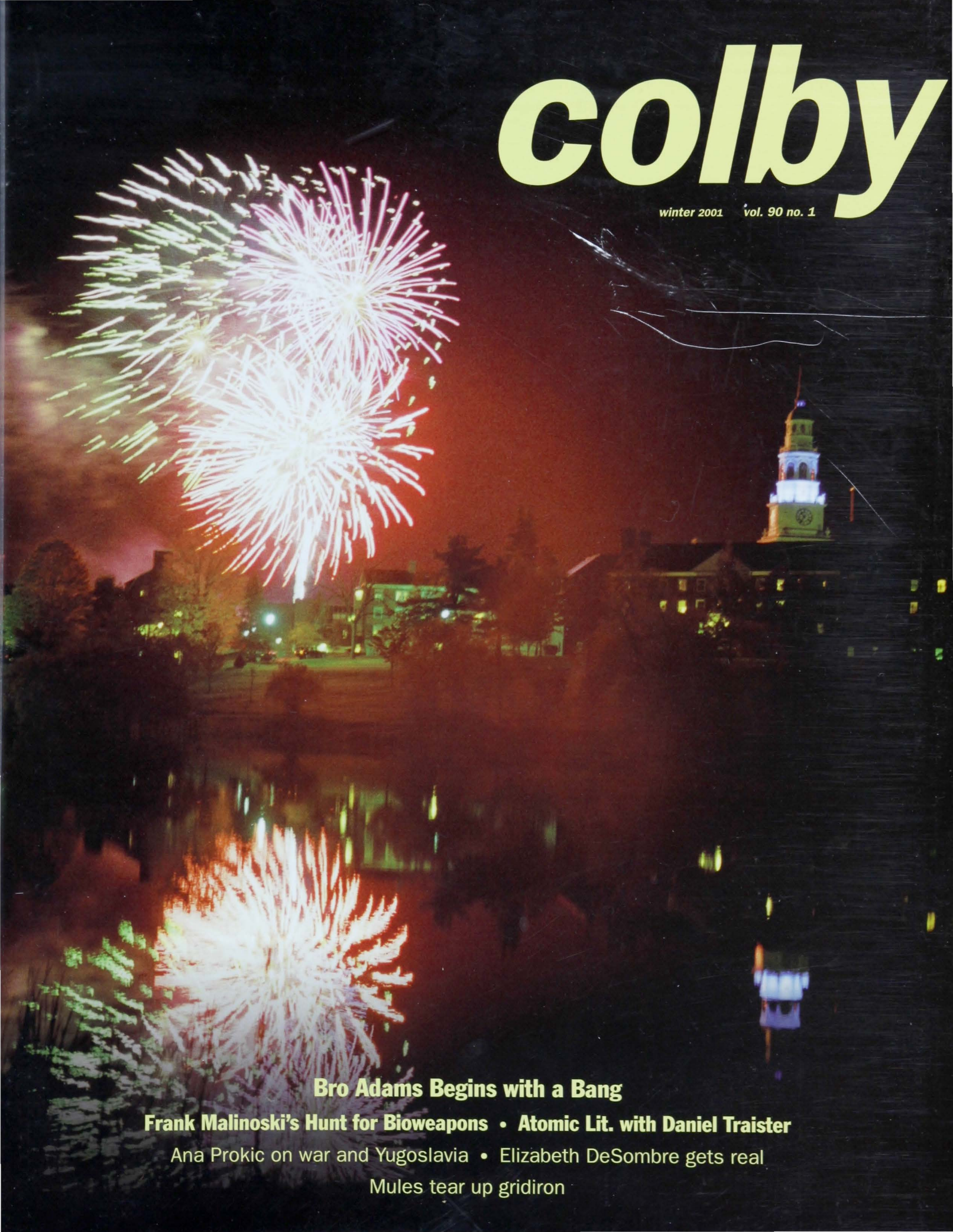
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This new questionnaire will be in each issue of the magazine, allowing alumni to contact their class correspondent four times a year. The past system for collecting news, sending separate letters once a year, was unwieldy and time consuming for the small staff in the Alumni Relations Office, and the postage was expensive. Now we look forward to hearing from you more than once a year!

Please mail or e-mail your news **directly to your class correspondent**. The correspondents' addresses are listed within the Alumni at Large section of the magazine. Keep the news coming!

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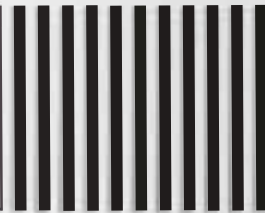
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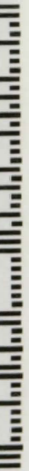


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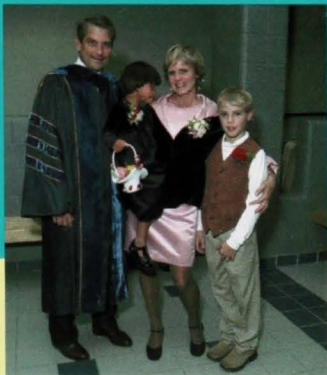
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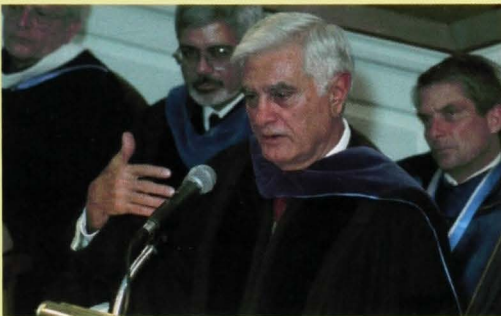
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A few words on this issue of *Colby* and how it came to be.

Several months back, writer Peter Nichols of the University of Pennsylvania called and pitched a story about Daniel Traister '63 and his course Nuclear Fictions. Nichols knew Traister's course by reputation and had signed up to experience it firsthand. After a semester, Nichols emerged profoundly impressed by Traister's knowledge and passion for a topic that many of us would prefer to ignore: the dropping of the atomic bomb and the subsequent nuclear standoff between the United States and the Soviet Union. Traister's examination of the nuclear age through its literature sounded interesting; *Colby* commissioned the article.

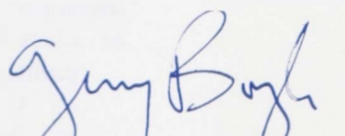
Nichols had just filed his story when another came across the desk: a *New Yorker* article on another product of the Cold War—biological weapons. The story, by Richard Preston, author of the bestseller *The Hot Zone*, prominently featured Dr. Frank Malinoski '76, one of the investigators who uncovered the Soviet Union's secret production of biological agents like smallpox and anthrax. Malinoski subsequently had gone to work for a Philadelphia-area pharmaceutical firm. We called Nichols, who had just emerged from the Cold War. His head still spinning with visions of mushroom clouds and black rain, he plunged back in to write about biological warfare.

While he did yeoman's duty, Nichols confided that writing these stories hadn't buoyed his spirits. The package he produced is a nonfiction page-turner with chilling details about living in the nuclear bull's-eye and discovering experimental ebola aerosols—stories of international import that happen to have Colby connections.

For balance this issue contains optimism aplenty in the inauguration of President Bro Adams, his vision of the future of the College and the accompanying celebration of "The Colby Difference." There is hope in stories of alumnae working to defeat AIDS in North Africa or traveling through rural America and finding a good place, marked by acts of kindness. There's inspiration in the football team and its remarkable turnaround. And where else can you find an artful exploration of the origins and peculiar history of Colby's anachronistic mascot?

Mules aside, as Elizabeth DeSombre points out to her environmental studies students (also in this issue), it can be a tough world out there. They can't expect to change the world for the better unless they accept that hard fact.

Nichols, our designated Philadelphia inquirer, produced some hard facts about the Cold War and the post-Cold-War era. In both cases, Traister and Malinoski chose to face them squarely. We think readers of *Colby* will do the same. Colby College is an institution dedicated to the inquiring mind, *Colby* magazine serves inquiring minds, and, as the saying goes, "inquiring minds want to know."



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Letters**A Friend in Need**

Most of you have probably heard by now the sad news of the death of Charlie Tenney '84 in December of last year [1999]. I first met Charlie in Japan during my junior year abroad. I have memories of him as a funny, smart, friendly man in a foreign land. He had chosen Japan as his adopted country, and we both befriended a couple there: a Japanese woman who was our language teacher and her dynamic husband, Mike, an expatriate American, who remained in Japan after his Fulbright scholarship had taken him from Hong Kong to Japan. I have these wonderful memories of traveling around the Japanese countryside in Charlie's van, with him and his collie, Peggy, looking at rural Japanese architecture. We all shared a love for the country and had chosen to study the language, the culture and the people.

Now, almost 10 years later, and after having not kept up a close relationship with them, except for phone calls, letters and sometimes e-mails, both Charlie and Mike are dead. Both from suicide. I cannot describe the sadness I feel for them, who must have felt alone in their adopted country. I feel sad for their families, who survive with painful memories of their lives and the inevitable feelings of "what could I have done to prevent this." And lastly, I feel sad myself, for these two men were so influential on my experiences and memories of a wonderful time in my life.

The Eastern philosophy looks differently on suicide than we do in the Western world. It is considered an honorable "way out" of a situation. It is not cowardly; it is not sacrilegious.

Our *theme* as freshmen, and throughout my four years at Colby, was the understanding of intolerance. And now a decade later, I have to say the one thing I remain intolerant of is intolerance. I hope I learn from this. I hope I am not insensitive to the feelings of those around me. And I hope I remember to take an extra minute or two to let my friends know they are not alone.

Ethan R. Wiesler '86
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Editor's note: Mike Swift '85 wrote about the life and death of Charles Tenney '84 in the October 1 Hartford Courant. The story can be read online (<http://courant.ctnow.com/news/special/ne/suicide1.stm>).

Focus on Social Ills, Please

I am writing this letter Nov. 6, the evening before the big election. For months now in Oregon it has been virtually impossible to go to work, go to the store or even walk down the street without finding myself caught up in conversation about the candidates.

In the past weeks I have listened to opinions and rumors about what will happen if either candidate becomes president. I, like everyone else, have my own ideas, formed by my experience and hopes, but also, for the first time, through the work I have been involved with this year as an AmeriCorps* VISTA volunteer. I work with people in crisis, those who are most affected by the policies our government enacts. For them, changes in government and policy may affect whether or not they have enough money to buy food or whether or not they can see a doctor when sick. I have found that though they are often not visible to policy and policy makers, poverty and hunger do still exist in the United States. It is important to me that we make these issues known to those who have the power to create change.

In the past week, as the noise of the election has risen to its peak, I received *Colby* magazine and was seriously disappointed with its content.

The people I know from Colby are living across the United States and all over the world. They consistently amaze and inspire me with the work they do. I have Colby friends who have chosen to do the Peace Corps, Teach for America and the Jesuit volunteer corps and to work for Hospice. I know Colby alumni who are becoming teachers, who have worked on the part of AIDS patients, who are teaching English to refugees and immigrants, and who have been AmeriCorps volunteers for more than one year of service. All are engaged in addressing important issues in our society, issues that should be at the forefront of our minds right now but which are sadly invisible in the media and in candidates' speeches. They are working to alleviate poverty, to better our education system, to fight hunger, preserve the environment, improve health care, and advocate for those who cannot advocate for themselves.

I question why, especially during such an important election, *Colby* is not highlighting these alumni. In failing to highlight them we have, as a community, missed out on

knowledge that will never come from the media or candidates' mouths.

Andrea Keisler '99
Portland, Ore.

More on Vietnam

The picture opening "A Turbulent Time" (*Colby*, spring 2000) caught my eye because I am the photographer. I can't remember what issue of *The Colby Echo* this was shot for, but I do remember many of the people in the picture. From left to right are Sheila Marks '72, Nick Ballas '74, Sylvia Jenkins '72 and Paul Ford '72. That picture resulted in some notoriety to the College (and me) as it was picked up by one of the wires (AP or UPI) and reprinted in newspapers across the country. Seeing this picture, and the one of the march through Waterville, reminded me what a heady time this was at Colby (and I mean that in more ways than one).

Michael Havey '72
Hancock, N.H.

Messrs. Witthoft and Starkis take exception, in their own way, to my reaction to Gerry Boyle's *Colby* magazine article, "A Turbulent Time" (spring 2000), on the anti-war movement at Colby during the late '60s.

What Witthoft may find laughable now surely wasn't laughable in those turbulent days. It is no simple matter, indeed, to gauge America's mood during that period, unless you were an active participant. Maybe that explains Witthoft's circular reasoning that it was okay for Colby protesters to trample the Bill of Rights since it was assumed that the Nixon Administration was about to break them—or already had—anyway.

There is also a simple answer to Witthoft's question about why it is okay for the Colby veterans to "put that military portion of their lives behind them" and not okay for Colby's anti-war students. It is obvious, of course, that the Colby veterans went, after graduation, to fight a war for what they thought was just. They then, after four difficult years, went on with their lives—frequently with physical and emotional scars. The anti-war protesters, on the other hand, fought what they thought was an unjust cause but stopped upon graduation—ultimately driving their "BMW's to their kid's soccer practice."

That same question seems to trouble Starkis. I did not imply that the Vietnam veterans were all good guys and that all anti-war protesters were felons. (His experience is proof that they were not.) Nothing from that period is that simple. I made no mention of, or implied, a lack of stout-hearted men and women at Colby during that period. There must have been many, Starkis evidentially included.

But it is overly simplistic to draw Starkis's conclusion that "good-guy, bad-guy thinking" led us to the Vietnam War. We only wish "the War" had been that simple. This writer, as he wrote in the summer issue, is consistent. Boyle wrote of—even glorified—the anti-war period at Colby. Why not give equal time, in a manner of speaking, to the Colby Vietnam veteran? He or she may have something to teach us, too.

John Brassem '64
Bedford, N.Y.

When I read in a recent issue of *Colby* an opinion that I had been "timid" about expressing my views on the Vietnam War I was a bit taken aback. I could be criticized for many things in those years, as most of us could, but "timidity" was hardly one of them.

The young man who made this remark professed to have been a peripheral part of the occupation of the AFROTC offices in the spring of 1972. He upbraided me for not joining in that protest instead of trying to bring it to an end. If I disapproved of the war why didn't I support those who were demonstrating against it, and so on. But if he had been listening to me in my discussions with those involved in the occupation he would have heard me argue that AFROTC had nothing to do with the Vietnam War or a militaristic stance. Indeed, the point of our maintaining AFROTC was to encourage those who would some day lead our military to read history and poetry and philosophy, listen to music and appreciate works of art. I had nothing against the military academies but felt that liberal arts colleges had a special role to play in educating young people who might later have a chance to influence military thinking. It never would have occurred to me to join or not join such an occupation, for I thought it not only

pointless but barking up the wrong tree. This was not timidity but principle.

And I still think it would have been inappropriate for someone in so public a position of leadership as the presidency of a college to demonstrate against the war. In a later year, in my retirement, I thought the Gulf War a great mistake but did not think it proper to demonstrate against it. The country, rightly or wrongly, was supporting it. I believe in supporting decisions the country espouses, whether my own feelings follow the reasoning of those who made the decisions or not. Attempting to influence decisions not yet made is another story. That is the time for signing petitions and joining demonstrations, whatever one's official position or profession might be, for it is through such avenues that democracy can express itself.

The College supported AFROTC through the Vietnam War, and it was only afterward that the Pentagon removed our program from its list. We were small and considered economically of too little significance. After all, the military judged the importance of our program in the national picture on the same scale as that of a big place like Texas A&M, who graduated 2,500 ROTC officers annually in contrast to our 15. Officials in the Air Force expressed regret that we were being terminated because the quality of our graduates who also earned commissions was consistently high. But we just could not compete in the number.

All of us will continue to be in debt to all those who are listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, and especially to those from Colby who took part in that tragic war. It is gratifying that they too have been remembered at Colby in their own special way.

Robert E. L. Strider
Boston, Mass.

Beyond the Stigma

I would like to thank Bob Gillespie for describing the work I do as an art teacher at Shalom House. As stated in the profile (*Colby*, fall 2000), "our goal is to help people with mental illness live as independently as possible." Our focus is the client's recovery, and along with the art program, there are several client-run groups whose aim is to

educate the community about mental illness through personal presentations.

I'm concerned that one sentence in the profile was taken out of context and does not accurately describe the people I work with. The statement "they need attention almost like a child would" is misleading and can feed common stereotypes about the mentally ill. While I work with a few individuals one-on-one who require a higher level of assistance, the majority of adults who attend my classes are competent and gifted people capable of making independent choices and decisions. Throughout my seven years in the mental health field, both as residential counselor and art teacher, I have worked daily to overcome the stigma and discrimination directed at those with mental illness, and to treat all with dignity and respect.

It is especially important to clarify the language in my profile in light of a recently defeated ballot measure in Maine. Question 5 would have finally reversed an antiquated law that denies the right to vote for adults with mental illness who have a guardian. The only state in the nation with such a law still on the books, Maine effectively singles out the mentally ill while allowing others under guardianship with disabilities such as mental retardation or Alzheimer's, to vote. I believe the measure failed due to society's lack of understanding and acceptance of mental illness and the persistence of inaccurate stereotypes.

Over the years I have learned so much from the individuals I work with. I am continually moved and inspired by my students' courage, talent and ability. They have taught me about the language of mental illness and how existing negative images in our culture affect them personally. I appreciate the opportunity to clarify my own words on this very important issue. My experience at Colby, especially in the Art Department, was very positive and I know helped prepare me for the job I do today. We just finished a very successful mask exhibit at the Portland Public Library and were told it was one of their most popular shows ever. Thanks again for the nice article!

Carolyn Treat '82
Portland, Maine



Gleaned from Earl Smith's newsletter, FYI

A Tangled Web We Weave

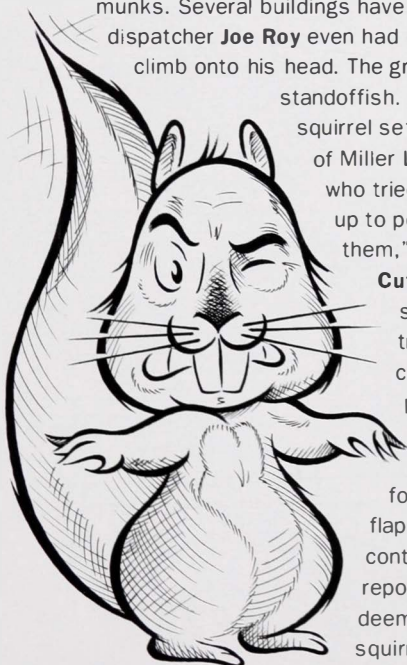
The installation of President **Bro Adams** was webcast around the world on October 21, marking the first time ever that a major Colby event was made available live on the Internet. While it is impossible to know how many people tuned in, the off-site server recorded 645 requests. Credit **Karen Oh '93** in the Communications Office, who spearheaded the venture.

Scholar Athletes

The New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) has announced its Fall 2000 All-Academic Team, which consists of the top five men and women from each conference school. Each must have a GPA above 3.35. Colby's classroom stars are: **Justin Amirault '01** (Plymouth, Mass.) soccer; **Chris Cogbill '02** (LaCrosse, Wis.) cross country; **Jason Cummings '02** (Pittsfield, Maine) football; **Drew Johnson '01** (Minneapolis, Minn.) football; **Sara Lovitz '01** (Fairfield, Maine) soccer; **Maria Mensching '02**

Assault with a Bushy Tail

Anyone who's spent time on Mayflower Hill knows our friendly chipmunks. Several buildings have them as pets, and security dispatcher **Joe Roy** even had one that would come indoors and climb onto his head. The gray squirrels are usually more standoffish. Early this fall, one juvenile squirrel set up shop at the south entrance of Miller Library and chased away anyone who tried to use that door. "It would run up to people and scare the crap out of them," said Security Officer **Ron Cutter**, who took the call. Working solo, Officer Cutter rerouted traffic and, armed with just a cardboard box, approached the perpetrator. When the squirrel parried, Ron brought the carton of justice down swiftly. He sat for an hour with his feet on the box flaps waiting for Waterville's animal control officer. Happy ending: Ron reports the young rodent was deemed healthy and was treated at a squirrel rehab facility in Vassalboro and released.



Moosecellaneous

A flock of wild turkeys was spotted milling around the Colby sign at the Mayflower Hill Drive approach to campus in September. . . . The biggest applause line at this year's freshman matriculation convocation came when **Parker Beverage** (admissions) told the assembled Class of '04: "One of you is named Colby, and none of you is named Bates or Bowdoin"—a fine welcome for **Colby Schroath '04** from Garrettsville, Ohio. Meanwhile, at a small liberal arts college down the turnpike, **Amanda Colby**, a standout volleyball player for Bates, was recently

(Newburyport, Mass.) cross country; **Jon Ryder '02** (Willington, Conn.) soccer; **Carolyn Szum '01** (Amherst, N.H.) soccer; **Jessica Weisbein '01** (Rydal, Pa.) volleyball; and **Mary Zito '02** (Manhasset, N.Y.) field hockey. We salute them all!

To the Dogs

"Who Let the Dogs Out? Europeans!" says sometimes Colby teacher **Susan Sterling**. In a November 26 essay in the travel section of *The New York Times*, Sterling writes about the abundance of dogs that she,

husband **Paul Machlin** (music) and daughter **Erica** saw while traveling in Europe—while their own dog was in a Maine kennel: "Perhaps, as my acquaintance suggested, I was romanticizing European dogs, seeing them as embodying qualities of order and freedom our own restless and excitable American dog lacks."

Citing Carl

Retired director of Colby's health services and lead athletic trainer **Carl Nelson** is the subject of an article in the November issue of *NATA* (National Athletic Trainers Association) *News*. The piece recounts Carl's illustrious 34-year career at Colby and as a national leader in the growth of athletic training as a profession. "I can't say enough about the small liberal arts college with a great attitude toward recognizing individual pursuits," Carl says. "Colby College is great!"

Green Economics

Tom Tietenberg (economics) and **Wendy Naysnerski Morrison '90** are editors of a new series of publications that explore the influence of economics on the development of environmental and natural resource policy. The series is published by the International Library of Environmental Economics. Morrison, who

in the news as a finalist for NCAA Woman of the Year . . . and you may remember a hard-fought Colby-Bates volleyball match two or three years ago, when Ms. Colby was the standout player for Bates and **Jackie Bates '98** was the standout player for Colby. . . . The kindness of security officer **Tim Lynch**, who went out of his way to help a recent visitor at the Museum of Art, resulted in a generous gift to the museum's art acquisition fund. The check arrived out of the blue with a note commending Tim as "an excellent ambassador for Colby."

formerly taught at Middlebury, is now at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.

Pretty "High Touch"

Folks like to borrow the marketing term "high touch" when describing Colby's very personal approach to student services in their myriad facets. There are always plenty of examples, but we think it will be tough to top the high (geographic, if not otherwise) touch of our elegantly mustachioed registrar, **George Coleman**. While on vacation in Prince Edward Island last summer, George, remembering the name of an entering freshman from that land who had not yet pre-registered for classes, went to the house, knocked on the door and got the job done.

Long on Computers

Colby's information technology services director **Ray Phillips** reports that more than 2,000 cubic feet of computers (measured in their boxes) were distributed on campus this fall. One quarter of Colby's fleet of 1,200 College-owned computers was replaced. ITS crews set up 300 new machines and reallocated 250 "old" ones. Seventy-six percent of the new machines run the Macintosh system, 24 percent the Microsoft Windows system.



the COLBY difference



In a ceremony that incorporated academic traditions dating to medieval times and the College's first live video webcast, Colby inaugurated William D. Adams as its 19th president on October 21. Only the third inauguration at Colby since World War II, the event blended a sense of historical gravity, an air of celebration and a focus on the future.

The formal installation ceremony featured Adams's inaugural address (see page 10) and warm welcomes from Senator Olympia Snowe and Congressman Tom Allen among others, and it featured Colby faculty plus representatives of four dozen other colleges and universities in full academic regalia. Marching to strains of a brass quintet, the inaugural procession included a long splash of color—the flags of 64 nations, each carried by a Colby student hailing from the corresponding country.

Based on "The Colby Difference," the inaugural celebration began with an evening of student-centered performances and demonstrations on Friday and ended with a semi-formal inaugural ball on Saturday night attended by trustees, faculty, administrators, alumni, guests and a majority of the student body—an event where Adams and his wife, Cathy Bruce, set an up-tempo pace on the dance floor.

Past presidents Robert E. L. Strider II and William R. Cotter were both on the platform at the installation ceremony, representing leadership of the College dating back to 1960. William M. Chace, president of Emory University, who worked with Adams at Stanford and Wesleyan, introduced Adams.

Activities on Friday night were planned around three themes—service (in Cotter Union), science and technology (in Dana Dining Room) and arts and humanities (in Mary Low Commons). Entertainment ranged from a handbell choir performance to the use of 3-D goggles for visualizing molecules to a walk-through scrapbook of students' community service projects.

"We wanted a way to demonstrate to visitors and to ourselves those things that make Colby distinctive and to center on the academic experience," said Dean of the College Earl Smith, chair of the inaugural planning committee. "It turned into a wonderful night that joined students and faculty together to boast about The Colby Difference. . . . It was the most interesting nontraditional aspect of what is usually a rather traditional event."

Kids took swings at pig-shaped piñatas in Foss, and the student musical group Waking the Neighbors did a set between faculty acts. In Cotter Union there was a teddy bear drive for a new children's medical center. People lined up (Adams among them) to get their photos taken with cardboard cutouts of Bro Adams and first-pig Pedro.

The three venues emptied at 10 p.m., and hundreds of people formed a phalanx behind a bagpipe band for a procession to the library steps to watch fireworks. "Everybody came together and set off in the same direction; it was a moving and very exciting moment in the College's history," Smith said. Skyrockets between the library tower and the arboretum echoed through the Kennebec valley, announcing to the College, the town and the countryside that the Adams era had begun.

Photos by Martha Mickles '71



Math professors Thomas Berger, left, and William Berlinghoff, perform in the Colby Coffeehouse during festivities marking the inauguration of President Bro Adams. Berger and Berlinghoff lead a folk-music gathering every week.

THE ARTS: MARY LOW COMMONS

Every Tuesday Night, They're Just Folk

The 40 or so people assembled in the Coffeehouse in Mary Low already had been treated to fiddler John Kuehne (information technology services) and his bluegrass band, and singer/guitarist Elizabeth Leonard (history) was waiting in the wings. Filling the middle of the inauguration weekend bill were math professors William Berlinghoff and Thomas Berger. "I'm Bill and this is Tom," Berlinghoff said, giving his guitar strings a last tweak. "We're from the math department, but we have other lives, too."

Three years ago the pair attended a math department get-together at the home of another member of the department. Berlinghoff brought his guitar, folk music was played, and a chapter in Colby Coffeehouse history had begun. Every Tuesday night since, they have hosted a hootenanny in Mary Low Hall. (Berlinghoff, who teaches every other semester as a visiting professor, comes even during terms when he is not teaching.) They typically attract 20 or more students, and a sprinkling of area folk musicians, for two and a half hours of participatory music. "One student was interested in playing the harmonica," Berger said, "so I gave him a harmonica. I have a variety of [Hohner] Marine Bands. They just play and play and play."

And so do Berlinghoff and Berger, nearly 40 years after each first picked up an instrument. Now their repertoire includes songs by Bob Dylan, Woodie Guthrie, Gordon Bok, James Taylor and a lot of artists in between.

This acoustic music from before the beginning of recorded—at least in terms of CD burning—time might seem the last thing that would appeal to the generation of rap, hip hop and techno. But Berlinghoff and Berger find that today's Colby students have folksy roots. "Often what we'll hear is, 'Oh, yeah. I know that stuff,'" Berlinghoff said. "My parents had those albums." —*Gerry Boyle '78*

"We are grateful for the opportunity to work in a community that renews itself each year with bright, energetic young people; to be invigorated by such splendid faculty colleagues; to meld our life work with a passionate belief in the liberal arts; and to be part of a team that fervently believes in this great institution."

Dean of the College Earl Smith, bringing greetings from the administration



Whitney King (chemistry) instructs a team competing in the GPS scavenger hunt on campus during inauguration weekend.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: DANA DINING HALL

A Race Walk for the Times

A hand-held global positioning system (GPS) unit can pinpoint a spot on the surface of the earth within one meter. At Colby, researchers use GPS to record the location of geologic samples and to record the range of individual birds, among other applications. Using GPS to turn an old-fashioned campus scavenger hunt into a high-tech trivia chase was part of *The Colby Difference*.

As five teams of students, faculty, staff, alumni and trustees raced from clue to clue Friday afternoon, their locations were recorded every five seconds.

Event co-chair Associate Professor of Chemistry D. Whitney King dreamed up the treasure hunt after he heard Larkspur Morton talk about her research studying gray jays. "Here's technology being used by people on campus and in society in general," said King. "Wouldn't it be neat to do something fun that incorporates that?"

A course was mapped, clues were prepared, and a computer program was written by John Kuehne (ITS) using GPS and Global Information System (GIS) to display on an aerial photograph where the teams went.

King arranged an elaborate handicap system for the hunt, using average team ages and bonuses for recruiting trustees, staff and community members.

One (fairly easy) clue, "A solid reminder of the promise of research in the pursuit of levity," sent teams scurrying for the anti-gravity monument near the tennis courts. Afterward GPS data was loaded into a computer, which plotted courses and speeds. Results were presented that night in Dana.

Organizers were able to verify that each team reached required destinations in the correct order, and it was clear how quickly and how far afield teams traveled. Though the hunt was conducted over a two-kilometer course, teams averaged five kilometers in their wanderings. In the end the electronic evidence helped decide the winners. "It was pretty obvious when people were in a car," said King, who assessed a penalty for the vehicular transgression and threw the race into a tie. —*Alicia Nemiccolo MacLeay '97*

"You will bring to Colby an exacting intelligence, great enthusiasm mixed with great stamina, generous confidence in people at their best and limited interest in them at their least, an eagerness to stretch Colby mixed with a firm respect for its traditions, and, above all, your sense that a good laugh can carry us further than any expression of worry."

William M. Chace, president of Emory University, Adams's friend and former colleague

"I bring you greetings and a warm welcome from the 22,373 Colby College alumni . . . a diverse organization with representatives from all fifty states, three U.S. territories and an impressive seventy foreign countries."

John B. Devine Jr. '78, president of the Alumni Association and chair of the Alumni Council

S E R V I C E : C O T T E R U N I O N

New Perspectives Transform Students

In the Fishbowl, between the Cotter Union lobby and the Spa, past and present students from Professor Phyllis Mannocchi's American studies course, American Dreams: The Documentary Film Perspective, projected *The Colby Difference* on screen. Documentary videos showed dispossessed teenagers, Waterville firefighters, a Latino bodega, convicted felons who visit schools to scare students straight and women who perform as exotic dancers in Lewiston.

The course description reads: "Through a series of essays, students work toward a creative resolution of our issues and dilemmas." Mannocchi says the course gets students in touch with a larger community and its problems. The students are transformed, sensitized to worlds outside the Colby campus and empowered by their own success as video technicians and storytellers.

"I had no idea my team was capable of creating something we would be so proud of," said Lindsay Hayes '99, who came back to Colby to introduce a video about Waterville teenagers struggling on the margins of society. "It's amazing how invested we got," she said. "It makes me want to make a difference. It makes me want to be a thoughtful and present parent when that time comes for me. It shows how important parents and teachers are," said Hayes, who is applying to graduate programs in education. "I keep a copy of that video with me always; I'm so proud of it."

Mark Edgar '01 showed a documentary on Waterville firefighters. The son of a police officer, he volunteered at the Waterville Fire Department and got the feeling that "no one ever listens to these guys."

After an intense semester in production, Edgar and his team showed their video last spring in the annual American Dreams presentation. Six fire trucks parked outside Given Auditorium that night, and the firemen watched. Said Edgar, "All eight of these big, burly guys had tears in their eyes," watching the video probe feelings about accident victims they couldn't save, risks they live with and a comrade who succumbed to cancer. At the end it was the firefighters who received a standing ovation.

"This is the thing I'll take away from Colby and show people," Edgar said. "Phyllis has the power like I've never seen in a professor to motivate students." —*Stephen Collins '74*



From left, Matthew Reeber '01, Lindsay Prichard '01 and Sarah Belanger '01, members of Phyllis Mannocchi's American Studies course, American Dreams: The Documentary Film Perspective, at the video editing station in Miller Library. The trio produced "At This Point in My Life," a video about prison inmates who travel to schools to speak about the mistakes they've made.

colby INAUGURAL address

President William D. Adams, Saturday, October 21, 2000

Presidential inaugurations have been uncommon in the modern life of Colby—only six in the entire 20th century and only two in the last 40 years. As I contemplated this day and what I might say to you, these facts were very much on my mind. If Colby's history is in any way predictive—and I very much hope it is—this moment will not come again soon.

What sort of moment is it? In the most common meaning of the word, it is of course a moment of beginning, the start of something new. And what is new, what begins today, is only partly connected to the relatively unfamiliar face among you, though that is not unimportant. The fullest meaning of this day embraces the entire Colby community and signals a collective beginning, or more precisely a re-beginning, of the common enterprise. It is a moment, then, that leads us naturally to recall our most fundamental commitments and the ways in which we currently meet them.

In a still broader sense, however, the moment is also about the future and things not yet known. This sense of anticipation is wonderfully inscribed in the root of the word “inaugurate,” which has to do with “augur” and “auguration” and the interpretation of signs and omens.

The classicists among us know already what the *Oxford English Dictionary* says about this matter. The augur was “a religious official among the Romans whose duty it was to predict future events and advise the course of public business, in accordance with omens derived from the flight and singing and feeding of birds, the appearance of the entrails of sacrificial victims, celestial phenomena and other portents.”

Wishing to leave no stone unturned, the inaugural committee has cleverly arranged for pigeons and the sacrifice of the representatives of certain neighboring liberal arts colleges. Your names will be called shortly.

A bit more seriously, I want to share with you today some thoughts inspired by these related meanings of the inaugural moment: the sense of collective beginning and purpose, and the sense of looking ahead to see what might be coming.

Engaging first in the role of the augur, I would tell you that many of the omens hovering about this remarkable enterprise of ours are most encouraging. Indeed, I think that it may not be too stretching to say that things have never looked more promising in several important ways.

The most encouraging omen of all, of course, is the level of interest in the education we provide. Like other highly selective liberal arts colleges, Colby has seen applications grow steadily and impressively in recent years. More and more high school seniors are seeking us out, and the students we ultimately enroll are by every measure more talented with each passing year.

Transformed for the inaugural ball, the College field house was packed with students, staff, alumni and friends. Opposite, the three living Colby presidents shared a moment. From left, Bro Adams, Robert E. L. Strider II and William R. Cotter.

What those students find when they arrive has also changed in many ways over the past several decades. The physical changes—from academic and residential spaces to the ubiquity of new technologies—are notable and exciting. But in still deeper and more consequential ways, the power and range of our teaching and learning have also advanced appreciably. We offer more in more compelling ways than ever before, and the creativity, professional aspiration and competitive pressures that fuel these changes will certainly not abate any time soon.

The College's capacity to respond to these pressures and opportunities has depended in part on our recent success in augmenting the financial resources available to us. That success has had a great deal to do with the remarkable vigor of the U.S. economy during the past decade. Partly as a result of that vigor, several things are true. First, the financial markets have permitted us to increase our endowment even as we invest strategically in the institution. And second, philanthropic support of this and similar institutions has expanded dramatically in recent years.

Other encouraging omens might be observed here, but I think this is sufficient to suggest that the picture of what the world has in store for us is reassuring in several important ways.

But you will probably not be surprised to hear me say just as quickly that this is not the whole picture. And while it may not have been politically correct for the augur of ancient times to mention less than perfectly reassuring things, let me tell you what else I think the “flight and singing and feeding of birds” are currently telling us.

Nearly 40 years ago, Clark Kerr, chancellor of the University of California, published *The Uses of the University*, a short but remarkable book on the future of American higher education. The basic premise of that important work was that the American system of higher



education had entered a new and altogether different phase of its history, which Kerr called its “second great transformation.” At the very heart of that transformation, he argued, was the growing importance of the “knowledge industry”—our industry—to the basic structure and fundamental health of the American economic system.

At the risk of being slightly hyperbolic, I think it is the case that American higher education may be approaching its “third great transformation,” or at least an important new cycle within its second. And that transformation is rooted in the steady intensification of the reciprocal dependency between our enterprise and the nation’s productive life and organizations.

The evidence for this amplification is everywhere, but nowhere is it more obvious than in the closer and more consequential collaboration between colleges and universities and the many small and large corporate concerns committed to the elaboration of new technologies—informational, biological and productive. These “knowledge-industry clusters,” as Kerr called them, have emerged across the country, in both familiar and new places, and in many forms of industrial and economic collaboration.

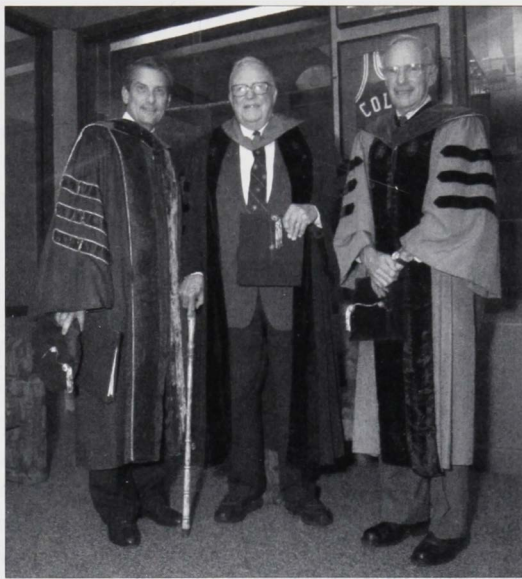
Principally because of these connections, American colleges and universities have experienced deeper and more insistent demands for a perfectly obvious kind of programmatic relevance. The demands come from two directions—from the corporate and industrial consumers of the products of the knowledge industry and from parents and prospective students who clearly and correctly sense the increasingly tight correlation between higher education and the prospects for professional success in an economy so dominated by knowledge.

A related change of much recent discussion is the notion of “the virtual university.” The ultimate promise of this formation is unclear, but its advocates are already challenging the core assumptions and condition of the liberal arts college—the campus, the classroom and the real (as opposed to virtual) relationships among students and teachers in a residential setting.

Another even more radical prospect, less broadly discussed but every bit as fateful, is the possibility that the knowledge industry will begin to migrate, in part or in whole, outside the nearly exclusive control of colleges and universities and into for-profit corporate settings of either the virtual or embodied variety.

“It is a moment both solemn and joyous, both excellent and fair, as the poet Emily Dickinson puts it, and like the conferral of an honorary degree, this inaugural that welcomes William D. Adams into our diverse community of scholars is for all time—irrevocable. No one else can or ever will be the nineteenth president of Colby College.”

*Lee Family Professor of English Cedric Bryant,
bringing greetings from the faculty*



Two forces are driving this prospect. First, and in spite of the recently strong economy, powerful concerns about the steadily growing cost of our enterprise remain very much alive. That concern will surely reemerge, and when it does so too will the notion that other, more efficient means of transferring knowledge need to be developed.

In the meantime, and in light of the magnitude of the education market in the United States, there is plenty of interest among investors and entrepreneurs alike in the prospect of profit-making alternatives to traditional, not-for-profit public and private educational institutions.

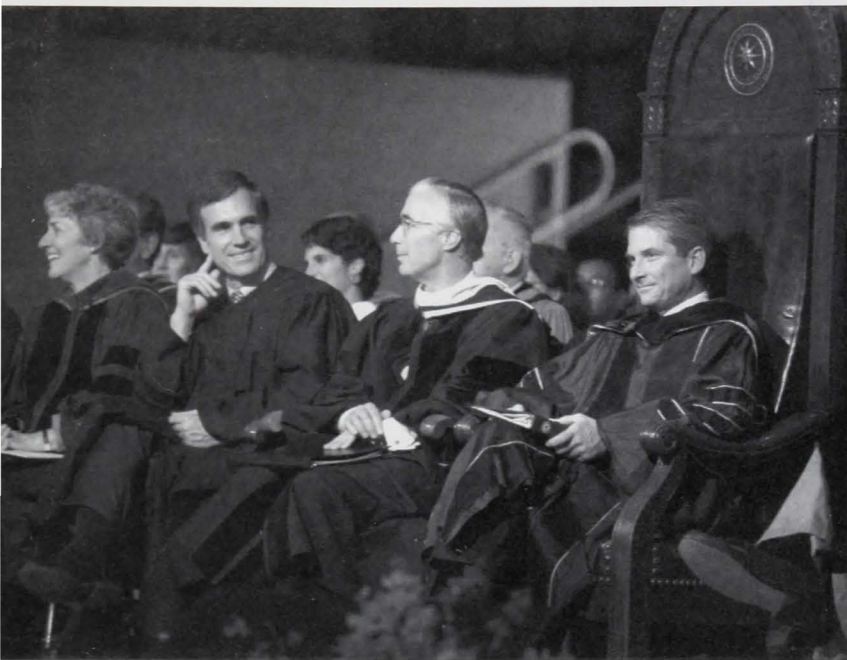
All of these trends and pressures have contributed in various ways to the erosion of the ideals and practices of liberal education. That erosion has not always been noisy, but its effects have been steady and incontrovertible: of the roughly 14 million students enrolled today in this country’s colleges and universities, fewer than 250,000—about 2 percent—are enrolled in residential liberal arts colleges like Colby.

And herein lies the precise and important irony of our situation. While Colby and other highly selective national liberal arts colleges flourish and grow stronger each year, the practice of liberal learning in the broader context of American higher education is in decline.

This trend is worrisome for several reasons. First, the relevance and impact of our enterprise has in part to do with its reach across the American social landscape. We ought to view the narrowing of that landscape with some concern.

Second, one of the important characteristics of liberal learning has been its commitment to a unifying vision of the educational enterprise across disciplinary and professional academic boundaries. The weakening of that vision will lead to the further compartmentalization of our intellectual practices, with distressing consequences for our public life.

Consider how much shared intellectual purpose and interdisciplinary dialogue it will require for us as a nation to deal with the massively complex issues that the knowledge industry has already placed in our laps and that are now matters of high public policy debate. The moral and political conundrums created by the information technology revolution and the biological sciences, for instance, are not vague apparitions looming somewhere down the track; they are going by us even as we speak. How will our students—the ultimate arbiters of many of these matters in the political realm—acquire the intellectual capacities to deal with them if we do not teach them?



Flanked by dignitaries and friends of the College, Bro Adams, right, waits to deliver his inaugural address. From left are Colleen A. Khoury '64, vice chair of the Board of Trustees; Congressman Tom Allen and James B. Crawford '64, chair of the Board of Trustees.

James had in mind when he spoke of his own philosophy as being concerned with “the conduct of life.”

What James had in mind, I think, might be best understood in terms of several closely related questions. And the first and most important relates to our vision of the historical moment we inhabit and the challenging terrain that all of us encounter as members of a common enterprise. What are the broad and broadly shared contours of the experience our students will have as members of American society at this moment in our collective history? What demands and challenges will they confront as citizens, as professionals, as private persons? And what in light of those experiential features and demands are we certain they will need to encounter and experience in their time with us?

