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This is a three-hour lab, these boots are ridiculous, and the mosquitoes are killers.

But I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else.

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An Entrepreneur’s Top 10 | When HomeAway cofounder and CEO Brian Sharples ’82 visited Colby last semester he shared with students his insights from years of entrepreneurial experience, including “Ideas … are a dime a dozen. Being able to execute is the most important thing.” Read the rest of Sharples’s top 10 tips.
Giving Day

Everybody has a Because Colby. It’s what you love about this school, the memories that will always stay with you. On Feb. 27 hundreds of students put their Because Colby on postcards for donors. What are they thankful for? Pretty much everything—financial aid, professors, athletics, and more. But mostly, for making the Colby experience unforgettable.

You can read all their messages at colbygivingday.tumblr.com.
The Adams interview gives reason to pause

I arrived at Bro’s office with a list of questions, just in case. Turned out I didn’t need it. The Q&A with President Bro Adams that begins on page 16 and continues online was gleaned from more than four hours of conversations in December. We sat in his office in Eustis, recorder on the table, and chatted. I wish we’d done it sooner.

Colby is a busy place, and running it is a more-than-full-time job. As Bro put it, for many years his life has been propelled by the next meeting. The daily schedule doesn’t usually allow a lot of time to reflect.

But for Bro, and all of us, it should.

That was one of the realizations I had as we talked about Colby—where it’s been and where it’s going, of course, but also why one would spend a career working at a college like this one and what that career would accomplish. We talked about what makes Colby “Colby,” and Bro’s characterization of the place (see the extended version online) was candid and perceptive and in some ways even provocative. We talked about his service in Vietnam and how that war pushed him to philosophy. We talked about how a single conversation with a bright and engaging student can turn a bad day into a very good one.

And much, much more.

I hope you enjoy reading this piece and seeing the sides of Bro Adams that it reveals. His tenure here has had tremendous impact, and he has moved Colby rapidly and significantly forward in so many important and even crucial ways. (Think programs, facilities, stature.) Bro, characteristically, deflects credit for this to the Colby community.

In the end, though, he said the most rewarding part of being Colby’s president has been the people he spends time with. Dining Services staff. Faculty. Senior staff. Physical Plant colleagues. Trustees. Alumni. Even a couple of first-year international students who walked into his office one day and said they wanted to get to know him. That led to a year-long and continuing friendship.

For me, this last observation was a reminder of the importance of all of us to occasionally pause and reflect on what we’re doing, what we hope to accomplish, and, most importantly, the ways we enjoy the people around us. In the wise hindsight of retrospection, that message came through loud and clear.

CONTRIBUTORS

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Erika Mailman ’91 (“Exploring Common Ground,” P. 32) is a writer and historical novelist living in Northern California. Her first book, Woman of Ill Fame, follows a Gold Rush prostitute, while her second looks at a medieval woman accused of witchcraft. The Witch’s Trinity was a San Francisco Chronicle Notable Book.
As one of those who wrote a “somewhat pointed letter” in response to Professor Cal Mackenzie’s retrospective on his return to Vietnam, I commend Bob Lloyd ’68 for his thorough and appropriate revisiting of Colby’s losses during the Vietnam War (“On the Vietnam War, Setting the Record Straight—Again,” Colby, fall 2013), and recommend to the Colby community the article he referenced, which can be found online here: colby.edu/colby.mag/issues/fall00/vietnam/

Certainly Vietnam was, as Jan Scruggs, founder of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, noted, “that kind of war”—a war where ambivalence about the war and the men and women who served in it dominated. Mike Ransom ’66, one of those Colby men at war, expressed this feeling himself in one of his letters home, which his parents had published after he was killed in May 1968:

I did hear Johnson’s speech of de-escalation and non-candidacy and thought it the best of his career, not just the way he said it. It created in me a great sense of hope that this foolishness over here will end fairly shortly. There is not a man over here that wants to see this war go on any longer. That is not to say that anybody shrinks from doing a job. But everyone is as confused as I as to exactly what, if anything, we’re accomplishing and wants the war over ASAP.

Certainly during that terrible year of 1968 the country as a whole lost whatever sense it might have previously had that the war was somehow worthy of the loss of those fine young men. President Johnson’s decision to forego a second term, which was made only a few short weeks before Mike Ransom’s death, was perhaps—if unintentionally—the most public acknowledgement of this sense of loss.

As Lloyd so eloquently suggests, it is important that Colby not shy away from continuing to explore the unhealed wounds of Vietnam. I think it is worth note that in recent years the men and women who served in Vietnam are now honored for their service in Memorial Day parades and other events, even if the war in which they served continues to engender deep and troubling emotions. David Barnes ’68, Leslie Dickinson ’67, James Hunter Shotwell ’62, and Ransom deserve such recognition and honor, not just on the Wall, but in the history of Colby. How their deaths, and how the legacy of Vietnam may have shaped those of us who lived through it, is a subject worthy of continued discussion.

Perhaps, if we can separate the war itself from the warriors who fought in it—those who lived, like Lloyd and Mackenzie, and those who died—we can better come to grips with its legacy and meaning. Most of the young men on the front lines, I daresay, wished to be anywhere else than in combat. That they did their duty is a tribute to their dedication to themselves and to the men and women with whom they served and whom they led. The political machinations that led to the war mattered little to them. What mattered was living through it as best they could.

As the discussion continues among Colby men and women, it may benefit the dialogue to recall the sentiments expressed in a letter to Mike Ransom’s parents from Army Nurse Captain Connie Schlosser after his death in a San Francisco military hospital on May 11, 1968. She spent Ransom’s last hours with him and was heartbroken by his death.

“I’ve never written a letter like this,” she wrote, “but in my six years of nursing I have never met so courageous an individual as your son. ... I guess I really wanted you to know that Mike did not die alone, with no one caring. I cared, we all cared. ... we all share your sorrow. Be ever so proud of Mike!” Indeed. Robert Kinney ’79 Doylestown, Pa.
In Awe of Rabbi Rachel Isaacs

Yasher co-ach (job well done) to Rabbi Rachel Isaacs (“Bridge Builder,” Colby, fall 2013). Beth Israel Synagogue and Colby College are so very fortunate. I am in awe of the incredible community she is building, face to face and soul to soul. The spirit and energy she instills is inspiring, and I am heartened that Jewish cultural and religious life is blossoming on and off the Hill!

Rabbi Zachary R. Shapiro ’92
Temple Akiba
Culver City, Calif.

Ice-Fishing, Tony Marin Style

Regarding the piece about Tony Marin (Editor’s Desk, Colby, fall 2013), teaching at Lawrence High School in Fairfield for 35 years I was fortunate to know many kids from the SAD 49 community, where Tony lived. Tony, as we said, “was a piece of work!”

I went ice-fishing with him on Moosehead Lake with his good friends the Watson family from Clinton more than once. Ice-fishing “Tony style” involved a tent at the fishing site, a propane stove, several dozen eggs, pounds of bacon, two or three tubs of baked beans, a couple of loaves of bread, pots of coffee, fry pans, pots, silverware, and camp stools. There were also sleeping bags and extra clothes, all in addition to what was back at camp.

Unfortunately, Julie and I were away from Maine during Tony’s memorial service at Lorimer Chapel but I’m sure our thoughts were well represented.

Bill Alexander ’62
Albion, Maine

Genuine and Generous Tony Marin

Thank you kindly for paying tribute to Tony Marin (Editor’s Desk, Colby, fall 2013). I worked in the Eustis Service Center mailroom during my four years as a student, and as such, I came to know many of the figures “behind the scenes” at Colby. Tony Marin was one such figure and my friend. His character was just as described in the editor’s note: genuine and generous.

As soon as Tony learned that I was one of the student managers of Colby’s organic garden on Runnals Hill, he was scurrying around helping fix our spigot and irrigation system. One day he brought his walk-behind rototiller to the garden and instructed my fellow gardeners and me how to wield the machine to break up some particularly troublesome earthy clay.

In the mailroom on doughnut day (every Friday) or around campus, Tony always waved hello and, with that cryptic Tony smile you described, wished me well on my way. Thank you for honoring him in Colby.

Meg Kruithoff ’12
Biddeford Pool, Maine

A Disappointing Essay

I generally enjoy Colby and especially the Last Page articles. The magazine helps me feel a little bit connected to the school, though I have lived on the other side of the country since graduation.

The most recent Last Page, “A Bridge Not Burned,” (Colby, fall 2013) was disappointing. I suspect that many of us did some pretty stupid things back in our Colby days. And then we moved on. It seems that Gerry Hadden ’89 still thinks it’s funny that he and his buddies defaced public property in a foreign country, and even gloats about how they got away with it. His 7- and 9-year old children sat around the lake with them, hearing about the vandalism. Is this a legacy he wants to leave? I am curious about why this got published at all. It’s astonishing that this is the most poignant story Colby could come up with.

Alix Land ’78
Portland, Ore.
Slash and Burn

Mardi Haskell ’17, NESCAC Rookie of the Year in alpine skiing, races in January. Haskell and teammates Paige Whistler ’16 and Jeanne Barthold ’15 raced to a sixth-place team finish at the NCAA championships in March. See. P. 15. Photo by Dustin Satloff ’15
To the Hoop

John Gallego ’16 drives during a game with University of Maine at Farmington in November. The Mules went on to upset the national champion Amherst squad later in the season before falling to top-seeded Amherst in the NESCAC playoffs.

Photo by Dustin Satloff ’15
Kenyan Welcome

Sara Miller ’15, lower right, is shown with her home-stay brother, Abraham Sakinoi, in a Maasai village in Kimana, Kenya. Miller joined the 17-member Sakinoi family while attending the School for Field Studies Wildlife Management Program during the fall semester. Above, a Maasai mother waits with her child to be tested for malnutrition at a clinic where Miller and others volunteered. Below left, elephants studied by the SFS program, with Mt. Kilimanjaro in the background. Photos by Sara Miller ’15 and, lower right, Emily Cotton
Colby Receives $10-Million Gift for Davis Science Center

Colby has received a $10-million gift from the Shelby Cullom Davis Charitable Fund supporting the new science building that will house the Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics, and Psychology departments and provide improved and expanded spaces for student-faculty interactions.

The 36,400-square-foot Davis Science Center is scheduled to open for the fall semester. It will include a robotics laboratory, a behavioral neuroscience research suite, and shared classrooms and computer laboratories. It is being built to the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED Silver certification standards.

The gift was made possible by Colby Trustee Emeritus Andrew Davis ’85, president of the investment firm Davis Selected Advisers and a trustee of the Shelby Cullom Davis Charitable Fund.

“From questioning our understanding of the world to building technological solutions for the future, Colby faculty and students have always been inclined to apply the sciences to social good,” Davis said, in a press release from the College. “By strengthening the role of the sciences within the liberal arts curriculum, we hope to build on that history, expand opportunities for Colby students, and further prepare them to make a positive impact on the world before and after graduation.”

The science building will facilitate several shifts on campus. It will allow the Psychology and Computer Science departments to move from the Roberts Building to the academic core of the campus and for the conversion of the Roberts Building into student housing. Additionally, space in the Seeley G. Mudd Science Building vacated by the Mathematics and Statistics Department will increase teaching and research space for other departments.

Davis served as a Colby overseer from 1996 to 1999 and as a trustee from 1999 to 2006. He created, with his wife, Sydney, the Andrew and Sydney Davis Scholarship Fund. Andrew’s father, Shelby M.C. Davis, and Shelby’s wife, Gale, founded the Davis United World College Scholars Program at Colby in 1999. The Shelby Cullom Davis Charitable Fund also supports the Davis United World College program.
William D. Adams, Deval Patrick to Be Honored at Commencement

Governor of Massachusetts Deval Patrick, a first-generation college student and champion of education reform, will deliver the commencement speech and receive an honorary degree at Colby’s 193rd Commencement May 25, the College announced in March. As is customary for retiring Colby presidents, William D. Adams, who will step down at the end of June (see page 16), will also receive an honorary degree.

Patrick was elected to a second term as Massachusetts governor in 2010. First elected in 2006, Patrick’s accomplishments include supporting school reform initiatives that earned his state the top spot in the national Race to the Top competition.

From the South Side of Chicago, Patrick was awarded a scholarship to Milton Academy through A Better Chance, a Boston-based organization. He graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School. After clerking for a federal judge, he led a successful career in the private sector as an attorney and business executive, rising to senior executive positions at Texaco and Coca-Cola. In 1994 President Clinton appointed Patrick as assistant attorney general for civil rights, the nation’s top civil rights post.

Other recipients of honorary degrees include Richard Blanco, the poet who read at President Obama’s second inauguration; Elizabeth Broun, the Margaret and Terry Stent Director of the Smithsonian American Art Museum; William Chace, former president of Wesleyan University and Emory University, and Andrea Nix Fine ’91, an Oscar-winning documentary filmmaker.

As he has done every year since arriving at Colby in 2000, Adams will address the graduating class at the baccalaureate ceremony the day before commencement. That speech, along with video and photos of commencement and much more, will be online at colby.edu/commencement. Alumni, parents, and students are encouraged to participate in conversations on social media using #Colby2014.

Boylan Named First Transgender Co-chair of GLAAD

Jennifer Finney Boylan, professor of English and author of novels and bestselling memoirs, has been named the first transgender co-chair of GLAAD, the national lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender advocacy organization.

“Proud. Excited. Psyched,” Boylan said about her new responsibilities helping to lead an organization with a $6-million annual budget. The naming of a transgender person to lead an organization is about her new responsibilities helping to lead an organization’s national board of directors, she said, “points ahead to one of the directions the advocacy movement is going.”

Boylan, who has taught at Colby for 25 years and came out as transgender in 2002, said despite “breathtaking” strides made by the movement in past years, including legalization of gay marriage in more than a dozen states, there is much work to be done.

“There are some people who feel the movement is over,” she said, “and that we should declare victory and clear the field. If you live on the coasts and your only issue is marriage equality, it might be tempting to feel that way.”

But LGBT teens, persons with HIV, and transgender adults still face rampant discrimination, Boylan said. “People lose everything,” she said. “People lose the ability to see their children. They lose their jobs.”

Boylan knows that communities like that at Colby are very different from the places where many LGBT people live. “In many ways I came from an environment of privilege, and human rights shouldn’t be a matter of privilege.”

Jennifer Finney Boylan, professor of English

talk shows bringing transgender issues to a broad audience. Now the Bridge, the LGBT organization at Colby, holds Transgender November with renowned and respected transgender speakers attracting crowds of receptive students.

There has been progress beyond marriage equality, Boylan said. When she came out as transgender, she said, “I don’t think people necessarily knew what I was talking about.”

Still, Boylan was widely supported at Colby and beyond, with her writing widely lauded and her appearances on national talk shows bringing transgender issues to a broad audience. Now the Bridge, the LGBT organization at Colby, holds Transgender November with renowned and respected transgender speakers attracting crowds of receptive students.

“In many ways I came from an environment of privilege, and human rights shouldn’t be a matter of privilege.”

—Gerry Boyle ’78
Four Professors Awarded Tenure

Four assistant professors were granted tenure at the winter meeting of the Colby Board of Trustees.

Valérie Dionne (French and Italian) is an author and scholar of early modern French literature and philosophy.

Melissa Glenn (psychology) is a behavioral neuroscientist who studies prenatal nutrition as it affects psychopathology later in life.

James Scott (mathematics and statistics) specializes in infectious disease epidemiology and mathematical epidemiology.

Walter “Bill” Sullivan (geology) is an expert on structural geology and plate tectonics and now studies the Norumbega fault in Maine.

All four earned Ph.D.s before coming to Colby, and all four will be promoted to the rank of associate professor for the 2014-15 academic year.

A consistent response when asked about their experiences at Colby for online profiles was enthusiasm for working with Colby students in classrooms and laboratories and on collaborative research. “I surround myself with them,” said Glenn. “If it weren’t for them, this wouldn’t be nearly as much fun.”

Grant to Expand Colby Museum of Art’s Teaching Role

The Colby College Museum of Art, which expanded in 2013 with the Alfond-Lunder Family Pavilion, has received $600,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support its role as a teaching museum.

The grant will enhance curricular engagement between the museum and faculty, bolster collaborations with other museums, and implement seminars for faculty at Colby and beyond.

The grant will support the hiring of a staff member dedicated to academic outreach and programming and will deepen the museum’s impact on the curriculum at Colby. The coordinator of academic programs will also facilitate faculty and student research and publishing.

“This grant couldn’t have come at a better time,” said Sharon Corwin, director and chief curator of the museum. “The world-class artworks in the Lunder Collection open tremendous learning opportunities for our students, and we are eager to see more and more classes and researchers visiting the galleries and studying the collection.”

Nearly 60 different classes used the museum in the fall and January terms, with requests pouring in for second semester.

As part of the grant the Colby museum will work with the Bowdoin College Museum of Art to implement a series of seminars and workshops for faculty on collection use and to launch a collections-sharing program to address curricular needs beyond the scope of the museum’s permanent collection.

$2 Million Given for Financial Aid

A $2-million anonymous gift from an alumnus will allow Colby to increase the number of students who receive financial aid.

“We have a responsibility to make sure the cost of a Colby education doesn’t prohibit qualified students from attending,” said President William D. Adams.

“Gifts in support of financial aid endowment give donors who want to make a difference in those students’ lives a remarkable way to help us meet that responsibility.”

The gift comes as Colby increases its capacity to offer financial aid. Currently, about 40 percent of Colby students receive institutional grant aid, and 690 endowed financial aid funds help Colby cover students’ full determined need. Colby awards more than $25 million in grants annually, and in January 2008 the College began replacing all loans in its financial aid packages with grants.
Winter to summer, athletes to coaches, students to parents, Colby has Olympic connections. Here are a dozen in five categories.

1. WINTER ATHLETES
   Courtney Kennedy '01, Women's Ice Hockey: Salt Lake City, 2002 (Silver Medal); Turin, 2006 (Bronze Medal).
   Elbridge Ross ’35, Men's Ice Hockey: Garmisch-Partenkirchen, 1936 (Bronze Medal).

2. SUMMER ATHLETES
   Sebsibe Mamo ’70, Men's Track (Ethiopia), 800M and 1500M: Tokyo, 1964; Mexico City, 1968.
   Michael J. Ryan, Colby Track Coach 1919-1934, Marathon: London, 1908; Stockholm, 1912.

3. SUPPORT ROLES
   Reagan Carey '01, USA Women's Ice Hockey General Manager: Sochi, 2014.
   Michael J. Ryan, Colby Track Coach 1919-1934, USA Track Coach: Antwerp, 1920; Paris, 1924; Amsterdam, 1928.

4. FAMILY CONNECTIONS
   Seth Wescott, Snowboard Cross: Torino, 2006 (Gold Medal); Vancouver, 2010 (Gold Medal).
   Lindsey Vonn, Alpine Skiing: Vancouver, 2010 (Gold Medal, Downhill; Bronze Medal, Super-G); Sochi, 2014 (withdrew due to injury).
   Colby connection: mother, Linda Krohn ’74.

5. THERE’S ONLY ONE FIRST, AND IT’S COLBY’S
   James R. Connolly LHD’50, Men's Track and Field: Athens, 1896.
   Special Collections holds James Connolly's hop, skip, and jump (triple jump) silver medal from the 1896 Summer Olympics in Greece—the first medal awarded at the modern Olympic Games. Connolly (then a Harvard student who would become “America's best writer of sea stories,” according to Joseph Conrad) placed first in the triple jump, second in the high jump, and third in the long jump. Winners received silver medals and runners-up got bronze. The medal was given to Colby as part of a collection of books and personal items by Connolly’s daughter, Brenda.

From Facebook, FIVE THINGS: Colby Olympians

Most Valuable Player
Konnor Gardner, 7, visits with Colby men’s hockey players and Coach Blaise MacDonald, center, in January. Konnor was born with neurofibromatosis, a spinal disorder. As a member of the team, the newest Mule was issued number 2 and a locker.

Photo by Michael Seamans / Morning Sentinel
College Opt to Fund Rugby for Additional Year

When Colby announced last November that it would cease funding club rugby teams after the 2013-14 academic year, students and alumni reacted fiercely. They organized on social media with a “save Colby rugby” hashtag and Facebook group, alerted sports reporters and rugby organizations, and created a petition that garnered more than 4,000 signatures of supporters urging the College to reconsider.

In December Colby announced that it would fund rugby through the 2014-15 academic year, allowing additional time to examine the situation.

The College’s position is that risks associated with rugby require a level of coaching and training support that far surpasses the financial investment Colby makes in any other club sport. According to messages from Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Lori Kletzer, it is unsafe to operate without the level of staffing Colby proposed, and the cost of that staffing would be prohibitive.

In agreeing to fund club rugby for an additional year, the College acknowledged the importance of the sport to students and alumni. “I hope that in the time afforded us by this decision we can seek ways to satisfy the College’s very real need to effectively manage the safety issues surrounding the sport,” Kletzer wrote, “clearly identify the financial resources needed to manage those risks going forward, and honor the passion and commitment so clearly held by those who love the sport.”

Bonnie’s Diner, a Colby Tradition, Closes Its Doors

Bonnie’s Diner, the cozy restaurant that filled generations of Colby students with pancakes, home fries, and conversation, closed its doors in January.

The roadside eatery on the outskirts of Winslow was a magnet for Colbians since the 1970s and a must for returning alumni and visiting Colby parents ever since. “They’d be here from Texas, from all over,” said Eva Turner, who ran the diner for five years, until last year. “They’d be out there with their cameras, texting pictures. ‘I’m at Bonnie’s. Here’s the dining room. These are the new curtains.’”

Bonnie’s had more than one owner. Most recently it was Bonnie Ryan, the restaurant’s namesake and daughter of founder Gladys Booker. Ryan—a high school student when Bonnie’s opened and now a retired school teacher—closed the diner after deciding to sell the adjoining property.

P’14 P’16, Bonnie’s proprietors “treated everyone like a friend, and that created this atmosphere of belonging for anyone who walked through the door.”

Said Daniel Totten ’14, “It was like walking into someone’s kitchen.”

Turner said Colby played a huge part in the life of the diner and would continue to do so in her memories of Bonnie’s. She arrived every day by 4 a.m. to begin baking the breads and muffins that were a Bonnie’s staple. The diner would open soon after, though her Colby clientele (“they sleep late”) would come in later.

“We had the big table in the center we called the family table,” she said. “The Colby kids would fill that, their favorite being the blueberry pancakes. And the home fries. They would keep that grill loaded.

“God love ’em, they just ate it up.’

For more than 40 years, Bonnie’s offered home-cooked meals and a welcoming atmosphere for locals and Colby students alike. Said Becca Cunningham Weiss ’84
Season Ends in NESCAC Semifinals

After upsetting second seed Amherst in the NESCAC quarterfinals, women’s hockey lost 4-2 to defending champion Bowdoin. Brianne Wheeler ’14, the All-NESCAC first-team goalie, made 24 saves in her last game for the Mules. Photo by Dustin Satloff ’15

Women Skiers Come Up Big in National Meet

Colby’s women alpine skiers rank sixth in the country after the NCAA Skiing Championships in Park City, Utah, in March.

Mardi Haskell ‘17, Paige Whistler ’16, and Jeanne Barthold ’15 saved some of their strongest skiing for the finale. “The women’s team has been performing all year long, establishing new bests and then smashing those bests,” said alpine team coach Danny Noyes ’02. Haskell, Whistler, and Barthold were 12th, 17th, and 23rd respectively in slalom.

Colby finished 13th in combined alpine-Nordic scoring.

In men’s alpine, Michael Boardman ’17 was 28th in GS.

Women’s Nordic skier Olivia Amber ’17 finished 26th and 33rd in 5K classic and 15K freestyle, and Amy Bianco ’17 was 34th and 36th. “A great week of racing by two first-years in a much older and experienced field,” said Nordic coach Tracey Cote.

Multicultural Literacy Jan Plan Makes a Difference

Student demand for the Jan Plan course Multicultural Literacy has seen it grow to include five sections with 100 participating first-years—almost a quarter of the class—since its introduction three years ago. And the course’s success carries a promise to change the experience of all Colby students, significantly and for the better, according to students and faculty from this year’s sessions.

“I think these students are going to have a different experience here at Colby,” said Margo Diamond, one of the instructors, at an event in Page Commons where students presented projects Jan. 29. “I truly believe this class has the power to change the campus climate on how students interact, not only with each other, but with faculty and staff on issues of race, social class, sexuality, gender, ability, and religion,” she wrote in a follow-up e-mail.

Piloted by Professor of Education Mark Tappan, the course aims to give students knowledge and skills to help them interact effectively across difference and to live and work productively in multicultural contexts.

At the end-of-Jan Plan event, Andrew Fullerton ’17 recalled a memorable moment. He said Coordinator of Multicultural Student Programs and Support and Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology Joseph Atkins told them, “I don’t care what you want to ask [President] Bro [Adams] to do. I want to see what you guys can do in your everyday lives to help slowly change these trends, expectations, and stereotypes.”

Several students, including some for whom Multicultural Literacy was not their first-choice Jan Plan, volunteered that the course should be required. Becky Higgins ’17, who ranked it third, said, “When I got it, I was kind of bummed, but this course has been so, so amazing. I just didn’t even know what multicultural literacy means. It really turned into critically thinking about what you learned as a child and where does that come from—and how we can be thinking about reforming that idea in order to have it come out in our actions.” —Stephen B. Collins ’74
Bro Reflects
Adams reveals his private thoughts on his presidency

Retiring President William D. Adams on the “relentlessness” of the job, learning to be extroverted, and the need to stay focused on the College’s core mission

So, after fourteen years at Colby, here we are. Do you ever wonder how you ended up in this moment?
I guess when I reflect on my life I do come back to that, the mystery of how I got here. But you know, having done this [the job of college president] now for twenty years, it is my life. And I think what I worry a little bit about is that this has become so normal to me that it will be a very dramatic change not to have all of that commotion.

Like if you move from Manhattan to the country.
Exactly.

You’ve said, “There’s nothing that can prepare you for doing this job other than being in it.” For what were you not prepared?
I think it’s being in it and in the center of it in the way that you are on a day-to-day basis. Until you have the responsibility and you are exercising the responsibility, it’s very hard to understand what that’s like. The weight of it, the implications of the things you do or think, and how much consequence there is to things you do.

You always have your phone?
Yeah. Well, not really. I felt a little disengaged [in France] this summer because of sabbatical, and people were trying to leave me alone. There was a kind of freedom to that that was really interesting and, to me, unfamiliar. When I was on my bike on some savage climb, I felt pretty disengaged in a good way, in the appropriate way. But apart from that, I think back on the fourteen years—you’re always on duty, and at any time the call can come, the knock on the door can come, or somebody can walk into your office with some terrifically exciting or depressing news. There’s a sense of constancy or relentlessness of it.

Speaking of cycling, we have the photos. You know there’s a metaphor going on there.
I think that’s appropriate.

Riding off into the sunset?
That, but also the nature of the sport. It’s hard. It requires regular engagement and discipline. It’s an endurance thing.

As does the job?
Yes, because the other thing you have to have is patience. It is a long-distance race. It’s not a sprint.

What has given you a sense of accomplishment?
I’ve been thinking a lot about that. And it’s important to say, in addition to the pressure and the difficulty and the kind of innately challenging nature of these roles, it’s also important to say that there’s a lot of pleasure in it. Faculty, administrators, support staff, people that I spend a lot of time with—the physical plant people, the dining services people—that’s the source of the greatest pleasure, I think. That sense of teamwork and making things happen. Because all of this is about teamwork. The president gets privileged in the way that people perceive his or her importance,
Colby President Bro Adams is reflected in Untitled, 2010, by Anish Kapoor, which was recently on loan from the collection of Jennifer and Bob Diamond ’73.
and there is something important about it, but it’s teamwork basically. The pleasures of it are immense. It’s exciting. It matters. It has social consequence and political consequence.

And those specifics?
I’m probably proudest of the things that are not visible in the ways that buildings are visible or that the endowment is visible. I think it’s interesting changes or additions or shifts in the program, the broad sweep of what we’re doing. The Goldfarb Center was one of the first things I was preoccupied with here, and it’s one of the most satisfying of all. And there are other things like that that are so interesting programmatically. The latest expression is this humanities center, which I think is a great thing and I was a champion of. The museum of art and all of these expressions the College now has in the visual arts were very important to me. The programmatic developments in environmental studies and environmental science. The new marine conservation track. The evolution and strengthening of neuroscience and strategically hiring faculty that were arrayed around the programs interested in neuroscience: psychology, biology, chemistry. And I’m also very proud of some of the programmatic things in the community that we’ve done. The Maine Film Center. Quarry Road. I really enjoyed and felt good about Colby’s, and my, engagement in the community.

And fourteen years’ worth of graduates?
Yeah, I have a very keen sense of that. This kind of segues into this sense of accomplishment, though it’s not my accomplishment; it’s the institution’s accomplishment. I have a really keen sense of the extremely interesting things that people do over decades after they leave here. To me, it’s pretty clear that their experiences here inform what they do and their ability to do what they do as well as they do it. I think that’s another great dimension of this job that you see the impact in countless ways. It’s our achievement, our collective achievement, and it’s real, and it’s concrete, and it’s visible.

Do you have moments when you’re tired or discouraged and a student gets you back on track?
All the time. I think the risk of jobs like these is that you get kind of buried in administrivia, sort of navel-gazing. It’s all important work and it has to get done, and it can even be fun, but you can also get buried in it. And when you come back into contact with what students are doing and you find them in their excited, best moments, that’s enormously encouraging and inspiring.

It seems Colby’s impact has broadened considerably.
That’s also very much on my mind. When I got here, we were running at about ten percent of the student body in terms of underrepresented domestic groups. The international contingent was five or six percent. Partly because of things that [former President] Bill Cotter had started on the international side, we very quickly grew to about fifteen percent international students, mainly through the Davis United World College program. But now quite a bit beyond that. And slowly but surely—it was very difficult and is still very difficult—we gradually made progress on the domestic front.

So the student community is very different from when you arrived.
I think that’s right. And again, this is a team sport, so it took a lot of people and it took some pushing and shouting along the way.

Which is continuing.
And it will. Because as these places become more complex they become more dynamic, and they become less complacent with their being. And that’s fine. You can’t have a very complicated community and have a very simple sort of collective consciousness. Some of the more challenging moments I’ve experienced here and in my career have been around that emergent diversity. It’s tough. It’s worth it.

When you were profiled in Colby in 2000 you talked about the College as being “on the threshold of a new level of excellence.” Still true?
I hope so. I hope it’s still rising. When I talk to people from your time, and even after, people look at the institution today and they compare it to the institution they experienced, and they’re quite struck by the difference in this sort of trajectory, where is it along some kind of road to wherever—perfection. And they see a much better version than what they experienced. Not that it negates what came before. I think even over fifteen years you can see it. It’s expressed in the qualities of the students; it’s expressed in the look of the campus; it’s expressed in the interesting changes in the program; it’s expressed in the achievements and the qualities of these kids as they graduate and how impressive they are. But I think it’s got a long way to go before it will be at some plateau of perfect excellence.

