Commons Bonding

The Commons system celebrated its fourth birthday last fall, and it has made great strides in its short history toward becoming an effective student government. But it has a way to go yet.

Most of the problems with the Commons system can be traced back to the intentions of its builders. Administrators say that the Commons system was supposed to emulate the good things about fraternities, like unity and bonding, but bury in basements on Frat Row all the bad things, like discrimination and hazing. The Commons system is based on student involvement. More than 100 students, including some fraternity members, even helped design the system in the spring of 1984. But the new government was not without enemies, and many students were still bitter about the banning of the brothers in January 1984.

I arrived as a freshman at Colby several years later, in the fall of 1986, and was elected a governor of my residence hall. Consequently, I also served on the Mary Low Commons Council. We spent more time discussing what we were going to decide, whom we were going to tell about our decisions, and how we were going to tell them than we did actually making the decisions. The decisions we did make carried little weight and certainly did not significantly alter campus life. Our opinions rarely went anywhere except home with us on the carbon-copied minutes of the meeting.

The most memorable thing we did as a council was throw a few successful parties. "You should do this more," said our fellow students. Well, maybe we should have, but that was not the primary purpose of the Commons system. Governors were supposed to be representatives of the students, their policymakers, not party hosts. However, if we didn't throw the parties, who would fill the gap left by "legal" fraternities? It was a frustrating year, and the dual role of party host/policymaker is still a muddy one today.

This year, my junior year at Colby, there are signs that the Commons system is making headway. Today's students have only known Colby with the Commons system. The Commons presidents, the Student Association executive board members, and the board of governors include many veterans of the system. They understand that student governments do not overrule but, rather, work with administrators and faculty. At the same time, student leaders are learning both what decisions they have the authority to make and how to use the political power of a united student body voice. The governors are starting to worry about policies and not parties, allowing the social chairs and other committee chairs to fulfill their own duties. This experience within the system is making a difference.

Additionally, the Commons system is starting to make decisions about important campus issues. Removing club status and funding from the Colby Crossfire (a publication of student opinion and attitudes) when its editors chose to violate the Student Association constitution is the best example I've witnessed. The board of governors considered the facts, talked to the offenders, discussed the problem, and made a decision. The Commons system should continue to get its hands dirty and tackle other difficult campus issues that need to be addressed.

The most neglected problem currently plaguing the Commons system is its relationship to the student body. Ideas and complaints often have a difficult time "trickling up" the system. Events such as town meetings, at which the residents of a hall gather with their governors, are helping to build a better bridge between Colby students and the Commons system. Still, while most students can rattle off a few lines about how the system provides representation for the student body or can explain how the Commons hierarchy is set up, that isn't enough. Students need to understand what the Commons system can and cannot accomplish as well as what it is accomplishing.

I am not a flag-waving fan of the Commons system. I do, however, believe that Colby is a better place with this system than it was with legal fraternities. Administrators acknowledge that underground fraternity members are elected and appointed to positions within the Commons system, sometimes for the sole benefit of the system and other times to make sure their organization is represented. Of course, if fraternities follow the example Zeta Psi set when they dissolved their group in December, life on Mayflower Hill would change dramatically and become easier for the Commons system.

Nevertheless, the toughest part is over—the Commons system has survived its first years. Now it just has to grow up.

Chip Gavin '90

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On the covers: Outside the greenhouse on the walkway between Arey Life Sciences and Keyes Science Building, snow still covers the campus, but inside it's a spring day. Tim McCutcheon '89 tends the greenery.
Setting the Record Straight

I enjoyed reading of my father, Edward C. Roundy, in the anniversary edition ("Athletics at Colby"). It is always with a feeling of great pride that I read of his accomplishments and gifts to Colby. I do, however, find two glaring errors in the article that I feel should be corrected:

My father went to Colby in the fall of 1924, not 1925; he died in 1954, not exactly a retirement, and he had just completed his 30th, not his 28th year. He had just received a further honor as a reward from Colby for his many years of service and love to the College, a three-year contract, which would have carried him to his 65th year. It was my understanding at the time that it was the first multi-year contract even given a coach.

Though many called him "Eddie," most of Waterville called him "Coach." Mike Loebs was "Mike," Al McCoy was "Al." "Cy" Perkins was "Cy," but Eddie Roundy was, to a great majority, "Coach"—to me an indication of the love and respect given him by those who knew him well. I feel so lucky to have been one of those and particularly to have been his daughter.

Mary "Dixie" Roundy Bebee '46
Crystal River, Fla.

It was with mixed feelings that I reviewed my fall 1988 issue of Colby, which celebrates the 175th anniversary of the College. I congratulate the College and its students, alumni, and faculty, and I applaud the staff of Colby for a fine anniversary issue. I am proud to be an alumnus of such a fine institution of higher learning.

My mixed emotions arise from the manner in which the occasion was celebrated. The bright and colorful balloons adorning the front and back covers of the issue may seem festive and gay to some, but to marine mammals, fish, and sea birds they can mean death by suffocation or starvation. Balloons such as these have been found in the guts of seals, dolphins, whales, and sea birds and identified as the cause of their untimely demise.

The half-life of such balloons is measured in decades. As an environmental studies major at Colby, a marine biology technician, and a sailor, I have learned how fragile our oceans and their inhabitants are. During this past summer, the media was full of stories about how we are destroying the oceans from which all life on earth comes. Plastic objects, including balloons, comprised the bulk of trash recently picked up from the Maine shores during a coastal clean-up sponsored by the Maine Audubon Society. If one of Colby's balloons was found on Mount Desert Island, it is quite possible that others made their way into Maine waters and onto the shore, thereby contributing to the pollution.

I certainly am not opposed to celebrating such milestones as Colby's 175th anniversary, but I would ask that the College place a ban on the release of balloons from its campus for any reason. Balloon releases have been denounced by many environmental organizations for their contribution to the deaths of many marine fauna. I hope that Colby will join in their cause.

Charles P. Lefoy 111 75
Lincolnville, Maine

No words can convey the pleasure I felt in reading your magnificent fall issue of Colby. It provided me with an intensely nostalgic tour of the old campus, and I am deeply indebted to you and all of your talented staff for making the issue possible.

I had known personally three of the distinguished alumni: Harold Marston Morse, Herbert Carlyle Libby, and Joseph Coburn Smith. The Morse family is friendly to our family in Waterville, Meroe and Dryden, Marston Morse's children, were frequent visitors at our house on Silver Street, as we were at theirs on Park Street. Marston Morse was always my hero, since he excelled at everything he did.

Herbert Carlyle Libby was my professor of public speaking. On one occasion, I was discussing before a somnolent class the alarming flaws present in a proposed version of the National Labor Relations Act. The class showed no alarm. Meanwhile, Dr. Libby was bashing on the piano lid. This behavior had the intended effect, which was for me to lose my way. When I had wandered to a flustered and complete stop, Dr. Libby just beamed innocently. Making what I thought was a brilliant recovery, I said: "Before I was so rudely interrupted..." but stopped short, my face crimson with embarrassment, realizing how impudent and disrespectful my words had been.

Dr. Libby was gracious, recognizing my discomfort, and told me and the class how to deal with hecklers.

I spent a lot of time with Joseph Coburn Smith, both at his home on Park Street across from the home of Marston Morse, and at the College. We had a mutual interest in photography. I am surprised that your text does not mention the fact that Joseph Coburn Smith was the son of George Otis Smith.

Four of the men in your series [Morse, Libby, Averill, and Day] were personal friends of my father, Harvey Doane Eaton, Class of 1887 and a Colby trustee. Holman Day was in my father's class at Colby. His book of verse, Up in Maine, was exquisitely funny, and I have it to this day.

George Averill was a familiar figure around town when I was young. He often walked by our house at 55 Silver Street but at other times rode around in his Pierce-Arrow, the car with the distinctive headlights sprouting from the front fenders.

I could go on forever in loving reminiscence of my days on the old campus and of the wonderful professors I had back then. Once again, thank you for your magnificent issue.

Fletcher Eaton '39
Needham, Mass.

Heartiest congratulations on that splendid, encyclopedic issue of Colby! I couldn't put it down. It was good to be reminded of the forward-looking people who were involved with Colby's past. "There were giants in those days."
And probably there are giants in these days, too.  
My time as a student was the period 1913-1917, while Prexy Rob was trying to operate the College single-handed, with no secretary, no dean, no telephone, etc., but the football team was running up incredible scores, beating Maine 14-0, Bowdoin 48-0, and Bates 61-0. (I quote from memory, and probably incorrectly.)

As a proofreader and veteran of many years spent writing for Hebron Academy's alumni publication, I ran across the non-expression avant-garde [page 54]. The expression, as you and I know, is avant-garde, as avant is a French preposition and shows no gender.

Herald E. Hall '17  
Hebron, Maine

We in Women's Studies would like to encourage you to highlight women's contributions to the College in Colby. We were disappointed that the fall issue of Colby did not balance women's historic roles at the College with the treatment of men. It is important that women be perceived as part of the historical story of the College and not simply segmented into things some particular group - women - did. We did appreciate your comment in the Commentary that further coverage of women would be forthcoming, and we offer to help you in any way we can.

Patrice Franko Jones  
Assistant Professor of Economics  
Co-chair Women's Studies

Congratulations to you and to all who produced the splendid fall 1988 Colby 175th anniversary issue. The magazine is a striking collection of memorabilia, reacquainting us with the strength of the College's life, especially through the diverse people making Colby a reality yesterday, today, and into tomorrow.

As a retired school historian/archivist [St. George's School, Newport, Rhode Island], I offer particular kudos to the students of the Jan Plan who joined you in producing the magazine.

Gilbert Y. Taverner '48  
Concord, Mass.

In the last issue of Colby, you made a slight error in “The Old That’s Worth Saving” [page 38]. I was a member of the Class of 1986 and a class officer who helped to start the tradition of placing blocks of carved granite in the Student Center fireplace. We were proud to begin this tradition again, and I felt I wanted to tell you it was the Class of 1986, not 1985.

Leslie Greenslet '86  
Greenwich, Conn.

First and foremost, I wish to offer my congratulations for a superb issue of Colby! It was not only interesting and informative but also served as a warm reminder of cool fall days at Colby, which are not always easily recalled in sunny California. However, I would like to point out one error I found under the Drama Section in Appendix G: “A Selection of Events 1987-1988.” “Broadway Musical Revue” was listed as a “Powder and Wig” production—which it currently is not, nor has it ever been.

“Broadway Musical Revue” was founded in 1985 by three individuals independent of the student drama club “Powder and Wig.” During the fall semester of 1985, the show was funded through the Commons system, the Music Department, and the Performing Arts Department to varying degrees. In the spring of 1986 the show was funded by matching funds from the Student Association and the Dean of Students Office for three all-campus performances and a private show for the Board of Trustees. In the fall of 1986, “Broadway Musical Revue” was accepted as a Student Association club.

Since that time, the funding for the shows has been provided through the Student Association.

“Broadway Musical Revue” has become a tradition at Colby, with many members of both the Colby and outside communities attending every show. It is a production that many people look forward to and appreciate for its novelty on a campus dominated by straight dramatic productions. Therefore, although any recognition of the Revue is appreciated, I felt it necessary to clarify both the “roots” and the independence of the production. “Powder and Wig” provides many terrific experiences for both audience and cast members; however, they are not the only club on campus producing student-directed shows. It is important to recognize that the “Broadway Musical Revue” is a totally separate and self-standing unit.

“Broadway Musical Revue” provides a unique experience for all who partici-
pate. I encourage everyone to attend next spring’s show. I heard this fall’s was a tremendous success!

Melissa Ruff '88  
Mountain View, Calif.

Greatly enjoyed the current issue of Colby. Dean Runnals had a break in her service in that Erma Vyra Reynolds was dean of women for at least two years around 1928. I can’t forget that, as I got a red hot tongue lashing from the dean, and it wasn’t Runnals. The names sound alike, but they were quite different people. As I recall, the women were happy to have Dean Runnals back at Colby.

And thanks for printing the letter from Glen P. Goffin ’58. He is old enough to recall that prior to Castro taking over Cuba, people like Professor Bowen insisted Castro was not a “Red.” Granted that Castro overthrew a dictator named Batista, and though I don’t like right wing dictators, Cuba was better off than it is now. I'm happy to see that others wave Old Glory and don’t fall for malarkey.

Rod Faraham ’31  
Hampden, Maine

Frederick M. Drummond ’47 called to say that if we wanted to see the interior of the fieldhouse on the old campus correctly, we should look at it in the mirror—the photo was flopped. Our thanks to all for their sharp and appraising eyes.

To the Class of 1989

Hey, how are things back at the fort? This is just a quick note from the outside describing some of the experiences of postgraduate life. It’s still hard to believe it’s all over and I actually made it through. Seniors, how is the job search going? Perhaps that deserves a rephrasing omitting the first word: is the job search going? In the words of a famous philosopher, ‘Don’t Panic!’ Take your time. You’ll spend plenty of time working during your lifetime, so why push it? Besides, you have six months before you have to start paying those loans off anyway. Pack your Colby sweatshirt and go someplace for a while. Or go many places for a while. Worry about how little time you spent at Career Services later.

The farther away you get from Colby,
the more you appreciate the time you spent there. There are few places with such close contact to professors of the caliber you find at Colby. Also, at other colleges, students do not have a say in policy or tenure decisions to nearly the extent that they do at Colby. A few months ago I was asked to write a letter of recommendation for a professor who was seeking tenure. My co-workers and the associate director of my firm could not believe that I would play a role in such an important decision. I couldn’t believe that students and alumni wouldn’t play a role in such a decision.) They were even more amazed when I told them the extent to which students are involved at every level of the system, from how College money is spent, to the stands the College takes on political and moral issues, right down to the integral role students played in designing the Student Center. (If you don’t like it, blame the classes responsible.)

You may ask how all of this affects you. Aside from the direct effects that policies have on you, student involvement gives you the feeling that you are a part of the College and that your opinion matters and will be heard when decisions are made. It is important to stress here that if you don’t take control of and use the power that has been given to you, you will lose it. Therefore, it is your responsibility to make yourself heard in the important decisions that affect you and your College.

Otherwise, you could find yourself in the same position in your school that you occupy in your country. How much power do you feel voters (few as we are) have over the policies adopted by our country? We should be our own government, yet sadly, many of us view it as a separate entity, us against them. The first step in overcoming this separation is to encourage controversy and get involved. Don’t be afraid to talk politics or religion in Dana or raise your hand in Lovejoy 100. Nobody will be happier than your professors (most of the time). They understand that if you are simply writing down what they say and not actively and critically listening, then you are not learning. If you play an active role in your education, you will come away from it with confidence, the feeling that you are not limited, that you can do anything you put your mind to. That is what sets Colby apart, and it is the essence of the liberal arts education that you are paying for.

You may also find that Colby will always be close by in some form—whether you like it or not! I’ve met Colby people on mountaintops in Austria, in bars in Italy and in villages in Mexico, at the Chicago blues festival and at a tollbooth on I-95. I met one driving down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., another at a wedding in Bloomington, Ind., and another who runs Pizza Oasis in Portland, Ore. There’s a town on I-90 in Kansas whose founder seems suspiciously similar to the guy who gave us that big grant, and subsequently his name, back in the old days (refer that one to the history Jan Plan). Just when I thought I had truly escaped—I was amid the 200-foot red sandstone cliffs of Lake Powell in southern Utah, at least 80 miles from any marks of human civilization save Native American ruins—I opened up an August 8 issue of Time, and what did I see? Professor Sandy Maisel’s big goofy grin and a story a mile long about his son, Josh. I reflected on the fact that I had given Josh swimming lessons, and I thought about what my father would say... “Jesus if that ol’ boy don’t have a knock fer stayin’ in the limelight!”

Meanwhile, what have I done with my Colby degree? I teach a reading and study skills program at high schools around the country and world (check Readak in Career Services). This was most probably influenced by those swimming lessons and hours tutoring German. At this point I can honestly (and safely) admit that one of the greatest freedoms I have experienced since graduating from Colby is that I can think, say, and write what I believe, and Chip Hauss can’t make me do a rewrite.

Steven Masur ’88
Ogden, Utah

Do Many Have This Problem?

I am writing to ask if you would consider sending me the quarterly Colby magazine in a plastic wrapping. When the magazine is sent by U.S. mail, frequently the pages are torn and wet when it rains.

While I enjoy reading Colby, it is discouraging when the magazine arrives in poor condition.

James E. Fell 32
Fall River, Mass.

Have Heart, Will Volunteer

Concerned students from the Colby Volunteer Center raised a total of $1,181 for the Sacred Heart Church soup kitchen in Waterville last November. Contributing to Maine Hunger Week coffers, the volunteers sponsored events in the residence halls and Student Center such as a penny collection, bake sale, and auction.

The local soup kitchen is a favorite labor of love with the students, but they willingly give time and talent to nursing homes and schools and serve as literacy volunteers, tutors, and entertainers with impressive musical gifts and a popular clown act. Rachel England '90, who is coordinator of the campus-wide Volunteer Center, meets with student leaders weekly to plan special events and transportation. The volunteers will do almost any task in the area requiring young backs and strong arms, including stacking firewood and shoveling snow. Approximately 100 people are on the task force list, and 30 to 50 are involved in various projects on a weekly basis for as many as 20 hours. The program continues throughout the academic year, with several special events planned for the spring.

On March 11 the volunteers sponsored a formal black tie ball in the Student Center for faculty and students. Proceeds from the gala, which featured two live bands, were donated to the Maine Children's Cancer Program in Portland.

The Westra Tree

Colby tends to attract friendly, charismatic people who exult in helping others. We can all remember at least one individual who could always persuade us to crack a smile on even the gloomiest of days. Somehow the day would become a little brighter, and life might even take on a slightly different meaning. Even if this person weren't around, thinking about him or her could bring the smile back in an instant.

David "Johan" Westra '85 was one of these people. For those of us who knew him when he was still alive, he was always a tremendous source of enthusiasm and strength. No task was too large to tackle and no problem too big to solve, and if it was . . . well, that was okay, too; we'd just have to do the best we could. He always had that indomitable smile on his face, and when he wasn't yelling salutations across the library lawn he was spending time with his Waterville "Little Brother" or promoting the Boy Scouts. He was an avid outdoorsman as well, with an enviable sensitivity and appreciation for nature. Most of us, however, will remember him as the impetus behind the "Lazy Mule Triathlon," which he inaugurated on Johnson Pond during the winter of 1985.

In April 1988 a small oak was planted in his memory next to Johnson Pond, an addition to the fine memorials and eulogies to David Westra that preceded it. February 22 marked the third year of his death, and we miss him. But just as his contributions to our lives will grow within and enrich each of us, his tree will also grow. Every time we return to Colby, we may stand beneath it and remember important a friend can be.

Tom Claytor '85 and Mark Howard '85

On the Role of the Media

Robert Hager, parent of Christina Hager '90 and a nine-year NBC news correspondent, spoke in Roberts Union on October 27, 1988. During his lecture, 'The Media and Presidential Elections,' Hager admitted that although television is the dominant political force in America, it is compelled by its format to deal with issues more superficially than the press media.

Hager, who has covered numerous political conventions since 1964, explained that soundbites—short clips of the candidates that TV viewers see on the evening news—are getting shorter as TV news gets slicker. As candidates realize that the pictures of a soundbite "tend to be more powerful than their content" they often oversimplify the issues. Hager stated that this leads to a competition between the candidates as they try to overshadow each other's image in daily TV soundbites. Finally, a controversy emerges over who controls the agenda of the campaign, the candidates or the media?

To resolve this controversy, Hager asserted that the television medium must change its presentation to facilitate a more free exchange. He also suggested that the candidates and networks agree well before a campaign to make free time available to each candidate to speak on appropriate issues. Such a move would give audiences a better feel for the issues, he said, particularly in the early stages of the presidential election year.

A Man Called Suss

Julius Sussman '19 died nearly five years ago, but his long and interesting life is detailed in a recent book by Celia C. Risen. "Yankee Fiddler: A Man Called Suss" consists mainly of excerpts from hours of taped interviews with Sussman and his late wife, Lil, as they reminisced over the struggles and joys of their married life, including the loss of $10,000 invested in a shoe factory, the life of their son, Sidney John, whom they eventually lost to Down's Syndrome, Sussman's multiple heart attacks, and his wife's five months in a body cast with a broken back.