Answering this last question in this forum is both difficult and risky. I will try nevertheless, knowing I will have years to explain and defend myself:

- A pragmatic conception of liberal learning will be interdisciplinary in spirit, striving to acquaint students with the interconnections among things and the means we have of understanding them;
- It will be multicultural and international in perspective, providing the intellectual foundations for engaging the cultural diversity and complexity of American society and the world;
- It will be committed to the values of democratic citizenship, community service and social justice, and to understanding the principal forms of institutional and organizational life and how individuals shape and change institutions and organizations;
- It will be concerned with the forms and history of technology and with the methods and practices of the natural sciences, which form the intellectual foundations of those technologies;
- It will be committed to providing the intellectual foundations of moral judgment and the ability to negotiate complex moral terrain;
- It will be committed to the creative imagination and to the works and practices that embody and exemplify that imagination;
- It will be committed to fundamental intellectual capacities—the capacity to communicate, to think analytically and critically, among others.

The democratic thrust of this view of liberal learning is closely related to a second major element of our ambition in the coming years: let us make certain that the education we provide remains accessible to all those qualified to benefit from its riches. This involves at least two additional areas of concern and effort.

First, and in spite of the recent and surely temporary hiatus in public anxiety about this matter, we must continue to worry about the cost of what we do. The social relevance and impact of the form of education we practice will have a great deal to do with our capacity to stay within reach of a diverse population of prospective students.

What do all of these omens—the encouraging and the worrisome, the comforting and the not so comforting—mean to us as we consider the other side of this inaugural moment, the moment of collective beginning and renewal?

We should agree to recognize, first of all, that the encouraging omens I mentioned earlier have a great deal to do with the commitment and accomplishments of this community over many years. The Colby of this precise moment—so admirably attractive and strong—is something that everyone associated with it—students and faculty, administrators and support staff, trustees and alumni, parents and friends—should view with enormous pride.

Especially in this inaugural moment, that recognition should give us considerable confidence—confidence in our fundamental quality and capabilities, first and foremost, and confidence in the likelihood that we can be even better and stronger in the future.

But better in what specific ways? With an eye on all the omens, let me mention briefly several that are on my mind.

Now and in the years ahead, I think we must be committed to the steady reinvention of the practices of liberal learning. I say this not because I fear that demand for the particular brand of liberal learning we provide will somehow evaporate—the omens here suggest something very different—but rather because our strength and excellence create the opportunity to do some striking things, and because the dynamic leadership of places like Colby will have a great deal to do with the prospects for liberal learning in the broader context of American higher education.

At the risk of sounding ironic and perhaps even contradictory, let me suggest that the guiding spirit of this reinvention should be a kind of pragmatism. By this I do not mean a narrowly utilitarian vision. I mean instead to invoke the philosophical pragmatism that William

“President Bro Adams, Cathy Bruce—your predecessors, Bill and Linda Cotter, brought Colby into the first rank of American colleges. We can only imagine where this college will go under your leadership.”

U.S. Congressman Tom Allen, bringing greetings from the State of Maine

“With both your father and your grandfather hailing from the Pine Tree State, there’s no denying you come to us with impeccable credentials.”

U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe, bringing greetings from the State of Maine

Second, we must continue to expand the permanent resources available to us to provide financial assistance to those who cannot otherwise afford the full freight of what we do. Especially in light of the highly competitive company that Colby now keeps, financial aid will become an increasingly important part of our commitment to access and to the broader ambition we must have to remain a viable and compelling part of the landscape of American higher education.

The concern for access is closely related to a third major challenge for Colby—the need to continue to diversify the institution. That ambition has been prominent on the agenda of the College in recent years. I hope we can agree to seek its fuller realization in the years to come.

Doing so will require several things of us. The first and perhaps most important is for all of us to place this matter at the head of our busy individual and professional agendas, wherever we find ourselves in the institutional framework. Everyone needs to be on this train all of the time.

The second is the willingness to admit that all of us, regardless of our backgrounds or current commitments or places in the institutional structure, have a great deal to learn about this matter and its complexities. Seeing ourselves as learners will be helpful in at least two ways: it will give us the eagerness and openness of learners, while it also will promote understanding of the inevitable false starts and temporary setbacks of the learning process.

The third and last requirement is the recognition that we are in this together. We cannot get to where we want to go unless we all understand ourselves to be pulling on the same rope.

Innovation in liberal learning, accessibility, achieving greater diversity—these are some of the important challenges this moment places in front of us. What will we need to succeed?

Since I have focused on three challenges, let me also mention three virtues: confidence, aspiration and community.

Our confidence, as I noted earlier, springs from an objective and healthy regard for our achievements and the excellence of the educational experience we provide. And that is where we must remain focused.

At the same time, this is a place that rather naturally aspires, and must aspire, to be better. And better not in relative or comparative terms but in the fundamental quality of what we do—in the teaching and learning that forms the core of our enterprise, in the quality of the human relationships that define the life of the campus, in the ways we support and are supported by alumni and friends, and in the general aspiration to excellence.

But nothing will be more important to our success than our sense of community. And here Colby has a great deal to rely upon.

My own acquaintance with that sense of community is brief compared to the familiarity that most of you have. But it is long enough for me to know something about its prominent features. Colby is blessed with an extraordinary level of commitment and affection among those who work here, in every part of the institution. It is a place of remarkable friendliness and warmth, as I have come to know in a personal way over the last several months. And it is a place that inspires and relies upon the generous and continuous loyalty of many thousands of alumni, parents and friends across the country, and indeed around the world, who have benefited from what we do here and who feel a part of our fortunes and future.

In the long run this deep and extensive sense of community may be our strongest asset. For it is what we have to rely upon as we change and grow; it supports everything else that we do and will aspire to do. We must therefore consciously appreciate, nourish and preserve it.

I look forward to that work and to the many other challenges, large and small, that accompany this office and the moment in which we find ourselves today. Thank you for sharing that moment with me, for listening so patiently to these inaugural reflections and—most of all—for your company on this extraordinary journey.

crashing the INAUGURATION party

Each time the College selected a new president during its first 100 years, “the new president forthwith became such, and that was all there was to it. There was nothing but a change of stenographers,” wrote Ernest C. Marriner ‘13 in *The History of Colby College*.

Simplicity certainly marked the inauguration of President J. Seelye Bixler in 1942. Colby operated year-round as war raged across the world, and on July 18, Bixler assumed the executive duties of the College in a special assembly at which he addressed the student body on the future of education after the war. The new president, reported the *Echo*, “was very well received in his initial appearance in an official capacity.”

But times were good back on Friday afternoon, June 14, 1929, when the inauguration of Franklin W. Johnson, Class of 1891, set the standard lived up to by the subsequent inaugura-

tions of presidents Strider, Cotter and Adams.

Johnson took his oath of office in the Waterville Opera House before a large company of graduates, undergraduates and friends of the College. The 125 people on the platform included all of the faculty, members of the board, Governor Gardiner of Maine, the ex-governor and 41 representatives of colleges and American philanthropic and scientific institutions.

The procession, a hymn and an invocation preceded an address that was followed by the presentation to Johnson of a charter and key as the insignia of his high office. A hymn led up to the new president’s inaugural address, in which he stipulated—remember, this is only months before the stock market crashed—that his efforts “shall be directed to the building up of the College as an educational institution, rather than to canvassing funds for endowment and equip-

ment.” After the conferring of the degree, a hymn and a benediction concluded the proceedings.

It is certain, though, that no Colby inauguration ever matched the excitement of President Jeremiah Chaplin’s back in 1822, when the event was concurrent with Colby’s first commencement. A military company and a band led a procession of professors and students and the governor into the community meeting house—where the local Waterville citizenry crashed the proceedings. Although Chaplin’s wife wrote of her initial encounters in Waterville that “They do not seem to be such ignorant, uncultivated beings as some have imagined,” the locals grew restless with the lengthy pageantry and overlong speeches and finally bolted back outside. Order was ultimately restored, however, and Colby’s first president at last was able to deliver the College’s inaugural inaugural address. —*Robert Gillespie*

THE HOT AND THE



ILLUSTRATION BY LEO PANDU

ZONE COLD WAR

BY PETER NICHOLS



It was a time when, in the nation's schools, drills for nuclear war were as frequent as fire drills—when Americans and their Soviet counterparts lived with a constant fear of imminent worldwide destruction. “You had a cultural mindset that was apocalyptic,” said Robert S. Weisbrot, Christian A. Johnson Distinguished Teaching Professor of History at Colby, “that believed you could not guarantee that your wonderful suburban home and family and community . . . would survive ten more seconds.”

“It was not simply a matter of two countries that are adversaries building up weapons,” said Weisbrot. “Each saw the other as the incarnation of evil. And if you view an adversary as not simply a rival but as a devil, then you see anything as possible and even probable.”

We did survive the Cold War, unscathed if not unscarred. Yet the remnants of that superpower standoff survive in the literature of the period and in the knowledge that the weapons of that time have not disappeared. Frank Malinoski '76 and Daniel Traister '63 have spent years delving into the aftermath. For Traister it is the literary legacy of lives spent in the nuclear shadow. For Malinoski it is the super-secret world of biological weapons.

A set of Matryoshka dolls is lined up along the window sill above the desk of Dr. Frank J. Malinoski '76, M.D., Ph.D., assistant vice president of Wyeth-Ayerst Global Pharmaceuticals in suburban Philadelphia. The Russian dolls are nesting figures, and the biggest depicts Boris Yeltsin, with Gorbachev, Brezhnev, Stalin and Lenin in descending order.

Malinoski bought the dolls on the black market when he traveled on a secret mission to the former Soviet Union in 1991. It was before Yeltsin had come to power, so that dour-looking souvenir was a declaration of preference, a bold political statement. Malinoski was charmed by the growing temerity of the Soviet people, but, under the circumstances of his visit, the stacking figures may have called to mind Churchill's quip, as the Cold War got underway, about Britain's ally turned enemy: "It is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma." Malinoski was in the Soviet Union in 1991 as part of a top-secret American-British team that journeyed to the heart of the "evil empire" on a 10-day inspection tour of facilities thought to be turning malign viruses and bacteria into biological weapons. When he left home to go looking for evidence of bioweapons research, Malinoski was not permitted to tell even his family where he was headed.

⊕ There were reasons for suspicion: a 1979 outbreak of anthrax in the city of Sverdlovsk, which killed nearly 70, and the chilling testimony of a Soviet biochemist who defected a decade later had convinced many in the diplomatic and intelligence communities that the Soviets had put together a bioweapons program in violation of the 1972 Biological Weapons Convention. At that convention they had promised "never in any circumstance to develop, produce, stockpile or otherwise acquire or retain" weapons or agents intended for biowarfare. But with no provision for verification, the treaty had no teeth.

In the late 1980s the biochemist defector Dr. Vladimir Pasechnik had reported a clandestine empire of research institutes, production plants and storage bunkers in the U.S.S.R.—more than 47 sites scattered across the vast nation. The network, dedicated to understanding and perfecting biological weapons, was funded and directed by the Ministry of Defense but was nested inside a civilian business conglomerate called Biopreparat. "The System," as it was known to insiders, had more than 40,000 employees, including 9,000 scientists who often carried both civilian and military identity cards.

Yes, they were making new medicines, but underneath that cover of legitimacy, they also were inventing new diseases. Products included new, more deadly strains of ancient scourges as well as monstrous chimeras born of the recombinant technologies spawned by genetic engineering. Despite vigorous denials that a



Russian soldiers check a store of chemical agents at a military base near Moscow in 1993, when Russian and American officials began a joint effort to safely destroy Russia's chemical weapons arsenal.

weapons program existed, mounting political pressure forced the Soviets to open four Biopreparat sites to Western inspectors.

Malinoski, a physician with a doctorate in microbiology, was responsible for the inspection team's medical support during the mission. "We didn't know what to expect there," he said, referring both to the kinds of infectious organisms they might run into and the unknown skills of Soviet scientists when it came to maintaining safety in "hot" labs. He immunized the team in advance against the most probable and most deadly illnesses and packed a laundry list of medical supplies, including a portable containment facility complete with orange biohazard suits.

⊕ Malinoski was enthralled by science from an early age. His favorite book growing up was titled *Yellow Fever*. A biology major at Colby, he spent his junior year in Wales studying oceanography and worked at Jackson Laboratories during and following his senior year. While earning a Ph.D. at Rutgers he decided a medical degree would provide some "real life" applications for his expertise. The Army paid for his medical schooling at the Albany Medical Center in exchange for a commitment of six years with the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) at Fort Detrick, Md. At one time the heart of America's own bioweapons initiative, the institute has worked strictly on biological warfare defense since 1969, when President Nixon unilaterally abolished the nation's offensive effort, which had started in 1942.

As a clinical investigator at USAMRIID, Malinoski did research to develop and improve vaccines for maladies that Americans might encounter as victims of germ warfare. "I was having a great deal of fun doing that," he said, explaining his value to the 1991 U.S.-British inspection team. "I became familiar with all the materials

related to the differences between offensive and defensive research. I had the experience to be another pair of eyes.”

⊕ “The biggest thing,” he said, “is what’s inside of somebody’s head in terms of their intent.” What’s locked inside someone’s head is not entirely hidden; it can be read in the configuration of laboratories and manufacturing plants that people ring around themselves to carry out their designs. To determine whether the Soviets were devoted to the science of life or of death, he says, inspectors needed more than the most sophisticated satellite surveillance. “You actually have to go inside those facilities and verify what’s going on. Certainly if they’re hiding things beneath levels of secrecy, or they’re trying to scale it up or figure out how to spray it behind a jet engine, or they’re trying to make it resistant to antibiotics or to ultraviolet light—you’re very suspicious of things like that.”

In 1991 the Soviets adroitly delayed the arrival of Malinoski and the inspectors to give themselves time to sanitize their facilities. Incriminating equipment as well as microorganisms were removed, and workers were not permitted on site the day of inspection. Soviet officials accompanying the inspectors answered questions in ways that were clearly scripted and usually trivial. “Everything was couched in terms of: ‘This is a defensive program, and you shouldn’t worry about it,’” Malinoski said. Useless, time-consuming speeches continually held up and shortened efforts to eyeball the sites, and an onslaught of Russian hospitality with plenty of vodka, cognac and caviar was aimed at deflecting and dulling the team’s attention.

“The most eye-opening part of the trip for me was the experience in Obolensk,” said Malinoski. The Institute of Applied Microbiology, just south of Moscow, was a sprawling site with 30 buildings—and it was just one of Biopreparat’s facilities. “We were doing a fairly good job [at biodefense] with two buildings at Fort Detrick,” he said, but the Soviet complex was mindboggling. The complex was embedded in a layer of armed guards, razor wire and motion and infrared detectors.

“These facilities were the typical Russian construction, which were sort of blocks-within-blocks or rooms-within-rooms,” he said of the biosafety architecture. One building at the site was an eight-story

structure that covered five acres. An entire floor was devoted to plague research and to *Yersinia pestis*, the bacillus that wiped out a third of Europe’s population in the 14th century. A few cases of plague break out each year in the Soviet Union, but this laboratory, Malinoski maintains, “had a commitment to understanding plague that was out of proportion to the epidemiological threat to the population.”

The team also spotted 40 giant steel fermenters at Obolensk—two-story behemoths, veritable buildings themselves—mounted inside the biocontainment section of the edifice. They had been sterilized, but their placement and scale meant that the great caldrons were designed to brew lethal bacteria in quantities far in excess of any legitimate commercial need, according to Malinoski. “The Soviets had no way to dismantle these long rows of huge fermenters. People’s jaws were hitting the ground seeing this stuff.”

After a day’s rest the team moved on for a two-day inspection tour of the Institute of Molecular Biology, known as Vector, in the Siberian larch forests near Novosibirsk. The mammoth compound contained 100 laboratory and administrative buildings. “Novosibirsk was even worse,” he said. “This was a huge campus where they were doing virology work, and clearly they had aerosol activities.”

One building housed a sophisticated computer for modeling the propagation of aerosols in diverse terrains and weather conditions. The Soviets claimed it was for optimizing the spraying of pesticides on crops, but the costly and innovative software was precisely the kind of technology that could calculate dispersal patterns for the powder-like pathogens a bioweapon unleashes.

The Vector scientists confided that they had studied the Marburg and ebola viruses extensively and had sprayed aerosols of the microbes on animals in test chambers. “They were defensive in terms of hiding their program,” said Malinoski, “but at the same time there was an arrogance about what they did. I think they were eager to actually tell us how far behind we were. . . . They said our vaccines might not protect us, which suggested that they had developed viruses that were resistant to American vaccines.”

During the inspection a technician let slip that the lab had been working on smallpox. “He probably didn’t realize how much he was supposed to be hiding,” Malinoski said.


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Since antiquity, smallpox has been one of the great scourges of the human species. The virus preys only on humans, and *Variola major* kills about half of those it attacks and tends to infect nearly everyone else nearby. The World Health Organization (WHO) set up an eradication program that tracked down and choked off with vaccination campaigns every naturally occurring outbreak. The last case was isolated and treated in 1979, and the prodigious killer was declared eradicated the following year. By agreement, samples of the virus should have been alive only at official repositories in Atlanta and Moscow under the control of WHO.

The disclosure that Vector had possession of the virus was profoundly disturbing. Variola is an ideal weapon, especially now, when the world medical community has let down its guard. "Smallpox is a very hardy organism and can cause a devastating plague," Malinoski explained. "A whole generation is not immunized and is susceptible. . . . Everyone understood this was extremely serious."

When the inspectors departed, their worst suspicions had been confirmed.

 Founded by a Kremlin order in 1973, Biopreparat had set up the largest and most advanced bioweapons infrastructure the world has ever seen. Top students from the best scientific schools were recruited and offered unheard-of salaries, elite status and other perks. Most did not understand they were to work on biological weapons until they were already ensconced within the system. Dr. Ken Alibek, the first deputy chief of Biopreparat (1988 to 1992) and a colonel, was among them. Having pioneered innovations for a more lethal anthrax formula, he was an accomplished and ambitious bioweaponeer who worked his way up to become second in command. In his memoir, *Biobazard*, he writes, "Biopreparat, we believed, was our Manhattan Project."

Like many, he was raised to believe that the U.S. was in the vanguard of a world capitalist conspiracy and would stop at nothing, including the breaking of treaties, to overthrow socialism. The Soviet Union, he believed, should likewise stop at nothing to defend itself. A "staunch patriot," Alibek oversaw an enterprise whose deadly teeth included weapons-grade anthrax, Black Death, Marburg, smallpox and other scourges. Biopreparat created mountains of engineered pestilence, including a 20-ton stockpile of freeze-dried smallpox. Technology for mounting it on missiles had been perfected. The most efficient dispersal techniques were determined, and customized bioparticles were molded to maximize virulence. Biopreparat had delivered into the hands of the Soviet state the machinery to reap a harvest of death comparable to the grimmest nuclear war scenarios.


Alibek defected in 1992 after a reciprocal inspection tour of U.S. facilities (including USAMRIID) convinced him America had no offensive program. "Throughout my career," he wrote, "I had



Dr. Frank Malinoski '76, left, with Dr. Ken Alibek, center, and Dr. Christopher Davis. Alibek ran the biological weapons program in the Soviet Union before he defected to the United States in 1992. Davis is a British biological weapons inspector. The three were toasting the end of biological weapons secrecy and a new beginning for verifiable treaties to prevent biological weapons research.

worried that American scientists would surpass us. Now I found myself struggling to persuade them how far the science of germ warfare had come."

That same year President Yeltsin admitted what the West by then already knew, and he ordered the weapons program dismantled. From that point on, a downsized Biopreparat would be a privatized commercial venture—at least officially. The current Russian president, Vladimir Putin, has made no public pronouncements on the matter, but experts are skeptical that the civilian leadership has full control over the military. Four research institutes under the Ministry of Defense remain shrouded in secrecy, according to Dr. Jonathan Tucker, director of the Chemical and Biological Weapons Nonproliferation Program at the Monterey Institute: "The Russian military has refused repeated Western requests for confidence-building visits, raising suspicions that offensive research and development may be continuing there."

 When the Soviet empire dissolved into its constituent states not long after Malinoski departed, the socialist economy fell apart too. Once among the most privileged members of their society, many bioweaponeers found themselves without financial support. The U.S. estimates conservatively that there are about 7,000 scientists whose knowledge and skill would bring a handsome price on the black market—10,500 if you count expertise in chemical weapons. Some governments have set aside funds to help stanch "brain drain" by supporting peaceful research for cast-off weapons specialists, but most of the grants have gone to nuclear scientists and engineers.

In the fall of 1999 employees at Obolensk went without government pay for months. A director of another surviving institute remarked: "Now it is possible [for anyone] to buy strains because the scientists are working without bread." The Iranians are known

to have trolled those waters, bringing along a truckload of bread.


Dr. Amy Smithson, a senior associate at the Henry L. Stimson Center, has interviewed Russian bioweaponers. She reports, "it's an open secret" that many have traveled to Syria, Iraq, Libya, China, North Korea and elsewhere, "but they're not making confessions about doing weapons work. . . . Knowledge and seed cultures have definitely leaked, but we don't know where or what." Given the complexities of devising workable bioweapons, she adds, "this is the most genuine shortcut I know of for terrorists."

In the end, the Soviet Matryoshka doll could not contain its secret bioweapons empire. "I would describe it as scary," Malinoski said of his experience. "My role has been as an early observer of these gross violations of treaties and horrendous aberrations of good science. I think you have to be diligent about this kind of thing, just as you have to be with genetic engineering and research on the human genome. There is a dark side, if you will, to all of these things."

Still, he pronounces Alibek and Pasechnik, despite their achievements as bioweaponers, "the real heroes who put their lives and careers on the line telling the true story." The villains, he declares, are those in "the Soviet, now Russian, military-industrial complex" who knowingly deceived their brightest scientists and convinced them that work on offensive biological weapons was "justified."

"It wouldn't be true to say that I thought I was doing something wrong," Alibek has said of his own research. "The anthrax was one of my scientific results." He had perfected an anthrax strain with four times the death-dealing potency of standard weapons-grade. He tells of a high-level meeting he once attended with senior military officials who were looking for assurances that Biopreparat could produce sufficient quantities of his more vicious anthrax. They wanted to be able to load SS-18 missiles for a biological

attack on major American and European cities. Recalling his physician's oath to do no harm and feeling a need to atone, he confessed: "All I cared about was ensuring that our weapons would do the job they were designed for. . . . I don't remember giving a moment's thought to the fact that we had just sketched out a plan to kill millions of people."

 In the years since he backed away from the front lines of the superpowers' germ warfare front, Malinoski has worked as a private-practice physician, a research scientist who tested new vaccines for effectiveness and safety, a director of clinical research responsible for the licensure of pediatric vaccines and a senior executive in a medium-size biopharmaceutical company. At Wyeth-Ayerst he oversees clinical affairs for vaccines, administering research programs to evaluate the company's licensed products. The job is part science, part business management.

For a short time, Malinoski was vice president of a biotechnology start-up in the U.K. The company was developing vaccines that could be delivered through genetically engineered plants, a breakthrough that will someday allow antibiotics to be dispensed in wafers or juice instead of the standard injection. "The technology works," he attests. "We proved that while I was there." The company folded when investors pulled out in the midst of precipitous British reaction against genetically modified foods. "This is going to be a major way to improve the scale and cost of production, especially for developing countries. It's just ahead of its time right now," he said.

In the early 1990s Malinoski designed the clinical trials for Prevnar, the first new vaccine in a decade to become part of children's routine immunization. The drug was approved by the FDA in February 2000. "That's probably the product I identify most with," he confided. Prevnar prevents invasive pneumococcal disease, a bacterial infection of the blood or the lining of the brain and spinal cord. "Because pneumococcal disease globally kills about 1.2 million kids a year, the potential impact is enormous," he said.

Malinoski's career has followed an arc from basic virology research to its application in medicine to reducing morbidity and mortality by shepherding vaccines through the labyrinth of product licensing. "My day-to-day is definitely more administrative now," he said. "I'm comfortable with that because I can reach a lot more patients than I would if I were seeing maybe fifty a day in an office. I just wanted to get to the point where I have more impact on disease, and the best place to do that is prevention."

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Want to read more about Frank Malinoski '76 and the ongoing threat of biological weapons? Read *The Demon in the Freezer* by Richard Preston, in *The New Yorker*, July 12, 1999.



Dr. Frank Malinoski '76, left, works in a lab at Wyeth-Ayerst Global Pharmaceuticals near Philadelphia.

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NUCLEAR FICTION



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And the time of death is every moment

Four Quartets—T.S. Eliot



Hiroshima, John Hersey's classic work of literary journalism about the dropping of an atomic bomb on that city, details the suffering and survival of six of the city's inhabitants, including Toshiko Sasaki, a clerk in the personnel office of the East Asia Tin Works. She was less than a mile from the man-made sun that blossomed in an eye blink above the city in 1945. Just before the building came down on her, a bookcase behind her desk poured the factory's library, like a breaking wave, over the 20-year-old clerk. "There, in the tin factory," Hersey writes, "in the first moments of the atomic age, a human being was crushed by books." Ms. Sasaki was knocked unconscious and her leg was badly gashed and broken, but her life was saved by a load of books. Hiroshima was destroyed by them.


The scientists, engineers, technicians and bureaucrats—the brains behind the Manhattan Project—were the products of books. The main players who conceived and built the first atomic bomb were trained or held appointments at some of the nation's leading research universities. Stories of how these people acted and the way events unfolded were examined at the University of Pennsylvania last spring by a dozen undergraduates in an honors seminar called Nuclear Fictions. The course took a literary approach to the subject matter, using a range of genres—memoir, biography, essay, novel, poetry, play, government document, film and comic book—to probe how understanding gets “constructed” and history gets “represented and re-presented.”

at combat in modern war. Nuclear Fictions plumbs a subject near, if not dear, to Traister's heart.


“There are good reasons not to take this course,” he counseled those who showed up for the opening session, darkening first-day twitters by laying out the effects of a thermonuclear blast in New York City, about 100 miles away. “They have a fairly amusing destructive radius,” he noted without smiling. Into the ensuing silence, he injected the prediction that “this generation of students” would likely experience the use of these weapons—“at a distance, if you're lucky; close by, if you're not.” During a break, one student conversed with another about a choice he needed to make between Nuclear Fictions and a course on the Spanish Inquisition. He didn't return.



All this reading makes for a remarkably comprehensive survey, but for Professor Daniel Traister '63 the course stems from more than mere intellectual interest. “It arises out of something personal,” he said.

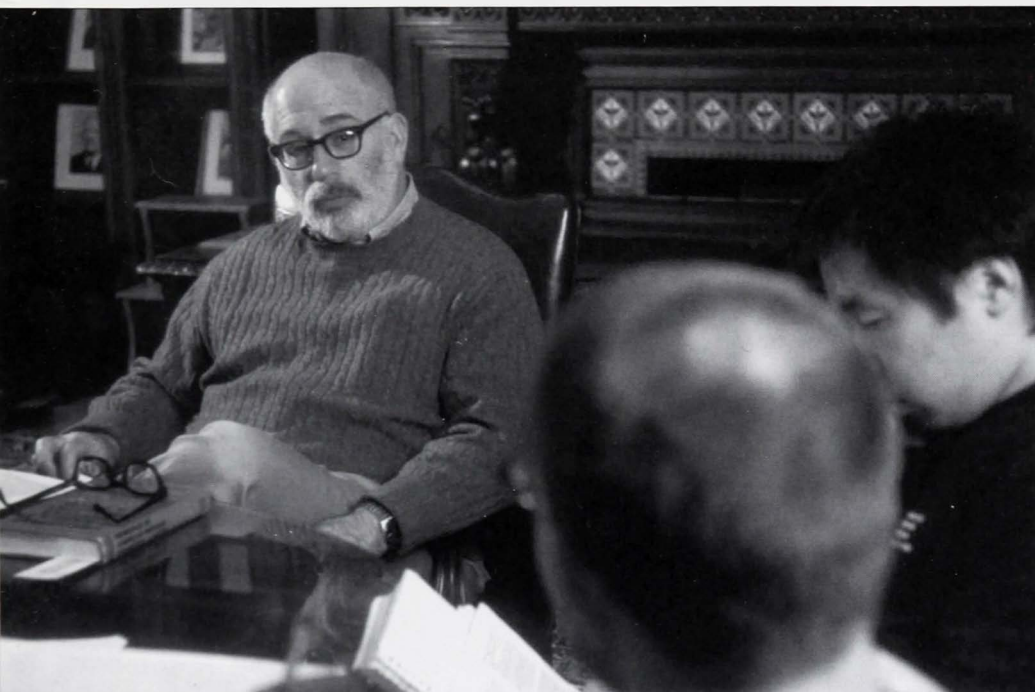
 Traister is curator of the Annenberg Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Penn. When he's not fielding reference questions on antiquarian materials or acquiring them, he's busy, as the English-language literature bibliographer, beefing up the general collection with new and old publications. With a doctorate in Renaissance English literature, he has written articles in scholarly and professional publications on literature, bibliography, history, rare book librarianship and library collection development.

Besides holding a job in Penn's library, Traister teaches courses almost every semester on traditional academic topics that have included everything from Shakespeare to westerns to a literary look

 Young Danny Traister was the kind of kid who, as a third grader, discussed the foreign policy of Eisenhower and Dulles with his friends on the way to play stickball in their Bronx neighborhood. His mother was a “non-serious but card-carrying Communist,” and his father believed “all Communists were horses' asses of one vintage or another.” Together they created a “clichéd Jewish middle-class New York household,” and their “mixed marriage” often convulsed it with the passions of political argument. And in those years, there was politics aplenty.

A child veteran of the Cold War and keenly attuned to its normalized lunacy, Traister grew up in an apartment complex with an anti-aircraft battery positioned along the Jerome Park Reservoir, just across the street from his building. In his dreams, chunky-looking Buck Rogers missiles descended in slow motion through ineffectual cannon fire. From his apartment's north-facing windows, he watched them

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Daniel Traister '63 listens to students at the University of Pennsylvania, where Traister teaches a course about literature related to the atomic bomb.

coming down over Van Cortland Park from a transpolar trajectory. “I couldn’t tell you how those dreams ended,” he said recently. “I don’t remember them ending, but you didn’t have to be very bright to dope out that the chance of at least one bomb getting through to take you out was reasonably high.” In his child’s mind, the missiles were aimed not only at New York City but directly at him. “They didn’t even need to have very good aim,” he added. “We grew up knowing this.”

In P.S. 95, around the outbreak of the Korean Conflict, school authorities distributed dog tags to the pupils. The principal had one of the older children, a survivor of Allied bombing raids on Germany, testify to the virtues of wearing the peculiar adornment. The tags, the boy told them, would help parents identify their smashed corpses amid the smoking city ruins. He had seen this done. “It scared the living pee out of me,” Traister exclaimed. “Psychologically, I think this was an extremely witty thing to do with second graders. . . . It’s the sort of thing you retain over the years.”

The Doomsday Clock on the cover of the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* was the chronometer by which he told the time. Not long after the first hydrogen bomb was tested, the year he turned 11, the publication’s timekeepers advanced the hands to two minutes before midnight. Traister remembers: “You were conscious of that clock because in New York you knew you were living in a bull’s-eye.”

 At Colby, Traister remembers, he turned to the south and scanned the horizon for mushroom clouds every time a blast went off at a construction site on I-95. “I figured I’d miss New York,

but Boston I knew I’d see,” he said. Early on, he’d become friends with Diane Scrafton ’61, who’d come to Colby from the Staten Island section of the bull’s-eye. “I happened to tell her about this folly [of mistaking construction for Armageddon] one day when we were talking, and she looked at me and said, ‘I haven’t met anybody else who does that, but I do it too.’ . . . We both laughed nervously because we knew this was silly, but we also knew that it wasn’t quite silly.”

Although Colby wasn’t entirely isolated from the social upheaval of the ’60s, Traister recollects a widely felt sense that the campus was out of the nuclear crosshairs. Political science professor Marvin Weinbaum was away in one of the big East Coast cities when the Cuban missile crisis hit. “I remember when he got back, he was mobbed by students who all wanted to know what it was like to be near a bull’s-eye. . . . It hadn’t occurred to us that Limestone [Loring Air Force Base] was within nuclear distance of Waterville. We always saw this in terms of city destruction rather than military destruction. We weren’t particularly sophisticated.”

The anxiety of a life lived looking down the barrel of a nuclear weapon is not an experience Traister believes is unique. “It gives you a certain amount of pause,” he said, “but it doesn’t give everyone the same kind of pause. I suspect there are far more scars on people my age or thereabouts than we ever think about.” In the early ’90s he delivered a paper in Lawrence, Kan., and had occasion to mention that he’d grown up in the bull’s-eye. “This guy came back at me and said, ‘New York! Gimme a break!’ He said he came from North Dakota and *that* was the real bull’s-eye. He said, ‘We’re where the missile silos are. You’re going to be the dessert, but we’re the main course.’”

Traister still retains his childhood compulsion for doodling mushroom clouds on everything, except now the figurative doodling consists of reading almost everything related to war and atomic weaponry and teaching courses like Nuclear Fictions. Drawing lessons from that personal reading project is like trying to pocket a mushroom cloud. “I don’t know,” he said of Hiroshima. “A lot of innocent people suffered. Dropping the bomb falls under the rubric of ‘crimes against humanity,’ but it isn’t just that. As prosecutors of war, the Japanese were not nice people.”

By the time the bomb was ready, Hitler, who was the intended target, had already been defeated, and the U.S. was locked in a savage endgame war with Japan. The immediate crisis, the exigencies of war, made the bomb an irresistible alternative to what was expected to be a bitter and costly invasion of Japan. It also had the added benefit of impressing the Soviet Union in the cold—possibly hot—war that everyone could see coming.

Little Boy exploded above Hiroshima with a force equivalent to 12,500 tons of TNT. Almost half the people within a mile of the blast were killed outright. Many who lived called out for death. Altogether about 140,000 people, 54 percent of the city's population, died by the end of 1945—200,000 if you count the bomb-related dying that continued over the next five years.

Paul Fussell, in his essay "Thank God for the Atomic Bomb," writes that "real war experience tend[s] to complicate attitudes about the most cruel ending of that most cruel war." As a young lieutenant leading an infantry platoon, Fussell was slated to take part in the invasion of the Japanese mainland despite being partly disabled by injuries received in the war with Germany. "I was simultaneously horrified about the bombing of Hiroshima and forever happy because the event saved my life," he writes. In his "soldier's view," the annihilation of Hiroshima was "sadistic and humanitarian, horrible and welcome."

"If I understand him correctly," Traister said, "it is the essence of tragedy. Nothing you can do is going to be good, so you do something and hope you can live with the evil that you've done. In tragedy, sometimes that works and sometimes it doesn't work." The balance of good and evil that issued from the deed is not easily calculated, and volumes have been written sharply contesting the point. "I don't know what the answer is," he continued. "I doubt that there is one—or, let me put it this way: I doubt that there is *only* one—and I think differently about it myself on different days."

One of his main goals in teaching *Nuclear Fictions* is to help undergraduates become better thinkers and better readers. "I don't want students to walk out as carbon copies of my opinions," he said, "and I don't care if they have no clue of what I think a book [we are studying] means. I am far happier if I succeed in complicating their easy responses and moralistic views. This I do, or try to do, in the belief that they'll be better readers—and thinkers—the more able they are imaginatively to absorb the validity of points of view they do not share."

Traister often reads long excerpts to the class from related but unassigned books. On the whole, he'd recommend about a dozen per three-hour session, complete with title, author and biographical squib, publication date and subsequent editions, an account of political repercussions following the book's release and a critical review.

"He strikes me as a weird, highly intelligent man," one of his students offered. A senior in the

class called him "the most erudite man I have ever met." A Penn English instructor quipped, "He's one of the few people around here who's probably as smart as he thinks he is."

Traister's devotion to books is in part an appreciation for the value of reading and ideas, but it's also a covetous affection for the objects themselves. He lives in a Philadelphia suburb with his wife, Barbara Howard Traister '65, four cats and a three-legged pit bull puppy named Bruno, rescued from a New York animal shelter's death row. Their home is submerged beneath an incoming tide of books, despite use of an annex as the main library. "We've got art in our closets that we can't put up," laments Barbara Traister, an English professor and department chair at Lehigh University.

"I wouldn't mind living forever," Traister brooded over his piles of books. "I'm curious about so much that forever wouldn't be long enough." He's looking down the barrel again, reflecting on his death-haunted life. "The world is filled with ways that encourage you to leave it—sometimes in an unwanted hurry. I do what I can, fairly confident that an exception is not going to be made in my case."

Bringing forth Little Boy let loose the nightmare shadow that Traister sensed stalking the Bronx of his youth. The Cold War that followed Hiroshima's destruction was a caricature of peace, paid for by commanders and crews in bombers, missile silos, submarines and command-and-control bunkers who were trained and poised at every moment to hurl a thousand suns.

Traister believes undergraduates are not old enough to feel the weight of this history, and he teaches in part to place something of that burden upon them. "To be honest," remarked a sophomore history major enrolled in *Nuclear Fictions*, "I never really under-

stood what the big deal about the Cold War was and why everybody was so happy when the Berlin Wall came down. It just seemed like a big rock-and-roll event."

"All of this is ancient history to them," said Traister. The Cold War held in check the instruments of destruction wielded by the superpowers. That "balance" was lost when the Soviet Union collapsed. "I'd like students who take my course to be a smidgeon more thoughtful about these kinds of issues because they remain with us [in the form of nuclear terrorism]. There are just so many pressure points in the world, and the technology is too widespread—the secrets simply aren't secret, and fissile material has seeped out of the old Soviet Union. Somewhere, sometime, some schmuck is going to use it again."

Atomic Reading

Asked for a list of suggested reading about the atomic bomb, Daniel Traister '63 submitted a list of more than 50 works with detailed annotations. Here's an abridged version; the full list, with comments, is available online (www.colby.edu/colby.mag).

John Hersey, *Hiroshima* (Knopf, 1946).

Richard Rhodes, *The Making of the Atomic Bomb* (Simon & Schuster, 1986) and *Dark Sun: The Making of the Hydrogen Bomb* (Simon and Schuster, 1995).

Paul S. Boyer, *By the Bomb's Early Light: American Thought and Culture at the Dawn of the Atomic Age* (1985; reprinted, University of North Carolina Press, 1994).

General Leslie A. Groves, *Now It Can Be Told: The Story of the Manhattan Project* (Harper and Row, 1962).

General Kenneth D. Nichols, *The Road to Trinity* (William Morrow, 1987).

Daniel Kevles, *The Physicists: The History of a Scientific Community in Modern America* (1977; reprinted, Harvard University Press, 1995).

Laura Fermi, *Atoms in the Family: My Life with Enrico Fermi* (1954; reprinted, University of Chicago Press, 1994).

Emilio Segrave, *Enrico Fermi: Physicist* (University of Chicago Press, 1970).

Masuji Ibuse, *Black Rain* (Kodansha, 1969).

A New Threat to the Press

Bill Kovach warns that corporate priorities are a threat to journalism



Bill Kovach, a staunch defender of press freedom and a crusader for integrity in journalism, received the 48th Elijah Parish Lovejoy Award on November 9, the anniversary of the birth and the burial of Lovejoy, an 1826 Colby graduate who became America's first martyr to press freedom.

In this year's Lovejoy address, Kovach described a brave new world of communications where corporate conglomerates force their news divisions to put profits before the public interest and where media scramble to be the first to report news with insufficient regard for whether it's true.

"So we've come to this," he told about 200 people in Lorimer Chapel: "after struggling for centuries to remain free of government control and censorship, public interest journalism now finds itself struggling with similar pressures from private ownership. Independent journalism may in the end be dissolved in the solvent of commercial communication and synergistic self-promotion. The real meaning of the First Amendment—that a free press means an independent press—is threatened for the first time in our history, even without government meddling."

Addressing the formal Lovejoy convocation just two days after the historic presidential election of November, with recounts just getting under way, Kovach was harshly critical of the media's election coverage. "I think election night was stunning in its uselessness to citizens," he said, criticizing the mentality that prompted television networks to call states, prematurely and sometimes incorrectly, for one candidate or another. "It was strictly driven by commercial pres-

sure and not by journalism at all," he said.

"The idea that the purpose of the press is to tell you who's ahead and who's behind is a disservice to the process," he told a government class earlier in the day.

The Lovejoy Selection Committee unanimously chose Kovach for the 2000 Lovejoy Award earlier this year, and Kovach told those assembled for the November convocation, "There is no other award, including the Pulitzer Prize, that I would rather have than this one."

Kovach quit his first job as a reporter at the *Johnson City* (Tennessee) *Press-Chronicle* because the publisher wouldn't let him cover civil rights in the early 1960s. He quit his last newspaper job, as editor of *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, when his principles clashed with the publisher's business interests. In between he had a remarkable career, at the *Tennessean*, *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*.

Working in the *Times's* Boston bureau he helped photocopy the Pentagon papers and paid for the copies with a personal check. In Nashville he refused to leave the senate chamber when ordered, and an ensuing court case led to the nation's sunshine laws that require decisions to be made in public. In Washington he worked on the story about Wilbur Mills driving drunk with a stripper into the Tidal Basin, a story that broke the *Times's* policy of ignoring stories about the private lives of public figures.

After leaving daily journalism, Kovach led The Nieman Foundation at Harvard University, which strives to elevate journalism standards through publications, seminars, conferences and fellowships.

Rebecca Littleton Corbett '74 Joins Lovejoy Selection Committee

Rebecca Littleton Corbett '74, assistant managing editor/projects at *The Baltimore Sun* and the newest member of the Lovejoy Selection Committee, was introduced at the 2000 Lovejoy convocation. She is the first Colby alumna and only the second Colby graduate to serve on the selection committee. The first, Dwight Sargent

'39, helped to establish the award in 1952. At Colby she was editor of *The Colby Echo*, and for several years after graduating she worked as an editor at the *Morning Sentinel*. She spent several years at *The Journal Inquirer* in Manchester, Conn., before joining *The Baltimore Sun*. A series she edited on salvage of ships won the 1998

Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting.

Corbett has conducted programs for The Poynter Institute, the American Press Institute, the University of Maryland and the Center for Foreign Journalists. She is a member of Investigative Reporters and Editors and served as a juror for the Pulitzer Prizes in 1997 and 1998.



MARTHA WICKLES '71

Lovejoy Award recipient Bill Kovach joins Rebecca Littleton Corbett '74 and Ryan Davis '02, *Echo* news editor, in the office of the paper following the Lovejoy Convocation.

After 11 years at Harvard he retired last year to chair the Committee of Concerned Journalists, whose mission is to uphold the best practices of journalism. He served for 12 years, from 1988 to 1999, on Colby's Lovejoy Selection Committee.

The selection committee that chose Kovach for this year's award includes *Boston Globe* editor Matthew Storin, *Chicago Tribune* executive editor Ann Marie Lipinski, *Portland Oregonian* executive editor (retired) William Hilliard and *Dallas Morning News* editorial page editor Rena Pederson. The presidential election crisis, which was in its second day when the Lovejoy Convocation was held in November, prevented members of the selection committee from attending the convocation, but President William Adams quoted Lipinski, who said when Kovach was chosen for the award, "If there's any living, breathing individual alive today who embodies the ideals of the Lovejoy Award, it's Bill Kovach."