A lofty goal.
Yeah, right. And my sense of [incoming president] David [Greene] is that he’s got lots of aspiration. But I think a lot of people have aspiration here. I hope Colby is different in the future, and I hope it’s got a lot of difference left to achieve, and I hope we would agree at the end of whatever period we choose that it’s gotten better, particularly in the way that it delivers the mission. I think that’s the key. You’ve got to keep going back to that. Because I think one of the great, powerful perceptions that I have—and it’s not something that leaves me happy necessarily—is that because the world is so now interconnected and closed in upon itself, and because the comparative dimension of what we do is so highly visible and highly estimated and highly calibrated, it’s getting increasingly easy for leaders in the institution, for everybody in the institution, to become preoccupied with the comparative...
“It is a long-distance race. It’s not a sprint.”

—Bro Adams on parallels between cycling and being president of Colby
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As long as you’ve brought it up.

The extroverted self that is necessary in this work is hard for me. That must show in ways that I’m not even aware of. But the first time you have to go out and work a room full of strangers is hard. I got acceptably good at that. I got good enough. But you still find things that are very, very hard. It is hard, but I have a discipline now where I can summon the energy.

You certainly learn that you’re ultimately responsible for all of these people. And that includes some very difficult situations.

The lowest points for me were points where that truth came home in a horrible way. When students are at risk and the institution can’t protect them or they can’t protect themselves. And where really bad stuff happens. You probably know what I’m thinking of. The Dawn Rossignol death was to me horrible in a way that I have trouble articulating. That was dark. And very hard. It was like a bolt of lighting, cosmically unfair and senseless. I’ve never experienced anything nearly that bad before or since, and I don’t think I ever will. But that was an episode that brought home the truth about the sense of obligation you have, the protective impulse you have. And the fact that sometimes you can’t protect people. They experience loss and tragedy in ways that are terrible.

And you never quite get over it?

No. But fortunately, there aren’t many things like that. But there are those moments of crisis. You’re working with two-thousand eighteen- to twenty-two-year-olds. That’s an unusual context, and unusual things happen.

Such as?

Sometimes the place comes unglued sort of collectively in ways that have to do with its closeness and intimacy. It’s an inwardness. But people get wound up collectively about things and out of joint and out of proportion. That’s a totally different kind of low because it doesn’t involve, typically, people in jeopardy or students losing parts of their lives or their lives. But it’s another kind of low where you get worried about the very nature of what you’re doing. You almost feel like you’re disconnecting people. You’re creating a sort of irreality. So I’ve had those moments of doubt.

Why did you choose to study philosophy after you served in Vietnam?

I think it was the sudden appearance in my life of big questions that I didn’t have answers to. And I kind of lived a philosophical conundrum in watching this thing unfold and having the incredible experience you have in those situations, the range of human order and disorder and function and dysfunction and trial and tribulation and disaster. For me it all became fuel for questions.

Did you figure it out?

That wonderful thing that Cezanne said——“I’m making progress.” At sixty-two or whatever he was. So there’s no figuring it out. There’s only a deeper insertion, which I think is going back to the humanities. I think the truth about literature and philosophy and those things is they make you bigger. They give you more capacity to wrestle with these things. They don’t lead to conclusions. You get deeper, but I don’t think these things resolve. They become more interesting, more compelling, a little more self-aware. But they don’t end. People go on killing each other in war. We certainly haven’t figured that one out.

On a brighter note, have you and David Greene gotten together?

So far only in a preliminary and not very deep way.

But when you do?

I can tell you what I’d like to say to him. Obviously one level of things I want to say to him involves my sense of what remains unfinished, in terms of the work of the institution—certain things that he ought to at least know are underway and in process. That are promising or maybe not promising. What the worries are, what the concerns are that immediately are likely to present themselves. Where the black holes are.

Any of them you can share?

Probably not. But it’s a fair question. Where the opportunities
are, too. It’s up to him to decide what’s an opportunity and what’s not. But I can at least share with him things that I think are likely to be viewed by him as positive potential for further evolution, things in the academic program. There are certainly a lot of things I want to tell him about personalities. There’s a lot to know, and there aren’t very many people who know as much as I do, being in this place and position, sort of the center of the institution.

Are you pleased to have been part of this chapter of Colby’s history?
Absolutely. Pleased. Honored. But I also know it will be surpassed. At least I hope it will be surpassed, because I know a lot about the relative weaknesses of the place now. And I know that those relative elements of weakness, or unfulfilled promise really, need to be addressed and the institution has to keep going and growing and perfecting itself. So I’m very eager for my successor to make this place considerably better in ways that I probably couldn’t have done. I think we all meet our moment of limitation when we don’t have really enough to contribute to justify continuing. I kind of feel like I hit that point. It wasn’t a bad feeling. It wasn’t a negative feeling. It was kind of a certainty about having given what I have to give. Now it’s somebody else’s gifts and capabilities that will give to Colby what it needs now that I couldn’t give it. I’m rather happy that somebody different, and I hope better, will come along and take it to the next logical place.

Someone suited to whatever those next challenges will be?
Yeah. And I thought a lot about those challenges as we were preparing for this transition and as we were preparing the board, and I think I know what some of the challenges are. And so it’s not only somebody else’s turn, it’s somebody else’s unique combination of capabilities that will be right for the place. And I have every reason to believe that in David Greene they found the right guy. So I’m very at ease with that. I can imagine some people not being at ease with moving on or having trouble with that. I’m not having trouble.

It’s time?
It’s time.

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With inventiveness, hard work, and moxie, Colby entrepreneurs are creating viable and even booming businesses

By David McKay Wilson ’76
Photograph by Brian Fitzsimmons

The entrepreneur’s path isn’t an easy one. After being developed, funded, and finally launched, a venture could fail at any moment. But the Colby entrepreneurs profiled here are living their dreams, creating value in the marketplace and businesses that have found a niche in the dynamic 21st-century economic system. Their stories are as varied as their disparate majors and interests. Read on.
Problem Solver

**Brian Sharples of HomeAway has cornered the world's vacation rental market**

After hitting it big in his mid-40s with his first major entrepreneurial venture, Brian Sharples '82 decided to kick back and travel with his family.

But Sharples was in no mood to retire. He was on the hunt for the next big thing.

During his victory lap, Sharples liked to book houses instead of hotel rooms for weeklong family trips to the mountains or the beach. What frustrated him—and ultimately intrigued him—was that those rentals proved difficult to find. There was no easily accessible resource that marketed them globally.

“The best way to come up with ideas is to look at things in your life that are problematic and need to be fixed,” said Sharples, cofounder and CEO of HomeAway, the world's biggest vacation rental marketplace.

So Sharples turned to a group of investors who had prospered with the 1999 sale of Intelliquest Information Group. That group, which he had created, taken public, and sold, supplied marketing research to Fortune 500 companies.

“I told [the investors] I wanted to build the expedia.com for the vacation rental market,” recalled Sharples. “They came up with millions on the spot for me to figure it out.” So he and his partner, Carl Shepard, traveled the world for six months. “We didn't know much about the travel business. But we knew there was no good resource for this.”

They launched HomeAway in 2005 on the same day they announced the purchase of five online vacation rental websites in the United States and Europe.

“We did it with a big vision,” he said. “If we were going to be an Expedia of a different category, we had to do it aggressively. And we’ve maintained a focus on being a leader in this business in every major country in the world.”

At the company headquarters in Austin, Texas, Sharples, a trim 53-year-old, came to work in mid-January wearing a soft cotton button-down shirt and a pair of well-worn jeans with a tear in one leg. He was back from a trip to Aspen, where he has a vacation home that he also lists on HomeAway.

At the Austin office, vacation-themed artwork greets visitors. There’s a 3-D installation of travel guides on one wall, which faces a postcard collage that resembles the company’s symbol—a birdhouse. Snow globes from around the world line one wall.

The path that led to Austin and HomeAway began in Braintree, Mass., where Sharples’s dad was an aerospace engineer who founded a company that, in the early days of digital technology, made devices that converted analog signals to digital. Sharples majored in math and economics at Colby, then earned an M.B.A. at Stanford.

It took extensive research to find the right formula for HomeAway. At first, Sharples wanted to create a “vacation club,” in which he'd amass a cache of vacation rentals around the world and make them available to members who would pay an annual fee. Instead, the company took a less capital-intensive approach that appealed to hundreds of thousands of second-home owners looking for a way to rent their places.

Among the 21 million total vacation rental listings in the United States and Europe, only seven million are rented each year, Sharples says. Hoping to connect more of those would-be renters with vacationers, he created an online classified ad platform for which owners pay an annual subscription fee that averages about $400. Vacationers contact the homeowners to book their weeks and pay them directly.

“We found that the simplest model worked best,” he said. “We kept it low-tech. Owners wanted to [be able to] talk to the people who were staying in their homes.”

Always looking to expand, HomeAway recently launched a new option for vacation-home owners that allows them to list their homes for free, with HomeAway taking a 10-percent commission.

Sharples says the commission model will appeal to vacation homeowners so far unwilling to plunge into the rental market with a HomeAway annual subscription, and he expects it to be especially popular in the Asia-Pacific market, where, Sharples says, business more often works on percentages.

“It's a way of lowering risk for those thinking of getting into the market,” he said. “The goal of our company was to create a system to have every vacation rental in the world available to every traveler. It's a lofty goal. We still have a long way to go.”

For Brian Sharples's top 10 tips for the successful entrepreneur, go to colby.edu/mag.

Brian Sharples '82 in his HomeAway office in Austin, Texas.
Alicia and Dave MacLeay turn love for the outdoors into a livelihood

Avid outdoor adventurers, the MacLeays weren’t planning on quitting their day jobs in 2001 when they launched TrailSpace, an online forum to discuss the latest outdoor gear. They sold a few ads to cover costs as Dave MacLeay ’97 did the site’s design and programming while Alicia Nemiccolo MacLeay ’97 was working in Colby’s Office of Communications. In 2004, when their first child was born, Alicia left her Colby job, and she has worked exclusively on the site ever since. By 2007 Dave cut himself free of other Web-design clients and devoted himself full time to TrailSpace, which the couple runs from their home in Rome, Maine.

“When we started it we had no business plan, no loans, and we hadn’t quit our jobs with a mortgage on the line,” Alicia said. “It was very organic, as our hobby was able to grow. And now that we do it full time, our mission remains the same: to help people get outside and get the right gear to do it.”

Now the MacLeays have 200,000 to 300,000 unique viewers checking out the site’s reviews each month and 18,000 receiving its weekly e-mail blast. A core group comes to the site each day, and regular reviewers can try out samples of new equipment provided by manufacturers. Advertisers pay for space alongside the reviews, so purchases can be made with a click. If more than one retail outlet offers a product, readers can compare prices before ordering.

Working from home has been a boon for the MacLeays. They’ve been around to raise their children—Burke, 9, and Adelle, 5—and they’ve made time to use some highly recommended gear when they hit the trails.

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Working then as an analyst for a San Francisco hedge fund, Natenshon ’01 went shopping, but he couldn’t find shirts as comfy as his tattered Colby swag. So, with his M.B.A. from Haas Business School at UC Berkeley, he began investigating textiles. Then he decided to make his own shirt.

“The finance world didn’t grab me that much, nor was I that good at it,” recalled Natenshon (now married to Kelly with two daughters, Ella, 2, and Alice, 1). “And I didn’t realize how hard it was to make a T-shirt.”

First he worked with a California mill to create a fabric from recycled beechwood fiber, which looked like cotton but was far softer. He also consulted with pattern makers about shirt design. In 2008 he made the leap: a minimum order of 1,000 yards of the fabric for $8,000, which he put on his credit card.

By Christmas 2008 he had made 100 shirts and launched his company, Marine Layer, through an online store run from his San Francisco apartment. Among his first customers was his Colby chum Evan Reece ’01, founder of Liftopia. A year later Natenshon asked a landlord on San Francisco’s Chestnut Street if he could rent a vacant shop for two weeks before Christmas to gauge the market.

The shirts sold, Natenshon convinced his best friend to leave his finance job, and in 2010 they signed a five-year lease at $6,000 a month. Four years later, that shop continues to thrive with shirts starting at $35, and Marine Layer has opened additional shops in five West Coast cities.

“The process is incredibly hard,” he said. “You make a lot of mistakes, and you learn from them. We hung around long enough to make it right.”
Parent Power

Through weeSpring, Allyson Downey spreads the word on what’s best for baby

While pregnant with her son, Allyson Giard Downey ’01 walked into Babies “R” Us and, she says, promptly burst into tears. There were too many products, too many choices. Downey hadn’t a clue what would be best.

“It can feel very high stakes,” she said. “When you are registering for a shower, you might have forty car seats to choose among, and these decisions will be tied to the well-being of your child.”

So she e-mailed her friends, asking about the best car seats, baby bottles, and diapers. She was stunned when several sent back detailed Excel spreadsheets, annotated with comments and recommendations. At that moment Downey, who had just earned her M.B.A at Columbia University, understood first-hand the power of word-of-mouth recommendations.

“There are literally hundreds of decisions you have to make in a very short time span, and parents were recommending products, and doing it systematically,” said Downey, who ran N.Y. Gov. Eliot Spitzer’s re-election campaign before his resignation in 2008. “I decided to harness the power of these social recommendations in ways that the brands could utilize.”

Four years later, Downey founded weeSpring with her husband, Jack, the company’s chief operating officer, and one of his Dartmouth classmates. By February 2014, the website had collected 100,000 product ratings, with 36 percent of all visitors to the site leaving a review. Revenue comes from baby-product manufacturers, who pay for their own pages, which feature reviews of their products.

What makes weeSpring different from other review sites is that visitors log in through Facebook, and the reviews of their Facebook friends show up on their page when they visit weeSpring.

“You see what’s popular with your friends,” Downey said. “For example, I can see that Lindsey [Damon] Greenfield ’01 liked the Maxi-Cosi Mico car seat because it was lightweight. Lindsey and I haven’t talked in ten years. But we were friends in college. I trust her taste and I trust her judgment.”

Clearly weeSpring customers do as well.

Mountain Magic

With new ticket-sales model, Evan Reece and Liftopia bring ski resorts and skiers online

In 2005 liftopia.com cofounder Evan Reece ’01 was working at hotwire.com, helping develop the discount travel website’s hotel business, when he and coworker Ron Schneidermann realized that the ski industry had a very static model for ticket sales. Almost all tickets were sold on the mountain, at a fixed price, on the day skiers showed up.

What if online, demand-based pricing strategies used in the travel industry were adopted by the ski industry? A lifelong skier, Reece was ready to point his professional career down the full line of e-commerce.

“I was twenty-six, with no kids and no mortgage,” recalled Reece, now 35. “Sure, I’d be giving up certain income, but it seemed like the worst-case scenario was that we’d end up with egg on our face.”

Nine years later, Liftopia is selling lift tickets for 250 resorts in North America, South America, and Europe. More than 80 resorts, including Sugarloaf, the mountain where Reece skied during his Colby years, use Liftopia’s e-commerce platform for their advance online sales.

Liftopia makes money by taking a percentage of ticket sales—a business model that links Liftopia’s success to that of its ski industry partners. “Our primary challenge has been building up trust within the ski industry, to show the resorts that we would be a quality partner and we’re not people looking to make money off of them,” said Reece, Liftopia’s president, from his San Francisco office. “It’s working. Over the past eighteen months, we’ve sent our resort partners more revenue than in the previous seven years combined.”

Since early 2013 Liftopia has grown from 20 employees (including Reece’s Sugarloaf skiing buddies Matt Cohen ’01 and Rob Webb ’01) to 55 in early 2014—and it continues to grow.

Said Reece, “We still have a long road ahead of us.”

In His DNA  Riley Doyle ’07 earned a master’s degree in bioscience enterprise at Cambridge University. Two years later, as CEO of Desktop Genetics Ltd., Doyle is well on his way to developing software that helps scientists manage data from DNA sequencing experiments. For the story, go to colby.edu/mag.
Whether I decide to wake up early on a weekend and get first tracks on the mountain or simply choose to go for a run through the woods, my time spent in nature is my time to be silent. I opt out of being “plugged-in” and leave my headphones at home. The sound of ripping through powder, my footsteps on the trail, and my own laborious breathing are the only soundtrack I need. In a world filled with noise, I make room for silence. —Hannah Kwasman ’17

PHOTO BY CLAIRE EDELMAN ’15

This excerpt is from an essay written for the environmental studies course The Story of People and Nature: American Environmental Writing, taught by Visiting Assistant Professor of English Susan H. MacKenzie ’80. Kwasman’s essay was voted best in the class by her peers.
Hats off to CAPS

“EXTRAORDINARY” SCIENCES PROGRAM GIVES STUDENTS FROM UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS THE TOOLS TO SUCCEED

GERRY BOYLE '78 STORY  FRED FIELD PHOTOS

Shamika Murray ’14 was a high-achieving science student from a big public high school in Philadelphia. But soon after arriving on Mayflower Hill she learned that Colby academics were at a whole new level. “I had a really tough freshman year,” she said. “Academically, I wasn’t ready for the workload. It was nothing like my high school. I probably only made it through because of CAPS.”

A Colby Achievement Program in the Sciences (CAPS) scholar, Murray spoke from Australia, where she was spending a semester abroad last fall. The psychology-neuroscience major does laboratory research at Colby on addiction and plans to go to graduate school in psychology. But Murray remembers vividly the nervous student of four years ago—and now makes sure to dispense advice to younger CAPS scholars. “I tell them, ‘This is going to get better. You’re going to get used to this. It’s okay,’” Murray said.

It’s been more than okay for participants in CAPS, which for the past four years has given students from underrepresented groups a jump start in the sciences—and now is seeing its first class approach graduation.

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The intent is to remove obstacles that have historically kept minority students from succeeding in sciences, especially rigorous study in chemistry and biology. “This is a national problem,” said Charles Terrell ’70, who spent his career working to increase diversity in the nation’s medical schools.

Colby donor funds CAPS for five more years

The CAPS scholars’ experience will continue to be available for incoming students, thanks to an alumnus who funded the program as the HHMI grant ended.

CAPS program participants, including seniors and juniors who had even discussed sharing some of their internship and research funding to extend the program, embraced the news.

Their generous gesture, which proved unnecessary, said a lot about the impact of the program.

“Other students,” said Ebunoluwa “Benji” Benjamin ’14, “will experience the same joy that my CAPS students bring to me.”

Colby, by all accounts, has found a fix. The summer before their first year, CAPS scholars come to Mayflower Hill for six weeks of work in the classroom and the laboratory. Once classes begin, CAPS students have a ready-made group of science-leaning friends, connections to faculty, and enough momentum to carry them through the most difficult stages of the science majors. Grant funds are available for summer research jobs.

“I had come in knowing I was going to do chemistry, and this whole process, this support system, helped me stick with it,” said Courtney McIntosh-Peters ’14. “I just kept going. Head down.”

And while CAPS students kept their heads in their books, the numbers went up. In the 25-year period leading up to CAPS there were just 43 African-American and Latino/Latina science majors, Tilden said. This year alone there are 86 science majors among African-American, Latino/Latina, and Native American students at Colby. The science grade point average for students of color before CAPS was 1.8. The science GPA for current students of color is 2.7 and climbing.

Pre-CAPS, “students were just not feeling that they belonged in the sciences,” Tilden said. “And when they did start to struggle, as nearly all first-year students do, instead of coming to us for help, they felt more or less alone and isolated.”

That’s no longer the case, and the results were evident with the first class. “It was really successful right from the start,” said Associate Professor of Chemistry and program codirector Jeffrey Katz.

CAPS 1, as the first group is called, began with 13 students. One student withdrew for personal reasons. Of the remaining, 10 have majored in a science (including a religious studies double major), one in sociology, and another in human development—and several said CAPS has been the key to their academic and general success. “I think it gave me a

Crafted by Colby faculty members and funded by a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the program is aimed at keeping students like Murray in the laboratory, which in the past they’d fled in droves. Often underprepared in math skills, many struggled in science gateway courses, especially chemistry. And when they looked around and saw few minority students in their science classrooms, they felt they didn’t belong and left.

No more.

CAPS, says codirector Andrea Tilden, the J. Warren Merrill Associate Professor of Biology, “has been the most successful diversity initiative Colby has ever tried.”
good running start and the foundation I needed to get to that next level,” said Kristen Robinson ’14, a chemistry-biochemistry and religious studies double major who is weighing careers in public health or pharmacy.

Not only do CAPS scholars have faculty mentors and a solid group of science-oriented friends, but they are go-to students for others looking for tips on how to cope. Murray advises non-CAPS students to find what she has: a solid support system of students and professors. “You can always come talk to them,” she said.

That plan worked for the CAPS 1 group, which is still close four years after arriving. “It’s like a little family,” Robinson said.

Added Ebunoluwa “Benji” Benjamin ’14, “Everyone struggles at Colby … and it takes time to find your niche. We had each other to lean on.”

The group still eats dinner together and studies together in the science buildings. According to Tilden, they’ve drawn other students to them. “It’s international students. It’s students of color who were not in CAPS. You see students working together in ways that we’ve always wanted to see our students do.”

If students do leave the sciences, it isn’t because they don’t feel welcome or comfortable, she said. “They just found something they loved more.”

Most have found a niche in science, though. For Benjamin, it’s microbiology and public health, which she studies with Professor Frank Fekete. Benjamin, who is from New Jersey and studied in Cork, Ireland, said she sorely missed her CAPS 1 friends and professors when she was abroad. “Relationships I’ve built with people in CAPS,” she said, “are something I’ll cherish for the rest of my life.”

Program is changing the face of science

Charles Terrell ’70 spent his career working to “change the face of medicine to reflect the face of America.” A Colby trustee who formerly worked in minority recruitment at Boston University Medical School and the Association of American Medical Colleges, Terrell says the Colby Achievement Program in the Sciences (CAPS) is, in fact, changing the face of science.

“What Colby has done I believe is extraordinary to a great degree,” he said. “It may even be revolutionary.”

The formidable task is to change the climate in the sciences in American higher education, which Terrell says is often not welcoming to students from underrepresented groups. Many of those African-American, Latino, and Native American students have been prepared in school systems where science resources are inadequate. “On top of being college-ready, being able and prepared to work in the sciences is yet another hurdle for underrepresented groups,” Terrell said.

Even for those who excel in high school, challenges remain, he said, with stereotypes that tell them they won’t succeed and few role models to show otherwise.

Colby’s science faculty has come up with a solution, he said, with professors committing time and energy to solving a problem that many institutions have addressed with far less success.

“To find the kind of faculty openness that the Colby science faculty is providing is absolutely unheard of,” Terrell said.
What Birds Tell Us

BY PLAYING THE SONGS OF CHICKADEES, KATERINA FAUST ’14 MAY REVEAL FOREST SECRETS

JACOB MCCARTHY STORY  BARB WALLS PHOTO

On a Monday morning during Jan Plan, Katerina Faust ’14 started her day with a walk in Colby’s Perkins Arboretum. There was snow on the ground, and freezing rain was falling. The temperature was 19 degrees. She placed a small plastic speaker on a mound of frozen earth and took out her notebook. “This will take about thirty minutes,” she said. “You really shouldn’t talk or move.”

For the next half hour, she stood still, eyes trained on the branches of fir and pine above, and she occasionally played a brief prerecorded chickadee call. A biology major from Bainbridge Island, Wash., Faust is trying to get a better idea of how things like temperature and tree cover affect chickadees and other birds.

The conditions she works under aren’t always comfortable, but ornithologist and Arey Professor of Biosciences Herb Wilson, who oversees the project, said her work could be a valuable addition to what scientists know about black-capped chickadee winter ecology. Additionally, because chickadee calls are often used to assess the populations of other bird species, knowing what may skew those numbers up or down could yield more accurate counts in the future, he said. “She’s doing something that has implications for a methodology used by a wide range of researchers.”

For her study Faust carefully selected 13 spots in which to capture data about bird behavior. They are all on campus, but some are in areas that seem like deep woods. She hits each spot about twice weekly to run through a careful schedule of waiting quietly, playing a quick call, and taking note of what happens. “I try to write down everything I observe as I observe it,” she said, demonstrating a waterproof notepad and special pen that allow her to record data in the cold, wet conditions a field researcher expects in Maine.

Wearing a parka, knit hat, and fleece-lined boots, Faust took her mittens off only to write or swipe her smartphone to instruct the Bluetooth-connected speaker to play the calls. Different calls have diverse effects—a low threat call might elicit a response from other birds, while a territorial call can clear chickadees out of the area. Some calls she uses she recorded on Mayflower Hill using a microphone setup. “Basically I walk around in the woods with a big plastic cone and a recorder box,” Faust said. “I get some weird looks from other people when I go out.”

This isn’t Faust’s first foray into serious ornithology. Last summer she lived on Eastern Egg Rock, a seven-acre treeless island in Maine’s Muscongus Bay, to observe puffins for the Audubon Society. She intends to continue her study in the biological sciences in graduate school.

When Faust moved to her second spot of the morning, it was still 19 degrees. The wind was strong, and the freezing rain came down faster and in bigger drops. A red-tailed hawk was circling the rugby field when she emerged from the woods and set up under an apple tree. “They’ll usually come right into this tree,” she said, looking up at the branches just over her head.

For a half hour she waited, but no songbirds appeared. The hawk or the weather might have deterred them. “I’ll try to come back some other time, to see if the hawk had an effect,” she said, brushing snow off her speaker for the walk back to Arey Life Sciences Building, where she would she would plan her next foray.

“But it’ll have to be when the weather conditions are similar, unfortunately.”

Philanthropy at Work

In choosing a college, Katerina Faust ’14 found Colby’s student research opportunities attractive, but she knew she’d need solid financial assistance to make it work. That help came in the form of the Colby Twentieth Century Alumni Scholarship Aid fund. Created with a $1-million commitment in 1994 and now, with subsequent gifts, valued at more than $5 million, the fund has made Colby possible for 23 students. “It was a major deciding factor,” Faust said, “because I wouldn’t graduate with tons of loans. That kind of debt would make it pretty hard to keep going in graduate school.”

Katerina Faust ’14 listens to bird calls in Perkins Arboretum after playing chickadee calls in the woods. The reaction of birds to the calls, linked to temperature and other conditions, will help gauge the effectiveness of other studies.
Many writers grow close to a subject after years of research, poring over documents and papers, parsing works line by line. Jorge Olivares felt tied to the subject of his latest book, the Cuban writer Reinaldo Arenas, before the project even began.

Olivares, the Allen Family Professor of Latin American Literature at Colby, has devoted much of his life’s work to studying Arenas, whose success was squelched as punishment for political dissidence and being openly gay in Castro’s Cuba. A refugee in the United States, Arenas committed suicide in 1990. The title of Olivares’s new book, Becoming Reinaldo Arenas, refers to the way Arenas grew into literary fame, but it is also a nod to the significant parallels in Olivares’s and Arenas’s lives.

Like Arenas, Olivares was a child in Cuba, though the Olivares family lived in an educated, upper-middle-class world in Oriente province (his father was a mechanical engineer educated, upper-middle-class world in the United States), while Arenas’s childhood was marked by poverty. Like Arenas, Olivares fled Cuba (Arenas by himself as a 37-year-old man, Olivares at 12 with his family), and both were made to feel unwelcome in the United States. “Back then,” said Olivares, of the era before multiculturalism in Miami, “we were treated like shit.”

The list of commonalities goes on.

Both gay men lost their fathers early in life. Olivares’s father died in 1960 when Jorge was 10, two years before his mother packed up the family to move to the United States. Arenas lost his father when he was abandoned as a child, and the psychological repercussions of that betrayal flood his work and are essential to understanding his oeuvre.

These correspondences ally the two men, who knew each other. “We didn’t become close friends, but we were in some contact,” Olivares said.

Early in his book Olivares explores a connection Arenas felt for a forebear writer of several generations earlier, Fray Servando. Arenas wrote of Servando, “You and I are the same person.” And when he inscribed a book to Olivares, Arenas wrote, “[You know] how to dig deep into the twists and turns of my hallucinatory world, which is ours.”

Olivares can pinpoint the moment his exploration of that world began, more than 30 years ago. He was reading Arenas’s memoirs and came across a passage in which Arenas describes his only interaction with his father, at a riverbank when he was 5 years old. “His mother starts throwing rocks at his father, who gives him two pesos and walks away. That moment crystallizes a profound feeling of loss—not just for his father, but for his fatherland.” By the time Arenas was writing his memoirs, he had left his beloved but troubled Cuba. “I realized that passage touched me in ways no other text has,” Olivares said. “I could see my own search for my father and my fatherland, padre and patria.”

Olivares’s book recounts Arenas’s lifelong struggle and examines his novels, a mixture of biography and analysis.

In his suicide note, Arenas blamed Castro: “There is only one person I hold accountable: Fidel Castro. The sufferings of exile, the pain of being banished from my country, the loneliness, and the diseases contracted in exile would probably never have happened if I had been able to enjoy freedom in my country.”

To illustrate the depths of misery faced by gay men under Castro’s regime, Olivares writes that in the mid-1960s Castro established work camps for nonconformists. “Work will make you men,” said signs posted in the camps, eerily reminiscent of the signs on the entry gates to Auschwitz and other Nazi concentration camps—“Work will make you free.”

Olivares quotes literary critic Gerald Martin, who wrote, “Had he been born outside of Cuba, Arenas would probably have become one of the most successful Latin American exponents of the Magical Realist mode.” In other words, Arenas would have been in the ranks of Gabriel García Márquez, Isabel Allende, Jorge Luis Borges, and others.

Olivares was among a handful of scholars to whom Arenas sent copies of his last manuscripts. Two months later Olivares was sitting in his faculty office in Miller Library at Colby when a colleague handed him a clipping from the New York Times—Arenas’s obituary.

But Arenas’s death was not the end of his literary career. In 1993 his photo appeared on the cover of the New York Times Book Review: “When I saw that, I started laughing,” Olivares said. “He hated the New York Times; he thought it was too much to the left.” Since then, Arenas has been embraced by The Advocate magazine and others, and his autobiography has shown up on lists of the 100 best gay books.

“He became a superstar,” said Olivares. His book will help sustain Arenas’s literary reputation, ensuring that the works and life of the man and writer who provided such inspiration will be recognized long after his death.

Allen Family Professor of Latin American Literature Jorge Olivares has found parallels in his life and that of fellow Cuban-American Reinaldo Arenas, a renowned writer who fled Cuba and Fidel Castro’s policies that persecuted gays and others determined to be “nonconformists.”
Another Century, in Real Time

DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN ’64 EXPLORES A TIME WHEN UNLIKELY REFORMERS Fought THE GOOD FIGHT—AND WON

G. CALVIN MACKENZIE REVIEW

Imagine a country where children and women work long hours in gruesome factories for pennies a day, where food and drugs are produced in unsanitary facilities and marketed unscrupulously, where railroads control state legislatures, tyrannical party bosses dominate elections, and corrupt political machines run nearly every large city. That was America in September of 1901 when an assassin’s bullet killed William McKinley and made Theodore Roosevelt president. That was the America that Roosevelt and the Progressives of the era sought to reform.