Sussman was born in Kentucky to...
Polish immigrants, but his family moved to New England the following year. Accepted at Colby in 1914 without a high school diploma, he set window panes and played the violin for his room and board and established a society for Jewish men that eventually became Colby's Tau Delta Phi fraternity. After the Sussmans married secretly in 1921, they established themselves in Augusta as "the repository for information about Jewish holidays in the community." Eventually they set up the Augusta-Gardiner chapter of B'nai Brith in their own home.

The couple remained upbeat through many years of physical and emotional pain, and Sussman continued to play the violin and perform clown acts for local kindergartens and schools for mentally retarded children. Colby alumni will remember his performances for the Fifty-plus Club at reunions. In 1978 he was awarded a Colby Brick.

Yankee Fiddler is valuable not only for the Sussmans' lively narrative but for its preservation of Maine and Colby history and of the difficulties many Jews faced integrating themselves into Yankee society. The book may be ordered from the Colby bookstore.

Colby Reaches for the Stars

Last fall Colby welcomed its newest structure, a small cylindrical observatory in the northeast corner of the campus near the baseball field and hard by the Gould Music Shell. The building houses a 400-power, 14-inch Celestron telescope, the gift of Chicago real estate executive Anthony Kramer '62. Both the telescope and observatory were given in memory of Kramer's classmate, Lawrence Walker Collins III.

The equivalent of a 3,910 mm camera lens, the instrument enables a user to perceive an object 5,000 times "fainter" than would be possible without magnification. Associate Professor of Physics Murray F. Campbell, whose specialty is astronomy, predicts that much of the research he and his students conduct will center on stars that vary in brightness. "The benefit of such a telescope," he said, "is not so much that we can see farther stars but that we will be able to see ones that are much fainter." Campbell added that the new telescope handsomely supplements the portable telescopes now used in his astronomy lab course.

The observatory, brought from Illinois last summer on a flatbed truck, was stored until November while Colby scientists pondered the best location for its reassembly. Now in place, the telescope will expand horizons for more than Colby students. Campbell has planned several "public evenings" for area residents next summer, which will include lectures and subsequent stargazing.

Faculty and Others

Associate Professor of Sociology Sonya Rose and Associate Professor of Modern Languages (German) Peter Nutting have received National Endowment for the Humanities fellowships awarded under the NEH program for "college teachers and independent scholars." Rose will complete her book, Gender, Labor, or Capital: Industrial Relations in 19th-Century Britain. Nutting's fellowship will enable him to complete a book on Kafka titled Kafka's Clowns.

Associate Professor of Modern Foreign Languages (Portuguese and Spanish) Priscilla Doel was recently interviewed by popular morning show host Peter Miller on CBC, the Canadian national radio network. Doel discussed the "Portuguese Presence" in Newfoundland and Labrador, the topic of her research during her recent sabbatical leave.
Associate Dean of Students Joyce McPhetres-Maisel received a Distinguished Service Award from Region I of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators for “voluntary spirit of membership and a record of involvement and contribution within the region." McPhetres-Maisel has been the association's Maine state director and chair of the annual conferences for four years. She also chaired the regional advisory committee and at conferences and panel discussions has presented topics such as substance abuse.

David Mills ’57 of the English, Modern Languages, and Performing Arts departments rides again, collaborating with Italian film director Sergio Leone on his next film, a Civil War epic titled A Place That Only Mary Knows. Stars will be Mickey Rourke and Richard Gere. Mills will do research for the film, collaborate on the script, and write the dialogue, as he did for Leone's Once Upon a Time in America.

Assistant Professor Jonathan Hallstrom of the Music Department received a grant from the Sloan Foundation to support work at MIT and Stanford to develop circular modules that integrate sample sound and procedural composition concepts in courses on music theory. The modules will include the use of computer-manipulated sample sound to study acoustical principles and will apply to the creation of music structure.

Professor of Government G. Calvin Mackenzie shuttled between Waterville and Washington, D.C., last fall, advising President-elect Bush's transition team.

The election of George Mitchell, LL.D. ’83, as Senate majority leader in December focused a great deal of attention on both his hometown of Waterville and on Colby. Mitchell’s father was employed in the Buildings and Grounds Department, and for the past 22 years his brother, John (“Swisher”), has been assistant men’s basketball coach. During his college summers the senator worked with the Colby grounds crew. President Cotter was one of several of the nation’s educators who praised the Democrat’s choice in The Chronicle of Higher Education. “He has been very supportive [of higher education],” Cotter said of Mitchell, “but he is also a very judicious person. He is responsible about fiscal issues and will be serious about balancing the budget.”

Nota Bene

Due to unavoidable scheduling conflicts, the annual Kingsley Birge lecture will not be given this school year. The program will resume in 1989-90.

Five Colby alumni are serving in leadership positions at Mount Ida College, Newton Centre, Mass. Pictured with Bryan E. Carlson, president of Mount Ida, are (front row, from left): President Carlson, Helen Moore Phillips ’48, administrative assistant; James Martin ’70, vice president for academic affairs; (back row) Victor F. Scalise, Jr. ’54, vice president for institutional advancement; P. Kendall Palmer, Jr. ’64, executive vice president; and John Kearns ’69, professor of psychology.

Update: Alumni Directory and Alumni Information Project

Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Randy Helm recently announced a two-phase Alumni Information Project scheduled to begin next fall. During the first phase, as outlined in the winter issue of Currents, the College will compile a new directory that will be published in late 1989 by the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company and will include home and business addresses Colby class, other college degrees, and business or professional affiliations for all Colby men and women. The Harris Publishing Company will be contacting alumni during the next several months to verify and correct address information and then will make the directory available to alumni at a reasonable charge next fall.

The second stage of information gathering will begin in October 1989 with the posting of a comprehensive questionnaire to all alumni that the College is able to reach by mail. Director of Alumni Relations Susan Conant Cook emphasized that “the census will provide us with a deeper understanding of our alumni, their perspectives on their years at Colby, their career and other important life choices, and how their Colby experience has affected their continuing growth and development. [It] will also provide graduates with an opportunity to evaluate our alumni programs.”

Completed questionnaires will remain confidential even though the College will publish a report of significant patterns and trends based on the aggregate response. This should help Colby evaluate the effectiveness of its liberal arts program. But, says Vice President Helm, “the success of the Alumni Information Project—and Colby’s continued ability to strengthen its reputation and performance—will depend on a high rate of alumni participation. We hope all alumni will respond positively when contacted for the alumni directory by Harris Publishing during the next few months, and again next year when we launch phase two’
Jazz: Myth and Religion
Neil Leonard '50
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In his fascinating book Jazz: Myth and Religion, Neil Leonard observes that many commentators have detected a relationship between jazz and religion. Leonard's contribution to this field is to explore jazz as religion. To what extent, he wonders, are jazz movements sects and the musicians prophets; to what extent is their craft a supernatural ideal and its practice a ritual?

To answer these questions Leonard brings to his considerable knowledge of jazz culture the luminaries of the sociology and anthropology of religion. Following Ernst Troeltsch's model of the "ideal church," Leonard depicts jazz as a "sect" persecuted by and hostile to an elitist and covertly racist (and sexist) orthodox "church" of classical music. The jazz movement became "churchly" if not "church" while throwing off new sects. Leonard identifies these sects as early jazz or "Dixieland," followed by bop in the 1940s and "free jazz" of the 1960s and '70s, and argues that each threatened the pure canon that had preceded them. The hostility of established "churchly" jazz predecessors pushes each new sect beyond the margin of respectability.

Forced into this border state, the jazz movement operates much like a cult. Jazz cults form around prophetic figures like Bix Beiderbecke, Charlie Parker, and John Coltrane, whose talent and charisma make them authoritative transmitters of an ecstatic, supernatural ideal, or gnosia. This gnosia both binds the musicians and their fans and fellow travelers together in a community of the faithful and sharply differentiates the community from the world of "the squares."

Rituals of musical performance and initiation and ritually dictated characteristics of behavior such as appearance, humor, and language "told the believer what to do and how to do it" and helped orient and structure activity, shape experience, and quell doubt. Myths, or "stories about sacred heroes and origins," enacted these rituals or grew out of them. In either case, myths provided the jazz movement "coherence and significance" and placed a whole people "into a cosmic context that explained and justified their existence and their music." Finally, a jazz lalit of critics, aficionados, hipsters, beats, and dancers receive the musical sacrament from the masters and in return serve as missionaries who continuously bring the cult to a hostile world and, ultimately, respectability.

Leonard's rigorous application of technical and jargon-studded concepts to the jazz culture occasionally provides jarring disjunctions, as, for example, when he describes conversions to jazz as "maze-way reformulations." But for the most part, such fidelity to his analogy between jazz and religion is illuminating and provocative. Leonard concludes that jazz is "a powerful social force" and that it is "bringing intimations of magic and the sacred to an era whose enormous changes have depleted conventional faiths." Jazz: Myth and Religion tells us not only about an extraordinary culture but how jazz substitutes for religion in a secular era.

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Designing a Major Dream

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The studio lights pervaded the room. A tall, handsome man strode in front of the cameras, nonchalantly sat behind the anchor desk, and began reviewing the script. I squinted, filtering the spotlights to get a better look. A production assistant seated me in the background and gave me headsets and a switcher so I could monitor the newscasts of several different stations. Within a minute, the director, a grey-haired man, yelled, "Everyone seated! Quiet on the set! Five, four, three..." The figure at the desk came to life. "Good evening," he said, "I'm Peter Jennings with ABC World News.

I fixed on his profile, intent on his composed manner. I watched his lips form every word, awed at seeing in person a news anchor I've always admired on the television screen. As I spent the next year interning at 'ABC World News' in New York City, that initial awe gradually turned to informed understanding.

During my freshman year at Colby this internship was only a dream—but a dream I designed in an independent major so that I could pursue a career as a news reporter. When friends and relatives asked me why I was going to a liberal arts college instead of a journalism school, my response was simple: I was heeding the advice of several successful media professionals to get a solid liberal arts education, take a couple of courses in communications, and do an internship for work experience in the field.

Sometimes at Colby I questioned this advice and ended up talking with Jim McIntyre, the director of Career Services. He emphasized that a liberal arts college would make it possible for me to learn many different subjects. I also remembered the phone conversation I'd had with former NBC president Lawrence Grossman when I was still in high school. Figuring that the best way to get sound advice was to go straight to the top, I'd tried to get through to him for hours, but his secretary told me he was in a meeting. Whether she got tired of my persistence or he really did get out of his meeting I'll never know, but he finally agreed to speak to me. Only a few media courses were necessary for news reporting, he told me, because most of the information taught at journalism schools would be learned during the first month at a job.

Recalling his advice while I was at Colby helped me confirm my belief that to reach my news reporting goals I needed an education in a broad range of liberal arts.

Designing my own major, "Communication Liberal Arts," was the most logical way to achieve this education at Colby, but it was an arduous task to get the major approved by the Colby independent major board. I worked for weeks with Dean of the College Earl Smith, trying to create the right balance of Colby courses and plan my internships and exchange programs. Dean Smith's experience as a journalist, his 23 years in the Colby administration, and his support, advice, and reasoning were crucial as we worked out a major consisting of history, psychology, and sociology and a deeper emphasis in government, economics, and English. A knowledge of government was necessary for political reporting, economics was important for covering stories in the state's budget or even in the stock market, and English was the base for writing and thinking logically.

These courses, however, were only a part of my independent major proposal. I acquired journalism experience during a Colby-in-Washington semester interning at Cable News Network (CNN) and then in a year's exchange program at Hunter College's Junior Year in New York. It's not
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Headed back to the newsroom to help distribute run-downs—lists of the order and timing of each news piece—and to monitor the newscast from the control room or the news studio.

When I had free time I generated my own story proposals and presented them to Peter Jennings and the executive producer. The most worthwhile moment of my internship came when Peter Jennings and the executive producer accepted my story proposal on an abortion pill, RU 486, which was scheduled to go on the market in a few months and was causing protests by anti-abortion groups. I was assigned to work on it with a producer and a correspondent. After we had begun the initial interviews, however, a crisis in Panama sent the correspondent to cover that event, putting my story on hold.

Studying and interning in Washington and New York City, two of the country's media capitals, provided a wonderfully intense contrast to Colby life. Even during my busiest times—when I was taking six classes at Hunter College and working the internships at both "ABC World News" and "20/20"—I always had time to see Broadway shows, ballets, museums, galleries, night clubs, and the parades and cultural and ethnic celebrations. Nevertheless, though a year and a half may seem a long time away from Colby, it gave me a new perspective and let me focus even more on courses that I found through my internships to be essential to news reporting. For instance, my senior year courses became directly related to events in the media. "Soviet Domestic Policy" gave me a better understanding of a country that is in our news every day. "Comparative Economics Systems" taught me backgrounds and current political and economic situations of the Soviet Union, China, Cuba, Japan, Poland, Nicaragua, Hungary, and Yugoslavia. Professors also suggested projects and papers that pertained to my field. Professor of Economics Fred Moseley discussed economic current events during class and took time after class to talk with me about articles in the newspapers. My government professor, Rita Moore, encouraged me to work on an analysis of the changes in the Soviet media resulting from the Gorbachev reforms.

Now, in the midst of my senior year, more than three years since I designed my independent major, I'm beginning to realize that I have something to show. With extensive planning at the beginning of my college education—and some restructuring of the proposal according to changes in course offering—I've averaged five courses a semester in addition to the internships, a schedule that has prepared me for the long hours of a news reporter and has taught me how to make the most of a little time. I've landed internships and summer jobs as a news reporter covering events on the scene and as anchor of a weekly newscast. As a program director I set up interviews, commercials, and some of the business aspects of "Adams Russell" cable television in Leominster, Mass. These jobs also led to my position as a stringer for UPI covering local Massachusetts stories in my hometown and, later, the Waterville scene when I was at Colby. All of these experiences in my independent major have helped me work my way into the "networking" process, the intricate channels through which each accomplishment may lead to the next.

While I was interning, CNN allowed me to make a résumé tape, producing and reporting a news story and anchoring a newscast I had written. Last summer when I looked back at my résumé tape I laughed at myself and was happy to see how much the experience had helped me in only a year and a half. Recently I completed another résumé tape at the cable station where I worked the past two summers. In another year I hope I'll look back at this tape and see progress, too.

One night during my internship, as the lights brightened the room, Peter Jennings was already positioned at the anchor desk. Camera one zoomed out to a wide shot to open the news with the entire studio in the background. I dashed into the newsroom with the rundown and placed myself near a switcher so I could view the other networks' newscasts and compare the different focuses. As Jennings read the scripts, I watched the teleprompter, noting his intonation and effective pauses. During a commercial break he turned around to see who was in the newsroom. Our eyes met; he smiled, gave me a comradely wink, then turned back to scan his copy.
Colby recently had an opportunity to talk at length with Peteris Sliede and Alexander Zaharos, exchange students from the Soviet Union who are spending the 1988-89 academic year at Colby. The College is a member of a group of 26 institutions, including Middlebury, Amherst, Bates, and Bowdoin, which brought 56 Soviet undergraduates to American universities and colleges and will send an equal number of Americans to study at leading universities in several republics of the Soviet Union. Following a month of orientation at Middlebury, Alexander and Peteris came to Colby.

Peteris Sliede is a handsome, slightly-built man of 23. He is married, has a young son, and is in his fourth year of a five-year physics program. He speaks English slowly and carefully, with a special depth of feeling when the subject is his beloved Republic of Latvia and his home city of Riga on the Baltic Sea.

Alexander is an English major at the Institute of Foreign Languages in Moscow. The tall and serious 24-year-old is an ethnic Russian from a city 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) south of the capital. He is training to be an interpreter or translator and speaks fluent, almost unaccented English.

We began by asking Peteris and Alexander to describe their emotions when they learned that they would be coming to the United States, the advice they were given by parents and friends, and what they felt upon arrival.

Alexander: Well, I wasn't scared at all. I was very much excited. When I entered the Institute in 1983, I began to collect any information about the United States from our newspapers and magazines. The things which were discussed in our press were just political items—treaties and agreements with the Soviet Union and the actions of the United States on the international arena. So I didn't have much information about what the real America looked like and how people lived there and what they did and so on.

But I don't know why, I never had the idea that the American people want to deteriorate the situation in the world or conquer other countries or unleash war with the Soviet Union. I've never thought of the American people in bad terms. My understanding has always been very warm and positive. And when I came here I was not disappointed.

Peteris: I knew exactly that I was coming to the United States only five days before leaving. My father said that he envied me this opportunity and advised me to study the language as much as possible and also computers. My grandparents are rather old and have experienced the Stalinist era. They advised me not to speak without thinking my thoughts over because, they said, it would come to a bad end for my future. I think this is old fashioned. I don't worry. But I must be responsible for what I say, not to talk nonsense, because I am a representative of my country and American people will listen to me and draw conclusions about my country.

When we flew into New York, the look from the airplane was fascinating! Long Island, huge cities, lots of houses and wide roads. But after we landed it was like a switch from positive to rather negative. The international airport was so crowded. There were long lines to the immigration. And the people in the airport were not kind at all to the passengers. So I felt scared of this society and these people. When we went out of the air-conditioned terminal room to our buses the air was so heavy! The streets were not in a very good condition. There were many jams. Dirty roads and many writings on the walls and fences. But as soon as we were in Middlebury, everything changed. A new life started!

We asked Alexander and Peteris to describe their academic work both in the Soviet Union and here at Colby.
Pete ris: My major is physics and solid-state physics is my specialization. Students specialize in such narrow areas beginning from their fourth year. Solid-state physics is the study of the structure and properties of condensed matter — crystals, glasses, ceramic materials, and various plastics. This is a very practical branch of science and becomes more and more popular because there is a very great demand on science for new materials for military and civil needs.

This semester I'm taking a quantum physics course, a computer science course which teaches Pascal language, a writing laboratory in English, and a course on science in America; half historic, half social studies. I am finding physics, so far, less difficult than I had in my university. But that's understandable because the purpose of liberal arts colleges is not to train students in a very narrow area but to give a broad scope of knowledge.

So far, I have already studied [quantum physics] in my university in shorter time with less [emphasis on] applications. Our course was more theoretic with more mathematics. More advanced I would say.

Alexander has a somewhat different view.

Alexander: When I came here I was scared in terms of how I would understand people, living with them in everyday life. I could speak on academic topics but I'd never had any experience just in talking on everyday things. So I was scared. But now I don't have any problems. I have never lived in a dorm before. It's a new experience for me and quite interesting. I don't see any problems living with American students.

As students they are pretty much the same as students in the Soviet Union. I think that students work individually harder here than we do. But as people of this particular culture, they are different even if they are students. They are very open and friendly as are American people in general. I think it's the impact of your culture that students are so friendly and are ready to help in any situation if you have any difficulties.

We asked Peteris if liberal arts colleges like Colby existed in the Soviet Union.

Peteris: I would say that it 'liberal arts' in high school. We call it "middle school." The students are taught all the subjects including natural sciences, mathematics, literature, music, physical education, work in factories [industrial arts], and handicrafts. Everybody takes these courses because there is no such term as 'elective.' So the high school graduate is a well-rounded person. But as soon as the applicant enters a university, he or she begins to study very specialized courses and from year to year the specialization is more and more pronounced.

Alexander, a self-confessed urbanite, commented upon campus life at Colby.

Alexander: I hoped in the bottom of my heart that I would be assigned to a college in a big city. In my mind America was associated with big cities. So it happened that I was assigned to Colby, and I like Colby very much. I've been to Bates and frankly speaking, I didn't like it that much. The setting is much prettier at Colby.

But still, the thing which I don't like very much about Colby is it is in a relatively small city and is somehow isolated even from this small city. Students live within this environment and they don't have much interaction in the world. There is no need even to go downtown.
There are a lot of parties on campus and in the dormitories, videos, movies, lectures, everything... even a theater. Still I would prefer a big city.

But on the other hand, what is good about Colby is also that by virtue of its isolation, the students spend more time learning. They don't pay much attention to anything but the courses they are taking. This is good.

Naturally, we were interested in Peteris's and Alexander's views on political matters. We discussed the recent American presidential campaign.

Peteris: I would say that it was very, very democratic. The society is so free that people can say whatever they want and the mass media is free in expressing different opinions. That is good. But I think this unrestricted freedom for everybody, including the presidential candidates, has led to this negative campaigning.