Colby established the Lovejoy Award in 1952 for an editor, reporter or publisher who has contributed to the nation's journalistic achievement. Lovejoy was martyred on November 7, 1837, when he was killed defending his abolitionist newspaper from a pro-slavery mob.—*Stephen Collins '74*

For the full text of Kovach's speech, visit www.colby.edu/communications/lovejoy/fellows.html

It's Not Only a Movie

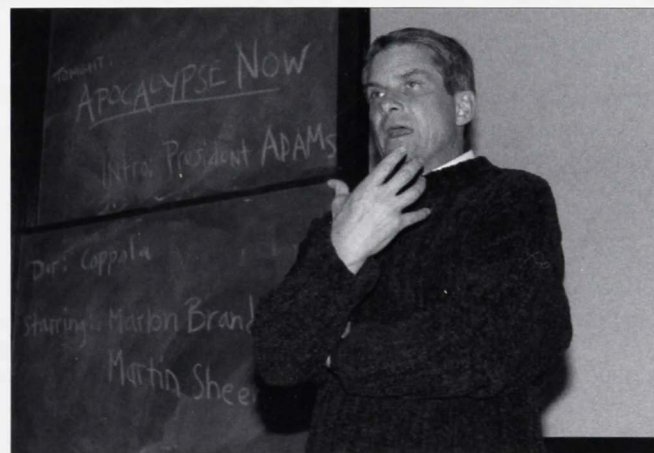
Last summer, when he invited President Bro Adams to introduce a film for the Colby Film Society in the fall, Noah Charney '02 was unaware that the new president is a scholarly film buff who has published articles about American cinema, including several about Vietnam War films. Adams scanned Charney's list of more than 100 films and chose *Apocalypse Now*, the groundbreaking 1979 epic by Francis Ford Coppola that approached the Vietnam War as a modern version of Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*.

Adams's Mayflower Hill debut as a cinema sage came in November when about 40 students showed up in Keyes for the show. When he asked if it was a group of serious film buffs or just students who wanted to see a movie, the response was: "We want to know what you have to say."

Adams explained that Coppola had established himself as one of the great contemporary American directors with *The Godfather* series. "Great, great movies . . . certainly [*The Godfather*] I and II are among the best American films ever made," he said.

Then came *Apocalypse Now*, which was notorious well before its release. Years in the making, it was one of the most expensive films ever made, and there were widespread reports of bizarre behavior by Coppola and Marlon Brando on the set. "It's an odd and strange and troubling and visually stunning movie, which, when it came out, provoked a lot of controversy and disagreement about its merits," Adams said. There was no consensus that it was a great film.

"It's a film, in many ways, of what I would call directorial excesses. It's a very nervous and jumpy and excessive film. . . . It goes way over the top on a couple of occasions," Adams told the students. "I personally have trouble watching it as a realistic film. You have to let yourselves go and appreciate the symbolic power."



AMITY BURR '03

Bro Adams offers his interpretation of *Apocalypse Now* to students at a showing of the film by the Colby Film Society.

Borrowing liberally from *Heart of Darkness*, "Coppola was obviously struck by the analogy, imperfect but nonetheless probably appropriate, between the British experience in the 19th century in Africa and the American experience in Southeast Asia," Adams said. Using that as "literary background," Coppola was the first to explore the war as "a very dark passage in American history."

Where it really broke new ground, Adams said, was its depiction of American war history in a negative light—its "representation of that war and our experience as a revelation of a lot of dark impulses and aspects of American history," as opposed to the "positive and friendly" film interpretations of previous American wars.

Speaking to an audience born after America withdrew from Vietnam, Adams had to catch himself. "As you'll recall, American involvement—maybe you won't recall but you might have read or become aware of the facts—American involvement in the war ended in 1973. . . . The North Vietnamese captured Saigon in 1975, which brought a conclusion to a very long epoch both in Vietnamese history and American history, and four years later Coppola released this movie."

In the genre of war films that followed *Apocalypse Now*, almost all the films "shared some of the fundamental impulses and themes that Coppola raises," Adams said, noting that many of them—*Platoon* for example—"tried to be realistic and less metaphorical and literary."

"I find [*Apocalypse Now*] a hard film to look at as a realistic representation of Vietnam, but I think if you start with the premise that it's *not*, then it will be much easier for you to watch and to read as a reflection of America's experience in Vietnam," he concluded.

Charney founded the Colby Film Society two years ago, as a freshman. Every Thursday night the group screens a film—"usually something everyone's heard of but perhaps hasn't watched"—in Keyes. A 10- or 15-minute introduction helps students see films "with a critical eye," Charney said.

Clearly it is intellectual curiosity rather than just an entertaining night at the movies that attracts much, if not most, of the society's audience. "Students sometimes show up to hear the professor speak and then leave without watching the movie," he said. "You'd think the opposite might be true."

—*Stephen Collins '74*

wit & wisdom



“A free society cannot exist only on a profit margin.”

Bill Kovach, receiving the 2000 Lovejoy Award for his contributions to press freedom.

“Oh, my god. What have they done to Bill?”

Douglas Kneeland, former *New York Times* editor, upon seeing a robed Bill Kovach entering Lorimer Chapel at the Lovejoy Convocation.

“[My parents] only had one child, and so they had to make do with that. My father raised me as his son, and he was raising me to become a successful white man.

My mother raised me as her daughter, whom she was intending to grow up to become a successful black woman. So, it was tricky, you know.”

Renowned poet/writer and activist June Jordan, speaking at Colby November 20.

“We share forty-four percent of our DNA with iceberg lettuce. Maybe this is why it has taken so long to pass [Question] Six.”

Peter Harris, professor of English, at a rally in support of equal rights.

“Throw him outta here, eh?”

Leon Richard, security officer, grinning wide when he saw Montrealer Fred Perowne '01 carrying the Canadian maple leaf, wearing a red-and-white tuque and matching hockey gloves in the inaugural procession of flags.

“Eighteen of twenty-one kids had been up until five in the morning.”

Professor Anthony Corrado (government), explaining why his afternoon class was “wasted” the day after the presidential election.

“It endangers everyone, not just Jews and Arabs. It’s an old cliché that we’re living in a global village. But it’s true.”

Yehuda Bauer, professor emeritus, Hebrew University, speaking at Colby on anti-Semitism and conflict in the Middle East.

“Even though I know cigarettes are terrible for you, I’m over eighteen and it’s my choice.”

Sharon Skettini '02, commenting in *The Colby Echo* on the College’s decision to ban tobacco sales on campus.

“Sometimes something is wrong and you have to take a stand against it, even if it’s not a popular decision.”

President Bro Adams, on the College’s ban of tobacco sales on campus.

Adams to Students: Take Time to Give Back

On November 6, President Bro Adams spoke to seniors in the Spa, answering questions regarding what seniors can expect after graduation. “You are all going to change professions five or six times,” he said. “If you had asked me twenty years ago if I would be a college president I would have laughed.”

Adams encouraged seniors to be confident about the future and their Colby education. “What you’ve done here—gotten a very good liberal arts education—may be a better preparation than you ever anticipated,” he said.

While convinced the Class of 2001 will succeed in the professional

world, Adams challenged students to do more with their lives than work. “I worry,” he said, “that all of us and you in particular will be so motivated in your professional lives that you will lose sight of what I call ‘the rest of life.’” Doing volunteer work and participating in civic organizations help to build community, Adams said, and he asked seniors to become more involved in these activities.

After fielding questions about parking problems and the removal of cigarettes from campus stores, Adams was asked about his own aspirations for life after Colby. “I think this is it,” he said. “I’m 53. I’d like to finish my career here. That’s my desire and intention.” —*Erin Rogers '01*

Love of Country

Ana Prokic '04 feels Serbia's pain, from afar

Few Colby students have ever experienced what Ana Prokic '04 has endured for a decade. "I'm 19 now," Prokic said. "The only thing I can remember is wars."

Prokic is from Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, in Yugoslavia, where Slobodan Milosevic's troubled reign recently ended and President Vojislav Kostunica took office. Prokic is also a Colby freshman and recent graduate of Armand Hammer United World College (UWC) in New Mexico, a two-year pre-university school that for Prokic was a dream come true. Some might say she was due.

Prokic has a younger sister who was only 3 when the war began. Her mother is a nurse in a military hospital, and her father is a clerk in a company that manufactures paint. He was drafted when the fighting started; to protect her young daughters, Prokic's mother had to lie to her daughters about their father's whereabouts: "My mother kept telling me he was just in military practice somewhere inside the country. . . . I found out from a cousin I was staying with that he was out at war."

Prokic left home when she was 16 and, accustomed as she was to wartime, there still were "some really tough moments," she said. She weathered them and came to Colby thanks to the Davis United World College Scholars Program. Trustee Andrew Davis '85 and his father, Shelby M.C. Davis, promised to fund any student from any of the nine United World Colleges who gains admittance to one of five selected institutions and demonstrates financial need. "[Shelby Davis] is the person I'll remember until the end of my life," Prokic said.

After Yugoslavia's presidential election ended Milosevic's reign in October, Prokic's homeland rebounded. "The feeling among people has changed overnight," she said. "Normal things like everyone else

Communicating with home had become a struggle. Once, Prokic said, she was watching television and heard that the military hospital in Belgrade where her mother works as a nurse had been bombed. Six hours passed before she finally was reassured her mother was okay. "For me the most important thing was to be with my family," she said. Prokic flew to Budapest and her parents met her at the border between Serbia and Hungary. She found Belgrade, a city of 2.5-million people, in complete darkness. "The spirit of people was gone," she said.

Now that spirit is beginning to return and Prokic will be going home in May. "What I'm hoping for is a change, just a better life for everyone in the country."

She also hopes that people will stop considering Serbs enemies. "A year ago we were murderers and terrorists and there was every possible justification for bombing our country," Prokic said. Now Serbs are portrayed as victims of a corrupt government who were finally able to win their freedom, she said. "I just want people to understand we don't think about killing people. We don't get together at a coffee table and talk about the next war we'll have."

Prokic doesn't blame anyone for the troubles in Yugoslavia. No one won the war, she said, "there were just a lot of dead people and a

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has; that's what we're hoping for. . . . Just people having regular salaries, kids being able to go to school, parents being able to afford stuff for their kids without wondering whether they'll be able to buy milk."

She regretted that she was not home to share her family's excitement when President Kostunica was inaugurated. Since Prokic's move to the U.S., she only spends summers at home. Even that has been dangerous.

During the summer of 1999, when war in Yugoslavia had reached the heart of Belgrade, Prokic's mentors at UWC thought it was too dangerous to send her back to Serbia. But the worries of war were not enough to keep her from her family.

destroyed country and that's about all we got out of it." She also doesn't understand the racial conflict that tore her country apart. "I have friends who are Albanians, Croats, Muslims and it completely doesn't matter, to me or to them."

At Colby, Prokic plans to study international relations, psychology and German. In the meantime, her pride in her country has not waned. During the inauguration of Colby's new president, Bro Adams, Colby's international students carried the flags of their home countries. "I was never more proud to stand under that flag," Prokic said. "I love my country. I love the people there. I love everything about it." —*Erin Rogers '01*



Ana Prokic '04

A Read on The Colby Reader

Mark Paustenbach '01 never worked on a publication before the fall of 1998. Then he and Daniel O'Connor '02 started one.

"We have amazing economics and government faculty, but we had no publication," said Paustenbach, editor of *The Colby Reader*. Called *The Political Affairs Reader* in its infancy, the non-partisan, student-run publication, which originally aimed at government, economics and history students, has grown into a 30-page quarterly covering cultural, social and economic issues as well as politics. About 50 of the 1,500 copies of each issue are mailed; the rest are placed in Colby dining halls, libraries and faculty mail boxes.

"I'm a political junkie," said Paustenbach, a government major who says he reads the *Times* online at 12:15 a.m. to get a jump on the next day's news. He also gets *The New Republic*, *Roll Call*, *Time*, *The Economist*, *The New York Review of Books*, *The Sporting News*, *Mad* and *Rolling Stone* and watches a lot of CNN "to find out what's going on. We live on a hill in a bubble—*The Colby Reader* is a way to think about the outside world," he said. He thinks the magazine fosters "the kind of political discussion that should happen at Colby" and ties in with Colby's academics, too. International studies students learn in class, for instance, then analyze current events in the journal.

Each issue presents several articles on a theme. Last fall's election issue delivered pieces on the presidential candidates—including the candidates of the Green, Reform, Libertarian and Constitution parties—as well as an article on China by Associate Professor of East Asian Politics Suisheng Zhao, an interview about the war on drugs with a specialist on U.S.-Colombia relations, reviews of two books on the media and cartoons by Jeff Danziger of the *Los Angeles Times Syndicate*. To bring in outside views, Paustenbach has conducted interviews by e-mail with the likes of Pulitzer



Mark Paustenbach '01 (on desk) meets with *Colby Reader* staff members (from left) Joshua Christie '03, Drew Bush '02 and Briana Wright '02 to discuss story ideas for the next issue.

Prize-winning journalist David Shribman and pollster Peter D. Hart '64. He interviewed this year's Lovejoy fellow, journalist Bill Kovach, three days after the election in Colby's guest house. "It's fun to pick the brains of some of the smartest people in their respective fields," he said.

The magazine didn't have this scope initially, says Drew Bush '02, managing and layout editor, who copy edits and helps plan editorial meetings. An English major, Bush was photo page editor and chief editor of his Madison, N.J., high school newspaper, and his experience helped Paustenbach broaden the magazine's cultural and social coverage. Bush also revamped the entire layout.

"The way you present it focuses attention on the whole theme of the magazine," Bush said. "And you can pull in a lot of students, like English majors, through poetry or book reviews." Bush, who plans to attend journalism school, says the magazine is good training ground, and he is passing on layout skills to, among others, Joshua Christie '03, who is also the circulation manager.

Aided by Chris Schlosser '02, the journal's business director from the outset, *The Colby Reader* now receives Student Government Association funding and secured an office on the first floor of Leonard Hall. There the editors—including copy editor Briana Wright '02, "a really good, all-purpose writer," according to Paustenbach—and others on the business side

discuss the content of the next issue. Paustenbach says Assistant Professor of Government and International Studies Jennifer Yoder has provided the editors with good counsel, and Associate Professor of Government Anthony Corrado helps them land resources.

Corrado's research assistant on campaign finance, Paustenbach also has worked for Senator Diane Feinstein. Last fall he applied to graduate school in political science but said, "If not that, I'll probably end up in Washington."

And what will happen to *The Colby Reader* after Paustenbach, the only senior on the staff leaves? "It'll be interesting to find out," said Bush. "Mark gets together the larger picture. He's the driving force."

"I figure the magazine's organic, it grows and changes," Paustenbach said. "In five years it may talk about different things. It may have a conservative tone, depending on who's there." In any case, he's sure that others will be there to carry on.

"There's funding, so the magazine should continue," Paustenbach said. "I think it's a good investment for the College to make."

—Robert Gillespie

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A Long Day at the Office



Justin Ehrenwerth '01

Can't leave your job at the office? Justin Ehrenwerth '01 and Mark Cattrell '01 know the feeling. And they wouldn't have it any other way.

Ehrenwerth and Cattrell, president and vice president of the Student Government Association (SGA), formally spend about 30 hours a week on the job. They attend meetings with students, faculty and trustees, plan events and make good on the issues that got them elected, like successfully renegotiating student phone rates with AdServe. "We do a good job of separating tasks," said Cattrell. "So, we can do twice as many things."

Even with their teamwork and knack for efficiency, neither is ever off duty. "We're unable to leave our jobs at 5 o'clock," said Ehrenwerth. "In the dining halls, library, in class, we're always asked questions and given suggestions."

But instead of trying to evade the feedback, they encourage it. The duo set weekly times in Dana Dining Hall and The Pub when students can sit down with them and voice concerns, and they have arranged for any student to address Presidents' Council or send anonymous e-mail to SGA. "People expect a whole lot of proactivity from us, but that's intrinsic to the job," said Cattrell.

Some of that activity has been to boost school pride by organizing events celebrating student talent. "We're trying to have student government get interested and excited in the incredible things that athletes, artists, actors and actresses and musicians do on this campus," said Ehrenwerth.

Ehrenwerth and Cattrell met as first-year students on the woodsmen's field. The following year they worked together on Presidents' Council on a revision of the constitution. "Sophomore year on Presidents' Council I thought if I should ever do such a thing [as run for head of SGA] that there wouldn't be anyone else I'd rather run with than Mark," said Ehrenwerth. "Based on his commitment to SGA, his incredible ability to speak and articulate, he's all-around a good guy."

They kept in contact their junior years to build a platform and campaign plan, despite Cattrell being abroad that fall and Ehrenwerth away the entire year. As to deciding who would run for which position? "We flipped a coin," jokes Ehrenwerth. "I think we both have equal jobs. We divvy up our responsibilities."

Both say rebuilding student trust is essential after their predecessors' tenures were marred by impeachment proceedings and accusations of racism. "Our ability to work together, our ability to respond quickly and well to concerns, our ability to realize concrete improvements in the state of the College, that's how we get trust back," said Cattrell.

Ehrenwerth says he'd like more student leaders to "see it as a responsibility, see it as necessary, to get involved with Colby and issues beyond Mayflower Hill—to destroy this notion of the Colby bubble." He cites a student-organized rally to support Maine referendum Question Six, to prohibit discrimination against homosexuals. "That's a great example of taking an off-campus issue and getting excited about it and involved with it and getting other students involved," he said. The state referendum was narrowly defeated at the polls, but Colby students voted to add a non-discrimination amendment to the SGA constitution.

"If there's any way to try and improve our college, this is the little niche we've found to give back," said Ehrenwerth. —Alicia Nemiccolo MacLeay '97



Mark Cattrell '01

scrapbook

Excerpts from Colby . . . My College, the women's student handbook in 1959.

Take advantage of "the variety" On The Social Side

Weekends at Colby mean special fun for coeds and fellows alike. Dates, parties, movies, and special treats with the girls are happy parts of your college career. Perhaps this is an excellent opportunity to pass on a few valuable tips about manners and men! The most essential quality of "the great date" is being yourself, and really enjoying the



companionship of your escort. Be a good listener, and try to direct your conversation away from your own most intimate interests, abilities, and last night's date. There are many interesting and nice boys on campus, so take advantage of the variety. It's wise not to get that "Twosome complex" with your first conquest, or you may be missing out on good times. Above all, play the dating game fairly, and don't break dates because someone a little more intriguing has called you at the last minute. Try not to make snap judgments about people. First impressions are often deceptive, so keep an open and friendly mind and your social life will be that much more vital, exciting, and memorable.

Dorm Living

For the next four years your "home away from home" will be the dorm, and you will soon find that consideration for others is the secret of dorm living. Your room isn't nearly so important as the people in it, especially your roommate. A roommate's sunny disposition is bound to become clouded by an unmade bed or a dresser top piled high with paraphernalia. You both take pride in having a neat pleasant room in which to study and entertain friends. Your room will be furnished with all the essentials such as bed, desk, and chairs, and it is fun to plan your color scheme and gay extra furnishings with your roommate after you arrive.

The Dorm is a grand place for relaxation and friendship. An understanding house mother is always eager to chat with you and be of assistance.

Both Sides NOW

Elizabeth DeSombre shows her students it's not easy being "green"

For weeks last fall, representatives of the parties to the long-unratified Kyoto Protocol, the landmark global-warming treaty, went head to head in The Hague, grinding with glacial speed toward what many hoped would be an agreement. Some observers might have wondered what the heck was going on. Elizabeth DeSombre's International Environmental Law students had a pretty good idea.

DeSombre, after all, is in the business of preparing idealistic college students for the real world. Her classes are heavy on debate and discussion, long on participatory exercises. Late work is heavily penalized or rejected. "Government doesn't stop because your grandmother passed away or your computer crashed," said DeSombre, who sees her role, in part, as a reality check.

So what is it like to negotiate environmental treaties? DeSombre's real-life case studies include agreements to protect whales and to minimize ozone depletion. Her hypothetical examples include one recent class exercise that had students negotiating industrial pollution agreements. In one round, the parties had equal incentive for reaching a consensus. In another, some had no incentive at all and had to be paid off, cajoled or even threatened. For student environmentalists, the lesson was clear. "They tend to think we can hold hands and sing and change the world," DeSombre said. "It's my job to show them it's not like that."

But it's not impossible, either. DeSombre walks a fine line as she shows her students the very real roadblocks that stand in the way of environmental progress—but she emphasizes

that progress can and is made. She started making her own environmental contribution as a grassroots environmental activist at the University of Chicago Laboratory School, where she began the high school's recycling program. The daughter of academics (her father is a research chemist; her mother taught English and went on to be president of a community college), she went to Oberlin College, drawn by that school's tradition of activism. After Oberlin DeSombre continued her studies at Harvard University, earning her doctorate in political science in 1996. And as she continued her work in international environmental politics, DeSombre learned something else as well—that she loves to teach.

"At Harvard, you're either a research fellow or a teaching fellow. If you're a teaching fellow, you teach sections or you teach your own courses. Just before I was to start teaching, I thought, 'What if I don't like this?' I'm in this job where no matter what you do, research or teaching, you're going to be teaching. I had this moment of panic. 'What if I don't like this?'"

"I loved it."

And she still does.

DeSombre won numerous teaching awards at Harvard but chose to teach at a smaller liberal arts school where she knows her students—often better than they think. DeSombre knows which of her students will finish quizzes first. When students break into groups in class, she has a good idea of who will dominate discussion, who will acquiesce. During a recent interview in her office, DeSombre pointed to papers passed in that day that were waiting to be read and graded. "There will be times this weekend when I'll be able to think of things I'd rather be doing," she said. "But if I were teaching in a research university, I'd never read those. I'd hand them off. I can't imagine not being able to read those papers, not knowing what the students are thinking, how much they understand."

It appears they understand a lot. Several of DeSombre's recent students have gone on to careers in environmental policy, both in government and in private industry. Abigail Campbell '00 said the vigorous debates in DeSombre's classes helped her to learn just how complex environmental issues are. "I think that this is one of the most important things that Beth taught me—there are no

The Hague on Mayflower Hill

On the day that international global-warming treaty negotiations began in The Hague last November, Elizabeth DeSombre had students in her senior seminar negotiate their own agreement.

The results? Two weeks before real life would mirror DeSombre's simulation, student negotiations broke down over the same issues that brought negotiators in The Hague to loggerheads: the extent to which sinks for greenhouse gases (e.g. forests) should be credited against emissions; limits on emissions-trading schemes (flexibility mechanisms); and issues of compensation and compliance. In the class, as in The Hague, the Euro-

pean Union and the United States squared off about how stringent the obligations should be, while the small island states and least-developed countries complained that it was all too little, too late.

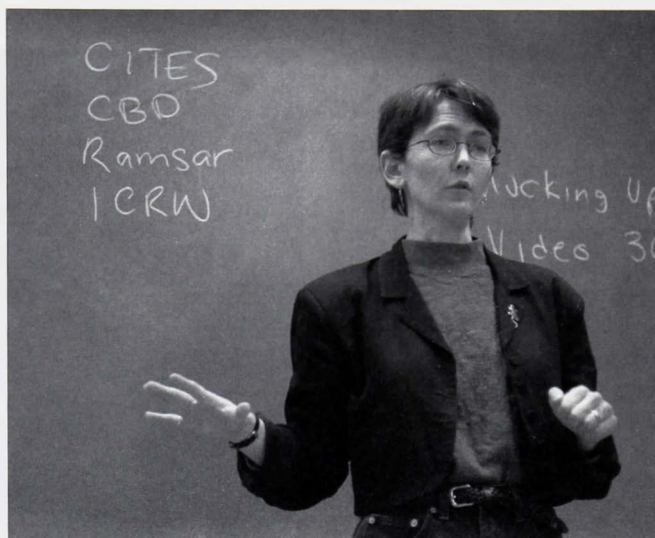
Initial steps in international negotiations often are slow and contentious, DeSombre reminded students. But the process needs to start somewhere, and, despite the lack of agreement, the parties reached some understandings that are likely to be taken up in continuing negotiations. Eventually further talks will produce something that will evolve into a process for mitigating human impact on the global climate, she predicted.

simple solutions to environmental problems,” said Campbell, now a research analyst for a Cambridge, Mass.-based environmental consultant.

Amy Lyons Higgs '98 took the lessons learned from DeSombre and applied them to a Watson Fellowship year, which Higgs and her husband, Steve Higgs '98, spent doing environmental education in Latin America. Amy Higgs is now working with Conservation International, a nonprofit organization that works to protect the Earth's most biologically rich areas and the people who live in them. She credits DeSombre with teaching the importance of seeing both sides of environmental issues. “She made me realize that to be effective, I have to be able to put myself in the other person's shoes,” Higgs said.

The lessons are passed along both ways. DeSombre is about to complete her second book for the MIT Press and is researching her third: a study of the use of “flags of convenience” to sidestep international environmental and safety regulations for commercial shipping. That project was prompted by a student's study of an oil spill in Portland harbor. “He came back and he said, ‘Why are all these ships registered in Liberia?’”

DeSombre was off to London in November to do research for that book. Back at Colby she was planning to teach an introductory course



Elizabeth DeSombre (government) imparts a real-life lesson to her international studies students.

second semester: one lecture, three sections, no graduate assistants. She spends so much time in her office that her bull terrier, Sophie, has a crate, bed and bowl there. Asked how she does both her own research and vigilant teaching, DeSombre said, “I have no life.” And apparently she wouldn't have it any other way.

Kate Litle '99, a former research assistant for DeSombre, said recently she often told her mentor not to take on any more work. Told of DeSombre's plan to lecture and teach three sections in the same course next semester, Litle groaned: “She does things like that all the time and you're sort of like, ‘Beth. You can't be here 24 hours a day.’”

The admonitions didn't slow DeSombre one bit. Litle, who is working on a study of Pacific Northwest coastal ecosystems—and salmon decline—for the University of Washington, said she remembers DeSombre working harder than her students, sweeping her charges along with her enthusiasm and drive. Why? DeSombre, asked if she ever longed to actually develop policy or negotiate environmental treaties, said she feels she does the most good right where she is. And she pointed to a poster on the wall above her office desk. The poster, from Oberlin, reads: *Think one person can change the world? So do I.*

One carefully prepared student at a time. —Gerry Boyle '78

pundits

“It isn't men vs. women in this movement. You realize that men don't have to put another woman down. They can always find another woman to do it for them.”

Lyn Mikel Brown (education and human development) in a *Bangor Daily News* article on her study of girls' anger and submissiveness.

“In order to bring that to court the standard is going to have to be that you can prove certain votes should have been counted in a different way, or that there were people who know they voted that way [incorrectly] but put the ballot in anyhow.”

Tony Corrado (government) to Fox News.com, Nov. 9, regarding allegations of election fraud in voting in Florida.



“There's no Miss Manners guide for how you handle a situation where the election is over and nobody's won and nobody's lost.”

G. Calvin Mackenzie (government) in a National Public Radio *All Things Considered* interview, when asked less than a week after the election how Bush and Gore should behave as they awaited resolution of the Florida results.

“We will watch the debates not only to gauge mental agility in Gore and Bush, but also to predict their respective capacities for diplomacy and negotiation . . . for thoughtfulness about the nature of leadership.”

Elizabeth H. Sagaser (English), in a *Boston Globe* story on the presidential debates. Sagaser teaches a course on political rhetoric.

Colby's Discovery Channel

For a year, Larkspur Morton crashed through remote Peruvian jungles from morning until night, her eyes trained on a roving band of squirrel monkeys that skipped through the trees overhead. Morton was studying "alimaternal" behavior, the scientific term for what is essentially babysitting. She found that in the wild, juvenile squirrel monkeys take care of their younger brothers and sisters, allowing mom a foraging break. This was new scientific ground that Morton, then a doctoral candidate at the University of California-Davis, was breaking in Peru. She's doing the same in her current research with her research partner, biologist Neal Taylor, observing similar behavior in gray jays, a north woods cousin of the blue jay. "Instead of crashing through the jungle, we're snowshoeing after gray jays in the field," Morton said.

And Colby is reaping the benefits.

Morton is a National Science Foundation AIRE (Award for Integration of Research and Education) Fellow, one of four who have brought their scientific research skills to Colby and shared them with faculty and students. The National Science Foundation gave Colby \$500,000 in 1998 to pay for the project, which was a major coup for the College. Only 10 small liberal arts schools in the country were awarded the grant, and only one other in New England (Wellesley). "It really recognized the support the College has provided the sciences," said F. Russell Cole, Oak Professor of Biological Sciences.

Bringing Morton and the other AIRE fellows—Philip Nyhus, interdisciplinary studies; Steve Theberge, chemistry; Andrew Kortyna, physics—to Colby reflects the College's goal of involving more and more students in real research, according to Dean of Faculty Edward Yeterian. It also reflects a commitment to "discovery-based learning," in which knowledge and experience are gained as students set out to answer their own scientific inquiries, often crisscrossing what were once rigid boundaries between disciplines. In other words, it isn't your father's science education. It isn't even Larkspur Morton's. When she was an undergraduate at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., very few students did research. Morton said: "The focus is changing in these small liberal arts colleges."

Consider Nyhus, a soft-spoken scientist who has done extensive work in the ongoing effort to save the endangered Sumatran tiger. Nyhus grew up in Indonesia and emerged as one of the players in a movement to reexamine the way we look at conservation problems such as endangered species. In the case of the tiger, Nyhus spent more than a year in the Sumatran wilds and never even saw a Sumatran tiger. "That's alright with me," he said, recalling the dense jungle terrain. "If you're close enough to see a tiger [in Sumatra], it's time to be concerned."

Nyhus and others did see that the best way to save endangered species is to consider the problem from all angles and disciplines. As an expert in the use of Geographic Information System (GIS) technology, a computerized technology that develops models using layers of information, Nyhus undertook the first comprehensive analysis of potential Sumatran tiger habitat. Enlisted in the effort was Patrick Sullivan '00, who did a year-long independent study related to the project.



Larkspur Morton and Philip Nyhus, National Science Foundation post-doctoral fellows at Colby.

But Nyhus, like the other AIRE fellows, brought more to Colby than his own research. His knowledge of GIS has been applied to Colby's curriculum, including the course Problems in Environmental Science, taught by Cole and David Firmage. Over the last year, Nyhus has helped Colby amass the latest in GIS technology, including ArcView and ArcInfo software. That technology has been used in a study of water quality of Wesserunsett Lake in Skowhegan in which high-risk erosion areas in the lake's watershed have been identified and predicted. "Students are doing real research," Nyhus said. "They're finding new information, new ways to use very sophisticated high-end software that is really world-class, and producing professional-quality outputs and reports."

This is the kind of research that once was reserved for graduate students at major research institutions. Even students with field research experience elsewhere, like Phoebe Lehmann '01, who studied mountain lions with a University of Connecticut team, are unlikely to have had access to state-of-the-art research software such as she uses at Colby. "You don't get to do this dynamic modeling [at most colleges]," Lehmann said.

The AIRE fellows are at Colby for one or two years. Theberge has moved

on. Morton, Nyhus and Kortyna will leave in June. But the program is expected to have a long legacy. The GIS lab is fully equipped (with some \$50,000 worth of software Nyhus gleaned from software companies) and ready to go. Morton has developed and taught (with Catherine Bevier, Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor of Biology) a biodiversity course for non-biology majors. She and other AIRE fellows developed and improved lab projects and also organized a workshop in which Colby faculty of all disciplines, from physics to philosophy, shared their approaches to teaching. "This is the perfect job for me because I'm interested in education and improving approaches to education," Morton said.

Science at Colby, like the world's understanding of squirrel monkeys, will never be quite the same. —Gerry Boyle '78



A gray jay, one of the subjects of Larkspur Morton's ongoing study of animal social behavior, photographed near Rangeley.



BRIAN SPEER

Q&A

historian Elizabeth Leonard talks about her fascination with women and war

Elizabeth Leonard, director of women's studies and the Harriet S. and George C. Wiswell Jr. Research Fellow in American

History, recently talked to Colby about women soldiers who masqueraded as men and about both the horror and fascination of war. Her book, All the Daring of a Soldier: Women of the Civil War Armies, (W.W. Norton) will be reprinted in paperback in March.

What planted the idea that led to *All the Daring of a Soldier*?

In doing the research for *Yankee Women* [about Civil War nurses, ladies aid activists and Mary Walker, the only woman doctor to be employed by the Union army's medical department during the war], I kept coming across these stories of women whose service to the Civil War armies took other forms: women who served as soldiers, as support staff to the armies, as spies. So I decided to write a book about their experiences as well.

Are you surprised to find you've become a Civil War historian?

To some extent, yes. I'm not surprised to find that I'm an historian per se, but the fact that I've focused my work on the Civil War is somewhat startling to me, primarily because I think of myself as a pacifist, and I hate both war and guns, and I'd be miserable if my sons grew up and wanted to join the military. And there's no other war in history that has captured my attention in this way. I've recently come to believe that there is some great and personal life lesson that I have to learn in relation to the Civil War, and that that's why I've been driven to study it. I'm still trying to figure out what that lesson is.

Of all the woman soldiers you've come to know through your research, is there any one that you find especially compelling?

The story of Jennie Hodgers [aka Albert D. J. Cashier of the 95th Illinois Infantry Volunteers]. Hodgers served for three full years and mustered out with her regiment in 1865. After the war she continued for most of the rest of her life living as a man in a small town in Illinois. When she was about 66 or 67, her sex was discovered, and she was put in an insane asylum. While she was there they forced her against her will to wear women's clothes. The poignancy of her story is profound.

What is it about war that fascinates us so? After all, it's the one thing that, as a country, we strive to avoid.

I don't know! Certainly there are many interesting characters to be found in the story. Certainly there are tales of enormous valor, people doing things that are seemingly superhuman, either physically or morally. There are also ghastly horrors, stories of people doing things that are utterly subhuman or experiencing brutal killing on a grand scale: the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chickamauga,

Gettysburg, the Wilderness. . . . Perhaps it's because so much of the war seems so much bigger than life. Perhaps it's because we associate the war with the great moral cause of emancipation, although that wasn't the initial cause by any means, and there were so many—yes, even in the North—who resisted the notion of emancipation and equal rights for blacks right through Reconstruction.

I'm convinced that many who are fascinated by the Civil War want to cut off their study of it at Appomattox, because Reconstruction is such a demoralizing story in so many ways, and seems to undercut so much that is—for northerners at least—triumphal about the war itself. I think, too, that many of us suffer from something of an inferiority complex: could we have done the sorts of courageous things that Civil War soldiers—and civilians—did? Could we have endured what they endured? Would we put ourselves on the line for any cause, the way Civil War era people both North and South put themselves on the line? Are we made of the same sort of stuff as they seem to have been made of, the same sort of moral fiber? I think we are fascinated by these sorts of questions.

Do students surprise you with their reactions to the roles of women in American history?

Yes. Although one of the happier surprises I had recently is coming to realize that students are learning more and more about women's roles in American history in their high school and even junior high school and elementary classes, so they come in to my classes somewhat more familiar with the material we'll be covering than students generally did when I first came to Colby in 1992.

So what lessons does Civil War history hold for today's Colby students? Seek compromise via diplomacy if at all possible.

Speaking of revelations, during the Inauguration Weekend festivities you showed your musical side by singing and playing guitar in the Mary Low Coffeehouse. Did you consider a career in music?

I did once, and spent about a year performing around Southern California and exploring the possibility. I realized in that year that, a) I really wasn't good enough or driven enough to make a career for myself in that field; and b) certain aspects of my nature work against such a possibility, namely: I like to go to bed early, I don't like to be away from home for extended periods of time, and I like a regular paycheck. So that about sewed it up.

Why history?

I'm the sort of person who is always trying to figure out why things are the way they are. For me, history helps to provide some explanations for why life is the way it is. That said, the explanations history provides are not always explanations that make me happy, or make me feel particularly good about being a member of the species!

Giving up the Ghost

Former ghostwriter Stephanie Doyon '93 makes a name for herself



Stephanie Doyon '93

Stephanie Doyon '93 wrote and published eight novels in four years and didn't get her name on any of them. And that's fine with her.

Doyon, an English major and creative writing student from Lisbon, Maine, quickly made her way to New York City after graduation. She was working at a literary agency (filing and copying) when a co-worker mentioned that the publishers of several teen fiction series were looking for ghost writers. "I said, 'Aha. I'll give that a shot,'" she said.

Now, Doyon isn't supposed to tell what books she wrote. But suffice it to say, it is a series you've probably heard of if you've had contact with teen-age girls. There were "a slew of writers" for the series, Doyon said, but only the series creator got her name on the books.

"I didn't really want my name on those, to be honest," Doyon said. "It was not the best content. A lot of them were thrillers. I wrote about axe murderers. But I tried so hard to inject value in it somehow."

Her goal was writing experience, and she got it. The editor gave her a 10-page outline and she turned it into a 250-page novel. It took about eight weeks. Editing was another week or two. Doyon worked 40 hours a week at the literary agency, then wrote the series books at night. The experience gave her discipline and earned her an agent. "I felt like I was going to graduate school," she said. "I really learned so much."

Invoking the lessons of Richard Russo and Jim Boylan, her former creative writing professors at Colby, Doyon wrote for a series called "Love Stories" that allowed her to come up with the story lines herself. And then in 1997 Doyon sold her own series idea to Simon & Schuster. The books follow the life of an 18-year-old who takes a year off before college to travel around the country. Doyon had full con-

trol of the content—and her name on the cover.

"I enjoyed it," she said. "When I get fan mail it's incredible because kids are so impressionable. . . . It's nice to have that influence. In [the series] 'On the Road' it was very important for me to have a character who was independent. Her life didn't center on boys or fashion. It was really about self-discovery and trying not to follow the crowd and all those things."

Doyon wrote four books for the series, which was optioned by Beth Sullivan, producer of the television series *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*. Several publishers are waiting with offers if a television series based on Doyon's books takes off, though Doyon says that would be a mixed blessing. "The problem being that I'm not interested in writing teen books anymore. It was just the next step."

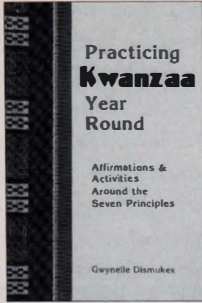
Her goal now is to complete a novel for adults. Doyon, recently married and relocated from New York City to Chatham, N.J., said she's been working for several months on a novel about "suburban life" and has other ideas percolating. One centers on her real-life experience living in a Quaker boarding house in New York's East Village for six years. "I tried to turn it into a TV show," Doyon said. "I have an agent at William Morris who's handling the option. He was really interested in it but couldn't sell it to anybody. I might try a book with it later. There were so many good characters. But I feel I need some distance. People would get pretty mad at me now, I think."

"You mean you wouldn't want them to think you were secretly observing them with a book in mind?" she was asked.

"Right," Doyon said. "Even though I really was." —Gerry Boyle '78



recent releases



Practicing Kwanzaa Year Round **Gwynelle Dismukes '73**

Global Cultures Ink (2000)

If you're one of the millions of Kwanzaa celebrants worldwide, it's likely that you've already put away your table, candleholder and other holiday symbols until next December. Dismukes sees the potential for social change in the seven principles of the African-American holiday—if they were followed in daily lives. Based on her experience conducting

Kwanzaa and African culture workshops for more than a decade, Dismukes has written a Kwanzaa primer, including cultural background, affirmations and activities that highlight the holiday's seven principles: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

Potshot

Robert B. Parker '54

G. P. Putnam's Sons (2001)

Spenser heads west to the rich man's haven of Potshot, Ariz., to shut down a local gang in the latest addition to Parker's series on the Boston-based P. I. Potshot, once a rough-and-tumble mining town, has been reborn as a refuge for millionaires needing to escape the pressures of their luxurious Los Angeles lifestyles. When this western idyll is threatened by a 21st-century posse of desert rats, misfits, drunks and scavengers who rob the residents blind, Spenser is brought in to restore order.

If It Wasn't for the Women: Black Women's Experience and Womanist Culture in Church and Community

Cheryl Townsend Gilkes (sociology)

Orbis Books (2000)

In this collection of essays Gilkes, a sociology professor at Colby and an ordained minister of the Union Baptist Church in Cambridge, Mass., examines the complex interrelationships between gender, race and class that make up the experience of black women. *If It Wasn't for the Women*

is primarily concerned with the roles of women in their churches and communities and the implications of those roles for African-American culture, as well as the tensions and stereotypes that shape societal responses. In her essays Gilkes focuses on the ways black women and their experiences shape the culture and consciousness of the black religious experience, and she reflects on some of the crises and conflicts that come along with this experience.

Getting Real: Helping Teens Find Their Future

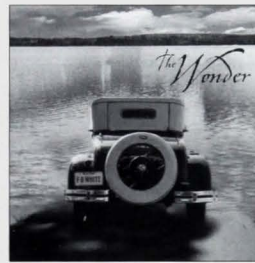
Kenneth Gray '65

Corwin Press (2000)

As a professor of education in the Workforce Education and Development Program at Penn State, Gray takes a broad view of high school graduates and their options and is an advocate for students from the academic middle and for technical education. He argues that "virtually all barriers to higher education . . . including ability to do college-level academics" were down by the mid-1990s and that there are far more college-educated Americans than jobs that require a bachelor's degree.

The Wonder

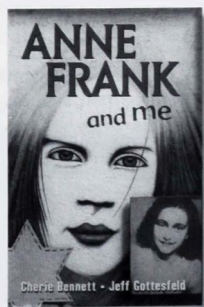
F. B. White (2000)



Among *The Wonder's* nine instrumental songs with F. B. White are a few gems from Colby's wealth of music talent. The contributions by Director of Band Activities Eric Thomas on soprano and alto saxophones, Music Associate Mary Jo Carlsen on the viola and retired music professor Peter Ré on the organ and the synthesizer might be expected. Hearing Director of Safety Bruce

McDougal on the flute, though, hints at how deep Colby's pool of talent really is. White, a Waterville musician, ranges from the haunting "Jewelry Box" to the bright and lively "Playful." As White writes in the liner notes thanking the musicians, "They did it because they love to play." *The CD is available through the Colby Bookstore or www.cavernrecording.com online.*

Bringing Anne Frank Home



Anne Frank and Me

Cherie Bennett and Jeff Gottesfeld '77

G. P. Putnam's Sons (2001)

Millions of people, many of them school-children, have been moved and transformed by the words of the Holocaust's most famous casualty, Anne Frank. While *The Diary of Anne Frank* is undoubtedly the most widely read work concerning genocide, for some contem-

porary teenagers it may feel like irrelevant ancient history.

Jeff Gottesfeld '77 and his wife, Cherie Bennett, addressed that concern with their play turned novel, *Anne Frank and Me*. In 1995 Gottesfeld, a theater producer and writer, and Bennett, also a writer, co-wrote and produced the play for young adults after extensively researching the Holocaust and interviewing its survivors. The play's off-Broadway run and other productions received several awards, and *The New York Times* called it "eloquent and poignant."

To further increase Holocaust awareness in today's teenagers, Gottesfeld and Bennett have turned the play into a young adult novel that brings to life the realities of Nazi-occupied Paris. Like the play, *Anne Frank and Me* focuses on present-day, 10th-grade, suburban American Nicole Burns, who is indifferent to

the Holocaust and anything else that doesn't revolve around her high school crush. It is only after the sound of gunfire interrupts a class trip to an Anne Frank museum exhibit that history literally comes alive for her.