Readers of Doris Kearns Goodwin’s Bully Pulpit soon come to realize that this was no small task. The wealthiest and most powerful forces in the country were staunch defenders of the status quo. The reformers had few weapons and fewer precedents for success. And yet, remarkably, they managed to turn the instruments of government to their own purposes and to begin the long process of protecting vulnerable Americans from the excesses of both politics and capitalism.

This is a rich and complex tale peopled by large extended families as well as politicians, businessmen, and journalists. But Goodwin tells it so well that it reads like a thriller.

The first decade of the 20th century was a pivot point in American history, and in this richly researched and beautifully written book Goodwin brings it to life. Teddy Roosevelt—hyperkinetic, polymath, elevated to ever-greater ambitions by victory, undaunted by defeat—dominated the era. But Roosevelt, we learn, was not the only player on this large stage. We get to know William Howard Taft, a much more complex character than conventional histories have portrayed. No match for Roosevelt in personality but very much his equal in intelligence, judgment, and character, Taft is the indispensable man, the competent yin to TR’s very loud yang. Their friendship guides and informs Roosevelt’s presidency; their falling-out undermines Taft’s and, in its extremity, leads to the end of both political careers in 1912.

Reform requires substantive purpose, not merely political energy, and much of the agenda for this era of Progressive reform was set in the offices of McClure’s Magazine in New York. Sam McClure led one of the greatest teams of journalistic talent ever collected in one publication. Ida Tarbell, Lincoln Steffens, Ray Stannard Baker, and Jacob Riis dug deeply into the ills and excesses of the time. Their investigative reporting forced the public and its politicians to confront the monopolistic practices of rapacious corporations, the extent of big-city corruption, the miserable living conditions of immigrants, and a long list of profound dangers to public health. So vivid and accurate was their reporting that no respectable society could turn its back on these problems. And America did not.

This is a rich and complex tale peopled by large extended families as well as politicians, businessmen, and journalists. But Goodwin tells it so well that it reads like a thriller. The research is so seamlessly integrated into the narrative that one feels like an eavesdropper on the conversations of the main characters. We hear the words of TR and Taft and Tarbell. It seems like we’re right there, in real time, not simply poking through century-old curiosities. The issues compel us because they speak powerfully to many of the problems we face right now.

Goodwin’s earlier books have earned her a reputation as our leading tour guide through the complexities of the American presidency. Bully Pulpit embellishes that reputation. This is history at its best, weaving the times and the people who risked, ruled, failed, and tried again into an opulent tapestry that elucidates the past and informs the present.

― G. Calvin Mackenzie is the Goldfarb Family Distinguished Professor of American Government at Colby.
Slavery Played a Key Role in the War—of 1812

ELIZABETH LEONARD REVIEW

Readers may be familiar with the idea of the War of 1812 as an aftershock of the American Revolution, but they should avoid assuming that historian Alan Taylor’s new book is pro forma. In fact, Taylor’s meticulously researched, compellingly written, and richly illuminating work examines this under-studied conflict from several fascinating, interconnected perspectives.

The Internal Enemy—whose title refers to white Virginians’ awareness that "their exploitation and domination" of blacks “had bred an internal enemy who longed for freedom”—explores how (and why) during this war thousands of slaves in the American South took flight, transforming their own lives and British military strategy and undermining the security and economic well-being of white Southern slaveholders as well as their faith in the federal government as a reliable guardian of the “peculiar institution.”

Taylor ’77 begins with a reassessment of the role that slavery and the international slavery debate played in inspiring white Virginians’ commitment to the first war for American Independence. He also reassesses the Revolution’s role in stiring American slaves’ faith—well beyond Yorktown—that the British king was, or could be, “their protector.”

The book then details developments in the years before 1812 that only exacerbated the slaves’ yearning for emancipation. Taylor highlights the Virginia legislature’s abolition of traditional inheritance laws that had previously “inhibited the breaking up of [slave] families by sale” and their substitution with new laws that encouraged cash-hungry slave owners to sell human property without regard to the family relationships of slaves—many of whose stories Taylor has researched with uncommon patience.

The Internal Enemy
Alan Taylor ’77
W. W. Norton and Company (2013)

These new laws enhanced slaves’ desire for freedom not just for its own sake but increasingly as the only sure way to keep their families intact. No wonder, then, that some 5,000 slaves took their chances with the freedom-promising British invaders during the War of 1812, providing strategic intelligence, access to supplies, general labor, and even military might in the form of organized units of black marines serving under white officers.

Without giving away too much of the heart of the tale, it is worth mentioning one more of this excellent book’s many striking features: the important and persuasive connections Taylor draws between the War of 1812 and the brutal sectional conflict that began in 1861. These include the tensions the war intensified between heavily Federalist New England and the predominantly Republican South; the lasting resentment it fostered in Virginia toward the federal government, which demonstrated little apparent interest in protecting the state from invasion or preventing the slaves from running away; the willingness of the enemy to deploy black men in organized military units and otherwise to gain the victory; and white slaveholders’ postwar determination to extend slavery westward to protect it.

Taylor leaves readers shaking their heads that 19th-century scholars ever could have considered the War of 1812 unimportant and dull.

—Elizabeth D. Leonard is the John J. and Cornelia V. Gibson Professor of History at Colby.

The Adventures of a Regular Colby Guy, at Home and at War

The odd thing is that Ed Mowry’s formative years, detailed in this fast-moving memoir, weren’t all that unusual for the time.

Now a California veterinarian, Mowry ’66 grew up in Seattle and New Jersey, where he had a rambunctious childhood with his oldest brother. He came to Colby intent on playing football, discovered literature, bicycled around Europe, tried scuba diving for treasure, worked at a Seattle zoo, and decided to enlist in the Marine Corps rather than leave his fate to the Vietnam War draft.

In short order Mowry survived the grueling gantlet of Officer Candidate School at Quantico and helicopter flight training, and he was sent to Vietnam to pilot the CH-46, the twin-rotor workhorse of that war. Not long after being an adventurous Colby student, Mowry found himself ferrying wounded Marines to offshore hospital ships, inserting troops into hostile territory, and once, he writes, delivering mercenaries to Laos for the CIA.

One “routine” mission called for Mowry to extract a Marine reconnaissance team pinned down by the enemy on a mountainside southeast of Da Nang. With planes and helicopters delivering covering fire, he maneuvered the chopper into position so a ladder could be lowered through the jungle canopy and the five Marines could clip on.

As I approach the [position], the flares go out, and there’s only darkness. If I turn on my landing lights, to provide a visual reference, I’m a bull’s eye. The Marines could set off a flare but they’re sort of busy at the moment, also trying to be inconspicuous and not get shot. ... As luck would have it, there’s a small secondary fire in the high elephant grass surrounding the recon team. The fire provides just enough light to allow me to hover, and we lower the ladder.

The Marines are hoisted up and flown to safety, still clipped to the dangling ladder. Another day in the war zone.

This and other accounts are delivered with a self-effacing matter-of-factness, as are Mowry’s reflections on the war, which he declares “ugly, immoral, pernicious,” despite the courage of young Marines. Much has been written about Vietnam, and this unassuming memoir adds one story that ultimately is much greater than the sum of its parts. —Gerry Boyle ’78
RECENT RELEASES

On Goddesses, Aliens, and Avatars

Since her debut novel in 2011, *Bloodspell*, Amalie Gosine Howard ’97 hasn’t looked back, publishing three additional young-adult novels, including two already this year. The Caribbean-born French and international studies major moves easily from fictional world to fictional world, inventing an undersea princess who fights to save her kind and her kingdom, the human avatar of an immortal Indian goddess, and a girl soldier from a parallel universe whose mission lands her in the strange world we know as Earth. All in a year’s work for Howard, who has lived and traveled in North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia, and who delights in using her experiences as the seeds for her shape-shifting fiction. The stories involve witches, oceanic aliens, and veterans of android wars, but the lessons aren’t lost on today’s earthbound teens who sometimes must bridge different worlds of their own.

The Little Rippers
Rebecca Munsterer ’01
Novel Nibble Publishing (2013)

This chapter book for younger readers introduces brother and sister Max and Molly on their annual ski weekend with their grandfather at Powderhound Mountain. The pair worry about keeping up with the Little Rippers ski group, but soon the kids find themselves off the trail and entangled in a backcountry ski adventure they won’t ever forget. Readers are rewarded with a family pancake recipe, a ski game, and craft projects to round out their experience.

Wicked Hard
David Surette ’79
Koenisha Publications (2013)

Surette is back with his fourth book of poems, which is really a memoir of growing up in Massachusetts with hockey and rock ‘n’ roll, rambunctious brothers, and girls who mesmerize like mythological Sirens. But Surette, a high school teacher and coach, knows that these moments, strung together, are our lifeblood, even if it’s blood spilled during a playground fight. A girl at a junior high dance is “beautiful/ for sure, but like a movie ghost, I could walk/ right through her.” A motorcycle damaged in a fatal crash is “on its side/ like someone resting on one arm.” Turns of phrase illuminate a teenager’s life rendered here by the filter of Surette’s sympathetic but unflinching sensibility. It’s like being reminded that these things you remember are, as you half suspected, ultimately the stuff of life itself.

Extraordinary Jane
Hannah Smith Harrison ’01
Dial (2014)

Harrison is both writer and illustrator of this, her debut children’s book for ages 3-5. Her publisher describes her as a “talent to watch,” and certainly *Extraordinary Jane* is a picture book to read aloud to a child while poring over the rich illustrations. The story is about Jane, a circus dog whose family stars in the big top. Trapeze artists, strongmen, acrobats, and stunt dogs, the rest of the fuzzy gang brims in talent. Jane attempts these circus skills but fails miserably, leading the circus master and readers to the conclusion that the pup’s real skill lies in being “a really good dog.”

It’s a sweet tale that will leave adults smiling as well.

Silhouette
The Bohemian Quartet
Stan Renard

As violinist and arranger of all the songs on the Bohemian Quartet’s CD *Silhouette*, released in December, Colby Orchestra Director Stan Renard brings Romany, AKA “Gypsy,” music to shimmering, vibrant, energetic life with three accomplished collaborators. The challenging melodies and meters, fluid tempo changes, and soaring glissandi showcase Renard’s virtuosic mastery of his instrument. The music is so technically challenging that few could aspire to keep the classic Eastern European folk traditions alive and available to North American audiences. But Renard and the quartet not only succeed in that, they’ve embroidered upon it, turning the dark minor keys and soaring dance melodies into an aural tapestry that is complex, contrasting, and compelling. Visit bohemiannquartet.com for details, including concert dates throughout the eastern United States —SBC

Style Bible: What to Wear to Work
Lauren A. Rothman ’99
Bibliomotion (2013)

Renowned for her column on style and politics, “Fashion Whip,” for the Huffington Post, Lauren Rothman guides interns and CEOs alike toward the perfect balance between appropriate and stylish in the workplace. *Style Bible* is the ultimate style resource for busy professionals and a go-to source for understanding dress codes by industry, city, and gender. The "styleauteur’s" advice, anecdotes, and rules of thumb prevent fashion mistakes at the office, and her shopping strategies help readers build a versatile, fashion-forward wardrobe with the right thing to wear for every occasion. With a decade of experience in the fashion industry, Rothman helps the modern professional dress for success and dress to impress. —Christina Dong ’17
**Shaken, Not Stirred | Andrew Volk ’05**

Behind the Hunt & Alpine Club bar—35 feet of brushed galvanized steel inside 75 Market Street in Portland's Old Port—Andrew Volk ’05 moves with staccato assurance. He taps to check if patrons need a refill, swings to wash glasses in a hidden sink, and moves his Boston shaker with a speed and energy usually reserved for maracas: over the shoulder, down, back up. A pour through, then tap. You, sir, have a drink.

Volk has been tending bar for almost a decade, since he landed a gig in Glacier National Park the summer after graduation. “I remember saying to my parents, ‘Hey, I’m doing this for fun. If I’m doing this in ten years tell me to get the heck out.’”

He’s still doing it, but now he owns the place, a trendy newcomer to the Portland, Maine, bar and food scene.

Volk’s path started in the mountains and maintained an upward trajectory. After a summer in Glacier, Volk moved to Oregon, where he kept bartending—“dive bars, Irish bars, the spectrum”—until he landed at Clyde Common, the restaurant adjacent to the Portland Ace Hotel. The bar program there was nominated three times for a James Beard Award, and, working under star mixologist Jeffrey Morgenthaler, Volk was inducted into the smallish American craft cocktail world.

Volk and his wife, Briana, both grew up in small towns, and they planned to move to one. So offers in Philadelphia and New York seemed temporary at best. “If we moved to Philly,” said Volk, “we’d live there for two years, never see each other, and then we’ll move to a small town. So why even spend those two years in the city? … So we moved here.”

Portland, Maine, is reputed to have more restaurants per capita than San Francisco. The Volks relished the many fine establishments of Portland East but couldn’t find a place they liked to go for a drink. As Volk tells it, his wife was joking when she suggested they open a bar, and his response was immediate and unenthusiastic. “But then I thought, ‘Hey, maybe actually, between the skills and what I’ve seen and what I’ve done … this could actually work.’”

It took almost two years to plan, raise capital, and build out the space, but he opened his doors in September—and Portland’s food scene took notice. In November the Hunt & Alpine Club was featured on eater.com (a national restaurant gossip site) in a roundup of the 30 hottest cocktail bars in America. Despite that acclaim, the bar exudes a certain cool. While the lights showing in the picture windows are dim enough to suggest that the place may not be open, inside, Scandinavian-inspired food is offered on menu boards, and a wall of bottles stretches toward the high ceiling. “[We wanted] to create a space that was comfortable for conversations,” said Volk. “We want to have a place where people feel comfortable … and to be able to put out good drinks and good food and make sure people have a good time.”

Shaking cocktails and checking on customers, Volk makes things look effortless, but he’s bartending four nights a week and managing seven—not sleeping much by anyone’s math. “Five or ten years ago,” he said, “I would never have encouraged myself to do what I’m doing now. It was a bunch of decisions all rolled into one.” —Martin Connelly ’08

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I heard from three classmates! I was overjoyed. Of course we are all at least 90 years old. Mildred Steenland Ellison, who lives in Media, Pa., wrote that she has slowed down but not stopped, as she is on a walker and can no longer do the volunteer work that she used to enjoy so much. She and her husband, Victor, have nine great-grandchildren who all live out West. Their daughter and her family are in Washington state, and their son and his family live in Colorado. When their daughter and son-in-law visited recently Mildred and Victor had the fun of showing them where William Penn really landed.

Ruth Parsons Van Hoek, who lives in Needham, Mass., wrote that she lost her husband, 89, in 2007. Her daughter Sandra is the mother of her only grandson. Her other daughter, Deborah Van Hoek Abraham, graduated from Colby in 1969. Ruth reminded me that she only attended Colby for her freshman and sophomore years; those were the last two years that Colby was still clustered on College Avenue in the heart of Waterville.

Lois Peterson Johnson wrote that she lives in Boonville, Mo., where she has an independent-living apartment. She
Erica Eysenbach ’89 says her earliest artistic inspiration was the board game Masterpiece, in which players aim to build portfolios and become successful art collectors. That didn’t happen to the art history major, but Eysenbach did end up putting art in the hands of millions every year.

Eysenbach oversees the design of catalog covers for L.L.Bean, the iconic Maine company. She helps develop new ideas and solutions and directs their execution. With L.L.Bean’s constant catalog output and ever-changing audience, she describes the creative department as “the hub of keeping things moving.”

Eysenbach has done just that within L.L.Bean, arriving in Freeport after graduation from Colby and a stint at an art-supply store and with other options beckoning. But, she said, “there were opportunities at L.L.Bean, so I took advantage of them.”

Like many L.L.Bean employees, she started in customer service, learning the needs of customers both in the United States and Japan, a major L.L.Bean market. From there she joined the company’s creative department and started up the ladder: designer, senior designer, associate creative director, and now creative director design.

Eysenbach commands the process that results in the catalogs that customers get in a steady stream marked by what she describes as “cadences.” These are the design motifs that L.L.Bean repeats each year, like the puppy cover, a customer favorite. Similarly, each season’s core catalog always has artwork on the cover. One winter Eysenbach proposed the cover’s snowy hill painting—inspired by the landscape around the L.L.Bean offices close to the Maine coast. “Even as a manager, you still get to be creative, and that’s fun,” she said.

The cover is just the exterior of Eysenbach’s catalog work. She collaborates with company analysts on the presentation of products inside the catalog (backpacks during back-to-school season, for example) and the emphasis for the huge holiday season. “What are we going to go after this year?” she said. “What’s our key message?”

Eysenbach speaks in terms of messaging, graphic devices, and hooks that the company can convey uniformly across all business channels—catalog, Web, retail store, and advertising. Her team develops graphics that the advertising department uses, and her involvement with L.L.Bean’s website design continues to expand with the company’s digital focus. “A lot of the work we do is about making sure we create that branding essence of L.L.Bean,” she said. “We’re really the caretakers of it.”

She’s reminded of that often, regaled on airplanes by seatmates who tell her of their favorite L.L.Bean products and their personal experiences with the company’s renowned customer service. “They’re so devoted to the product we carry and the story of who we are,” Eysenbach said. “It’s one of the reasons why I’ve been here so long.”

— Christina Dong ’17

Erica Eysenbach ’89 with images used for development of catalogs at L.L.Bean.

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uses a walker but is still active. She and her daughter sing in a 100-voice chorus, which she enjoys tremendously. Her entire family gathered in Orlando, Fla., for a long weekend together earlier in 2013. Her other daughter just retired from the Air Force and moved to D.C. to work at the Pentagon. Her son is involved in home health care in the Southwest. I learned that Jean Adams O’Meara ’45 died Jan. 13, 2014, at 91. She attended Colby for two years. Life without my daughter is whatever I choose to make it. At 90 I do consider every day precious, so I continue to be active. Like Lois, I also belong to a chorus ... 135 voices. My son-in-law, Tony, Diana’s husband, and I decided we would take a trip over Thanksgiving. We sailed the Windward Islands of the Caribbean on a five-masted clipper ship. It was fun! The wind was spectacular for sailing. We sailed into the harbors of five of the islands and went ashore. On one island I ziplined! Fourteen stations! On another we paddled an inner tube down a mountain stream. The fact that Tony was voluntarily traveling with his mother-in-law was considered astounding by many of our shipmates.
What do Bill Nye, Apolo Anton Ohno, Bristol Palin, and Daniel Martin ’01 have in common? Not much—unless they’re around the dance floor.

Each week millions of viewers tune in to Dancing With the Stars, the popular TV show that pits celebrities against one another. Partnered with a professional dancer, each star learns the basics of ballroom dancing and competes for audience votes.

Martin helps make the magic happen. Now DWTS supervising producer, he teases out stories during rehearsals and right through the final show each week. IMDb credits him as senior producer for 121 episodes over the past eight years.

It’s reality television; there’s always a story to tell. Whether someone is struggling with a particular technique or is finally mastering a difficult section, Martin said, “We’re looking to tell the real story.”

Martin has his own story. A theater and dance major, he discovered during junior year abroad in Sydney, Australia, that he loved production. After taking a film class there, he enrolled in a documentary filmmaking class at Colby and found his calling.

His first job? Producing local news at WABI-TV in Bangor—not far from his hometown of Hampden, Maine. From there it was connections and talent. After meeting a producer from The Real World, Martin was invited to help with Real World: Philadelphia, where worked on reality scripts. He also bounced around the country in production roles.

Eventually the time was right for the Maine native to move to L.A. “I don’t miss scraping snow and ice off my car, that’s for sure,” he said.

At the studio, he said, the production process involves constant collaboration. The pros might determine the dance moves with choreographers, but the lighting, set design, wardrobe, and the story all come from the whole team. “Producing is pretty nebulous,” he said of his work. “Whatever it takes to get the show on air.”

There’s nothing that can replace the energy a live show brings for the dancers, the crew, and the audience, Martin said, but sometimes things don’t go as planned. “That’s the beauty of a live show, but that’s the danger too.”

No matter what happens, he stays positive. Sometimes when things get frustrating, he said, “it’s necessary to take a step back and remember that there are twelve million people out there that want to see the final product.”

For Martin, working in L.A. is a dream come true—and not just because of the weather. “I’ve always loved dancing,” he said. “I love my job. “When you love what you do, it doesn’t feel like work. It might be just reality TV, but we have a real opportunity to inspire people.”

—Kayla Lewkowicz ’14
Byron Meinerth ’09 graduated with a double major in international studies and Spanish, so it’s not surprising to find him studying and working abroad. But in China?

“East Asia is the most dynamic place in the entire world right now,” Meinerth said in a recent Skype interview. “But, more important than that, I was looking for a challenge.”

After teaching English in China for more than a year, Meinerth began a graduate certificate program in Chinese and American studies from the Hopkins-Nanjing Center, a collaboration between Johns Hopkins and Nanjing universities located in downtown Nanjing.

Then, deciding the certificate program wasn’t intensive enough, he transferred into the master of arts in international studies program, where 80 percent of his classes are conducted in Chinese. “I had only spent a couple years in China at that point,” he said. “I realized that if I really wanted to understand East Asia, especially China, I needed to spend more time here.”

After three years in China, he will graduate in June with an economics concentration. Aiming for professional and academic fluency, he will take the Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK), Level 6, in April.

has a great-granddaughter. ● Evie Helfant Malkin sent an e-mail with plenty of news. She took her five adult children and their spouses to New Orleans for a long weekend to celebrate her big birthday. She still does volunteer work with children. ● Thanks to Dot Worthley Cleaver, who sent me an e-mail of condolence and also included news. ● Phyllis Hamden Combs wrote a lengthy letter and said that at 85 she gave up running a bed-and-breakfast. She did volunteer work with children.

● Burt Krumholz and his wife, Shelley, have been traveling extensively in both the Baltic and Black seas and are still based in Boca Raton. Their three grandchildren will be in college, but notwithstanding Burt’s efforts, no one is at Colby.

● Donna Elliott Harriman has been married for more than 64 years to Lyn Harriman ’49. The Fairhaven (Mass.) school administration building is named the Lynwood P. Harriman Administrative Center. ● Phyllis O’Connell Murray is in good health and planning to visit her daughter in Seattle. ● Martha Morrill lives in Miami. She spent a year rebuilding her house and a studio where she makes pottery.

● Muriel Howard Deacon plays bridge and golf. She lives in New London, N.H. ● Kay Weisman Jaffe spent part of October and November in Australia and New Zealand. ● Ron Farkas wrote that he misses his closest Colby friend, Harvey Koizim, who recently passed on.

● Natalie Pretat Arnold keeps busy gardening, reading, and tending the horses.

● Bertha Graves Nollman moved to an over-55 community in Glastonbury, Conn. ● Rick Sawyer wrote about his mother, Jeane Marshall Sawyer, who passed away in 2012. He summed it up by saying, “She was a really cool mom.” ● Janet Gay Hawkins cruised the western Caribbean on a ship. She is chair of the Peconic Landing Community Fund.

● Margaret “Peg” Clark Atkins, our former class agent, writes that her husband, Harold, celebrated his 91st birthday. Each spring they still migrate to the Onset Bay area for five months. They visited Colby last September.

● Virginia Brackley Piccirillo spends the winter in Vero Beach, Fl., and the other months in Lunenburg, Mass. In the past few years they have traveled to California, Hawaii, and Mexico. ● Mildred Hammond Bauer has had to slow down her charitable work due to hip replacement surgery. She’s still active and uses the YMCA for walking and exercises.

● Frannie Hyde Stephan, my former Colby cheerleading partner, lives nearby. Frannie lists these activities: book club, bridge, and current-events classes. Sometimes we talk on the phone, usually discussing what it is like to get old.

China’s Challenge | Byron Meinerth ’09

Byron Meinerth ’09 changing a tire while on a road trip to Zhejiang province, China.

Funded by the prestigious Boren Fellowship, Meinerth spent this year researching economic incentives surrounding Central American countries’ political recognition of Taiwan. He hopes to fulfill the fellowship’s government service requirement through U.S. military service.

His master’s thesis topic aligns with his passion: clean energy and transportation. “I’m still optimistic enough to believe that decreasing our carbon-intensity is possible with the right amount of commitment and financial backing,” he wrote in an e-mail.

To Meinerth, East and Southeast Asian countries, which are often manufacturing hubs, have the most to gain from installing cleaner energy and increasing efficiency.

Despite the intensive academic commitment, Meinerth, a member of the cycling team and a leader of the Outing Club at Colby, hasn’t neglected adventuring. Since graduating, he has led Overland Summers outdoor trips in Costa Rica and Peru. He also led a dozen students on an Overland bicycle trip from Georgia to California in the summer of 2012.

This winter he was planning to climb a mountain that he said has no previously recorded ascents and that locals consider too dangerous to climb. Weeks later, Meinerth wrote that the mountain was, thus far, too snow-covered and remote. “I’ll be back out there soon enough though,” he vowed. “I can’t be held back too long.”

—Lauren Pongan ’09
Dyer Brewer plays bridge, reads, swims, occasionally golf, and helps people with hearing loss. She’s very active and is currently back in Naples, Fla., for six months.

1949

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I’m back with the next installment of news!

• Lynwood P. Harriman and his wife, Donna (Elliot) ’48, were blessed with three children and now eight grandchildren. They live in Fairhaven, Mass., where Lynwood was superintendent of schools for 29 years. In honor of his service the school administrative center was named after him.

He has a lengthy list of volunteer activities with his church, the area board of mental health, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents and Professional Ethics Committee, Rotary, and 12 Masonic organizations. • Sid McKeen is still writing his column, Wry & Ginger, now one of the oldest in U.S. journalism—50 years as of December 2013. Sid says, “The record is held by the late John Gould, a Bowdoin alumnus. Can you beat that? I probably can’t but will give it the old college try.”

Sid and his wife, Anne Fraser Baer ’48, still drive to Punta Gorda, Fla., twice a year. He says she would fly, but he can’t because of his religion: he’s a devout claustrophobic.

• Doris “Cokey” Koshina Lindquist has lived in a retirement community in Florida for three years, the last year in assisted living. She has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her last trip was to Alaska to celebrate her 50th anniversary. Her husband, Bud ’50, died in 2006.

• Lorenzo Rastelli volunteers at his Congregational church in Orange City, Fla. His last trip was to Italy. He’s a reader and highly recommends The Triple Agent by Bob Warrick, a Pulitzer Prize winner. This is “most interesting reading about CIA officer Elizabeth Hanson ’02, killed by a suicide bomber in Afghanistan in December 2009.”

• John Stuart writes from California that his wife passed away. They were married 64 years. His family has three R.N.’s, including a great-granddaughter, and two M.D.’s. His hobbies include gardening, aviation, and electronics. Since there are nine colleges nearby, John has availed himself of some of the courses offered.

• Mary-Louise Roberts Frifberg has seven children, 16 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Wow! Lou has been married 64 years, too. She reports that they don’t travel anymore and she’s happy reading, doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles, and keeping up with her ever-growing family.

• Buddy ’50 and Mary Bauman Gates have six children, 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Two of their grandchildren are Colby graduates: Kristen Gates ’10 and Caitlin Gallagher ’07. Perhaps you saw Kristen’s latest adventure, hiking solo through Alaska’s Brooks Range, in Out of the Blue. A fantastic trip! Mary has had her own business conducting tag sales and estate sales. She reads a lot, plays bridge, and “looks for stuff I’ve misplaced!”

She volunteers with the College Club of White Plains and the Congregational church, and she helps older people decide what to do with their belongings when they “move on.”

• Anne Houston Stiller has several Colby family members: daughters Leslie Stiller Kissner ’78, Elizabeth Stiller Fahey ’81, son-in-law Kevin Fahey ’80, and granddaughter Emily Kissner ’08. Anne used to volunteer, but she can’t do much now as she tries to recover from a fall. She and her husband, Bert, have taken several cruises with New England Cruise Lines.

• After Colby Bill Fairley earned an M.S. in geology from the University of Maine and a Ph.D. in geology from Johns Hopkins. For 33 years he taught geology at Notre Dame. He and his wife, Dolores, were married for more than 50 years and had two daughters. After Dolores died, he moved to Gaitersburg, Md., to be near one daughter. He now lives in “Asbury Methodist Village, which houses an ecumenical array of people, many sharing my interests in history and religion. I was appointed an archivist-historian, a good job for a Roman Catholic in this establishment!”

• An e-mail from Mike Cole tells of the death of his aunt, our classmate, Ruth Clements McGill. Our sympathies to Mike and his sister, Janet Sopp. • The first reminder of our upcoming reunion was in my mail today and undoubtedly in yours too!

1950

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Ellie and Bud Everts have two more grand-children starting college, one at Elon and one at Franklin & Marshall. Their youngest grandchild will be ready in about six years. Their oldest granddaughter, 24, left for London to set up a new office for Wayfair. Her brother just returned from Tanzania, where he was working in an orphanage, and is now looking to join the work force. Ellie has bounced back from hip surgery. Bud’s eyesight is weakening, so he depends on Ellie, friends, and a neighbor to drive him, and he can no longer play tennis or golf. He sends his best wishes for good health to all.

• Dick and Connie Leonard Hayes have a bunch of grandchildren (10), including three graduating from college this year (from the Coast Guard Academy, George Washington University, and Hamilton College) and one starting kindergarten in the fall. A granddaughter in Portland, Ore., finally landed a part-time job at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry after two years of an unpaid internship.

The remaining grandchildren are in various stages of morphing into citizens of the world with varying degrees of fluency in Russian, Arabic, and German. The little one speaks New Yawk.

• Allie Jennings Castelli sold her house, and she and Bob moved to Evergreen Woods. Her address is Evergreen Woods, 88 Notch Hill Road, 326B, North Branford, CT 06471. Since her vision is very poor, she is limited in her ability to read and write. If you wondered why you didn’t hear from her at Christmas, that’s why. She wants you to know she is still upright and mobile with no major problems other than her vision.

1951

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Hello, classmates! Here is news from those loyal Colbyites who responded to my request. • Dan Hall visited his daughter in Bozeman, Mont. She owns an indoor-climbing facility. Dan learned that Lorraine (Arcese) ’54 and George Wales have a son who works at a ski resort nearby, and a son of Bill Bryan ’48 also lives in the area.

Bill was a Colby hockey player/coach and admissions director at Colby and later at the University of Maine. • Richard Bowen has a namesake fifth grandchild—imagine that! Lucy and Richard have several great-grandchildren, and all have Colby connections. Remarkable, Richard. How did you do that? • John Linscott and Bill Bailey ’52 get together each summer as part of a reunion of the 1946 Massachusetts state hockey championship team from Needham. Bill still rollerblades and only recently gave up playing hockey on a senior team. John continues as leader of the Mainestream Masters bands.