Alexander: I didn't really analyze and study the platforms in depth. I read just what ordinary Americans read in newspapers and magazines. I saw a couple of the debates on TV. I got the impression that they didn't really address the nation. They didn't actually speak about their platforms and what they would like to do with the country and how they would like to solve different issues. They would just attack each other. That's what I didn't like. But it was interesting because we don't have such things in our country. We are just trying to introduce it right now.

Recently I read, even in Pravda, that eminent Soviet scientists and academicians and people like that have spoken in favor of a multi-party system. Gorbachev's great power might be an obstacle in the way to reach independence of the smaller nations. I'm very interested in the positive outcome of that issue.

Another point is that there is great mistrust in our country toward the policy which is being led by our government, because now we begin to read in our newspapers and to realize that our country's internal policy and foreign policy were not always led in the best way and the government lied about what actually happened. So how can we trust the government and the policies now? Should we trust now or not?

Alexander: What I like about Gorbachev, and what I think most Soviet people like, is that he is trying his best to change things because everybody knows this is no way to live. So something must
Peteris Sliede is a physics student from Riga, Latvia.

be done. But nobody knows what, in particular, should be done. It is difficult to say, "Do this and everything will change for the better." Nobody can say that. But he is trying to do everything possible to turn the country to the better.

I appreciate what he is doing and his plans in that he is trying to democratize our country. If one wants to make a country more democratic, then there is no way to stop just halfway. I think that the events in the Baltic republics and Armenia reflect this painful process of democratization. We've never had something like that before and people don't know what to do about it, how to deal with it. So it's learning on the run.

We asked for their perspectives on relations between our two countries.

Peteris: Just before coming here there was a positive change in the attitude towards the United States. But still the relationship is reserved because for so many years the relations were so cold. Our mass media told us that the United States was a super-power that wanted to impose its aggressive policy on the world. So now it is difficult to switch the minds. Even when Reagan and Gorbachev met, the general opinion was that this was not a very frank or true step from Reagan but that it was a sort of show or necessity pressed upon Reagan by the world community.

Alexander: It's really difficult for me to say on behalf of the whole Soviet country. I can only say my personal opinion. Reagan came to power in 1980 and Gorbachev came to power five years later. Before that our relations remained somewhat tense. It is quite apparent that something changed with the coming of Gorbachev to the Kremlin. Since then, the relations between the two countries have begun to ease. Why didn't Reagan continue his previous line and escalate the situation and make it even more tense? But he didn't do it. He responded to Gorbachev's desire to improve the relations between the two countries and make a better world. So I appreciate what Reagan did. He didn't remain cold towards Moscow.

Finally, we solicited Peteris's and Alexander's advice for American students who go to study in the Soviet Union.

Alexander: I would like to see more of these exchanges. I think they are beneficial for both sides. Not only in terms of acquiring knowledge but in terms of a better understanding of each other. Getting closer and closer.

My advice would be the same as my parents gave me. Just be yourself in every situation and don't be shy or scared to say what you think. If something is wrong, say it. If you don't like something you don't like it.

Peteris: First of all, to study language as much as possible. To understand the spoken language. I felt unable to do anything at first because of not understanding what was going on around me. So, language and language and language. Also, take as much information as possible about the United States. Not about great politics. That we know more or less. But about the household of the Americans. About the customs. About everyday life. About traditions. Slides, pictures, postcards. We are interested in the actual life of Americans. Not what is in the newspapers but what is under that.

Both Peteris and Alexander miss their homes and families, but both look forward to the time when they may return to the United States.

Peteris: That is my dream. To study at MIT or other prominent university. That will be possible only if I am chosen again in exchange. Or later when I am working on my candidate of science or doctoral thesis, I hope I will be able to go to study there.

Alexander: I miss the whole atmosphere of the country. I was brought up there so it is difficult to break any relations with it. I don't understand Americans who leave the United States and, say, go to France and live there the rest of their lives.

But to come back here sometime, not for the rest of my life, just for a couple of years, either to study or to work... it is a great opportunity.
In the new addition to Miller Library is a study carrel given in honor of George T. Nickerson '24 by John A. Briggs '52 and his wife, Carol. This is one of the more tangible tributes paid to a man whose connection to people, especially young ones, has always been strong and vital.

Nickerson spent most of his professional career working with young people. From 1947 to 1967 he was "the dean" to thousands of Colby men, but before that he shepherded droves of boys through the hazards of adolescence during several years as master at St. Paul's School in Garden City, N.Y. and as dean of boys at Cranbrook School in Michigan and Scarsdale High School in New York. At a reunion in 1946 he remarked to G. Cecil Goddard '29 that he had sent "an awful lot of boys to Colby" from the prep school level and he'd "kind of like to be on the receiving end for a change." Hiring was a simpler affair 40 years ago. Goddard referred him to President Bixler, who arranged a meeting next day with chair of the board Neil Leonard '21 over lunch at the Union Club in Boston. Nickerson was hired on the spot, and in 1946 Colby acquired its first full-time dean of admissions.

That year hordes of college-bound men returning from the war flooded the admissions office with applications. Nickerson's wife, Ruth, often helped read the avalanche of folders he brought home at night. Aside from a secretary, the dean was the whole office, and time spent "on the road" was minimal. In 1947 the College combined the admissions duties with those of dean of men, but the burden proved to be too great. In a major administrative shuffle, William Bryan '48 was hired, first as assistant dean of admissions and then as head of the office in 1949. Nickerson replaced Ernest Mariner '13, the new dean of faculty, as dean of men. This shift of personnel marked the beginning of a new age for the College. Never again was it exclusively the "hometown school" as a large-scale campaign of out-of-state recruitment began. Today the admissions office requires a dean, seven professional assistant and associate deans for on-the-road recruiting, six support staff, and several part-time interviewers.

In 1989 the College's dean of students, Janice Seitzinger, oversees both men and women, but when Nickerson served from 1947 to 1967 he was accountable only for the men. One of his favorite quotations is the definition of a college campus as "a place where young people mature without strain on their parents," and as parent substitute Nickerson had his share of vexations, among them the increasingly volatile liquor and fraternity mix on the new campus.

Since 1851 alcohol had been forbidden to Colby students, and even after the repeal of Prohibition in 1933 the College continued to ban liquor despite escalating student pressure for change. Much of the opposition was due to the influence of trustee George G. Averill, chair of the board from 1944 to 1946 and a major benefactor. With President Bixler's approval, Nickerson undertook a series of "persuasive visits" to Averill, and although "Averill's feet were in cement on that one;" eventually in 1960, six years after his death, the trustees agreed to allow liquor on campus, subject to state law—but only for men. Women were not accorded the same privilege until 1967.

Once the alcohol issue was in the open, Nickerson maintains today, it was simpler to deal with campus problems. He found that working with the Men's Judiciary, which was composed entirely
of students, "made my job a lot easier" and was a "fairer" means of dealing with offenders. The students had pressured for the change of rules, and they now became "a jury of peers." Such participation helped to promote maturity, responsibility, and mutual trust in the College community. Upon his retirement in 1967, when Nickerson was awarded a coveted Colby Brick, the College noted "the gratitude of hundreds of Colby men [for] your keen perception, able guidance, thoughtful justice, and, most importantly, your friendship."

The year he retired, the Nickersons and their daughter, Leigh, flew to Saudi Arabia, where he was consultant in setting up a dean's office at the College of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran. When he returned in 1969 he served a year as acting dean of men at the University of Maine at Farmington. In 1970 he retired from college administration but not from community service. He was president and chair of the Maine State YMCA and was given the "Distinguished Service to Youth Award" by that organization for 21 years on the executive committee. Still an active church member, Nickerson was a senior warden for five years and a long-time vestry man at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

These days George Nickerson can usually be found somewhere in the Thayer Unit of Mid-Maine Medical Center, where he spends many hours each week as a volunteer. He has been chair of the Mansfield Clinic advisory board, is still a patient-opinion poll interviewer, a member of the Volunteer Emergency Room Team, and a Waterville Hospice volunteer. He is a long-time editor of the Mid-Maine Medical Center Volunteers Newsletter, and he dispenses calm cheer and good-natured help on all levels of the hospital, a place where it's always needed.

George Nickerson turns 87 on April 1, but he has hardly slowed down. What does he do in his spare time? He and Ruth, who live in Winslow, play bridge the year round, travel to Florida every winter, and visit their daughter and her family in Lamoine Beach, Maine. Last year, "for the fun of it," they flew to Yugoslavia with good friends Marjorie and Phil Bither '30 and Dudley and Doris Smith. In April 1989 the Nickersons plan a 50th wedding anniversary celebration. Instead of a party they are taking Leigh, her husband, Sandy, and 12-year-old Shawn abroad for 10 days—because, Nickerson said, "I want to see Shawn's face when he arrives in Europe."

George Nickerson's bond to young people still holds strong.

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Say you are 22 years old and a recent Colby graduate. And say that, along with a flock of college friends and a large, boisterous dog, you have been driving around the nation for several months. You and your friends have been sleeping on couches and car seats and working odd jobs such as slitting salmon bellies at an Alaskan cannery. After a summer in San Francisco, you pull into Portland, Ore., almost inadvertently. You find a flimsy, inexpensive apartment and easy, part-time jobs that will pay the rent—and leave you plenty of time for bicycling, downing beers, and making road trips to the coast.

Then say one member of your group suddenly suggests that you start a business—that you open a restaurant and call it Pizza for the People. Would you laugh? You probably would, but if you are like the five founders of Portland's Pizza Oasis, whose travels are described above, you would also act on your friend's proposal. Beginning two years ago the friends, all of them Colby Class of 1986, channeled their restless energy into becoming pizza entrepreneurs, and they created a business with staying power.

Located at 2241 West Burnside in Portland, Oasis is hardly a gray-suit enterprise. Crews of teenage employees, some in tie-dye, some with long hair dyed white and one wearing a T-shirt that reads 'Ski Naked,' weave behind the restaurant counters, bumping into one another as they jive to the blare of caustic music. The ambience, says Jim Dixon, a restaurant critic for Portland's Willamette Week, is so 'decidedly punkish' that newcomers will have 'the feeling that they're about to eat Pizza from Hell.'

Initial impressions are misleading, though: despite the apparent chaos, Oasis is producing what is now widely recognized as one of the best pizzas in town. The restaurant's cheese slice Dixon says, "is better than average. nicely browned, with a [thick] crust and a robust tomatoey taste." The quality of the food and an innovative menu, which includes whole wheat crust and pizza topped with broccoli and a cream sauce, seem to be enough to ensure the restaurant a diverse clientele. Says John Miller, one of the Oasis founders, "We attract a lot of families. We don't turn down the music for them but we are really nice to them, and they keep coming back."

The bottom line, however, is not the volume of the music or even having a faithful clientele. It's making money. And Oasis has been doing that quite well. Miller keeps monthly tabs on the restaurant's revenue and says that its gross has never decreased from one month to the next. Totaling $11,000 in its first month, Oasis grew so rapidly that, after less than a year in business, the restaurant's owners were already franchising. They opened a new restaurant, Oasis Cafe, are now grossing between $45,000 and $50,000 every month, and expect to take in over half a million this year.

Pizza Oasis started in October 1986—as a joke. The laughs began when John Miller, who was then delivering part-time for northeast Portland's American Dream Pizza, saw an ad saying that a pizzeria in the suburbs was for sale. Along with Katie Colbert, Amy Melker, and Dwite Trainer, fellow Colby classmates who were living with him in a northwest Portland apartment, Miller soon visited a realtor to discuss buying the $25,000 business. The quartet had no money and, save Miller, no knowledge of pizza-making. Says Miller, "We weren't taking it too seriously. We threw ugly blazers on over our regular clothes . . . and the realtor treated us as if we were little kids."

The meeting with the realtor was not entirely fruitless. His condescension was taunting, and the group itched to prove him wrong—to find a storefront it could shape into a more stylish eatery. As the only member of the group with business experience, Miller was, quite clearly, the most suited to take the first serious steps toward opening a restaurant. The economics major had acquired a wealth of business sense from his father, a record producer, and had headed two lucrative summer businesses, a yard maintenance firm in Connecticut and a child-care service in California.

While his friends worked odd jobs washing dishes and folding cardboard advertising displays for the Roman Meal Company, Miller initiated the pizza venture by seeking "For Rent" signs. He searched only in northwest Portland because, he says, the area was quickly becoming gentrified and was a more lucrative district
to open a business. The northwest section, he adds, was also alluring because it had only one pizzeria that consistently attracted a young clientele.

Low rent made the west side's 2241 Burnside the most attractive site for the restaurant. While $750 a month may sound cheap for a 1,200-square-foot commercial space with 20-foot-high ceilings and two walls of windows, it was a bit steep for youths with nearly invisible bank accounts. And it seemed very steep when the friends began to contemplate buying thousands of dollars worth of kitchen equipment.

The group needed a loan—or a sponsor. But neither the banks nor the Small Business Association would even discuss loaning to entrepreneurs with less than two years of experience in the field they sought to enter. Miller briefly considered allying with a venture capital firm, but when he learned that doing so would obligate Oasis to give its financiers up to 80 percent of the gross, he recoiled.

Desperate, the group turned to Miller's father for $30,000. The loan, Miller insists, was not just the gift of a doting parent. "He's a shrewd businessman," he says of his father. "He's in this to make a profit." And, to make his investment more certain, the elder Miller insisted that the entrepreneurs not call their restaurant Pizza for the People.

The loan transformed the business from a humorous lark to a very real prospect and stirred excitement among the friends. By New Year's Day 1987, the owners had chosen the name Pizza Oasis, Colby classmate Jim Frew had wandered west from Boston, and all five Colbyites were working 80-hour weeks to convert the Burnside site from an insurance office to a restaurant.

During the getting-ready period, each partner developed an area of expertise. "We didn't assign responsibilities," says Colbert. "Everyone leaned automatically toward doing something they were good at." Art majors Frew and Melker designed and implemented an interior whose imitation palm trees and sky blue ceiling were in keeping with the Oasis theme. Miller remained the administrator, and Colbert applied her skill for detail work by negotiating with insurers and supplies sales representatives.

Readying for opening also involved numerous trips to the Portland Building, where one gathers such paperwork as liquor license applications and fire safety manuals, and to the hinterlands of southeast Portland, where second-hand shops specializing in restaurant equipment abound.

While these junkets were vital, the most important and time-consuming project was, of course, construction. Trainer was the natural leader for this aspect of the business. Having taken a high school drafting class and having erected shacks while working in Alaska one summer, he was the only partner with even a hint of construction background.

Under Trainer's guidance, the five partners usually worked simultaneously at the construction site. The arrangement afforded surprisingly quick, cheap progress. "Everyone told us that five partners were way too many," Miller says, "but starting up, it was a great asset. We had tons of free labor and were able to divide up responsibilities."

Occasionally, however, the combination of 80-hour weeks and five friends working close together induced a delirium, a giddy atmosphere in which mistakes were inevitable. One February afternoon three disasters occurred in one hour. Miller tripped and spilled stain onto the restaurant's carpet, Trainer splashed blue paint on the front window and the whole crew ruined the doorframe as they toted in a new refrigerator. When, in a dizzy spell, Melker nearly fell from a 15-foot scaffolding, the group decided to quit seven hours early and go out for drinks on the business. During the construction, Miller says, the partners worked so closely that "if you wanted to go to the bathroom, you had to tell everyone else." As his tone suggests, proximity led to tension. The most heated flare-up came just as the restaurant was about to open. Miller arranged a work schedule for all the partners, and the move infuriated his friends. Says Colbert, "I felt like telling him, 'Who the hell are you to make up a schedule and throw it at me?'"

The partners addressed such dilemmas through late-night meetings at local bars. The meetings, says Miller, dragged on because the partners were such close
friends and did not want to step on each others' toes. "Don't ever go into business with your friends," he advises without irony, "because, when you do, emotions rule business decisions."

Despite tensions and minor structural problems such as a crooked hallway and a wobbly prep counter, Pizza Oasis construction neared completion by mid-February 1987. The quintet still lacked one crucial ingredient, however: pizza recipes. So Oasis enlisted a chef from American Dream Pizza to help with recipe development and hosted two private taste tests, a business luncheon for KKUL radio staffers and a gorging session for Reed College students.

The recipes proved popular, and Pizza Oasis opened on February 27, 1987. Without having done any advertising, the restaurant took in $235 on its first day. Explains Miller, "People in the neighborhood had seen us building the place, so they came in. They kept coming back because they liked the pizza."

The early days of operation were smooth and marked only by a chance confrontation with a belligerent drunk and a few errant tosses of dough, which the partners were stretching by spinning it. Italian-style, in the air. Major challenges didn't emerge until April, when the expanding business started delivering pizza and hired employees to do the driving. Says Colbert, "It was difficult trying to be a boss because we were so young. We didn't feel we had enough experience to boss someone else around."

To make the role of "boss" less imposing—and to retain the Oasis's casual atmosphere—the partners, says Melkner, almost always hired inexperienced teenage or college-aged youths who were well suited to taking, rather than giving, advice. These employees shared with the partners the enthusiasm and pride that comes with starting a new business—and were startlingly loyal to a restaurant that was paying them only $3.50 an hour. No workers quit during the first three months, and by late spring the partners and their crew were churning out pizzas.

Running the business became so easy, in fact, that Trainer grew restless—and began losing his fervor for the Oasis. In June 1987, he escaped to Alaska for another summer of salmon-slitting; by September, he was in Grenada, working for the Peace Corps. Three or four months later, Melker and Frew also became bored—and exhausted—by the pizza regimen. "It was draining to work there," says Melker, a painter who did art work constantly while at the College but produced only one canvas during 1987. "After a while, nothing creative was going on, and thoughts of work saturated your mind."

Like Trainer, Melker and Frew had not entered the business with the hopes of making a career out of pizza-making. Last spring, they left the Oasis, with no other career opportunities in sight. Explains Frew, "I quit because I was working so hard that I didn't have the time to make a decision on what I wanted to do next."

The remaining partners, Miller and Colbert, have put their wanderlust on hold and now entertain ideas of staying in Portland to steer Pizza Oasis and the Oasis Cafe for 10, or even 20, more years. They have resigned themselves to a regimen that includes two or three meetings a day (with food distributors and other salesmen) and 80- to 100-hour workweeks.

While the pair can now talk business with the sober voice of experience, they're running an enterprise that continues to leap forward by taking risks, by winging it. In 1988 the Oasis became the first Portland pizzeria to market frozen pizzas to food stores, and now it's developed a new way to perfect employee performance. The answer, Miller insists, lies in "The Zen Pizza Manifesto," a worker's manual written by employee Sean Farrell.

Laced with quotations from Zen scripture, the manifesto begins, "The Pizza: distant, separate, individually produced ingredients amalgamated to form one beautifully simple dish," and then proceeds to provide a common sense guide to pizza-making. Sound a bit offbeat? "I guess," Colbert acknowledges. But she is smiling as she says this, because "The Zen Pizza Manifesto"—like all the other tactics Oasis has used to shun mainstream business practices—works.

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College communities tend to produce people of uncommonly long tenure. Extreme examples at Colby have been Julian Taylor, who taught at the College for 62 years; a Bangor trustee, Moses Giddings, who served on the Board of Trustees from 1852 to 1911, an astonishing term of 59 years; and Leslie B. Arey '12, a teacher at Northwestern University medical school for an astounding 72 years.

The College has recent examples of long service as well. In 1986 Dorothea "Dot" Marchetti retired after 42 years of service in the library, and Ansel Grindall spent 40 years with the Buildings and Grounds Department before retiring in 1985.

At the annual faculty-trustee dinner last spring, President Cotter took special note of Doris Rowe who, although never a full-time Colby employee, has played a special role at the College for 39 years. For all that time she has been a familiar presence at Colby banquets and other important occasions, making sure that things go smoothly, and on time, and with a special grace and charm that reflect her own personality.

Mrs. Rowe's work for Colby began in 1951. In that year her mother, Eva Clark, was hired by Helen Nichols, the legendary head of the College's dining services, to staff the dinner of the first Colby Business Institute held at the Elmwood Hotel in downtown Waterville. Mrs. Clark was in charge of banquets at the old Elmwood and, beginning at the age of 15, Doris Rowe had been part of her crew. Later she took her mother's position at the Elmwood and, with it, the part-time job as the person who hired, trained, and directed the people who served at special College functions - meetings of not only the Business Institute (she hasn't missed one) but also the Quarterback Club, art show openings, building dedications, campaign dinners, special functions at the president's house, and, of course, the traditional events of Commencement, Homecoming, and Reunion weekends.