"Now, everything had changed," Nicole says, as she is transported back in time to live as a World War II Jew in 1942-44. She eventually goes into hiding with her family before being arrested and sent to a concentration camp. Nicole returns to her present—read the novel to learn how she does it—a sensitive, strong and emotionally mature individual.

Modern readers will never meet Anne Frank in person, as Nicole does on a cattle car destined for Auschwitz. But thanks to Gottesfeld and Bennett, they will better relate to the sufferings of others, no matter how long ago or far away. —*Alicia Nemiccolo MacLeay '97*

A Bellringer

Colby football goes 7-1, wins CBB championship

The Revere Bell in the Roberts Building may need some polishing after all the times it was rung for Colby football victories this fall. On November 11 after a 34-7 win over Bowdoin, the Mules rang it for the final time of the 7-1 season.

The bell tolled for Colby's 10th outright Colby-Bates-Bowdoin championship title—the Mules toppled Bates 14-0 earlier in the season. Colby's record matched 7-1 marks in 1972 and 1994 and earned the Mules a share of the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) title with Amherst and Middlebury (both 7-1). Colby's only loss was to Amherst, Amherst's was to Middlebury, and Middlebury's was to Colby.

Head coach Tom Austin praised his entire team. "Ever since April the guys have said that they were going to go 8-0 this season," he said. "That confidence and the belief in themselves really proved how outstanding these young men truly are."

Co-captain Drew Johnson '01 said, "The victory over Bowdoin was great because . . . the seniors completed a turnaround from 0-8 our freshman year."

Co-captain Mark D'Ambrosio '01 echoed Johnson and Coach Austin. "We all wanted it so bad. It was a great group of guys coming through on a team effort," he said.

Some of Colby's success came from the duo of quarterback Patrick Conley '03 and wide receiver Daniel Noyes '02, who both set Colby and NESCAC single-season records. In 2000 alone, Conley passed for 1,996 yards, setting a new NESCAC record and breaking the Colby record of 1,846 yards set in 1994 by Matthew Mannering '95. Conley became the fifth all-time quarterback in the NESCAC rankings in passing completions in a season with 139.

With 872 receiving yards this fall, Noyes set a new NESCAC record and broke the Colby mark of 707 yards set by Joseph Vecchi '90 in 1988. Lest one think Colby's success can be credited to the offense alone, the team's de-



JEFF EARIKSON

Record-setting quarterback Patrick Conley '03 falls back to pass during this year's championship season.

fense finished 19th in the country in points allowed for Division III teams, with an average of 13 per game.

Conley, Noyes, offensive tackle Bodo Heiliger '02 and D'Ambrosio were named to the All-NESCAC first team. Johnson and Kevin Smalley '03 both were named to the All-NESCAC second team on defense.

Conley, Noyes, defensive back Patrick Fahey '02 and linebacker Michael Moran '03 also received NESCAC Player of the Week honors over the season.

With some of Colby's best players returning next year, the Mules will be working towards a first-ever undefeated season in 2001. But this year's team will be remembered, Austin said. "Each team has its own personality," he told the *Waterville Morning Sentinel*. "This team was special because this group of seniors provided such direction. The legacy of the Class of '01 will be to demonstrate what can happen when everyone buys in." —Alicia Nemiccolo MacLary '97

Coach of the Year

Tom Austin, head coach of the Colby football team, was named 2000 Division II and III College Coach of the Year by the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston on December 6. Austin's teams have won the CBB Championship 10 times and have a 20-9-1 record against in-state rivals Bates and Bowdoin.

Want more on Colby football? Go to *Colby* magazine (www.colby.edu/colby.mag) online to read a piece by Peter Hans '99 on what it's like to be a gridiron Mule and to have a look at Colbians in the NFL. Also read *Waterville Morning Sentinel* stories on Austin and his coaching career (www.centralmaine.com/sports/stories/001130tom_aust.shtml). Read about Colby receiver Daniel Noyes '02 and his special source of inspiration on the field (www.centralmaine.com/sports/stories/001111dannynoy.shtml).

Women's X-C 24th in U.S.

"We pulled off the upset of the season, for sure," said Coach Deb Aitken of the women's cross-country team's number-four finish at the New England Division III meet on November 11 in Massachusetts. The team's best ranking of the year had been sixth in New England, but when six of seven runners posted their best times of the season, despite adverse conditions, the Mules earned a team berth in the national NCAA Division III Cross Country Championship meet, held November 18 in Spokane, Wash.

At the New England meet, Mary Phelps '04 ran a lifetime personal best (18:31.05) and cut 1:10 off her previous record to finish 17th. Sarah Getchell '04, the only one who didn't register a season's best time, was only one second behind her personal best with 19:19.30. Colby's top runner, Maria Mensching '02, ran the 5,000-meter course in 17:44.40, 18 seconds off the winning pace and fourth across the finish line.

A week later the team left for Spokane at 6:45 a.m. Airline trouble delayed their arrival until 3 a.m. Eastern time. The next day the squad faced a snow-covered course and 28-degree temperatures—with Mensching out with medical problems. Add the jitters of a first national meet and the possibility of embarrassment was in the air.

"I wouldn't say we ran badly; we ran tentatively," Aitken said. First in for Colby was Tiffany Frazar '01, who finished 55th among team runners and 86th overall with a time of 19:15.9—a strong effort, Aitken said. Colby was 24th among the 24 teams that qualified for the nationals, but all seven runners avoided what they most feared—being last across the finish.

"It was a great experience," Aitken said. "It truly inspired everyone who went to nationals to make the necessary improvements to qualify again next year." And with just two runners graduating—Katie Macdonald and Kate Isley—look for another strong effort in 2001.



JEFF SITEMAN '03

Colby's women's cross-country team lines up in an early-season contest prior to its fourth-place finish in the New England Division III meet.

Mule Throws a Shoe

As the throng of more than 200 runners in the NCAA Division III men's national cross-country championship entered the funnel where the snow-covered course narrowed from the mass start, traffic got congested. It was November 18 in Spokane, Wash. Colby freshman Nat Brown, the only member of Colby's men's team to qualify for the meet, was in the middle of the pack, his sights set on finishing among the top 100 runners. He remembers getting jostled at about the half-mile mark. He planted his left shoe, pushed forward, and his shoe was gone—stripped off by the half-inch spike on an opponent's shoe.

Stunned, Brown knew he had four and a half miles to go. "I didn't really know *what* to do," he said.

Having traveled across the country to run, he said to himself, "I'm not going to quit just because I lost a shoe." The course required three laps around a loop. "I saw it twice," he said of his shoe. After the first pass his foot was wet, cold and sore. By the second, "It hurt a hell of a lot," Brown said.

But finish he did. At 27:21.1 over the 8,000-meter course he placed 184th. His time was 2:33 off the winning pace, 2:43 better than the last runner, and just 1:40 slower than he ran at the New England regional meet. Said Brown, "In New England you get used to running in adverse weather conditions."

In the Cards



Last year, the men's squash team finished 15th in the country. This year's squad will fare better.

It's in the cards. Colby recently took coach Fred Brussel for a season preview from Shalel Way, a Skowhegan psychic, and the cards predicted:

- a winning men's team, improving on a ranking that reached as high as 11th place nationally.
- a CBB championship for the men.
- the women's team will defeat Bowdoin.
- Brussel needs to convey his love of squash to his players.

sports shorts

WOMEN'S SOCCER made a sixth consecutive post-season appearance, this year in the inaugural NESCAC tournament. The Mules finished the regular season 8-6 before falling to No. 2 seed Bowdoin, 3-2, in the tourney. Co-captain **SARA LOVITZ '01** led NESCAC in regular-season scoring for the second year and was named First Team All-NESCAC and shared MVP honors with **KATIE ROWEN '01**. **CHRISTINE O'DONNELL '03** also was named First Team All-NESCAC. . . .

WOMEN'S TENNIS finished 12th of 25 teams at the New England Women's Intercollegiate Tournament. This followed a 4-4 season during which a talented group of freshmen, sophomores and juniors, led by **ERIKA GOSS '02**, **HILLARY LAVELY '02**, **LYDIA TERRY '02** and **BRITT PALMEDO '03**, saw decisive victories over Connecticut, Wheaton and Southern Maine as well as a 5-2 triumph over Bates. . . . **VOLLEYBALL** went 20-18 in the regular season and placed eighth at the NESCAC tournament, where after a 3-1 victory over Hamilton the Mules fell to Middlebury. In the consolation bracket they scored a 3-0 victory over Bowdoin before being eliminated by Wesleyan. **AMANDA CUIFFO '02** earned Second Team All-NESCAC honors and First Team All-State. **REAGAN CAREY '01** was First Team All-State and **ALYSSA HENLEY '04** was Second Team All-State. Cuiffo was the first Colby player to record 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in a career. . . .

Plagued by injuries, **MEN'S SOCCER** continued to improve and finished with three wins in its last four games. The Mules will lose a core group of seniors to graduation, including co-captains **BILL GETTY** and **JAY FREEDMAN**, keeper **JUSTIN AMIRALTY** and **NOAM DORROS**, **DOUG JOHNSON** and **EVAN REECE**. **JAMIE LUE '03**, who netted the lone goal in a 1-0 barnburner against Bates, earned Second Team All-NESCAC honors. . . .

The coed **GOLF** team took second at the CBB tournament, held at the Waterville Country Club on October 8. On the women's side, **JOSIE CHAPMAN '01** and **BETH MONAHAN '01** finished first and second respectively, and **JUSTIN UCKO '02** won the individual men's title with a 77. Head coach Jim Tortorella praised captain **SCOTT BIXBY '01** as "one of the best student athletes I've had." . . . **FIELD HOCKEY** finished with a 6-8 overall record and placed **REBECCA BRUCE '02** and **MARCIA INGRAHAM '02** on the 2000 All-NESCAC Second Team. Bruce was the Mules' leading scorer with nine goals and an assist, while Ingraham was second with seven goals and four assists. A core group will return to create a solid foundation in 2001.

Renewed Commitment

Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation bolsters Integrated Studies

Want to see Robert McArthur (philosophy) wax as enthusiastic about his classes as any first-year student? Get him talking about the Integrated Studies Program, more specifically the cluster he helped teach called The Post-War World, 1945-1970. "It's fabulous," McArthur said recently. "I'm sitting in class with Rob Weisbrot [history], who's an expert on a number of things, among them the civil rights movement and the Vietnam War, and listening to him talk about Vietnam while we're reading the philosopher Michael Walzer on the 'just war theory.' Hearing the history of the Vietnam War and then reading a philosophical work on war and ethical dilemmas. And then with John Sweney [English], we're reading Vietnam War novels . . ."

McArthur, professor of philosophy and Christian A. Johnson Professor of Integrative Liberal Learning and director of integrated studies, loved the course (offered in 1998) and the "cluster" format, in which students take courses in different subjects that simultaneously examine a period or theme. Students have been so enamored of the experience that advanced-level courses have been added to the first-year offerings begun five years ago. Demand for the first-year clusters is such that students now are admitted to the courses based on the merit of an essay.

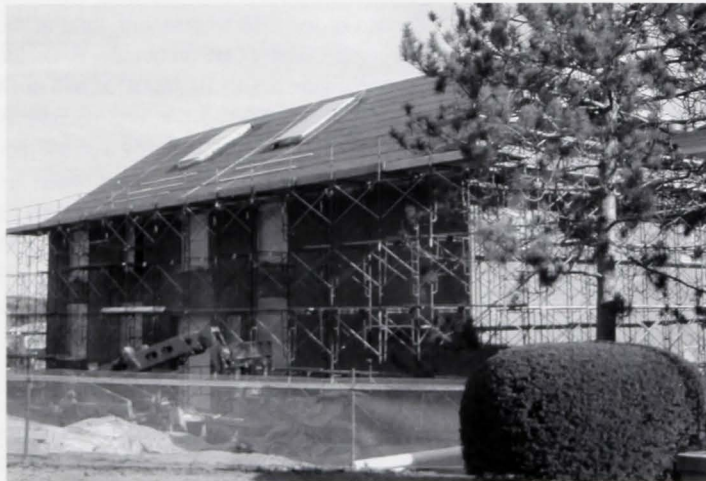
The Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation recently renewed its commitment to the Integrated Studies Program with a \$1-million grant, bringing the foundation's total support for integrated studies to \$2.5 million. "It really makes this program very secure," McArthur said. The grant will add to the program's endowment and allow for

development of new integrated courses, he said. Now being considered: a course cluster on The Ancient World that could include courses in philosophy, literature, history and drama—and a Jan Plan in Greece.

While the cluster-course offerings have expanded—including Women in the Pre-Modern World, Enlightenment and Revolution, and Gender and Sexualities, East and West—since the program was launched five years ago, the premise has not. The idea is to help students see issues from several points of view and to build bridges between different parts of programs. For first-year students, clusters have included English 115 and a laboratory science; participants emerged particularly adept at a sort of "science journalism," McArthur said.

Students have been enthusiastic about the clusters, not only for the knowledge imparted in the courses themselves but also for the way they served as guideposts for further study. Students who were in a cluster in 1997—taught by Weisbrot, Paul Machlin (music), Charles Bassett (American studies) and Charles Conover (physics and astronomy)—met with their professors last year for a reunion dinner and pronounced integrated studies a linchpin of their Colby experience.

Two advanced clusters were offered this year, and more combinations of disciplines are being examined, McArthur said. The new grant ensures that the opportunities for making connections will continue and expand. "To some extent it's timely because of these trends that have splintered knowledge into disciplines, and there is no coming together except in courses like this," he said. —Gerry Boyle '78



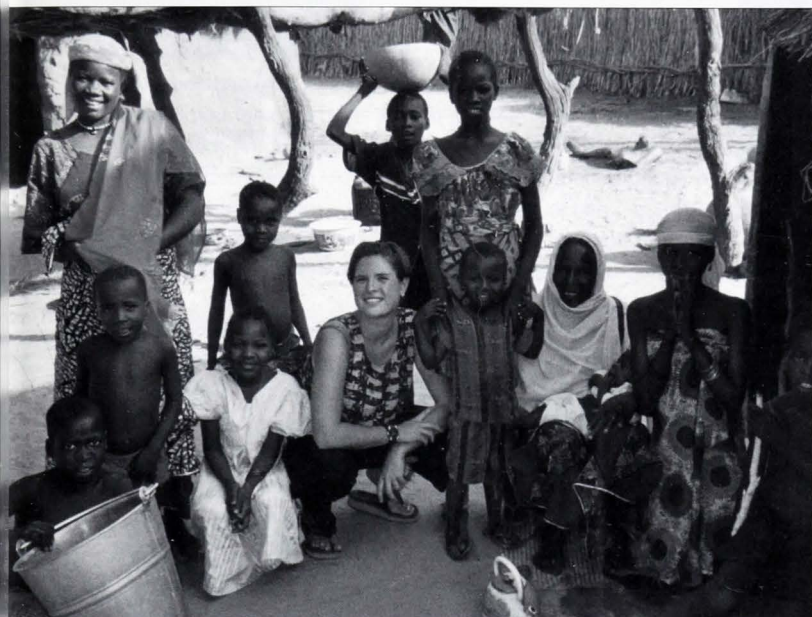
JULIA STOWE

Work in Progress

The exterior of the new art studio building under construction at the Bixler Art and Music Center complex is ahead of schedule, with completion expected by June, according to Joseph Feely, supervisor of special projects. The \$1.5-million project, made possible by a gift from Linda '64 and James B. Crawford '64, will be coupled with extensive renovation of existing studio art space. The first floor of the new building will be work space for sculptors; the second will be devoted to painting. Work is to continue on the building through the winter.

Carrie Allen '96 rides hard on Niger's AIDS trail

Skinny Man's Disease



Carrie Allen '96, at center, with residents of Tchangkarquil, a village in southern Niger. A Peace Corps volunteer, Allen recently embarked on a bicycle tour of Niger to promote awareness of AIDS, a growing problem in rural communities in West Africa.

Most AIDS activists are faced with the task of convincing people to take the disease seriously. In the remote reaches of Niger in West Africa, Carrie Allen '96 is working to inform villagers that AIDS exists.

A Peace Corps volunteer, Allen was preparing in November to set out with her colleagues on a 280-kilometer bicycle ride across the westernmost section of Niger, near the borders of Nigeria and Benin. The plan was to stop in villages along the route and do AIDS presentations in Hausa and Djerma, two of Niger's languages. The message was that AIDS is a very real threat, though hard numbers are hard to come by. "Any percentage that you're going to get is probably going to be a lot less than it really is because nobody knows," Allen said, in a telephone interview from Niamey. "Like people in my village of 1,500—I'm sure people die of AIDS but nobody knows that it's AIDS because

they don't get tested. There's no place to get tested.

"People just think they're getting 'the skinny man's disease.' They don't know what it is."

Since June 1999, Allen has worked in the village of Tchangkarquil, three hours south of Niamey. A French major at Colby, she's learned to speak Djerma, taught women to make bread, in-

structed men in agricultural techniques, planted a peanut field. The AIDS bicycle tour was her first major project, borrowed from another Peace Corps volunteer who biked across Ivory Coast in an effort to get girls to go to school there. The success of the AIDS ride depended on the novelty of Western women pedaling into town and then helping stage skits and even a concert telling villagers that AIDS is among them.

In Niger these events are called "AIDS fetes" and can include video demonstrations—volunteers bring their own generator—and condom demonstrations. "Even in my village, I've started getting condoms from the dispensaire and handing them out to the men," Allen said. "Because the young men won't go to the dispensaire to ask for condoms.

They're embarrassed. But they'll come to me, no problem."

The word is that AIDS is brought to sub-Saharan Africa by men who leave their villages in Niger to work in cities on the North Atlantic coast. When they return home, they transmit the AIDS virus sexually.

Allen said the rainy season had just ended, but little rain had fallen. The millet crop was down, which didn't bode well for the months to come. Yet the people of Niger give freely of what little they have, Allen said. "I mean, I'm a total stranger to this village that I came to," she said. "And yet everyone gives me food, welcomes me, is patient with me, helps me. I got there and I didn't know how to wash my clothes by hand."

Raised in Indianapolis, she's also learned to cope with extreme heat. The day she spoke from Niamey, it was over 100 degrees, typical for "the mini-hot season," Allen said. "I know that up in Iferouane and Agades it gets to 45 or 50 degrees Celsius. Which is 130, maybe."

What is that like? Allen was to find out. In December she was due to move to Iferouane—closer to the Sahara—to work for a year with a French non-governmental organization. In the meantime, she was staying for a month at a Peace Corps hostel in Niamey, planning the AIDS trek. "Air conditioning," Allen said. "A little break." —Gerry Boyle '78

Alumni Club Circuit

President Bro Adams takes his show on the road beginning this month, visiting a dozen regional alumni clubs across the country. The tour begins with a Boston appearance January 17 and ends with a stop in Denver November 13. A complete pull-out schedule is available on the insert inside the back cover.

NESCAC Career networking events were held this fall in Boston, and most alumni attending gave them high marks for their networking possibilities. In coming months, the events will be repeated at the Williams Club in New York City with the New York Colby Club participating. Each event concentrates on a different field. The schedule is as follows: January 17, the Internet; February 7, advertising; March 29, museums and galleries; April 4, venture capitalists; May 1, the entertainment industry.

For a listing of other club events and President Adams's tour schedule go to www.colby.edu/colby.mag online.



A Road Marked with Kindness

Editor's note: Sarah Eustis '96 was literally Colby's girl next door. She grew up in a house that abuts the College campus. Since graduating she has taught middle school history in Albuquerque and recently decided to go to graduate school. But first, adventure beckoned. She bought a 1979 VW campervan and some guidebooks and in September set off with her dog, Ellie, to explore the country.

My van is my lifeline. "Pearl" is not only my transportation, she is also my bedroom, my kitchen, my protection from the elements and my mental security. Fortunately, she can be relied upon—most of the time. In Fort Dodge, Iowa, though, she apparently has had enough. She breaks down on a Saturday, in a snowstorm. I'm cold. Repair shops won't open until Monday. It could be miserable but it isn't. Let me explain.

Fortunately Pearl has the sense to break down near a hotel, so I check in and explain my situation to the desk clerk. She immediately corrals two employees to push my van into the parking lot. Next she sends me down to the hotel bar. The bartender, a friend of hers, knows a guy who works on cars. If nothing else, she says, he will give me a drink.

By the time I drop my bags in the room and reach the bar, Tom, the bartender, already has a call in to Larry, the mechanic. Larry agrees to meet me the next day (Sunday!) to look at Pearl. Amazed at the hospitality of the staff and relieved that I don't have to spend the night freezing, I sit down to chat with Tom. Turns out he's actually an aspiring actor. No, he

tells me, he's not currently acting. Instead he's waiting for his big break. Too bad I'm not a famous director, he laments. Then I could discover him.

Tom smokes six or seven cigarettes as he tells me about growing up in Fort Dodge. In the middle of a strange state, in a strange town, I feel safe and comfortable. The desk clerk went out of her way to help me, the bartender trusts me enough to share his stories, and tomorrow the mechanic will arrive to fix Pearl. That night I sleep well.

Sure enough, at noon Sunday Larry arrives with his wife and toolbox. It takes him less than an hour to diagnose and fix the problem—a broken fuel pump. In that time, his wife, Marilyn, and I become fast friends. As a mom, she worries about me traveling alone. I tell her that with people like her, Larry and Tom, I am far from alone. In fact, meeting people like them seems to be the rule rather than the exception. I tell Marilyn about the morning I spent in Sudbury, Ontario, with a retired couple named Betty and Wayne.

On their invitation, I had joined them for dinner—and camped in their backyard. The next morning we sat for hours in their kitchen, chatting over tea. They had lived in Sudbury all their lives—Wayne working in the nickel mines and Betty taking care of the kids.

I finish telling Marilyn about Betty and Wayne just as Larry finishes installing the new fuel pump. He doesn't want any money. I argue that I need to pay him, if only to keep my promise to Betty. And I elaborate.

As I left Betty's kitchen in Sudbury, I apologized because a mere thank-you seemed inadequate. Betty told me to just "keep the chain of love unbroken," as the country western song says. So I tell Larry he needs to take my money. He agrees on one condition: that he and Marilyn can come back later that evening to chat. We make plans to meet at eight.

That night, I hear a knock. It's Larry and Marilyn, my old friends. I heat water in the room's coffeepot and serve tea in Styrofoam cups. We talk for an hour. Larry, a long-time mechanic, has just gone into business for himself. He's trying to build a clientele based on honesty and efficiency. I say that if I ever need a mechanic in Iowa again, he's the guy I'll call.

Again, I am happy. In a generic hotel, in a Midwestern town, I feel at home. I trust Larry and Marilyn. I'm fortunate to call them friends.

This journey has allowed me the opportunity to stumble upon such situations over and over. I am continually amazed by the kindness of strangers and am excited each day at the prospect of more of the same. Hopefully, I will be able to keep the chain of love unbroken, even add a link or two of my own. —Sarah Eustis '96

Alumni Trustee Nominees Announced

The Nominating Committee of the Alumni Council has placed in nomination two alumni for the position of alumni trustee, with terms to begin at Commencement 2001.

Nominated for a second three-year term is **Anne Ruggles Gere '66**. Gere lives in Kirkwood, Mo., and is professor of English and education at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. As trustee, she serves on the Executive, Educational Policy, Planning and Student Affairs committees and is chair of the Honorary Degree Committee. She previously served as an overseer from 1996 to 1998 and is an admissions volunteer.

Nominated for a first term as alumni trustee is **Joanne Weddell Magyar '71**. Magyar, a

resident of Stamford, Conn., is managing optician at Rye Eye Care in Rye, N.Y. She serves on the board of the New York Optometric Center in New York City, a philanthropic organization allied with the State University of New York College of Optometry. She currently serves as an overseer for the College, served on the presidential search committee in 1999, chaired the Alumni Council in 1997-99, served on the Alumni Council Admissions, Communications and Student Affairs committees and is an admissions alumni interviewer and an active volunteer for the Colby Clubs of New York and Fairfield County. Magyar received a Colby Brick Award in 2000. She and her husband, Stephen Magyar '71, are the par-

ents of Elizabeth '98 and Paul Magyar '00.

In accordance with the by-laws of the Alumni Association, other nominations may be made by petition to the executive secretary of the Alumni Council with the signatures of one percent of the members of the association on or before February 15, 2001. In the event that no nominations are submitted by petition, the above candidates will be declared elected by the chair of the Alumni Council.

Where to Find More

- Extensive alumni events calendar
www.colby.edu/alumni/calendar
- Alumni photos
www.colby.edu/alumni/alumgatherings.html

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Bibby Levine Alfond '38

A letter to the editor of the Lawrence, Mass., *Eagle-Tribune* paid tribute to **Donald Freeman '26's** life and long teaching career in the public schools of Haverhill, Mass. The writer praised Freeman's "amazing 44 years" as a high school English teacher, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent of schools and also cited his numerous civic endeavors. The lion's share of the attention paid to the inaugural class of the Maine Sports Legends Hall of Honor went to the team of **Bibby Levine Alfond '38** and her husband, Harold Alfond H '80, whose phil-

anthropic contributions to sports in Maine are unsurpassed. Maine Sports Legends was conceived by a partnership of people to raise money for scholarships given through the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame.

MILESTONES

Deaths: Theodore G. Smart '27, October 6, 2000, in Norway, Maine, at 95. Kenneth H. Mansfield '31, August 25, 2000, in Orange City, Fla., at 91. Mary Dignam Murphy '31, September 27, 2000, in Wilmington, Del., at 91. Evelyn Haycock Quinton '31, September 6, 2000, in Lewiston, Maine, at 90. Edwin E. Getchell '34, September 28, 2000, in Portland, Maine, at 87. Frederic B. Champlin '35, December 9, 1998, in Iredell, N.C., at 90. John R. Turbyne '35, November 5, 2000, in Waterville, Maine, at 87. William A. Ellingwood Jr. '36, June 19, 1999, in Maine, at 85. Milton M. Gilson '36, September 17, 2000, in West Roxbury, Mass., at 86. Sara J. Cowan '37, October 20, 2000, in Portland, Maine, at 85. David S. Eaton '37, October 3, 2000, in Lawrence, Mass., at 85. Anna Stobie Rogerson '38, September 14, 2000, in Portland, Maine, at 83.

'20S/'30S

Responding to our request for news of the Class of 1938, **Bob Anthony** reports that the 10th edition of his *Management Control Systems* (with Vijay Govindarajan) has just been published.

42 For more than 10 years **Sue Rose Bessey** and her husband, Earle, enjoyed the thrill and companionship of skiing with a group of friends a couple of weeks each winter in a number of European countries, including France, Switzerland, Italy and Austria. The group was known as "the Washingtonians" and included Colby alumni **Tee** and **Anita Pooler Laliberte**, Muriel and Bob Tonge '49, Karl '54 and Jane Millett Dornish '55 and Paul and Germaine Michaud Orloff '55. Once this became impossible for Earle and Sue to do physically they looked for an alternative to spending the winter in snow country. Their solution has been a small town in Arizona, Green Valley, which is located about 26 miles south of Tucson and about 25 miles north of the

Mexican border at Nogales. Green Valley has a large number of seniors avoiding a harsher winter climate. Many recreational centers, golf courses and interesting study courses for mental stimulation are big drawing cards. A multitude of interesting day trips add to its allure. (Sue and Earle also enjoy seeing Waterville's Bob and Judy Kany, who have a lovely home in Saddle Brook in the northern Tucson area.) To top it all off, their grandson from Simsbury, Conn., became so enchanted with the desert and mountains of the Southwest that he is currently enrolled as a freshman at the University of Arizona in Tucson. From December 29 through April 13 their address will be 1529 Belfry Court, Green Valley, AZ 85614, phone number 520-399-2748. If you are in the area, give them a call.

... **John Stevens** writes from San Diego that he attended the P-38 reunion in Palm Springs at the end of May. John planned to attend the Eighth AF group reunion in Dayton at the end of September and was looking forward to another such re-

union (but not the cold weather) in Norwich, England, in November. The town of Norwich is rebuilding the city's central library, which burned down in 1994 with John's Second Air Division's memorial in it. The reunion purpose is to re-dedicate their memorial.

44 **Ralph Brady** summers in Hyannis, Mass., and then returns to Los Angeles for the winter. In the class news questionnaire, alumni were asked to share a favorite memory of Colby's former presidents, faculty or staff, and Ralph reminisces about dating President Bixler's daughter Harriet. He also writes about pushing a sled with a keg of beer concealed by a blanket from the Tau Delt house to the Phi Delt house. He says his favorites were "Ecky with Brecky, English lit with Chappie, history with Wilkie and of course, Pop Newman."

45 On loan last summer from the Colby College Museum of Art, William Merritt Chase's painting *Tomkins Park, Brooklyn-1887* was in a special exhibition at the Brooklyn Museum of Art. It was a real kick for me when I came upon it there. No doubt about it, it was the biggest and best in the show, which was called *Modern American Landscapes (1886-1890)*. It featured scenes of Brooklyn and Manhattan parks and harbors. . . . Rae Gale Backer '44 and Morty had a special trip to Florida in June to attend the graduation at which their son Jimmy, a teacher in Israel, received his doctorate. . . . "Trip cancelled by a broken jaw" is **Muriel Marker Gould's** headline for her report on their needless-to-say cancelled Norway cruise in August. Muriel sustained the injury in July in a fall in her garden in Florence, Italy, where she lives eight or nine months each year. As I write this in September I can tell you firsthand (since she is at present in New York) that she handled her wired jaws unbelievably well and is now pretty nearly okay again. . . . So what's going on with you? Nothing so drastic, I hope. Please don't whiz by the questionnaire in this issue of *Colby*—just take a sec to deal with it, okay?

—Naomi Collett Paganelli

46 Another award for **Philip Boyne, D.M.D., M.S., D.Sc.** In June, Phil was named Faculty Member of the Year at the College of Dentistry, Loma Linda University. Though he's

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professor emeritus, Phil is still active in the department of oral and maxillofacial surgery, where he has been since 1978. Before that he was dean at the University of Texas School of Dentistry after faculty time at UCLA. He had retired from the Navy with the rank of captain after 20 years of

service, during which he was involved with craniofacial research in Bethesda, Md., and Vietnam. Phil has a noteworthy CV, and we congratulate him on his long and impressive career. . . .

Ruth Lewin Emerson has been traveling in a motor home to Arizona, Missouri, Wisconsin and other less distant places with her husband and dog. They are now selling the motor home, she says, "because we have been there and done that!" They also were in Alaska but with a rented motor home. . . . Gene and I had a marvelous trip in June through canyons and Indian country of the South-

west with daughter Elizabeth and her family. We were four adults, three children, two cars and walkie talkies. Great sights, great company, great experiences, great way to travel and learn. . . . The inauguration of William D. Adams as Colby's 19th president took place on October 21. As you read this, he will have been president for a while but not too long for us to add our welcome and to offer good wishes for a happy and productive tenure. . . . Do put Reunion 2001 on your calendars. I hope to see you all there. Meanwhile, send news! Without you,

there's no column! Try my e-mail (classnews1946@alum.colby.edu).

—Anne Lawrence Bondy

47 Dorothy Cleaves Jordan and her husband, Clay, have been doing so much traveling that she says they have caught up with **June Chipman Coalson**. Last fall, after hearing raves from Chip, they took the Norwegian Fjords trip up the coast and back on a working ship. In April they cruised the Society Islands, starting in Tahiti and visiting several islands like Bora Bora and Moora. They were off again in November, this time to Af-

rica, where they were to go on a wildlife safari, then fly to the Seychelles Islands for a five-day cruise. From there they were to fly to Luxor, Egypt, for three days. She adds, "Hey, Chip, bet you haven't been there!" Last spring she met author Gerry Boyle '78 at a book signing. She says she has enjoyed his latest books. . . . **Marilyn Hubert** always has news of Colbyites. For those of you who are sold on Fresh Samantha, she wonders if you knew that Michael Carter, one of the developers, is a Colby grad (1980) and that the drink is named after one of his nieces.



charles card '40

An Old Cowhand

Dallam County is stuck in the far corner of the Texas Panhandle, northwest of Amarillo. On a map the area is all right angles—the New Mexico and Oklahoma state lines, the boundary between Central and Mountain time zones—but in reality the landscape is vast and flat and boundless. "In the winter, at nighttime, you can see the reflection of towns that are thirty or forty miles away," says Charles Card '40, a retired Dallam County cattle rancher.

Card and his wife, Mary, owned and operated a 4,000-acre ranch. For the most part, the Cards did the work themselves, herding cows and driving tractors, with Mary Card assuming the post of "self-declared bovine obstetrician." "You'd try to get somebody to help you but we were thirty-two miles from the nearest town," Charles Card said. "You don't get many people begging for the opportunity to work that far away from anything."

The Cards' piece of the Texas Panhandle was a long way from a town, and it was a long, long way from the town of Farmington, Maine, where Charles Card grew up. He remembers the \$50 bounty paid for a dead bear and the one-lane road that led to his father's camp at the base of what was then a remote, undeveloped mountain—Sugarloaf.

Card earned a teaching degree at the University of Maine at Farmington and then decided he wanted to learn more. He was helped by a Colby alumnus, Ted Hodgkins '25, and by others. "The person I have great feelings of affection for is Dean [Ernest] Marriner," Card said. "He's the one who told me he didn't think I was smart enough to get through Colby, but he was gonna give me a chance anyway."

After earning his Colby degree, Card went on to teach in Liberty, Maine, for a year. Then the war broke out and Card served with a unit

of Army combat engineers for three years, mostly in North Africa and Italy. His memories include building bridges in Italy as it snowed or rained for 32 straight days. "Fortunately we survived the war but it was a long trip," Card said.

While overseas, he corresponded with a young woman he'd met in Little Rock, Ark. When Card was discharged, the woman was in Pennsylvania. Card applied to the University of Pittsburgh, was accepted (he thought) and enrolled. He later learned he'd actually been rejected because there was a two-year waiting list for applicants. "After about three months in school, I got an invitation to talk with the dean of students," Card recalled. "He wanted to know how I got in there to begin with."

But Card stayed, received his master's degree in history and went on to become a civilian training supervisor for the Air Force at Amarillo Air Force Base. After 16 years Card retired, and he and Mary (the woman from Little Rock) stayed home and worked the ranch. They kept more than 200 head of beef cattle and grew much of their feed. Card said he eventually tired of the isolation: "We had a real nice home out there, but after a while you get kind of lonesome."

In 1976 the Cards sold out. They bought a cotton farm near Abilene as an investment and moved into Amarillo. Instead of chasing cows, they now deliver Meals on Wheels, though Card joked that he likes to sign up for deliveries on Mondays when the golf course is closed.

Card said he thinks things worked out well in the years since his boyhood in Farmington, Maine. He and Mary have been married 53 years and both turned 85 this year. But even after 47 years in Texas, Card is part Mainer. "I still retain that Maine-onian accent," Card said in Amarillo. "At the Lions Club they never let me forget it."

—Gerry Boyle '78



Marilyn also has been following Peter Hart '64 with his Political Focus Group and Doris Kearns Goodwin '64, whom everyone must know through her books and TV appearances. . . . **Beverly Benner Cassara** and Ernest recently returned from Alaska, where they visited their son and had an adventurous weekend flying 90 miles into the interior of Denali National Park. She was really impressed by the thousands of peaks in the Alaska Range, many like McKinley, snow covered year round. . . . As I write, John and I have just returned from a week in Chicago and will leave for a week in New York City—both times spending most of our time in museums. In October we planned a walking tour in Provence. . . . Please send me news for the next issue of *Colby*. What have you been up to, what experiences have you enjoyed, and what may your future plans include? And how about hearing from some of you men?

—*Mary "Liz" Hall Fitch*

48 Elizabeth Day Bulger's husband, Derek, is a retired Episcopal clergyman. Their family consists of two sons and their wives plus one granddaughter and a grandson born on July 4, 1999. She met her husband while a student at Colby and worked at the College in the "dim past." Her e-mail address is dbugler@blaze.netme.com. . . . Fran (Peetzie '49) and **Jack Kimpel** relocated to Enola, Pa., after half a century as Hoosiers. Jack (fjkpenn@cs.com) wrote to keep us up to date on **Chuck Sanborn**, who lives in Baltimore. They spent a day together at an Orioles game, walking from the city market to the inner harbor and then on to Camden Yards. Chuck also stays in touch with **Charlie Cousins**. . . . **Peg Clark Atkins** reports from her summer home in Onset, Mass., that her family consists of six children and five in-laws plus nine grandchildren. She and Harold celebrated their 50th anniversary in June, and **Bertha Graves Nollman** and **Hattie White Hannigen** attended along with 130 others as Peg and Harold renewed their vows at the church in Middleboro where they were married. Peg wrote that she received a letter from **Marianna Nutter Wyer**, who reported that **Shirley Parks** had moved from a rest home in Wakefield to the Melrose Care Center. She also said that she spoke with **Kay Brine** and was plan-

NEWSMAKERS



Gene Hunter '48

Counterpoint, **Robert DeCormier '43's** new nine-member a cappella chamber chorus, made its debut on Labor Day weekend in Vermont. During his long career in music, DeCormier has worked with Harry Belafonte and with Peter, Paul and Mary and has cut a number of albums. His television credits include a BBC series of folks songs, an Emmy Award-winning Belafonte special and several Public Broadcasting System concerts ✦ **Gene Hunter '48** was inducted into the Maine Sports Legends Hall of Honor at a ceremony in Waterville. A four-year starter on Colby's baseball team and a member of the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame, the long-time high school baseball and basketball coach and athletic director concluded his distinguished career at South Portland High School.

MILESTONES

Deaths: **Halsey A. Frederick Jr. '40**, August 24, 2000, in Bryn Mawr, Pa., at 84 ✦ **Rowena Buzzell Funston '41**, September 6, 2000, in Vancouver, Wash., at 80 ✦ **Weston MacRae '42**, August 9, 2000, in Winter Haven, Fla., at 79 ✦ **Mary Foster Kimball '43**, September 29, 2000, in Concord, N.H., at 80 ✦ **Wendell F. Phillips '44**, July 2, 2000, in Moorestown, N.J., at 79 ✦ **William H. Tobey '44**, October 1, 2000, in Brunswick, Maine, at 77 ✦ **Richard R. Fellows '45**, April 25, 2000, in South Hamilton, Mass., at 78 ✦ **Helen Small Martino '45**, October 15, 2000, in Portland, Maine, at 77 ✦ **Eldridge P. Wallace '47**, September 8, 2000, in Lewiston, Maine, at 74.

ning to visit **Hazel Huckins Merrill** after Labor Day. Peg received a Volunteer of the Year Award from the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts. . . . **Evie Helfant Malkin** had a family reunion at Acadia National Park in June attended by 20 people. She continues oncology social work at Mass General but with shorter hours than in the past. She recently met Bob '46 and Harriet Glashow Singer '46 in Providence. . . . **Kay Weisman Jaffe** (mjaffe27@aol.com) said that her major effort these days concerned getting out the vote for the November 7 elections and being certain that the issues were understood. She was also excited about her "coming great-grandmotherhood" (which may be a bit presumptuous since her granddaughter's wedding was planned for October 2000!). She recently heard from **Hanna Levine Schussheim** and **Phyllis O'Connell Murray**. Both Kay and husband Mike are well. . . . **Phil Shulman** continues to work as a volunteer for The International Diplomacy Council, which plans itineraries for foreign visitors to San Francisco who are sponsored by the State Department through our embassies all over the world. Due to the people he has met in his role he has

had reciprocal visits to Africa and the Middle East. Recently he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society in London, an honor stemming from his interest in 19th-century British explorers in East and Central Africa and his visits to a dozen Islamic countries. . . . **David Choate** e-mailed about a safari in Kenya and Tanzania, saying, "It was a magnificent experience! Almost as good as a college education." In October he and his wife were going to China for the second time, planning to go up the Yangtze River before it is dammed up, then doing some "minor trekking" in Tibet before relaxing in Bali and returning home by Thanksgiving. They go to New York frequently to visit their granddaughter, 4. Other than that they play golf and tennis a little and "rearrange our pictures." . . . A wonderful article in the fall 2000 issue of the Colby Heritage Club publication "Planning Matters" dealt with the establishment of the **Harriet S.** and **George C. Wiswell Jr. ['50]** Chair in American Constitutional Law. The article traced the Wiswells' Colby history and their business careers. It also cited the motivating factors for their gift and their interests and values that caused them to select American constitutional law. It

further states that "the individuals that truly will benefit the most from this planned gift are the future students of Colby." . . . **Marguerite Jack Robinson** wrote that she and her husband, Roger, and her sister, Adelaide Jack McGorriell '46, often go to the Salmon Falls, Maine, area. They recently visited the home of Kate Douglas Wiggin with the Buxton Hollis Historical Society. Marguerite also wrote that her 45th wedding anniversary would be spent at Boothbay Harbor and Capitol Island. . . . A year ago **Elaine Browning Townsley** and her partner sold their business, Rails and Crafts Inc., to a hobby shop in Lebanon, N.H., but she works two days a week in the new store. And she still collects toy trains (Lionel and American Flyer). In October Elaine and her sister were to leave for a 10-day trip in Ireland to visit their Irish family. She says that she sees **Hazel Huckins Merrill** every so often. . . . Missing from this column is our annual report on visiting Betty and **Marvin Joslow** in Menemsha on Martha's Vineyard. This was a very marginal summer for sailing as either the weather, the current or our schedule prevented us from that annual visit. After Labor Day Dorothy was off to Israel for a few weeks, and then we attended the inauguration of President William D. Adams at Colby before heading to our house in Jupiter, Fla., in early November. We planned to return north for Thanksgiving and then spend the rest of the winter in Florida. In January 2001 we will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. . . . On a sad note, we recently learned of the death of **George M. Kren**. George was a professor of history at Kansas State University for decades before he retired last May. He was born in Linz, Austria, which was also Hitler's childhood home. George and his sister were shipped to England when George was 12, but the family eventually was reunited in the United States. When he became old enough he enlisted in the Army and served in a Europe-based infantry unit in World War II. He was a widely published historical writer and wrote and co-wrote books that dealt with Hitler and the Holocaust. He also wrote books on photography and personal computing.

—*David and Dorothy Marson*

49 How about helping me out with some news for the next issue of *Colby*?

You all must be doing something out there. . . Virginia Young Ellis reports that she and Jean Maloof Naman and their husbands visited Mary Helen Wilson Miller and her husband at their new home in Ottawa, Ont., Canada. They had a wonderful mini-reunion and toured many points of interest in the city. This was their second reunion—the Millers visited Jinny and Jean in Florida last winter. Jinny winters in Palmetto and Jean in Palm City. . . This summer I went on a 32-day Viking RV tour to the Canadian Maritimes. We went as far east as the road goes in North America—Red Bay, Labrador. We were in L'Anse aux Meadows, Newfoundland, when the replica of Lief Ericson's ship, built and captained by a direct descendant, finished its journey from Iceland. I was fascinated by the history and the geology of Newfoundland and Labrador—an eye opener on both counts. We finished the tour on Prince Edward Island, my favorite Canadian province. And I see Martha Loughman Shepard occasionally as I plan to move to the same community in Topsham, Maine, come spring 2001. I'm looking forward to being her neighbor. . . Well, I hope to hear from you all soon. I'm sure you don't want me to monopolize this column with my news every month!