They’re in their seventh year of playing every second Sunday at The Local Buzz in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. “We invite classmates to come and sit in with the band or to just come and enjoy a musical Sunday brunch.” • Cass Lightner is doing well in New Jersey despite continued arthritis in his left big toe. No dancing or juggling, but maybe a press conference now and then. • Charlie Tobin now has a pacemaker and is feeling great. He lives in Sun City, Fla., in the winter and Dennisport on Cape Cod in the summer. He owns a super inn called The Old Wharf. Visit Charlie in both places—he would enjoy seeing classmates. • Stanley Sorrentino’s wife, Hope, passed away in 2010, and he moved to his renovated summer home in Little Compton, R.I. His seven children live nearby, and he sees them weekly when he’s not in Providence for his Rotary meetings. Stan also attends all the New England Patriots games in Foxboro.

• George Wales is now an artist, but then he always was. Now he has a brush and paint. Laurie (Arcese) ’54 has retired as music director for Dennison College, and their daughter, Jennifer, is still director of a TV program for young musicians. What a great family!

• Chris Crawford’s retirement community in Boulder, Colo., was hit hard by floods last September. Many cars and part of the facility were damaged, but luckily Chris and wife Kate’s property did not sustain any damage. • Chet Harrington, your author, did not enjoy the snow and cold weather in Villanova, Pa. Jane and Chet took their annual vacation in Naples, Fla., and looked forward to warm beaches and good golf. Chet was recently honored by the U.S. Golf Association and was made a lifetime member for starting the members program with Arnold Palmer. It is a huge success for the USGA.

Thanks to all for
A January Postmedia News article contrasted Muhammad Ali, whom doctors have said contracted Parkinson’s from years of blows to the head, with Audrey Hittinger Katz ’57, who is using Ali’s sport—boxing—to combat the symptoms of the disease. Katz was diagnosed with Parkinson’s three years ago and has adopted a regimen of exercise to mitigate the disease’s hallmark rigidity and tremors. NPR, the Wall Street Journal, and the New York Times were all talking about Annie Proulx ’57, who wrote the libretto for the opera version of Brokeback Mountain. Proulx penned the original short story on which the award-winning 2005 film and the opera were based. The opera, a collaboration between Proulx and composer Charles Wuorinen, debuted in Madrid.

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Hello from the snowy Boston area! At the end of 2013 I received a couple of notes from John Lee. Early in November he had just returned from a 17-day cruise on Holland America (82,000 tons). He prefers smaller ships. He flew to San Diego, where he stayed two days and met an 80-year-old elevator operator dressed in a uniform like in the old Philip Morris ads. He then sailed down the Mexican coast to Costa Rica and through the Panama Canal with a final stop at Cartagena, Colombia, before returning to Ft. Lauderdale. This was his 10th cruise in 11 years. + Ben and Carolyn Doe Woznick went to London in November and took in the Whistler and the Thames exhibition. Among the highlights were several etchings from the Lunder Collection. + Mike Wechsler Edelson raved about the 2013 reunion and the time she spent with Sylvia Caron Sullivan, Ginnie Falkenbury Aronson, and Carolyn English Caci. She mentioned that Chase and Nan Murray Lasbury made it all so special. Mike visited Sylvia in New Hampshire on her way back from Maine in August. Mike is planning a trip to Corsica and Sardinia in April. + Carolyn English Caci wrote from the Big Island in Hawaii, where she was traveling with her oldest friend from her Stoneham school days. At the time of her writing, she was watching the sun go down on Kona Bay. I have been there too, and indeed Carolyn was “spoiled” by that sight. + Paul Appelbaum is another traveler of late. He and his wife, Lois, took a trip to Ireland, given to them as an anniversary gift by their son. + Loretta “Tommi” Thompson Staples always sends a humorous note. After all her travels to Cuba and Africa she says her latest trips find her at her dentist’s office only five miles away. She says she doesn’t mind the extractions from her mouth; it’s those from her pocketbook that hurt! + Sadly, in August we lost Paul Wescott and then in November George Bazer and Nancy Pratley Wathen.

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Bill Ames has “slowed down” to playing tennis only a couple times a week and has scrapped this year’s trip to Arizona because of a few health issues, which should be cleared up in time for him to attend our reunion. + Karl Decker has been attending a graduate short-story-writing workshop at Vermont College for Fine Arts and will return this spring to work on a novel. His book, The People of Townshend, Vermont, published last year, can be ordered through karidecker.com. + Merrilyn Healey Decker has recovered from a total knee replacement. She continues to be involved with her book group, and she chairs the global issues study group with the American Association of University Women. Both Merrilyn and Karl are keeping in good health, staying warm, and eagerly awaiting spring’s arrival. They ask if this is the reunion year that we wear funny hats and get put in a convertible and driven around the track while waving arthritically to the ghosts of Colby past. + Carol Dyer Wauters still resides in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and spends a great deal of time outdoors skiing, biking, hiking, paddling, and doing the native plant and bird watching thing. She spent 17 delightful days rafting and hiking in the Grand Canyon. Although it has been a good many years since she has been back East, a trip to Colby is in the offing. + Vic Scalise and wife Carolyn English Caci are still enjoying their time at Kirkland Village in Stoneham, Mass. Don says, “I guess we are slowing down from the ‘active years.’ I’m in touch with Ken Castonguay ’53 in California.” + Dave Crockett’s life at Kirkland Village goes on. He has given several chemistry-around-the-house talks and also serves as the “movie czar.” + Now a bit from yours truly: In October my dear friend Carolyn English Caci ’53 and I went on a short tour from Cape Cod to Quebec City. What a fascinating place, and how good it was to have plenty of time to catch up! + That does it. If any of you sent news that isn’t included here, my apologies—my e-mail tanked in January while I was collecting news. Please send it again for next time.

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How quickly the time passes—2014 already! Roy and Betsy Fisher Kearney Caldwell spent a month at Harbour Island, off Eleuthera in the Bahamas. Aren’t they lucky? They visited their grandchildren (his and hers and their ‘meaningful others’) in NYC. They also had a nice trip to Seattle. + Anne Plowman Stevens would love to see Colby’s art museum addition and hopes to get to Maine in the summer. “We are having a winter here in eastern PA like a last fall. There was no helicopter service in this area, so business is going well.” + About a year ago Rod Howes gave his car to one of his sons because he thought he didn’t need to drive. Last fall he bought two new cars; the first was hard to get in and out of, so he traded it for one with a higher profile—easy in and out. “Watch out... Here I come.” + Ellen Lewis Huff played violin in the orchestra at Colby and is still playing in a college orchestra—the University of Maine’s. She has graduated to the viola. “I greatly enjoy playing with this group, plus I get together with several others to play string quartets. I also tutor two Chinese ladies in English. I feel particularly drawn to that nationality because we spent more than a year teaching English in China several years ago—in fact, we celebrated our 50th anniversary there. I’m looking forward to our 60th anniversary next June, and after that we plan to move out of our home in rural Maine into a smaller house in Old Town, which will be easier to care for (no wood to harvest for winter heat, and an easy walk to the grocery store and church).” + Herb Nagle and his wife, Judy, celebrated their 50th anniversary and the wedding of their second granddaughter by having the entire family over for a Thanksgiving feast. Included was their new great-grandson. Herb met his former roommate Bob Peck ’51 for lunch, and they reminisced about Colby days at the downtown campus and on Mayflower Hill. + In September Sheila and Don Halier, George Lehberz, and Judy and Herb Nagle had a lovely time at Carl and Muffie Morgan Leaf’s 60th anniversary at the Coonamessett Inn in Falmouth, Mass. Don says, “I guess we are slowing down from the ‘active years.’ I’m in touch with Ken Castonguay ’53 in California.” + Dave Crockett’s life at Kirkland Village goes on. He has given several chemistry-around-the-house talks and also serves as the “movie czar.” + Now a bit from yours truly: In October my dear friend Carolyn English Caci ’53 and I went on a short tour from Cape Cod to Quebec City. What a fascinating place, and how good it was to have plenty of time to catch up! + That does it. If any of you sent news that isn’t included here, my apologies—my e-mail tanked in January while I was collecting news. Please send it again for next time.

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Ellen Lewis Huff ’52 plays the viola in the University of Maine orchestra in addition to playing in a string quartet and tutoring two Chinese ladies in English.

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50 years in Europe, George and Diane Chamberlin Starcher have decided to make the U.S. their permanent residence. They’re now living in Sarasota, Fla. Tom Hunt’s life is very simple and very good. He spends his days “praying, reading, struggling with the challenge of learning to play classical music on the piano, walking, puttering around outside, visiting friends, helping out in various ways at our church and with its ministries to homeless families, and telephone chatting with our ‘kids’ and grandkids. All of this is a cherished blessing of good health, good marriage (Susan Miller ’56), and good friends. All of this is a sacred gift. I send my greetings to all of you.” I think that the answer to the Deckers’ question is that this is the last reunion at which the Class of ’54 will be recognized as a class. Thereafter we will become members of the Golden Mules, who may need to be “transported around the desk.” May happiness and health be yours throughout 2014.

1956
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Barbara “BJ” Davis Howard sees Gail Allen Hamblett at the West Hartford diner. "We are co-class of the Golden Mules — a nationwide group of Class of 1956 graduates who are living in places all over the United States and beyond. We have been meeting via email and telephone since the last reunion in 2009. After more than 80 years of age, this year was to stay upright when outdoors. She used a cane last winter but now takes an aerobic exercise class at the Y. She is happy with her new life in Newcastle and wishes classmates a happy New Year. John Reisman, a regular in this column, has no news. He’s just trying to keep warm! “With the wind chill,” he said, “it should be 40 below tonight, and it’s not Maine, but Ohio!” Betty Harris Smith does when Colby magazine arrives is read our class news. She enjoys condo living, where there are a few Colby folks. They often talk about dorm life, waiting in line in the dining hall, and the bus trip up and down Mayflower Hill. In February she’ll go to the Caribbean.

Germaine Michaud Orloff moved to city of Charleston, S.C. After traveling there with her husband, she described it as an enchanting place, a little like old Boston with lots of historic buildings and churches. They’re limited with travel due to her husband’s surgery of three years ago. She still enjoys tennis and bridge. Louise “Pinkie” Fall Achor wrote a very detailed account of her 80th birthday. Her kids, along with both daughters-in-law, planned a family dinner for 15 and a dessert and coffee hour for 41 invited guests at the cottage. Dessert included the famous Achor wedding cake—almond-flavored with a delicious rum glaze, raspberry filling, and almond icing! Celebrations went on through the next week with friends from school days surprising her. She ended it all by attending a church organ and brass concert. Sadly, on Jan. 24, 2013, Pinkie’s husband died from cancer. She and her family were thankful that they could get through a very stressful time. She now lives alone and is grateful for her loving children, who have been so supportive in the midst of their own grief. Jane Whipple Coddington wrote about her ‘blank mind’ after a few wonderful, busy weeks seeing all their family (i.e. grandchildren) during the holidays. She and Chan were vegetating until they could unfreeze! Happy New Year, good friends. May happiness and health be yours throughout 2014.

1957
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We asked for a broad response, and we received a great one! Bill and Judy Prophett Timken e-mailed from sunny California how lucky they feel to have their three children (one son and two daughters) and five grandchildren all living within 10 minutes of them. Guy and I feel the same way here in Maine. It is certainly very rewarding to be able to follow grandchildren’s progress and attend their activities all through school and into college. Having developed a strong interest in art, Judy has been a trustee for 24 years of the prestigious California College of the Arts, serving as chair of the board for four years. Bill has been retired for 14 years from a 40-year career as a founding partner of Hambrecht and Quist, an investment banking firm later sold to
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J.P. Morgan Chase. The Timkens say that Colby is seldom out of their hearts and minds, and they both send their best wishes to their many Colby friends. ♦ Sheldon and Audrey Hittinger Katz send word that last year their travels took them to Myanmar and Rajasthan, India, both fascinating and historical places. Otisfield, Maine, has become a great spot for their family of 16 to meet for two weeks in the summer. That old farmhouse must really be hopping! Their latest news is a move to a condo near Dupont Circle, Washington, D.C., at the encouragement of their children. Audrey looks forward to city life with its abundant theaters, restaurants, and museums. ♦ David and Julie Pullen Rand left Orono, Maine, in 1996 and retired to Damariscotta Lake in Jefferson, Maine.

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Competitive ballroom dancer Russ Longley ’59 won the Pro-Am Gentleman Award on the 2013 Dancer’s Cup Tour. In January he competed at the Nashville Starz Dance Spectacular. Russ, who retired from for-profit planning, now runs a program of the FPA of Massachusetts that was founded to help service members after 9/11. The program has served an estimated 1,900 service members since its inception, according to the U.S. Army. FPA volunteers have donated about 1,390 hours, saved service members $337,000 in tax-prep fees, and generated more than $2.5 million in refunds. They essentially do what they would do for any client—comprehensive financial planning. ♦ I look forward to seeing you all at Colby June 5–8 for our 55th reunion. Let’s make it a good one.

1958

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Al Dean reports that since the second 55th reunion he attended with wife Kay (German) ’59, they have cruised the Baltic Sea with stops in Amsterdam, Warsaw, Budapest, Vienna, and Prague, their favorite. Thanksgiving was enjoyed at their Sugarloaf condo with son Thomas and his family. The Christmas season found the family home in Kennebunkport. ♦ Since we are limited to 650 words per column, we included our classmates’ news in the order it arrived to us. Those not included in this issue will be in the next one. Thank you all so much, and keep the news coming.

1959

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I write with the sad news that Ann Segrave Lieder passed away Nov. 6, 2013, from pancreatic cancer. Ann was an active member of our class and my predecessor as class correspondent. She will be greatly missed. Our condolences to her husband, Marty, and daughter, Beth. ♦ Ed Goldberg spent three weeks in rural India, where he did some relief work and ended up at the Pushkar Fair. Despite the extreme poverty in the more remote areas, the people appeared happy and grateful for the relief workers’ involvement. One of the most pressing problems is the elevated levels of fluoride in the well water, which erodes the enamel on their teeth and damages their joints. The women bear the burden of raising their families, while the men sit under shade trees playing board games and solving the problems of the world. Ed says, “All in all—a great experience!” ♦ Lloyd Cohen was elected Nov. 8 to Cliffside Park High School’s athletics hall of fame. This honor signaled the end of any and all attachments to his participation in competitive sports at any level, either by playing, coaching, or officiating. ♦ For the past 15 to 20 years, Solange and Reed Thompson have traveled to New York City to catch up with old friends and wallow in the many delights of the Big Apple. They always see Grant Hendricks and his wife, Posie, along with their wonderful family of three “children” and nine grandchildren. The Thomsons spent two days with the Hendricks family in Bay Shore and then traveled into the city and spent one equally delightful day with Mary Jane and Tony Ruvo. Reed says Tony never changes—he’s the same terrific gentleman he was … how many years ago? Reed and Solange would like to make the 55th, but that’s still very much up in the air. ♦ Mary Jane and Tony Ruvo planned to go to Antigua in February for their 15th visit to Curtain Bluff Resort, where they meet up with a lot of old friends.

1960

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Maren Stoll Fischer, Carleen Perry Brown, Marion Porter Potter, and Gail Harden Schade traveled up and down the west coast of Norway on a mail boat cruise that crossed the Arctic Circle last June. They had a great time and planned to cruise around New Zealand in March, starting and finishing in Sydney. ♦ Pat Sturges Aufdenberg planned to spend time in Palm Springs with her brother and sister, escaping Cleveland’s winter weather. There’s a good possibility she’ll spend several months in Switzerland—not skiing (two hip replacements), but enjoying beautiful weather and scenery, improving her French, and eating cheese and

Competitive ballroom dancer Russ Longley ’59 won the Pro-Am Gentleman Award on the 2013 Dancer’s Cup Tour. In January he competed at the Nashville Starz Dance Spectacular. Russ, who retired from for-profit planning, now runs a program of the FPA of Massachusetts that was founded to help service members after 9/11. The program has served an estimated 1,900 service members since its inception, according to the U.S. Army. FPA volunteers have donated about 1,390 hours, saved service members $337,000 in tax-prep fees, and generated more than $2.5 million in refunds. They essentially do what they would do for any client—comprehensive financial planning. ♦ I look forward to seeing you all at Colby June 5–8 for our 55th reunion. Let’s make it a good one.
drinking wine without guilt. She’s signed up for a fall Road Scholar trip to Greece, Turkey, Crete, and Malta. Pat exercises regularly so she can enjoy all the travel.

**Jock Knowles** was at Colby in January to attend the recognition dinner for former Colby hockey coach Jack Kelly.

News of the Maine winter makes Janice Rideout Carr appreciate California all the more. Janice talks with Eunice Bucholz Spooner by telephone now and then, and they visit whenever Janice is in Maine.

Carol Shoemaker Rasmussen’s son, Erik, came home just before Christmas and lives with Carol. His homecoming was wonderful, and they had many family gatherings.

Ralph Galante resides on Merrymeeting Lake, New Durham, N.H., in the summer. They have all the grandkids up for a month and enjoy water sports. He spends winters in Bonita Springs, Fla., enjoying the warmer weather and golf.

Chet Lewis is still alive, still retired, and still in East Lansing. Last year he and his wife traveled to Chicago, where their two daughters and sons-in-law joined them. They celebrated Canadian Thanksgiving in Nebraska at their younger daughter’s and were in Rhode Island for American Thanksgiving. Their son, Daniel ’94, is pursuing a career in nursing as an R.N. supervisor for an East Lansing nursing home.

Last May Eunice Bucholz Spooner attended her granddaughter’s graduation from Proctor Academy in Andover, N.H. While there she met 10 classmates for lunch. A good time was had by all: Debbie Wilson Albee, Judy Ingram Hatfield, Janet Grout Williams, Dottie Baldridge Dzenis, Wendy McWilliam Denneen, Gail Longenecker Brown, Carolyn Webster Lockhart, Rosemary Athearn Smith, and Betsy Perry Burke ’61. In July Eunice toured the expanded Colby Museum of Art with Tony ’57 and Bever Jackson Glockler.

“Incredible!”

Steve Curley, as usual, makes us laugh. During a trip to Colby for Family Homecoming Weekend it was asked: “How many Colby grads does it take to jump-start a battery?” Ray Berberian was looking for the hood latch, Phil Shea was trying to work the cable clamps, and Ed Marchetti was trying to understand “red to red and black to black.” Many thanks to AAA for answering the call and starting Steve’s car! Peg Jack Johnston went to Ethiopia for three weeks in November. She reminds us that polio is unfortunately still alive and well. There was a big outbreak in Somalia, which spread in small numbers to Kenya, South Sudan, and Ethiopia.

However, we’re still on track to eliminate polio by 2018 thanks to Rotary.

Wendy
McWilliam Denneen celebrated a late Christmas in California with daughter Sue and son Matt and family. It’s a new family tradition with East Coast and West Coast grandchildren. In February Sue cruised the Panama Canal with Doug ’58 and Judy Ingram Hatfield and Al ’58 and Kay German Dean ’59. Juan and Jane Holden Huerta had a wonderful holiday season with visits from both sons, Juan ’92 and Jon ’95. They enjoyed time with their only grandchild, Victoria, who is quite the character at 22 months. Richard and Susan Macomber Vogt describe her as a real “pistol.” In October Jane checked off an item on her bucket list when they visited Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, and Prague, traveling by train and public transportation.

1961
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In January DeeAnn and Sandy Arens joined Bonnie and John Maguire and Sandy and Nancy Cunneen Boardman at Colby in an event honoring former men’s hockey coach Jack Kelly. The weekend included hockey and dinners. DeeAnn and Sandy visited O’ahu, Maui, Kaua’i, and the Big Island of Hawai’i in February. They had a mini reunion with your class correspondent.

Amy Eisenrather Birky left her house 43 years and moved to an apartment complex for older folks in Lincoln, Neb. “I feel like a liberated woman: no shoveling, time for volunteer work and the grandkids. Open for visitors anytime, except when I’m traveling.” Mary and Denny Dionne celebrated their 50th anniversary at their daughter’s Stratton Mountain, Vt., ski lodge. All three children, their spouses, and eight grandchildren came together. Denny had to push to keep up with the grandkids but had a wonderful time on the slopes. Stratton Mountain has a “super senior” ski pass designation, for which he, unfortunately, now qualifies! As Judy Hoffman Hakola watched the snow pile up and the temperature in Orono, Maine, hover between -9 degrees and -8, the “aloha” greeting was almost too much to bear. However, she controlled her shivering long enough to send news. She teaches in the English and civil engineering departments at the University of Maine. Last spring she tried to retire, but her department chair persuaded her to reduce her load, so she teaches spring semesters. Since the mid-1970s she’s taught courses in business and technical writing as well as literature. Last May her English colleagues honored her by naming a professional (i.e. workplace) writing prize after her. One award is made to an undergraduate English major and one to a civil engineering student. (Interesting tidbit: Richard Bianco, who read his poetry at President Obama’s second inauguration and who lives in western Maine, is a civil engineer, although not a practicing one now.) Off campus she chairs the local library board of trustees and is a member of an area group that supports the arts. Each fall she teaches a course for seniors—everything from Maine literature (a specialty of hers) to Western movies. She continues to devour mystery and detective novels. The overall fatigue and muscle weakness associated with her post-polio syndrome have slowed her down a bit but not stopped her! Richard and Carol Davidson Jack retired to Topsham, Maine, in 1996. They still ski when the weather cooperates. They travel out West by enjoying Caribbean cruises. Carol volunteers at her UCC church, at Mid Coast Hospital, and at Merrymeeting Audubon. “It’s always a treat to visit Colby and the amazing museum of art!” Carol Anne Pope spent Christmas in D.C. with her daughter, and while standing in a long line to view the Mount Vernon decorations she heard a woman tell a guide that she was from Maine. Carole asked, “What part of Maine?” The woman answered, “Water-ville.” Carole said, “I went to Colby College,” and the woman replied, “So did I, Class of ’75.” They shouted “Hail, Colby, Hail!” for all the people waiting. “They probably thought we were drunk or a little daft. It’s always fun to run into a fellow Colbyite!”

1962
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Greetings, Class of ’62. As I write, it’s a winter wonderland in Harpswell, Maine—the prettiest snowstorm of the season, so far, and plunging temperatures thanks to the “polar vortex.” Feels like the Maine of years gone by! Bill Alexander reminisces: “Weather like we are having now, below zero with lots of snow and wind, reminds me of Mayflower Hill. Is evening chow at Roberts worth the effort of plowing down there, or should I just wait for the ‘sandwiches and milk’ man?” On a slightly warmer-sounding note, Ceylon Barclay and family took a “toasty hiatus into the south Atlantic” on a cruise ship.

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Robert Master ’64 was profiled in Boston Business Journal in January. As a teenager, Master—now CEO of Commonwealth Care Alliance—accompanied his immigrant grandfather to cancer treatments and saw the difference in medical care for the have and have-nots. Though Master maintains that it was a desire for a steady income and not a sense of justice that propelled him into a medical career, he has spent the past 40 years serving low-income patients. Master continues to perform one six-week rotation at Boston Medical Center every year. The Berkshire (Mass.) Chamber of Commerce (BCC) honored Susan Davidson Lombard ’68 with the 2013 Esther Quinn Award for her prolific volunteer efforts. She has served on the boards of numerous organizations including the BCC for 10 years, Berkshire Medical Center, Berkshire United Way, and Berkshire Art Association. She was also corporator for the Berkshire Museum from 2000 to 2009. Perkins Coie LLP announced that Peter Rouse ’68 would join the firm in February to lead a national public and strategic affairs practice. Known as the “101st Senator” due to his presence on Capitol Hill and extensive senate knowledge, Rouse previously served as counsel to President Obama and White House chief of staff.

Susan Davidson Lombard ’68

After looking at colleges including Colby, Ceylon’s daughter, Anastasia, made the decision to enroll at the University of South Carolina, where she’ll study international marketing. Last year Ceylon traveled to Paris and Budapest and attended family reunions in Maine and Vermont. He visited “charming, ancient Quebec” and found that his Colby French still works. A nice, long note from Frank Stephenson revealed that he has retired from the Stevenson School in Pebble Beach, Calif., but stays on as a college counselor and continues his resident faculty responsibilities. He says it’s hard to “stop being around and working with young people and teachers.” Frank traveled to China last summer, on his own, and “loved every minute of it.” He has a fascinating-sounding collection of pictures that we can see at flickr.com (click on “Following” and enter Frank’s name). He also wishes to recognize Joan (Dignam) ’63 and Dick Schmaltz for “all they have done and continue to do for Colby. My memories of their personal generosity and support for me are many and deep.” I’d like to second that motion, Frank.

A note from Dave Jacobson reveals that he has retired from Brandeis after 45 years. He and his wife traveled to Puglia, Italy, and the Big Island of Hawaii, where he “enjoyed the sun and surf” and helped plant avocado and rainbow eucalyptus trees on his son’s farm. Dave, too, has pictures he’d like to share; they are available on Facebook. He extends best wishes to all of us for a “healthy, happy, and peaceful new year.” Alice Loffredo sends news that her book, Your Astrological Compass, which she presented at Colby during our 50th reunion, has finally been published! She’s hoping that Compass will be reviewed in an upcoming Colby.

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the flu shot. In September she traveled to Japan, on her own, for the Conference of the International Foster Care Organization in Osaka. While there she visited Kyoto, Nara, Kobe, and several other locations, where she found the Japanese people “undeniably kind and helpful.” Continuing a theme of this column, Roey has 500 slides that she is “happy to share with anyone.” A trip to her hometown in Connecticut allowed for a visit with Marge Brown York, now living in

Beth Brown Turner ’63 teaches at Florida A&M University and Florida State University. She says, “Maybe I’ll really retire one of these days, but it doesn’t look like it’ll be 2014.”

Edgehill, Conn. Roey was eagerly anticipat-
ing a trip to Cuba for the 500th anniversary of the city of Camagüey, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. ● Michael McCabe and I (Nancy MacKenzie Keating) experienced our first full winter in Maine in 50-plus years and found that there was learning (or relearning?) to be done. In contrast to our time on Mayflower Hill when I walked around the campus in midwinter in loafers and knee socks, I now have sturdy, warm boots, a down-filled parka, and a knitted hat—all unnecessary during 40-plus years in Atlanta! ● Best wishes for a safe and happy new year.

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After spending nearly all of 2013 in France dealing with the French bureaucracy regarding the sale of her home, Anne Quirion Connaughton is back in Fairfax, Va., helping to care for her 100-year-old father. Anne could have written a book regarding the sale of her home, but she didn’t. She’s been retired from Eaglebrook for several years and no longer uses his Eaglebrook e-mail address. He would like us to use kirkkoen@comcast.net instead. ● Midge De Motte Welch had a wonderful time at reunion and enjoyed seeing everybody. She has been diagnosed with a very rare brain tumor and is pursuing treatment at Maine Medical Center. In her inimitable way, she says, “It’s a nuisance.” Midge and Sheila celebrated their 20th anniversary last year. They had a wonderful time in New York City with their 11-year-old granddaughter. ● Last fall Pen Williamson and wife Bev knocked two items off their bucket list. In September they spent a wonderful two weeks in Alaska. “It was my 50th state, so I’ve now bagged them all!” Pen also wanted to sail offshore on a “big boat,” and in November he got his wish. He helped deliver a 100-foot sloop from Thomaston, Maine, to the British Virgin Islands. “Quite a ride in significant weather, and an absolute blast, hitting speeds over 16 knots while triple-reefed!” Pen ends with, “I’m still so proud of our class hitting a 90-percent participation rate for our 50th reunion giving! Thank you ALL!” And thank you, Pen, for all you did to get us there. ● Ruth Pratley Madell still works two days a week at the Kansas Humanities Council and loves it. In September she visited her niece Deborah Wathen Finn ‘74 and her oldest sister, Nancy Pratley Wathen ‘53. Nancy, who died in November, was the first of six Colby alums in her family and the first of seven to pledge Chi Omega. Ruthie was looking forward to spending time in Florida this winter. ● From primrose gardens in Oxford, England, Sandra “Sam” Moulton Burridge was looking forward to hearing from contacts made at reunion and to the fulfillment of reunion promises made to visit in 2014.

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Here is a chance to catch up on our class-
mates’ latest news. ● George and Carol Worcester Place live on Crescent Lake in Raymond, Maine. Theirs is a blended family of four sons, two daughters, 19 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Carol and George have traveled around the U.S. and in the U.K., Europe, and New Zealand. Carol is associated with a Caribbean medical school with a semester in Maine. ● In July Jean Martin Fowler enjoyed a family cruise that made everyone happy, from the 5-year-old to the most senior member. With their children living on opposite coasts, Jean and husband Mike felt the cruise was a great way to gather everyone together. It was a true vacation for the whole family, and they plan to do it again. ● Joan McChee Ames reports running into Carol Ingerman Robinson in Peabody, Mass., where they were both visiting relatives. Joanie also met up with Marg Mattrow Dodge in Yarmouth, Maine. They spent time together at the Prendergast exhibition at Bowdoin and had lunch at the Sea Dog Brewing Company. ● Dottie Thompson Herrin only spent two years at Colby, but she is remembered. After living in Vermont for 23 years, Dottie now plans to move to Delaware, where her son and his family live. She looks forward to spoiling her 18-month-old granddaughter! She also plans on taking trips to Texas to see her daughter and family. Dottie’s second husband died last winter. Come to the class reunion, Dottie! ● Dick Larschan has retired from teaching after 41 years at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth. After trying out Florida and Berkeley, Calif., Dick settled into an apartment on 79th Street in New York City, around the corner from where his mother was born 102 years ago. Dick visited Colby recently and was impressed with the art museum. He plans to attend reunion in June. ● Jim Harris and his wife are planning a June trip to Maine and our reunion. In November they vacationed for a month in Maui. It was a lot more fun, Jim reports, than his business trips there over a period of 20 years. ● In November Larry Dyhrberg took his daughter and her cousin, both 11th graders, to visit Colby. Larry went to a government class and was impressed by the high level of teaching. He also joined the girls in a poetry workshop. Christmas in Maine, Larry writes, was cold and snowy, but festive. ● Martha Farrington Mayo has been in touch with several classmates, encouraging them all to attend reunion. Even though Martha retired two years ago, she’s even busier now. She and husband Art have their entire family near them in Bath, Maine, and they’re all active in their community. A newfound interest in history has Martha reading historic material from 100 BCE through 100 CE. She’s also focusing on Native American artifacts still being found

Frank Stephenson ’62 retired from the Stevenson School in Pebble Beach, Calif, but continues his resident faculty responsibilities and serves as a college counselor.

in the Bath area. ● In November Gloria Shepherd enjoyed a 10-day painting trip to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. She describes the city as colorful, musical, and festive, touching most of the senses. In addition, Gloria writes, the food is aromatic and delicious. ● Steve Schoeman reflects philosophically, “After so many years of life, I have concluded that we should be taught to be cynical before we are taught to be idealistic. For only by the critical thinking that cynicism permits can we see the world
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as it truly is and thus more realistically be idealistic. The world would be in a better state! Let’s pick up that conversation at reunion, Steve. The last issue of Colby reported that Martha “Marty” Hinckes Kellogg and John Alfred Peterson had passed away. We remember them both and send our thoughts of sympathy to their families.