When Colby had completely moved to Mayflower Hill, Mrs. Rowe remembers Miss Nichols sending the Colby bus (the Blue Beetle) or taxi cabs to pick up the Elmwood crew for events in Foss Hall and Roberts Union. She has worked for three presidents and several dining service managers and special program heads and recalls with affection and admiration "my presidents" as well as such Colby stalwarts as Bill Millett '25, Bill Macomber '27, Ed Turner, George Whalon, and Dick Dyer.

In 1966 Doris Rowe became manager of the Coffee Shop at Thayer Hospital, now the Mid-Maine Medical Center, where, with her own brand of wit, sympathy, and understanding, she consults regularly with nurses, doctors, volunteers, and visitors. Meanwhile Mrs. Rowe's daughter, Patty Evers, became part of the Colby group, and in recent years the serving crew has often included Patty and four of her children - Jill, John, Angie, and Jimmy.

In making the presentation to Doris Rowe of an inscribed Colby Chair at the faculty-trustee dinner, President Cotter said: "Gracious and cordial, confident and reliable, cheerful and always willing, Doris has become an essential part of Colby ... it is difficult to imagine a Colby function without her."
IN AUGURATIONS

Periodically, Colby is invited to send representatives to special academic events at colleges and universities. The following persons have represented the College at inaugurations in the past months:

Robert W. Belyea ‘51, at the inauguration of A.L. Fritscher as president of Dickinson College.

Garth K. Chandler ‘62, at the inauguration of William Henry Beardsley as president of Husson College.

Deborah Cohen ‘77, at the inauguration of Daniel M. Lambert as president of Baker University.

Andrea Vujan Colaiaco ‘70, at the inauguration of Oscar E. Remick as president of Westminster College.

Thomas Coiman ‘59, at the inauguration of H. Douglas Lee as president of Stetson University.

Leslie Taylor Cooley ‘76, at the inauguration of Sister Ruth Hallenbach as president of Mount Mary College.

Edward S. Cronick ‘75, at the inauguration of F. Thomas Trotter as president of Alaska Pacific University.

Stephen D. Ford ‘68, at the inauguration of Niara Sudarkasa as president of Lincoln University.

Linda Nicholson Goodman ‘62, at the inauguration of Bruce R. Swinburne as president of Mitchell College.

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As promised, here is an introduction to some of the most recent members of 50+: Bob Anthony ’38, Waterville Valley, N.H., has retired from 38 years of teaching at Harvard Business School and reports that seven of his books were published in 1988, some of which were revisions. They deal with his specialties, accounting and business management. He and Kay have traveled extensively, and they are proud of their four grandchildren. • Ralph “Bus” William Brown ’38, Palm Harbor, Fla., and his wife, Bernice, spend five months in Searsport, Maine, and seven in Florida, now that he has retired from being superintendent of schools. He and Bernice still like to talk about their six weeks touring five Russian republics. • Joseph Ciechon ’38, Ridgefield, Conn., is happy to be a man of leisure after many years of teaching math, during which time he co-wrote an algebra text. In 1985 he and Carolyn had the wonderful experience of exploring Alaska from the northern tip to the southern. • Reta Trites Cook ’38, Phillips, a retired teacher, became a great-grandmother in November and already has 11 grandchildren. She keeps active in town government and helps Wendell on the farm. • Martha Wakefield Falcone ’38, Hartford, Conn., has five grown children and three grandchildren. She retired from teaching after 18 years and is actively trying to promote peace and disarmament. What a thrill she had when she returned to China, the land of her birth, after 37 years! • Edith “Billie” Falt Favour ’38, North-east Harbor, is a retired English teacher who feels that she “never had a job that she wasn’t good at.” After her husband’s death, she decided to spend six months a year in Southern California, and she has been playing bridge, taking courses in writing, and attending concerts. She has written two books on Maine Indians, published three poems, and had an article in Down East. In September she visited the Amish country and Brandywine Valley in Pennsylvania. • Archie Follett ’38, Lakeland, Fla., retired from scientific research, is now quite a world traveler, with some teaching of science in Switzerland and South Africa, along with visits to Iceland, Israel, Australia, and New Zealand. In July he and Ellen went to Italy, then attended an Elderhostel program in Beer-sheva and Jerusalem. This last was the result of a 1987 participation in a scientific archeological excavation in Sephoris, four kilometers north of Nazareth. • James Fox ’38, North Dartmouth, Mass., is a semi-retired lawyer who played violin for many years in the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and served for many years as secretary and member of the board of the New Bedford YMCA. In October he and Gertrude visited the British Isles • Fred ’38 and Mary Herd Emery ’38, Bangor, report that he has retired from his life work as a pediatrician. Son Fred, Jr. ’69 is now a federal attorney in Rochester, N.Y. • Ernest “Bud” Frost ’38, Myrtle Beach, Fla., can enjoy golf now that he has retired from his executive position in a public voluntary health organization. He and his wife, Ruth [Ful-
Martha Besson Gorman '38, Marblehead, Mass., is a retired teacher who keeps involved in community activities. She is a volunteer guide at the Lee Mansion and is active in AAUW and church affairs. Recently she had an article, 'A History of the Marblehead Female Humane Society,' published in the Marblehead Magazine. Joyce Perry Goss '38, Elmsford, N.Y., has retired from social work and office positions so that she can enjoy doing things with husband Fred. Both of their children are author-editors living in California and Missouri respectively. Phillips B. Henderson '38, Stoneham, Mass., continues as an American Baptist minister part time. Recently he traveled to Russia on a Bridges-for-Peace Tour and hopes to make a Friendship Tour to China soon. He and Gertrude have two children and eight grandchildren. Edward M. '38 and Helen Lewis Hooper '38, Charlotte, N.C., have limited activities because of Helen's illness. He has retired from his craft supply business and has become a nurse's aide. For a hobby he collects fishing supplies. He remembers with pride his work as president of the Exchange Club and of the Toastmasters' Club, as secretary of the Association of Civic Clubs, and as director of the Carousel Parade in Charlotte. Helen Foster Jenison '38, North Scituate, R.I., does volunteer work in school and church. She has two granddaughters in high school. Last summer she went to the British Isles, and she hopes to return to Hawaii next year. Edwin M. Leach '38, Williamsburg, Va., is now retired after serving as a pediatrician in the Navy for 35 years, but he is active in environmental groups and in Physicians for Social Responsibility. He and Patricia spend their summers in Blue Hill, Maine, and their winters in Virginia. They both recommend the Colby Alumni College seminars. James N. Lewis '38, Nobleboro, is a snowboarder who goes south every winter to St. Simon Island. When he retired, he and Helen spent 10 weeks traveling in Europe. They have been happily married for 48 years and are still dancing all the way. Their two daughters have blessed them with five grandchildren. William "Bill" Littlefield '38, Sanford, benefits from his retirement from being president of Littlefield Construction Co., for now he can play golf every day! He and his wife spend their winters in Boynton Beach, Fla. Although they have traveled to Europe four times and twice to North Africa, he says, "I'll take Maine any day!" Charles MacGregor '38, Bernardston, Mass., has given up surgical practice but concentrates on rest, recreation, and physical fitness. Of his four children, three are doctors and one a nurse. Each year he and his wife, Tucker, make a trek to Norway for cross-country skiing. Ethel Bradstreet Maney '38, Beverly Commons, Mass., a former French teacher, was widowed in 1985. Since then she has discovered the satisfaction of volunteer tutoring and church work. She has also studied with Elderhostel in England and Scotland. Daughter Ardis '66 is a professor of political science of Iowa State University and daughter Laurel '70 is special products manager in Milwaukee. Her son is at Dartmouth. Congratulations to Fred B. Olsen '38 and his wife, Betty (Noyes) '40, Concord, Mass., for having celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September. Not yet retired, Fred is a consultant health physicist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, evaluating emergency plans around nuclear power stations. His work takes him to every state in the country as well as to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

A Record of Daily Entries

Phyllis Sturdivant Sweetser '19 first heard about Colby College from her grandfather, Silas Stone, principal of the Hyde School in Boston, when one of his excellent teachers, Miss Ada Louise Peabody, became the wife of Colby president Arthur J. Roberts. Stone advised his granddaughter to apply. Valedictorian of each school she attended, she entered the College in 1915, concentrating on languages and English literature. During World War I, Mrs. Sweetser remembers, women gained new prominence on the campus. As a freshman in Foss Hall her three roommates included Marion Starbird Pottle '18, who became the first president of the Women's Student League, a forerunner of Stu-A. Phyllis Sturdivant was second president. "There was no discrimination that I can recall," Mrs. Sweetser said: "we were treated just like the men in the classroom." Another memory is of the tragic flu epidemic of 1918-19, which caused the College to cancel sessions for some weeks to reduce the infection among students. When Armistice Day came, "we all flocked down to the Elmwood Hotel," said Mrs. Sweetser, "and with whistles blowing and church bells ringing we pranced around a big bonfire – I remember appealing to President Roberts to cancel classes then, too, but he assured us, 'Of course there will be classes'!"

Phyllis Sturdivant married Herman Sweetser in 1919, and they lived in Orono, where he was professor of horticulture for many years at the University of Maine. When they returned to Cumberland, it was to the ancestral home where five generations of Sweetzers have lived and where Mrs. Sweetser lives today with her grandson, Richard Sweetser. She raised a daughter, Elizabeth Sweetser Baxter '41, and two sons, Philip and Richard.

In 1951 Mrs. Sweetser became the librarian at Prince Memorial Library in Cumberland Center, a position she held until 1970 when she was 72. Along the way she organized and was head of the town's high school library at Greely Institute from 1960 to 1964. She started writing, compiling, and editing material for a history of Cumberland while she was at Prince, and the 351-page book, Cumberland, Maine, in Four Centuries, was published for the town's bicentennial in 1976.

Mrs. Sweetser assumed the role of historian more easily than most. Her family and her husband's family were early settlers of the area, and she has read constantly during her lifetime. Most helpful, she has kept a journal and family record for many years on a succession of Swiss calendars, a habit of daily entries that shaped the future historian. The record keeping still goes on.

Phyllis Sturdivant Sweetser was class agent for many years and a member of the Alumni Council from 1965 to 1971. At the end of that tenure she was awarded a Colby Brick for her loyalty and service to the College. Today she is active and interested in her home, family, and community, and she recalls with humor her early days, such as the walk "two miles each way to high school – which is why I'm so rugged at 91!"
Retirement or semi-retirement bring change, but many ’30s Plus still enjoy working, golfing, or traveling. • Malcolm Wilson ’33, Waterville, serves on the Board of Alliance for the Mentally Ill and goes to Washington for quarterly meetings. • Evelyn Hall Spaulding ’33, Waterville, is a life member of the Telephone Pioneers after working 30 years for Pacific Telephone in Los Angeles. • Evelyn Stapleton Burns ’33, Norway, has served for the past eight years on the National General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church and has been involved in social justice issues, especially world hunger. • John L. Skinner ’33, Sea Cliff, N.Y., still practices law and travels. He even made the Colby trip to the Greek Islands. • Eager student Barbara B.Z.’s White Morse ’34, Springvale, has been auditing courses at the University of Southern Maine, specifically geology at present. 

Blanche Silverman Field ’35, Brookline, Mass., is happy to be near Boston so that she can attend concerts and plays. • Some ardent golfers are Wendell A. Tufts ’30, Boynton Beach, Fla., Sidney Schiffman ’35, Maitland, Fla., and Bob William ’36, Los Angeles. Bob also teaches golf and is proud of his friendship with Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, and Jack Nicklaus. He hasn’t slowed down yet, for although he has sold his macaroni business to Borden he is now working for a mortgage company in Los Angeles. • Lawrence Robbins ’37, Searsmont, was chair of the Polio-Plus Committee at Rotary Club. His aim is to stamp out polio completely. • Betty Wilkinson Ryan ’37, New York City, appreciates the technology of her computer when she does her free-lance assignments for the Grolier Society. She wrote, ‘while still loving N.Y.C. as home, great pleasure comes from escaping the city at times. Enjoy the East Coast and the West—from Maine to Washington state’ • Steve Young ’37, Bar Harbor, has been working on the local planning board to keep Maine from being ‘inundated with greedy fat-cities developers. We don’t want Colby’s favorite geography class field trip area (Mt. Desert Island) to be covered wall-to-wall, or Cadillac Mountain, with all-shores, sky-rise condos’.

Ambitious lot, all of you. And if I have missed some, be patient, and I’ll try to catch up next time. Thanks, everyone! 

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50th reunion: June 9-11, 1989 • Please imagine yourself on the Colby campus in the spring of 1939. The baseball season is under way, and Laurel W. “Lop” Hersey has led the Mules to a 7-5 win over Bates, with help from Maurice Alfred “Doc” Rancourt and Leland C. “Buster” Burnell. Class Day parts have been announced. • Renowned, and rightfully so: Donna Burt, deRochemont, prayer, Nathanael Gupill, oration; Ernestine Wilson, poem; Elynour Short, ode; Robert Canders and Sally Aldrich, awarding of honors; Violet Hamilton, parting address; and Albert Hunter, presiding officer. Spring dances are in full swing, with pastel evening gowns, gardenia corsages, and youthful romance. The Lambda Chi’s dance to ‘smooth music’ at the
To See a Rhino, You Have To Leave Matinicus

When the rhinoceros charged, Clayton Young '39 didn't panic. His guide, he noticed, wasn't making any particular effort to remove the Land Rover from the path of the thundering beast, so, figuring that safari guides aren't paid enough to risk their lives in the service of tourism, Mr. Young calmly aimed and fired. Young's trophy snapshot of the charging rhino (who, it turned out, was all bluff) is now displayed in his spic 'n span house on Matinicus, 23 miles out to sea where no rhinos have been seen in years.

There have been Youngs on Matinicus since before the Revolutionary War. Generations of ancestors root Clayton Young to a world two miles long and one mile wide, but his horizons are not limited. He is one of those people we are fortunate enough to meet once in a while who shattered all the stereotypes. Matinicus native? Hardy fisherman? Taciturn Yankee? Colorful, but provincial?

Clayton Young was educated at Kents Hill and Hebron before taking a degree in mathematics at Colby. Following service in World War II, he gravitated back to his native island, where for 25 years he ran the island store down at the harbor. In 1977 he sold the store in order to care for his ailing wife. Following her death, his family gone and grown, Clayton Young set out to see the world.

Now the remarkable thing about Mr. Young, a most unassuming gentleman, is not just that he is interesting, but that he is interested—interested enough to risk having adventures. While busloads of retirees roll safely into Camden and Bar Harbor, Clayton Young takes off for parts unknown.

"I'm more interested in rural areas and far-out places," says Young, "but I don't think going on safari in Africa is too far-out. If you want to see the animals, you want to go there."

In Tanzania's Ngorongoro Crater, then, Clayton Young was charged by a rhino. In Ruanda he sat quietly in the rain forest surrounded by a family of gorillas. In Australia and New Zealand he believes he saw every sheep in the South Pacific. He's not sure where he might head next, the Yucatan Peninsula maybe, but his last major journey took him to Tierra del Fuego and from there to the Antarctic for a few days. His stay in Antarctica was prolonged a bit, as it happened, when a blizzard prevented his plane from coming back for him. Living on Matinicus, of course, Clayton Young must be familiar with cancelled flights.

"Yes," he says, "and I'm also familiar with blizzards on the coast."

This article is reprinted from The Maine Times with permission. Clayton Young is now traveling in the Amazon.
sors and two daughters—a doctor, a lawyer, a secretary, and a librarian—and three grandchildren. She has worked with the city school district purchasing textbooks for several schools. Joan harbors fond memories of Colby, especially of Dutton House. Although Lawrence Berry attended Colby just two years, he remembers several classmates. He served in the Air Force as a meteorologist. When he relocated the weather satellites in DC. He now lives in Sun City, Ariz., from October to June and in South Harbor, Maine, from June to October. To keep fit and active, he still plays golf, and travels. • George Young recently moved to St. Petersburg, Fla. He has two sons and three grandchildren. Sam Phillips married a beautiful woman who lives in Maine. Wil, where George and his wife spend part of their year. Because he's not well. George can't be active. Not so for Hiram Macintosh, still in Philadelphia. He spent a week skiing at Lake Tahoe, Calif., a week golfing at Myrtle Beach, SC., went spring turkey hunting last April, attended Elderhostel at Pottsdam College in June, and went on a 10-day ecological trip to Alaska. He said he's ready for a year of rest now. It was good to hear from Hazel Judkins Daughaday once again. She lives in St. Louis, Mo., with her husband, William, an emeritus professor who is still teaching doing research, and working in the lab. Hazel audited archery classes and was an active volunteer. They plan a trip to Taiwan. Hong Kong, Perh, West Australia, and Sidney. Hazel wishes they could get to Maine more often. Virginia Mosher is retired, still lives in Spartanburg, S.C., and still bowled three nights a week. But Jiggs' is moving back to Waterville, Maine in summer. With a bowling house just a block away, she surely stays fit. • Priscilla Patterson is still a choral conductor at the Carmel Bach Festival in Carmel, Calif., and conductor of adult choir at Sunnyside Presbyterian Church. Though she lives in Stamford, Conn. Yoga is her main means of staying fit. • Rev. Linwood Potter is retired in Sanbornville, N.H., but has taken up part-time residence in Florida. He still stays active in patriotic events, joining an occasional parade or delivering an address. He goes bicycling, mountain climbing, camping, fishing, and boating, though he admits he is losing some zest at age 77. He added that he usually gets his two acres this year. Shell collection has been his hobby for years, and he plans to become an amateur radio technician in the General Class and pass the code test. • Virginia Ryan after 42 years is still eligibility supervisor at the Connecticut State Department of Income Maintenance. To stay fit she swims, plays tennis, and walks. She collects jewelry but gets rid of old clothes. When she finally retires she will take more trips. Virginia had news of Claire Emerson, who still lives in Biddeford, Maine, is a retired school teacher, and raises show cats. We hope Claire will write herself. And finally an up-date on news from Jane Russell Abbott This is her third year teaching biology at Deerfield English School in Englewood, N.J. Especially busy as president of the National Association of Biology Teachers, she was a leader of 78 biology teachers and medical personnel during a month in the People's Republic of China. The last two winters she taught marine biology in the Caribbean. To keep herself fit, Jane plans to join a sportswear school in March and now may we have news of some more of you This we all enjoy.

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After a persuasive call from one of Colby's most loyal sports supporters, Cliff Cram urged us to get the Colby-Columbia football game on November 12, 1988. Your correspondent and spouse Phil Wyson were for the first time in 20 years, part of the large and enthusiastic crowd of Colby students, alumni, and friends who attended the most dramatic game in the annals of Colby's football history. Not only did Colby beat Bowdoin decisively 24-0, it was the first time in 26 years that Colby had beaten their major rival on their own field. What a game! Although there was much cheering from the crowd we missed the presence of cheer leaders and a band, which seemed so much to the excitement and color of football games. "In our day, we had them, of course."

Other classmates scattered in the stands were Sue Rose Begley and her husband. Earlie and Oren Shiro with whom we chatted while having a tailgate picnic. Oren also wrote that after selling his successful restaurant, The Jeff in 1973, he and his lovely wife, Jeanne, have done a great deal of traveling. They have three children: Mark is a business professional in Boston. Lois is a hairstylist in Naples, Fla., and Cindy a senior in medical school. A first-class golfer, Oren said that he had played "all over the country" in the last 10 years. While playing, he has seen many Colby people, including Jim Daley '41, with whom he had played football at Colby. Following his bowl honors, winner of Maine Alumni 1979, the oldest participant by 23 years. He also won the New England Seniors in 1978 and 1980 and shot his age (68) several times this past summer. In addition he still finds time to play bridge twice a week. More power to you, Oren, and many more honors will undoubtedly be yours by the time we see you at our 50th.

• Hon. Charles A. Lord wrote that he has been a judge in the common pleas court of Philadelphia for 13 years. Charlie and his wife, Shirley '44, have four children and 10 grandchildren. Charlie's favorite game now is golf, though he is best remembered at the College for being a champion tennis player. They have traveled in the Caribbean and Hawaii. We also hope your travels will bring you back to Colby for our 50th.