—Anne Hagar Eustis

50 Big news in Dudie Jennings Maley's family. Daughter Ann was accepted and has just begun medical school at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. Now, you all know Colby has been a family affair with the Jenningses. So unless you want me to regale you with tales of our large, extended family, let me hear from you. You can use the form in *Colby* magazine or e-mail me (classnews1950@alum.colby.edu). In any event, as your new class correspondent, I will do my part to locate and talk with classmates, particularly those who were not seen or heard from at our very successful 50th celebration last June. . . It took some real sleuthing (library microfiche) to locate Ruth and Ernie Carpenter by phone in Westlake Village, Calif. Ernie has just retired, and he and Ruth plan to do some traveling once he is fully recovered from recent, successful back surgery. They have three children and have just celebrated the birth of their fourth grandchild. . . I tracked down Ray Brackett and learned that

NEWSMAKERS



Ted Shiro '51

Among the inductees in the inaugural class of the Maine Sports Legends Hall of Honor was Ted Shiro '51, former Waterville High School and Colby basketball and baseball standout. The one-time Boston Celtics prospect is a member of the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame.

MILESTONES

Deaths: William M. Wilson '50, August 19, 2000, in Boston, Mass., at 73 ♦ Jean Brewer Bridge '52, August 18, 2000, in Orlando, Fla., at 70 ♦ Priscilla Chamberlin Kraut '56, April 19, 2000, in Wilmington, Del., at 65 ♦ James Russell Wiggins H '54, November 19, 2000, in Brooklin, Maine, at 96.

upon graduation from Colby he trained as an umpire and worked four years in the minor leagues before making his career with Liberty Mutual Life Insurance Company. He has an interesting hobby—woodcarving. Ray uses basswood to carve, among other things, birds and decoys as well as busts of Civil War heroes for his son, who is a Civil War buff. . . I wish I had space here to include more of Charlotte Cowan Sutherland's two-page e-mail detailing special memories of Colby. It really belonged in our 50th reunion book. She also described great summer vacations with their three kids, camping (and having a bear lean on their tent while they were in it!), climbing to Rocky Mountain peaks, air boating on the Everglades and visiting historical sites all over this country. . . Among our world travelers are Richard and Mary "Skip" Jordan Megargee, who spent a month this past summer visiting England, Wales and Ireland. They were planning a fall trip to Italy, which was to include Rome and Tuscany as well as Naples, where Richard was to be a guest lecturer at the Naval War College. . . Kerin and Susi Goldey Morrison traveled to Oberammergau, Germany, with a group of their friends to see the Passion Play, which has been held there every 10 years for the past 360 years. This spectacular six-hour event (with one long intermission) has a cast of 2,000 and incredibly beautiful choral music. Those of us who sang the "Messiah" at Colby would have loved that. . . Rev. Charles L. Smith Jr. ran—but lost—a Republican bid for representative to the Rhode Island General Assembly from the Providence fifth district.

In the process of campaigning he slipped on a sidewalk, severely breaking his left arm. Nevertheless he writes, "I have no regrets. I met a lot of interesting people and had an enjoyable time. But at age 74, this is probably my first and last hurrah."

—Alice Jennings Castelli

51 The only news I have for this issue is from Shirley Raynor Ingraham, Clearwater, Fla. And that is interesting news. The ownership of the small child-care center of which Shirley was secretary on the board of directors was turned over to a larger organization on the very night of her move to a retirement apartment. Shirley was immediately elected secretary of the Regency Oaks Chapter 151 of Florida Life Care Residents Association. She will be traveling to Tallahassee to meet with the legislature to maintain input on pending bills regarding medical needs of the elderly and mandated repackaging of prescription drugs for seniors in nursing homes. . . Having admitted my failure in Computers 101 despite the help from classmate Henry Fales, I am trying once again to be just a little bit modern with my new little Mail Bug, which does just e-mail. My address is classnews1951@alum.colby.edu. Write to me. If I keep my wits about me and push the right keys and buttons I might even get an answer back to you. Try me. I need news.

—Barbara Jefferson Walker

52 With no class news coming my way of late, I picked up the phone and called John Baum, a roommate now living in Wales. We had not talked or corresponded in all the years

since 1952. I was aware that John, although a business administration major at Colby, had gone on to take a bachelor of music degree from the New England Conservatory. I was curious as to how that had come about. John told me that following our graduation exercises he had introduced his father to Roney Williams '35. Roney had said, "I understand John will be joining your business." "That's true," Mr. Baum responded. "A pity," said Roney. As it turned out, Roney was prophetic. John lasted a year in the family business before deciding to explore an interest in music that had developed late in his college career. "But, John," said I, "I didn't know you played an instrument." "I didn't," he said. "I took up the flute at the conservatory." Following the conservatory, John moved to Colorado, where he taught music. While there he decided to broaden his knowledge in the education profession, and he acquired an M.A. at the University of Colorado. Then it was on to California, where he earned a doctor of education degree at Stanford. He was granted a Fulbright scholarship and for two years went off to Peru, where he studied and made recommendations on that country's school system. While there he earned a second doctorate from the University of Cuzco. Through this assignment and the publishing of his doctoral dissertation, John came to the attention of Columbia University, under whose auspices he returned to Peru for about seven years as an education consultant. This was followed by two years as a consultant to the governor of Puerto Rico. Back on the U.S. mainland, John decided as a change of pace to enroll in a pottery class in Georgia, where he developed the ability to throw and decorate a marketable pot. He backpacked across Europe, got to Jerusalem and there, without any advice from Roney Williams, opened a pottery studio. This proved to be a short-lived venture, but a migration to the U.K. and ultimately the Pembrokeshire area of Wales was more successful. There John opened another pottery studio in a little-used building on the estate where he was living. Five years later, while on a skiing vacation in the Alps, John discovered this really neat Swiss ski instructor. Whether Ingrid was attracted by John's well-executed stem christies or his mellow flute I did not inquire, but the year 2000 marks their 25th wedding anniversary. They have a

daughter and two sons aged 17, 20 and 23. John is now retired. The pottery business is a thing of the past. John and Ingrid continue to keep several hives of bees and travel much, and assuming fair winds and tides, John can be found on their sloop sailing along the Pembrokeshire coast, perhaps one of the world's most delightful sailing areas—second only, of course, to the coast of Down East Maine.

—Paul M. Aldrich

53 David Lavin lives in New York City and is a professor of sociology at the City University of New York, where he mainly does research and writes books and articles about higher education and social inequality. David has three daughters, all of whom live in and around N.Y.C. Recently he remarried, to an academic who is based in Boston. It's a commuting marriage that has both an upside and a downside. He enjoys his summer place out in Bridgehampton, Long Island, she has a place on the Cape, and they split time between the two summer houses ("tough to take, huh?"). They do a lot of kayaking, hiking, concerts, etc. Another highlight was the four months they spent in Australia, where his wife taught at a university in western Australia. . . . My mailbox is empty. I hope to hear from more of you!

—Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey

54 Jody Peary now lives with her significant other in Sarasota, Fla. She has retired as executive assistant to the producing artistic director of the Asolo Theatre there, where she met many interesting people. She now spends her time painting, reading, traveling and just enjoying life, and she sends an invitation to any classmates who happen to be in the area to give her a call. . . . As you can see, we are short on '54 news for this issue. Please help us provide more news for our class by sending in yours!

—Helen Cross Stabler

56 I hope you all have responded to the letter from Bill Hagggett indicating that you are planning to join us in June for our big 45th reunion. Our two days at the Sebasco Harbor Resort should be great fun. It is a delightful place, right on the bay, with kayaks and canoes to rent. A group can rent a cottage, or couples can rent rooms in the lighthouse. . . . Our class started with 219 freshmen, and 197 graduated, or 90 percent. (For com-

parison, the Class of 1999 graduated 520, or 84 percent of those who entered, although several more finish within two years.) We have 16 members listed as "lost," and I hope some of you responded with information after getting the list. Of our class, 120 have responded with cash gifts to the College. This is a good percentage, but we can do better before June. . . . Our meeting in June at Hope Palmer Bramhall's included nominations for our next set of class officers. You will be asked to vote on same before the reunion, where they will be announced. I will tell you that Dave and Rosie Crouthamel Sortor have agreed to be Alumni Council representatives and that I have agreed to keep writing this column as no one has come forward asking for the job! . . . Susan Miller Hunt and I again traveled out to the Berkshires in July to take part in the week-long Berkshire Choral Festival. We both plan to sing with the Colby Reunion Chorus next June. . . . Joyce Frazier Fraser goes striper fishing each summer as part of the annual Girls Shoal Troll, sponsored by her local angler's club. Her son Barry is a commercial tuna fisherman in the fall. Having read *The Hungry Ocean* by Linda Greenlaw '83, I have great respect for all serious fishermen. If you haven't already, you owe it to yourself to read this book. We are hoping that Linda will agree to be one of the authors speaking at our reunion.

—Kathy McConaughy Zambello

58 E-mail is quick and easy; take advantage of it if you don't want to use the questionnaire in the magazine. . . . Ann Willcox Loftin has been adjusting to a new life since her husband died a year ago. She still runs the family's small advertising specialty company and lives on an island in the Charleston, S.C., harbor but also is fixing up the beach house for lots of family and friends to visit. Ann traveled to Connecticut in October to see her mom, who celebrated her 98th birthday in September. . . . Jim Bishop has had a film script kicking around Hollywood for 10 years. Now a big Hollywood group has flashed the green light on his script, which centers on a World War II hero who returns home and can't cope and becomes a guerrilla. Raise the glasses at Onie's, says Jim. . . . John Edes and his wife, Valerie, now live in Boynton Beach, Fla., but he is still a registered representative for

Phoenix and maintains an apartment and office in Providence, R.I. John has become very involved in charitable work, specifically with the Amos House, a home in Providence for the homeless, and he was recently written up in an article in the *Providence Journal* for befriending a homeless man who had once been a high school basketball star. John and another man have become a mini-support system for this fellow. When asked what special memories he had of Colby's former presidents, John told about the time that he and several friends asked President Bixler if they could watch the World Series *in color* at his home, and President Bixler very generously invited the boys. John also has fond memories of Professor Jim Gillespie, who helped many of the students in their studies as well as their personal situations. . . . Cynthia Gardner Bevin has retired after 20 years of teaching history in Johnstown, Pa. Cindy and her husband, Douglas, recently had their third grandchild. Their daughter, Cici '85, has become president of her class and has a son and a new daughter. This past June the Bevin's second home in Connecticut was nearly destroyed in a storm. Two houses were featured on national television during the storm, and these houses belonged to Cindy and to her mother. Cindy's family was very grateful to Robin Hunter Clutz, who helped get them back into their home and get their lives back together. . . . In the summer of 1999 Susan (Macomber '60) and Dick Vogt flew with their bicycles to Seattle and biked across the northern part of the United States to Kennebunk, Maine. They biked alone, camped out (some moteling), ate great quantities of calorie-laden food and completed the cross-country trip in about 90 days and totaled 4,104 miles! They averaged about 50 to 60 miles a day and had a wonderful time exploring back roads and small towns. Susan wrote a daily journal, which can be seen on their Web site (www.conknet.com/jvogt). The trip had been planned for 10 years, and they started training six days a week in February 1999 until they left in mid-June. In March 1999 they sold their home of 30 years and moved in with their daughter temporarily. Upon returning from the bike tour, they bought a motorcoach. Last February Dick drove the motorcoach to Florida to see the Yankees' spring

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training (Susan thought this was a guy thing and stayed home). This March Dick and Sue plan to take the motorcoach to Florida and bike from Key West to Eastport, Maine, about 3,000 miles. Their son will drive the motorcoach to New Hampshire, and then the Vogts will take off for the summer and fall in Canada and Alaska. When not on the road, the Vogts enjoy their nine grandchildren, produced by their four children, and everyone lives in New Hampshire, the home base for these vagabonds. . . . And that is it for this time. I still need to hear from more of you. Take care.

—Margaret Smith Henry

59 Delighted to report that I've started receiving news from '59ers once again after a lengthy dry spell. . . . **Carlene Price White** runs Animal Episodes in Massachusetts (having turned a hobby into a strange but very real business) and recently finished a stint as motorcycle crew with her daughter for the Boston-New York AIDS Ride, a three-day affair requiring 600 volunteers. These rides have raised millions of dollars to fight this dread disease. . . . Trish and **Mike Farren** visit their eight grandchildren as often as possible. Mike is still holding the fort at Manchester (N.H.) Airport while Trish does hospice nursing and consults at an assisted living facility. They see Vera and **Dick Morrison** regularly and also have seen **Bill Nicholson**, Marilyn and Bob Greer '61 and Fran and **Boyd Sands**. They even watched **Bob Auriemma's** grandson play hockey at New Hampshire College. And the generations march on! . . . **Louis Leotta** has been named professor emeritus of history at St. Bonaventure University. Lou earned master's and doctoral degrees from Columbia University and retired in 1997. . . . Peru has been home to Giselle and **Jim Plunkett** for 35 years. They have five grandchildren, and Jim directs IESC, an overseas version of SCORE, founded by David Rockefeller. He's currently setting up a new activity in receptive tourism in Peru, so those of you with wanderlust, contact Jim at plunkett@terra.com.pe and he'll show you the Incas! Jim also has a home video of the '59 class reunion available for \$20 U.S., including postage from Peru. . . . Dr. **Bob Younes** is still active on the board of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He'll soon go with other board members to Lebanon to open a pediatric cancer

treatment program affiliated with St. Jude at American University of Beirut Hospital. Then he'll join his family in India for a tour with his in-laws, who were missionaries in that country. Bob is also conference chair for The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation and is active with the Rene Moawad Foundation, which supports literacy, health, agriculture and crafts programs. . . . Elaine and **Paul Reichert** are active in the U.S. Power Squadron, and both teach safe-boating classes in Florida. Last spring their annual river cleanup group collected more than a ton of debris from the river. Paul also assisted in the second grade at a local school. In the meantime, he and Elaine were expecting their sixth grandchild. Paul reports that **Al Wilbur** is newly married and that **Bob Keltie** is goal judge for the Florida Panthers in the NHL. . . . By the time you read this I will have participated once again in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on October 15. Ladies and lady-associates of the Class of 1959, is it time for your mammography?

—Ann Segrave Lieber

60 Eunice Bucholz Spooner is doing a wonderful job with our class Web site. Direct quote from Eunie: "Whata wonderful 40th reunion! The committee deserves a round of applause. The 1960 class Web site has photos taken over the weekend. You can click on any picture for a larger version. If anyone has other photos to post, please e-mail or snail mail them to me. No names have been placed with the photos to protect the innocent." In July, Eunie attended the Alumni College (Sports and Leisure: Mirror of American Culture), where the Class of 1960 had the most students attending: **David Wiggins**, **Claudia Lawrence Rogers**, **Todd Marchant** and **Bob Hartman** and his wife, Sue. Eunie reports that required reading was very enjoyable and that they had two lectures each morning by Colby professors. Eunie learned from Todd Marchant that he is very active in volunteer activities, including the Exchange Club at the local, district and national levels. . . . **Jim Haidas's** eldest son, Van, is a senior at Colby, where he is rooming in Pepper Hall—the same dorm where Jim lived during his first year at Colby in 1956. His youngest son, Michael, in his junior year at Brown, was at the University of Glasgow for the fall semester. Both boys worked

TED WILLIAMS '69



What he does Freelance writer on environmental issues.

His specialty Fish and wildlife conservation.

Where you may have seen his work *Audubon*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *Sierra Club* magazines.

Who's noticed The National Wildlife Federation, Federal Wildlife Officers and Outdoor Writers Association of America, and the American Society of Magazine Editors.

What he has in common with "Ted Williams the Elder" An obsession with fishing and bird hunting, but not baseball.

What bugs him "I know outdoor writers burn themselves out fast with bile and cheap booze, but what's really discouraging is when my readers meet me in person and *still* think I'm the ballplayer."

Which photo we used The mountain lion cub. The photo of Williams holding a monster salmon in Alaska ended up on the cutting room floor. But it was some fish.

all summer with Frances and Jim in running their two restaurants on Cape Cod. Jim was very upset that he couldn't manage our 40th reunion; however, he was looking forward to Parents Weekend on October 7. . . . **Peter N. "Mac" McFarlane** retired from the Air Force in September 1990 after 30 years and began work with a small technology firm, Delfin Systems, in Arlington, Va. He continued with Delfin until April 2000, when he decided, with help from Sheri, his wife of 16 years, that it was time to really retire. Mac and Sheri had moved to Evergreen, Colo., in September 1998 with a second retirement in mind. They purchased a 34-foot Winnebago and have been seeing a lot of the country, including a five-week trip to the East Coast. They also visited the area around Moab, Utah, with its fantastic natural wonders of Arches National Park. As you can tell, Mac is enjoying retirement. He has not played hockey for about a year but expected to be getting back into that soon. Their home is in a very hilly and wooded area at nearly 7,800 feet, which makes skiing at elevations around 12,000 feet much easier. . . . **Ralph Nelson** tested our e-mail system by reporting that he and his wife, Kay, were awaiting the arrival of their first grandchild and won't have any real news until that is safely accomplished. In May they took a 10-day trip to France with the Sons of the American Revolution, and Ralph was in the color guard, which helped to place a wreath on the grave

of General Lafayette. They had private guided visits to the ancestral chateaus of French generals Rochambeau and Lafayette and stayed several nights in a chateau that has belonged to the Kergorlay family since the year 1000. The wine and cheese and weather were wonderful, they report, and they recommend France to other tourists. . . . **Nancy Shoemaker Dargle** planned to retire from the USDA Forest Service at the end of the year. Her twin, **Carol Shoemaker**, told her about our great 40th. . . . Had a wonderful e-mail from **Jo Deans Auchincloss**, who attended her first reunion and enjoyed being there as much as we enjoyed having her. Jo had lots of family around at the reunion: her mother, Louise Murray Deans '31, attended her 69th reunion, accompanied by Jo's brother and his wife, John and Gretchen Deans, and Jo's daughter Lee came up from Portland to join the family for the lobster bake. After the reunion, Jo tracked down **Sandy Myers**, her junior-year roommate. Jo and I would like very much to see a lot more e-mail addresses in the directory (part of the Colby Web site). She has volunteered to collect e-mail addresses from some of her Colby friends. I would appreciate help from *all* of you. Please send all your news by e-mail (classnews1960@alum.colby.edu), and it automatically will be forwarded to me.

—Jane Holden Huerta

61 I was delighted to hear from

Penny Dean Robb, with whom I shared four years of Powder & Wig activities. Penny, who lives in Manhattan and works at Carl Fischer Music Publishers, reactivated her interest in drama last year by joining the St. Bart's Players, a non-professional theater group that uses the facilities of St. Bartholomew Church on Park Avenue. This past summer she participated in a Shakespeare workshop on delivering the Bard's sonnets dramatically as opposed to analyzing them academically. Graduation was a performance in the St. Bart's courtyard, an event that brought back memories of her favorite English teachers, Mark Benbow and Powder & Wig's long-time director Irving Suss. . . . Although as recently as a year and a half ago I planned to teach until forcibly evicted from the classroom in my dotage, I woke up one morning and realized that there were lots of things I wanted to do, so for the next few years I'll be teaching just spring semesters (from late January to mid-May). So far I am loving every minute of it, even though I have come to my office nearly every day anyway! . . . **Bev Lapham** reports that the Reunion Planning Committee met September 16 and made great progress in planning our 40th reunion. Pre-reunion activities will start June 7 at the Samoset Resort in Rockland, Maine, with golf, sailing on a schooner, museum visits and other activities to suit all tastes. The on-campus part of the fun will begin the evening of Friday, June 8. Saturday the 9th will be the big day, with the alumni parade (can you find your old freshman beanie?), a lobster bake and a special surprise event just for us in the afternoon. Our class reunion dinner will be Saturday night in the Roberts Building. You will get more details in a newsletter as the time draws nearer, but keep in mind that the most important ingredient in a successful reunion is *you*. Start planning now to come to this one—it just won't be the same without you! . . . And don't forget that you can very easily send me news for this column via Colby's e-mail. Just address your message to classnews1961@alum.colby.edu and it will be passed along to me. My regular mailing address appears with the other 1960s class correspondents' addresses near this column.

—*Judy Hoffman Hakola*

63 Since the e-mail blitz from the Alumni Office fails completely in its

purpose of generating news, **Barb Haines Chase** and I are putting heads together to see if we can go forward to a system that works. So send in news on what you and your families are doing to: Karen Falb, 245 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA 02138 and kff245@aol.com as well as classnews1963@alum.colby.edu. Our family news is not earth-shattering either. We are looking at colleges for our "rising senior" daughter at Concord Academy and have seen 13 so far. We are now at the point of deciding whether we want a college one hour from home or three hours! This August I had fun on a trip with the two daughters, seeing many schools in Vermont, the Hudson River Valley and Connecticut. Colby still rates high with its energy if not its location. One night between Skidmore and Vassar we stayed at a town called Saugerties, and it turns out that the only person I know who is familiar with that area is our own **Jeannette Fannin Regetz**, who with her kids spent many a happy summer vacation there. Jeannette is looking forward to joining her husband, Fred, in retirement in a year or two. She still enjoys her teaching of remedial reading to lower grade students in an Arlington, Va., public school and enjoys having their two children, Suzann and Jonathan, working nearby. She's had news from **Dale Ackley Pluta** in Vienna, Va., that she and her parents and sister enjoyed a return visit to Colby last summer with a nostalgic picnic in front of Coburn. She was impressed by how good it felt to be back and how the campus had not lost its old feeling. . . . I'm told that the Miller Library architectural model has been returned to the College, thanks to **J. Wesley Miller**. It now resides in the Colbiana Collection in Miller Library. . . . **Judy Spear** freelances as an editor specializing in art and architectural history and environmental issues in Lancaster, Mass. Much of her time this year has been spent in advocating for the preservation of Lancaster's historic town green and the classic symmetry of its 1816 First Church, designed by Charles Bullfinch. Feeling that a proposed addition to the church would not only change the church's architectural integrity but also diminish the space and character of the town green, Judy has written numerous articles and letters published in local papers pointing out how historic buildings and their origi-

nal landscape are important for a "deeper understanding of historic events and their concepts" and that it is important to be responsible stewards of historic monuments and common areas. This advocacy has been a challenge as the Massachusetts Historical Commission recently ruled that the addition as currently planned by the church can proceed. Hopefully, Judy and other concerned preservationists can turn the tide.

—*Karen Forslund Falb*

64 Candi (Wilson '65) and **John Haynes** dropped in yesterday for a quick visit full of laughter. (My son, Andrew '90, also was home, and having inherited his father's sense of humor, he's good company.) John is still with Monsanto, which now has another name, but he's making a lot of noise about retirement. His Colby roommate, **Dick Friary**, has done just that, retiring from Schering-Plough after 27 years. Dick and Diane moved to Big Sky country—Stevensville, Mont.—just as the fires arrived. Apparently they were unscathed, as I've heard nothing to the contrary. Dick had sent me a cartoon from *The New Yorker* that featured **Doris Kearns Goodwin**. How famous can you get! . . . **Joan Thiel Hadley** has also moved west—to Scottsdale, Ariz. She has three grandchildren now, she and her husband do a lot of day hiking, and Joan has been volunteering with Alzheimer's and cancer patients. Says it has taught her how lucky she is. . . . **Dorothy Thompson Herrin** has a grandchild in Texas and another on the way. She's still teaching special education in Vermont. She's been a Reading Recovery teacher for four years and loves this model for helping young children learn to read. . . . I've had a long and interesting letter from **Steve Schoeman**. Steve has two daughters, but I'm sorry to report that he lost his wife, Ellen, in July of 2000 after she fought melanoma for nearly two years. Before her death, however, he had the good experience of being a Hansard Scholar, working in the office of a member of the House of Commons in London. He took full advantage of the Houses of Parliament as well as learning a great deal about the under side of England. . . . I drove south in March to visit many former neighbors, Navy friends and classmates. In May I went to England with four friends from Kittery. A family wedding in California was an oc-

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casation for a lot of reunions. And in August I went to Alaska, a land that is vast and empty yet teeming with wild-life. Back here in Kittery I'm enjoying my hobby of church cook. I do dinners once a month and luncheons once a month for between 25 and 80 people. It's a lot of fun. . . . Take five minutes now to tear out the class news page at the front of this magazine and tell me something you spent a lot of time on last week. Or send it by e-mail (classnews1964@alum.colby.edu). I'll print the most interesting responses.

—Sara Shaw Rhoades

65 Reunion part 2: . . . and we yakked and yakked. . . . Saturday morning started with **Marty Dodge** and his wife, Kari, leading about 30 of us on a nature walk through the Colby arboretum. Marty is a professor at Finger Lakes Community College in upstate New York and passionate about ecology and the timber sports program. Marty spoke eloquently about the interrelationships of flora and fauna. . . . Classmates continued to arrive. . . . **Bryan Harrison Curd** joined us from Arizona, where she is enrolled at Arizona State studying for her M.A. in art history. . . . **Bruce and Jann Buffington Browning** reported that Jann is now a placement coordinator with the Insurance Staffing Group, an employment and temp staffing agency in Lynnfield, Mass. Bruce is going for an M.A. in American history at Salem State. . . . **Gail and Rick Davis** reported that their children have now joined the family insurance business in Needham, Mass. . . . **Rev. Jon Moody** is the chaplain at Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio, and teaches ethics, religion, philosophy, etc. . . . We had the class parade to the gym. Younger classes were amused at seeing the occasional beanie (mine) on a geezer. . . . **Harold Kowal's** class agent team raised \$200K for the College. Harold continues as a lawyer; he and Ruth, director of operations at Boston Public Library, are parents of Elizabeth '92 and Susannah '96 and live in Newton, Mass. . . . In 1999 **Allen Post** moved to Bonita Springs, Fla., where he is VP in Inskip & Company, investment and wealth management services. . . . **Connie and Dave Fearon** are in New Hartford, Conn. Dave teaches management at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain. . . . After the lobster bake, we had the afternoon free to explore the cam-

pus and yak. A few of us took the opportunity to see the great views of the campus and Waterville from the observation deck high up the library clock tower. The pathway leads up and actually through the mechanism that controls the hands on the face. Our class dinner was in the Katz wing of the art museum, a great location surrounded by beautiful wall-sized paintings. Class president **Bud Marvin** introduced incoming class president **Sunny Coady**, VP and Alumni Council representative **Jan Wood Parsons** and your continuing scribe. Jan continues in the guidance area at Natick High School in Massachusetts. We were entertained by the Colby '65 thespians—**Bud, Caesar, Pam Plumb Carey and Judy Eyges Dalton**—in a rousing song skit recalling another era. Professor **Tom Morrione** spoke on current student activities on campus. **Nancy Ryen Morrione** is on Colby's admissions staff and explained that yes, we probably could still get into Colby. Our SATs of 1160 compare well with today's 1320 once you knock off the 100-plus points caused by recentering the scores a few years ago. SAT inflation has joined grade inflation it seems. Nancy said the 35 percent admit rate is the same today as when we applied, but the current 465-member class is up from our 346. Missing from the reunion were **Tim and Adora Clark Hill**, who now live in the Rocky Mountains above Denver. However, Tim provided us with a Top Ten list of "How to know you just might be a member of the Class of 1965": (10) While on vacation at a posh Mediterranean spa, you find yourself ordering a "Friday Blast" with a chocolate frappe and ask to speak with John. (9) As a female, you find yourself on an evening out reminding your significant other that you only have 30 more minutes before curfew. (8) You think that the words "significant other" are some obscure term that you must have learned in Kingsley Birge's Sociology 101 course. (7) As a male you are convinced that the "Soup Nazi" is from the seed of Ma Tripp. (6) You get all warm and misty eyed at hearing the two words "dime draught." (5) You are still waiting for the release of **Ted Furlong's** first folk album. (4) As a male at wedding receptions, you immediately dive under the table whenever anyone tinkles a glass to announce a toast. (3) As a female you have found yourself throwing your

panties out your apartment window as a group of chanting protesters has gone by. (2) As a male you keep joining chanting protest marches in the hopes of catching a pair of panties. (1) You have a recurring nightmare that involves blue beanies, large name tags and butterfly nets. . . . Congratulations to **Elfie Hinterkopf** on her marriage last September to Stephen Biles. They honeymooned in the Japanese Alps. . . . Hail, Colby, Hail!

—Richard W. Bankart

66 Having just enjoyed a 35th reunion planning meeting this past Saturday, I'm reminded to encourage all classmates to put the 35th class reunion dates on your calendars. Reunion will be the weekend of June 8-10, 2001, with a pre-reunion event scheduled for Thursday evening and Friday, June 7 and 8. Watch for reunion reminders and updates, and let's see how many classmates each of us can encourage to attend. Reunions are great Colby events and a great way to acquaint ourselves with old friends and with the constantly growing Colby facilities and programs. . . . My husband, Frank Zaremba '64, and I have had a wonderful personal and professional year. As a family we attended the opening of the South Carolina Aquarium, the culmination of many years' work for Frank and colleagues. Our children have grown up with dad going to Charleston, S.C., as the aquarium project progressed, and it was fun to join all of Charleston in the celebration of its opening the weekend of May 20, 2000. We also took the opportunity to meet **Sue Turner** and her husband, Karl, for lunch the day of the Charleston Aquarium opening. Two weeks later we enjoyed the excitement, fun and celebration of the wedding in Chatham, Mass., of four older daughter, Karen, to Michael Fox, whom we have come to know and love. A month later we were ready to put our feet up and relax and went to the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone and Glacier national parks for two weeks. This fall our younger daughter has headed off to Savannah, Ga., for a master's program in historic preservation at Savannah College of Art and Design. . . . **John Tara** sent a wonderful e-mail with attached photo to **Frank Finizio** bemoaning the fact that his Full Dress Harley had been stolen on his way to Myrtle Beach, S.C. However, he reported the good news that he used the insurance proceeds to purchase a

Low Rider and that life was good. . . . **Peter Blumenthal** wrote that his son Richard '93 was with Outward Bound in Florida for five years and has moved back to Boston, where his wife-to-be will attend graduate school. Son Seth '97 is teaching history at a private secondary school in Waltham, Mass. Peter sold his business (a retail chain of picture framing stores called Frameking) two years ago, with the short-term goal of competing in the Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii. In August a year ago while on a training ride on his bicycle he was hit by a car and suffered a broken neck. Miraculously, he was not paralyzed or killed. After a lengthy recuperation, he was able to get back on his bike and successfully complete two triathlons last spring. So as not to have to make a decision about what to do with the rest of his life, Peter, his wife and young daughter decided to move to Jerusalem for a year. With no plans, the Blumenthals anticipate simply finding exciting things to do once they arrive. Any Colby alums who are passing through should give a call (011-972-2-581-4271), and they will receive a most hearty welcome! . . . **Allen and Janet Meyer Throop** wrote that on July 7 Jerri Hamilton Bost '65, the Throops and Elena and **Peter Anderson** walked across the Golden Gate Bridge. It was a celebratory walk with friends for Jerri, a survivor of bone cancer, and for Peter and Elena, survivors of major surgery in the last few years. . . . **Sue Turner** wrote that she recently enjoyed spending the 4th of July in Brooks, Maine, with **Linda Hall Lord**, Linda's husband, Russell, and their family. Sue, husband Karl and daughter Alissa spent six weeks in Salisbury Cove, Maine, while Karl worked at the bio lab and Sue paddled as much as possible. Alissa, 16, expands their world through her travels to band weekends in various parts of South Carolina. Sue's special memories of Colby include the day that Henry Holland tossed a pamphlet at her and said, "Here. Go see a llama." That pamphlet of a study abroad program in Peru changed her life. The Peru group had their 35th reunion in July, and 17 of the 20 participants, plus the directors and families, attended. Another special memory is of George Coleman's Geology 101 class, which Sue was determined to hate, but it took her only about five minutes to realize how lucky she was that Colby made her take a lab science!

The final memory for the moment is of her math teacher freshman year showing up for a math exam at 8 a.m. on a Saturday morning in deep snow—on snowshoes!—with the exams in his pocket and a huge grin. . . . I will make one final plug for Reunion 2001—send any photos of you and/or Colby classmates so that we can all enjoy them at our reunion headquarters! You can send photos directly to me at 11 Linder Terrace, Newton, MA 02458.

—Natalie Bowerman Zaremba

67 Greetings! Mike and Pam Coo-

per Picher spent three weeks in Europe last spring touring with their son André '01, who was on a junior visiting program at the Sorbonne. They were accompanied by Jean-Michel '96 and daughter Marielle and visited the ancestral village in Touraine, left in 1662 by Pierre Picher. André got a job bartending in a Left Bank Canadian hockey bar called Moosehead's and threatens to never come home. . . . After 32 years with Dow Chemical, the last 10 in Hong Kong, Dick Heend has retired and has settled in Naples, Fla. Dick developed an appreciation for

living the "high life" in Hong Kong as his home was on the 36th floor, so when he moved to Naples he chose a location on the 15th floor overlooking the gulf. When Dick descends to sea level, he makes his way to the golf course with frequency. . . . Linda (Mitchell '66) and Lee Potter have watched both their boys march down the aisle in the past two years and now have turned their interests to another shared love: skiing. Lee and Linda have purchased a ski chalet in central Vermont and intend to spend many weekends and vacations there. . . . Last fall a fascinating PBS series called

"Water: The Drop of Life" aired on stations throughout the country, showing breathtaking footage from around the world. If you paid attention to the credits you noted that the chief writer of the series is Bob Field. Bob has been traveling the world filming the series and tells us that it provides him with challenge and reward. Bob has been writing and producing documentary videos for some time and recently was recognized by his professional organization when he received a Gold Slate for two of his works. . . . Joe Candido's daughter, Jean, has enrolled as a freshman at St.

sarah hudson '69

High Seas Health Care



Contrary to what you may have heard, the biggest threat on the high seas is not "The Perfect Storm." For the crews of the tankers and cargo ships that traverse the world's oceans, the real threat may be heart attacks, burns, injuries suffered in falls or explosions—hundreds of miles from possible rescue.

That's where the knowledge imparted by Sarah Hudson '69 can make the difference between life and death. A trainer of emergency medical technicians and a professor of ship's medicine at Maine Maritime Academy, Hudson teaches future merchant seamen and officers to provide medical treatment at sea. "With EMT stuff, we train them to take care of the patient, get rid of the patient in half an hour," she said. "The students who go to sea have to learn to take care of the patient for four or five days in the middle of the Atlantic."

That's how long it can take a deep-water ship to come within reach of even the most far-ranging rescue helicopters. Until help arrives, Hudson's students, trained as ship's medical officers but usually doing other shipboard jobs, must perform tasks that would fall to an entire hospital staff on land. "They have to start IVs and suture and catheterize people," Hudson said. "They're it."

At Maine Maritime (enrollment about 700), all students take basic ship's medicine, she said. About 20 students each year take advanced ship's medicine. Hudson said she also teaches the course to veteran deep-water captains and transatlantic sailors in intensive week-long sessions during Maine Maritime holiday breaks.

Hudson came to ship's medicine through her work on dry land. An economics and business administration major at Colby, the Pittsburgh native moved to Blue Hill with her parents soon after graduation. She trained as an EMT at Blue Hill Hospital that year and started working with Blue Hill Ambulance. She moved to nearby Castine, home of Maine Maritime, in 1975 and two years later started

Castine Ambulance Service. "They didn't have one and I got tired of my car being used as the ambulance," Hudson said.

She joined the faculty at Maine Maritime in 1986 and began teaching the more complicated medical procedures required. "My gift is that I can simplify things," Hudson said. "You just treat the human body as a machine—I teach the kids, if there's a hole somewhere, plug it. If there's not enough fluids, put more fluids in."

And they do. With ships typically at sea with one ship's medical officer, a fully stocked pharmacy and satellite links to doctors on shore, Hudson's students cope with myriad medical emergencies. She hears about their cases by e-mail, phone calls and letters from all over the world. "They'll say, 'Oh, gosh. You won't believe what I had to do,'" Hudson said.

As on land, some patients aboard ship don't survive. But so far the smallest patients have made it. "We've actually had seven students who had to deliver babies at sea," Hudson said. "They've all been refugee babies, so they've been in terrible conditions, but, knock wood, they've all survived."

While her former students ship out, Hudson stays in port. She lives with her sister in Castine in a house overlooking East Penobscot Bay.

She continues to train students for land duty (Maine Maritime supplies EMTs for Castine Ambulance) and to dispense common sense advice: "Just slow down and fix what you can fix and if you can't fix it, you just have to take a deep breath and do the best you can and give the patient TLC.

Handholding is important. Handholding is probably the most important thing people do."

Hudson prescribes handholding; in return she gets the not-so-occasional pat on the back. "I guess you're always surprised when you have a student who does a great job," she said. "It makes you stand back and think, 'Wow. I gave them a gift and they've used it well.'"

—Gerry Boyle '78



Louis University, where she plans to major in English literature. Meanwhile, Joe continues to introduce fertile minds to the riches of Shakespeare at the University of Arkansas. Recently, Fabio Battaglia '68 called Joe after he read a news article about Joe's department. Joe went on to say, "It's amazing to me how even 35 years or so mean nothing when you encounter an old friend. Maybe I'll try to make the next Colby reunion." It's a very good thought and one we hope takes seed in the recesses of your minds. After all, the 35th is less than two years away, so start planning now! Meanwhile, e-mail us about what's new with you.

—Robert Gracia and Judy Gerrie Heine

68 Andrew Dunn writes from Hillsdale, N.J., that whenever he and his wife, Barbara, travel to Waterville to visit their daughter Katie '02, they are treated to the warm and gracious hospitality of Jon '69 and Paula Joseph Eustis '69, their long-time Colby and Korea friends (their Army tours of duty slightly overlapped back in the early '70s). Their son, Jason, was married in September '99, and Jason and his wife, Jen, practice law at Ropes & Gray in Boston. Their daughter Sarah, who graduated from UVA last year, works for a consulting firm in Arlington, Va. . . . **Hope Jahn**, who has taught fifth grade in Kingston, N.H., for 19 years, is enjoying being single and started a business—Simply Siamese—raising kittens. Responding to the "lessons in life question," she says, "Decisions made when we were 20 were not the best. Reach deep and enjoy being you." Hope would like to know the whereabouts of **Paula Van Meter**. . . . **Jane Finkeldey Stephenson** writes that she and John have become empty nesters. Daughter Kate graduated from Haverford in May and is doing a fellowship on sustainable energy in Sweden, and daughter Sarah just started her freshman year at Hartwick College. (Jane is stunned at how much kids bring these days to college—her recollection was bringing a comforter for the bed and a radio. Sarah's roommate arrived with a gumball machine!) Jane still works as a medical social worker at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center—and longs for the day when she can retire—but says, "it's a distant dream with another kid to get through college!" . . . **Ken Young** writes from Hallowell, Maine. In the 1998-99 school year

NEWSMAKERS



Robert Gelbard '64

Ambassador to Indonesia **Robert Gelbard '64** was the focus of a *New York Times* feature on deteriorating relations between Indonesia and the U.S. His strong criticism of the Indonesian government's slow pace of economic and social reform has earned him enmity in the country, but "Mr. Gelbard has the respect of the diplomatic corps here because he says the right things," said a Japanese diplomat ✦ **Kenneth C. Young Jr. '68** has been named Lewiston, Maine's downtown development director. An attorney by trade, with a law practice in Lewiston

in the '70s, Young has served as commissioner of Maine's Department of Environmental Protection and as a director in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. ✦ **Lee Woodman '69** served as a consultant for *The Patriot*, the Mel Gibson Revolutionary War film. As executive producer of Smithsonian Entertainment, where she produced and directed many award-winning exhibition films and television specials, Woodman was responsible for the Smithsonian's first-ever historical consultation on a major motion picture. She is currently vice president of media development for PremierSchool.com.

MILESTONES

Deaths: **Marcia Peterson Robinson '60**, October 16, 2000, in Fishers, Ind., at 62 ✦ **Bruce W. Logan '68**, October 3, 2000, in North Yarmouth, Maine, at 55 ✦ **Carl T. Rowan H. '68**, September 23, 2000, in Washington, D.C., at 75.

he and his wife, Anne, hosted Pascal, a student from Frankfurt, Germany, through an AFS Student Exchange, a life-changing experience for them all. Their daughter, Sarah, was off to Germany with AFS in September 1999, staying for six weeks with a family in the former East Germany and then settling with Pascal's family in Frankfurt. She learned German, traveled and attended the 11th grade in Frankfurt. Back home for her senior year, Sarah might be interested in studying German at Colby but is concerned that "Waterville is nowhere and too close to home." Ken says, "we can finesse too close to home but not Waterville as nowhere!" Ken's wife is active in AFS, reorganizing the local chapter and recruiting host families. Ken has served on the local school board for six years and was going to run again in November for a third three-year term. They vacationed in Portugal in April and hope to visit Germany next year to catch up with Pascal and to meet Sarah's new German friends. . . . **Richard Lewis** is adding to the global push of his public relations agency, Richard Lewis Communications, Inc., with the addition of staff speaking Japanese, Chinese,

French, Spanish and Arabic. Rich and Sebs Mamo '70 and their wives recently traveled to Paris together, where Rich made a presentation on PR and the Internet to 11 French companies. Rich and Sebs are trying to organize a reunion of the 1968 Colby track team, which won Colby's first Maine state championship, so if you were on the team, please contact Rich (ric@ricinc.com). . . . **Nancy Short Hall** writes that in May she and Wayne worked on the Vermont Square Dance convention in their role as presidents of the Vermont Association of Square Dance Clubs. Then they headed to Orono, Maine, to attend the conferring of an M.B.A. on their son, David. Their daughter, Kristin, graduated the following weekend with honors in biology from Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y. Kristin started grad school in June at Union College; by next year she should have her M.A.T. and be on her way to becoming a top-notch biology teacher. Nancy was on summer break from Colchester Middle School when she wrote and was preparing for a week's canoeing in the Temagami region of Ontario. She hoped to return to school in mid-August relaxed and recharged. . . .

Steve Ford, writing from Chatham, N.J., is starting his fifth year as general counsel of Coty Inc., a global manufacturer of fragrances, cosmetics and skin care products with operations in 29 countries and sales in more than 80 countries. He works in mid-town Manhattan and has a typical commute of one and a half hours each way! Even though Coty began in 1904, it is almost a start-up in the U.S. because the parent company did not begin acquiring the former Coty companies and consolidating them under a U.S. holding company until the 1990s. Steve says it's a far cry from Scott Paper in Philadelphia, which he joined immediately after law school and where he was involved for more than 20 years with tissue and printing papers, mostly from a U.S. legal perspective. Steve and Mary's twin daughters are sophomores in the engineering program at Brown University, one son is a senior in high school and another is a freshman, and their youngest daughter is in seventh grade. Steve and Mary had dinner this spring with Terry and **John Leopold** when they visited New Jersey. John is serving with much distinction as a trial judge in the Colorado judicial system.

—Nancy Dodge Bryan

69 Leslie Podgus Blanding reports that she is now starting her third year as a full-time high school German teacher in Manchester, N.H., a position that includes running an annual exchange program. The annual visits from and to her school's partner school in Neustadt, Germany, are definitely the best part of the job, if also the most strenuous. The strangest thing, she says, is to be working in the field she majored in at Colby. . . . **William H. Lyons** was recently appointed to a chaired professorship at the University of Nebraska College of Law—the Richard H. Larson Professorship of Tax Law. He will be a visiting professor at the Vermont Law School in South Royalton, Vt., during the spring 2001 semester. . . . Our thanks to **Sari Abul-Jubein**, who has taken on the position of class correspondent for the Class of '69. As of last October, all correspondence is being routed his way.