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RETIRED AND HAVING FUN—Yes. A long time ago we were told to study hard, pay attention, and save for retirement. You thought the day would never come? Well, let’s see what we’re doing with all this spare time. The kids are gone, but now there are grandchildren. Thought you were through with diapers? Nap time? No way! Stay tuned for the great-grandkids! Susan (Cook) ’67 and Nick Locsin ’62 have remained in Maine. They are volunteers at the Maine Maritime Museum. He helps with archiving, and Susan volunteers as a teacher. They report travel to California, Virginia, Spain, and the UK. “We’re looking forward to a thaw and time on the waters around Bath and Boothbay.” I report Ben Shreve’s cryptic note in its entirety: “I

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live in a shack on the side of a mountain, paint pictures, and burn wood, I still have old friends. I have a great-granddaughter. Enjoying life.” Jean (Hoffmann) ’66 and Neil Clipsham look forward to celebrating their 50th anniversary with a family cruise in Hawaii next summer. They spend time supporting the local library fundraising activities and “plowing snow every five or six days.” They combined their talents to create a pair of 18-inch doll cabinets for their grandchildren last Christmas. Neil says, “Jean sews and quilts while I cut and glue wood.” In contrast, in “sunny, snowless Florida” Dave Hatch and Dale Rottner Haas are making plans to visit family/grandkids in South Carolina and planning “future trips on their bucket list.”

Tom Morrione, the Charles A. Dana Professor of Sociology at Colby, is teaching and leadership potential selected Colby as part of their college choice and will be part of a multicultural team, or posse.” He urges classmates to check out the program at possefoundation.org. Your correspondent enjoyed travel to Jamaica, Vietnam, Peru (to see Machu Picchu), and St. Kitts (for more beach time). Retired life is FUN. Enjoy! Hail, Colby, Hail!

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Several classmates have read Ed’s first book, So Close to Dying. If you haven’t, do.

Two faraway classmates have retired: Peter Grabosky, professor emeritus at the Australian National University, who says he continues to go to work and annoy people for free, and Rob Sears, who now does pro bono work for several NGOs in Manila, Philippines. From Phil MacHale: “Divorced. Back to school. Writing. China. The challenges of year-round living in Harpswell, Maine, being forever grateful their builder convinced them to wire the house for a generator. Gary McKinstry used to think 70 was really old but has no plans to retire. Longevity thrives in his hometown of Sarasota, Fla., so Gary thinks maybe Ponce de Leon was truly on to something. Healing wishes to Doug Keene, who’s recovering from a complete shoulder replacement. With that and two replaced hips, Doug is “the bionic grampy” to his grandson. Healing wishes also to Barry Wildorf, whose doctor told him he holds the record for most recoveries from viral infections, causing Barry to buy a new home to celebrate. Barry writes, “I’m now promoting the leukemia weight-loss diet—shred 30 pounds in 30 days. I guarantee it!” Many classmates have mentioned our June 10-12, 2016, 50th reunion. Plans are in the works, and several have heard from class president Frances Finizio or others who are already hard at work on reunion planning. The 50th reunion turnout is always the biggest of the reunion classes. Be there! Why not start the reconnecting process by sending me your news? It was great to hear from so many of you this time around. Thank you!”

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Charlotte Killam writes that one of the highlights of her summer was her 50th high school reunion at Kents Hill School. She’s amazed at how one week morphs into the next and how busy she’s been, but sometimes how little gets accomplished. She is far too modest, since she spent much of the summer teaching several study series at her church, managing the local lunch-in-the-park program, attending
Ted Allison ’68 helped build a school in Zanzibar through a program his son created, GIVEvolunteers.org. He planned to climb Mount Kilimanjaro while in Africa.

were off to Venezuela for more hiking and a view of Angel Falls. They own a place in the mountains of Pine, Ariz., and have participated in a national forest archaeology site in Payson. Like many of you, we decided it was time to take advantage of the improved real estate market. I (Judy Gereir Helne) spent the summer decluttering and purging 33 years worth of stuff when we sold our house in Medfield, Mass., and moved to a townhouse condo overlooking the 13th tee at Norton Country Club in Norton, Mass. No more leaves to rake or gutters to clean! Now we can shut the door and spend the winter at our place in The Villages, Fla., where we enjoy golf and activities at the nation’s largest retirement community. It’s been a good year for Harry “Bud” Graff and his wife, Deb. Deb is doing well in her fourth year of fending off blood cancer. They speak highly of Dana-Farber. Bud’s learned a lot about nursing care and is considering auditing a biology course at Colby to augment his skills. He may have forgotten that the lab meets at 8 a.m. Saturday morning. That would cut into his golf time with Jim Wilson.

Tif Crowell, his wife, Pat, and Patty Whittmore Jenkins and her husband canoed the Allagash in September. After completing the adventure on the river, Tif and Pat traveled to Japan, where they climbed to the summit of Mount Fujiyama. Back home, Tif hikes the White Mountains.

Joanne Snyder Richardson has taken a position as head of information services at Griffith University and has published a book about how technology has changed research. No more spending all day in the reference library taking notes; you can do it from home. These kids have it too easy.

Judy Kolligian lives in Jamaica Plain, Mass., two stops away from me on the Orange Line. Judy is semi-retired. She does social work a couple days a week and spends the other days working to clean up the air we breathe. Judy remembered with sadness that 11 years ago her friend and our classmate Stephanie Burton died. We join Judy in remembering Stephanie. It was also with sadness that Irv Faunce, Doug Howe, Fran Colmes Davis, Fran

Richter Comstock, Ross Kolhonen, and Kurt Swenson attended the funeral of Terry Stratton. Terry’s children spoke with eloquence about Terry’s life as a strong family man and proud Colby graduate. We close on another somber note with the passing of Fred Hopengarten’s mother, Doris Rose Hopengarten ’40, the recipient of a Colby Brick and a regular at reunions. Fred’s daughter, Annie ’06, is pursuing a graduate degree in accounting at George Washington University.

Joyce Ingram-Chinn ’68 enjoys retired life in Hawaii but still does an occasional accreditation survey for CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities). When not just enjoying the beauty of Hawaii, she finds weaving and spinning both challenging and rewarding.

Last October the University of Denver Sturm College of Law honored John Leopold with its annual Alumni Professionalism Award. A very funny video can be viewed at law.du.edu/index.php/alumni/law-stars/videos. Last fall John and his wife, Terry, took a trip to the Pacific Northwest, Seattle, and the Columbia River Valley. His other big news is the establishment of a Colorado Colby club. They had a large turnout at an August social event—about 90 people. Another informal get-together was held in January. Joyce Ingram-Chinn enjoys retired life, although she still does an occasional accreditation survey for CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities). When not just enjoying the beauty of Hawaii, she finds weaving and spinning both challenging and rewarding.

65 attorneys to 107. In appreciation of his contributions, the firm gave Charlie and his wife, Ellie, a trip to Italy in February. They celebrated their 45th anniversary in New York at a dinner party hosted by their children and families. Charlie was the 2013 commencement speaker at Husson University and received the Chesley H. Husson Sr. Award for his work as a mentor, teacher,
and civic leader and for his commitment to pro bono work. ● Bill Lyons and wife Karen, expecting another grandchild in July, are starting to plan their retirement. Bill will again be spending April and May at the University of Leiden. He published an article on compensation of student athletes and is writing a chapter in a book on the history of black baseball players in Nebraska. ● Anne York Samson moved to Portland, Ore., and in January enjoyed a 10-day cultural and educational trip to Cuba, spending time in Cienfuegos and Trinidad. A new grandson, Palmer York Samson, joined his brother, Ford Oliver Samson. Anne plans to work part time as a psychologist, learn about Portland, and travel. ● Craig Stevens, in his 26th year at the Savannah College of Art and Design, plans to work until he’s 70 and then think about what comes next. He continues teaching at the Maine Media Workshops in Rockport in the summer, and last October he purchased “a sweet little house/studio in Camden.” ● Gary Austin won’t be at reunion because he and his wife, Judy, will be on safari in Africa. “It’s been a bucket list item for a while, and with Judy’s retirement last year, we truly won’t be at reunion because he and his wife, Judy, will be at reunion. Warren has two adult stepdaughters, an 11-year-old “grand-trial, mostly religious debates, on Mickey Jako recently posted all his mate-rials, mostly religious debates, on YouTube. Skeptic magazine posted his video of an exposé of medium James Van Praagh. Mickey also debated a leading atheist, Dan mark with McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP. The firm had 24 lawyers when he started and now has approximately 650 across the U.S. and internationally. Sandy continues to represent government contractors dealing primarily with the federal government. He also consulted through the United Nations Development Program with an organization called the International Senior Lawyers Project, spending time in Liberia. Sandy and wife Debbie announced their 44th anniversary. Their children live in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Charlotte, N.C. They have six grandchildren. ● I hope to see many of you on campus in June!

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Libby Brown Stroough
dave and Linda Longing Shea visited with Peter and Linda Marsh Foss in October and report that the Fosses grow the largest beets Dave’s ever seen. Dave will retire in June and is looking forward to golf, fishing, kayaking, reading, gardening, chopping and splitting wood, and, of course, keeping up old friends and making new ones. He’s trying to talk Linda into retirement as well and hopes to spend at least one winter month (February) in South Florida each year. They’re looking at the Fort Myers/Naples area. ● Making a gutsy career move, Arolne “Lin” Stone Gallagher left corporate America to teach English as a second language in Boston. After receiving her TEFL certification from the Boston Academy of English, Lin joined the school staff and is now program director for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Program, senior ESL teacher, and private tutor for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. As Lin says, “This has been more than a career change; it’s been a life change. I have never had a

Sandy Hoe ’69 has been with McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP for 40 years. He represents government contractors and has consulted with the International Senior Lawyers Project.

Barker. Mickey plays tennis with a group called “The Geezers” and competes for court time with another group, “The Super Geezers,” with whom he sees himself being a proud member in the years ahead. ● Sandy Hoe recently passed his 40-year more gratifying job.” She has never looked back. ● Shipp Webb and his wife, Judith, ran a handcrafted-jewelry business in his hometown in Tennessee for more than 25 years until they retired eight years ago. A year later they moved to New Hampshire.

They are now busy volunteering at an assisted living home where Shipp is the president of the board of directors. He also tutors international students at the Saint Barni School, a country day school that has sent a few students to Colby. His current student is a refugee from Iraq. He is now well versed in the differences between the Shia and Sunni sects, and his student’s written English has improved, so it’s a fair trade. ● Cheryl Moriarty Higgins is thoroughly enjoying retirement and finding herself busier than ever. She and husband Buddy ’69 now live full time on Peaks Island, Maine, and although the ferry pres-ents challenges, they love the community as well as being part of the city of Portland without living in it. While Cheryl misses aspects of teaching, she gets her kid fix by serving as a docent for school groups at the Portland Museum of Art. Besides visiting their grandsons, Atticus, in Madison, Wis., she loves walking, playing in a ukulele group, reading, and getting together with friends. ● Debbie (Stephenson) ’68 and Phil Wysor are still working as lawyers in Marblehead and Beverly, Mass., respec-tively, skiing at Sugarloaf, and enjoying their six grandchildren. In December Phil attended a lecture and book signing by Ben Bradlee Jr. to announce the publication of Ben’s fantastic biography of Ted Williams. Also in attendance were Andy Hayashi, Joani Katz, Jim Martin, Jim Patch, Frank “Alex” Wilson ’73, and many others. ● Pam Warner Champagne continues to be a caregiver for her partner, who suffered an extensive stroke three years ago. The rounds of medical appointments and physical and occupational therapy keep her very busy. She sees neighbor Andrea Atwater ’82 from time to time as they were both French majors at Colby and belong to a French conversation group. ● Jane Stinchfield Knapp is still enjoying public service. She’s now a commissioner for the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, which is concerned with carrying out the Clean Water Act. ● Lynne Murrell retired at the beginning of January. Enjoy! ● Rich Irvine reports the sad news that his wife, Laura Schmidt Irvine, passed away Oct. 17 from cancer. It was very sudden and obviously a great shock. ● Mike Self just turned 69. His family is doing fine and includes four grandchildren under the age of the 2 1/2. Mike says that any old hockey players or DKEs from Colby who are in the Charlotte area should look him up.

1971

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Here we are in the dead of winter, bizarre weather all over the world, and we don’t know whether to bundle up for 20 below or dress for a heat wave of 60 degrees! With a shift in the magazine schedule, and with so many of you writing in, I had to abbreviate some of your news. Please bear with the word limit, and if you don’t

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Ben Bradlee Jr. ’70 won the 2013 Cerulli Award for Excellence in Sports Writing/Biography for The Kid: The Immortal Life of Ted Williams. Bradlee spent 25 years as a writer and editor at the Boston Globe. The Cerulli Award was established in 2012 by Kurt Cerulli ’78 and his wife, Mary. ∗ Independent Vermont newspaper Seven Days ran a Q&A on Vermont Loon Recovery Project Coordinator Eric Hanson ’70 in the fall. As Hanson’s responsibilities have increased over 15 years on the job, so has the state loon population, rebounding from a low of about 30 birds three decades ago to 283 in 2013. ∗ Rebecca Littleton Corbett ’74 was promoted to assistant managing editor for the New York Times in December, which means she is now on the masthead at the top of the newspaper’s editorials page. She previously worked as a senior editor with a focus on enterprise journalism. According to Times Executive Editor Jill Abramson, Corbett has edited some of the paper’s “hardest-hitting stories” and “most elegant narratives.” ∗ In January Waterville Mayor Karen Heck ’74 testified before the Maine Legislature’s appropriations committee criticizing a proposal to reduce revenue sharing to cities and towns. Heck said Waterville and other communities take a hit each year because the state passes its responsibilities on to municipalities.

Social club for Washington’s intellectual elite), Alan Levine had an opportunity to show his girlfriend the Lovejoy entry in the Newseum’s database of press martyrs. ∗ Bill Hladky sends me fascinating photos of his hiking and climbing adventures in the most interesting of places as well as encouraging messages about his son’s college prowess. ∗ Officially retired now, Janet Beals and Dave Nelson celebrated their separation with a two-month trip to Europe, visiting 11 countries on Eurorail passes—just like kids. ∗ Dennis Hartung visited with old college buddies Craig Dickinson, Dave Collins, and Brad Moir. ∗ Continuing his research for the EPA in the Office of Research and Development, Atlantic Ecology Division, in Narragansett, R.I., Hal Walker writes that he and his family are still learning to “ski the bumps” in life beyond college. He and his wife have twin boys, which means that next year they might have three sons in college. ∗ After 20 years as the founding executive director at Solutions at Work, Macy Delong has changed her focus in a new role at Vinfen in Boston, putting her experience to work with those battling mental health issues. She sees Pat Montgomery and Nancy Hammarskold Austin a couple times a year. ∗ Carolyn Additon Anthony is fulfilling her year’s term as president of the Public Library Association, a national organization of 10,000 members. Bill Anthony, her husband, continues as director of studies abroad at Northwestern University. ∗ Jonathan Ray wrote a personal narrative called Gorham, Bridgton and Beyond that includes a chapter about Colby. The book is available through Amazon. ∗ Linda Wallace has been exploring eastern Europe with her husband, visiting seven countries, national parks, and a school in a Hungarian mountain village. Linda was most excited about attending Colby’s bicentennial celebration hosted by the L.A. alumni chapter. She was struck by how many generations of alums were present and was impressed by the young graduates’ passion, intellect, and accomplishments. ∗ Nancy Neckes Dumart and I had a fun mini reunion with Dave Eddy in Framingham, Mass., a few months back. My “other dad,” Faith Tiberio Dougherty’s dad, passed away in October—very sad. On a more positive note, I am very impressed by how accomplished so many of our classmates are. Me? I just plod along.

1973

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Class president Norm Olsen survived a trip to Alaska that involved sloshing through a 10-foot drop to turbulent, icy water. He spoke of the necessity of doing such things when one is young and fit. I was just glad to hear that our president is still fit enough to lead us to the next reunion in 2018! ∗ Gail Andrews McCarthy enjoyed a fundraising phone call from a Colby student who asked her if the campus had moved to Mayflower Hill when she was a student—and then went on to pronounce Chi Omega like it was chai tea. Gail’s life is filled with golf, book club, yoga, Bunco, bowling, and choir in her retirement. ∗ Peter Rinaldi continues to run his newspapers in Natchez, Miss., but is spending more time in Naples, Fla., since he bought a time share there regularly. ∗ Remember to block off the first weekend in June of 2018 for our 45th reunion.

1974

Certified personal property appraiser Joy Bemak Hanes ’72 sells her wares at high-end antiques shows and volunteers at the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme, Conn.

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To the Class of ’74, if you couldn’t make it to your 40th reunion last June, think about coming to ours this year. If you did attend last year and had as good a time as we did, why not do it again with a
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new group of Colby people? We’d love to see any of you who can make the trip. ♦ Classmates, this will be our last column before we see you at reunion. Thanks for all your responses to our news requests in the past five years. We hope that 2014 is going well and that we will see many of you in June. ♦ Jeff Barske married Kim Elisa Prario last October in Clinton, Conn., after three years of a wonderful friendship.

Don Richardson ’74 is in his 38th year on the library staff at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he was recently promoted to associate university librarian.

Congratulations, Jeff and Kim. ♦ Last May Cliff Brittain and his wife, Peggy, and their two kids, Frank, 24, and Nancy, 28, went to Tuscany, Italy, on a bicycle trip hosted by REI and led by an Italian couple. Cliff and Peggy then spent time in Florence and Cinque Terre. This was their first trip to Italy and they loved everything about it. Cliff rows in the summer months, cross-country skis in the winter, loves to play Scrabble, and home-brews beer in his spare time. You bring the Scrabble board in June, and game on! ♦ Robin and Cathy Morris Killoran bought a home in Melbourne Beach, Fla., in the fall of 2012. After spending several weeks there throughout 2013, they sold their home in Kent, Conn., and moved to Florida last October. Sadly, Robin passed away from an infection shortly after their move. Cathy is thankful for the time they had in their new home. She spent Thanksgiving with siblings Bill Yovic ’77 and Sue Yovic Hoeller ’73 and family in Tampa. Cathy would like to reconnect with any Colby people who live in the area or are visiting. ♦ Last October Jo-Ellen (Bois) ’77 and Greg Smith marked the 40-year anniversary of the day they met at Colby. In their words, “A freshman pledge of Sigma Kappa sorority walked into the Delta Upsilon fraternity to attend a faculty/Greek cocktail party. She was greeted by a young man who hung up her coat and escorted her over to the bar. Later, they drove to dinner in his ’52 Oldsmobile convertible at the South End Café for roast beef grinders. And the rest, as they say, is history. The ’52 Olds is restored and driving the back roads of Washington.” ♦ After living in Holden, Mass., for the past 11 years, Don Richardson and his wife, Janet, moved to Millbury, Mass. He’s in his 38th year on the library staff at WPI, where he was recently promoted to associate university librarian. Their big news is that their son, Matt, was married Sept. 15, 2012, to Kendra Leith, the daughter of Jennifer and Duncan Leith ’73, also of Holden. It was a wedding of Colby children on a perfect late summer day in Cape Nedick, Maine. Don’s Zeta Psi roommate, Joe Mattia, and a Lambda Chi contingent helped them celebrate the day. ♦ Dennis Delehanty and his wife, Elizabeth, spent three months in Beijing, staying with daughter Carmen, who lives there and works for a company that helps Chinese high school seniors apply to top U.S. colleges. A couple of her students enrolled at Colby. Dennis and Elizabeth lived the day-to-day life of expats in a friendly, welcoming neighborhood not far from the U.S. Embassy. Dennis said, “Living in China is an exercise in humility: no matter how intelligent or educated you think you are, in that country, as a Westerner, you are absolutely helpless, due to the impenetrable language barrier.” ♦ Well, that’s all, folks! See you at Colby in June. Be there, or we will talk about you, and it won’t be pretty.

1975

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Since graduation John Mosley has worked in the financial services field while living in the Portland, Maine, area. In 2009 his wife, Carol, retired from L.L. Bean and joined John in working with clients. Three years later daughter Sarah, a graduate of the University of Miami, joined the practice, the Mosley Financial Group. In May 2012 John suffered a heart attack and underwent quadruple-bypass surgery. Fortunately, recovery went well, and one year later he participated in and finished the Beach to Beacon 10K Race! Now living in a two-family home in Westbrook, his household is truly multi-generational, with his 90-year-old mother, his daughter, his son, Chris, and two dogs. John thinks this is his first time replaying. ♦ Buck Drew and his girlfriend purchased one-way airline tickets to Paris for this spring. They plan to spend most of the year in Provence. Though Buck graduated from Colby with a degree in the sciences, French culture has been his passion. Enjoying the countryside, biking! Alpe d’Huez, and photographing his muse will take most of the year. To all those classmates who have yet to enjoy semi-retirement, he believes it was John Belushi who quoted Voltaire: “If you don’t fly first class... your children will!” ♦ Last summer Dan Sexton attended a Phi Delta Theta reunion in Biddeford organized by Charlie LeRoayer and Mike Harris ’76. Bob Walsh, Marty Womer, and other Colby alumni joined them. It was a good chance to relive some of their Mayflower Hill exploits. ♦ Rod Jones sent in a great photo [wish I could share it with you!] of a get-together last year with Steve and Katie Ruoff Palmer, Kathy (Donohue) ’76 and Ron Yee, Jim and Carol Majdalany Williams, Sharon and Dave White. Rod’s wife, Joanne, and daughter Kim ’05. Unfortunately, son Trevor ’12 was not present. They all have gone their separate ways since Mayflower Hill, and Rod found it amazing how they fell back into a familiar and fun camaraderie. ♦ Deborah Seel Palman, a retired game warden K9 team specialist, now spends her time doing search-and-rescue dog training and working at searches in Maine with her dog. She also travels to teach seminars and works on an online course for training dog handlers. Last September she and her dog found a missing man in Benton, Maine. ♦

1976

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Hi, everyone! As I’m writing, I’m looking forward to the balmy weather that’s supposed to hit this weekend—they’re predicting high 20s. Might have to bring out the shorts! Last September I took my mom to New England for a brief vacation. We had a wonderful brunch at the Maine Diner with Diane Lockwood Wendorf. Di and her husband, Mark, have been back in Maine for more than five years. Di is pastor at the North Parish Congregational UCC in Sanford. Among the greatest joys of her ministry last year was celebrating the marriage of two men who’d been together for 14 years—since before the marriage equality vote made it legal in Maine. She was looking forward to celebrating the marriage of Don and Bill, who have been together for 37 years and are now in their 70s. Mark took over as interim minister of a tiny church in York Beach and has been doing a fantastic job there. Their son, Josh, builds and repairs bikes at a Trek concept bike shop in Portsmouth, N.H., where he’s the service manager; Josh also does their graphic design and stars in their online ad. ♦ As part of their sailing adventures After eight years as corporate counsel with Massage Envy, Jeffrey Frankenl accepted a similar position with International Cruise & Excursions, a global vacation membership organization based in Scottsdale, Ariz. Son Derrick finished his graduate degree in cinematography and works in the Los Angeles film industry. Daughter Rachel is a premed student at the University of Arizona. As new empty nesters, Jeffrey and wife Lydia decided to overcompensate by moving to a new house, requiring them to pack up 20 years of possessions and memories. ♦ Malcolm Foster is staying sane these days, thanks to his fly-fishing expeditions. Son Blake ’07 is planning to get married on Islesboro, Maine, this summer, and youngest daughter Madeleine became engaged over the holidays. Needless to say, Malcolm is still working! ♦ After 17 years of being together, Steve Taft and partner Dave Cook were happy to make it legal last December. In February they headed to Peru to explore the Amazon, Machu Picchu, and Lake Titicaca. ♦ Barb Miller Deutschle works part time as the children’s ministry director at Sarasota Baptist Church in Florida. Husband Mark is a sign consultant for EBSCO Sign Group. Barb doesn’t think that either of them will ever have the opportunity to retire! Daughter Skye graduated from Palm Beach Atlantic University last May; son Chris lives and works in Denver and recently returned to school for a B.S. in nursing. For exercise, Barb has enjoyed returning to swimming, the sport of her younger days.

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last summer, Paul Kueffner and his wife, Sue, met Marguerite (Nelson) ’75 and Jay Sarson. Discussions included wedding planning; Paul and Sue’s eldest daughter will be married in October to a fellow University of Vermont alumn. Paul is happy to have 160 excited kids learning French this year. • David McKay Wilson continues to write for Colby magazine, among many other publications. He has a story in this issue about six Colby entrepreneurs. • Kevin Carley’s daughter, Karina ’08, was married in Yarmouth, Maine, last July, with 22 Colby alumni attending included Harry Nelson, Mike Boyson, and Lindsay Huntington Hancock. Kevin returned to Portland, Maine, last year after four years overseas working as a country director for the Peace Corps in eight different countries in Micronesia and the eastern Caribbean. He’s now an executive coach; his focus is working with baby boomers on financial issues and encore careers. Contact Kevin through his website, kevincarley.com. • David Christie is the commercial print salesperson for the Lewiston Sun Journal, and lives in Mexico, Maine, the town where he went to high school. He’s married to his high school sweetheart. He keeps busy as a separated dad to his 14-year-old daughter, Jennifer, who was busy with field hockey last winter. He’s always amazed as to how many Colby graduates I cross paths with.” • Richard Clamit, who has provided legal services to the WD–40 Company since his graduation from law school in 1981, is now VP, general counsel, and corporate secretary for the company. • Alan MacEwan hopes the family’s Colby tradition will continue; his son Graham has applied to Colby. • Stephen Roy has been laid up after ankle fusion surgery. His wife, Valerie (Jones) ’76, is nursing him through it (and will continue provided that Steve doesn’t drive her crazy). They always look forward to visits with their two grandchildren. • Roger and Joanne Karlin Giudicelli celebrated 25 years of marriage. They now have two grandsons, so the boy trend that started with their own three sons is continuing. After 25 years of tennis, Joanne moved on to Western riding (she owns two horses): “I’m learning how incredibly technical and time-consuming this sport is.” The transition began five years ago, and it aligned with a career change into the frozen yogurt business. Joanne now runs three popular self-serve shops in the Sierra Nevada foothills of California, reconnecting with Amy Schenck Frankel in the coming year. • Having previously run the Nature Conservancy’s Maine, Australia, Canada, and global land conservation strategy programs, Kent Womack is now the organization’s senior strategist for international projects. When not traveling for work, Kent serves as vice president of the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation, which donates about $8 million annually to Maine nonprofits. • Jo-Ellen Bois Smith could not feed her Olympic fandom with a hat trick visit to Sochi in February, but she hoped that memories of London 2012 and the 2010 Vancouver Olympics (where she volunteered and cut the ribbon to open the Whistler Athletes Village) would tide her over. She will join husband Greg Smith ’74 at his 40th Colby reunion in June. Jo-Ellen enjoyed a pre-Thanksgiving lunch with freshman roommate Peggo Horstmann Hodes in November, “sharing our joys over our adventurous kids and sorrows over aging parents.” • Carolyn Frazier lived in Chicago for 15 years, working in digital advertising in client services or project management. On Oct. 1, 2013, she made a big move, becoming client services group account director at Seattle Wunderman Network, leading the Microsoft U.S. commercial account. Her husband, Duncan, is wrapping up their life in Chicago, “selling our lovely house and garden, reassuring my parents and friends that we’ll still come visit, and making final decisions on furniture that we should have gotten rid of eons ago.” So far, Carolyn loves Seattle: she walks to work and is a five-minute jog from the bay. She invites all Colbyites in the area to reach out (carolyn.frazier@gmail.com). • Erhardt Groothoff and his wife, Grace, keep busy homeschooling their three kids (15, 14, and 12) and being crazy traveling soccer parents: “During these last six months, the boys have played in the San Francisco Bay Area, San Diego, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Denmark, and Sweden! My daughter has also added lacrosse to the mix.” Erhardt hopes to retire soon from his fire/EMS job after 32 years. He and Grace are considering a move back to Maine.

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as well as a dairy plant that packages and sells frozen-yogurt treats to a dozen supermarkets and to more than 40 schools in northern California. She looks forward to performing throughout Monmouth County in central New Jersey, occasionally venturing across county lines. In my spare time I specialize in groveling—either to you, my classmates, forenws, or to the ever-patient staff at Colby for extensions for the column! Please remember to give to the Colby Fund. And start circling June 2-5, 2016, on your calendar. Yes, my friends, our next reunion is only two years away, and I’m counting on you to be there. Yes, you!

1977

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Helene Morneau has lived in Northern California for the last 30 years practicing landscape architecture in Santa Rosa. Her husband and partner, Bob Landman, recently retired from ER medicine, freeing them to travel. They will visit Myanmar, then sail off the coast of Phuket, Thailand. “Life continues to be good to us, and I’m always amazed as to how many Colby graduates I cross paths with.” • Richard Clamit, who has provided legal services to the WD–40 Company since his graduation from law school in 1981, is now VP, general counsel, and corporate secretary for the company. • Alan MacEwan hopes the family’s Colby tradition will continue; his son Graham has applied to Colby. • Stephen Roy has been laid up after ankle fusion surgery. His wife, Valerie (Jones) ’76, is nursing him through it (and will continue provided that Steve doesn’t drive her crazy). They always look forward to visits with their two grandchildren. • Roger and Joanne Karlin Giudicelli celebrated 25 years of marriage. They now have two grandsons, so the boy trend that started with their own three sons is continuing. After 25 years of tennis, Joanne moved on to Western riding (she owns two horses): “I’m learning how incredibly technical and time-consuming this sport is.” The transition began five years ago, and it aligned with a career change into the frozen yogurt business. Joanne now runs three popular self-serve shops in the Sierra Nevada foothills of California, reconnecting with Amy Schenck Frankel in the coming year. • Having previously run the Nature Conservancy’s Maine, Australia, Canada, and global land conservation strategy programs, Kent Womack is now the organization’s senior strategist for international projects. When not traveling for work, Kent serves as vice president of the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation, which donates about $8 million annually to Maine nonprofits. • Jo-Ellen Bois Smith could not feed her Olympic fandom with a hat trick visit to Sochi in February, but she hoped that memories of London 2012 and the 2010 Vancouver Olympics (where she volunteered and cut the ribbon to open the Whistler Athletes Village) would tide her over. She will join husband Greg Smith ’74 at his 40th Colby reunion in June. Jo-Ellen enjoyed a pre-Thanksgiving lunch with freshman roommate Peggo Horstmann Hodes in November, “sharing our joys over our adventurous kids and sorrows over aging parents.” • Carolyn Frazier lived in Chicago for 15 years, working in digital advertising in client services or project management. On Oct. 1, 2013, she made a big move, becoming client services group account director at Seattle Wunderman Network, leading the Microsoft U.S. commercial account. Her husband, Duncan, is wrapping up their life in Chicago, “selling our lovely house and garden, reassuring my parents and friends that we’ll still come visit, and making final decisions on furniture that we should have gotten rid of eons ago.” So far, Carolyn loves Seattle: she walks to work and is a five-minute jog from the bay. She invites all Colbyites in the area to reach out (carolyn.frazier@gmail.com). • Erhardt Groothoff and his wife, Grace, keep busy homeschooling their three kids (15, 14, and 12) and being crazy traveling soccer parents: “During these last six months, the boys have played in the San Francisco Bay Area, San Diego, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Denmark, and Sweden! My daughter has also added lacrosse to the mix.” Erhardt hopes to retire soon from his fire/EMS job after 32 years. He and Grace are considering a move back to Maine.