• Mary Reny Buck has reported an error in her family news as it appeared in the fall issue. Mary has a son, Michael Clinton Buck. Now employed by C.F. Hathaway, he is a class petty officer with the Seabees of the Navy Reserve. Formerly he served with them at Guantanamo Bay and in North Africa, Gulfport, Miss., and Alaska. Now it is time for me to send out a plea to you all to send more news. To those who have already responded so generously, my grateful thanks, and from time to time we would welcome an update. And to those who have not written at all, we miss you and are eager to hear from you. At the meeting of correspondents during Alumni Volunteer Leadership Weekend, we were told by Robert Gillespie, college editor, that when the Colby magazine reaches the first pages, alumni turn to are the class columns, and alumni are disappointed if news of their classmates is not there. So... please heed my SOS and send me your news.

Class secretary: MARIE "CHRIS" MERILL WYSOR R.R. #2, Box 190-B, South Harpswell, Maine 04079.

I was flabbergasted when I received the notice that a column is due on November 15. I'm still engrossed in leaf-raking, vegetable garden clean-up, and planning for Thanksgiving. In the midst of all this I'm spending 10 days with my parents in Waterville. As there is no time to send out a questionnaire. I have very little news. I did get a note and reunion pictures from Leonard Caug. Remarked that he was amazed to find so many of his classmates looking the same as he remembered them from 45 years ago. He wonders if the secret could be bottled. And if the pictures are excellent and he did a good job of getting nearly everyone in at least one picture. Unfortunately Louise Traban-McCombs was unable to get Mac in a picture in spite of apparent waving...

• I have telephoned a couple of people from whom we've not heard for some time. It is wonderful to hear that Dr. Richard '42 and Natalie Cousins Dyer's sister, Candy, is back at work after suffering a heart attack. She expects to be on her own by winter. You may remember she was severely burned in a boating accident and has had 12 operations since then. Dick and Candy, both members of the American College of Surgeons, are the only father-daughter surgical team in Rhode Island. The Dyes expect to visit Scotland this fall. Although Richard is a ruling elder at St. John's and lives only 25 miles apart, we've never succeeded in getting together. She and her husband are building a new house—no thoughts of retirement apparently. They did vacation in Maine this summer but not at the time of reunion.

• Madeleine Hinckley Gibbs sounds cheerful and energetic. Her family vacations at her mother's place in Blue Hill but she couldn't make it to reunion. Madeleine mentioned that she sees Bill Clough '61 who is now at Gould Academy in Bethel. The Rev. Howard Johnson is as busy as ever since retirement from teaching and is working on his book on Jesus. He has two sons, Conrad, who lives nearby in Providence, and Dana, who lives in New York. I hope before my next deadline on March 1 to have had holiday greetings from many of you. It was obvious from remarks at reunion that your classmates do read these columns. So keep me informed and I'll pass along any news. Happy holidays to all even though they will be history when you read this!

business in the "Maine Today" 1988 edition of "Down East." Peter's twin, Roger, is principal of Gray High School in New Gloucester. Jan's son John is presently stationed in the U.S. Airways Corp. (a cruise ship on Lake Winnipesaukee, N.H.). Her granddaughter is Adria Lovell 92, and there are seven other grandchildren who may re- peat the Colby tradition. Janie isn't sitting in retirement: she is a part-time admissions assistant at St. Joseph's College, and she spent two months in England in spring 1988. She had a re- cent 'heart-to-heart' with Elaine Johnson Wing reminding about Alden House • Josephine Pitts McAlary and Fred 43 left in November on their annual winter trek to Ft. Pierce, Fla., via Cape Cod, Mass., Newport, R.I. (as guest of a grandson who graduated in May 1988 from the U.S. Naval Academy; Annapolis, Md.; and Kiling- ton, Vt. for Thanksgiving with two children and families). They had already had their vaca- tion to Denver, Colo.: Rocky Mountain National Park; the U.S. Air Force Academy; the Grand Can- yon, Narrow Gauge R.R. in Durango; the ski areas of Colorado—Aspen, Vail, Copper Mountain and Breckenridge; and Utah's Canyonlands. Fred's 50th Waterville High School class reunion oc- curred in 1988, with other Colbyites Mary Reny Buck 42, Mary Farrell Lacombe 42, and Ann Jones Gilmore 42 attending. When she's home, she still does substitute teaching. • Mary Weeks Drummond legalizes her name, reports that she retired from teaching in 1987. She has two children, Robert and John 77 Sawyer, and two granddaughters, Laura and Holly Saw- yer • Kay Howes Brooks reported about the changes in her life: "Gotten older, am not pleased about it." [You speak for us all, Kay.] Her artistic outlet is writing and painting, and she reports that it's extraordinarily witty. Kay and Wendell "42 have two girls, Kathie Brooks and Wendie Brooks Geiger, and two grandchildren • Ar- nold Grossman, D.D.S., was appointed assistant professor of dentistry at Tufts University and also maintains a private practice (but is semi-retired). His son, Peter, is also a dentist, son Thomas 77 is an attorney, and daughter Jill is a psychologist. In 1984 Arnold participated in an educational ex- change in China and again in 1986 in Russia. His hobbies are photography and sailing in Falmouth Harbor, Mass., where he has met David Marson '48 and David Soror 56 • W. Harris Graf (an- other dentist!) paints in watercolors, oils, alkyls, and acrylics. He is an avid skier, having skied in Italy, Switzerland, and Austria, and looks forward to skiing in Spain and sailing down the Rhine. His wife, Meredith, is a dental hygienist, and they have enjoyed sharing their home with numerous Austrian, German, and Japanese young people. Harris looks forward to our 50th class reunion. He credits Colby for giving him a new outlook on religion and pointing him toward his current profession • Eugene C. Struckhoff lists his oc- cupation as "executive and consultant." I travel the U.S. (10,000 miles a year) helping start and revital- ize community foundations—and meet interesting people in scores of cities, states, and counties [also internationally] who give leadership to improve their area." He expresses pride in "encouraging and helping over 50 community foundations to get started and get going," and improve systems through which we help youth, aged, etc." Gene claims to have spotted 619 species of birds north of the Mexican border in 33 years of bird watching with wife Norma. Norma is also a portrait artist, painting in pastels. Their children are Eugene C. III and Laura Lee Struckhoff Cline 70. In November Gene traveled to Copenhagen and London and anticipates a trip to Alaska and the Orient. He sends the message (quoted from Earl Veehan): 'What's important is what you do after you know it all.» Richard Mountfort has acquired a new wife Esther and four stepchildren» His first wife Gin- nie died of cancer in 1987. Richard had been forced to give up his ministerial duties to care for her during a lingering illness. Now he has re- turned, to assume responsibility of ministry to the disadvantaged children and youth at High School Ground Camp in Wentworth N.H. His hobbies include playing the trumpet, repairing stained glass windows, and pitching softball. The Mount- forts look forward to a cross-country trip and an Alaskan cruise • Ralph W. Hilton retired in 1986 after 40 years in the field of education as a teacher, coach and educational salesman. He and Jean spend the winter months in Florida. They have four children. Ralph's hobby is watercolor painting • Jean Ferrell Howe has moved to Portland Maine, to be closer to her daugh- ter • Harry Levine describes his occupation as "foundation executive." His travels include South Africa; Mexico and Africa, and now he lives in New York City. He has learned three languages. He is grateful for the intellectual stimulation he received at Colby • Malcolm D. McQuillan has retired from his work as a teacher/guidance counselor and is able to "sleep in" at 6:00 instead of 4:30. Enjoying excellent health, he also enjoys preparing gourmet dinners for friends. He recently had the experience of being the sole passenger in the pri- vate jet of his nephew and namesake when visiting him at Hilton Head, S.C. • For my part, I stay out of trouble by reading economics, yoga to a blind professor at the Center for Advanced Studies at Stanford University; working at the Food Closet for the homeless, and babysitting to keep in practice for visiting my grandchildren. I swam in the Senior Games at St. George, Utah, in October: one gold, two silver, three bronze, and am currently working out with the Stanford Masters Swim Team in a 30-meter outdoor pool. Come rain or shine. Cheers. Good health to you all. Hope 1989 is going very well for everyone. As I write this, it's still 1988—certainly a wonderful year for Ernest Rotenberg. Not only was he named "Outstanding Trial Judge in the United States" by the American Bar Association, but also he is the first AfricanAmerican to receive the honor. "The difference—my guess—is that there are more options for what to do with time! The Fergusons went on a wonderful trip to Jordan, Israel, and Egypt last winter and recommend those countries as fascinating places for travel. Their three children live in New Hampshire, Ohio, and Florida, and each has a son and daughter, so the grandparents enjoy traveling in this country as well. 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I recently had the opportunity to talk to two local (Holden and Shrewsbury Mass.) friends from our class, Nancy Parsons Ferguson and Carol Robin Epstein, and to catch up on their latest activities. Nancy and her husband are looking ahead to retirement and are gearing up to the prospect by taking interesting trips each year. That certainly sounds like fun preparation for the extra time retirement brings, except that so many claim they're busier than ever. The difference, I guess, is that there are more options for what to do with time! The Fergusons went on a wonderful trip to Jordan, Israel, and Egypt last winter and recommend those countries as fascinating places for travel. Their three children live in New Hampshire, Ohio, and Florida, and each has a son and daughter, so the grandparents enjoy traveling in this country as well. Nancy continues to volunteer each week at the New England headquarters of Heifer Project International in Rutland, Mass., and finds that her commitment to this project is very rewarding. Carol, who still heads a unit to help pregnant teenagers, is a social worker for the Children's Friend Society in
This month’s news will be a little nostalgic, as I’ve just come back from Colby. Embry and I went to Alumni Volunteer Leadership Weekend, which was combined with Homecoming this year. We had a great time. Friday night, the 23rd of September, was the class correspondents’ dinner where we were given some ideas on how to be better correspondents. Saturday was the Alumni Council meeting, dinner on the grounds, and the Colby-Trinity football game. I think we were the good luck team needed. Although they didn’t win that game they have gone on to win several since, including Bowdoin and Bates. We tailgated with Ray and “Tassie” Campbell, Kozen and saw Carol Carpenter Bisbee ’49 and Dick and Dorie Meyer Hawkes at the game. The alumni banquet was that night. We sat with Carolyn and Ray Greene and Stan and Ellie Farnham Frollo. A good time was had by all! The campus looks wonderful and the new half-million-dollar track is certainly an added attraction. It was also enjoyable to visit the old home place in Poland Spring and visit one of my friends there. Also, the lobster is just as good as ever. I hope some of you will plan to go back for Homecoming another year. Mitch Jaworski wrote that he has been recuperating from a recent operation, but he enjoys retirement in Plantation, Fla. He says he’s no different from other retirees—he plays golf and enjoys the sunshine as well as doing some painting. Bill Crowther graduated May 1 from the training class of the Connecticut State Police as an auxiliary state trooper and was assigned to Troop G in Westport. Auxiliary troopers usually work one night a week patrolling interstate and state highways. They also work at special events and in emergencies. In addition to this volunteer work, Bill does consulting work in marketing communications and tries to get in at least a couple of hours a week flying a Piper Cherokee out of Bridgeport Airport. He’s also investigating the feasibility of starting up a specialized mail order business. Alice, his wife, was certified June by International Dance Exercise Association as an aerobics instructor. Her specialty is aerobic exercise for older folks and for people with moderate disabilities. Many of you will be hearing from me later for my next report, so start thinking about all the news you will send me.

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A Novelist’s Novelist

Thomas Savage ’40 said, “I’ve seen three beautiful women in my life: one was a woman in St. John’s Church in Boston who kept me from concentrating on church, another was a woman strolling the streets of Cambridge, and the third was Anne Chapman, a woman I used to watch drive by in her family station wagon when I was 17 and walking the streets of Dylan, Montana.” When Savage was a boy he lived on a ranch 45 miles from Dylan and had to board in town during the school year. He deems this “a wonderful educational experience,” and it seems that it was. The turn-of-the-century town of Grayling in his 13th and latest novel, The Corner of Rife and Pacific, is based on Dylan, and Anne Chapman is the heroine.

Publishers Weekly listed the widely praised novel among the 15 best books of 1988. The New York Times has called Savage “a novelist’s novelist . . . fascinated by the enormous influence of the past on the present.” Savage believes that books offer readers a new way of viewing the world but states his feeling about his work in simpler terms: “I feel absolutely useless unless I write.”

Back in the ‘30s in Montana, Savage heard that another beautiful Montana woman was a student at Colby, and after a year and a half at the University he transferred. Elizabeth “Betty” Fitzgerald Savage ’40, also a fiction writer, and Tom Savage married in their junior year. The Savages have a daughter, Elizabeth St. Mark, and two sons, Robert ’68 and Russell ’70.

Savage claims that Dean Ernest C. Marriner ’13 was a major influence on his original commitment to his work. The young writer was working on his first novel, The Pass, and cutting many classes when the dean asked to see the manuscript over­night. The next day, said Savage, “He told me that as long as I did enough classwork to pass, I could continue to write and cut as many classes as I needed to. Dean Marriner first gave me the freedom that I needed to write.” In 1954 Colby awarded Savage an honorary M.A., and in 1980 he received a Guggenheim Fellowship. He has taught at Brandeis University, Suffolk University, Vassar College, and Franciscan College.

The freedoms of a successful writing career have recently allowed the Savages to return to the West from their long-time home on Indian Point in Georgetown, Maine, and they now live in Langley, Wash., on an island in Puget Sound. Langley looks “like the town of a Western movie with two-story houses and the snow-covered Cascade Mountains in the backdrop,” Savage said, and it’s the location for his next novel. The book has “nothing to do with anything I have ever written before. It’s not set in Cambridge or Montana but on the island, and it’s contemporary.”

If books give us a new way of viewing the world, Tom Savage’s new novel will be well worth looking into.
To all who read my fall class letter, be it known that I rescind my promise (threat) to nominate another class correspondent this term. It has been exciting to hear from those who wrote. Now what’s with the rest of you? *Gordon Miller* wrote his thanks to all for making our 40th great. As class pres, he appreciated the help from all his officers and sends best wishes to the new slate. He says he’s been retired almost seven years, is still married (so are lots of us, Gordon), travels much, and boasts three children and four grands dwelling from West Coast to New York state. More conscientious than most, me particularly, he tries to keep in shape via aerobics, nautilus, golf, and watching what he eats and drinks. Hail Gordon! say we whose health kick is much gentler. *Cy* Perkins, as those who talked with him at the fabulous 40th know, is happily retired in Kennebunk, Maine, having served in a personnel staff position at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. After a brief stint in politics, he’s now involved with some of their friends as well as Vets organizations. He and Jean ‘46 have a Colby ’73 son (Malcolm James Perkins) near San Francisco as well as two daughters in the Bay Area. This makes them frequent fliers. Cy is a strong advocate for retirement with the luxury of doing what one chooses. He did mention that Jean is retired from teaching but still is working part time in a school library. *Another retiree, Gil Taverman, wrote of his honorable and unusual reason for not attending our June Reunion.* The Gilbert Y. Taverman Archives Room at St. George’s School, Newport, R.I., was dedicated simultaneously with our 40th. Gil had been chaplain and a faculty member for a while, so he and his wife, Bette, up and authored the school history. Now moved to Concord, Mass., they are savoring their less structured life. *Fran Hyde Stephan* checked in with a nice note saying that she is not ready for complete retirement. John and she are keeping busy in business, and she does volunteer work, too. They live in New England, dreaming of the great weather in Vail, Colo. She owns up to something most of us do not. Describing her community service with elders (i.e., older than she), she admits it’s all relative and she’s not taking too kindly to the later years. Personally, I’m enjoying these non-golden fleeting years. *Also retired, Jack Kimpel* outlined some highlights from his “lost” life in the Social Security Administration. His good news includes wife Fran Benner ‘49 still teaching fourth grade and four offspring scattered from Philadelphia to Seattle and points between, including their “son the doctor.” Four grandchildren, too! Jack lost a run for mayor but took it philosophically, having lost some golf games, too. However, he has not recovered as well from a ski run loss and describes a fashionable limp from that 87 disaster. The Kimpels travel around to scattered kids and beyond, and Jack serves on several community boards. Interestingly, he still exhibits some grief over Colby’s lost football games. *That’s all the news from Lake 40 Acres (Achers?) and 48ers, too.* You send the words . . . and we’ll include them, next issue. This is written late October for spring publication, so plan accordingly. Many Happy Returns.

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**40th reunion, June 9-11, 1989.** At our reunion banquet in Mary Low Hall five years ago, Bob Bedig admonished me to write down every word spoken by our classmates for my first column as class secretary: *I should have listened.* At a meeting for class correspondents, we were reminded to return to the Alumni Office news clips about, notes from, and questionnaires completed by our classmates. (I didn’t always.) At a Volunteer Leadership Weekend workshop it was pointed out that if classmates answered a request for information and never saw that info published in the column they tended not to respond again. (I should have been less selective.) However, whereas this concludes my stint as secretary, and whereas I am genetically disposed to save everything that comes into my house, and whereas this is the last class column before our 40th reunion, be it resolved that I, your class correspondent, shall recap material received in that first successful questionnaire of June 1985 that may be deemed applicable to the moment, *Philip Bergquist,* who retired from being reared, are still appraising real estate and enjoying ‘many changes all good’? *I* should be safe to say that *Barbara Frensen Briggs* in Cincinnati is still enthusiastic about any activity having to do with music (shades of Music Appreciation 1 and 2). Her comments just sang with enthusiasm and good humor. *Ruth Endicott Freeman* sang praises for a good portable phone, which gave a busy physician a bit more yardage. Are you able to find any more time lately for the gardener that you enjoy? *Arthur Greeley,* whose roots were always deep in Maine, did enjoy the introspective life at Pemaquid Harbor as you worked about your cottage? *Jeanne Hall,* whose roots were always deep in Maine, did enjoy the introspective life at Pemaquid Harbor as you worked about your cottage? *Jeanne Hall,* hope your early retirement as a psychiatric social worker permitted you time for “self-fulfillment,” smelling the flowers, and contemplating the “never written novels” exactly as you had anticipated. *Marty Bennett Headley,* a state library commissioner in New Hampshire, must have brought her enthusiasm and energy to solving some very serious growth problems of the decade. She must have witnessed the expansion of many libraries, overseen construction of new libraries and wonder about financing these jewels of the community. *Elizabeth Beamish Jolley,* last wrote on the eve of her departure for Europe. I envision her still managing an adult apartment complex in Orlando, Fla., keeping the grounds in shape, weeding the flowers, pruning the lawn, and planning her next trip abroad. *A heart operation did not stop Bud* Nannig from “starting his second life” with great enthusiasm and a business trip to Japan. Still walking three miles a day and too young to retire, Bud? *Charles A. Pearce,* an alumni parent, is active in community volunteer work and travels a lot. (And not just between his two homes in Hingham, Mass. and Easton, N.H., I wager.) *Time has not tarnished the understatement of Karekin Sahagian,* who professed that his “grumpie” personality increased as his temper decreased and that he was “traveling more and enjoying it less—law of diminishing returns.” A recent address change assures me that he made Florida by 1987 according to plan. *There is probably no retirement for a successful author.* I expect Alvin Schwartz continues to write books and speak and research folklore. *How I adored Bob Carter,* chair of the board and chief executive officer at the Skippor Corporation and three selectees, allowed to serve on the board of directors of the American Apparel Manufacturers Association—does currently serve on the membership committee. *Bob Sage,* chair of the New England region of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science and national vice president, received the American Distinguished Leadership award. The Institute located in Rehovot, Israel, was established in 1934 for the purpose of basic and applied research. At present there are almost 700 research projects in fields ranging from artificial intelligence, solar energy, and cancer and autoimmune diseases to agricultural and lasers. *“Honey” Hathaway Cherry* at the invitation of her College and accompanied by Peg Atkins ‘48, joined undergraduates, alumni, and townspeople from Waterville to stroll about the Alfond Track following ribbon cutting ceremonies during Homecoming Weekend. What a pleasant experience! Yes, dear colleagues, there is still a Colby Family, and we are fortunate to be a part of it.