70 On behalf of our class, I'd like to thank **Steve Cline**, who performed the duties of class correspondent so beautifully over the past five years. He kept us entertained and

informed and in so doing provided us with that little extra measure of class identity, which is the effect of a well-written column. Thanks, Steve—you've passed a bright torch! And I'd like to thank all of you who have entrusted me with this pleasant task for the next five years. I can tell you from past experience that being class correspondent is a great way to feel a connection with the school, as is serving on the Alumni Council, which I hereby also recommend (right, Phil?). It's guaranteed to make you proud of your Colby connection. And now my modest charge to you: your column will only be as good as the information I receive from you. Just remember how nice it is to hear news of your classmates—your news is part of that information pool, so take a few minutes and drop me a line. . . . We had a wonderful Reunion Weekend in June, kicked off in the Portland area with a dinner/brunch/golf combination and followed by several campus events, including a barbecue, an impressive presentation by **Stu Rothenberg**, our class dinner with featured guest Professor of English John Sweney and a delightful visit from Bill and Linda Cotter. The Cotters have served the College with marvelous grace and success, and we wish them a pleasant retirement. . . . Notwithstanding the fact that we have managed to edge toward the front of the reunion parade (when did *that* happen!), we enthusiastically kicked up our heels at the dance on Saturday night and didn't draw a deep breath from the time we reached the campus until the time we left. It was just so wonderful to see so many of us all together. Many of us mentioned how integral to our lives these reunions have become over the years and how truly important we have become to each other as we lead interesting lives, make interesting choices, blossom continually. Great to see: **Molly, Barb, Hawk** (what's her first name?), **Joni, Phil, Todd, Skip, Peter, Andy, Andy, Sandy, Chip, Judi, Linda, Peter, Dave, Linda, Steve, Laura, Bill, Ken, Jeff, Sandra, Steve, Debbie, Judy, Mike, Chickie, Paula, Sue, Ron, Marlene, Stu, Brenda, Ellie, Anne, Nicky, Jeff, Dan, Donna** and many spouses who have become a valued part of this group. I hope I haven't left anyone out (that's the danger in a list!)—if I did, I apologize. . . . Looking forward to hearing from you all. And

to extend a time-honored tradition: **Libby Brown Strough, call me!**

—*Brenda Hess Jordan*

71 Reunion planning is well under way for our 30th reunion, June 8-10, 2001. Committee members met in Waltham, Mass., last fall, and although the group got down to business quickly, everyone had a great time reminiscing. The committee, led by our class president, **Jerry Layman**, is planning a variety of activities, from pre-reunion events prior to arriving on campus to our class dinner on Saturday night. Committee members include **Paul and Jane Hight Edmunds, Nancy Hammar Austin, Dave Eddy, Nancy Neckes Dumart, Paul and Susan Sammis Spiess** and myself. Information will be mailed to everyone in the class, or you can check out Colby's reunion Web site at www.colby.edu/alumni/ reunion. Mark your calendars for our 30th and plan to return to Mayflower Hill this June!

—*James Hawkins*

73 News from our class continues to be slim. Please take a few minutes and drop me a line about what's going on in your life. Better yet, e-mail me, like **Susan Schink** did. Susan and I grew up in Ridgewood, N.J., where she continues to live, so her news strikes home for me. In February in the midst of a major life change, Susan left a 25-year career in corporate communications and market research to pursue a master's in divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She aspires to be ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church. This past summer she completed a chaplaincy training program at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood and then joined the staff there as a flex-contingent staff chaplain. She writes that as "a card-carrying student again, [her] feet love white socks and running shoes instead of panty hose and heels." In her spare time she continues as a director of the International Photographic Council and as an NGO at the UN, and she does the scholarship programs for photojournalism students. She is also a trustee for the YWCA in Bergen County, N.J. Susan stays in touch with Steve Capaldo '74 and his wife, **Christie Pope**, who live in Oakville, Ont., Canada. Steve visited Susan while he interned at the United Nations for a week in July. . . . I was fortunate this summer to meet **Stuart Wolf** at

Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, N.Y., where I work. Stuart, his wife, Joan, their two sons, ages 13 and 7, and his mother-in-law vacationed at Mohonk for five days in August. Stuart is principal at a school in Groton, Conn., which is largely attended by children of Navy staff. He regularly sees **Jack Fine**, who lives in Gainesville, Fla., with his wife and two children, ages 16 and 13. According to Stuart, Jack is a very successful lawyer who handles high-profile cases. Stuart looks fit and healthy—hardly like someone with college classmates who are fast approaching 50. He's contemplating a job change, and we mused about career moves (a year ago I left my job as a tenured faculty member at a community college to become general manager at a resort hotel) and retirement years. So all of this makes me wonder about what mid-life changes the rest of you may be experiencing. Please write and share your news.

—*Jackie Nienaber Appeldorn*

74 **Bruce Carmichael** reports that he retired from the Air Force as a colonel in the fall of 1998 and settled in Park City, Utah. Bruce is working for L-3 Communications, which produces data link equipment for military reconnaissance aircraft. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, Gavin, 7, and Erin, 6, and enjoy life in the mountains. . . . I was surprised to receive an e-mail from **MaryAnn Sartucci Andrews** that came from the next town and to learn that she had a hand in the new library Web site, which I use all the time to reserve books. MaryAnn is working on an M.A. in human resource management at Colorado State University. She reports little beyond working full time and studying but was planning an Alaskan cruise. . . . **Marilyn Lebowitz Rothberg** reports that son Jonathan is off to Cornell and daughter Joanna is finishing up at the University of Delaware, so the old empty nest syndrome looms on the horizon. She and husband **Brian** saw **Mick Chapuk**, his wife, Sandra, and their adorable 1-year old, Ana-Maria, this past winter in Bethlehem, Pa. A trip to N.Y.C. provided a chance to visit with **Peter Schultz** and **Michael Strone**. Marilyn says everyone is doing well. . . . **Jim Heald** wrote that he and his wife, Laura, enjoyed a long weekend at the South Jersey shore with **Ray Mazurek** and his family. Jim says they had great fun rehashing old

times, arguing politics and enjoying the sun and surf. Jim works in computer mapping for the Department of Agriculture in D.C. Ray is still on the American studies faculty at Penn State, specializing in contemporary fiction. . . . **Ed Hatch**, thinking of retirement, encourages sons Kevin and Connor to watch Tiger Woods and Pete Sampras in between their own sports activities! Ed was voted "Top Gun" among securities analysts for the fifth time by *The Wall Street Journal* analyst survey—which he says should properly shock his Colby professors. His specialty is in the media industry. . . . **Twila Purvis Sehnert** sent me a post card from Greece, where she was vacationing with a girlfriend while her two boys were at ski camp. Her husband, Rusty '75, is working hard at his new business. . . . **Shelley Bieringer Rau** writes that she works as a hand therapist for a group of orthopedic surgeons and that her husband, Rick, is a psychologist. Their yearly treat is their week at the Berkshire Choral Festival, where they take classes and perform. Shelley's love of music started with a Jan Plan, and this year at the festival she was pleased that fellow chorists included Jim Armstrong, who was the chair of the Music Department when Shelley was at Colby. . . . **Bonnie Nielson** reports that her son, Zachary, is off to Gordon College. Bonnie is now working at Colby and reminded me that in our freshman year, 30 years ago, Earl Smith had just been appointed associate dean of men. Earl is now dean of the College. Bonnie saw **Vicki Parker Kozak** twice last summer. Vickie's two boys and her volunteer duties keep her busy but leave enough time for her to enjoy their place on the lake in Readfield, Maine. . . . **Chuck and Cathy Phillips Jewitt** have happily returned to Maine after 24 years in Maryland teaching at Oldsfield School. They continue their careers in education. Cathy loves to garden, and Chuck is in a bluegrass band as well as a country gospel band. . . . Remember that your news comes right to me when you use e-mail (classnews1974@alum.colby.edu).

—*Robin Sweeney Peabody*

75 It is appropriate to begin this column with a write-up of our 25th reunion, which presumably did indeed take place in the year 2000. (How in the world did RELS foresee that?) But I didn't go, and neither did

you. Nor has a police spokesperson given any details of the events and the alleged perpetrators. However, if we had gone, I am sure that we all would have had a wonderful time renewing old friendships and forging new ones, recalling our steps on shaded paths, gathering at the shrine, hailing the Blue and Gray and parting with many sincere promises to “keep in touch, no really, this time I mean it, I really do!” . . . In real life, **Doug Schwarz** reports that while he continues to make a living as a self-employed computer programmer, he has joined the ranks of professional actors after years

of appearing in community theater. In July Doug played Monastatos in Operafest N.H.’s production of *The Magic Flute*. In August he appeared in the Peterborough (N.H.) Players production of *Our Town* as Professor Willard. A highlight was playing a scene opposite veteran actor James Whitmore. Doug wants to remind people that he can be contacted at ods_nh@mediaone.net. . . . **Joyce Smith** also has maintained a firm grip on the world of the theater (and hasn’t changed a bit in 25 years, I hear), having recently appeared in the Belfast Maskers presentation of *Our*

Country’s Good. The drama focuses on convicts in 18th-century Botany Bay. Joyce played multiple roles, as did Peter Conant, the brother of **Susan Conant Cook**. Additionally, Joyce served as assistant director and arranged a traditional folk tune for the production. In her spare time, Joyce teaches British literature at Messalonskee High School in Oakland. By the way, the play had still another Colby connection. The director was Howard Koonce, chair emeritus of Performing Arts. . . . We all know that **Deborah Marson** works as assistant general counsel for

Gillette. But as a graduate of Suffolk Law School (J.D. ’78) she was the subject of a feature article in the *Suffolk Law Magazine*. The article, titled “Loyal to Gillette,” focuses on the years she spent as the only woman on one of Gillette’s operating committees and her efforts to bring other women into management positions. Having been with Gillette for more than 20 years, Deborah was recently put in charge of worldwide legal strategy for the oral care side of the business, which generates \$1.2 billion a year in sales. Congratulations, Deborah! (And can any classmate top



carter newell '77

Fiddling with Mussels

If there was ever a fisherman who could be described as a Renaissance man, it’s Carter Newell ’77.

Newell spends much of his work week as staff biologist for Great Eastern Mussel Farms in St. George, Maine, but also manages to keep up a 20-year association with the Pemaquid Oyster Co., which he co-founded with Jeff McKeen ’76 and Chris Davis ’78. Newell produces academic papers with regularity, hopes to finish his doctorate at the University of New Brunswick next year and is a one-man advocate and entrepreneur for aquaculture development along the vast Maine coast. In his spare time, he fiddles with the Old Grey Goose, one of Maine’s longest-running folk ensembles, and somehow manages to find time for his wife and family. He has four children, including a new baby.

It’s a simple matter of scheduling, Newell implied during an interview not far from the docks in Damariscotta where some of his oyster trade takes place: “Three days for mussels, one day for oysters, one day for writing and fiddling.” Much of his academic work is done during the winter, when the fishing is slow “and there’s a lot of quiet time along the coast.”

A Connecticut native, Newell found Maine much to his liking when he arrived at Colby, and aside from travel for academic and commercial endeavors he’s been here since graduation. It was while on a Watson Fellowship in Scotland, studying snails, that he first became intrigued by the possibilities of commercial aquaculture. When he asked about a research program specializing in shellfish, he was referred to the University of Maine’s Darling Center in Boothbay Harbor “Imagine having to travel all that way to find that out,” he said. A few years later, he had his master’s degree from UMaine and a budding career.

Newell takes an empirical, pragmatic approach to building aquaculture operations. A lot of Maine fisherman aren’t going to be impressed by a get-rich-quick pitch, he said, “but if you can show them how to do it, provide the tools and outline the opportunity, they’ll give it a try.”

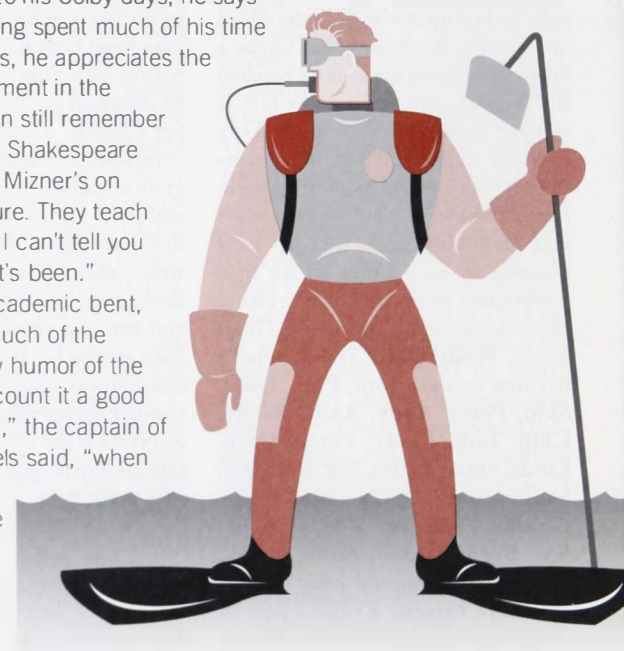
He’s run seminars all along the Maine coast, and his companies sell seed oysters and mussels to get newcomers started. “Even if they’re just looking for supplemental income between fishing seasons, it can be worth it,” he said.

Eventually Newell would like to cut back some of the hard physical labor—“the 85-hour weeks at sea, the diving in cold water”—and spend more time promoting and studying his chosen field. He’s done recent presentations in New Orleans, Seattle and Holland. A faculty advisor once told him to write at least one research paper a year, and he’s taken that advice: “It keeps you fresh, it keeps you on top of your field.”

Casting back to his Colby days, he says that, despite having spent much of his time in the biology labs, he appreciates the College’s requirement in the humanities. “I can still remember [Mark] Benbow’s Shakespeare course and John Mizner’s on existential literature. They teach you to write, and I can’t tell you how valuable that’s been.”

Despite his academic bent, Newell retains much of the saltiness and dry humor of the Maine coast. “I count it a good day on the water,” the captain of two fishing vessels said, “when there’s no whining from the crew—and no biologist jokes.”

— Douglas Rooks ’76



Deb's longevity with the same company?)... **Ed Decker** reports (tongue in cheek we suspect) that he is now the activities director at the Golden Hind Retirement Home in Rancho Malario, N.M. He plans field trips, bingo tournaments and other "fun stuff" for the residents. "Sometimes, it's a lot like a frat party around here," he says, "but the party is usually ending around sundown now, instead of sunrise. Not that I could handle that these days, anyway!" Ed, who claims he was always an avid stickball player and Frisbee golfer at Colby, says he recently won the Butte County amateur golf tournament. . . . Hey, this e-mail stuff is easy. So drop me a note sometime.

—Bruce Young

76 Mark your calendars now for our 25th reunion, June 8-10, 2001. Plans are underway by a great group of our classmates who have volunteered to be the 1976 Reunion Planning Committee. As of late August, the group included **Scott McDermott**, **Ann Beadle**, **Janet Oken Nicholas**, **Peter Labombarde**, **Sharon Walsh McNally**, **Pam Came**, **Bill Campbell**, **Brian Hurley**, **Nancy Daly**, **Susan Tauer** and **Jennie Frutchy Ford**. There may be other classmates involved by now, but please plan to come to Colby that weekend to see everyone and reminisce! Please direct your comments, questions and/or suggestions to the committee (c/o Scott McDermott, who can be reached at 978-402-2710, or to Margaret Viens '77 in the Alumni Office). . . . **Kate Cone's** daughter Sam is now attending Goucher College, where she received an academic scholarship and will continue her studies in music. Son Burke, 16, is a scholar/athlete at Mt. Ararat High School in Topsham, Maine, excelling in soccer, basketball and lacrosse. Meanwhile, Megan, 10, entered fifth grade this fall and is at that great age where she still consents to a hug from mom. Kate is beginning a full-time master's program at the University of Southern Maine in American and New England studies and will fulfill her assistantship by working and doing research on school children map-makers at the Osher Map Library. She invites e-mail (capsicum@suscom-maine.net) from long-lost classmates. . . . **Betsy Bowen** continues to enjoy living in Fairfield, Conn., with husband Jeff Schwartz and son Ben and teaching at Fairfield Univer-

sity (as associate professor of English). In July she returned from an exciting two-week trip to St. Petersburg, Russia, where she worked with Russian university teachers on ways of teaching writing in their English classes. . . . Check out the editorial reviews on the amazon.com Web site and you'll find a nice review on **Janet Wray Gorman's** *Even My Family*, the first of a trilogy concerning a pre-Civil War young woman set on a path determined by her family's heritage and her struggle to find her own path. . . . **Scott Butchart** reported on the birth on August 10 of a new baby, boy #3, named Conall. Congratulations, Scott. . . . **Joe and Noël Barry Stella's** first-born, Abbey, is a "first year" at Colby. Does that make me feel old or what? Both Joe and Noël are teachers and remain very busy with the athletic pursuits of daughters Mary and Maggie, including Mary's recent participation as a member of the East Regional Championship team at the Softball World Series in Kalamazoo, Mich., last summer. . . . That's about it for now. *One more time: Plan to attend our 25th reunion during the weekend of June 8-10, 2001.*

—Valerie Jones Roy

77 **Chris McKeown Burry** was to move into a new senior executive position at the Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C., late in the fall. Currently she works in DIA's corporate headquarters managing strategic planning, financial resources and public affairs and corporate outreach programs. In her new position she will manage military analysis for all of the Middle East and Africa, and she says she is looking forward to the opportunity to travel overseas again. She placed a recent Colby graduate who was working in the summer intern program into a full-time position with DIA as a Latin American analyst and says she would be glad to help other Colby students looking for summer internships in the Washington, D.C., area. . . . **Charles E. Frankel** reports that he and Denise have been married for 15 years and have two children, Elisa, 11, and Angela, 8. Charles is a partner in a law firm in New Windsor, N.Y., and primarily handles real estate and estates and trusts. His passion for skiing, which he enjoyed while at Colby (perhaps too much, he says), continues with family winter weekends at Ski Windham, a local area in the Catskills. Aside from skiing, they all play ten-

nis, rollerblade and occasionally bike ride. He mentioned that he doesn't seem to have enough time for all the demands, requirements, meetings, activities, interests, hobbies and sports that now fill their calendar, but he's looking forward to returning for the 25-year reunion—he really enjoyed the 20th.

—Ellen D. O'Brien

78 Thanks for all the news! I received e-mail titled "As scary thought" from **Doug Giron**. He was in the company of Pete "Hurra" Krane '79, and they were into some serious party action. Hurra was paying his first visit to Gyro in some time as he was cruising through Providence, R.I., on his way to the Cape. . . . I ran into **Sarah Bryan Severance** at a local Starbucks while grabbing some corporate fuel. Sarah was on her way home to N.J. after picking up her 13- and 15-year-old sons from Camp Kieve, **Sandy Buck's** stamping grounds. I wonder what kind of an effect it has on a teenage kid to be left with Roebuck all summer. . . . **George Kesaris** wrote from Bar Harbor that he, **Doug Maffucci**, Jon Hubbard '77, Dave Raymond '77 and Peter Roy '68 attended the Fifth Hiram Maxim Society machine-gun festival at Dover-Foxcroft in July. George claimed that it was a nice break from the brutal pace of summer in a tourist town to see 50 or 60 men and women shooting machine guns all at once at junk cars. He called them a "Serious Second Amendment crowd." They especially liked the flame thrower demonstration at lunchtime. I'm sure it reminded George of his old pyromaniac days. . . . **Pat Hotchkiss Bakir** provided some news from Amman, Jordan, where she's been for five years, the longest she's been in one place since graduation. Pat said that life goes on like anywhere else as her kids, Abdo, 10, and Hytham, 8, attend Little League and soccer practices. She's doing consulting work in water and irrigation management, mainly for Chemonics International, a U.S. company. She also presents some papers and does some training in community participation at a few local and international conferences. Her husband, Hamed, is regional advisor for the World Health Organization, a job that involves some travel, most of which the rest of the family misses. In their spare time they camp in the desert and visit Pat's in-laws in Ramallah, Palestine. She invited any-

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NEWSMAKERS



Deborah Marson '75

Michael Roy '74 was honored by the Maine Town and City Management Association for his work as Oakland, Maine, town manager. A Central Maine *Morning Sentinel* article cited Roy "for his all-around talents, particularly his ability to respect the opinions of others" ♦ The Suffolk University Law School alumni magazine honored **Deborah Marson '75's** 20-year career with Gillette, where she is assistant general counsel and a corporate officer responsible for all Gillette products for Asian and Latin American businesses. She also serves as a Colby overseer and is a trustee at her daughter's school, Beaver Country Day, in Massachusetts.

MILESTONES

Deaths: **Mary H. Marshall H '73**, September 25, 2000, in Syracuse, N.Y., at 97 ♦ **Katherine W. Fanning H '79**, October 19, 2000, in Wareham, Mass.

one interested in visiting or learning more about Palestine to contact her at bakirhp@nol.com.jo.... **Steve Miller** checked in from the west coast of Florida, where he's lived for 16 years. He wondered about some of the old Pi Lams, specifically **Tony Lopez, Dave Abrahamson** and **Wally Ollen** (whom Steve is quite confident he could still beat at roofball). Steve and his wife, Terri, and son, Max, live in Treasure Island on the beach of the Gulf of Mexico. He misses frozen beer on the windowsill of his Colby dorm, but margueritas while watching the sunset over the gulf are a reasonable substitute. He sold his C.P.A. practice to American Express 11 years ago to help establish their accounting presence in the southeast U.S. He ran that corner of the country for them as they built the ninth largest accounting practice in the country. While he was there, the state of Florida went after Steve, attempting to take his C.P.A. license because he was practicing in a non-traditional forum. Steve was severely miffed and sued the state. His case went to the U.S. Supreme Court (*Miller v. The State of Florida*), where he won unanimously. *Accounting Today*, a trade rag, named him to their list of Most Influential Accountants in the U.S. He then opened his own practice again! . . . **Bill and Joann Barry Getchell** along with their 2-year-old daughter, Zoe, are moving from Burlington, Vt., to Austin, Texas, where Bill is VP-controller of Green Mountain Energy Company. Green Mountain Energy (I thought they were leaving

Vermont) markets environmentally cleaner electricity in deregulated energy markets. Joann is working very hard at keeping up with Zoe's active educational, social and recreational schedule. . . . **Alicia Rodriguez Connolly** is expanding/evolving her business to coach exclusively. Generally Alicia helps people to live more fully, with more vitality in their professional and personal lives. She married **Jerry Connolly '75** and they have a 5-year-old son, Joseph, who just started kindergarten. They live just outside Annapolis, Md., and Jerry is head of the upper school at the Severn School in Severna Park, Md. Alicia plans on making our 25th!

—Robert S. Woodbury

79 I have baby news to report. **Larry Sparks** and his wife, Nancy, welcomed into their family a son, Steven Alexander Sparks, on August 7, 2000. His godparents are Carol and **Dean Morrissey** of Beaufort, S.C. Larry says that they visit Dean and Carol often, especially in April when they leave Connecticut for the warmth of South Carolina. . . . **Kyle Harrow's** Ella Joy was born on April 30 and joins her big brother, Samuel, 4. Kyle and family have been residing in Millburn, N.J., for almost three years after living in Toronto for six years. She is very happy being a member of the "unpaid workforce" as an at-home mom. If she needs excitement, Millburn is only a 35-minute train ride from N.Y.C. . . . **Lynne Graybeal** has joined Perkins Coie L.L.P. as co-chair of their trademark and copyright counseling and registration group in the Seattle of-

fice. Lynn has extensive trademark-related experience in U.S. and international trademark prosecution and filing strategies, trademark selection and counseling, trademark disputes, co-existence and licensing agreements, and domain name issues and disputes. She is a frequent speaker and presenter on trademark and domain name issues. Lynn received her J.D. cum laude from the University of Puget Sound School of Law. . . . I really need to hear from you, as I have nothing more for future columns. I would really love to hear from **Janet Deering Bruen, Libby Maynard Gordon** and **Debbie Lieberman Moore**. Please write! Please call! Drop in!

—Cheri Bailey Powers

80 Many members of the Class of '80 live in Maine. **Herb Perry** is in South Berwick with his wife and two daughters. He told me that he toils in "semi-obscure" as a newspaper editor for the *York Weekly* in York, Maine. . . . **Dottie Foster Vachon** is in Ellsworth with her podiatrist husband, three children, various livestock and pets. She works with her husband in his practice and also enjoys making creative photo albums and spending time with her family and friends. . . . **Bob Bower** resides in Cumberland with his wife, Nancy, and their three children, Maggie, Fred and Katherine. He works in Portland in labor and employment law and enjoys fishing for stripers. . . . **Fred Madeira** also lives in Cumberland with his wife, Trish, and two sons, John and Nathan. He is the VP of strategic accounts for Wright Express, a Portland subsidiary of Avis. . . . **Pete '81** and **Mary Lynah Bishop** love living near the ocean in Saco. Pete is a stockbroker at Tucker Anthony in Portland and insists that playing golf is an important part of his job! Mary is the director of corporate and foundation relations at the University of New England. . . . Elsewhere, **Ken Sacks** is working in New York City for Citigroup in investments and finance. . . . **Doug Martin**, who lives in Wethersfield, Conn., with his wife, two sons and three dogs, works for the environmental consulting firm Marin Environmental. . . . **Lisa McDonough O'Neill** is living in the wilds of northwestern New Jersey with black bear, deer, wild turkey and fox in her back yard. She enjoys playing tennis, skiing and canoeing with her husband, Sean, and her son, Richard, 8. She hopes to get back into

riding—at reunion she heard that **Lisa Mackintosh** lives a few miles away in Mahwah, N.J., and has two horses that need to be ridden! . . . **Suze Connolly Levere** is in W. Hartford, Conn., with husband Larry and their children, Julia, 6, and James, 4. She hopes to get into teaching using her master's degree in reading and language. . . . **Ellen Mercer Papera** and **Johanna Rich Tesman** traveled to reunion together with their oldest daughters and Johanna's newest little redhead. Ellen resides in Wyckoff, N.J., with husband Raymond and three daughters. She enjoys being involved in her children's schools and the community. Johanna and her husband, **Barry '81**, have two children, Emma, 9, and Lucy, 14 months. Johanna works part time for the school district evaluating children ages 3-5 with speech delays, autism and behavior problems. She also works in the private sector administering psychological evaluations. Barry is a mathematics professor at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania. He is the chairman of the department and is busy finishing a graduate math textbook. . . . **Jack McBride** lives in Concord, Mass., with wife Melissa and children John, Will and Louisa. He is a builder in housing development. . . . **Jean Minkel** lives in New Windsor, N.Y. Five years ago she started an independent consulting company in the area of assistive technology. Her company specializes in exploring options for mobility, specialized seating and other functional devices for people with physical disabilities. She had one of her projects shown on *Dateline* last year. Her company also provides education to health professionals about assistive technology. . . . **John Veilleux** along with his wife, Diana, and son, Jed, 4, live in Maryland. He is an in-house lawyer for MCI World Class Consumer Business in wireless, local and Internet services. He still sings occasionally. . . . **Barclay Foord** is a software developer in New York City. He spends his free time camping, scuba diving and caving. . . . **Charlie White**, wife Mari (Samaras '81) and their four children, Charlie, Kalli, J.T. and Alec, moved to Madison, Wis., this past year when Charlie took a position with Land's End. His previous job was with Orvis in Manchester, Vt. . . . New father **Peter Asher** proudly reports the birth of his son, Michael Benjamin Asher, on July 18, 2000. Michael is keeping

Peter and his wife, Angela, very busy. They live in White Plains, N.Y., in a home they have been slowly but steadily renovating. Peter works at Met Life in New York City as a project manager in one of their information technology groups. Angela is a marketing research manager for a Pepsi-Lipton partnership at Pepsico headquarters in Purchase, N.Y. . . . A classmate asked me to include this in the column: "Whitey, Nellie says hi . . . send a message to mgearan@mediaone.net." . . . By now I hope that you all have received your class newsletter with questionnaire. Please send your comments back to me soon. I will close this issue of our class news with this question for all of you to answer. Who is the most interesting person you've met since graduating in 1980, and how did you meet this person? I look forward to hearing from you with your answer—and your news.

—Lynn Collins Francis

81 I received an e-mail from my old roommate **Terry Jacques**, who is living in central Pennsylvania. In 1997 Terry co-founded a nonprofit group called Equalogy, whose mission is to produce positive social change around issues of equality. They utilize interactive educational theater to raise awareness of violence against women. Terry says that after having worked in education, theater and domestic violence and sexual assault, she has managed to combine her whole career history into a single focused effort. Terry works behind the scenes and hires professional actors to perform the plays. They have been touring colleges and universities from Maine to West Virginia, presenting interactive plays about acquaintance rape and dating violence. Last September their program was presented at Colby as part of the first-year student wellness seminar series. Terry also wrote that **Barbara Bullock** visited her last winter. Speaking of Barbara, she asked me to put in a word for our class Web site (www.alumniconnections.com/colby/) and for signing in. It would be nice to get more people to write in our guest book, especially with our 20th reunion coming up. Barbara says the site is low tech but if anyone is interested in revamping it, let her know (beb2@psu.edu). Barbara is back at Penn State after a sabbatical, a part of it spent in Paris. She is now working to get a new graduate unit in linguistics

up and running by 2001. . . . **Pam Ellis** ran into both **Elisabeth Eustis** and **Jeff Goliger** at the Portland, Maine, Sidewalk Art Show. Pam says Jeff is living in southern California, changing careers from medical research to computers. He has a 7-year-old son. . . . **Harvey Coco** sent me an e-mail after seeing how many of our classmates live in Vermont. Harvey and his wife, Deborah, and three daughters, Olivia, Sophie and Hannah, live in Old Bennington, Vt., where his dental practice, which specializes in implant and reconstructive dentistry, has been located since 1993. His daughters are all avid skiers and horseback riders. They bought their first horse a year ago, and to their surprise it gave birth to a foal last June. Kate and Marc Jeton '82 are godparents to the Cocos' oldest daughter, Olivia, and are happy to report that they are moving back to Maine. . . . Also living in Vermont are **David and Amy Haselton Bolger**. Last July they welcomed a son, Liam, into the family to join big sister Sadie. Amy is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom. . . . **Margaret Libby** had a showing of her animal paintings and pastels at the O'Farrell Gallery in Brunswick, Maine, last spring. . . . **Gary Smith** is producer, rock group manager and co-owner of Fort Apache Studios in Cambridge. According to *The Boston Globe* he was planning on spending last New Year's Eve in a lean-to made of palm fronds on a deserted beach on Kauai. . . . **Richard Demers** bought a house in Moorpark, Calif., last December. Last March he joined a new telecommunications start-up firm, Integrated Micromachines, in Pasadena. The company received its first round of venture capital funding last May to develop optical switches for optical telecommunications. His position there is project manager for 3-D systems. . . . I recently read in *The Boston Globe* that **Bob Ruzzo** is an attorney for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority but is leaving to join the Massachusetts Housing Finance Authority. . . . I recently attended a great 40th birthday party for Steve Rowse '83, who lives not far from me in Harvard, Mass. . . . I hope you all are planning on attending our 20th reunion, June 8-10! Please keep e-mailing!

—Beth Pniewski Wilson

82 **SJ Lickdyke Morissette** sends news of her second daughter, Kyra Suzanne, born in October

1999. Kyra is much loved by her big sister, Laura, 4, and brothers, Greg, 14, and Nick, 12. S "retired" from Fidelity Investments in '98 but re-joined part time nine months later. Garry and S still live in Andover, having added on to the house again to make room for their expanding family. S spent a special afternoon in Boston with **Ann Skinner Rider**, **Kim Smith McCartney**, **Dianne Conley Lavangie** and **Mary Lee Santoro**, wife of **Jed Santoro**. Ann, a children's book editor for Knopf, was in town for a book conference. Kim, a pediatrician, lives in Sudbury, Mass., with husband **Doug McCartney** and children. . . . Will, 9, and Blake, 6. Dianne, active as ever, lives in South Portland, Maine, with husband Paul and daughter Meaghan, 13. . . . **Abigail Smith** sent news last April, when winter was just right around the corner in New Zealand. Abigail and her husband are both professors in the division of sciences at the University of Otago. Abby enjoys teaching marine geology (in the last few years they have had junior year abroad students from the U.S.A., including some from Colby) and also gets to lead field courses on their research vessel—which she would enjoy more if she didn't get seasick! Baby David was born in December 1998, and their oldest boy, Ned, 5, started school this fall. . . . **Tim Dawson** joined the Internet world and heads up business development, structuring partnerships and alliances with other Internet financial services companies for mPower, the leading Internet-based investment advisory company. Last spring Tim went to Austin for **Brian Sharples's** second wedding. Also there were **Mark Avery** and **Ken Sharples '81**. . . . **Amy (Thompson '83)** and **Chris Landry** live in Conway, Mass., with their boys, Ben and Dylan, 4 and 2. After 12 years in the museum field, Chris recently left to become the director of development at the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. Amy is executive director of the Children's Museum at Holyoke. . . . **Andrea Brantner** lives in Stamford, Conn., and works as in-house counsel at GE Capital Aviation Services, Inc. She loved her two years in Seattle, with Mt. Rainier and Lake Washington right outside her window, but wanted to be closer to her family in Maine. Andrea plays golf weekly in a league and spends summer weekends playing golf or traveling to Maine to see her nieces or to

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hang out at camp with her parents and brothers and their families. She occasionally stops by Colby to see the new buildings and to lunch with her former roommate Meg Bernier '81. She also gets to see **Dave Fanger** occasionally in New York and stays in regular touch with **Sarah Perry**, **Diane Zavotsky**, **Midori Yanagihara**, **Karen Enegeess**, **Emily Cummings** and **Susan Robertson Kuzia**. . . . **Bob Benjamin** and wife Lynne had their fourth child last April. Liam Henry joins older sibs Bobby, 11, Caity, 9, and Jessie, 4. Bob is still teaching English and coaching at Brunswick School in Greenwich, Conn. He was promoted to captain in the U.S. Army Reserve and is currently serving with the 1179th Deployment Support Brigade at Fort Hamilton, N.Y. . . . **Susan Hatch** is the editor of a trade magazine, *Tech-*

nology Meetings, and is working out of her home in Essex, Mass. She recently returned to work after time off following the birth of her son, Simon Peterson. . . . **Nancy Smith Daley** and her husband, Joe '77, recently relocated to Kingfield, Maine, after almost 20 years at Bridgton Academy, where Nancy taught English and Joe was the dean of students and a football coach. They have three sons, Michael, Thomas and Patrick (15, 13 and 12), all competitive winter athletes—Mike went to the Junior Olympics last year and came in 10th in the slalom—and they moved so the boys could attend and train at Carrabasset Valley Academy full time. Nancy, who got her master's in literacy from Norwich University, teaches English at CVA, and Joe is the assistant headmaster and coaches skiing. . . . **Sharon Dulude** has spent

the last five years as a social worker at various elementary schools in rural Maine, working with emotionally and behaviorally disturbed kids and their families. Having been through some tough times herself and survived, Sharon decided to put her experiences to a positive use. Sharon also has a part-time photography business doing some weddings but mostly landscapes from which she creates cards. She rides her horse, Sandman, as often as possible and is working with another social worker to establish a therapeutic riding program for troubled kids. Sharon sends congratulations to Heidi Wass Murphy '85 on her newspaper and would like to hear from **Laurie Leavis**. . . . **Paul Maier** and his family have moved back to New England after 18 years of living in New Jersey, Colorado and Chicago. Wife Jane, son Kal and

daughter Paige are all getting used to the New England way of life in Marshfield, Mass. Kal's third birthday was spent with **Jon Schwartz** (godfather) and his family, Kim, Sam and Anne. In the business area, Paul's company, ENTEX IT Service, was acquired by Siemens AG last April. This has kept the executive team very busy and has created great synergies for their clients. . . . Thanks to everyone who wrote in. As always, we all love hearing from you.

—Mimi H. Rasmussen

83 This past summer I heard from Sue Kallio '82 and **Mark Green**, who live with their children, Christopher, Connor and Meghan, in Bedford, N.H. Mark is vice president of sales for Silknet Software, a provider of Internet-based customer service software. Mark has enjoyed taking the

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A Political Party



Helen Muir Milby '87 throws the kind of party people will pay thousands of dollars to attend. And as the director of development for the Democratic Leadership Council, she has a whopping \$7-million party budget.

Well, sort of.

Milby's job is to raise money for the nonprofit organization charged with building the Democratic Party. She's responsible for the Democratic Leadership Council's seven-figure bottom line, and while it isn't all fun and games, she says if you want to change the world you've got to know how to party. And she does.

When the country's Democrats descended upon Los Angeles last summer, Milby was there with a week's worth of events. Cocktails to coattails, lunches to brunches. All this for the low, low price of \$20,000 per ticket. "It's obscene how much money is in politics," she says. "Unfortunately, not enough of it goes to the good guys."

It's easy to be typecast, and political fund raising can be a dirty word. But, Milby says, enough people in the Washington, D.C., area know her group isn't funding negative political ads or gobbling up special-interest money. It is fighting for tax credits—not wage hikes—for working families and trying to make Democratic policies more business-friendly, she maintains. The group has a popular moderate platform, Milby says, which sometimes puts the DLC at odds with labor organizations and other

traditionally pro-Democratic special interest groups.

But she leaves that to the policy people. She's too busy financing it all. "I was never really that political, but I decided since I was going to be in D.C., I might as well get involved," she said. "It felt weird being here and not being a part of the political process."

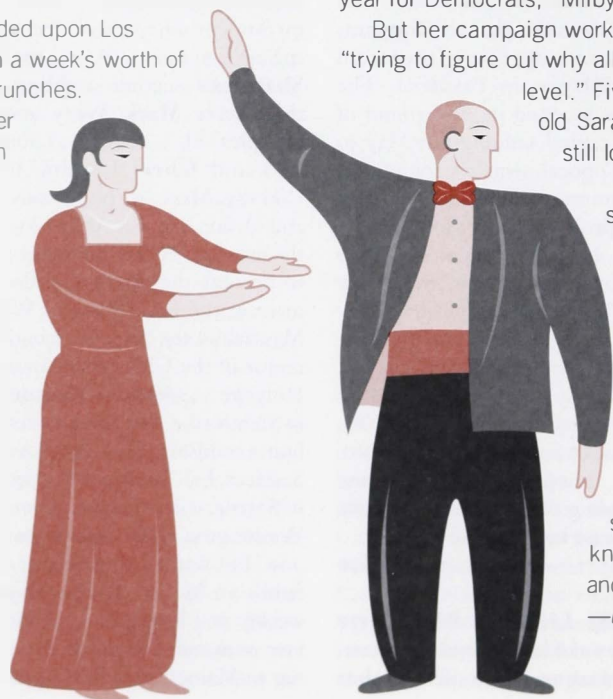
Milby, 35, moved to the nation's capital in 1993 after raising money for five years for the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities—a job that fit with her art history and French majors. She married Joseph Milby that year and soon found herself working on Oklahoma Democrat David McCurdy's failed U.S. Senate campaign. "It was a very bad year for Democrats," Milby said.

But her campaign work took her to the DLC, a group she says was "trying to figure out why all the Democrats were losing at the national level." Five years later and with two children—3-year-old Sarah and 4-month-old Kate—Milby says she still loves her work.

It can be tiring at times, she says, and she still gets nervous before big events. But she believes in the group's ideals and feels passionate about her work. Event planning tip from the pro: The President is always late, sometimes up to two hours, but don't sweat it. People will wait for him.

Milby might not stay at the DLC forever (she thinks raising money for a philanthropic organization would be nice), but her career path gives her unique job security: groups always need money. "You know you're going to be the last person fired and the first person hired," she said.

—Matt Apuzzo '00



STEFANIEROCKNAK '88



What she does Visiting professor of philosophy at Connecticut College, wood sculptor.

Where she learned Colby, Boston University, Rhode Island School of Design, Tyler School of Art in Rome.

Her first mentors Her parents, Lucinda Allerton Rocknak '58, who restores furniture, and her father, R. William Rocknak '58, a woodworker.

What she teaches Skepticism and epistemology, in an attempt to get students to think on their own.

What she carves Human figures, women on a train, a woman in a Cambodian death camp. She is at work on a triptych. Check out her work at www.steffrocknak.com.

What she uses for materials Eucalyptus, oak and basswood.

Where her teaching, philosophy and carving intersect "I do try to understand what is the right picture of the world, the right picture of knowledge," she told *Woodshop News* earlier this year.

company from a small start-up in 1995 to a very successful IPO as of May 1999. Mark gets back to Colby every year to participate in the alumni basketball game. He says it's a great way to connect with the likes of **Rick Fusco**, Roy Dow '84, Jim Gaudette '84, Tom Zito '81, Bill Storey '82 and many others. . . . **Rick Hemond** sent some news from his home in Acton, Mass. He and wife Beth and girls Rachel, 4, and Olivia, 2, get back to Colby three or four times a year, since Rick's wife was born in Waterville and her parents are former professors Bob and Dorothy Reuman. Rick continues to run marathons and finished his third N.Y.C. Marathon in November 1999. . . . **Chris Schmidt** sent me a photo of Colby alumni by the seashore at his June 2000 wedding in Massachusetts to Susan Moynihan. Chris says he gained an instant family in Abigail and Siobhan. At the wedding were **Jake Filoon** and **Gordon Marshall**. . . . From Alexandria, Va., **Nancy Goers Hubbell** and her family announced the birth of son Nick in July 2000. Nick's big brother, Jack, is 6. . . . From Lund, Sweden, **Stacey Sorensen** wrote of news in her life. The new bridge between Sweden and Denmark is the first connection since the Ice Age, and Stacey says she's enjoyed walking across the bridge, about five miles. She also has ridden a few times around Lake Vattern, which is a 300-km round trip. Stacey's also dancing and learning to play Swedish folk music on her violin. . . . The only piece of mail I received that involved a postage stamp came from **Sean McNamara**. Sean and his wife live north of Atlanta, Ga., and were expecting their first child, a son, in November. Sean is director of product planning for Saab cars in the North American market. Working for Saab means that Sean may someday move back to Detroit, since GM bought Saab. . . . Maine vacations this year lured **ML** and **Mark Tolette** and their family to the Fox Islands Thorofare in summer and to Sugarloaf in winter. . . . **Chip** and **Martha Driscoll Kelley**, their children and **John Northrop** and his girlfriend, Erin, ventured to Belgrade, Maine, in August to visit Joyce and **Jamie O'Neil** and their family. . . . **Tony** and **Dede Arruda Perkins** and their three daughters joined **Pajes Merriman Sterman** and her family on Martha's Vineyard for sun and fun. . . . **Kelly Dodge** checked in with hellos and reminded me that

Todd Coffin took second in the Bar Harbor Half Marathon in mid-September. . . . Joyce and **Paul Lezberg** now live in Brunswick, Maine. . . . In Wilton, Conn., **Carol McQuilling McMorris** now works for Country Living Associates. Carol's working toward a master's in business administration at New York University. . . . In New York City, **Scott Stein's** office is in Chelsea Market. Scott said that he'd like to be back in Maine sometime but really enjoys New York for now. He's working for Oxygen, and Oprah Winfrey is one of his bosses, after a fashion. Mostly it's Scott and "400 or so sisters," he says, working to create a television and Internet network. . . . Thanks to everyone for the news, and I hope more of you will send some my way. Happy New Year!