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1978

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Hey, everyone! I just got back from Colby Ski Weekend at Sugarloaf and, as always, was amazed at how the years just melt away when I’m in the presence of Colby mates. The weekend included visits with Ian Ogilvie, John Geismar, and John ’80 and Ronni-Jo Posner Carpenter. If there were others I missed, please forgive me and drop me a line to let me know. Mostly I hung with the “young’uns”– Kitty Weyl Dove ’80, Suzanne Connolly Levere ’80, Sarah Stiles Bright ’80, Lindy Williams ’79, Bill Muller ’79, and Bruce Forsley ’79—and it made me want to do some serious planning for next year. Who’s in? • Jeff Wheeler sent regrets for the ski weekend. He was heading to campus for the Jack Kelley tribute the following weekend. Chris Morrissey, Bob Fukushima, and Sandy Buck also planned to attend. • Bob and Kim Attridge Sherrill live in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Boone, N.C., where Kim is associate director of the Learning Assistance Program at Appalachian State University and their son, Robbie, is a junior at UNC Chapel Hill. She had a mini reunion last summer with Sue Jacke Littlefield and Elizabeth Patten at Ronda Faloon’s house in Gloucester, Mass., where Ronda’s husband, Rob Chandler ’77, took them sailing several times. They all agreed it was special to get together and still feel like they were with their very dear friends—and they hope to make it an annual tradition. • Speaking of North Carolina, Nick Levintow retired there in 2013 after 34 years with the U.S. Department of Labor. Nick and his wife, Kathy, had lived in the same neighborhood in Silver Spring, Md., since 1985 but wanted to be closer to the coast. They’re now in Leland, N.C., just outside Wilmington, which he described as “an interesting college town—not too big or too small, with a lot to offer.” They have one daughter planning to go to grad school in the fall, a son who started a new job in Manhattan, and another son attending college in Wilmington. Nick plans to join a consulting venture to focus on labor law.

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and policy issues—and had to point out that while he visits New England often to see his sister, Alik Levinton Howell ’77, he does not miss the snow. It was 70 degrees and he was on the golf course in January! ● Bonnitta Roy is also retired after 30 years in the landscape design-build industry. But she’s not idle—she established an educational center called Alderlore on her home/farm in northwestern Connecticut, where her title is resident meta-designer. I like the sound of that! ● Marty Reader thanks Jim Cook and company for putting together the Facebook class page. Marty and his wife, Susan, love living in Minnesota and consider themselves “displaced New Yorkers.” Marty is working in his second technology startup and says his work is great fun. Marty, I think that’s a sign you are doing it right! Their daughter Alison graduated from Colby in 2012, son Jay is at Stanford, and daughter Livia is in eighth grade. ● Doug and Marjorie Gonzalez Blackwell have been running half-marathons together and look so happy—and so in shape!—in the pictures they’ve posted. ● Alicia Rodriguez lives on the Chesapeake Bay with her golden retriever, Finn. She runs two businesses: Sophia Associates, doing leadership development, and Bold Conversations, where she writes about personal and spiritual development and her travels in South America. Alicia has two books in the works and a creative 18-year-old son who is in college and produces his own music—and is the spitting image of Alicia at that age, in a male version. “Between executive coaching, writing, kayaking, and travel, it’s a full and happy life,” she says. ● It’s wonderful to hear from so many of you. Please do keep the news coming!

1979
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It’s our 36th reunion June 8-10, 2014! ● Laurie Borden is coming to reunion and hopes the gang is planning on it too! ● Kathy Quimby received her M.F.A. in writing for children and young adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts Jan. 20. ● Mia and Greg Pfizer will celebrate their 30th anniversary this year and his 25th anniversary as a professor of American studies at Skidmore College. (Greg is receiving Colby’s Outstanding Educator Award at reunion. Come celebrate with him!) Son Michael is a choral associate and interim director of the Cambridge Community Chorus, and daughter Sally is a project coordinator for the Harvard Graduate School of Education’s Center on the Developing Child. ● Nick Mencher left his job at TIAA-CREF and started his own consulting group, K&M Productions. He’s been writing and editing for financial services firms. ● Angela Mickalide works at Children’s National Health System and received a promotion to executive director of the Emergency Medical Services for Children Nation Resource Center. She and her team of 10 work with federal funder the Health Resources and Service Administration and its grantees. ● Patricia David practices law in Montgomery County, Md. Her eldest, Cate, completed her first semester at Drexel Law School. Daughter Sarah will receive a degree in biology from George Washington University this May. Son Cliff has accepted admission to Trinity College and will play football when he starts there in the fall. ● Cari and Carl Lovejoy became grandparents Dec. 31, when son Ben and his wife, Avery, welcomed Lila Eyre Lovejoy. Ben plays hockey for the Anaheim Ducks. Son Matt took a job in Los Angeles with a new high-net-worth wealth management firm. Son Nick graduates from Dartmouth June 8, so Carl won’t be at reunion. Cari recently cofounded Family Support Collaborative, a nonprofit that shares the collective resources of independent and specialized nonprofit schools and programs to support families in achieving positive outcomes. ● Sam Koch still coaches at UMass. Rebuilding with 14 freshmen last year, the team made the A-10 tournament for the first time in four years. Battling cancer for the last year and a half, Sam is doing well with the help of great doctors and support staff at Mass General Hospital.

Nick Mencher ’79 left TIAA-CREF to start his own consulting group, K&M Productions. He writes and edits for financial services firms.

He feels very lucky to have the soccer community, UMass, Colby and Stanford soccer alumni, the local community, and of course his lovely wife and family as his support network, keeping him strong. ● Richard Uchida is in his fourth year as vice chair of the Colby College Board of Trustees and served on the presidential search committee. Daughter Julia ’16 is in her second year at Colby, and niece Alexandra Brown ’14 will graduate this spring with a major in biology. ● Our class has quite a bit of prestige and authority on the board. ● Randy Papadellis chairs the Budget and Finance Committee. Richard chairs the Educational Policy Committee, having done so for the past five years. (Richard and Randy will receive Colby Bricks at reunion—two more reasons to attend!) ● Eric Rose serves as chair of the Student Affairs Committee. ● Steven Earle will join the board this summer. ● Jane Gair Praise is a social worker at the New England Eating Disorders Program at Mercy Hospital in Portland, Maine, celebrating 15 years there and more than 26 as a social worker. Jane’s son is a high school junior with an interest in music. He’s begun his college exploration and is thinking of it’s great to hear from classmates who haven’t written before. Jim Nelson has been working as the assistant principal at Honeoye Falls–Lima High School (just south of Rochester, N.Y.) for the past 21 years. He married the love of his life, Karen, in 2009. Karen is a special ed teacher working primarily with autistic kids. Together they have five kids between the ages of 20 and 24(!). Jim’s son, Greg, will graduate this May from Nazareth College in Pittsford, N.Y., and his daughter, Rachel, is a junior at the University of Michigan. Stepchildren Holly, Jack, and Anna are all in college in the Rochester area. Five tuitions—ouch! Jim stays in touch with other Lambda Chi’s through their annual golf outing and remains in close contact with Steve Paff ’81 and Darlene Howland ’81. Bill and Mary Lou Eckland Jackson, and Jay ’81 and Lisa Sukenforth Donegan ’84. ● Ken Thomas works for the U.S. Congress, where he advises senators, members, and staff on issues of constitutional law. As an attorney for the Congressional Research Service, a legislative branch agency, he is lead author of the recently published Constitution of the United States: Analysis and Interpretation. Ken lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Annie, and his two children, Alex and Ryan. ● Sonia Turcotte Fois’s son, Andrew, is a freshman music composition major at NYU’s Steinhardt School. ● Tamara Hannah is now affiliated with ONE Sotheye’s in Miami Beach, if anyone wants to buy property in South Florida. She recently closed $13 million of commercial property in Chicago and Miami and is glad to be out of the arctic freeze! ● Judy Alexander Medlin is education coordinator at Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory in Salisbury Cove, Maine. She reports that many Colby students come to MDI for research fellowships in the summer and for neuroscience courses in January. ● On a sad note, Kitty Weil Dove reported that Suze Connelly Levere’s father passed away last summer. Kitty, Lisa McDonough O’Neill, and Sarah Stiles Bright all attended the service. Mr. Connolly was commodore of the Eastern Yacht Club, uncle of Janet Santry House’ 78, and a great old salt who

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Scott Vandersall is still working in commercial lending with TD Bank, but he has relocated to Cape Cod from Hampton, N.H. Scott had “lots of laughs” playing golf with Bob Clark, Joel Harris, and Steve Pfaff at Turner Hill in Ipswich, Mass., last summer.

Brian Sanborn ’82 earned his 300th win as a varsity girls’ basketball coach and in 2013 was recognized as Maine’s Chemistry Teacher of the Year by the New England Institute of Chemists.

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Deb Nader Hartshorn and daughter Dana, 16, continue to be busy in Burlington, Vt. They volunteer for the Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sport Program at Sugarbush Ski Resort, where they teach skiing, Deb runs and hikes and has joined a sailing team on Lake Champlain. Jim Haddow and his family moved from Portland to Buxton, Maine. Wife Michelle now has space to cultivate perennial flowers for her gardening business and access to wild places and outdoor recreation. Younger son Max, who studies marine science, has a year left at the University of Maine. Older son Hamish volunteered in December at a hospital in Haiti and is waiting to hear back from medical schools. Hamish and Jim completed the Bay of Fundy International Marathon last June. Jim remains busy practicing law and serving as vice president of the Maine Track Club. Brian Sanborn has been a high school chemistry teacher and coach since graduation. He recently notched his 300th win as a varsity girls’ basketball coach and last year was recognized as Maine’s Chemistry Teacher of the Year by the New England Institute of Chemists. Brian’s oldest daughter, Allana, is a 2013 graduate of Colby. Middle daughter Kristin attends Stonehill College, and youngest daughter Ellie turned 2 in February. Says Brian, “No retirement for me anytime soon. Sigh.” Chris and Ruth Harkins Lawler live in Wellesley. Their twins have jobs and apartments—Geoff is an engineer in Seattle, and Hannah is an artist for an educational video game company. Ruth is master of foxhounds for Norfolk Hunt Club, where she organizes “fox hunts,” works with landowners and conservation organizations, and runs numerous horse-related events. Norfolk’s hounds chase a scent trail; no real foxes are harmed. About once a year Ruth has dinner with Cindy Koehler Bernstein, Karen Scott Dennis, Karen Enegess, and Julanne Cully Wright. Ruth writes, “We all remain unchanged.” Rob and Susan Woods Spofford celebrated their 30th anniversary! They planned an October 2013 trip to France now that they are empty nesters. Susan writes, “We had fun moving our daughter, Robin ’17, into Colby this fall. She will play for the softball team and ski with Erin Figel ’16 (daughter of Matt Figel) during Jan Plan! It’s been great noticing Misha Strage ’16 (daughter of David Strage) make contributions to the field hockey team as well.” Scott Sophos

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Hello, darling! My appeal for female input landed me a message from my long-lost, dear friend, and fellow classicist Susan Boland. I planned on getting her news in

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person in Manhattan, but I came down with a bad cold, so more on her next time.

I was thrilled to hear from Ed Higam, who lives north of NYC in Armonk; okay, so he mistook me for the fabulous Jennifer Jean Clark Uhl (who is hopefully reading this and will write me back!), but whatever, we have his news! After Colby, Ed went to Columbia Business School and then stayed on for the thrill that is New York. He has three kids with his wife, an ophthalmologist/eye surgeon [like, whoa!]. Their oldest son just started as a freshman at Harvard, and they have a daughter, 17, and another son, 13, as well as Buddy the furry, four-legged child. Ed specializes in M&A in the financial services sector for investment banking boutique Silver Lane Advisors. Ed sees Frank Finetto ’81 frequently—they were having dinner when he got my appeal for news. Ed has taken up kitesurfing and has achieved some proficiency. He did a “sprint” triathlon in the fall [heard that and thought, “shin splints”]. Yes, Ed, please train for it next time! • Robin King wrote from Fairfield, Maine, where she lives with her husband, Jack Gondela [I love that they “sprint” triathlon in the fall [heard that and think, “good idea!”]. Their oldest son, 13, as well as their two daughters (Amara ’14 and Caelin ’16) are at Colby. It’s gotten so Robin and Jack just leave the light on when they know their daughters are at Colby. Amara ’14 will graduate in May. She spends spare time “food-scaping” her yard with exotic trees and plants like lilikoi, soursop, moringa, and hyotan. Cathy can be found on Facebook as Cate Tilleka. • Sam Staley won’t make reunion this year but writes that he is the new director of the DeVoe L. Moore Center at Florida State University in Tallahassee. The center conducts interdisciplinary applied research on housing, land use, and urban policy. The center has also embarked on a major initiative to fund startup social entrepreneurs through a foundation grant that will give first-year seed money through an international business plan competition. In other news, Sam remains active in public discussions of self defense, bullying, and youth violence through his fiction writing, particularly his middle grade novels in the Path of the Warrior series. • That’s all the news. Here is a last reminder that our 30th reunion is June 6-8, 2014. It’s a great time of year to visit Maine and check out the new Colby Museum of Art!

In the fall Mark Tolette ’83 hiked the 281-mile Maine section of the Appalachian Trail, including the 100-Mile Wilderness where he had done his COOT trip 34 years prior.

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Hello all! This is my penultimate column exactly when you will be reading this, but I’m pleased to announce that David Rosenberg has agreed to take over the pen for our class notes starting in June. I’m looking forward to his fresh perspective. • Adam ’83 and Becca Cunningham-Weiss have two daughters at Colby. Amara ’14 will graduate as an economics major, and Caelin is in the Class of ’16. Becca and Adam have spent wonderful times in Waterville visiting their daughters and friend Robin King ’83 and seeing Colby classmates/parents such as Doug Waite and Karen Wexler-Waite ’83. Becca notes that the campus has developed so nicely. They feel lucky that their daughters have had such good experiences on the Hill. If you haven’t visited the new art museum, it’s a must! • Kathy Soderberg looks forward to attending our 30th in June. She’d like to see some old pals from her hometown of Lynnfield, Mass., specifically Dan Toomey and Rich Erb. She’d also like to connect with her old pal Charles Boddy and hopes that dear friends Cathy Walsh, Marian Leenerburger, and Lia Lundgren will be there. • Cathy Altrocchi Waidyatilleka continues to teach English at Iolani School in Honolulu, enjoying the beauty and great weather of Hawaii with her husband and two teen sons. She spends spare time “food-scaping” her yard with exotic trees and plants like lilikoi, soursop, moringa, and hyotan. Cathy can be found on Facebook as Cate Tilleka. • Tom Colt may still be thawing out from his fourth annual Pittsburgh Polar Bear Jump. New Year’s morning. The river was a toasty 36 degrees. When not plunging into freezing-cold rivers, Tom spends his days as a college counselor at Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh. • Carol Eisenberg just marked five years since she reluctantly attended her first Bikram yoga class. More than 500 classes later, she credits her yoga practice with countless physical and mental benefits, including taking the sting out of turning 50. • Andrew Myers is traveling to Montevideo, Uruguay, to officiate his sister’s wedding. He has visited Uruguay several times over the past few years and is impressed that The Economist named it the 2013 Country of the Year. Andrew clarifies in his note that he is still a lawyer and not a member of any clergy! • It was nice to hear from fellow Medfield, Mass., resident Chris Rona Alban. Her twin girls are happily settled in South Carolina as freshmen at U.S.C. in Columbia and the College of Charleston. Chris reports that her daughters were happy to leave winter and the snow banks behind after the holiday break and head back south. Chris is siting for her certified residential

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Greetings ’85 classmates! I don’t know exactly when you will be reading this, but hopefully the polar vortex that has made every day feel like a February night in Waterville has evolved into a solar vortex of sunny beach days. • It was great to hear from Cathy Urstadt Biddle who lives in Westchester County with her husband, Wing. Cathy has one daughter who is a sophomore at UVa and another who is a high school senior at the Taft School. She recently took her younger daughter on a college visit to Colby and is pleased to report that she loved it. They also visited Sewanee and stayed with Kathy Kamm. Kathy periodically sees Wendy Howard Epstein and Alison Cox and has stayed busy with many volunteer activities. • Roy Hirsbrand’s daughter is a freshman at Kenyon College and loves it. Roy enjoys his time on the Colby Alumni Council and has been involved with Career Services, including hosting a bunch of Colby kids in his office for a career lunch. Roy would encourage everyone to help out in any way, such as hosting an intern, reviewing a résumé, or talking on the phone about your careers. “We all need to help keep liberal arts grads relevant in this economy!” • Tom Colt may still be thawing out from his fourth annual Pittsburgh Polar Bear Jump. New Year’s morning. The river was a toasty 36 degrees. When not plunging into freezing-cold rivers, Tom spends his days as a college counselor at Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh. • Carol Eisenberg just marked five years since she reluctantly attended her first Bikram yoga class. More than 500 classes later, she credits her yoga practice with countless physical and mental benefits, including taking the sting out of turning 50. • Andrew Myers is traveling to Montevideo, Uruguay, to officiate his sister’s wedding. He has visited Uruguay several times over the past few years and is impressed that The Economist named it the 2013 Country of the Year. Andrew clarifies in his note that he is still a lawyer and not a member of any clergy! • It was nice to hear from fellow Medfield, Mass., resident Chris Rona Alban. Her twin girls are happily settled in South Carolina as freshmen at U.S.C. in Columbia and the College of Charleston. Chris reports that her daughters were happy to leave winter and the snow banks behind after the holiday break and head back south. Chris is siting for her certified residential
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David Epstein '86 provides weather forecasts for Boston NPR station WBUR during winter and severe summer storms. He also writes “Weather Wisdom” on boston.com.

Marian Schinske '86 had a great year with her Northern California nonprofit, NovatoSpirit, raising enough money to give 52 athletic scholarships to low-income youths.

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keep busy playing other sports instead of running track. ● Kristin Sullivan Stone also lives on Cape Cod with her son. After many years working in financial sales, she’s now a full-time commercial writer and blogger at lifeforevertoday.com. ● Rich Robin is the CEO of NAS Insurance Services in L.A., where he lives with his wife and three daughters. ● Congrats to Alex Day, whose first book was published last August. He and his family live in L.A., Wisconsin.

Since 2009 Brian Monks ’91 and his family have lived in Brittany, France, where Brian works in foreign direct investment and enjoys French wine and cuisine, particularly fresh oysters from the Brittany coast.

where he is an assistant professor in the history department at Occidental College. ● Michelle Perron lives in Waterbury, Vt., and is a pediatrician in Burlington. Last summer while camping in Maine she ran into Julie Ambrose Gray. Even though 19 years had passed since they’d seen one another, the time they spent talking made it seem like yesterday! ● David Coleman checked in from California. He works for Playspan, which operates payment systems for online gaming companies, while his wife homeschools their two kids. ● Sheri Bronstein lives in New Jersey with her husband and two kids. She works in HR at Bank of America Merrill Lynch and has joined the board of the Toigo Founda-

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Plastic surgeon Sarah Welland Holland ’93 was appointed to the Central Maine Medical Center staff in January. She practices with Central Maine Plastic Surgery in Lewiston and Coastal Plastic Surgery in Topsham. ● Competitive equestrian Krisy Nordgren ’94, along with her horse, Schando, qualified for the U.S. Dressage Finals in Lexington, Ky., in November, finishing as reserve national champions (second place) in the Prix St. Georges division. ● The Associated Press named Brian Carovillano ’95 managing editor for U.S. News beginning in January. With the AP since 2000, Carovillano had worked since 2010 as Asia-Pacific news director, overseeing coverage of stories such as Japan’s 2011 earthquake and nuclear crisis, the ascension of Kim Jong Un in North Korea, and the turbulent transition in Myanmar following years of military rule. ● Erin Duggan Kramer ’97 was named deputy chief of staff and director of communications for the New York County District Attorney’s Office, effective Feb. 3. Since 2010 she had worked as the office’s director of communications. Real Housewives of New Jersey. ● Suzanne Quill Feldman lives in Newton, Mass., with her husband and three kids. She does as much legal services volunteer work as her schedule allows. She was delighted to run into Andrea Clampa McCahearn. Andrea teaches middle school and enjoys the change from legal work. ● Kirsten Rossner Buchanan lives in Maine with her husband and four children. In addition to her practice in gait analysis, she works at the Boston Marathon recovery tent each year and was actively involved in triaging victims in last year’s tragedy. ● Roger Woodberry was in Budapest recently visiting his dog, Charlie; a year earlier he had left Charlie there with the retired Anglican priest he had helped start an ESL school near Lake Balaton. The rest of Roger’s year is not quite fit for print, but thanks to good friends made at Colby (Daniel Johnston) and a few hours of community service, all is well in his world again.

1991
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Greetings, classmates! ● Jay Heimbach is head of North American government relations at ONE, an advocacy and campaign organization cofounded by U2 lead singer Bono and dedicated to ending extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa. He and wife Deasy have two daughters and live in Alexandria, Va., just down the street from Erik Pothalm. They feel lucky to count Cassie O’Neill Li and her family among their closest friends. They’re always happy to see Colby folks who are in the area. ● R.B. Kiernat continues to brave the Minnesota tundra (when he wrote it was 15 below in Minneapolis) with two hockey-playing teenagers. He does work with J.C. Kiser and plays squash with Jeff Smith ’89. ● Carol Rea-Feagala writes, “2013 was a crazy year. I suffered a massive brain hemorrhage in April. Thanks to the quick actions of my coworkers at Fisher Peak Chiropractic Center in Trinidad, Colo., I am around for 2014. Our daughter Joy graduated and is attending Rocky Mountain College in Montana. She’s on the cross-country and track team. Our daughter, Briana: Lily, 3, and Micah, 1 1/2. They live in Florida. Second daughter Sabrina lives in Colorado Springs, finishing her master’s, and our sons live in California. Feeling old but happy to be alive! Embrace life! It is short and fast.” ● Since 2009 Brian Monks and his wife have lived in Brittany, France, with their three children (13, 11, and 11). A bit removed from the usual Colby circles, they don’t cross too many alumni on a daily basis. However, there are some Colby connections in France, and Brian keeps in touch through Jonathan Weiss, the director of the Colby in Dijon program. Outside of his work in foreign direct investment, the wine and cuisine of France still fascinate Brian, as do the fresh oysters along the Brittany coast. If you’re ever passing through France, please let him know and he’ll let you in on his favorite addresses. ● Dave Vincent received his honorable discharge from U.S. Army active-duty service, and thanks to the Post-9/11 GI Bill Yellow Ribbon Program he has begun full-time studies at Georgetown’s McDonough School of Business. He’s expecting his M.B.A. in 2015 and is focusing on commercial real estate. ● As for yours truly, I’m enjoying the restful season I have this time of year; for some reason, the diving in New England tends to slow down during weather like this. During the holidays I exchanged the traditional holiday cards and letters with Katherine (Cole) ’90 and Jack Aydelott and Fred and Debbie MacWalter Bright. ● I look forward to hearing from you all—keep the news coming!

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Chris Frothingham wrote from Maine: “The big news is that Heidi and I had a son June 30. Despite the obvious association my other daughter, Alix, graduates this year and hopes to spend the summer studying abroad in western Samoa. I keep in touch with Iris Kelley Park. We’re planning to get together with Kate Carpenter Tokarewicz (Bates ’90). We were exchange students in Lübeck, Germany, together in 1988! We have two grandchildren from our oldest daughter, Alix, who turned 13 in November.”

Sarah Faragner ’90 is having her first solo show, featuring 35 of her paintings, in June at Landing Gallery in Rockland, Maine.
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family has with the school, much debate, and some reticence on my part, we named him Colby. So far, he’s being very good to his old, tired parents! His three big sisters, 10, 7, and 5, are very enthusiastic caretakers. I’m still on the faculty at University of New England and am kept more than busy with clinic and teaching—and always a Colby grad or two in every class.” • Last fall the United Nations Foundation selected Tabby Biddle as one of 25 international journalists to attend its Global Issues Press Fellowship for the 68th session of

Jim Conrad ’92 and his family moved to Abu Dhabi, U.A.E., where Jim works for the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority with a focus on infrastructure and private equity.

the United Nations General Assembly in New York City. While in NYC, Tabby had the opportunity to attend meetings with high-level experts, policymakers, and key global decision makers. She said it was an awesome experience. Tabby covers women’s rights and the empowerment of women and girls. Look for her articles and opinion pieces in the Huffington Post and the UN Dispatch. • Greg Long lives in California. He continues to run GAMAGO (gamago.com), the giftware company he founded in 2001. In 2013 Chronicle Books published GAMAGO’s first children’s bedtime book, Yeti, Turn Out the Light!, which Greg wrote. He lives in San Francisco with his wife, Ericka, and son Jack, 9. • From Texas, James Albright writes: “The Albright family remains in Houston, where I’m a busy father of two girls, Ellison, 8, and Emery, 3, as well as a pediatric otolaryngologist. I still try to keep up with running and just completed my first 50-mile ultramarathon (thanks, Coach Wescott!). In November my wife, Kim, and I had a mini-reunion with J.C. Klick and his wife, Barbara, in Philadelphia. It was my first time back to Philly since leaving after residency in 2001, and we had a great time. The Klicks live in Cleveland, Ohio, where J.C. continues to pass gas (anesthesia that is). Looking forward to getting back to Waterville next reunion.” • Jim Conrad is on the move. “After 12 years of cold and snowy winters in Bavaria, my wife, Lora, our three children, and I moved to Abu Dhabi, U.A.E., where I work for the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority focusing on infrastructure and private equity.” • Rebecca Graham Forde shared that “Jen Greenleaf lives in the Boston area third grade boys are on the same team this year and having a blast. I’ve also started a nonprofit called ThinkGive (thinkgiveproject.org), which is focused on connecting kids with the social and emotional value of giving—not by donating dollars, but by giving away acts of kindness during a 21-day challenge. We’re busy developing curriculum, fundraising, and running pilot programs in local and regional elementary and middle schools. • Life is good! Have a great spring.

1993

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Hello, Colbians! • Jenn Cowles Walsh has been working in high tech marketing for nearly 20 years and still loves it. Jenn works for TiBCO Software, a company based in Palo Alto, Calif. She says, “I work from a home office, which gives me the flexibility I need to be an involved mom for my two kids, Ben, 8, and Emme, 5. We stay busy skiing and ice skating, and we love snowy walks in the woods with the family pooch.” Jenn looks forward to some sunshine in St. Kitts in May. • Katie Thomas Dahler is a partner at KPMG. She lives in Bernardsvillle, N.J., with husband Don Dahler (CBS News anchor/ correspondent) and kids Cailie, 10, and Jack, 8. Katie sees Dianna Neskey Duval often, and the two of them teamed up recently to play golf with pro Stacy Lewis, the number two ranked female golfer in the world. • Mark Radcliffe writes, “Had a great time back at our 20th (gulp!) reunion. Was impressed that many in our class looked even better than they did 20 years ago! I’m enjoying life in New York City, where I wrote the ad campaign that launched NYC’s Citi Bike program, and I’ve also become an official blogger at Huffington Post and the Good Men Project.” Find Mark’s blog at markradcliffe.com. • Doug Morrione and wife Laura celebrated getting married this past September with a move to Dubai. Doug says, “We’re living on the Palm Jumeirah, the artificial peninsula shaped like a palm tree that the U.A.E. created in the Gulf. It’s a far cry from NYC, but so far so good, though the driving is a bit of a free-for-all and one has to keep an eye out for seven-lane changers in their Maseratis and bedazzled Hummers.” Doug is wrapping post-production on Lopin’, Ropin’ and Hopin’, a film he shot out West about cowboys. Doug promises to keep us posted on the release/festival dates. • Brian O’Halloran lives in Cohasset, Mass., with wife Jean and Sean, 8, Abby, 6, and Sam. He works for the Red Sox as VP/assistant GM. Brian reports, “2013 was a great year for the Sox, obviously. My kids are excited because now I have one World Series ring for each of them. This year’s theme in our house was ‘win one for Sammy!’ Sorry I missed reunion. ... If any friends from the Class of ’93 are at Fenway this season, shoot me a note; it would be great to catch up.”

1994

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If you were watching Jeopardy! during the holiday season then you were lucky enough to see John Kyle Grady, who appeared as a contestant and returning champion in November. We knew smarties came out as reserve national champions (second place in the U.S.) for the Prix St. Georges division. It was the thrill of a lifetime.” She’s attending our reunion, though she says she’s still recovering from John’s last year! • Bruce and Sue Benson Panilaitis won’t be able to make reunion as their son, Mike, is graduating from high school that weekend. He plans to head into the army after graduation. Their oldest is a freshman at UMass Dartmouth. Bruce is running for selectman for the town of Tewksbury. He got involved in politics when Tewksbury had to decide whether a slot parlor could be built in the town and Bruce became a spokesperson for “No Slots Tewksbury.” He still works as a research assistant professor in biomedical engineering at Tufts and teaches master’s-level seminars and labs. They’re raising six boys, including an 8-year-old foster child who entered the family in 2010; they officially became his guardians in November 2012. And if that isn’t enough, Sue works two jobs: one as a support literacy tutor in Lowell public schools and the other as director of religious education at their church. • After seven years in San Francisco, Greg and Erin Crossland Christopher left the city for the family-friendly lifestyle of Mill Valley, Calif. Their children, Shannon, 8, and Alex, 6, enjoy their new home with their own bedrooms, a backyard, and room for their growing Lego creations. Alex loves playing football on a grass field instead of concrete and is taking gymnastics and Tae Kwon Do. Shannon enjoys gymnastics, reading, and sewing and plans to join the school chorus. After 13 years at A.T. Kearney, Erin has accepted a partner position at Deloitte Consulting. Greg was promoted to director of development at

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EQUITY Residential. They look forward to another holiday season in Tahoe with Josh Eckel and family. • As part of a road trip from Chicago and a week of camping in Acadia National Park, Carolyn Read brought her family to Colby for the first time last August. She enjoyed seeing the new buildings and beautiful campus and got her kids decked out in Colby gear. She’s very excited to be finishing her advanced practice nurse
degree and will officially be a family nurse practitioner in June. In the meantime, she’s still working as a hospice/palliative care RN. ● Rebekah Freeman-Schulze and her family moved from Massachusetts to South Florida. Her husband, Louis, accepted a position as a dean at FIU Law in Miami, and the university created a position for Rebekah as the director of the office of scholarships and fellowships. They live in Weston and would love to connect with Colby peeps in the area. See you at our 20th reunion June 5–8!