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At the time I am writing this edition of Class of ’50 news, people around the U.S.A. are casting their ballots for the presidential election. When many of us first voted for president, the candidates were Truman and Dewey in 1948, our junior year at Colby. Congratulations to Neil Collar for being named Lion of the Year in Oakland, Maine. He was cited for his unselfish service to both the community and the Lions during his 29 years of club membership. He was praised for leadership of his Boy Scout troop and his tireless contributions to Lions’ projects. *Bill Tippens* and his wife were recently honored on their 40th wedding anniversary in Portsmouth, N.H. Bill owned an insurance agency in Millinocket, Maine, and since retirement has been involved in real estate. *During a recent Colby phone-a-thon,* I had the opportunity to chat with “Doc” Hamlin, and he reports that all is well in his area of Millinocket. I recently talked with Priscilla Tracey Tanguay who reports that she visited with Chris Winter Verrengia in Kingfield, Maine, last summer. Joe Verrengia has retired and he and Chris are now living in Florida. *Ellie and I welcomed our first grandchild Wil*...
It is interesting to meet fellow alumni and see what they are doing. • Diane Sargent Larsen is living in Jacksonville Beach, Fla. Her husband, Lou, died in 1985. Between 1956 and 1981 she lived in FI states (7twice) and two foreign countries. She was about to take the Florida real estate exam but found well and that she is selling lots of properties. • From Wilmington N.C. Jeanne White Simon wrote that she has her own craft gallery. Her husband, Lee, owns an electronic representative agency. They have three children Debbie Barbara and Linda. • Louise Ginzberg Hirshberg is in California and is a health educator counselor. Her children are Susan, Nancy, Jim and Bill, are all grown up and doing terrific things being themselves. Louise gave up her job with Walt Disney to go back to school. She now has a master's degree in clinical holistic health and really enjoys her work. • Stephen Kenyon lives in Ridgewood N.J., with his wife Helen. He is production supervisor for R J N. Rabisco. • As I am fast running out of the news that Don Hailer gave me I am hoping to have the College send out a new questionnaire form. I hope you have all responded if you have received it. Please do send some news. I know your news is somewhat dated when it appears, but classmates do like to hear about other classmates.

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A letter from Class President Dick Hobart: "Over the past 35 years, most of us Class of 53 survivors have been reasonably traceable because we had to pay a mortgage raise a family, or otherwise make some form of recognizable living. Now many of your classmates find themselves closer to the brink of another great experiment—something that's been called "the Golden Years," which are not to be confused with On Golden Pond, which was also good fiction. In any case, it can mean trading in the 9 to 5 routine that has run our lives for the last third of a century for a less time-dictated existence. Or it can mean starting that second or third career. You know the one you always wanted to have, but economic need kept getting in the way. Well, regardless of what scenario fate has in mind for us I hope you will let your class officers become the catalyst and pipeline by which we keep track of each other over the next five years until our next reunion. Those of you who returned to these gatherings over the years have left genuinely pleased and happy for the experience. And why not? We had a pretty great group of people in our class. So, enough from this wage slave and more from the next respondents will

Hello to all! I understand from the Alumni Office that the booklet we made for the reunion has been sent out to the class members who did not attend. Thus, I have been trying to give information about those of the class who were not included in the booklet. • I did see Betty Smart Merriam last winter. She looked great and is taking courses at Lesley College. • I am still teaching fourth grade in Scituate and still love my job. This year I was appointed science curriculum leader for my school and one of the fun things I went to the Hingham Wildlife Center and found out that the young man who was running it was Rick Horton! We had a nice Colby chat.

35th reunion: June 9-11, 1989 • I gotcha with direct mail, now I gotha with magazine advertising. TV is too expensive for us. My next option is sky writing. I need 15 AROTC pilots who still remember how to fly airplanes to volunteer. We will meet 1. Tuesday 25th at noon at LeFleur Airport in Waterboro. My plan is to work westward through January and February. Only pilots who received an ‘A’ in penmanship need apply. When you are enjoying your favorite winter sport, i.e., skiing, skating, or shoveling, keep one eye on the
To Write and To Right

'I never wanted one of my kids to say, 'What did you do?' The only answer was to do it!' Louise Davis Stone '53 speaks matter-of-factly about involvement in local Philadelphia projects, work in ward level politics, and over 30 years of volunteering in black communities. A strong desire to "improve things" and help people led Stone to major in sociology at Colby and begin a master's degree in social work at Columbia. But almost immediately her career veered off into writing and editing; the projects shifted to her spare time, although they engrossed her still.

Today Stone is director of publications at the University of Delaware. With a staff of 10, her office has state-of-the-art computer equipment and 68,000 readers for its publications, which range from admissions literature through development material to stationery for university offices. Her office staff, who are often hired with a special aptitude, usually wind up learning every stage of production: art work, proofreading, writing, layout. Schedule is priority, and Stone has resorted to enlisting her own family for writing or design help when a deadline looms unmet. Articulate and soft-spoken, she says wryly, "I can be very Machiavellian - I will do anything to get the publications out on time."

Stone has done free-lance work ever since she left Colby. A lifelong passion for jazz and black theater led to years as theater critic and jazz columnist for several newspapers, including the Washington Post. She was raised on the campus of Hampton Institute in Virginia where her father was dean, and a memory of jazz and classical music luminaries at the school in those years made a lasting impression. "I grew up on Fats Waller, Marian Anderson, and Paul Robeson," she said. "I remember my mother driving him to a segregated barbershop off campus for a haircut." Stone and her sister, Jennie Davis Brown '55, came to Colby through the interest of Hilda Fife '26, an English teacher in Hampton Institute summer school and a friend of their parents. The girls also graduated from Fryeburg (Maine) Academy, the first black students in the school's history.

Stone lives in Philadelphia and commutes daily to Newark, Del. It's easier, she says, than fighting the cross-town Philadelphia traffic as she did when she was associate director of publications at the University of Pennsylvania. Her son, Charles, a recent graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, works in New York City. He and his sister Krishna earn their livings otherwise and train for the stage in their free time. Middle daughter Allegra, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, is a nurse-specialist in oncology in Philadelphia.

These days Stone does free-lance newsletters for the Writer's Workshop in Harrisburg, is publicity person for Bushfire Theater and the Brandywine Workshop, and is a consultant in the arts for numerous minority groups, a still satisfying use of her "free time." It's work she'll continue to do.

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As your class correspondent, I had occasion to go back to our alma mater in September for the proverbial “shot in the arm,” to find out what works in eliciting responses from classmates—a challenge at best! A second trip at the end of October with our oldest (of four daughters), Faith’81, reconfirmed my earlier impressions. The new Student Center seems to be a place of activity. Perhaps the best thing that has happened, however, is that the campus seems to be more cohesive, since the road that formerly divided the campus between the Chapel and Miller Library has been grassed over. Also good news—in the words of the Portland Sunday Telegram—is that “the transition period is over for the football team at Colby College.” The Mules started the season with a 1-2 record over the past three years but finished at 4-4, winners of three consecutive games, including a decisive 240 victory over Bowdoin to win the CBB title. It had been 55 years since Colby shut out Bowdoin, and 29 years since we won at Whittier. Field. It was wonderful to see the Colby turnout and enthusiasm—putting a sparse home crowd to shame. Needless to say, my husband Peter (Bowdoin ’36), was very quiet on the way home. It was fun to see Ann Dillingham Ingraham ’35 and Jane Millett Dornish ’35 and her husband, Karl. 54 • Bill Haggett, chair of Bath Iron Works, has been in the spotlight lately. He has successfully negotiated an 85 percent reduction in fines levied against BIW by OSHA with a willingness to accept a settlement and drop legal challenges to the fines. Bill has announced that the company is providing $30,000 in “seed money” to establish a training program for safety inspectors at the Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute. Although not a part of the settlement, the program is a positive and creative response to OSHA. BIW is a major contractor for the Navy’s Aegis cruiser and destroyer programs and is the state’s largest private employer, with more than 100,000 workers in a truly invisible position, doing a great job! • This is fun to hear from a “gal on the go,” Janet Nordgren Mcrywether. Although husband Steen’s children have produced five grandchildren, Jan now proudly boasts one of her own. Jean writes, “What a joy to have Jennie living just an hour away.” She was baptized by Father Bob Raymond. Now that Jan and Steen have successfully reared six children, all married and leading productive lives, she finds herself busier than ever. In addition to holding two part-time jobs (four days a week), Jan is looking forward to next June when she will assume the presidency of the Garden Club Federation of Maine for a two-year term. She has served on the board of the Bangor Symphony Women since its inception 20 years ago. Each winter, that Florida sun beckons, and Jan and Steen enjoy two months in Captiva and Sanibel. • Great to hear from Joan Wyckoff Olsen: Joan and “original husband” have raised three kids and are looking forward to taking a trip to Australia to visit daughter and grandchildren. Sounds exciting! Joan has no thoughts of retirement from her job of 16 years. She is staying young and active and keeps moving, teaching second graders. She loves hiking and hiked INN to INN in New Hampshire this past summer. • Keep those questionnaires coming—I love Colby mail! 

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If you folks are anything like me, the arrival of the Colby magazine in your mailbox is a source of pleasure for two reasons First, the class columns bring us up to date on many of our College friends, and second, I know I have an evening of interesting and enjoyable reading ahead. My apology, therefore, is genuine for having missed getting a column in for the last issue. • John Conkling’s P.R. man is doing a great job. I have no less than five newspaper articles in front of me concerning his lofty status in the real estate appraiser’s field. John is currently president of New England Appraisal Co. and of Conkling Real Estate Agency. Recently he was awarded the professional designation of senior residential appraiser by the board of governors of the International Society of Real Estate Appraisers. John and Nancy have three sons, Robert, the youngest, graduates from New Hampton this year; John Jr., graduated from New Hampshire College and is a builder-developer in Connecticut; Sam graduated this year from Colby • David Olsen, an insurance underwriter, has joined Preferred Mutual Insurance of New Berlin, N.Y., as field representative for Connecticut and Rhode Island. • Janice Thompson Christiansen wrote that she has been living in East Lyme, Conn., for 27 years, and she and husband Howard have five children, two boys and three girls. The three oldest are graduates of the University of Vermont, one is at the University of Connecticut, and the youngest is still at home. Janice earned her M.Ed. at Boston University right after Colby, took elementary school for three years, is a volunteer for the East Lyme Nursing Association, and was a six-year Girl Scout leader. • Sally Dixon Hartin and husband Ed also have five children. The three girls and one of the boys are now all out of college. Sally is a realtor in the greater Springfield area, and she and her family spend a good part of the summer in Barnstable Village on Cape Cod. • Need to buy a fence? Don Bishop is president and owner of the Maine Fence Co. Pittsfield, Maine, and of Maine Fence Distributors, Stoughton, Mass. Don and his wife, Gerry, have two children and three grandchildren • Another president from our class! John Came- ron, chair of the English Department at Dana Hall School in Wellesley, Mass., has been elected president of the New England Association of Teachers of English, the oldest such organization in the U.S. John also lives in Wellesley. Our class president, Ellie Shorey Harris, works in the employer relations department of Stratus Computer. Ellie is married to Joel Harris, U.N.H. ’53, and they have three children: Joel, Colby ’81, is a broker with Tucker Anthony in Portland; Jennifer is a graduate of Plymouth State College and is a graphic artist; Jim is a rock drummer and student at Plymouth State. Ellie deserves our thanks for her work on the Alumni Council for five years and all her work in preparing for the reunion in 1987. Ellie is tireless and unwavering in her support of Colby! • Not to be overlooked in this regard is Susan Fairchild Bean. Active in Hartford area alumni events, she attends seminars on planned giving and also does interviews for the College admissions department. Susan has three children. Dave is a helicopter pilot instructor on the West Coast. Kristin, also on the West Coast, is the owner of a publishing company for an art gallery. Youngest daughter Gretchen graduated from Colby in 1986. • It was great seeing Eli “Marty” Martin last year. Marty looks terrific and sends his best to those he missed seeing at the reunion. He is working for the Insurance Association of Connecticut and lives in Glastonbury. • I’ve exhausted my notes from you folks, so future columns will depend on your help. I’ll be calling or writing some of you in the coming months so we can continue this treasure trove of information. If you could drop me a card or a call, it would be much appreciated. That’s all, folks.

Class secretary: BRIAN F. OLSEN, 46 Washington Drive, Acton, Mass. 01720.

Thanksgiving 88 is upon us as I write this spring column. My thanks for hearing from so many of you. Adjusting to the empty nest, children marrying, and the arrival of grandchildren are major roles in your lives. Frank and Ellen Cowperthwaite after much travel with a busy military career, say the Washington, D.C., area is an excellent place to live. Frank is a real estate broker in Alexandria. As empty nesters, they still enjoy traveling. He has seen Carlos Davila and Nat Adams at Colby events. Nat, as senior editor for Readers Digest, has investigative assignments that focus on international traffic in drugs, Middle East politics, and terrorism. He appeared on the “Today” show and before Congress—and saw Tony Kalso on a flight from Bogota. Douglass and Cyndia Gardner Bevins’ daughter was married in Portland, Maine, last November. Cindy said Kay Litchfield Cross and Dick and Robin Hunter Clutz were there to get her through the occasion. (The Bevins live in Johnstown, Pa.) Ellie Jorge and Ellie Fortenbaugh de la Banderia in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary, traveled to Tahiti. Ellie is a court interpreter, translator/terminologist. In 1987 she was one of four persons to pass, on a first attempt, the certification examination of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts for Spanish/ English court interpreting. She was one of 15 nationwide to pass the oral exam. Since 1978, of the 8,295 attempting the exam, 307 have been certified. • John Baxter, an educator, retires this June. Last August a feature article was written about John in the Providence Journal concerning retirement from the education field. The reporter was a former student! • John and Valerie Edes are also in Rhode Island. John’s thoughts on seeing us at our 30th?—“Seeing my classmates getting old and I didn’t.” Shall we take that? Two folks, who will remain nameless, said they thought the gals were far better preserved than the guys! • Bruce Blanchard said we’d be proud of how well he’s adjusted to retirement (as he is developing a new company). But we’d be “disgusted at my behavior as a grandfather—described best as a slobbering idiot.” I’m sure that goes for
Johnson, teaching at Harvard.

all you grandpas '79

coln Center each December

ering bird-shot. The other reason is to get the an-

published . He also received an honorable men­
tional poetry award and had several short stories

to gather folklore from the Scots. She had a

vocal research for 27 years. But she has tim e to ski,

cluding to England, traveling to Scotland last summer work­

inig folk tales and ballads

Sheila Tunnock Cox says that 30 years ago she became a grand­
mother one day and the next started a 15-month program at Boulder School of Massage Therapy. She now has a private practice and does massage at a facial salon, a retirement center, and a chiropractor’s office. What a change from medi­cal research for 27 years. But she has time to ski,

tarted (three)

Happy faces

Just think, four years until our 35th .

ork to begin lif­

ing involved with the Medway His­torical Com­mission and Society, the Arts Lottery Council and

Open Spaces Committee. She also dabbles in stained glass, keeps honey bees, gardens, and

reads a lot. She confesses to being a true Maini­

ac at heart and shares a cottage with her brother

and sister in South Bristol on the coast. And since

her parents retired to Damariscotta Mills, she visits

its there as often as possible • William Byers

sent an update from Tolland, Conn. He did get to

with Norm Macartney in Katonah, N.Y. —
during a blizzard in January 1987— but Bill didn’t tell us. But Norm wasn’t the only thing hap­

pening? Bill enjoys hiking, traveling, landscaping/gardening, personal photography, and skiing.

However, his current Ph.D. work in instruction­
technology at U. Conn. does get in the way of

these pleasures. After his photographic illustra­
tions were published in Mark Lindquist’s success­
ful book Sculpting Wood: Contemporary Tools and

Techniques, Bill has another book project, this
time working with fused glass, techniques, and

products. He is also a member of the board of
directors of the Connecticut chapter of the Inter­
national Television Association, an organization

that promotes the skills and ideas in business, indus­

ty education, and other non­

broadcast settings. And he is still teaching pho­
tography and TV production as a professor at

Worcester State College in Worcester, Mass. • Gale Holtz Golden went to Bryn Mawr College after Colby and then on to Syra­
cuse University. Gale moved to Burlington, Vt.,
six years ago and really loves it. She has a private practice in sex and marital therapy and is clini­
cal assistant professor of psychiatry at Universi­
ty of Vermont Medical College. She said it was great to see Jo­Ann Gannet after more than 25 years • Vaughan J. Howland wrote from Bethesda, Md., that he returned to school in 1983 and received a master’s of social work degree in 1985. Now he is in private practice, specializing in alcohol and drug abuse. His wife, Mary Deems Howland ’62, is professor of English at the U.S.

Naval Academy. Their two children are now out on their own • Beverley H. Lapham still lists his occupation as a banker (executive vice presi­
dent, Skaneateles Savings Bank!) But his news was that he and Liz (Rowe ’63) continue to expand

their Change­o­Pace Farm enterprises, adding maple syrup and honey production, dried flower­
sales, and cut­your­own Christmas trees • Ulrich and Diana Sherman Luth live in Pitts­
burgh, Pa. Their elder son (of two) chose Colby after touring many campuses and began his fresh­

man year last September. Diana wrote that he is always reading and compiling files on where she should go to vacation. This year he got to New England annually and hate to see all the con­
gestion and growth at what used to be peaceful vacation spots • Thanks, classmates— keep it up!

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The Golden Age of Discovery

"In my day it was odd if you weren't an English or history major, but my choice of biology as a major was the right one for me," said Charles C. Leighton '60 — "the field exploded." Biology certainly was the right choice for Leighton, who recently was promoted to senior vice president of medical and regulatory affairs worldwide at Merck Sharp & Dohme Research Laboratories in West Point, Pa.

Leighton joined Merck Sharp & Dohme in 1965 and became a senior director in the medical affairs area in 1971. Now responsible for the company's research in drugs and vaccines in the worldwide search for new, more advanced medications, his work takes him to Europe, South America, and the Far East. "We are in the golden age of discovery in curative drugs," Leighton said. "I feel very fortunate to be able to participate in these developments."

During his undergraduate years, Leighton was active in campus life as president of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity and member of the Student Council and the Intra-Fraternity Council. His academic achievements were recognized with the Blue Key award, membership in Phi Beta Kappa, and a Rhodes Scholar candidacy. Upon graduating cum laude from Colby, he earned his M.D. at Harvard Medical School and then completed his internship at the University of Minnesota. He also had research fellowships in biology at Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory, in psychiatry at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, and in pharmacology at the Harvard Medical School. Leighton was interested in medicine even before he attended the College and remarked of his undergraduate education, "it was a great Maine environment develops a love of the outdoors that you never lose."

Apart from his work at Merck Sharp & Dohme, Leighton finds time to be active in a number of medical and professional groups, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Medical Association, the American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, and the Drug Information Association, of which he is currently president. He was also an alumni interviewer for Colby for 20 years and enjoys keeping ties with the College through Philadelphia club activities as well as class reunions. He most recently visited the campus last fall with his son, Christopher, who is in the process of choosing a college. His family also includes his wife, Pamela, and his two daughters, Wendy and Kristine.

Of his life Leighton said, "I feel I have been very lucky. I have a wonderful family. I had a wonderful education, and I'm grateful for the chance to contribute to humanity."

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Some exciting news for Dee Dee Wilson Perry. Her daughter, Beth, a Colby student, has been named a Dana Scholar this year. Beth, an exceptional person indeed, is very interested in the hearing impaired. This has led her to devise some of her own study courses at Colby. For this year's Jan Plan, she's studying under Charis Storms Davis as she learns all about teaching and working with the hearing impaired. Charis teaches five- and six-year-olds, and her husband, Vern, works with the college-age students. Beth, a thig-pian enthusiast at Colby, will also be contributing her drama talents to the students she'll be observing. • Sally Proctor is now a full-time faculty member of Drew University. If you reread her page in “Update '88,” you will see she was successful in her pursuit of a college professorship. Congratulations, Sally. • Nothing much else to report at this time. I would like to remind anyone of you traveling through the northeast Ohio area to stop in or call me. Sandy MacWilliam Lloyd mentioned she likes to travel and also collects dolls. Well, Sandy, stop in and I'll show you my old doll collection. • Hope your Holidays were wonderful! We should all be looking forward to warmer weather and a new beginning. Stay in touch!