—*Sally Lovegren Merchant*

84 **Tammy Jones Howe** filled out her questionnaire and shared the following: she and her husband, Scott, are living in Ipswich, Mass., and enjoy playing with their two children, Phoebe, 5, and Charlotte, 2. Tammy is working as a mom and part-time forensic psychologist. . . . **Karin McCarthy** e-mailed from Marblehead, Mass., where she is on maternity leave. She had her second child, Griffin William Atkinson, on May 23, 2000. He joins older brother Tucker, 2, two cats and one dog. Karin was to return to work in October as director of corporate relations in the president's office at UMass (in downtown Boston). Her

job entails working on an initiative to create "UMASS on-line," building corporate partnerships to get job opportunities for UMass grads, scholarships and sponsored research. Every summer at the beach in Maine she sees **Mia Rosner** and her husband, Larry Roop '81, who live in L.A. She also runs into Tom Cushman '85 every once in a while; he also lives in Marblehead, Mass. . . . **Jeremy Springhorn** e-mailed to announce that he and his wife, Erin, have a new addition to the family: Ethan Harris Springhorn was born March 3, 2000. Jeremy reports that he has watched the company he helped to start grow from a seven-employee company with no product to a 110-employee vertically integrated biotech company with a market cap of \$1 billion. They now have eight clinical trials underway for two products and two other products in pre-clinical development. Jeremy is directing early research and development. Erin, a pediatrician, works part time at a private practice in Madison, Conn. When schedules permit, **Jeremy** and **John Gagne** play golf. He also keeps in touch with Andrew Davis '85. . . . **Brewster Burns** e-mailed that he has two children, Caroline, 1, and Christopher, 3. Brewster claims that he's doing the typical mid-life stuff: "added to the house last summer, painted this summer." . . . Another classmate reports adding to her house in Wellesley, Mass. **Carol Hildebrand** and her husband, Don Eburne, spent six months remodeling their house from

the bottom up. Luckily they received shelter from Leslie and Geol Barnes '85, who live near them. They remodeled while Carol was pregnant; they now have a "new" house and a daughter, Olivia, born March 22, 2000. Carol is also senior editor for a brand-new business/technology magazine called *Darwin Magazine*. It's a project of *CIO* magazine. Look for it on the magazine racks soon. Carol sees Laura Mahoney McGovern '85, **Sue Chase Downes**, **Donna "Dino" Altenpohl** and **Dawn Lepanto Taylor**. Carol reports that Dawn and her husband, Davis '81, live in Holliston, Mass., and have a daughter, Piper, 4. . . . **Sally Lee** e-mailed from Danvers, Mass. She's still working at MIT and seems quite happy with her work. She's able to pursue her art career on the side and has done some digital illustrations for various publications. She's continuing with her painting and has received a second fellowship to the Vermont Studio Center. You can check out her work at www.sls.lcs.mit.edu/sally/. She also has a few paintings at Arts Research Associates in Hamilton, Mass. . . . Please see the on-line article (<http://courant.ctnow.com/news/special/ne/suicide1.stm>) on the late **Charles Tenney**. It is a wonderful, heartfelt eulogy for Charlie. . . . That's all the news for now, so please take a moment, get the questionnaire . . . (you know the rest). Hope to hear from you soon.

—*Cynthia M. Mulliken-Lazzara*

85 **Lori Gustafson Adams** writes that she has just finished a very busy year—she completed a master's degree in writing and literature at Rivier College, worked full time as a technical writer and took care of her two children with her husband, Cal. . . . **Barbara Knox Autran** also has her hands full. She writes that she just started teaching ESL, U.S. history, U.S. government and world history to GED students. After a six-and-a-half-year hiatus raising Dylan, 6, and Savannah, 2, she is very much looking forward to teaching again. . . . **Kevin Bruen** continues his career as a lieutenant and lawyer in the U.S. Coast Guard and has spent the past two years practicing environmental law. Summer 2000 brought a move for Kevin, Carolyn (Boynton '84) and Connor from the Presidio in San Francisco to L.A., where he assumed the role of marine safety inspector with the Coast

Guard in Long Beach. Kevin writes that "Thankfully, Tom Valinote is still in the L.A. area and has an extra surfboard!" . . . Mike Muir sends his regrets for missing reunion. He recently completed a doctorate in curriculum and instruction with a focus on middle-level education and meaningful engaged learning from UMO. He is currently the assistant professor of education at UMaine-Farmington. Of particular note, Mike lives in what used to be the women's prison in Skowhegan, Maine. He assures us that "it's much more comfortable now!" . . . John O. Robinson is also sorry to have missed reunion but is planning ahead for 2005. He has just finished his 12th year teaching world history at Plymouth South High School and for summer 2000 planned to work full time as a lawyer in Falmouth, Mass. In addition, he is the featured soloist with the Falmouth Men's Chorus. . . . Shireen Shahawy (who did make it to reunion and had a great time!) is working as the director of marketing for continuing education at the University of New England. She and her daughter, Ally, live in Portland with two dogs and two cats. FYI—Ally had such a good time at reunion that she plans to enroll in the Class of 2011! (Any tips from Admissions for Ally and other sons and daughters of alums would be greatly appreciated!) By the way, you may hear Shireen on a few national radio spots—she does voice-overs, so listen carefully. . . . Melinda Griggs Underwood lives happily in Putney, Vt., with her dog, Estee, and two cats. She works as a consultant to nonprofits in the southern Vermont area, focusing on program development, grant proposal assistance and materials production. . . . Tom Claytor sends greetings to all and promises that he will keep us up to date on his travels. . . . After a terrific showing at reunion in June, Chris, Tucker and Cici Bevin Gordon celebrated the healthy and happy arrival of Tate Elizabeth on July 21, 2000. Congratulations, Cici! . . . On the other side of Boston, Lou Geremia, Eliza, Kiki and I (Sue James Geremia) welcomed a little one of our own, Christopher James, on September 9, 2000. . . . Please keep sending e-mail updates (classnews1985@alum.colby.edu). It is great fun hearing from everyone, and it makes for a fun column!

—Sue James Geremia

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NEWSMAKERS



Beth Schwartz-Kenney '86

Randolph-Macon Woman's College honored Beth Schwartz-Kenney '86 with the prestigious Gillie A. Larew Award for Distinguished Teaching, recognizing "sound scholarship and effectiveness as a teacher in the classroom." A member of the psychology department since 1991, Schwartz-Kenney works in the field of children's eyewitness testimony. "The things that she valued as an undergraduate at Colby are the same things to which she is dedicated at R-MWC," reported the school's alumnae magazine.

MILESTONES

Marriages: Christopher H. Castner '82 to Pamela M. Rockett in Marblehead, Mass. ♦ Catherine C. Hobson '83 to Robert B. Scott in Rye, N.H. ♦ Paul R. Doyle '85 to Diana Saraceno in Middletown, Conn. ♦ Caroline R. Moses '86 to Christian D. McMahon in Falmouth, Mass. ♦ Lisa A. Rydin '86 to C. Scott Lilliott in Hingham, Mass. ♦ Scott J. Jablonski '89 to Maria F. Florio in Johnston, R.I.

Births: A son, Caleb Thomas Hale, to David and Cynthia Hurlburt Hale '84 ♦ A son, Christopher James Geremia, to Louis '85 and Susan James Geremia '85 ♦ A daughter, Tate Elizabeth Gordon, to Doug and Alicia Bevin Gordon '85 ♦ A son, James Manning DiSandro, to Jeffrey '87 and Mary Browne DiSandro '89 ♦ A son, David Samuel Martin, to Chris and Jayne Grossman Martin '88 ♦ A son, Benjamin Travis, to Robert Travis '88 and Michelle Leinbach '89 ♦ A son, Ben Abbatiello, to Thomas '89 and Christine Murphy Abbatiello '91 ♦ A son, Carsten James Connolly, to Adrienne and James Connolly '89 ♦ A daughter, Emily Reed Gallagher, to Robert '89 and Susan Banta Gallagher '89 ♦ A daughter, Sarina Mackenzie Bridges, to Laura Johnson '89 and Patrick Bridges ♦ A son, Geoffrey Drew Brunell, to Nancy Spellman '89 and Paul Brunell ♦ A daughter, Katelyn Ann Szustak, to Michael and Cherie Poulin Szustak '89 ♦ A daughter, Johanna Letson Harding, to Anita Terry '89 and Kevin Harding.

Deaths: David E. Bell H '86, September 6, 2000, in Cambridge, Mass., at 81.

this one, so no babbling, just the news. Thanks to all who e-mailed this time. . . . Robin Chalmers married Jerod Mason in July, with Margaret Wallace as maid of honor. Robin works for a magazine publishing company, and the newlyweds live in Winchester, Mass. . . . Helene Landers has put her professional golf career on the back burner for now so she can concentrate on her son, Gray, born in September 1999. Helene still lives in L.A. and keeps a foot in the theater world by doing an occasional commercial. . . . Hilary Breed Van Dusen and her husband, Charlie, welcomed their second daughter, Islay, in February 2000. She joins sister Marika, 3. They live in Marblehead, Mass. . . . Harriet Haake relocated to San Diego five years ago, and she writes, "Yes, the weather is

great all the time." She was married in November 1999 to Mark Hall, and Colbyites who made the trip for the wedding included Rob Boone '85, Kris Giblin Lindquist, Andrea McInnis Leonard and Linda (Flight '85) and Peter Lull. Harriet works as a retirement plan consultant at Buck Consultants in San Diego. . . . Gretchen Bean Lurie got together with Brigid Hoffman in New York in October while Gretchen was visiting the Big Apple for the premiere of her husband's film, *The Contender*. She and her husband and kids, Hunter, 10, and Paige, 8, live in Pasadena, Calif. . . . Beth Schwartz-Kenney received an award for distinguished teaching and continues to chair the psychology department at Randolph-Macon Woman's College. Bob Kenney is busy as presi-

dent of his consulting company, Partners Through Training. . . . Lisa Rydin married C. Scott Lilliott in June. The couple bought a house in Stow, Mass., and Lisa now works at Fidelity Institutional Retirement Services Company in Marlborough, Mass. . . . Hamilton Brower has made some changes in his life. He left the marketing industry two years ago and sailed around the world with his dad for five months. They started in Athens, Greece, and, 28,600 miles later they returned. Hamilton is now involved with an educational program sponsored by the United Nations and is also involved with Habitat for Humanity. . . . Hey—this is our 15th reunion year, so make plans now to attend. If you're still wishy-washy about attending the reunion, keep in mind this important bit of wisdom: make new friends, but keep the old; one is silver and the other's gold. Reunion is a great chance to catch up with old pals, overwhelm elderly faculty members who pretend they know who you are, and hang out with people you never had anything in common with at Colby but suddenly do now. Come brag about your jet-set life or show off your body piercings—whatever, just come. If you would like to volunteer to help with planning the reunion, contact Jay Allen (james.allen@csfb.com). Also, I'm looking for someone to take over the class notes starting this summer. E-mail me if you are interested (it's fun and no more painful than the average body piercing). Ciao for now.

—Wendy Lapham Russ

87 Three's a charm for Bill, Jeanne, Mitch and Eric. Callie (Knowles '89) and Bill Clapp welcomed a baby girl, Ainsley, last March. She joins the very cute Ben, 6, and Caroline, 4—I saw them at Brian Low's house when Karen and Tim Hennessey were visiting this September. Karen and Tim live in San Francisco and were on their way to Italy for a vacation. Bill is the math guy (Brian's title for him) at Berwick Academy and was just about to lead the orientation program for the students. He is also the JV boys' hockey coach and varsity lacrosse coach. Callie earned her master's from BC and is a social worker at Sexual Assault Support Services in Portsmouth as the group coordinator. . . . Mitch and Jeanne Morrison Cook had their third in July with the arrival of Samuel Morrison Cook. He joins his very

proud big brothers David, 6, and Merritt, 4, out in Grand Rapids, Mich. . . . In August, Katie and Eric Green's third, Maggie, joined her two big sisters, Nell, 3, and Annie, 2. . . . I saw Mike '86 and Christine Palmer Savage at a birthday party for Joy Pratt and Mary McCarty. Christine was expecting #2 in the fall and is busy with PJ at home and avoiding all the work that's being done on their house in Wellesley. Tim and Teri Scally Kinsella were also there. They live up in Newburyport and have a little boy, Cole, who's 1. Teri, along with Melissa Raffoni, is part of a group called the Professional Skills Alliance, which is a Boston-based group of consultants who work individually and in cross-functional teams to provide a wide range of business consulting services to all types of companies. Check out their Web site (professionalskills.com). . . . Helen Muir Milby reports the birth on June 22 of their second girl. Kate, she writes, "has been a joy. Although bittersweet, I am looking forward to heading back to work. It should be an interesting fall with the elections. I have worked closely with Senator Lieberman over the past five years and hope that he'll be our next vice president." . . . Karen Czuchry Sallman has just taken a senior consulting position with Ariba. She writes, "I will be stationed and living in Munich. I got married on August 4 to a German by the name of Florian Sallmann. This year we had our German civil ceremony and next year, also on August 4, we will have our church wedding with family and friends." . . . Melissa Jenkins continues to serve on the faculty of Brown University in the department of psychiatry and human behavior. "As a clinical neuropsychologist," she says, "I perform assessments of patients with neurologic illnesses and injuries. I teach in the clinical psychology internship/fellowship program and conduct research." You can find Melissa's recent publications in many journals, including the *American Journal of Psychiatry*. She also spends time scuba diving, skiing and rollerblading and was looking forward to coming to Maine in the fall to make apple butter with her 84-year-old grandmother! . . . Thanks to Josh Shapiro for answering my plea for news. He got married in July to Suzanne Juster, a Notre Dame alum, and had lots of Colby friends at their wedding. The attendees and their professions: Ethan Shapiro '83, Josh's brother, a dean/

teacher at Phillips Exeter; Scott Lainer, advertising; Bruce Dalbeck, consulting; Mike Ashley, started his own business; Shannon McDonald, mother and part-time social worker; Andrew Rudman, State Department; Brad Fay, VP market research; Jeff DiSandro, partner in a management recruiting firm. Josh and Suzanne live in New Jersey, and both work as brand managers at Reckitt Benckiser. . . . Glenn Cummings started a new job in August as director of professional advising at the University of Virginia, where he serves as the primary faculty advisor for UVA students considering law school and medical school. On his first day he met with a grad student who turned out to be Margaret Russell Ewalt '92. Small world! The summer was busy as well, as Glenn had a commitment ceremony in June with his partner of three years, Colby Smith. Yes, his name is really Colby! They plan to stay in Charlottesville, where Glenn's been for 12 years. Colby travels a lot, teaching seminars all over the U.S. for the Moulton Company. . . . Marco Loretto is co-founder and vice president, business development for Notara in N.Y.C. His company provides Web-based collaborative software that automates administrative processes. . . . Thanks to those who wrote to me. And for the rest of you, send me an e-mail *today!* My best to you all.

—June Nicol Mammel

89 Laura Johnson has started a private practice in pediatrics, and she and husband Patrick Bridges welcomed their third child, Sarina Mackenzie Bridges, on June 15, 2000. Sarina joins Alexa and Owen in the Johnson Bridges household. . . . Chris Tompkins had a book published on the Croton Dams and Aqueduct in September, and on the day he sent the final manuscript to the publisher he received his master's of social science from the Maxwell School at Syracuse. . . . I have enough baby news to fill an entire column! Mary Browne DiSandro and husband Jeff '88 had a baby boy, James Manning, on February 15. Mary writes that James arrived a month early, so his aunt Cathy "C.C." Cook was not able to be in Boston for his birth. . . . Michael and Cherie Poulin Szustak had a daughter, Katelyn Ann, on June 1. They also have a son, Christopher, who started kindergarten this fall. . . . Brian Murphy is the proud papa of

Liam. . . Ponch Membreno writes that he and wife Jess were expecting a baby in December. They bought a house on Peaks Island, Maine, though they haven't lived there yet because Ponch took a job at Patagonia in New York. They hang out with Jake Ulick '90, Tucker Offutt and Tom Cahill and saw Steve Masur '88's band. Ponch recently spent three weeks kayaking in Thailand. . . . Jim Connolly sent a long e-mail with news of the birth of his son, Carsten James, in October '99. Jim reports that he recently kayaked the Potomac River to raise awareness about the effect that the pollution in the Anacostia River has on the fragile Chesapeake. Jim also sent news that Jan Gisholt is engaged to be married. Jan lives in Miami and works as a ship broker. His fiancée, Denise, is a psychiatrist. . . . Kayaking is quite the trend. Jennifer Joseph regaled me with tales of her kayaking exploits, including a planned trip to Acadia and a kayaking symposium in Castine, Maine. Jennifer lives in Pittsburgh and works at Ernst & Young; she recently returned from a birthday trip to Norway and Iceland. . . . Carolyn Harper joined the marriage ranks in June when she married Stephen Paul Hefner. . . . Michelle Leinbach and husband Rob Travis '88 had their first baby, Benjamin, last February. They also bought a house in W. Newton, Mass., and Michelle is now back at work as a lawyer at Mintz Levin in Boston. She sees Julie Abele Wetzell and Michelle Delea and reports that Michelle and her husband had a baby girl in December '99. . . . Nancy Spellman and husband Paul Brunell welcomed Geoffrey Drew Brunell on July 20, 2000. . . . Bob and Sue Banta Gallagher moved to Scituate, Mass., where Sue is a catalog visual specialist for Talbots and Bob is a senior manager in a specialized litigation-consulting group with Price Waterhouse Coopers in Boston. They had a baby girl, Emily Reed, on Easter Sunday. Sue writes that they have had visits from Liz (Helft '91) and Don Darby and their little girl, Hannah, and Kirk Koenigsbauer and his wife, Neen, and baby Peter. Since moving to Boston, Sue and Bob see more of Melita Marks, who just became engaged to Dave Schacter, Christina Theokas, who is in a Ph.D. program in psychology at Tufts, and Dave and Karen Currey Wehr, who had a baby girl in May. . . . Kathy Dowley

is now a professor of political science at SUNY-New Paltz, where Roger Bowen is president, and she was to travel to Albania in the fall to monitor local elections. Kathy and her husband, Matt, and their two kids love upstate N.Y. . . . Mark Demian writes that he recently became a partner with Javitch, Block, Eisen & Rathbone in Cleveland and will soon move to Columbus to be the managing partner in the firm's office there. . . . Lane Wilkinson is still in Seattle, recently bought a house, and is now the bike and ski buyer for REI. He spent June climbing in the Bolivian Andes. . . . Dawna Zajac Perez started a new job as director of development for the Hispanic Office of Planning and Evaluation in Boston and Lawrence. She works from home, although home may be changing as she and husband David and their two boys are building a house in Haverhill and hoped to move from N. Andover in December. She writes that she would love to hear from Micky Beck, Rob Garland, Brett and Leslie Norton Rankin, John Girard, Steve Nason or anyone who lived in Coburn senior year.

—Anita L. Terry

90 John Hayworth left his old law firm in December 1999 with seven other people to establish their own litigation firm and is happy to report that the new firm is doing very well—and that he and his wife are expecting their second child in February. He sees Chip Smith because Chip is in Nashville as one of Al Gore's deputy campaign managers. . . . Rudy and Erika Dresser Penczer wrote to say that they are also expecting a second child in February. Their son, Nicholas, will be about 2 1/2 when his new little brother or sister arrives. . . . Carol Lockwood moved from Washington, D.C., to Hawaii last spring, following her mother's diagnosis with brain cancer. She writes, "while the move was unexpected and the reasons for it devastating, it is nice to be back with my family." She is practicing international trade, corporate and real property law at a firm in Honolulu. Carol's dad graduated from Colby in '64, and her mother attended with the Class of '66, so Colby is dear to all of them, and they think frequently of the friends they made there. . . . Matt Frymier is still living out in San Francisco, where he was a bond trader for six years,

but he has recently been promoted to director of e-commerce for financial markets at the Bank of America. His work involves a great deal of travel shuttling between San Francisco, Chicago, New York and Charlotte. His wife, Cathy, is an institutional salesperson at Goldman, Sachs and Co. They've been enjoying life in northern California (sailing, hiking and biking). They had a great time at reunion last June with **Malcolm Chace** and his wife, Erin, and enjoyed visiting with Malcolm's three kids. . . . **Doug Hall** is now living in Portland, Maine, and working as a city fire fighter, "the best job in the world," he writes. I'll take Doug's word for it, since I think he's had more jobs in the last 10 years than the rest of us put together! He says he sees **Beth Kubik** frequently (she is living in Portland with her husband and her dog) and that he's building a three-family house with views of the Portland skyline and the harbor. "I'm looking forward to being a kinder, gentler slumlord," Doug says. He especially wants to thank the many Colby friends who supported his 48-mile sea kayak regatta fund raiser this summer, which raised money for a youth development organization. . . . **Jeff Kelleher** has been teaching music for about seven years, the past five at the Brooklyn (Conn.) Middle School. He recently finished his master's in music education at the University of Connecticut. He and his wife, Barbara, will soon celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary, and their daughter, Allison, turned 2 in December. . . . **Mary "Mim" Siegel** and her husband, Bill Lombardo, had a baby boy named Nicholas. . . . Tom and **Kate Brennan Dailey** are living in England and were expecting a baby in early November, while **Melissa Ray Nelson** and her husband, Dave, just had a baby named Cameron at the end of July. . . . **Dave and Dawn Pitcher Batchelder** are having a great time with their daughter, Katherine, who was 1 in November. Dave is working at Lucent Technologies in Cambridge, and Dawn is a physician's assistant at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington. They are living in Westford and "have embraced domestic life completely," according to Dawn. . . . **Stephanie (Vore '91)** and **Paul Apple** celebrated the birth of their second child in early September. Mother and daughter are doing fine, and while big brother,

Brian, is a little puzzled by all the noise around the house, he seems otherwise happy to have a little sister. . . . **Chris Michaud** and **Matt Taber** had a baby girl, Jillian Laura Taber, born in November 1999 (their son, Benjamin, is about 5). . . . **Bernie Khoo** has accepted a new post as senior vice president/chief information officer at the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. In addition to his responsibilities at AAHSA, Bernie teaches as an adjunct professor in the economics department at American University and writes regularly on Internet issues for *Contemporary Long-Term Care* magazine. . . . **Chip Gavin** recently was promoted to vice president of communications at Crittenton Hastings House in Boston, Mass. CHH's mission is to assist individuals and families to attain and sustain economic independence and self-sufficiency; in his new position, Chip will have responsibility for everything from information technology systems to media relations. . . . Don't forget to stop by the class Web page (www.colby.edu/classof/1990) for more news and photos of reunion.

—Laura Senier

91 It's hard to believe, but our 10th reunion is just a few months away. The reunion committee has been quite busy over the past year making plans for the weekend of June 8-10. Those attending the recent committee meetings were **Tricia Shepard Quinn** (who was expecting her first child in December), **Laurie Brown Ross** (and her 18-month-old son, Andrew), **Jessica Butler Stabile**, **Dave Shumway** and **Shawn Crowley** (on conference call from New York). The weekend will include a class headquarters in a dorm, parade of classes, lobster bake, class dinner with our favorite faculty speaker/guest and various other class activities. You will have the opportunity to pre-order a nice blue Colby fleece blanket as a memento of our 10th reunion. There will also be lots of fun children's activities and a child-care program for your little ones, so be sure to bring your children along—we would all love to see them. We had a great turnout for our fifth reunion and expect an even bigger one for our 10th! It is important, however, to pre-register for the weekend so that the College is prepared for attendance at the activities. Please keep posted with the

If You Don't, the State Will

More than 50 percent of Americans die without a valid will. When this happens, your state or commonwealth will take over. What will the impact be on those you care about? A judge will determine how and to whom your assets will be distributed, how much your spouse will receive, who will be guardian to your children and other decisions affecting your family and loved ones. These decisions are based on state law and are not necessarily designed to save expenses or taxes. And, your favorite charities will not be remembered.



Avoid the assembly-line approach and contact an attorney to custom-design a plan for your family and loved ones. A personalized will provides not only the peace of mind that *your* wishes will be carried out but may also result in savings to your estate. If you have a will but it hasn't been reviewed recently, contact your attorney to go over your plans to ensure that they still meet your objectives.

For information on how to remember Colby in your will, please contact Steve Greaves or Sue Cook '75 in the Planned Giving Office by phone (207-872-3210) or e-mail (plangift@colby.edu) or postal mail (4370 Mayflower Hill, Waterville, ME 04901).

latest information on the Colby Web site or feel free to contact **Laurie Brown Ross** (Irinhanover@aol.com) for more information. Please spread the word to all of your Colby friends and make this the time to catch up with all those friends you miss hanging out with. See you in June.

—*Jennifer Wood Jencks*

92 Bessie Moss St. Lawrence had a baby girl, Gretel Sarah, in May, and she and her husband, Billy, moved back to the Boston area after living in Greenwich, Conn., for the past few years. . . . **Jill Collett Donohue** welcomed her second son, Christopher Brooks, last August, the same day that **Kristen Russo House** had her first baby, Madison Sonia. Jill lives in Greenwich, Conn., with her husband, Steve '90, and sons, and Kristen still loves Mill Valley, Calif., where she moved in 1998 with her husband, Mike. . . . **Amanda Bishop** got married last summer to her high school sweetheart, Mark Becker. Guests at the Castine, Maine, wedding included **Michael and Jessica D'Ercole Stanton, John O'Brien and Debra Stinchfield Morrin.** Amanda and Mark bought a home in Newburyport, Mass., a year ago and both work in sales in the greater Boston area. . . . **Kristin Nixon Donahue** got her M.B.A. from the MIT Sloan School of Management in June of '99 and is working at Putnam Investments in Boston. She and her husband, Tom, bought a new condo in Boston last year and have been known to host great parties on their rooftop! **Kristin, Amanda Bishop, Jessica D'Ercole Stanton, Kate Kane and Jill Collett Donohue** threw a birthday party in Boston on May 20 for anyone/everyone who turned 30 this year. A great turn-out of local Colby people included **Chris and Whitney Adams Ward**, who recently had a baby (Lily!), **Greg Mahoney, Mark Mellyn, Dave Dore, Jocie Childs, Peter '91 and Heather Glynn Ginolfi, Kyle Lissack** with his wife, Marlies, who just happened to be in Boston that weekend, **David Freed '90, Paul Davis '90, Steve Dimitriou '91, Sarah Whitely '94 and Justin D'Ercole '95** and a handful of others. . . . **Mark Mellyn** recently bought a house in Centerville, Mass., where he works as a captain in the police department. . . . **Erica Gregg and Joe Tamburini** continue to enjoy Scituate, R.I., where they have an old farm-house and lots of animals. Erica works

as in-house legal counsel at Textron Financial Corp. in Providence, and Joe works in Boston as a broker at Salomon Smith Barney. Both have recently run marathons (Erica in Dublin, Ireland, and Joe in Boston) and were training for this year's Marine Corps Marathon. . . . **Michael and Jessica D'Ercole Stanton** live in Cambridge, Mass., and are resisting the efforts of fellow alumni who are trying to convince them to move to the 'burbs. Michael recently left Putnam Investments to join money manager David L. Babson Co., where he is in institutional sales. Jessica joined the office of alumni and corporate relations at the MIT Sloan School of Management in May. . . . **Aimee (Flores '95) and Cal Wheaton** are living in Lutherville, Md. Cal is now a vice president in the health care investment banking group for Deutsche Banc Alex. Brown. He travels several days a week and still runs into Colby alums along the way, including **Charles Beeler '93 and Mark Mellyn.** Aimee finished medical school last year at Penn State, Hershey Medical Center, and is starting her second year of internal medicine residency. They have two very energetic dogs and a new home that keeps them busy. They also love to travel and last year visited Egypt and Italy. This summer they planned a cruise of the Galapagos Islands and then a hike of the Machu Picchu trail in Peru. . . . **Chris and Karen Larson Flint** now reside in Rhode Island. Chris is the head coach of the women's soccer team at Bryant College, and Karen works for Textron Financial in Providence. . . . **Bill Higgins** married **Lauren Holland** in 1998. Last year they moved to Minnesota for Bill's job with Reliance Standards Life Insurance, and last December they welcomed their first son, Frankie. . . . **Christy O'Rourke** works in the marketing and promotions department for LYCOS in Waltham, Mass. She became engaged last July 4 to **Jeffrey Doyle**, who graduated from St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. They plan a wedding next June in New York.

—*Michelle Fortier Biscotti*

93 Well, they say desperate times call for desperate measures. And this, my friends, is truly a desperate time for the Class of 1993. I have not received a single piece of news from any of you since I last wrote a column in June! What gives, people? It is now

easier than ever to send me news! Assuming that you have heard of e-mail, that is. So here is the address once again: classnews1993@alum.colby.edu. And again: classnews1993@alum.colby.edu. In fact, I am tempted to fill up the rest of my allotted space with that address, just in case there is any lingering confusion. It's classnews1993@alum.colby.edu. That's classnews1993. . .

—*Beth Curran*

94 Phil Polsky graduated with a joint M.S. in foreign service and M.B.A. from Georgetown University in May and accepted a rotational management training position with Enron in Houston, Texas. He plans to spend one year in Texas and then hopes to spend his second year at one of Enron's overseas offices. Phil got engaged to **Ula Solomon**, and they plan a 2001 summer or fall wedding. She also has her M.S. in foreign service from Georgetown and is on a rotational program for the government, working on the Albania desk at the State Department. . . . **Jen and Shane Wright** moved to Pittsfield, Maine, in July with their dog, Reggie. . . . **Rich Rygalski** is in his second year of law school at Franklin Pierce in New Hampshire. . . . **Joe Kravitz** is in his second year of law school at Pepperdine University in California. . . . **Nicci and Lars White** are still living in Hoboken, N.J., where he is working in real estate management. Nicci is a graphic designer in N.Y.C. . . . **Alicia and Jake Humbert** are both practicing law in Montpelier, Vt. . . . **Kurt Niebuhr** and his wife, Eiko, are living in Tokyo, where Kurt is the COO of an Internet-based consulting firm. They expect their first child this January. . . . **Ken Lee** earned his M.B.A. at the Eller School of Business at the University of Arizona this past May and is working with PCS Health Systems in Scottsdale, Ariz. . . . **Bill Bush** appeared on *Politically Incorrect* with Bill Maher in August 2000. Other guests included **Alec Baldwin, Senator Barbara Boxer and Joan Rivers.** Bill is the host of a morning radio show in the D.C. area. . . . **Katherine Tinney** married **Brian Snow** in June 1997 in Nevada. They are currently living in Whitman, Mass., and celebrated the birth of **Alexandra Erin** on May 23. Katherine plans to take this school year off from teaching middle school Spanish to be with her daughter and to continue working on her master's in educa-

tional technology. . . . **Kristen (Ellis '92) and Erik Georges** celebrated the birth of their first child, **Skyler.** Erik and Kristen are living in Stratham, N.H., where Erik is employed as a business development specialist for Modis and Kristen is enjoying being home with their baby girl. . . . **Brian O'Sullivan** and **Heather Hunt '96** are planning a June 2001 wedding in Windsor, Conn. They recently moved from northern California to Worcester, Mass., where Heather was to begin her first year at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Brian is working as an account manager with IBM. . . . **Andie Sulak** is working on her M.S. in environmental policy and science at UC-Berkeley. . . . **Stacey Warner** finished her master's in international education at Stanford in August. . . . **Jeff '93 and Connie Huffine Zlot** are living in San Francisco. . . . **Sarah (Whitely) and Justin D'Ercole '95** moved to New York City in July. . . . **Laura Eanes** married **Richard Martin** in June 2000. . . . **Jonathan Blumberg** married **Nasiveli Sarygulova** in August 2000 in Chicago. They met at Johns Hopkins while Jon was working on his M.A. in international relations and are currently living in the Washington, D.C., area. Jon and Nasiveli went to Kirghizstan to spend the New Year with Nasiveli's family. . . . **Trezen Drake** is working on her second year of a law degree at Georgia State University College of Law. She took a summer course in international commercial arbitration and visited arbitration courts in Budapest, Prague, Venice and Vienna. . . . **Rebecca Cooper** married **Scott Crawford** in April 2000 and lives in Florida. . . . **Cate Czernicki** passed the bar and is working in a law firm in Connecticut. Cate married **Bob Reynolds** last September. Bridesmaids included **Caroline Grab Kaleigh, Alicia Hidalgo and Heather Vincola.** Heather earned her M.B.A. from Babson Business School and is a partner in marketing at Giant Loop Network, a start-up company in Waltham, Mass. . . . **Christy Lynch** is also working at Giant Loop part time while in her second year at Babson Business School. . . . **Kerry Enright** is getting her Ph.D. from Stanford University. . . . **Jenna Lemerise** is living and working in Munich, Germany. . . . **Maria Desimone** is living in Natick, Mass., and is a manager of information systems at an environmental

consulting company. She recently took a road trip to Portland, Ore., with **Katherine Bordwell**, who spent the past year in Maine, where she attended a semester-long program on documentary photography. Katherine has moved back to Oregon. . . . Congratulations to **Matt Salah** and his wife, Sharon, on the birth of their daughter, Bethany, on May 20. They also just bought a house in Avon, Mass. . . . **Rebekah Freeman** moved to Boston, where she works at Boston University in residential life. . . . **Heather Lounsbury** is working at UCB Group in Cambridge, Mass., and travels frequently to Belgium for work. . . . **Carolyn Hart** worked last summer at the Clements Library at the University of Michigan, putting together an exhibit on women's history that was to go up in the fall. . . . **Ingrid Kristan** was to be married on July 1 in East Boothbay Harbor, Maine, to Mark Rinzi, followed by a honeymoon driving up the eastern coast of Canada. Ingrid is attending Temple University for a communications degree. . . . After 10 years of being on the East Coast, I am moving back to Los Angeles, Calif. I left my senior board relations position at FleetBoston Financial in August and planned to travel for about three months (driving cross country and then on to Fiji, Australia, Bali and Thailand) before pursuing another job in the L.A. area. . . . Take care and keep sending news!

—Tracy K. Larsen

95 Tip Mechel married Amanda Ward (Williams College '94) in a July ceremony outside of Ouray, Colo. They live in Austin, Texas, where he is working toward a Ph.D. in geology while Amanda works as a freelance writer and novelist. They met while at the University of Montana in Missoula, where they hope to return eventually. . . . **Kara Toms** and her husband, Dan Barnett, have moved to Luxembourg from Vermont for one year. . . . **Sandra Jewers** married her high school sweetheart, Damian Dow, in July in Bangor, Maine. In attendance were **Kathy Christy**, **Kelly Spooner**, **Bryan Raffetto**, **Michelle Grdina**, **Michelle Wymura**, **Alisa Masson** and **Craig Murray '96**. . . . **John Gorczyk** and **Kristen Bloomquist** got engaged last summer. They've been dating since the fall of 1991, when they met on their COOT. They live and work in San Diego, Calif., where they're planning to get mar-

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What he is An environmental, litigation and media law attorney and recent addition to the Portland, Maine, American Red Cross chapter's board of directors and chair of its strategic planning committee.

How he got involved A contract dispute case witness, who happened to be chair of the Portland chapter's board of directors, was so impressed with Schutz's interviewing and legal approach that he offered Schutz a place on the board.

Other things he's done in his "spare" time Works on pro bono cases with the Maine Volunteer Lawyers Projects, has been a volunteer teacher for Junior Achievement, interned at the Cornell Legal Aid Clinic while in law school and counseled youngsters in a youth mentoring program.

Parting thought Says the Red Cross is "a great organization that is an honor to be associated with."

ried next October on their 10-year anniversary. . . . **Regina Wlodarski Kruger** finished her M.B.A. in December after going part time for four years while working in the strategic investments group at MasterCard. She and her husband spent most weekends last summer around Stamford, Conn., working on their house, but for fun she did get to try another new sport: surfing! . . . **Rick Catino** and his wife, Chrissy, relocated to San Francisco last fall. Rick is director of business development for a Boston-based Internet company. . . . **Chris Fossella** kicked off his eighth season as commissioner of the Colby Fantasy Football League and keeps in contact with **Jim Zadrozny**, **Rick Catino**, **Tyler Rainey**, **Matt Morrissey**, **Mike Manning**, **Mark Porter** and **Mark Jackson**. Chris and Matt are both engaged to be married, to Dana Antonellis and Kristin Healy, respectively. Jim married Marissa and Mark Jackson married Tricia this past summer. . . . **Matt Barr** is in Boulder, Colo., working as an EMT and in the ICU at Denver's Children's Hospital. He's applying to med school after having finished two years of post-baccalaureate pre-med studies at the University of Colorado. . . . **Jason '96** and **Betsy Robinson Phillips** live in Minnesota. Betsy is a senior dental student at the University of Minnesota and hopes to graduate this May. . . . **Kathryn Cosgrove** graduated in June from MIT's Sloan School of Management with an M.B.A. and moved to London to work for

McKinsey & Co. . . . **Peter Murphy** teaches English at the Bromfield School in Harvard, Mass. He and his wife, Dawn (Kalloch '94), just bought a condo in Maynard, Mass. . . . After teaching for five years, **John Dunbar** has moved back to Vermont to work for his older brother in the family contracting business. He and his wife had a daughter, Keagan McKenzie Dunbar, on St. Patrick's Day. . . . **Lauren Pelz** and **Christopher Kearney** were married last July in Old Lyme, Conn. **Lynne Moss**, **Emberly Nesbitt**, **Ann Neuhauser** and **Stephanie White** attended. . . . **Lyndsay Griffiths** got married in July to Brian Schott of Stow, Mass., on the *Mt. Washington* on Lake Winnepesaukee. They met in Whitefish, Mont., where they now live. **Elna Gordon**, **Jane Lundy** and **Sara Waldron** were in the wedding. Lyndsay reports that Elna just moved from Whitefish to Ukiah, Calif., to teach high school English. One of her co-teachers is Adam Galvin '94. Janie just moved to Burlington, Vt., to finish pre-med classes, and Sara is attending graduate classes at the University of Washington for education. . . . **Amy K.L. Borrell** and **David Berner** moved to San Francisco in September after three years in western Massachusetts. . . . On August 5 **Alyssa Falwell** married Joe Ross in Winchester, Mass. **Julie Rentz**, **Kathryn Cosgrove**, **Ben Damon**, **Kristen Hanssen Goodell** and her husband, Ned '92, and **Maureen Finn Schwartz** and her

husband, Eric '96, were in attendance. Alyssa and Joe had a great honeymoon in St. Lucia and now live in a house they bought in May in Litchfield, N.H. . . . **Erika Troseth** is back in the States after a couple of months in Cuba, and all she can think of is how to get back there again. She reports that **Katie Bolick** has just started at New York University in the school of journalism, where she is studying cultural reporting. . . . In May 1999 **Margaret Suggs Herath** graduated from the University of Illinois at Springfield with an M.A. in history. She works at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield, Ill. In June 1999 she visited **Ariana Talbot Vance** in Laramie, Wyo., and reports that Ariana is doing well and that her daughters are adorable! Margaret and her husband plan to visit **Ali Wilkin** in Oregon next June. . . . **Megan Sweeny** is living in Boston and getting her master's in art history at BU, where Meredith Walker '97 is also in her small program. Megan and **Debbie Norris** went up to Wells, Maine, last September to visit **Tasha Walker Potter** and her husband, Adam '96, their new addition, Nolan Walker Potter, and their dog, Colby. . . . **Greg Walsh** and **Sarah Hamlin '96** got married in September in Chatham, Mass. Greg is an account representative at Clinical One in Woburn, Mass., and Sarah is an economic consultant at Innovation and Information Consultants in Concord, Mass. . . . **Chris Orphanidies** is a graduate student at Duke University's Nicholas School for the Environment. He was awarded a National Network Environmental Management Studies fellowship, through which he will analyze the anthropogenic effects on coastal ecosystems in Narragansett, R.I. . . . **Nicole Clavette** and **Sean Devine '94** got married in May in Scarborough, Maine. Nicole is a research associate at Digital Research, and Sean is an assistant football coach at UNH. . . . The Tunk River Sculpture and Gardens in Steuben, Maine, hosted a sculpture show this past August, which featured a basalt sculpture carved by **Jesse Salisbury**. This was the second year Jesse has shown his work at Tunk River. . . . **Christopher Lohman** moved to L.A. with his girlfriend, Abby Eskin '97. He works for Keane Interactive, and she attends law school at UCLA. . . . **Shake McBride** lives in Boston, where he is a copywriter for CGN Interactive. . . . **Marc Rubin**

graduated from the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University last May and traveled through Europe before starting work at Parthenon Capital in Boston. . . . **Andrew Vernon** lives in Cambridge and is the manager of e-commerce for John Hancock Funds in Boston. He ran the Boston Marathon last April. . . . **Mike Rosenthal** graduated from Harvard Business School in May and is working in San Francisco.

—Yuhgo Yamaguchi

96 Greetings! As the new class correspondent, I want to thank everyone who has written in over the past couple of years, encourage those we haven't heard from to submit for the next class news and remind everyone that there are five months and counting until our five-year reunion! . . . **Laura Whittaker** lives in Arlington, Mass., and is working on a lead poisoning-prevention grant while studying for her master's in public health at Tufts. She is still seeing **Jon Parsons**, who is doing enzymology research at Vertex Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge. Laura and Jon saw **Mike Branca**, whose art is gaining recognition in Portland, and **Amy Chamberlain**, who spent the summer interning at an organic farm. They've also seen **Mark Vigoroso**, who is working hard at an Internet start-up and kayaking whenever possible. Laura still keeps in touch with **Emily Guerette**, who loves Denver but is thinking of returning to Boston for graduate school. . . . **Nolan Yamashiro** graduated from UPenn in August with his M.S.Ed. and is working at the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation in Princeton. . . . **Mark Mortensen** finished up his master's in computer science at Stanford in 1998 and is now enrolled in a Ph.D. program in organizational behavior. . . . **Kevin Rice** was married last year and after completing his Ph.D. in biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin in May is now doing a postdoctoral fellowship in chemistry at Yale. He reports that **Brett Wilfrid** and **Jen Hellman** were married this past August. . . . **Jeff Dunlap** and **Rebecca Duvall** also were married in August, on Long Island. . . . **Patti Abbot** is still living in Boulder, Colo., and teaching fourth grade. She is engaged to Jim Arnow and will be married next summer. . . . **Sarah Frechette** lives in Burlington, Vt.,

and works in public affairs and development for a local hospital. In August she married Ryan Potts, a pharmacologist. Sarah met up with **Rima Lathrop**, who ran the Burlington City Marathon this spring and finished her first year at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. . . . **Briana Thibeau** finished her second year of law school at Boston College this past spring and in her free time recorded an album of original music with her vocal group. She has seen **Kim Allen**, who started law school at BC last fall. . . . **William Yelle** finished his first year at UMass Medical School and spent the summer in Portugal. . . . In August **Niki Shinneman** married Vincent Yarnot, whom she met while taking a swing dancing class. Niki is living in Seattle and is working part time for Optiva while studying for her master's of social work at the University of Washington. . . . **Alane O'Connor** was married to Kevin Wellenius in May in New Hampshire, a wedding attended by **Claudia Wehmeier** and **Meghan Maguire**. Kevin is Chilean, and Alane was able to meet much of his family during a backpacking trip they had taken to the Patagonian Andes of Chile and Argentina. Alane and Kevin are living in Cambridge, Mass., where Alane works at Industrial Economics and Kevin is a partner at Frontier Economics. . . . **Suzanne Arnold** completed her master's in English at the University of Virginia in 1998 and was recently promoted to senior researcher for National Geographic Television. She was married in August in New Jersey to Daniel Ennis, and they are currently living in D.C. Attendants included **Patty Benson**, **Amie Sicchitano**, **Dori Morrison**, **Jen Pope** and **Nicole Dannenberg**. Suzanne and Dan were able to catch Nicole's wedding to Jonathan Sorger at the end of their honeymoon and were planning on attending Patty's wedding in October. . . . **Nell Prause** was married to David Speerli in Groton, Conn., in August. **Jennifer Felmly Wright**, (married to Shane '94 last October), **Carinn Schurman**, **Carol Strawn** and I were able to attend. Jen and Shane recently moved back to Maine from D.C., Carinn is living in Seattle, Carol is living in Boston, and I'm living in Richmond, Va., finishing my last year of medical school and applying for pediatric residency programs. I am engaged to Michael Kaplan '95,

and we are planning a June wedding in California.