1995

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Noah Haverkamp Frere is going back to school to pursue a career in astrophysics, starting at a community college in Knoxville, Tenn., to catch up to the physics majors before applying to graduate schools. His wife, Jill, is due with their first baby in April. Her name will likely be Santosa Nagaya; Santosa is Sanskrit for contentment. ● Chris Haigh works at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston as director of diversity programs, and she also teaches high school humanities. She lives in Roslindale with her partner of seven years; they’re marrying in July. “We are thrilled that our marriage will be recognized not only in Massachusetts but federally as well.” ● Matthew Muszala and his wife, Carolyn, had a baby girl in September 2013. Her name is Erin Mansur and Kristian ‘94, both of whom were attending Colby. ● Rebekah Freeman-Schulze received a 2013 ACOG Dr. John McCain Memorial Fellowship to attend legislative hearings and meet with D.C. lawmakers, regulatory agency officials, and medical group representatives.

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I asked for notes, and you sent notes. So let’s get to it. ● Ed Bourque finished his Ph.D. and is attempting to make it as an independent international environmental/water and sanitation consultant. ● Kathy Alexander Romeo’s youngest daughter has now enrolled in kindergarten, and Kathy has returned to work in early intervention after spending 12 years at home. She recently had dinner with Gretchen Rice King, Sheila Grant Orphanides, and Heather Hunt Swales, then went and had another dinner with Amie Sicchitano Taylor, Doris Morrison Galvin, and Patty Benson Bechard. ● Brant Janeway ran his first marathon, the ING New York City, Nov. 3. Shockingly he’s planning to do another one. He’s also running the NYC half marathon March 16. His fanpage is located at brantgoes26.org. ● Lou Dagostine writes from Shelton, Conn., (home of the Wiffle ball) that he’s enjoying family life. Lou was recently elected to the board of apportionment and taxation in Shelton and has been named a “Rising Star” in the 2013 editions of Connecticut and New England Super Lawyers magazines. He also writes that Matt Maleska’s freshman roommate, Jeff Sklarz, just opened a new law firm in Connecticut named Green & Sklarz, LLC.

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Cyrus Stahlberg married Kathrynn Tanner from East Haddam, Conn., in Groton Long Point last October. He reported that there was plenty of Newport Storm IPA at the event. They live in Washington, D.C., and return to Maine frequently. ● Carter Davis shared some other wedding news. Mark Adelman is getting married in Maine in May, and Carter—along with Dana Cease, CJ Polcari, and Don Quinby—will attend Mark’s Las Vegas bachelor party. He also passed along that Steve Kidd is getting married in June in Providence, R.I. When he wrote, Carter was looking forward to a weekend ski trip in Vermont with business school friends and their families. He was planning to have his 3-year-old try skiing for the first time. ● Mark House switched jobs in December and now works for Cubist Pharmaceuticals in Lexington, Mass. At Christmastime he and his wife, Kara, got together with Steve Papagiotas, Tommy

Chris Haigh ’95 is director of diversity programs at Wentworth Institute of Technology and teaches high school humanities. She and her partner of seven years are marrying in July.
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playing together. Michael and Amy Rzenikiewicz Bachand welcomed their second child, daughter Abigail Grace, Sept. 10. Big brother Aiden adores his baby sister, and everyone is doing well. Amy is back to work at her dream job as a clinical psychologist at the Bedford VA Medical Center. Tom Moffitt saw Pat and Amanda Randolph Doyle recently and learned that Pat had been elected to the Tolland (Conn.) board of education. He serves as assistant chairman of the board.

Rebecca Durham lives in Missoula, Mont., with her 5-year-old daughter. She has been working with MPG Ranch as a botanist for three years. She also maintains a nature-focused blog: mgpranch.com/staff-blogs/ranch-reverie-poetry-and-musings.aspx. As for me, my husband, Sean, and I took a lovely trip to Aruba last October to celebrate 10 years of marriage. We’re getting ready to celebrate the sixth and fourth birthdays of our children and trying to figure out how to get life to slow down a little bit!

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Hello, everyone! Karl Dahlfred and his wife, Sun, had their third child, John Athanasius Dahlfred, Sept. 15. He’s named after his father, John Dahlfred ’66. Karl is in his second year of teaching church history at Bangkok Bible Seminary in Thailand. Frances Berry and her husband, Darren, have two boys, Wyatt, 5, and Avery, 6 months. Fran is a clinical psychologist in New Hampshire. David and Alison Kelleher Mackey welcomed their first child, Hazel Autumn Mackey, Nov. 14. Graham Quigley loves his new job as the animal acupuncturist for Holistic Veterinary Care in Oakland, Calif. He helps animals heal from serious conditions with Eastern medicine and is getting awesome results. He hopes to use this position as a springboard to get national attention and change the way veterinary medicine is practiced. Carroll and Emily Record Lane, along with 3-year-old Eliza, welcomed baby girl Susanna Winship Dec. 6 in Hartford, Conn. Emily planned to enjoy a chilly maternity leave with Susanna through February and then return to work with Bain & Company in Boston. Jodi Bezonska moved back to New England after eight years in Arkansas. She works at From the Top, a Boston-based nonprofit that celebrates and empowers young classical musicians. Their radio show airs weekly on many NPR affiliates across the country. Kristelle Aherne Gill and I had the pleasure of visiting Kathleen and David Dodwell in Bermuda. Dave is the general manager of the Reefs Hotel and is currently training for the annual conching contest. I hope all is well. It’s great to hear from everyone.

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I recently came upon Alex Parrillo’s YouTube video “Lawn to Garden Transformation” and was so impressed—check it out! Matthew Olsen lives in Honolulu and got married in December. Matt has spent the past five years splitting his time between the U.S. and the Gaza Strip, where he operates outdoor education programs for kids. His programs include the Gaza Surf Club and Surfing 4 Peace and are run under the umbrella of the nonprofit he founded, Explore Corps. Scott Whitlow lives in Sacramento, Calif., and will graduate from his residency at the end of June, take his written boards in early July, and then move to Vail, where he will be practicing orthopedic medicine for a year. Last June Chris Fleming and his wife, Lauren Cooke ’00, moved to Boerum Hill in Brooklyn and absolutely love the great vibe in a new borough. In July Chris was promoted to senior director of marketing at Ralph Lauren, a position he then vacated in September to head up marketing for Ann Taylor factory stores and LOFT outlets. Lauren began a new career as a fourth grade teacher at Brearley School on Manhattan’s Upper East Side. Megan Watson moved to Mountain View, Calif., so her husband could start a new job at LinkedIn; Megan works at BASIS Independent Silicon Valley, a new school in San Jose that will open in the fall. For the eighth year (second with tenure), Jon Zarecki is an associate professor of classical studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. His first book, Cicero’s Ideal Statesman in Theory and Practice, will be published in June by Bloomsbury Academic. He’s disappointed to miss reunion, but he and his wife will be traveling. Randi Martin Bakken won’t be able to attend reunion this year; she is due with her second child June 11. Melissa Trachtenberg and her husband had a second baby, Sam, March 4, 2013. Dave Matttall and his wife, Colleen, have two children—Nolan, 4, and Emily, 1. Dave is a finance director at Cigna in Bloomfield, Conn. Wilson and Kate Lowe Owens welcomed their third child, Ellie, in September and are embracing the happy chaos. They’ve also enjoyed watching the next generation of Colby grads get to know each other as John and Melissa Gerbi Doyle moved to a house a couple miles from them in Needham, Mass. Dave and Lisa Baur Matson welcomed their second child, Caroline Elisabeth, Nov. 3. She has a full head of dark hair, just like her mom. James, 3, is happily taking on the role of big brother. Ashley and Alex Quigley welcomed their fourth child and third boy, Evan, in December. Evan joins brothers Aidan and Harper and sister Maeve. Alex was recently in Boston and hung out with Kara and Lyle Bradley and their daughter, Lilly. Christina Lemieux got the surprise of a lifetime last year when she found out she was pregnant with twins. James and Jenica were born Aug. 22, and for the next three months Christina experienced life with “three under 3.” Christina has lived in London for nine years but had the joy of ringing in the New Year in Down East Maine with Maxine Guay. Our 15th reunion is quickly approaching, and I hope our class will be strongly represented. Can’t wait to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Keep the news coming!

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Thank you all for writing! Here’s the news.

In September Kim McCarron Camuso graduated from the Whittmoring School of Business and Economics at UNH with her M.B.A. after four long years of going to school at night and sacrificing her weekends for homework. She and her husband, Josh, will celebrate their 10-year wedding anniversary this June. Chloe Chittick and her husband, Andy, welcomed a new little one, Sam, Dec. 21. Big brother Cal, 3, thinks he hit the jackpot with this new toy. Nathan Ellingson lived and worked in Panama from 2010 until September 2012, when he got married and moved with his wife to Miami to take a new job in the cosmetics industry. Last January they bought a small house. They’re trying to soak up as much of the Florida life as possible. At the end of 2013 Matthew Janssen was elected to be a partner at the law firm Pepper Hamilton LLP. He and his wife, Bahar, enjoy life at their home in Villanova, Pa. Karen Mackey is back in Waterville teaching at Colby as a faculty fellow in the Department of Sociology. Her husband, Will Barron ‘01, also works at Colby as the throwers’ coach for the track and field team. They live in Belgrade with their daughters, Brynne, 7, Ellis 4, and Adrien, 1. Daniel Morris and his wife, Morgan Cowling, welcomed their first child, Rex Monroe Morris, Dec. 13. They live in Portland, Ore., where Daniel works as research director for a nonprofit that fights for economic and social fairness for all Oregonians. Correction from a previous column (sorry for the confusion!): What was printed: Trish Akins Elliott and her husband, Michael, welcomed Frances Charlotte Wirtz May 22. She joins big brother Charlie, 2. Trish works in advancement at Concord Academy alongside a number of fellow White Mules. She finished her doctorate in public health and accepted a faculty position at the Boston University School of Public Health.
expected their first in February—a boy. ● Ben Mackay lives in Jackson Hole most of the time and continues to work with small business mergers and acquisitions when he’s not backcountry skiing or spending time in the Tetons.

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Hello, friends! It sounds like it has been a busy fall and winter for everyone. My husband, Jon, and I welcomed our third son, Wesley James, in June, and Alden, 2. The girls and I are gearing up for a summer of traveling for my husband’s triathlon schedule and for our third annual trip to Vermont to race in the backcountry skiing. ● Junko Goda ’01 is freelancing as a Japanese interpreter, translator, and subtitler in addition to working part time at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

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David Friedman practices with the law firm Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster in Boston and was recognized as a 2013 Super Lawyer. ● Alex and Marcia Ingridham Tatum welcomed their third baby, Garrett William, Sept. 26. ● Kate (Gardiner) ’00 and Scott Tucker welcomed twins in May 2013, daughter Camilla and son Shep. Scott completed his orthopedic surgery residency at Tulane, and they plan to return to New Orleans, where Scott will start full-time practice this fall. ● Greg Jaboin and his partner of more than 10 years, Steve Kachocki, married in Salt Lake City, Utah. Their teenage kids, Madeline and Evan, were present to witness and share in the historic event. ● Jessica Bennett married Nick Shah (Harvard ’98) last June, and they just returned from a delayed honeymoon in Mauritius. They’re renovating a house in New Hampshire. ● Dana Fowler Charette, in the San Francisco Northwest.

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I’m continually amazed at the things we’ve accomplished. Thanks for sharing! ● After nearly 10 years in East Africa, John Brighti moved from Uganda to Ghana in 2013. He’s still doing agricultural work in for USAID. John and his fiancée have a nice guest room at their home in Accra for alums cruising through West Africa.

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should have been printed: Hilary Smyth Wirtz and her husband, Michael, welcomed Frances Charlotte Wirtz May 22, 2013. She joins big brother Charlie, 2. Hilary works in advancement at Concord Academy alongside a number of fellow White Mules. ● Nikki Furek Mullin and her husband had a baby girl in November. Her name is Sloane. ● Eric Wallach and his wife, Ariel Fish, have no teeth! Caroline works as an attorney in the advanced markets group at John Hancock Insurance. ● Gareth Osborn and his wife, Stephanie, welcomed their second child, Archer, in September. Their first child, Darcy, is 3 1/2. They all live in the San Francisco Bay Area. Gareth continues to work for Nestlé, where he is a program manager focused on logistics and Darcy Lynch Clark, and Whitney Dayton Brunet.

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David Friedman practices with the law firm Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster in Boston and was recognized as a 2013 Super Lawyer. ● Alex and Marcia Ingridham Tatum welcomed their third baby, Garrett William, Sept. 26. ● Kate (Gardiner) ’00 and Scott Tucker welcomed twins in May 2013, daughter Camilla and son Shep. Scott completed his orthopedic surgery residency at Tulane, and they plan to return to New Orleans, where Scott will start full-time practice this fall. ● Greg Jaboin and his partner of more than 10 years, Steve Kachocki, married in Salt Lake City, Utah. Their teenage kids, Madeline and Evan, were present to witness and share in the historic event. ● Jessica Bennett married Nick Shah (Harvard ’98) last June, and they just returned from a delayed honeymoon in Mauritius. They’re renovating a house in New Hampshire. ● Dana Fowler Charette, in the San Francisco Northwest.

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I’m continually amazed at the things we’ve accomplished. Thanks for sharing! ● After nearly 10 years in East Africa, John Brighti moved from Uganda to Ghana in 2013. He’s still doing agricultural work in for USAID. John and his fiancée have a nice guest room at their home in Accra for alums cruising through West Africa.
ALUMNI AT LARGE

Jeff Dickson started his own law firm in his hometown of Burlington, Vt., after a number of years in Montana, where he clerked for the Montana Supreme Court and worked at small firms. Jeff specializes in workers’ compensation and personal injury. Caroline Riss started a new job as an administrative law judge for the Department of Health and Human Services in Montana. She is also assistant director of the Kasisi Project, which helps Ugandan children with environmental education and opportunities to attend secondary school. Tennessee Watson earned her M.F.A. in integrated media arts from Hunter College in New York. Emily Posner ’04 and Jessica Kellett attended Tennessee’s M.F.A. thesis show to cheer her on. Sarah Zerbonne started a M.P.H. program at George Washington last fall. Her focus is environmental health, and she hopes to work on climate change mitigation.

Erika Togashi left California after 10 years split between Santa Barbara and San Francisco and moved back to NYC. She’s the J. Crew men’s outerwear designer. While it’s been an adjustment moving back to the East Coast (and East Coast weather, I presume!), she loves being close to family and friends. Kristen Vaughn Olson accepted the position of architectural historian and technician with Vertical Access, a company specializing in building investigations using rope-access techniques. She hopes to catch up with Colby friends during fieldwork travels throughout the Northeast and beyond.

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In addition to working as an administrative law judge, Caroline Riss ’03 is assistant director of the Kasisi Project, which provides Ugandan children with educational opportunities.

Justin Juskewitch ’04 is finishing the final year of his M.D./Ph.D. at Mayo Clinic and is applying to residency programs in pathology.

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I can’t believe we are so close to our 10-year reunion. I’m so excited to see you all on Mayflower Hill June 6-8. Rumbi Sundire lives in Zimbabwe and works as operations director for a startup called Leon Afric. In November she met up with Chris Setzing in Edinburgh, Scotland. In December she attended the wedding of Francis Chapuredima ’06 in Zimbabwe. Justin Juskewitch is completing the final year of his M.D./Ph.D. at Mayo Clinic and is applying to residency programs in pathology. He and his wife, Katie, welcomed their second child, Oliver Lucas. Big sister Adelyn doesn’t know what to make of her baby brother yet. In September Samuel Ludwig married Maureen Scanlin in Rangeley, Maine. Ben Raphael, Eric McAllister, and Kyle Keiss made the rugged trip to Kennebago Lake, where the four relived old memories and thought of old friends. Cynthia works as a physician assistant in hospital medicine at Mercy Hospital and in emergency medicine at Maine Medical Center, both in Portland. Remember, mark your calendars and get ready for a great weekend on Mayflower Hill in June!

2005

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Emma Lynch earned a master’s from Colorado State and works with the National Park Service in Fort Collins. Adam and Mary Frederick Liphum welcomed second daughter Julia Karis Nov. 30 and bought their first home, in Augusta, Ga. Leah and Patrick Harner had their first baby, Brielle Mae, Nov. 24. They live in Loveland, Ohio, where Patrick is a personal trainer and is training for the first-ever Obstacle Course Race World Championships.

Rebecca (Taylor) ’04 and Nick Malick live in Oakland, Calif., with Juliet, 4, and Eloise, 1 1/2. Last fall Nick began as dean of students at Prospect Sierra in El Cerrito. Rebecca is a music teacher at Monarch Academy in Oakland. Torrey Kulow and husband Yasin Tunc welcomed daughter Dilara Aylin Nov. 15. They live in Madison, Wis., where Torrey is working on her Ph.D. in math education. Sean and Julie Morrison Baron live outside Seattle, where Sean works for Microsoft and Julie is a physical therapist. They welcomed their first son, Roman Drake, May 18. Nico ’06 and Melissa Hernandez Mwai enjoyed their first year in Maryland, where they celebrated their son’s first birthday. They’ve visited Jon Lees in Silver Spring and keep in touch with David ’07 and Mary-Catherine Saraiva Amadu ’07. Hannah Emery and Hande Barutcuglu. Nick and Mary Olsson Miller welcomed Owen
In January Matt Apuzzo ’08 joined the New York Times Washington bureau covering the Justice Department. Apuzzo and Adam Goldman won the Pulitzer Prize in 2011 for their work reporting for the AP on the NYPD’s Muslim surveillance program. Alanna Balboni ’06 earned her medical degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., and was commissioned to the rank of captain in the U.S. Navy. She has served in the military for four years. Nikolai Barnwell ’09 was interviewed by the Daily Nation (Kenya) for his work as program manager for 88mph, a company supporting tech entrepreneurs from sub-Saharan Africa. With offices in Nairobi and Cape Town, 88mph helps early-stage Web and mobile companies with startup funding and provides advice on products, company structure, and funding options, among other topics. 88mph planned to expand to Lagos, Nigeria, this year. The story of Jessica Boyle ’12 was recounted in both a Boston Globe article about colleges meeting the needs of first-generation students and a Portland Press Herald piece about the Mitchell Institute. Homeless when she arrived at Colby, Boyle started initiatives for first-gen students including a free-school-supplies program and an advice handbook. Boyle earned a Mitchell Scholarship that helped her attend college, and she now works as a development coordinator for MIT’s School of Science.

Victor Oct. 9 and enjoy raising their baby in NYC. Jared and Nicole Wessen Cushman are excited for their daughter, Hayley, 1, to meet her little brother, due in April. Nicole hopes to see her sister, McKenzie Wessen ’07, run the Boston Marathon. She qualified in her first-ever marathon in Philadelphia. Robert ’07 and Amanda Restell Mand welcomed son Cormac Mand Oct. 1. Brian Footer and Amanda Wohl were married in Philadelphia in November and honeymooned in Aruba. Alumni attending included Christian Allen, Charles Fizer, Dan Williams, Jeremy Little, Catherine Pappas, Dana Wheeler ’04, Jay McMurray ’06, Suzanne Forster ’03, and best man Evan Footer ’09. Kevin and Emily Goodyear Forgett were expecting their first child, a boy, in March. Matt and Maureen Sherry Lynes welcomed their first child, Grace Sherry, Dec. 30. Jackie Dao is the new White House liaison for the Peace Corps.Supported by at team from Dave Acker’s San Francisco-based venture capital group, Endurance Companies, Rich Downing is opening a new group cycle (spin) studio in Kendall Square, Cambridge. The company expected to begin private classes in March. Sign up at signup.turnstylecycle.com. Annette Caswell got married New Year’s Eve in Portland, Maine. She and husband Rudy Mueller expect a baby in June. Dan Seifert was promoted to director of talent acquisition for Citizen Schools in Boston. He ran his first marathon in NYC to raise money for the Children’s Tumor Foundation. He also enjoyed a ski trip in Utah with John and Wendy Sicard Cole and Skyler Place ’04. In January Matthew Bucklin appeared on CNBC’s Power Lunch to promote his company, Quit Tea. After receiving a master’s from the University of Washington, Liam McDonnell joined the U.S. Coast Guard, spending the past three years in Seattle on a high endurance cutter. He’s now stationed in New Orleans working in the marine science technology group. In April 2012 Lydia Durham married Sathish Unamapathy in London, where they live. They welcomed a baby boy, Kayalan Durham, Aug. 31. Prior to Lydia’s maternity leave, she worked at Imperial College London as a postdoctoral research associate studying the immunology of respiratory virus infections. Casey McCarthy and wife Marge welcomed Peter Anthony (named after each of their fathers) March 21, 2013. Marge is a lower school teacher at Marymount in NYC, and Casey is an associate director in Bon Appetit’s marketing department. Katie Schott was married to Andrew Douglas Nov.10 at the River Court on Kiawah Island. Attending were Katie Ghelli, Mary Biggins, and Karina Johnson. Katie is director of quality, innovation, and evaluation at Commonwealth Care Alliance in Boston. Ted Farwell and wife Katie O’Neill ’04 live in Lausanne, Switzerland, and work for two Minneapolis-based companies. They celebrated New Year’s in St. Anton, Austria, with the 2005 Go-Ho basement crew, including Andrew Raser, Steve Whelpley, Rob Mehlich, and Park Ridill. Mark and Ashley Germain Wallace welcomed their second child, Tony Kenneth, Oct. 23, making their daughter, Aurelia, 5, a big sister. Have a great spring!

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Lindsay Masters is an associate attorney at White & Jankowski, LLP in Denver, practicing water and natural resources law. Francis Chapuredima married Robinah Zendera Dec. 28 in Ruwa, Zimbabwe. The best man was Demoke Wondmagegn, and Tony Abakisi was a groomsman. Taffie Gwiltimah and Rumbie Sundire ’03 also attended. Meris Esterly and Seth Stout planned to get married Feb. 14. Adam Atkinson-Lewis graduated from Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern with an M.B.A. and a master’s in engineering management last June. He moved back to California, where he works for a startup called Natel Energy and lives about six blocks from Katie (Himmelman) ’07 and Charlie Hale. They’ve already gotten sick of being so close to each other, so Adam spends a week each month working in Chile on renewable energy projects. Absence (and gifts of Chilean wine) makes the heart grow fonder between Colby neighbors, it turns out. Doug ’07 and Sarah Ayres Turnbull welcomed a baby girl, Suzanna West Turnbull, Nov. 10. Sarah writes that they are having a great time getting to know her. Monty Hankin writes that wife Laura Turnball was a bridesmaid in both a 2005 Go-Ho basement crew, and his shenanigans. Monty wonders how she does it all and puts up with his shenanigans.

2007

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Matthew and Amanda Lee James Venezia welcomed their first daughter, Leah Mae, Oct. 25. Amanda reports that “she’s perfect in every way!” Leslie Peterson is getting married to Christian Cannel ‘08 this June in Charlotte, VT. They live in Burlington, where Christian is in medical school and Leslie teaches third grade. Chris Hoffman spent time in Winchester, Mass., with Monty ’06 and Laura Harker Hankin ’06 for a pre-Christmas celebration along with Tim Brown, Ben Crane ’06, Adrian Walther ’06, Bobby Abendroth ’06, Jamie Waters ’08, Dylan Perry ’09, and Sam Hoff ’09. Chris and his wife, Courtney Reichert, expect their first child, a girl, in May. Amanda Vickerson took a job at Greely Middle School as a behavior specialist and finally bid adieu to her beloved 1994 Geo Prizm. Cammie (Dale) ’06 and Brian

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Harker Hankin is a shining star in the field of education reform and is an awesome mom 24/7. Monty wonders how she does it all and puts up with his shenanigans. Lauren Erickson continues to live and work in San Francisco and will graduate from the University of San Francisco with a master’s in counseling psychology in May. Jessica Seymour is engaged to Anders Wood ’07. The happy couple got engaged in October and will be married in Vermont in the fall. They see lots of Colby alums in the Boulder area and dominate the broomball league out there. Jessica took a group of middle school students to Spain and is finishing up her second year as the Spanish teacher at a charter school outside of Boulder. Bennett Barnwell and his wife, Heather, traveled to D.C. to ring in the New Year with Colby alumni from the Class of 2006. Nate Stone, Steve Planas, Aine McCarthy, Rachel Carr, Cait Miller, Melissa McNulty, and their significant others all joined in the dancing. David Gutman is now a reporter for the Charleston Gazette. Dave covered a big story in West Virginia related to a chemical spill and appeared on CNN to report on the issue.

Hankin welcomed their daughter, Meredith James, Sept. 27 in Miami, Fla. Kevin Fritz completed his graduate studies at Duke University and moved to Charlotte, N.C., with wife Dorian and newborn son Kenneth to join the sustainability team at fiber technology company Domtar. McKenzie Wessen caught up with Ashley Best Sylor in Vermont and then took a trip to the Poconos with Taka Bennett ’06. Caitlin Sateia and Kristopher King welcomed their first child, Lawson Michael King, Jan. 12 in Newton, Mass.
They report, “We’re enjoying getting back to our old finals week sleep schedules with the little guy.”  Jessica Laniewski married Jordan Bowne (USC ’07) at the Crane Estate in Ipswich, Mass., Sept. 15. Her Colby roommate Julia Cikesz-Welch and Lisa Helstrom were bridesmaids, and Brendan (with whom the groom went to law school in Boston) and Anna Czechowski O’Keefe also attended. Jordan and Jess proposed to Bailey Woodhull in front of Miller Library. They spent the rest of their holiday break celebrating with friends and family.  Kerry Whitlacker spent last May in Antarctica doing research, and in January she defended her Ph.D. thesis. She’s now focusing on her doctorate in oceanography. In February Kerry headed to Washington, D.C., as a Kauss Marine Policy fellow, to work with endangered marine species.

Liza Mitchell ’08 is working on her M.S. in water resources at the University of Idaho and conducting research on the role of salmon carcasses in freshwater stream nutrient cycling.

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2013 was a great year for our classmates, and based on your updates, 2014 is off to a terrific start!  Joe and Adrienne Angel Giampaoli were blessed with their first child, Ellie Rose, Oct. 23. She loves her Colby onesie and was sad to have missed reunion.  Tyler Ingram was married last July surrounded by Colby friends. He and his wife, Allison, expect their first son in May.  Jenn Mizen Malpass enjoyed dinner with Christine Avena in Columbus, Ohio, when Christine and her dog, Taiga, were on their way back to Colorado after the holidays. They enjoyed reminiscing about Professor Cathy Bevier’s “superbio” course and its application to Ph.D. comprehensive exams. Christine passed with flying colors in January and looks forward to skiing with Jenn in Colorado this winter.  Maya Klauber married John Ferranone Oct. 12 at Skytop Lodge in the Poconos. It was a lovely weekend with several Colby friends attending.  Kate Yedinak is engaged to Rory Payson. They plan to have a July wedding, and Sarah Switchenkon, Rachael DeCruz, and Eva Gougan are in the wedding party.  On Christmas Eve Dustin Hilt looks forward to connecting with Colby alumni in the area.  Caitlin Coit and Joshua Sadownik ’09 were engaged in Jamaica last fall and plan an August wedding.  Rand Hall found employment as head of reference and information services at Haverhill Public Library.  Genevieve Triganne married Joel Pitt ’09 last August.  Gretchen Markiewicz became engaged to Christopher Johnson during a fantastic road trip on the West Coast. She and Patrick Sanders recently enjoyed adult milkshakes and discussed their upcoming September weddings.  Martin and Emily Wilson Connelly are excited to announce the birth of their daughter, Juniper Helen, born at home Dec. 18.  Last fall Victoria Hayne started her public and nonprofit M.B.A. at Boston University. She continues her work in development at BU’s School of Medicine.  Hanna Gerlovin is engaged to Nicole Terrill and Rockwell’s cousin, Joshua Doolittle. She’s in her last semester of courses for her biostatistics Ph.D., but she still has several years left prior to finishing the degree.  Meaghan Fitzgerald lives and works in London, where she’s part of the founding management team of 23snaps, a private social network for families. She was thrilled to be included in The Drum magazine’s 30 Under 30 Women in Digital and named a Nokia Remarkable Woman in 2013. Excited to secure her British permanent residence in 2014, she also looks forward to returning to New England to earn her M.B.A. at Harvard later in the year.  Liza Mitchell is working on an M.S. in water resources at the University of Idaho and is conducting a research project at the most remote research station in the lower 48, studying the role of salmon carcasses in freshwater stream nutrient cycling.  Jeffrey and Jessica Iwasaki Mullins are thrilled to announce the birth of Mia Kuroki, who arrived Sept. 5.  Brothers Chase and Noah enjoy taking care of their little sister.  Sara Benjamin and Joel Samen (Bowdoin ’07) got engaged in October and look forward to their May 3 wedding in Boston.  At Halloween, Madison Gouzie and Eric Holstein opened a hot chocolate and s’mores shop called Winter Warmers at 808 Union Street in Park Slope. It’s a seasonal business that will run through March. They’re pleased with how things have gone. They also cater corporate events off site, host private parties in store, and help neighborhood schools by selling their products at events through a profit-sharing program. Check out winterwarmersny.com.

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Kat Brzoziowski and Wes Miller ’08 are getting married May 25 in New Hampshire. Kat saw David Way, Rob Dillon, Mike Barrett, and Casey Lynch over break. Casey designed the invites for the wedding!  Ned Warner married Ashley Allen (now Ashley Warner) last June. They live in Vail, Colo., where Ned teaches art at the Vail Mountain School.  Nikki Crocker lives in Houston, Texas, and is working toward her M.S. in geology at the University of Houston.  Naomi Smith will graduate from the Northeastern University School of Law in May. She already has a job lined up at one of Boston’s premier law firms.

Madison Gouzie ’08 and Eric Holstein ’08 opened a seasonal hot chocolate and s’mores shop called Winter Warmers in Park Slope. They also cater and host private parties.

Lokesh Todi met up with Christina Mok for many coffee dates in New Haven, Conn. Christina graduated from the Yale School of Medicine’s physician associate program in December. She had New Year’s brunch in Alex Richardson’s NYC apartment with Caitlin Coit ’08, Molly Corbett, Danielle Crociere, Caroline Dickson ’10, Sam Hoff, Logan King, Lissa Martin, Dylan Perry, Liz Pfeffer, John Roberts, and Josh Sadownik. Christina, Devon Anderson, and Abigail Sussman walked through Hoyt Arboretum in Portland, Ore., in January, admiring the baby giant sequoias.  Liz O’Neill moved to Boulder this year, just a few blocks from Sophie Newbury Bergland ’08. Liz works on the content team at Kapost, a content-marketing-software startup, and plays broomball every Wednesday on the Buck Fates team with other alums in the area including Anders Wood ’07 and Jessica Seymour ’06. Liz got engaged in December and looks forward to marrying fellow Milton Academy alum John Dennison in 2014.  Martha Ortinau is now assistant director of annual giving at Ashland University. She traveled to Boston on MLK weekend to see Althea Wong-Achorn and Jamie Jones. She was excited to see them as she didn’t think she’ll make the reunion at Colby—boo!  Mae Oguzaly and Sam Pelletier moved to Portland, Maine, in September. Sam is getting his master’s of education at USM, and Mae is back on Mayflower Hill working in the Office of the Colby Fund.  Shafeek Mohamed celebrated New Year’s with Ratul Bhattacharyya, Kirsten Duda, Amy Kuyw, and Christopher Van Alstyne in Brooklyn, N.Y. They had a great time.  Laura Bisbee is sad that she can’t make it to reunion as she is continuing her second year of Peace Corps service in Nicaragua. It has been an unforgettable experience of teaching English, with many ups and downs and always the scenic backdrop of the volcanic island of Ometepe. Still waiting for Colby visitors!  Scott Zeller and Scott Carberry will move to North Carolina this summer to start graduate programs at rival schools. On behalf of the reunion committee, Scott Zeller says to save the
Alexandra Desaulniers ’11 is the new communications and public relations manager for LaTiDo, a cabaret and spoken-word series in NYC and D.C. She also performs at the cabaret.