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husband, John McAbb, Nancy Saylor Kimball, who is currently working on putting together the class reunion book, says she talked with Sally Saabye O'Brien. Barby Darling, Nancy Pendleton Dyer, Roger and Joyce Arnold Isbister. "Weezie" Lippschutz Silliman, and Nancy Bergeron Cornwall. • Ben Beaver deserves a vote of thanks for his unerring efforts as our effective class agent. He is currently working on the ambitious but attainable goal of raising $75,000 from our class for our reunion year. • I had a surprise phone call from Marcia Phillips Sheldon, and we had great fun catching up on our lives after having been out of touch for a few years. Marcia, who is teaching special needs children and John 63 live in Westfield, N.J., with their two children, Douglas and Heather. • Lee Sraeford Bujold wrote that she will definitely be back for the 25th reunion. Lee and Joe are currently living in Singapore. Daughter Noelle graduated from Middlebury and is with the State Department as a project officer, and son Marc is in his second year at Middlebury. • Dick Geltman joined the Public Securities Association as director of intergovernmental relations after working for the National Governors Association for several years. Dick and his wife and two children live in Chevy Chase, Md. • On a personal note, I have just started a fun and challenging new job in the president's office at the MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston. Ben and I returned to Colby for Homecoming this past fall, and the College never looked better. I hope all of you will be able to come back in June and see for yourselves just what a special place Colby still is.

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John Gillmor has been made a partner in the law firm of Carlsmith, Wichman, Case, Mukai and Ichiki in Honolulu. • Conrad Krack '66 is a marine engineer living in Seattle, Wash. • Bud McAvoy is the president of Manpower in New Hampshire/Vermont; his wife, Ann, is the vice president. Their oldest child, Jennifer, is now a freshman at the University of Tampa. Bud experienced a heart attack about 18 months ago and has drastically changed his diet and exercise habits. • Gayle Lenz Mitchell has begun a career in the real estate field. Husband Chad 64 is the president of West End Chevrolet in Waltham, Mass. Their older daughter is a sophomore at Hartwick College. • Gordon Corey lives in Cumberland, Maine, where he is a horse trainer/track worker. • Michael McMahon is a professor in the English Department at Colby Sawyer College. Mike's writing career began at Colby when he published his first poem in the Atlantic during his senior year. He has just received a grant to do an anthology of poems by women who lived in New Hampshire in the nineteenth century. • Jim Spates is another whose career began at Colby. Jim majored in sociology and is now a professor of sociology at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, N.Y. • Charlene Gorsun Solomon is an associate professor of mathematics at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston. Charlene started the Learning Center at Wentworth and is its initial coordinator. Husband Mark is the owner of the Cork 'n Cask, a retail liquor store in Beverly Farms, Mass. Her daughter, Lauren, is a freshman at Sarah Lawrence College and son Sam is a high school student. • Rick Davis, president of the Edward L. Davis Insurance Agency in Needham, Mass., has been named state national director of the Independent Insurance Agents of Massachusetts. • David Parish is a partner with Holland and Knight in Miami Beach, Fla. Dave wrote that his firm is the largest Florida-based law firm. He is the author of several articles appearing in legal journals, and he wrote a chapter in a recent text of corporate law. He is also the vice president of the Greater Miami Jewish Centers. He and his wife, Rhonda, have a son and a daughter. • Joan Copithorn's Bowen director of the central office of the Archaeological Institute of America, lives in Bedford, Mass. She is the mother of three children. • Margo Beach Long is a school psychologist and living in Stonington, Conn. Her husband, Dick, is a senior planner with Electric Boat Co. Margo wrote, as have many of you, that developing long-lasting friendships was a most important part of her life that started at Colby. The lead-time between writing and when the column is printed is at least four months. As I write, it is almost Thanksgiving, but by the time you read, winter will be nearly a memory! Keep sending in your news ... it's been great to get these reports.

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Congratulations to Gary Knight on his promotion to president and CEO of Livermore Falls Trust in Maine. Gary is a lifelong resident of Livermore Falls and has worked at the bank since he began as a teller there in 1962. • Michael Clivner has moved himself and his furniture company from Phoenix, Ariz., to St. Thomas, U.S.V.I., where he can seriously pursue his newfound interest in underwater photography. • Beth Peo Armstrong pursues her photography interests above sea level; she is a sports photographer for the Seattle Herald. Beth taught photography to children last summer in Woods Hole, Mass. • Dick Ammann and his wife, Lilian, have returned from two years in Lagos, Nigeria, where Dick taught at a local university and Lilian worked for the Ford Foundation. They are now living in Racine, Wis. Dick is an education professor supervising student teachers in field sites. He also makes jewelry from beads he has collected on his travels. • Nephrologist Ted Houghton spent two weeks in Turkey last year with the Air National Guard; forecasting weather for a K Four exercise. • Bonnie Darling Bound is a housewife, mother of four, and custom quilt designer in Woolcott, Vt. She teaches Bible classes for women, and her husband, Jim, is chaplain for the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship on two college campuses. • Gretchen Herschleb and Steve Mutafian were married in 1986 and are expecting their first baby in the spring. Steve is a civil industrial engineer, and he and Gretchen together teach a course in belief management called Avatar. They live in Bayport, N.Y. Welcome to '66's newest baby. • A writer
Bill Loveday has moved to Indianapolis with his wife, Joyce, and their five children. Bill is president and chief executive officer at Massachusetts Hospital. He was offered an opportunity “too good to pass up.”

Phil Browncell moved from Norwood, Mass., where he is a research and design technician with Polaroid. He and his wife, Mary, have two daughters, Leah, 11, and Paula, 9. Phil is going back to school part time and is still doing a lot of singing.

Lynn Weinman phonied from his home in Vienna, Va. He is on his own again after several years of marriage.

Ruth Elliott Holmes resides in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., where she has her own business. A handwriting and document examiner, she is a media spokesman and lectures throughout the U.S.

Don Jepson has started his own business as a Snap-On Tools distributor, and it sounds as if he enjoys being his own boss.

Sarah Shute Hale sent some photographs of her landscape batik. She seems to have found a warm mix of family, church, art, and business. She and her family live in Arden, Ont. She loves needlework and enjoys physical fitness.

Duck Hunnewell is an associate professor of art history and lives in Plymouth, N.H. When asked to brag, he talked of his accomplished wife, Ann, and his two engaging children, Joshua, 7, and Isaac, 4.

I missed a phone call from Rick Lewis several months ago, but his wife, Maggi, filled out the questionnaire and filled us in on their lives in Seattle, Wash., where they moved in 1979 from Boston. Rick was a principal and guidance counselor in Maine for 11 years and is now one of the top realtors in Seattle.

Joyce Denk was named director of alumni relations for enrollment management at the University of Maine. She oversees admissions, student aid, the career center, new student orientation, and enrollment management.

Her goal is to recruit and retain students. She and her husband, Donald, have two sons, Adam, 9, and Aaron, 7.

Laurie Page Mills is in Australia for her job as Jim's assistant in managing director of Caterpillar Finance Australia sent Laurie into temporary retirement after a 17-year career in banking. She was responsible for loan approvals nationwide as the corporate underwriter for a mortgage banking firm.

Ken Johnson wrote from his parish in Gardner, Mass., that he and his wife had a daughter, Johanna Augustine, on November 1, 1988. They now have three girls and a boy.

Phil Kay is president of Telecommunications Consulting and lives in Topsfield, Mass., with his wife, Barbara, and daughter, Deborah. 10. Due to his business travels, Phil might drop in on any one of us any time. He wrote that he had fun taking Deborah to Camp Wohelo in South Casco, Maine, and recommends that camp to others with daughters 8 to 14.

Gil Congdon lives in Reading, Mass., with his wife, Pam, sons Peter, 14, and Brad, 12, and daughter Brooke, 8. He recently resigned as athletic director at Reading Memorial High School to concentrate on teaching math full time at the junior/senior high school in Manchester, Mass. Gil also coaches youth baseball and soccer.

Chris Sinton was recently elected executive vice president of retail at the United New Jersey Bank. Chris joined the bank in 1985.

Chalmers “Chop” Harrenbergh edits “The Arms Control Reporter,” a monthly update on arms control negotiations. He has been married for two years to Margaret Kimball.

John Cooper is a restaurant manager in Saco, Maine. He and wife Sarah have two daughters, Jennifer, 14, and Sarah, 10. John says he collects pounds and then tries to get rid of them. A recent milestone for him was biceps. John wrote that he knows where Nick Jansen, Pete Gurlery, and Brad Coady are, but he won’t tell anyone.

“Sookie” Stockwell Danielson lives in Winthrop, Maine, with her husband, Ken, and their two children. She plans to start a small business at the University of Maine at Augusta in the fall of 1988. Being a wife and mom has been her focus. Sookie visited with Laila Walji Alidina, who is an allergy specialist. Laila’s husband is a college professor, and they have two boys in school.

Jed and Francine Daniels live in Manchester, Maine. Daughter Megan, 11, loves softball and horseback riding, and Anna, 6, is an aspiring soccer player. Francine is the head of the compliance division of the Maine Human Rights Commission, a state agency. She has been appointed to the State AIDS Advisory Committee.

Susan Finlay Chavez wrote from Annapolis, Md., where she is an RN at National Institutes of Health. Susan works in the surgical ICU. If she were to brag, it would be to say that she is a “good critical care nurse.” She also gardens, sails, and does needlework. She would love to see some former classmates. Don’t hesitate to look her up if you see her in California. She lives in West Redding, Conn.

Caroline Kresky wrote from Atlanta, Ga. Caroline had a very serious bicycle accident on the Maine coast in August of 1988 that made her “more conscious than ever of the value of life and that it should be enjoyed.”

J.J.’s Tillinghast’s business is expanding. In her role as account executive of Duchin Entertainment, she is now arranging entertainment for special events, weddings, fund raisers, and corporate events. She works hard as a volunteer on fund raisers. J.J. enjoys auctions and her children, Nicole, 15, and Bryan, 11.

Derek Schuster is vice president of corporate development for Byder Construction.

He lives in NYC with his wife, Karen, and their four daughters. He has founded a child abuse prevention organization called Family Dynamics.

Sandy Miller Keolan wrote in a very upbeat tone that her life is busy with her career and her family. She is pleased with the life decisions that she has made. Her suggestion that child rearing should be a required course at Colby is a good one.

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Professional yachtsman Ted Allison aims to enter the Whitbread Round the World Race in 1989. Ted and Carolyn and son Jake are happily settled in Seattle, Wash. Pete Arnold’s success as a house builder is equalled by accomplishments in the field of family counseling. Pete, Lynne, and their children Nathan and Caroleville in Damariscotta, Maine.

John Birkimine, government relations manager with Outboard Marine, celebrates daughter Kris’s entering college. Yes, John, you are too young; I’ll always picture you as a young prep school grad entering Colby.

Pastor and eternal student, Ken Borch, preaches in Ashland, N.H. Ken and his family greeted showroom customer Fred Clasquin, now a dentist, at Ken’s church last summer.

Nancy Fischer Reale has been elected to the Rochester, N.Y., school board. The simple pleasures of life, including skiing, continue despite Nancy’s busy family life.

Irv Frutkoff is director of analytical services, Unikoor Biotechnology, Jerusalem, Israel, where he dwells with family Margaret, Carmiel, and Kinneret.

Attorney Theodore Fucillo has a restaurant on the Charles River, Cambridge, Mass. Ted’s beautiful daughter Kristine is five.

Sandra High Walters and husband Kenneth, a Bowdoin man, love raising their four children in their huge home in Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.

Dr. Rick Moriarty wrote beautifully about his work in pediatrics at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Rick and Patty’s children are award-winning swimmers.

Commercial artist Brad Muscott and wife Criste reside in West Redding, Conn. We are thankful that Brad survived a motorcycle accident.

Jeff Lathrop has been appointed to the top executive position of general manager of Mount Attitash Corp. in New Hampshire. Jeff’s extensive work in the ski industry led to this promotion.

Jane Pfeifer Jerry of Texas is president of the Ameri-
Jerry can Association of Youth Museums, a 15 7-mem­
Savicki Carvellas ber int ernational organization
for a spell, a fu ll- tim e mother and wife when sec­
and child Julia was born in July 1988 • Nancy
Short Hall, mother of two, holds a management
position in Girl Scouting in Vermont • George
and Donna Sidelinger Riser preside over GKR
Inc. in Ross, Calif. • Bart and Tricia Weyand
are back in the U.S.A. after 15 years in Great Brit­
Rippon in 1989. Ken is vice president of Environmental
in c. in Ross, Calif.

20th reunion: June 9-11, 1989 • Warning: I'm going to say it on pretty thick about reunion this
. I hope to get some of us calling each other with de finite plans. I'm told the kids will love it,
too. So how many good excuses can there be? • Mary Ellen Lyle Hen received a lot of praise from her colleagues about her superi­
er education at Colby. She loves that and in turn
she shares her gifts with college students at American
University • Lynne Hudson Treat won­
ers what is your favorite memory from Colby? I hope she will be able to come from Phoenix, Ariz., and get some responses. Some will be very interesting, I expect • Dan Todzia wonders if Homecoming Weekend is still as much fun as it was. I'm unsure, but I know #20 will be great, and I want Tod to bring a picture of this alleged 45-
 pound kingfish caught off a seven-foot sailfish! •
I hope Don Cooper will come and bring Den­
nis Casey. These two and their families see each other regularly. Don is a very successful varsity
coach in Oxford, N.Y., and he even has a son
named Colby • Many of us are looking for each other. Leslie Podgus Blanding would like to
find David Katz. Leslie is in Bow, N.H., where she's a retired teacher and mom to four young
children • Roberta Kent English is looking for Pat
Moore. Robbie is starting a new career as a speech/language pathologist, and she has a
daughter at Princeton • Lots of life changes for
us: Leslie Hitch Dunbar changed careers, life­
style, and islands, moving to Molokai, Hawaii •
Barbara Felz Reim has moved to Indianapolis
with her family • E. Sanders Hoe has moved
to Pocomac, Md., where he and his wife are
raising three children. Sandy is an attorney, especially interested in government contract law.
Remember, guys, during times of change, it's al­
ways good to rediscover roots • I wonder what kind of vehicle Rosemary Constable Pillsbury
drives when she gets out with her six children? Will she bring them and receive the "most kids"
prize? • Best wishes; hope I'll see you there.
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35902.

Since my last column, Steve and I have been back
to Colby, when we returned for Homecoming Weekend as well as class correspondent and club
leader meetings. The weather was made to order for a tailgate picnic and football game (which Colby nearly won!), and we caught a glorious
view of the campus atop the bell tower of Miller
Library • On that same note, new friends
Debbie Williams Anderson and Steve 68 and
their two children, the eldest of whom is already
college bound. We walked the beautiful new
track together after classmate Sebs Mamo had
the honor of running the track's dedication lap • Richard 69 and Marta Luce Habeshian were also among the very few of our classmates
to attend the weekend. Martha reported seeing
Cathy Pagano from time to time in the local gro­
cery store near their Rhode Island homes. Mar­
a is a school librarian. She also performs with the New England Festival Chorus and has trav­
eled and sang on a singing tour. Richard manages
his tennis clubs and appropriately maintains his in­
terest in the sports program at Colby. In his spare
time, he referees Rhode Island high school hocky
games. Both of them continue to be active
alumni and looked great • Judith Files McKer­
nan, who has been selected to receive a scholar­
ship to Universite Laval in Quebec, completed her master's degree at Rivier College and went on to teach there. She now teaches French at Cee­
Brown Northwood Academy in New Hampshire.
While in Quebec, Judith will speak only French at the oldest French language university in North America. Thousands come from all over the world to study there each year, but only 15
scholarships are awarded • Kudos to Ann
McEwen, who has been named to the board of directors for the Advertising Club of Western Massachussetts. Anne runs her own advertising agency in Northampton, Mass. Please let me know what's happening in your lives. I'm sure our classmates would like to know what you're doing.
Class secretary: LAURA STRUCKHOFF
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21239.

The deadline for this particular column caught
me by surprise, so without any fanfare • Michael Smith sold the farm in Oxford and
moved to the Big City of Auburn, Maine, with
his wife, Diana, and their two daughters, "basket­
ball star" Danielle and "model" Chesa. Mike is
now sports editor for the paper there • Paul
and Susan Samsni Spiess are still living in Am­
herst, N.H., where Paul is president of Colonial
Mortgage and Susie is an "on-sabbatical real es­
tate appraiser" who has been kept busy supervis­
ing the construction of their new home and
keeping up with the demands of his sports writing and son Stephen • Andrew Smith wrote that since
returning in 1980 from Saudi Arabia where he
taught and coached the Saudi National Tennis
Team, he has been living in Torrington, Conn.,
with wife Nancy and baby daughter. Mara and
teaching elementary P.E. in Regional District
#6 • Jon Stone wife Gayle, and sons Brent, Pe­
ter, and Matthew have moved 'home' to Sharon,
Mass. to allow Jon to assume a new position as
director of Colby's new Marketing Institute. Gayle,
currently working as a mathmatics tutor, Jon
notes that both are very proud of their son's aca­
demic and athletic accomplishments. He may be
setting a few of his own again since successful
back surgery last spring has got him up to run­
ning three miles a day again. His busy schedule
didn't prevent him from attending Steve Orlov's
wedding in Montreal in September. Although
Jeanette Lerner only attended Colby for her
freshman year, she's still on the class rolls and
sent back word that she still recalls a number of
names and memories of her year at the College.
She's currently working on her Ph.D. in linguistics
at Berkeley. From Gladstone Conn. com­
words that Elaine Weeks has been elect­
ed vice president at the Connecticut Bank and
Trust. She is responsible for marketing credit card
portfolios of CBT and other Bank of New England
affiliates. Elaine and I shared a few classics cour­
ses at Colby since we both had majors in the same
department. Two of my high school Latin classes
were fascinated to learn where her classics ma­
jor had taken her • And now to tackle the 'mountain' of questionnaires that have poured in
from all this summer. No, I don't know why some of you received two mailings, and the 'women's lib' question was a surprise to me also. The good
news is that I won't be complaining about the lack of news for some time to come and I did hear
from a number of people I've been wondering about. Andrea Solomon is teaching high school
English and special education classes in N.Y.C.
and trying to participate in Colby alumni activi­
ties when possible. She still remembers those
snowfalls in January! • Rod Schultz checked in from Houston Tex., where he works as con­
troller of Treesweet and resides with wife Mary
and daughters Lauren and Ellen • William
Hadky is another member of the class living and
working in N.Y.C., where he is manager of the Premium audit department. He also finds time
to do some white water canoeing • And finally,
a quick congratulations to Scott Thomas and his
wife, Sheila, who were expecting an August addition to their family. They are currently liv­
ing in Fitchburg, Mass., with son Sean.
Class secretary: LINDA A. CHESTER
46 Lincoln St., Hudson, Mass. 01749.

It's pre-Thanksgiving, and I'm writing between
batches of pumpkin bread and pies. With that
and a new batch of questionnaire responses, it's
a happy time to write to you • Gail Glidden
Christiansen will be on sabbatical next year
from her position as director of the Learning Cen­
ter at Southern Maine Technical Institute • An­
drine Smith and her husband, Henry live in
Alameda Calif., where she has begun law school
while working as a legal assistant • Ten years
ago Russell Harris began publishing a weekly
newspaper in Groton, Mass. He has now celeb­
rating the 10th anniversary of that continuing proj­
e ct • From Mt. Vernon, Maine, Alice Osmer
Olson wrote that she continues as a librarian and
nursery school teacher • With much to be
proud of Nancy Round Haley is completing an M.S. in pharmacology and toxicology. She has worked while mothering two terrific girls • Traveling through Denver, Kathy McNutt of Denver met a woman studying law and ballroom dancing. Kathy is off to live in Paris, transferred by Honeywell Bull. • “Chip” Edgerton does cost estimating in commercial construction, while Joanie teaches second grade. Their two teenagers are clearly leaders and athletes. Chip continues with hockey—believes it or not, in an “Old Timers’ league.” • Ski instructor, construction business manager and mother of three—that’s Linda DeWey Madeira. She and her husband recently moved with their three boys from Cornish, N.H. to Norwich, Vt. • From Palermo, Maine, John Bunker wrote that he’s a high school English teacher. The responsibility is frightening,” says attorney Sally Chester Williford as she continues to handle murder cases. For the second time she has avoided the death penalty for a client. • From a news clipping we’ve learned that Barbara Senges was recently named assistant principal of the Charles E. Murphy Middle School in Montville, Conn. • Walter Becker is employed in engineering, and administration. Barbara has always preferred the junior high level. Congratulations, Barbara • Congratulations also to Pat Mustakangas in Canton, N.Y. She immersed in social service work and was recently promoted to supervisor of Preventive Services for Children (working with families at risk who are candidates for foster care). She also director of the local Association for Neighborhood Rehabilitation, helping purchase and renovate housing for low-income persons. In addition she’s a member of a community theater group, and she continues to play her French horn—with the St. Lawrence University Brass Ensemble and Orchestra. She welcomes anyone traveling in the “far reaches of northern New York” to stop and visit. • From another “outpost” Fargo, N.D.—Sandy Manoogian Pearce wrote a great tale. She and her husband, Tom, have just accepted teaching posts at Moorhead State University on the North Dakota-Minnesota border. Sandy’s an assistant professor of English, teaching technical writing and Shakespeare. We should all be as grateful at this Thanksgiving time as Sandy, who wrote with pride of her “bright and bubbly” daughter and her son, who “caught a fish in the river by our house.”