—Kim Schock

97 Congrats to **Analie Gosine**, who married Australian Cameron Howard. **Betsy Eisen**, **Erika Moore**, **John Coombs**, **Rebecca Zacher**, **Erin Brenner** (the maid of honor) and **Kerry Propser** were all in attendance. . . . Congrats also to **Patrick Doyle** and **Amanda Randolph** on an August wedding in Mystic, Conn. . . . **Dan Lavergne** had a June wedding in Texas. He works for Southern Bell Telephone Co. and lives in Odessa. . . . **Kelsey Miller** participated in the Boston to N.Y.C. AIDS Ride 6, a 275-mile, three-day fund raiser for research and treatment for HIV/AIDS. . . . **Doug Schultz** has lived in Jackson, Wyo., for the last three years, working and playing on the Teton Range. He spends his workdays devising fund development tactics for a nonprofit group that serves individuals with disabilities and brain injuries. On a trip to N.Y.C., he was able to see **Ryan Mayhugh**, who remains at MBNA, **Bob Hart**, who works and lives on the Upper East Side, and **Bow Stratton**, who is in Boston. . . . **Susanna Montezemolo** is at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton for a two-year master's program in public affairs and urban and regional planning. She ran into **Josh Oeltjen**, who is also there pursuing his Ph.D. . . . **Tom DeCoffis** is working for the Federal Reserve in Boston. . . . **Cindy Pomerleau** started her master's in physical therapy in June at the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis. She's engaged to Corey LeClerc and has planned a July '01 wedding in Maine. . . . **Denise Mailloux** works in the division of adolescent medicine at the University of San Francisco as a research associate on a grant with the California Wellness Foundation assessing adolescent health risk behaviors in three Kaiser Permanente clinics. She was living with **Beth Traglia** (who has since left to travel in Greece and Peru with friends) and **Emily Greenstein**, but Denise has since moved in with Jon Bowden '95. She reports that she's very happy and that the Colby crowd in San Fran is growing by the minute. . . . **Alexander Ammermant** taught computer science and English at the elementary levels at the American International School in Cairo, Egypt, after graduation. He also says he traveled throughout the Middle East and Africa gathering

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qualitative data on the role of alcohol in traditional cultures. After two years, he returned to the U.S. to complete a master's in English at Boston University last summer and is now at the International College in Beirut, Lebanon, teaching high school English within the contexts of French, Lebanese and U.S. high school curricula. . . . **Andrew Kruppa** and **Peter Nealis** graduated from Ohio State Law School, and both work at law firms in Cleveland, Pete for Kahn, Kleinman, Yanowitz and Aronson and Andy for Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff. Andy ran into **David Barr**, who is in his third year of law school at Case Western. . . . **Scott Lilley** spent his summer fishing and cooking in Nantucket before returning to teach fifth and sixth grade science in New Canaan, Conn. . . . **Sarah Ummel** is working at the University of Chicago as a fund raiser in the medical center. She escaped to do some camping and hiking in Kettle Moraine, Wis., in the summer. . . . **Jen Mason**, who is no longer in Denver and is training in N.Y.C. before moving to London sometime in the New Year, spent a day at the beach with **Molly Bracken** early in the fall. Molly is now at Princeton working in the admissions department. She was able to catch up with **Matthew Burgener** briefly during his layover in Denver. He's still at Andersen Consulting and is currently in Texas. . . . **Jennifer Soules** started a master's program in biology at Boise State University; her thesis will focus on winter wrens in western Washington. . . . **Christopher Sullivan**, **Steve Papagiotas**, **Adam Elboim** and **Cherie Galyean** were all in the wedding party for **Welling Lagrone** and **Heather Derby's** October nuptials. . . . **Anthony Moulton** (you remember, the artist formerly known as Tony) currently lives with **Craig Lundsten** and **Annie Kuniholm '98** in Arlington, Va. **Javier Fernandez** is also in the D.C. area and hangs out with Anthony on a regular basis. The word on the street is that Javier and Anthony are skydivers now and get their kicks jumping out of planes from 14,000 feet. Anthony is also an account executive for America Online. . . . **Monika Thiele** has been working in the conservation field since graduation, first at the Center for Marine Conservation and then at the World Wildlife Fund, where she's been since '98. She is a project coordinator in

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Hilary Gehman '93 made the news as a member of the quadruple sculls team at the Olympic Games in Australia. The rowers advanced to the semifinals before being eliminated ♦ **Colbians** who watched "Hopkins 24/7," the six-part documentary news series filmed at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md., recognized **Kathie Pooler '94**. In one episode the third-year resident physician at the hospital related her anxieties after she was exposed to HIV-infected blood ♦ Public interest in the PBS hit *Antiques Roadshow* fueled a new on-line business, Antiques America. **Joshua Eldred '96** was instrumental in launching the Internet site, which helps dealers and enthusiasts gain access to the world of antiques and to expert guidance in the growing \$25-billion market.

MILESTONES

Marriages: **Karen Dunn '92** to Nathan C. Wagner in Stowe, Vt. ♦ **Helen A. Hopkins '92** to Terry Kellogg in Middlebury, Vt. ♦ **Jason C. Barnes '93** to Amanda Brebach in Marblehead, Mass. ♦ **Julie A. Cyr '94** to Joseph C. Gibowicz in Old Town, Maine ♦ **Gregg A. LeBlanc '96** to Catherine C. Neuger '97 in White Plains, N.Y. ♦ **John (J.J.) F. Lovett Jr. '96** to Allison G. Spill in Spring Lake, N.J. ♦ **Alane B. O'Connor '96** to Devin Wellenius in Dixville Notch, N.H. ♦ **Jason R. McIntosh '97** to Kerry A. Wilcox in Danvers, Mass. ♦ **Amanda K. Randolph '97** to Patrick E. Doyle '97 in Mystic, Conn. ♦ **Heather M. Piper '98** to Christopher Jackson in Waterville, Maine.

Births: A son, Ben Abbatiello, to **Thomas '89** and **Christine Murphy Abbatiello '91** ♦ A daughter, Abigail Rose Sweeney, to **William and Heather Hartshorn Sweeney '91** ♦ A daughter, Keely Elizabeth Stanczak, to **Jim and Lael Hinman Stanczak '93**.

the marine conservation/ endangered seas program. . . . **Henry Lo** is a field representative for California State Assembly person Dr. Gloria Romero (D-Los Angeles). . . . **Andrea DeHaan**, who had her grant to teach English in Germany renewed, spent last summer in the States and Greece. "But now I'm back in Dortmund, Germany," she writes, "where the weather is quite a step down from Greece but where the beer is the best in the world." . . . **Jon Sterling** is at UConn Law School. . . . **Steve Suomi** currently teaches English, coaches track and field and is a dorm parent at Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, Va. **Greg Moody** lives right down the road, and the two hang out fairly often. . . . After graduating from the Yale School of Nursing in May with a master's in nursing, **Robyn Snapp Gustafson** was certified as a pediatric nurse practitioner. Currently she works on the maternity floor at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colo. . . . **Amy Stengel** spent the summer in Europe studying European community law before returning to Tulane for her second year of law school. After school she plans to head back to Colorado to practice

environmental law. . . . **Lucas Penney**, **Jerrod DeShaw** and **Andy Pease** moved into a new place in Brookline. . . . **Tony Rosenfeld** dropped me an e-mail from Romania while visiting the area.

—*Kimberly N. Parker*

98 Congrats to **Sara Rigelhaupt**, who is engaged to **Geoffrey Cramer**, a musician and recording engineer. They plan an October 2002 wedding! . . . **Tessa Gurley** started her first year of teaching first grade in North Andover, Mass. She has been living in Brookline and is just one class away from finishing her master's in elementary education at Lesley College. Tessa reports that **Courtney Cataldi** is still living in Nantucket and that **Ellen Bruce** in D.C. is applying to law schools. . . . **Elena Kavanagh** recently moved from Boston to New York and is applying to design school. . . . **Alexander Howard** has had enough of the life of a freelance online designer and has moved to a more permanent position at Bain & Company in Copley Square, Boston. He works with **Kaushik Sen** and **Brenden Gmyrek**. . . . **Brian Gill** (also living in

Boston) started a master's program at BU and will be applying to medical school in the spring. He is living with **Andrew Littell**, who also has taken up medicine. Brian reports that **Joel Grossbard** is studying child development at Tufts. . . . **Andrew Porter** and **Casey Piche** are living with **Justin Harvey '99** in the North End of Boston and report that they spent "plenty of time on boats, beaches and golf courses this summer . . . now on to snow!" . . . **Amy Cote** is still living in Biddeford, Maine, and is in her third year of teaching high school social studies at Massabesic High School. When she wrote she was in the middle of her soccer season and was to begin coaching basketball soon. Amy also has been keeping in touch with **Alison Kelleher**, **Lauren Hoisington** and **Eric Anderson**. . . . **Peter Manning** is in his second year of med school at UVM. He spent his summer visiting California for the first time, canoeing in northern Ontario and doing an internship in wilderness medicine. . . . **Jessica Rice** is now living in Washington, D.C., and works for a new environmental nonprofit company dealing with sustainable forestry. She's been fortunate to do some great international travel with the organization and is also directing a female cappella group in D.C. . . . **Derek Luke** reports that business is booming at the Coastal Brewing Company in Middleton, R.I., and that plenty of Colby grads have been there to enjoy it. Coastal Brewing was founded by four Colby alums and has reported outstanding progress. Last fall they unveiled a new special ale in a flashy cobalt blue 750ml bottle. . . . **Kari Christensen** is jet setting across the country in her job with Southwest Airlines. She writes that she loves her marketing job with Southwest and certainly enjoys the benefits. Kari recently received her pilot's license and took **Beth Deschenes**, one of her first brave souls, for a ride! . . . **Dave Bernstein** just moved to Chapel Hill, N.C., to begin the editing of his novel, which is a culmination of two years waiting tables by night and writing the novel by day. . . . **Susan Matlock** is also living in North Carolina now and has begun law school at Wake Forest. . . . **Josh Walton** has been working as a mechanical engineer/technician at the Navy Prototype Optical Interferometer project in Flagstaff, Ariz. His

two-year stint will end in February, but he reports that he has enjoyed his time traveling to the Grand Canyon, Colorado and New Mexico for mountain biking and Ultimate Frisbee tournaments. . . . I am excited to share that **Terry Flynn** and I were married in Dallas, Texas, on November 18, 2000. We are currently living in Columbus, Ohio. . . . Keep writing!

—Allison L. Brown

99 Let's talk about **Jason Cherebella**, who is out in the Hollywood Hills. Working as a talent coordinator for MTV, our star hockey goalie has hung up his skates to work on many of MTV's shows and backstage for their award ceremonies. . . . **Steph Patterson** and Jodi Eidt '97 got married on September 23 in Atlantic City, N.J., and **Abby Healy**, **Emily Etchells** and **Melissa Maguire** were all bridesmaids. . . . **Erin Steven** got married in Seattle in September and spent the honeymoon in Hawaii; **Kristy Gould** and **Jenny Harvey-Smith** were in the bridal party. . . . **Jake Berg** and **Rebecca Plummer** are engaged, and several classmates will be in their wedding. Jake is a grad student at Columbia University while Rebecca is at the University of Michigan studying chemistry. . . . **Paul McDermott** is at Vermont Law School, enrolled in their joint degree program of J.D. and master's of environmental law. During the summer Paul worked as an EMT at a non-profit camp for inner-city children. . . . **Samantha Sarno** lives in London doing cancer research and is working towards her Ph.D. in molecular genetics. . . . **Noah T. Chung** is a second-year Ph.D. student in economics at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. . . . **Brent Fraser** finished his first year at the University of Arizona Law School and is working at the U.S. Attorney's office in Phoenix. . . . **Chris Bunge** finished his first year at the University of Connecticut School of Law and is working in a litigation firm specializing in white-collar crime and commercial litigation in Hartford. . . . **Martha Healy** finished her first year in the medicinal chemistry department at the University of Kansas. . . . **Robyn Osborn** and **Matt Olsen** are in D.C., where they are both grad students at American University. Matt is in the school of international studies pursuing a master's degree in international conflict studies, and Robyn is pursu-

ing a master's degree in psychology. Prior to grad school, Robyn and Matt drove cross-country to Utah, where Robyn was an AmeriCorps*VISTA volunteer for United Cerebral Palsy of Utah and Matt was a snowboarding instructor at Park City Mountain Resort. . . . In the fall of 2001, **Christian Frazar** will receive a master's of science in microbiology at the University of Montana in Missoula. Christian studies environmental microbiology, and over the summer he worked at the Environmental Protection Agency in D.C. and lived with **Sarah Banner**, who is working as an investigative reporter for a nonprofit news service; she's planning for grad school next fall in international relations. . . . **Andrea Wooley** is living in St. Louis, Mo., and working towards her Ph.D. in immunology at Washington University. Andrea took the year off after graduation and traveled the Philippines. For five months she did mission work with pre-school kids and college students through an organization called Care Corner. . . . **Anna Tesmenitsky** spent summer 2000 working as a summer associate at the American Civil Liberties Union in Philly. Last year Anna completed her first year of law school at Santa Clara University but has now transferred to Northeastern University. . . . After traveling in New Zealand during the fall after graduation, **Mary Schwalm** moved to Boulder. Mary's dream came true as she landed the opportunity to go down to Australia for the 2000 Summer Olympics and work for the Associated Press taking photographs of the events. Mary planned to travel until November and then move to Portland, Oregon. . . . **Nicole Fallat** just moved to New York City after spending last year in Seattle working for a start-up venture capital firm. In N.Y.C., Nicole works in the press office at the New York Philharmonic at Lincoln Center, and she lives with Paul Magyar in Park Slope. . . . Lt. **David Nasse** is in the Marine Corps and in flight school in Pensacola, Fla. Dave's message to all is, "Go Mules!" . . . Lt. **Karen Smith** is in signals intelligence school and has received orders to North Carolina. . . . **Danielle Driscoll** was in Spain last year and received her master's in Spanish with the Middlebury Language School in Madrid; she's using her Spanish now in Beverly, Mass., at Sensitech Inc., where she is in international mar-

keting. . . . **Braxton Williams** and **Oliver Williams** are moving from Brooklyn to Manhattan; Braxton is still working at Penguin Putnam in the marketing department. Braxton, **Ned Eustace** and **Crans Baldwin** love the social scene on the Lower East Side. . . . **Nate Jue** is teaching marine science in the Florida Keys. . . . **Adella Mikkelsen** is still in Taiwan completing her Watson Fellowship. . . . **Jen Lavigne** is moving to N.Y.C. after having traveled around Turkey. . . . **Katherine Golfinopoulos** is enjoying Morocco, where she's a Peace Corps volunteer. . . . **Cate Tynan** works in the editorial department of Broadway Books at Random House in N.Y.C. and lives in North Salem, N.Y. . . . **Kea Watson** worked as a stage management intern last year in Trinity, R.I., at Trinity Repertory Company and spent her summer in N.C. teaching sailing at a camp. This fall she left for Scotland on a theater tour with the Starving Artists. (We all must remember them at Colby—"Road Movie" and "Viper's Opium.") . . . Keep your updates coming!

—Lindsay Hayes

00 Hello! I hope that all is well with the Class of 2000 and that everyone is enjoying new jobs, new cities and even new countries! It was nice to see many of you up at Colby during Homecoming Weekend. I hope to hear from more of you in the future. . . . **Lisa Cardillo** moved to Rome, Italy, in September and reports that she is very happy teaching English and hopes to find a job soon in international business. . . . Also abroad teaching English is **Greg De St. Maurice**, who is in Morioka, Japan. . . . **Carrie Russell** also has plans to go to Japan this spring to teach English as well! . . . **Matt Todesca** and **Bill Lenich** are both working as clerks on the floor of the stock exchange in New York City. . . . **Sarah Church** is also in New York City now, living with **Mary Anne Schumacher** and working for Lowe Lintas & Partners. . . . After graduation **Drew Davis** moved to Rochester, N.Y., where he is attending medical school at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. . . . In June **Melissa Shea** took part in a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Expedition to climb Mt. McKinley in Alaska. The climb was a fund-

raising effort by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to benefit the Canadian Make-a-Wish Foundation. . . . **Kathryn Johnson** was a member of the high dive act at The Great Escape in Lake George! . . . **Trish Akins**, **Courtney Genovese**, **Carrie Keeling** and **Jen Lisk** are living in Brighton, Mass., as are **Jenna Aylsworth**, **Emily Young** and **Lisa Goodman**, who is attending BC Law. . . . **Matt Janssen** is also in law school—at Villanova University School of Law in Pennsylvania. . . . **Jon Allen** is living in Boston and working at the architecture firm of Milford & Ford Associates in Wellesley, Mass. . . . **Christie Beveridge** is also living in the Boston area, with **Christine Pirani**. They both have plans this winter to drive to Utah, where Christie is going to live with **Ben Mackay** and **Nick LaRusso**, who are living in Park City and working as ski patrollers. . . . **Lauren Borchardt** spent the fall working on a whale-watch boat out of Gloucester, Mass. She and **Jen Kassakian** plan to head out to Seattle in January. . . . **Jaclyn Rollins** was married on August 12 to Robert Blake. . . . **Morgan Milner** is serving as the AmeriCorps*VISTA volunteer at the Game Loft in Belfast, Maine. . . . **Keryn Kwedor** reports loving her job as a full-time childcare worker for Kate O'Neill '85. . . . **Melissa Bradbury** is working as the assistant director of admission at Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, Mass., and is a dorm parent in the freshman boys dorm! . . . **Candace DeWitt** is also working in admissions—at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y. . . . **Aubrey Love** is enjoying teaching physics at the Tilton School in New Hampshire and is the assistant soccer coach. . . . **Eric Saucier** is working in the Internet division of Fleet Bank in Boston and is living with **Sean Luoma**, **Sarah Hewins '99** and **Pete Lambert**. He writes, "Needless to say, our apartment now has no shortage of smart dogs and no brand juices." . . . Also working at Fleet Bank in Boston are **Christine Casey** and **Charlotte Tiffany**. . . . **J.R. Rudman** is already on his second job, working as an account associate at Applied Communication, a hi-tech PR firm in San Francisco. He wants everyone to know that the "weather here is great, though I do miss the snow a little bit." Don't we all, J! . . . Keep in touch!

—Hilary Smyth



O B I T U A R I E S



Theodore G. Smart '27, October 6, 2000, in Norway, Maine, at 95. He played baseball in the Pine Tree League from the late '20s to the early '40s, then served as a first lieutenant in the Army in France. For several years he taught in schools in Milo and Mexico, Maine, and also was an insurance salesman for Prudential Insurance Co. in Rumford, Maine, until his retirement in 1969. Surviving are his wife, Hazel, two daughters and a granddaughter.

Edward U. MacConnie '31, July 11, 2000, in Meriden, Conn., at 93. A lifelong Seymour, Conn., resident, he taught biology, physics and mathematics for 40 years in the Seymour schools and was principal of Seymour High School. He leaves a son, Edward H. MacConnie, two daughters, Joan Quesnel and Lisa Ciccone, eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Kenneth H. Mansfield '31, August 25, 2000, in Orange City, Fla., at 91. He interrupted a career as an outstanding Maine high school basketball coach to serve as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Later he was a special agent for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. Survivors include his daughter, Susan Mansfield Pogue '69.

Mary Dignam Murphy '31, September 27, 2000, in Wilmington, Del., at 91. Prior to her retirement in 1946 she was employed by the Maine Bureau of Accounts and Control. Surviving are her son, John D. Murphy, two sisters, Ellen Dignam Downing '35 and Alice Dignam Grady '38, three granddaughters and several nieces and nephews.

Evelyn Haycock Quinton '31, September 6, 2000, in Lewiston, Maine, at 90. She taught in Lisbon Falls, Maine, for two years before her marriage to Deane R. Quinton '30, who died in 1990. She volunteered with several local organizations and was an accomplished golfer and artist in pastels. She is survived by her son, Robert E. Quinton '62, and two granddaughters.

Samuel H. Marder '32, July 9, 2000, in Boca Raton, Fla., at 91. He served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1946 and retired as a lieutenant colonel. After the war he was assistant superintendent of the Worcester State Hospital in Worcester, Mass., before he entered private practice as a psychiatrist. Surviving are his son, Stephen Marder, his daughter, Phyllis Marder Jansen '62, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

John H. Wibby '32, August 12, 2000, in Yarmouth, Maine, at 89. He lived in Bangor, Maine, where he was employed at WLBZ Radio and Television and retired as chief engineer in 1970. Surviving are his wife of 68 years, Glenna, two sons, a daughter, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

George E. Lowell '35, August 24, 2000, in Dover, N.H., at 87. He worked in industrial banking with Beneficial Corp. in Lawrence and Newburyport, Mass., and Lewiston, Maine, and managed the company's Dover office from 1942 until he retired in 1967. A four-sport athlete at Colby, he was an active hockey and tennis player into his 60s. Surviving are his wife, Dorothy, a daughter, two sons, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Grace Wheeler Marsh '35, July 1, 2000, in Waterville, Maine, at 86. She earned a master's degree in biology from Radcliffe College and for more than 30 years was a bacteriologist for the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. She was predeceased by her sisters Julia Wheeler O'Sullivan '40 and Mary Wheeler Bruzga '40. Survivors include her five children, a sister, Martha Wheeler Zeltsman '44, a brother, Nathaniel H. Wheeler '42, 12 grandchildren, including William Kules '86, 12 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, including Michael Bruzga '78.

William A. Ellingwood Jr. '36, June 19, 1999, in Maine, at 85. He lived in East Corinth, Maine. His survivors include a daughter.

Milton M. Gilson '36, September 17, 2000, in West Roxbury, Mass., at 86. He served with the Navy in the Atlantic and the Caribbean during World War II. A graduate of Tufts University Medical School, he operated a family practice in Newton Center, Mass., and was on the staff of the Newton-Wellesley Hospital for more than 35 years. Survivors include his wife, Sylvia, a daughter, a son, Andrew Gilson '70, and two grandchildren.

Albert O. Piper '36, July 6, 2000, in Waterville, Maine, at 86. He graduated from Columbia University Dental College and was a dentist in Waterville for many years. Predeceased by his wife, Bettina Wellington Piper '35, he is survived by his daughter, Jan Kornbluth, a sister, a grandson and three nephews.

Sara J. Cowan '37, October 20, 2000, in Portland, Maine, at 85. She taught at New Gloucester High School and for more than 29 years taught Latin at Deering High School in Portland, where she was also the field hockey and girls' tennis coach. She served on Colby's Alumni Council and was awarded a Colby Brick. Surviving are her brother, Herman G. Cowan, and many nieces and nephews.

Robert D. Hussey '37, August 22, 2000, in Roseland, Fla., at 83. After teaching in Danforth and at Waterville High School in Maine, he became an executive with Norrwock Shoe Co. in Norridgewock, Maine, and Dexter Shoe Co. in Dexter, Maine. He was a veteran of Navy service during World War II. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Dorita, a son, a sister, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Anna Stobie Rogerson '38, September 14, 2000, in Portland, Maine, at 83. A homemaker, she had a lifelong interest in art and studied in Mexico at the Institute of Art at San Miguel de Allende. Her husband, Norman R. Rogerson '37, and a son, John S. Rogerson '66, died previously. Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Fairfield, two grandchildren, a cousin and a niece and nephew.

Louis Sacks '39, August 10, 2000, in Marblehead, Mass., at 83. He received a master's degree in education from Boston University before serving as a U.S. Army captain in Europe during World War II. After the war he was a teacher of French and Latin and an assistant principal in the Revere, Mass., school system for 32 years. He leaves his wife of 50 years, Frances, two sons, including Kenneth M. Sacks '80, a brother and several nieces and nephews.

Russell M. Birtwistle '40, June 10, 2000, in Attleboro, Mass., at 82. He worked for IIT-Grinnell for more than 35 years, retiring as manager of valve engineering in 1982. Previously he had worked for the Narragansett Electric Company. He leaves two sons, Kenneth R. Birtwistle and David C. Birtwistle, two step-grandchildren and a step-great-granddaughter.

Halsey A. Frederick Jr. '40, August 24, 2000, in Bryn Mawr, Pa., at 84. During World War II he served in the Navy as a catapult officer. He was an executive with the Leslie Company before his retirement in 1965, and he spent many years thereafter breeding and training Newfoundland dogs for national field trial events. He is survived by his wife, Elisabeth, his brother and three beloved dogs.

Weston MacRae '42, August 9, 2000, in Winter Haven, Fla., at 79. An Army veteran of both World War II and the Korean Conflict, he was an electrical equipment sales representative for many years. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Jean Cannell MacRae '42, two daughters, a son, four grandchildren and a niece, Joyce Kelby Cannell '81.

Walter A. Woodward '42, August 17, 2000, in Keene, N.H., at 81. After serving in the U.S. Army in Normandy, France and Germany during World War II, he was vice president of Woodward Motors, an automobile dealership in Keene. Survivors include his wife, Marie, a son, two daughters, a brother, eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, two nephews and a niece.

Martha Blackington Caminiti '46, June 30, 2000, in Portland, Maine, at 75. She was a member of several local organizations and taught in elementary grades in the Portland school system for several years before retiring in 1974. Predeceased by her husbands, Walter B. Maxfield '44 and Joseph Caminiti, and by her sister, Barbette Blackington Pacht '53, she is survived by two daughters, Susan Caminiti Christopher '70 and Beth Guy, and three grandsons.

Harold M. Kearney '47, June 23, 2000, in New Sharon, Maine, at 79. Following service with the U.S. Marines in World War II, he earned his doctorate from Boston University and provided guidance counseling services for high schools in Franklin County, Maine. For many years he was a youth education specialist for the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Maine. He is survived by his wife, Marie, his daughter and son, a brother and three grandchildren.

Eldridge P. Wallace '47, September 8, 2000, in Lewiston, Maine, at 74. During World War II he served as a U.S. Army antitank gun crewman in Europe and the Pacific. He earned his degree from the University of Maine in vocational agriculture and owned and operated an organic vegetable farm in Leeds, Maine. Survivors include his wife, Barbara, three daughters, a son, a sister, five grandsons, four granddaughters and two great-grandsons.

Everett S. Bauer '48, June 12, 2000, in Attleboro, Mass., at 77. A graduate of Andover Newton Theological Seminary, he was the pastor of Hill Memorial Baptist Church in Boston from 1952 to 1962 and of Lime Rock Baptist Church in Lincoln, Mass., from 1962 to 1987. His wife of 53 years, Mildred Hammond Bauer '48, a son and daughter and three grandchildren survive him.

Pauline Vitkauskas Kuzmeski '49, August 17, 2000, in Springfield, Mass., at 73. She and her late husband, Charles A. Kuzmeski, operated Little John Farm in Sunderland, Mass., and she was a grower for the Oxford Pickle Company of South Deerfield. She leaves sons David and John Kuzmeski, daughters Shirley Giambone and Joanne Kuzmeski-Jackson, a brother and six grandchildren.

Robert B. Maxell '49, August 7, 2000, in Tucson, Ariz., at 71. He received a master's degree from the University of Maine. After serving in the Korean Conflict, he was a teacher and administrator at Ricker College, and after retiring in 1993 from the University of Maine at Machias he was registrar emeritus. He is survived by his second wife, Elisabeth Dagdigian, a son and two granddaughters.

Christine Lucy MacDonald '50, June 13, 2000, in Lee, Mass., at 71. She was a school librarian at Lee Central School for many years. She is survived by her husband, Harold C. MacDonald, three sons, two daughters and 11 grandchildren.

William Malcolm Wilson '50, August 19, 2000, in Boston, Mass., at 73. After service in World War II and the Korean Conflict, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Brookline and Boston for 27 years. Survivors include his daughter, Whitney Trotman, and many devoted friends.

A. Winston Naugler '51, August 16, 2000, in Wayland, Mass., at 73. A physics major, he was credited with patents pertaining to infrared imaging and night-vision systems while employed at Raytheon and Honeywell. He founded Applied Optics Center Inc., which supplies space programs and the military with precision optics. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Leslie Naugler '50, three sons and five grandchildren.

Jean Brewer Bridge '52, August 18, 2000, in Orlando, Fla., at 70. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and received her master of arts in teaching from Harvard University. She taught mathematics at Colby, the University of Maine and Husson College and in junior high schools in Bangor and Brewer, Maine. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Wallace W. Bridge, two daughters, a granddaughter and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Raymond F. Keyes '52, July 15, 2000, in Needham, Mass., at 70. After service in the Navy he was a salesman and consultant. For more than 30 years he was a professor of marketing in the Carroll School of Management at Boston College, which he also served as director. Predeceased by his brother, Robert J. Keyes '52, he is survived by his

wife, Mary, a son and daughter, two brothers and three grandsons.

Alfred G. Legge '52, August 26, 2000, in North Palm Beach, Fla., at 72. He served in the Air Force in Japan during the Korean Conflict and was employed by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Corp. for 30 years before his retirement in 1987. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Macpherson Legge '52, two daughters and a son, eight grandchildren and two sisters.

Priscilla Chamberlin Kraut '56, April 19, 2000, in Wilmington, Del., at 65. She was a nurse and an associate professor of nursing at Thomas Jefferson University and the mother of three children. Survivors include her husband, George C. Kraut, children and three grandchildren.

Ruth-Ann Waters '56, July 29, 2000, in New Haven, Conn., at 66. She was an elementary school teacher in Seattle, Wash., Fort Walton, Beach, Fla., Stuttgart, Germany, and Madison, Conn. She leaves five brothers—Robert, Kenneth, Russell, Allan, and David Waters—and nephews and nieces.

Aubrey E. Jones '58, June 20, 2000, in Weston, Mass., at 66. He attended the College after Army service in Korea and received his law degree from Boston University School of Law. He served as general counsel for the Prudential Insurance Co., then went into general law practice and later into the practice of investment and trust law in Weston. He is survived by his wife, Lois Jones, three daughters, including Jocelyn Jones-Coles '90, a son, four grandchildren, a brother and nephews and nieces.

Marcia Peterson Robinson '60, October 16, 2000, in Fishers, Ind., at 62. She was a secretary and receptionist for Lawrence North High School for 15 years and for 10 years was a nursery school teacher at Castleton United Methodist Church. Survivors include her husband, Jack Robinson, three daughters, a brother and six grandchildren.

Bruce W. Logan '68, October 3, 2000, in North Yarmouth, Maine, at 55. A conscientious objector during the Vietnam War, he earned a master's degree at the University of New England and went on to a career as a social worker in California and Maine, where he developed innovative pro-

grams at the Preble Street Resource Center in Portland. Surviving are his wife, Linda C. Russell, a son, his mother and a sister and brother.

James Russell Wiggins H '54, November 19, 2000, in Brooklin, Maine, at 96. He worked for *The New York Times* and in 1954 was the editor of *The Washington Post* when he was chosen as Colby's third Lovejoy fellow. After retiring from the *Post* to become the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, he began a second newspaper career in Maine as owner-editor of the *Ellsworth American*. He sold the paper in 1991 but stayed on as editor and continued to write a column until a few months before his death.

Carl T. Rowan H '68, September 23, 2000, in Washington, D.C., at 75. After a stint as one of the U.S. Navy's first African-American commissioned officers, he was a pioneering reporter who was once called "America's most visible black journalist" for his eloquent columns exploring race relations and championing civil rights. He was a frequent guest on public affairs radio and television programs in a career that spanned more than half a century. He received the Lovejoy Award in 1968.

Mary H. Marshall H '73, September 25, 2000, in Syracuse, N.Y., at 97. During her 69-year teaching career she taught at the College (1935-1948) and at Syracuse University, where she taught more than 35 different courses in literature and drama. She retired in 1970 but conducted continuing education courses at Syracuse until she was 90.

Katherine W. Fanning H '79, October 19, 2000, in Wareham, Mass. She was the editor of the *Anchorage (Alaska) Daily News* when the paper received a Pulitzer Prize for public service. She received the Lovejoy Award in 1979. The editor of *The Christian Science Monitor* from 1983 to 1988, she was the first woman to run a national newspaper.

David E. Bell, H '86, September 6, 2000, in Cambridge, Mass., at 81. He was Gamble Professor of Population Sciences and International Health at the Harvard School of Public Health, where he was chair of the department of population sciences.

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a many-mule team

By Stephen Collins '74

Leo Pando, staff illustrator for *Colby* magazine, is a talented artist who combines a discriminating eye with a bold graphic style. Owner and rider of Navajo, a young pinto mare that boards in the stable just across the highway from the campus, he is also an experienced horseman.

Between vocation and avocation, it's no surprise that Leo knows about rendering equine species. (Render as in drawing, not gluemaking.) It is his opinion that, over the years, Colby illustrators have been as unkind to the vaunted White Mule as irascible muleskinners were to the hardworking species by which they earned their livings. There's too much contrariness in the mule's historical stereotyped, Leo maintains, and there's too much donkey cuteness in most depictions of the Colby mule.

Leo rarely tires of talking about horses, and he throws away lines like "I rode a Percheron once; it was like riding a bus." So when he says mules have gotten a bum rap, you can bet there's some truth in it. Indeed, a survey of recent literature reveals that mules are hardier, stronger and more industrious than horses. They are far more sensible insofar as they won't overeat or drink too much (students take note). If they get stuck in the mud, instead of panicking like a horse they merely relax and wait for help.

A mule is the offspring of a male donkey (aka a jackass) and a female horse (a mare). The reverse—the offspring of a female donkey (aka a jenny) and a stallion—is called a hinny, but unless you know the parents, hinnies can't be told from mules. Though they have an odd number of chromosomes thanks to their mixed parentage and, hence, cannot reproduce, mules are among a handful of animal species that could come back from extinction, so long as there are horses and donkeys around.

In the middle half of the 20th century, the mechanical tractor all but extinguished America's mule population. Almost six million existed in 1925, but it took a minor mule revival to bring numbers back up from historical lows to some 300,000 in the mid-1980s. By then recreational mule events included racing and rodeos and even dressage competitions. (The preferred mule race is 350 yards. Though mules have terrific acceleration, if pushed to run a mile they tend to stop in their tracks at the top of the homestretch. "They've run as far as they want to, and that's that," one mule fancier explained.)

At Colby the White Mule was adopted as the school's mascot after *Echo* editor Joseph Coburn Smith '24 suggested in a November 7, 1923, edito-

rial that the success of the football team had made its customary "dark horse" label obsolete. "Why should we not have a mascot, and what would make a better mascot than a little white mule?" he postulated, calling it "the antithesis of 'The Dark Horse.'"

Back then, with millions of mules in America, securing a white one in time for the Bates football game posed no great problem. Beating Bates was only somewhat harder; the newly dubbed Mules won 9-6 largely on the strength of their kicking game—a winning field goal and strong punting were reported.

But as the football team has had its ups and downs in the intervening years, so too its mascots. Currently there's a costume with a giant mule's head, known to students as "Morty." For many years a succession of true equine mascots bore the name "Ybloc," most of them, alas, donkeys rather than pure (or rather crossbred) mules. An early moniker for the mascot was "Aristotle."

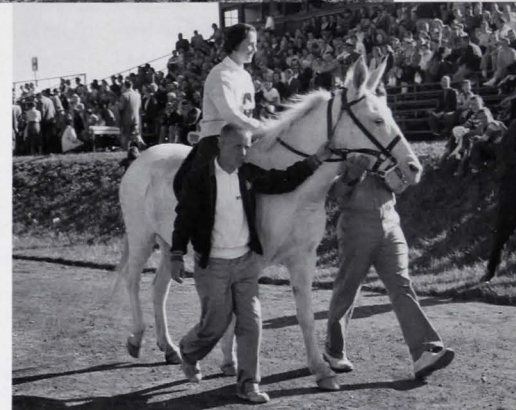
The most celebrated was a middle-aged Sicilian donkey named Louis, who arrived in Waterville (rail freight) in 1953. Louis, the Associated Press reported, came to Colby following a stage career in New York, during which he appeared on television with Jackie Gleason, Garry Moore and Arthur Godfrey. He even took a turn with the Metropolitan Opera as a cast member in *Aida*.

There was much ballyhoo about Louis's arrival for a homecoming game against the University of Maine that year. The outcome of the game received less notice. The fate of the donkey least of all. A curious document in the College's mule file suggests that Louis was traded in at a Winthrop stable the following year as little more than a downpayment on a real mule. Various benefactors (Colby's, not Louis's) contributed \$50 each to buy a white mule for \$296—\$250 in cash "with an allowance of \$46 for the donkey."

Of course Louis was, literally, a jackass. There may have been just cause for his abrupt dismissal. The files contain no rendering, so to speak, of his subsequent life, and there is nothing about his replacement.

Recent efforts by the dean of the College to change Colby's mascot to a moose were met with a general lack of enthusiasm, and this year the University of Maine at Augusta announced it would call its teams the Moose. "All hope is lost," said Dean Earl Smith. "We're stuck with a sterile mule."

So what does the new president make of all this?



In the long line of Mayflower Hill mascots, a true white mule (lower photo), shown taking a star turn at Seaverns Field, has been the exception. It says Colby, but the mascot in top photo is a donkey, not a mule. Admiring the impostor are, from left, an unidentified donkey handler; H. Ridgely Bullock, the late chairman of the Board of Trustees, former President William R. Cotter and Jim Cook '78.

Bro Adams, recently a Bison (Bucknell), formerly a Tiger (Colorado College), has no problem with the mule. "A mule is strong, steadfast, determined," he said. "It's good." Reviewing other NESCAC mascots—as banal as the Bates Bobcats and colorful as the Connecticut College Camel—Adams put the Mule at least in the middle of the pack. "Amherst is the Lord Jeffs," he said with unconcealed disdain. "It sounds like a British rock group from 1968." Picture Austin Powers as lead singer. And the Williams Ephmen, perhaps wearing fraternity cardigans and singing barbershop harmonies.

Did we mention the University of California at Santa Clara, where Adams got his Ph.D.? It boasts the Banana Slug as a mascot. "I admired the banana slug," Adams said. "A creature who has survived, though not one of great speed or grace perhaps."

While some may not embrace the mule as a mascot, true mule aficionados go one better. Lovelorn students should note an old saying that's posted at www.mule.com, a site maintained by the North American Saddle Mule Association. "Kiss a mule, cure a cold."

Try that with your banana slug.

President William D. Adams

Welcome Tour

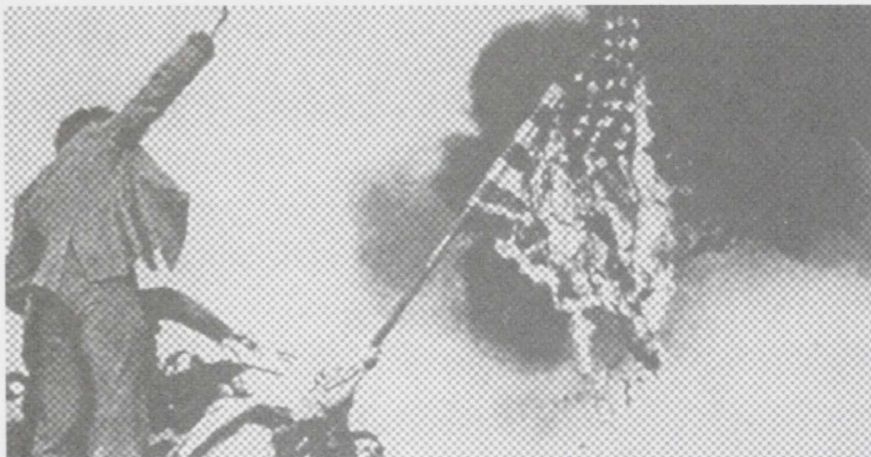
On October 21, 2000, President William D. "Bro" Adams was inaugurated as Colby's 19th president. In January 2001 he will begin a welcome tour of Colby's regional alumni clubs. The Office of Alumni Relations will mail notices to alumni, parents and friends in each area to announce regional events. Call 207-872-3190 or e-mail alumni@colby.edu for information.

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January 17 Boston
January 24 New York City
January 25 Fairfield County, Conn.
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September 13 Hartford
September 20 Philadelphia
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Highlights include:

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The parade of classes

A lobster bake and chicken barbecue

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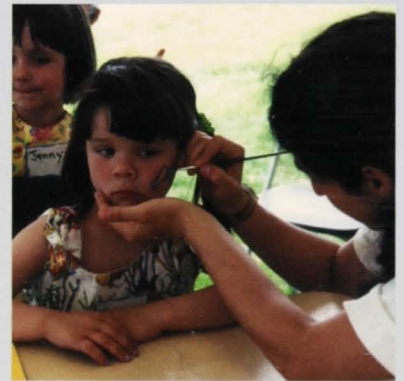
Alumni book-signings

Individual class receptions and dinners followed by music and dancing

Enjoy the sports facilities, including tennis courts and the swimming pool. Housing is available in the dorms, most renovated or built since you were last here.

Bring the kids! Childcare is provided, but it's not your usual babysitting! Pony rides, children's music, cookie decorating, visits from favorite storybook characters, face painting, games and other activities are highlights. Parents are welcome to join children for afternoon activities in the tent.

One recent reunion reveler declared, "Each year that I have attended Reunion Weekend it seems to be better than the previous year. And this year it seemed to be the best!"



All reunion classes' brochures will be mailed in March 2001. If you are not a member of a reunion-year class but would like to join the group, please contact the Alumni Relations Office.

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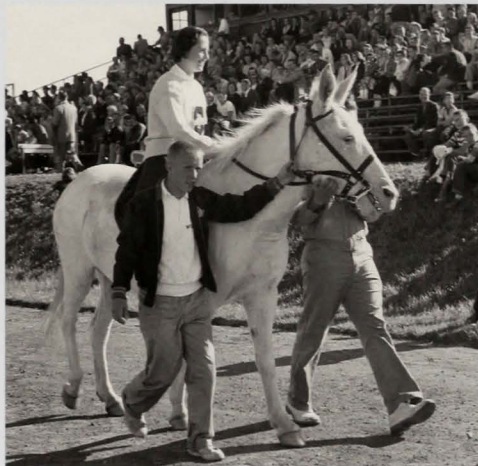
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