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Happy 2014! It’s hard to believe two years have passed since we were enjoying our senior spring on Mayflower Hill. I was floored by the number of responses I received this time around. Thanks to all who

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Stephen Zaharias started his final semester at UNH School of Law. He’ll intern with a justice on the First Circuit Court of Appeals, and upon graduation in May will be admitted to the New York bar due to his participation in the Daniel Webster Honor program. He anticipates sitting for the bar exam in June and plans to be in the world via a promotion to director of the annual fund at the Commonwealth School. Meanwhile Anne Geraghty said goodbye to fun employment with a job at Conventures, where she assists in event planning. Their roommate, Natasha Atkinson, stimulates brains for fun at Beth Israel and is working on her audition tape for The Bachelorette. Last fall Zander Koallick moved to Nashville with the Joint Chiefs (Jeff Jarnot ’10, James O’Brien ’12, Carson Brown ’13, and Hunt Hearin). They live in the same house, practice, write new songs, and work to develop a following. They’re having a blast getting to know the area. They’ve been back in New York and Washington, D.C., this spring, and in alumni pet news, Patrick Burns got a chameleon—Chameleon Estevez—and he’s sent in updates; we’ve been up to some interesting things. Laura Maloney is working for Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty (Conn.) and enjoying spending time with fellow Colby alums in D.C. Sarah Hirsch spent last year in Morocco on a Fulbright grant teaching English to undergrads. She’s now back in the U.S. and teaching at a Montessori school outside Boston. Also teaching in the Boston area, Michelle Mathai is currently working with lower elementary students at the Inly School in Scituate, Mass. Christopher Halladay’s hard work with Brown University’s Center for Evidence-Based Medicine paid off last fall when he won the Lee Lusted Award for Health Services and Policy Research at the
ALUMNI AT LARGE

2013 Society for Medical Decision Making Conference. In September Jillian Howell traveled to Hawaii to visit Tate Kaneshigge and Lindsay Hylek. Lindsay then visited Boston in October to attend game six of the World Series with Jillian. Sulaiman NasserI '12 is finishing his master’s in economics at Georgetown’s School of Foreign Service and is a United Nations Association fellow in D.C.

World Series with Jillian. Sulaiman NasserI is in his last semester at Georgetown’s School of Foreign Service and will soon receive his master of science in economics. While at Georgetown he interned at the Middle East Institute in D.C. and visited his home city of Kabul, where he worked for the United Nations Post-Conflict and Disaster Management Branch. This spring, while completing his degree, Sulaiman will be a United Nations Association fellow in D.C. After graduation Evan O’Neill and David Furman spent 10 weeks traveling Europe with friends. Evan has now settled into a job as a BD associate at Fisku, a mobile app marketing company in Boston, where he acts a spot media buyer. He currently lives in Somerville with freshman-year roommate Tom Hurley.

Ian Borthwick, Billy Hudson, and Tripp Stevens formed a flag football team and are ready to take on the elite athletes of New York City. After he wraps up his master’s in earth sciences at Vanderbilt, Nate Katsiakas hopes to return to New England to work in environmental consulting. Maddie Bergler is building her wine and food knowledge at Central Bottle Wine + Provisions in Cambridge, Mass., while working on her first food/tech startup, Culinary Ventures, LLC. You can see her hard work in action at chefdup.com. She lives in Allston with Claire Grady and Lauren Harris. Nirakar Poudel completed his dual degree in the engineering program at Dartmouth this spring. He entered the electrical engineering department at USC’s Viterbi School of Engineering in the fall. After spending five years in New England, he is enjoying the warm winter days of Southern California. Living near the beach in Santa Monica, Calif., Petey Randall is pursuing his Ph.D. at UCLA, and Chelsea Sonksen has a new position as a marketing specialist at CBRE.

If you ever find yourself in the Waterville area, be sure to turn on WABI TV-5 at noon to catch Caitlin Burchill anchoring for the Bangor news station. You can also find clips of her online at wabi.tv, if you’re so inclined. I hope to hear from you all again soon. Warm wishes for a happy and healthy year!

2013
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Hi 2013ers! I’m thrilled to serve as your class correspondent and can’t wait to hear about everyone’s post-graduation adventures. Our first full column will run in the summer issue, and you can submit news now. Also, please consider attending our one-year reunion June 6-8, 2014—it’s sure to be a blast! I hope to run into more of you in NYC—it’s been great seeing familiar faces at Colby events (and around town!).

OBITUARIES

James M. Coyne ’36, Jan. 11, 2014, in Belfast, Maine, at 100. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was head claims adjuster at U.S.F.&G. Insurance in Portland, Maine, before moving north to Caribou, where he lived for 38 years and worked as an attorney and trust officer. An avid golfer and outdoorsman, he was a founding member of the Aroostook Senior Golf Association and a master Maine guide. Predeceased by his wife, Barbara, he is survived by a daughter, three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Willard Dunn Libby ’37, Feb. 4, 2014, in Falmouth, Maine, at 98. A summer job in 1938 turned into a 40-year career with Eastman Kodak, first as a chemist and later as manager of the audiovisual department. Though exempt from the draft due to his work on a government project, he enlisted in the navy and served in the Pacific during World War II. A jack-of-all-trades, he was a sailor, photographer, carpenter, electrician, and skier. He was predeceased by his wife, Rebecca, parents Herbert 1902 and Mabel Dunn Libby 1903, and brother and sister-in-law Carlyle ’44 and Barbara Blaisdell Libby ’44. He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Lowell ’77 and Melissa Nye Lind Libby ’78, a daughter, and five grandchildren.

Jarvis Marble Thayer Jr. ’38, Nov. 5, 2013, on Orr’s Island, Maine, at 97. He served as a Navy lieutenant in World War II and was employed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, retiring as senior vice president after 30 years. Predeceased by wife Hazel Wepfer Thayer ’37, daughter Jan Thayer Hutchinson ’72, and sister Frances E. Thayer ’30, he is survived by his wife, Rachel, daughter Barbara Thayer Barry ’74, son-in-law Sean Barry ’74, and four stepchildren.

Robert S. Borovoy ’39, Dec. 11, 2013, in Healdsburg, Calif., at 96. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and was a stockbroker, serving as vice president of Bear Stearns Inc. Predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Marilyn, and a son, he is survived by two daughters, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Margaret A. Whalen ’39, Jan. 24, 2014, in Shrewsbury, Mass., at 97. She earned an advanced degree from Simmons College in 1944. A lifelong resident of Maine before moving to Massachusetts three years ago, she worked for many years as the state of Maine librarian and archivist and was a life member of the American Historical Society.

Linwood L. Workman Jr. ’40, Jan. 23, 2014, in Thomasville, Ga., at 97. He earned a master’s from BU and taught high school math for 38 years. Though a longtime resident of Massachusetts, his heart was in Maine, where he was a summer resident in New Harbor for more than 35 years. He enjoyed singing in choirs and was a fitness buff, completing a 5K walk at age 87. Predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Joanna MacMurtry Workman ’41, and his father, Linwood Workman 1902, he is survived by two sons, including John Workman ’65, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

John E. Hawes ’41, Oct. 15, 2013, in Sacramento, Calif., at 95. His career spanned 25 years in education in Maine and 28 years in the U.S. Army, with service in both theaters during World War II and active duty during the Korean War. He earned a master’s degree at Cornell. Predeceased by his father, Judge William H. Hawes 1903, and brother George Holbrook Hawes ’28, he is survived by children including John “Jay” Hawes Jr. ’74, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Chester A. “Wish” Wisniewski ’41, D.M.D., Nov. 14, 2013, in Hartford, Conn., at 93. He graduated from Tufts Dental School in 1943 and was a senior lieutenant in the Navy Dental Corps serving Marines in the South Pacific. Afterward he practiced dentistry in Hartford for 60 years, retiring in 2008. He played banjo in polka and country
music bands. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Lee, and a son.

Charles W. Nightingale ’42, Dec. 19, 2013, in Southbridge, Mass., at 93. He was a Navy fighter pilot in World War II. Afterward he owned and operated a tree farm in Brookline, N.H., and worked for the Frank B. Hall Company of New England. Predeceased by two children, he is survived by his wife of 70 years, Mary, five children, seven grandchildren including granddaughter Sarah E. Kopczynski ’98, and five great-grandchildren.

Joseph R. Wallace ’43, Oct. 19, 2013, in Natick, Mass., at 92. He set a league scoring record in ice hockey, was captain of the hockey and golf teams, and spent two years in the Army Signal Corps during World War II. He rose to senior vice president, partner, and director at Harold Cabot & Co. and was a director of the American Association of Advertising Agencies. Predeceased by his wife, Jacquelyn Nerney Wallace ’43, his is survived by three daughters including Tara Wallace Steen ’74, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Barbara Baylis Primiano ’44, Feb. 7, 2014, in Providence, R.I., at 91. She worked as a sales consultant at Primiano’s Decorating Center for many years and was a member of St. John’s Episcopal Church for many years and was a member of the Eastern Star. Predeceased by her husband of 65 years, Mary Jane, a brother, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Janice Tappin Lowell Whittemore ’44, Jan. 20, 2014, in Bridgton, Maine, at 90. She earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Connecticut and a master’s from the University of Maine. She taught in Texas, Connecticut, and Maine, retiring from Fryeburg Academy, where she was chair of the English department, in 1987. She enjoyed traveling, golfing, quilting, and reading. Predeceased by her husband, F. Newton, she is survived by three sons, including Peter Lowell ’70, eight grandchildren, including Adria Lowell Carr ’92, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Jean Adams Hillman O’Meara ’45, Jan. 13, 2014, in Portland, Maine, at 91. Following the death of her first husband, Alan Hillman, during World War II, she attended Katharine Gibbs in Boston, graduating first in her class. In 1947 she married Dr. Edward O’Meara, who founded Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth. She was devoted to the hospital and other community causes, serving as a board member and lay Eucharistic minister at Hancock Point Chapel and for 60 years as a founding trustee of the Pierre Monteuex School. A gifted storyteller, she is survived by two daughters, three sons, and nine grandchildren.

Richard W. Russell ’45, Nov. 20, 2013, in Bridgeport, Conn., at 92. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II. After working with several companies, he was a founding partner with his sons of Walker-Wellington LLC, a contracting equipment agent based in New Hampshire. Predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Marjorie, he is survived by three sons and two grandchildren.

Frances Dow Wells ’45, Oct. 26, 2013, in Farmington, Maine, at 89. She taught at Foxcroft Academy, Fryeburg Academy, and Farmington State Teachers College, all in Maine, and she worked for the Census Bureau in Boston. She volunteered at the Farmington library and hospital. Predeceased by her husband, Robert, she is survived by a son, a daughter, and two grandsons.

Audrey Dyer Houghton ’46, Dec. 23, 2013, in Waterville, Maine, at 88. A teacher and homemaker, she lived in Vermont and New York before retiring and returning to Maine in 1980. She was active in the China Baptist Church and volunteer activities. Predeceased by her husband of 59 years, Russell, she is survived by three children, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Emily Holbrook Pelissier ’46, Dec. 26, 2013, in Waterford, Maine, at 89. She was a teacher for 37 years and a member of the Congregational Church and the Order of the Eastern Star. Predeceased by her husband, Bruce, she is survived by two sons and three granddaughters.

Jocelyn Hulme MacConnell ’47, Dec. 7, 2013, in Springfield, Va., at 88. She spent 23 years in San Juan, P.R., raising her children, then earned a master’s degree at Johns Hopkins and began tutoring people with learning disabilities. A pianist, she also enjoyed reading, tennis, and golf. Predeceased by her husband, Dick, she is survived by four children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth “Bette” Day Bugler ’48, Nov. 22, 2013, in Brunswick, Maine, at 87. She began a career in broadcasting at WTVL in Waterville and was the first program director for WCBB (Maine Public Television). She worked for the National Council of Churches in New York City, Maine Maritime Museum, and Bath Iron Works. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, the Rev. Derek Bugler, two sons, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Adeline “Bette” Day Bugler ’48, Nov. 22, 2013, in Brunswick, Maine, at 87. She began a career in broadcasting at WTVL in Waterville and was the first program director for WCBB (Maine Public Television). She worked for the National Council of Churches in New York City, Maine Maritime Museum, and Bath Iron Works. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, the Rev. Derek Bugler, two sons, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Jean Marshall Sawyer ’48, Oct. 8, 2012, in Jacksonville, Fla., at 86. She was a strong and independent woman who was devoted to her family. Predeceased by her husband, Harold, she is survived by three sons, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Charles A. O’Reilly ’49, Jan. 17, 2014, in Bridgeport, Conn., at 83. He earned a law degree from Columbia and practiced patent law until his 1996 retirement. He served on the board of the Fairview Country Club in Greenwich, Conn., and was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Janet, two sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

Cecil A. Beaupre ’51, Dec. 23, 2013, in Scarborough, Maine, at 88. A World War II veteran, he earned a master’s degree at the University of Massachusetts and taught French and English in Maine, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. He was director of college placement at Hamden Hall Country Day in Connecticut for 28 years. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary Jane, a brother, nieces, and nephews.


Mark T. Basseches ’51, Jan. 18, 2014, in Savannah, Ga., at 83. He earned a law degree from Columbia and practiced patent law until his 1996 retirement. He served on the board of the Fairview Country Club in Greenwich, Conn., and was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Janet, two sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren.
After Colby he taught English and coached drama in high schools in Maine and Arizona for more than 30 years, and he earned an M.A. in fine arts at Cornell. He also spent a year as a Fulbright Exchange Teacher in Australia.

Gay Tomlins Niehoff ’51, Oct. 15, 2013, in Waverly, N.Y., at 84. She earned a master's degree from Highland University in New Mexico and taught in Tennessee, New Mexico, Arizona, and New York. She served on the Spencer, N.Y., town board and planning board. Her husband, Henry, predeceased her.


David S. Robinson Jr. ’52, Jan. 11, 2014, in Longs, S.C., at 84. Following service in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and U.S. Army during the Korean War, he embarked on a business career, retiring from his position as regional administrative officer for the New York State Department of Transportation in 1986. He was a private pilot and member of the New York Wing Civil Air Patrol, U.S.A.F., receiving the Paul Garber Award for meritorious service. Since 2000 he was active in distributing Bibles for the Gideons International. He is survived by his wife, Karen, a son, a daughter, a granddaughter, and two grandsons.

George E. Bazer ’53, Nov. 19, 2013, in Farmington, Conn., at 81. He was president of Dorsch & Bazer Industries, Inc., a privately owned company in Westerville, Ohio. Predeceased by his wife, Evelyn, he is survived by three children and four grandchildren.

Craig T. “Pete” Bell ’53, Feb. 2, 2014, in Newtown, Pa., at 85. Prior to Colby he joined the marines, and he was proud to be a marine sergeant veteran. He lived in Pennington, Pa., for 40 years and worked as director of data systems at the National Exchange Carrier Association. A gentleman and scholar, he was passionate about his family, his beagle, and his Republican values. Predeceased by his wife, Carol, he is survived by a daughter, a son, and three grandchildren.

Hazel Elizabeth “Betty” Chilson Hudson ’53, Dec. 9, 2013, in Houston, Texas, at 82. A homemaker, wife, and mother, she regularly attended Holy Ghost Catholic Church. Predeceased by her husband of 43 years, Robert E. Hudson ’54, she is survived by eight children, 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Nancy Pratley Wathen ’53, Nov. 22, 2013, in Dover, N.J., at 81. A travel agent for many years, she owned Peapack Travel. She belonged to the Chester Theatre Group and enjoyed travel, family, and friends. Predeceased by her husband, John, and daughter Kimberly Wathen Welch ’79, she is survived by four children including Deborah Wathen Finn ’74, eight grandchildren including Stephanie Finn ’07, and two sisters including Ruth Pratley Madell ’63.

Ruth Brindley Cheney ’54, May 23, 2013, in Cape Coral, Fla., at 79. She moved to Concord, N.H., in the early 1960s and worked as vice president and controller of New Hampshire Distributors for 29 years, retiring in 1992. An avid reader, she also enjoyed bowling in her younger years and spending time at the beach. She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Milton “Pete.”

Robert H. Hawkins III ’54, Nov. 27, 2013, in Florence, Ore., at 80. He worked in management for W. T. Grant for 21 years and then as business manager for a Catholic church in California before retiring to Florence, Ore., where he volunteered at Habitat for Humanity and his church. He served as an anniversary agent for the Class of 1954 50th Anniversary Gift Program. He died of ALS and donated his body for research. He is survived by his wife, Clare, two sons, three daughters, two stepchildren, and 10 grandchildren.

Audre J. McLoughlin ’54, Sept. 24, 2013, in Washington, D.C., at 81. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing at Columbia and a doctorate at the University of Maryland. She served in the Army Nurse Corps from 1957 to 1987 and attained the rank of colonel. She later taught nursing administration at Maryland and Georgetown. Predeceased by her husband, Jack Swindler, she is survived by four stepchildren.

Robert F. Sheerin ’54, Nov. 10, 2013, in Clinton, Mass., at 81. He served as a first lieutenant in the Army prior to a lifelong career in industrial tool manufacturing. He was inducted into the Burlington (Mass.) High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Dorothy Sellar Sheerin ’54, son Peter L. Sheerin ’78, a daughter, and three grandchildren. His brother, Oliver K. Sheerin ’58, passed away Dec. 21, 2013.

Barbara Hills Stuart ’54, Dec. 4, 2013, in Blowing Rock, N.C., at 81. She enjoyed the mountains, gardening, and expressing herself through watercolors. She was president of the Atlanta Alumni Club from 1985 to 1986 and a member of the Alumni Council Clubs Committee from 1986 to 1991. Predeceased by her husband, Edward “Ned” Stuart Jr. ’51, she is survived by a daughter, a son, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Fred M. Petra ’55, Dec. 15, 2013, in Sarasota, Fla., at 89. A decorated Army paratrooper in World War II, he lived in Waterville for 55 years. A businessman and licensed real estate broker, he was a musician and bandleader, leading the Fred Petra Band and a Dixieland ensemble, the Elders. He played in Maine orchestras and Al Corey's Big Band and was music director at the Mt. Washington Hotel for 17 years. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Shirley, three daughters, five grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Erwin A. Vickery ’55, Dec. 17, 2013, in Saint Paul, Minn., at 80. At Colby he was a member of the Glee Club, Yacht Club, Forensic Society, Cosmopolitan Club, and Spanish Club. He worked as a teacher and later as an analyst for the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Cathearine “Kit” MacKay Dunham ’56, Feb. 5, 2014, in Citrus Heights, Calif., at 81. After years of travel as an air force wife, she returned to her native California. She was a painter, genealogist, and certified diving instructor. Predeceased by her husband, Robert, and her daughter Heather, she is survived by three daughters, five grandchildren, and dozens of adopted family members.

Rebecca Rowe Engdahl ’56, Oct. 16, 2013, in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, at 78. She lived in Massachusetts for many years and led Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. She was a trustee of Foxcroft Academy. Predeceased by her husband, Arthur Engdahl Jr. ’57, she is survived by two sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

Milton E. Stone Jr. ’56, Dec. 7, 2013, in Venice, Fla., at 84. At Colby he played football and track and was a member of Zeta Psi.

John M. “Zig” Ziegler ’56, Dec. 28, 2013, in Columbus, Ohio, at 80. He was president and co-owner of Buckeye Printing and Mailing Service and was involved in many civic organizations. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Linda, four children, seven grandchildren, and a brother, Frederick “Fritz” Ziegler ’52.

Laurence Earl Cadmore ’58, Oct. 17, 2013, in Shrewsbury, Mass., at 77. He had a long and successful career with Sears,
Roebuck and Co. that included terms as CEO and president of its Canada division and president of Sears Merchant Group in Chicago. Predeceased by his wife of 35 years, Jane, he is survived by two daughters, two sons, and nine grandchildren.

Angela J. DeCarlo ’58, Nov. 13, 2013, in San Francisco, Calif., at 76. She worked at Harvard Medical School as a technician for seven years, at University of California Medical School for 27 years researching diabetes and growth hormones, and for a biotech startup for four years. She read widely, traveled extensively, tutored children, and ushered for the symphony, opera, and ballet in San Francisco. She is survived by a sister and an aunt.

Oliver K. Sheerin ’58, Dec. 21, 2013, in York, Maine, at 77. He worked in publications as a promotional writer, technical writer, and editor for technology companies including Honeywell, Raytheon, and MITRE. He enjoyed hunting, hiking, and being outdoors. Predeceased by brother Robert F. Sheerin ’54, he is survived by his partner, Robin Murray, sister-in-law Dorothy Sellar Sheerin ’54, and nephew Peter L. Sheerin ’78.

Wilma Lyman Sherman ’58, Oct. 9, 2013, in Los Angeles, Calif., at 77. She had a 40-year career teaching English and drama in New England and earned a master’s in gifted education from the University of Connecticut. She tutored English conversation at UC-Santa Barbara and taught a university course in Wuhan, China. Predeceased by her husband, David, she is survived by three children and four grandchildren.

Ann Segrave Lieber ’59, Nov. 6, 2013, in South Yarmouth, Mass., at 76. An accomplished singer who led the Colbyettes, she performed regularly at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York. She was a homemaker and a volunteer, and she ran a calligraphy business from her home. She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Martin, a daughter, and a granddaughter.

Gregory W. MacArthur ’59, Feb. 12, 2014, in Topsfield, Mass., at 77. A Navy officer during the Cuban missile crisis, he pursued a career in investments, including 22 years as vice president at Paine Webber before starting his own business in 2000. He coached youth athletics and spent summers on Lake Winnipesaukee. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Laura, three children, and three grandchildren.

David E. Marr ’61, Jan. 25, 2014, in Natick, Mass., at 74. He earned his master’s from Wesleyan University while serving as assistant director of public relations there, and he earned his law degree from the University of Connecticut. A lawyer in Natick for 40 years, he was active in the town, serving as chair of the Natick Historic District Commission, director of the historical society museum, and a member of various committees. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Patricia Houghton Marr ’61, brother- and sister-in-law Charles ’66 and Elizabeth Drinkwine Houghton ’68, two daughters, a son, and eight grandchildren.

Arthur Franklin “Frank” Wheat ’61, Jan. 13, 2014, in Portland, Maine, at 74. He served in the army from 1961 to 1964 and then had a career in the insurance industry. He coached youth basketball and softball while his children were in school and enjoyed gardening, collecting stamps and coins, and following the Red Sox, Patriots, and Celtics. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Susanne, three daughters, and three grandchildren.

Faye Christensen ’64, May 18, 2008, in Epsom, N.H., at 66.

Malcolm L. Call ’65, March 22, 2006, in Portland, Maine, at 68. Originally from Quebec, he served in the U.S. Air Force. An editor who had worked in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina, he was past director of the University of Georgia Press. He is survived by his former wife, Jean Brennon Call ’64, and his brother, Mitchell N. Call ’56.

Stuart H. Rakoff ’65, Jan. 5, 2014, in Reston, Va., at 69. After earning a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Minnesota, he had a long career in human capital strategy, policy analysis, and organization effectiveness, designing manpower programs for the U.S. Army and IRS. He was diagnosed with ALS in 2012 and confronted the disease with a positive attitude. A resident of Reston, Va., since 1974, he took over as chair of Cornerstones (formerly Reston Interfaith) in 2013 despite his declining health. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Roz, a son, and two grandchildren.

Barry S. Willdorf ’66, Feb. 1, 2014, in San Francisco, Calif., at 68. He studied at the University of Manchester, England, and earned a law degree from Columbia. A lifelong activist, he founded the Southern California Military Law Project during the Vietnam War to defend servicemen charged with violating military law. He handled many controversial cases, and in 2005 the San Francisco AIDS Legal Referral Panel named him Lawyer of the Year. In his later years he had five novels published. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Bonnie, three daughters, and four grandchildren.

Douglas W. Crabbe ’67, Aug. 10, 2013, in Montreal, Quebec, at 67. He was an artist, storyteller, writer, and actor. Formerly of Mattapoisett, Mass., he had lived in Montreal for 30 years. He is survived by his daughter and his daughter’s mother.

Edward B. “Terry” Stratton III ’67, Nov. 7, 2013, in Wakefield, Mass., at 68. He earned a master’s degree at Boston University and was a partner in Muirfield Mechanical in Boxboro, Mass. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a daughter, and two sons including Edward “Bow” Stratton ’97.

J. Mark Janes ’69, Dec. 7, 2013, in Rochester, Minn., at 66. After a year playing semi-pro hockey in Sweden, he had a 40-year career as an investment counselor with IDS/ American Express/Ameriprise. He coached and managed youth, school, and junior hockey teams. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Mary, a son, a daughter, a granddaughter, and his mother.

Sherelee Sabasteanski Friedrich ’80, Jan. 20, 2014, in Reno, Nev., at 58. She and her former husband built a Hampton Inn in Carson City, Nev., and she served on the board of selectmen in Raymond, Maine, and loved skiing and golf. She is survived by a son.

Michael S. Bilson ’83, Oct. 21, 2013, in Manchester, N.H., at 52. He transferred to and graduated magna cum laude from UNH with a bachelor’s degree in Latin and economics. He worked for the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services and worked for causes he believed in. He is survived by his mother and sister.

Paul D. Henion ’85, Jan. 10, 2014, in Columbus, Ohio, at 50. He earned a Ph.D. at Case Western Reserve and was an associate professor of neuroscience at Ohio State. He loved planes, trains, and rockets, and he enjoyed salmon fishing in Oregon and spending time at his family cottage in Canada. He was a proud, thoughtful, and devoted father. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Christine Beattie, and two sons.

Linda Carroll Higgins ’85, Oct. 28, 2013, in Burlington, Vt., at 49. She found her passion studying abroad in Heidelberg, Germany, and worked at NAFSA: Association of International Educators. She earned a master’s at University of Vermont, after which she worked at UVM’s Office of International Education Services. She is survived by her husband, Thomas, three children, and her mother.
TEACHING, LIKE MEDICINE, HAS COME A LONG, LONG WAY

It all started with a strange 19th-century potion called Female Monthly Pills.

One October morning, students in Gibson Professor of History Elizabeth Leonard’s course American Women’s History, studying ante-bellum attitudes toward sexuality, were discussing advertisements that appeared regularly in penny papers of the mid-19th century. The ads offered tablets and were placed by one Madame Restell, known in her day as “the wickedest woman in New York.”

“The very best medicine for ladies laboring under the suppression of their natural illness ... they very seldom fail to relieve,” the ads read.

In plain words, these sometimes-dangerous pills were used to cause miscarriage. If they didn’t, Restell was known to perform abortions.

Restell practiced as a midwife and “females’ physician” in New York City from 1840 until her sensational suicide the night before her trial—on criminal charges—in 1878. For decades she was in the headlines and hounded by the law. Leonard’s students talked about how Restell’s ads were evidence that attitudes toward sexuality, pregnancy, and childbirth were changing during the ante-bellum era.

One student in particular appeared to know rather more about this character Restell than could be gleaned from the reading. The reason, he told Leonard after class, was that his, um ... mother had spent six years writing a novel, My Notorious Life, loosely based on the remarkable Restell story, and it had just been published by Scribner Books. Professor Leonard decided it was time to bring this mom to Colby.

That’s how I ended up having the extraordinary experience of speaking about my novel to an audience that included that student—my son, Oliver Dunne ’14—with my daughter Eliza Dunne ’17 and my nephew James Manning ’17 as special invitees. Back in New York, Kara Watson ’03, Scribner Books’ senior marketing manager, was thrilled to hear one of her authors was to visit the college that jump-started her own career in publishing—thanks to a Jan Plan internship at HarperCollins.

What struck me right away about this marvelous confluence of Colby ties, academia, family, book-publishing, and history, was Leonard’s creative pedagogy. Though I do teach (creative writing), I’m not a historian, and I have none of her academic credentials. (Leonard is the author of several books of original research about the Civil War era and is the 2012 winner of the Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize.) So why invite somebody who makes things up for a living into a history class where students are learning to get at the truth?

Well, all history tells a story, we agreed. And stories speak to history.

Clearly, professors like Leonard have changed the study of the past—and the future. In my own college experience, history scholarship consisted of dry memorization of dates and concepts about battles, leaders, and political movements—none of it about women. Current Colby history students do their share of absorbing concepts and remembering dates, but now they also learn as scholars do, by looking at primary sources—letters, documents, and of history so that it includes figures like Restell—offering her for even-handed consideration as a harbinger of change, perhaps a forerunner of the women’s reproductive rights movement. Leonard’s reading list for this course included such works as A Midwife’s Tale by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, based on the life of Martha Ballard, a 19th-century Maine midwife. Leonard’s own work has examined gender battles, focusing on female Civil War spies and female soldiers who disguised themselves as men. Learning about these women, students gain a new cultural artifacts like those ads for “female pills.” They read analysis of these sources and write their own—assembling narratives and drawing meaning from original texts. And sometimes they take advantage of quirky, serendipitous resources—like me—found in the Colby community.

So, in Professor Leonard’s classroom, just before Family Homecoming Weekend, I showed her students slides to show how my imagination was fired by an 1890 photograph of a street girl holding an infant (above). How I started writing a story about that girl, making her a scrappy Irish immigrants’ daughter named Axie Muldoon. How I stumbled upon the riveting story of the notorious Madame Restell and decided that Axie would share parts of Restell’s history.

I came away from my Colby classroom experience excited by the ways scholars including Leonard are transforming the teaching and study and dramatically enriched conception of the past.

So instead of rote learning and recitation, the class that day featured a head-spinning discussion about race, charity, and notions of childhood. It turned to the current debate on reproductive rights and its roots in the 19th-century anti-vice movement led by religious crusader Anthony Comstock, who was responsible for arresting Madame Restell. The students drew on a dazzling array of ideas and facts. Their curiosity and eloquence impressed upon me how the extraordinary cross-disciplinary environment at Colby not only connects past to present but connects the many disparate members of the Colby family in ways that enhance knowledge for all of us.

The Colby prescription for education? Novel treatments, yes, but there is no quackery here.

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