Class secretary: JANET HOLM GERBER 11112 Broad Green Dr., Potomac, Md. 20854.

Re: Motherhood—Janet Perethian Bigelow considers the birth and life of son Christopher a proud accomplishment and a cherished gift after the loss of their second baby boy shortly after birth. • Merrillee Bonney is raising bilingual girls, Eiske ’84 and Sasha ’86: they keep her arteries from hardening! • Mary Jane Tiedeman feels much the same as Merrillee, as Anna ’78 and Andy ’81 add up to her “fitness program” of run, run, run! After a 10-year hiatus of being at home, she’s now a part-time librarian at a law firm. She asks, “How do full-time working moms manage it all?” • Carol Chalker McDowell boasts proudly of teenagers Amy Beth ’74 and Molly Lynn ’76 as hospital volunteers, proficient musicians, spelling bee champs, and superb babysitters! Molly Lynn is going to Colby some day. • Susan Rennau had twins, Mercedes and Hillary, a year and a half ago and is very proud of them and her profession as a labor and delivery nurse. • Gail Andrews McCarthy has taken on the “ hectic” life: full-time at home with their three, Michael, Patrick, and Carolyn! • Janet Stafford Wood had a preemie boy, Stephen, in December 1986 at 28 ½ weeks, 2 pounds, 12 ounces. Stephen is doing great, a six brother. Christopher’s commitment to his profession as an RN in Newborn is undeniable. He particularly personally rewarding. • Re: Politics and community involvement—Peter Rinaldi was chair, Lev- de County 1987-88, chair, Mississippi Economic Forum 1988-89, and active in Democratic politics in southwest Mississippi. • Merrillee Bonney is the Dutch delegate to the Group of Economic Experts on Air Pollution of the Economic Commission for Europe of the U.N. • Janet Perethian Bigelow is an elected member of town meeting and coordinator of several school committee member campaigns. • Peter Gerken mingles with the “greens” in West Germany. • Gary Langer is teaching in Finland and is involved in environmental activism and a rock ’n roll band, member of “Lawn Ornaments.” • Mary Jane Tiedeman is president of the Home and School Association of her children’s school. • Gail Andrews McCarthy is active with the local AAUW. • Fran Gate-Demgen is an elected member of her local school board and is active with Meals on Wheels and Campfire. She also working with her two daughters and other children on a nine-foot by five-foot tile mural for their school! • Susie Yovic Hoeller is a board member of Dallas Right to Life and a Republican Party precinct worker. She collaborates with the “green” in West Germany and is a member of the Dutch Parliament. • Rich Gathrop, recently married, teaches history at the University of South Carolina. • Peter Gerken is married with two daughters in Bierbachtal, West Germany; a teacher, carpenter, and writer, he welcomes Colby visitors. • A Hill of Decatur, Ga., regrets that a past column reported that he travels the world in his profession: Dublin, Athens, Rome, and Cairo are all in Georgia! He is a consultant for the Georgia Department of Human Resources, has one daughter, Alex, 11, but is divorced. He is starting all over again at a new address. 12447 Forrest Blvd., Decatur, Ga. 30030. Best of luck, Al! Thanks to all who participated in the questionnaire. Please fill out the next one, as the details of our lives do change from one month to the next! 


reunion that’s the 15th, folks. Somemakes last minute travel arrangements and plan to be back on campus for a great weekend. • Now for the news that’s not so new anymore. Harriet Hulits Wall wrote to update us on her life since Colby, which includes teaching English in Niger, West Africa, completing Temple Law School, and becoming interested in international law/politics. Harriet also wondered what Becky Littleton Corbett is doing. • Lowell Widmer wrote from Montana, where he works for Royal Tetons Engineering, Belt Construction. One thing he’s done that he never anticipated doing when he left Colby was to become a Montessori elementary school teacher. • Nick Ballas wrote from New Mexico, where he’s been for the last six years. He lists his occupation: as actor/director/instructor/restaurant consultant/Whew! • Beth Roberts wrote for the first time since we graduated to say that she lived for a time in Switzerland, then for about four years in Germany, during which time she traveled extensively. After returning to the U.S. in 1980, she hitched throughout the country detouring to Mexico and Guatemala. At the time she completed her questions from the Dutch-English translation service. Her husband, Gary, is a member of the Dutch Parliament. • Jim Heald recently announced the official release of his first tape, “Standing on the Great Wall of China.” This independently produced tape is a compilation of nine original songs, “dedicated to the mysteries of love and life.” We can do the rest of our catching up at reunion!

Class secretary: CAROL D. WYNNE 7 Noyes Ave., Waterville, Maine 04901.

Help! I’m running out of information. A new questionnaire is on the way, so if you want a column next month, take up pen and respond. • E. Breck Aronzin wrote from Andover, Mass., that he is in the field of computers as a consultant for Digital Equipment Corporation. His wife, Lani, is a doctoral candidate in psychology. • A new job, as of early 1988, characterizes Joan Desalvo’s life. She is now assistant principal at Silver Lake Junior High School in Pembroke, Mass. She’s not through yet, though. Joanie’s just about done getting a second master’s degree in educational administration and will soon be certified as principal. Congratulations, Joanie! • I heard from Craig Clark, who now calls Nashua, N.H., home when he’s around. Craig is a free-lance photographer currently employed as a driver for a relocation company. Driving all over has provided great subjects for his photography. He is now represented by several stock photo agencies and is active in producing model portfolios. • Kevin Cooman is partner in the law firm of Greisberg, Zacari, McConville, Cooman, Morin & Welch. At first trial lawyer, he now supervises the litigation department. Kevin notes that his son, Carson, 6, is a leading juvenile authority in the area.
Hannah Karp Laipson '46, at the inauguration of Thomas J. Anton as president of Becker Junior College.

Susan Lockhart '64, at the inauguration of Linda Koch Lorimer as president of Randolph-Macon Women's College.

Michael Lynes '75, at the inauguration of Elizabeth Colman as president of Bennington College.

Candace Castle Marsellus '61, at the inauguration of Neil R. Grabois as president of Colgate University.

William Marvin '65, at the inauguration of Richard A. Gustafson as president of New Hampshire College.

Carol Auskelis Myers '74, at the inauguration of Donald Sheldon Stanton as president of Otterbein University.

Ralph Nelson, Jr. '60, at the inauguration of Russell C. Jones as president of the University of Delaware.

Lesleigh Amlaw Perry '49, at the inauguration of Lyle A. Gray as president of Castleton State College.

Mark Richardson '77, at the inauguration of John Patrick Crecine as president of the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Jeffrey Sanderson '77, at the inauguration of William M. Dyal, Jr., as president of St. John's College.

Martha Raymond Scherpenisse '61, at the inauguration of John H. Jacobsen as president of Hope College.

Gloria Shepherd '64, at the inauguration of Brother Thomas J. Scanlon as president of Manhattan College.

Barbara Stanford-Tremblay '68, at the inauguration of Judith A. Sturnick as president of Keene State College.

Edward Stuart '51, at the inauguration of Charles Boynton Knapp as president of the University of Georgia.

Paul L. Tessier '64, at the inauguration of Frank Douglas Brown as president of Columbus College.

David Van Allen '56, at the inauguration of Thomas Keith Meyer as president of Elmira College.

Frederick A. Watkins '63, at the inauguration of Agnar Pytte as president of Case Western Reserve University.

Lewis Weeks, Jr. '42, at the inauguration of Patti McGill Peterson as president of St. Lawrence University.

Thanks for the great response to the questionnaire. I'll try to get to everyone, and those whom we've not heard from recently move to the top of the pile. • Lydia Mcainerney is program director for the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley. She's also very involved in the St. Paul, Minn., dance community. Lydia sits on the board of directors of the Tapestry Dance Center in the Twin Cities. • A number of classmates are currently living in Oklahoma, including Karen Gil Lum Givan, wife to Christopher Givan. • Bob Clay is living in Guthrie, where he is a financial manager with the Bob Clay Telephone Company. He and wife Joyce have five children ranging from ages 2 to 7. The oldest, Elizabeth and Adam, are on the local swim team. • Harry Nelson is a production manager with the Baker Company in North Yarmouth, Maine. He's also going to graduate school and is president of the board of trustees for People's Regional Opportunity Program of Portland. Harry's other accomplishments include running in 20 marathons since Colby, which may help him keep up with his kids Sam (3), Peter (2), and Alex (almost 1). • Carol McIntyre Peale has recently moved due to a career opportunity for her husband, James Peale, who now serves as a deputy clerk for Cheshire County Superior Court in New Hampshire. Carol works part time as a pre-school special needs teacher when she's not taking care of Caitlyn (4) and Andrew (3) • Michael Jones is an airline pilot for Northwest Airlines. He and wife Susan have three children, Laurel (7), Kate (4), and Anna (2) • Norman Marsilis wrote for the first time—he's an architect living in Fairfield County. • Jeanne McCarthy is a Spanish teacher in Scarborough, Maine. She and her husband, Thomas, have a two-year-old son, Thomas III. • I wish I had known when I was there that a bunch of '76ers are in Cleveland. Phil Freund is a data base administrator at the Cleveland Clinic. He and wife Sydney have a son, Johnathan, who was born in February '88. • Jenny Frutchy Ford was promoted to assistant vice president of Progressive Corporation, managing a $1 million cor-

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private giving program. She’s also in charge of a major real estate development project to “remake” Cleveland. Jenny has been working with nationally known architect Frank Gehry and several artists, including Oldenburg, Serra, Judid, and Andre. She and her husband, Ed, have a daughter, Susannah Wende, who, with her parents, are the subject of a Harvard Business School case on two-career families. • Bill Silverman is a fellow in gastroenterology at Case Western Reserve. He’s been living abroad in Italy and Brussels for the last eight years. Most recently, he was an emergency room physician in Chicago. Bill is planning a trip back East and wanted to warn Mike North of the visit. Bill and wife Margarida have a two- year-old retriever named Balo who (according to Bill) thinks he’s human. The family spends a lot of time canoeing, and Bill adds that the dog is a better canoeist and swimmer than his wife, whom I certainly shall appreciate. Coincidentally, Bill wanted to know what Mitch Brown is up to. We aim to please here. Mitch is an exercise physiologist. He completed a master’s in exercise physiology and works for a sports medicine clinic. Mitch was appointed regional coach for the Eastern Region Girls’ U-16 team. He continues to coach soccer for girls and teaches a licensing course for fellow coaches. He adds that he finds great satisfaction in helping women achieve some of their goals and in helping them decide their future. He hopes he can go beyond teaching the technical aspects of the game and instill some humanity and care in dealing with others. Isn’t that the real name of the game?

Class secretary: PAMELA M. CAME

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I’m still working from news you sent me in late 1987. So forgive me if some of this is dated. If perchance you have changed anything in the past year, please send me an update. • News from afar: Bruce and Jennifer Davis Thomson and their two daughters are living in Tokyo. I’m not sure why they’re there—Bruce and Jennifer, care to comment? Are your daughters learning Japanese? Are you? • The following are proud parents of what are now one-year-olds: Jo-Ellen Bois Smith has a daughter, Fiona Alyse; Kathleen Jewett Sutherland has a son, Colin Francis; • This month’s featured profession: attorneys. Emily Graham has represented Marily Chambers in court. Robert Guillery is a Maimic lawyer practicing in Sacol. Priscilla Bondy is becoming a yippie in Shelburne, Vt. • David Mallman has put his legal skill to work as township manager in Gradyville, Pa. • Mark Fishbon still loves baseball, lives in Sharon, Mass. and admits that he listens to Frank Sinatra albums. (What a relief. I thought I was the only one our age who liked Ol’ Blue Eyes!) • Other professions: Margaret Felton Viens calls herself an entrepreneur. She owns her own business in Fairfield, Maine. (Margaret, what is it that you do?) • Judy Damon Endress is a printed circuit designer for MIT. That sounds pretty unusual. A woman in a man’s world. (What a relief. I thought I was the only one our age who liked Ol’ Blue Eyes!) • So far this year must be mid-20s setting in! Thanks to Jim Cook for the five great years as our class secretary. He will be a tough act to follow. • Alix Land was married last spring in Los Angeles to Barry Netley, a native Californian. They came east this summer (his first to this coast) for a reception in Westport, Conn., attended by Pat and Joan Vicario Sweeney, Dave Donegan, Jim and Jane Linge McDonough, Dan Dawe 76 and wife Debbie Cronin, Carol Rici 77, myself, and many friends and family. • John ’80 and Ronni-Jo Posner Carpenter are pleased to announce the birth of their twin sons, Scott Lindeman and Robert Olds Carpenter. Both boys weighed in at a healthy six pounds and are keeping their parents very busy and happy. • Lisa Kristen Klein spent a great weekend in Birmingham, Mich. with Ted 76 and Rae Caravaty Shanahan and their frisky baby, Michael. Teds an executive at Coke, and Rae, she says, is a great mom. Lisa’s in N.Y.C. working at Lincoln Center Theater as director of annual giving. She said that “get out your checkbooks” is the name of the game. • I ran into Rick Abrams this fall and we caught up with one another. He is president of Tom Snyder, Inc., a Cambridge software company. He and his wife, Susan Kenyon, are enjoying the role of parents of son Matthew. 2, Jean is working in the fast-paced field of anti-viral research at E. R. Squibb and Sons as assistant research investigator. • One classmate who is easing into the idea of parenthood is domestic supervisor Kay E. LaVoie Lowell, who is now mother to two adult cats and grandmother to five kittens! She and Nate (who you may recall was the textbook supervisor at the Colby bookstore) live in Lisbon Center, Maine. Though Kay expected to be an English teacher after Colby, she wound up as a paralegal and legal secretary for several years and then attended law school. She also acted all three Maine real estate brokerage courses. In 1984 a work-related injury left her hands permanently partially disabled. She now sings in the Androscoggin Chorale and volunteers much of her time and energy to WCB/B-TV in Lewiston. • Striking out on his own, Glenn Connell has formed his own public relations firm, Connell and Company, dedicated to serving high-technology-based industries in southern New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts. Glenn has over 12 years’ experience in industrial sales and marketing and is the author of numerous feature articles in high-tech trade
Carl Nelson - a man with much good humor and patience. Peter is living in Sherbrooke, Quebec and works as secretary-treasurer for Eastern Townships Produce Ltd., distributors of Sealest dairy products and Boischatel Spring Water. His wife, Mary (Lynah '80) is director of liaison.

Kenneth Gall received a Ph.D. in nuclear physics from Boston University in June 1988 and currently holds a faculty position at Harvard Medical School in the department of radiation medicine. He was married to Louise Perkins on September 3, 1988. John Boole 'best man', Bri- an Heneghan '80 Paul Novak '80 Ken Seifel '82 and John Taylor '83 were in attendance.

Kathryn Critchlow Luther and husband Mark both received M.S. degrees in geology from the University of North Dakota in May 1988. Mark has recently started a job as an environmental scientist with the North Dakota State Health Department. Kathryn participated in a seven-day, 80-mile white-water rafting trip and is now job hunting. Their daughter, Megan Rose, is four years old.

Kathy Ennis Cutter and husband Alan have just bought a condo in Jamai- cal Plaid. Kathy is a student working on her M.B.A. at Boston University and is mother to Samuel Jason. Alan is a real estate broker and rental manager. Kathy says she misses the close- ness at Colby, especially with her sisters in Chi Omega.

Fred Madeira and his wife Tricia were married in May 1988 at BU chapel. Fred is working as an account executive at Compuserve and Tricia is an assistant sales manager at AT&T. They are living in the south end of Bos- ton.

Faith Bramhall has been promoted to a new position as group disability sales consultant for Northwestern Mutual Life. This job gives Faith the opportunity to do a great deal of traveling. She writes of fellow Colbyites: Mari Samaras White and husband Charlie '80 were expecting their third child in October. In May she visited in Maryland with Tory Sneff, who is very involved with Le Peep Restaurants. In San Francisco she caught up with Kim Wadkins, who is still work- ing in human resources at MCI. Kim also keeps active as captain of a soccer team. More recent- ly Faith was in New York City, where Kathy Dornish and Holly Mackin Anzini are both working. Sounds to me like Faith has the perfect job!

Daphne Geary Waggaman and hus- band William are living in Norwich, Conn., and have started their own business, The Old Homestead, restoring old homes in Fairfield County. Their second child, Natalia, was born February 29, 1988. Colby brings her memories of her favorite professor, Ed Kenney.

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University of New Hampshire and last fall was appointed assistant director of career and placement services at New England College in Henniker, N.H. • Martin J. Eisenberg has been named visiting instructor of economics at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill. He is currently completing his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania • Jacqueline Gage has been appointed the one-year field science teacher in the New Gloucester, Maine, school system • Another science teacher, Wendy Van Dyke, will be the new seventh-grade teacher at the Mindless Middle School in Ashland, Mass. Wendy completed her master's at Harvard Graduate School • Helen Dooley Jursec completed her law degree at the New England School of Law last spring. At last word, Helen was clerking at the law firm of Sloane and Walsh of Boston and was preparing to take the Massachusetts bar exam • From overseas Captain Paul Veilleux sent a long new-year letter describing life in his new digs in Belgium. Paul reports that he, wife Andrea, and son Christopher are renting a house outside of Antwerp, where their yard "is as large as a soccer field and there are farms and grazing fields for cows all around us." The Veilleux family is finding the Belgian people extremely friendly, particularly toward Americans. Paul finds his post as supply officer both interesting and challenging, as he is responsible for $50 million in military equipment and vehicles • Well it seems as if the parade of weddings has finally slowed. I only have one nuptial notice. Paul McGovern sent me a nice note to announce that he was back in the U.S. to be married to his fiancée, Lorraine Maffie. On November 13, 1988, in Roslindale, Mass. Paul is employed as marketing executive for First Data Resources in London, England • Thats all folks except to say that your truly is back at the Harvard Coop in Cambridge, but I am no longer managing the print department. After six weeks of serious R & R and two vacations, one week in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and the other on Paradise Island in the Bahamas, I returned to assume my new position in personnel as the company's employment manager. Anybody need a job? If so, give me a call, If not, give me a call anyway! Keep in touch—and enjoy your spring.

Class secretary: EMILY E. CUMMINGS
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I have very little news to work with this time around, but I'll share what is available. "Now" means Thanksgiving/Christmas season, although as you read this you have already exchanged the stuff you received under the tree that didn't fit well. You might already have made (stuck to or broken) some New Year's resolutions. But most importantly, did you write and mail a letter to me about your latest/latest anything? I would like to get that news out to the rest of the readers of this section of '83 class history • Let me tell you a bit about my fall experience at Colby. All class correspondents and other "volunteer leaders" were invited to the College in September to workshops relative to the type of activity for which we volunteer. It also happened to be Homecoming Weekend. Apart from the fact that some things never change at Colby (President Cotter is still there, it's a sweater when they're cold or oatmeal when they're hungry!)

**Adopting a Traditional Position**

Amy Page Oberg '80 and her husband, David, are giving kids a fair chance. Registered foster parents, the Oberg's have been opening their doors and their hearts to children in need of a family since 1985. In the period since, four youngsters have been taken into custody by the Oberg's under the foster care program: Joshua (6), Charlie (5), Tony (3), and George (2). Although the Oberg's always accept a foster child with the hope of future adoption, the situation they currently face highlights some of the difficulties inherent in the foster care program—as well as the couple's fortitude and dedication.

Only two of their foster children, Joshua and Charlie, are adopted. Tony and George have been under foster care. But George's father has been pushing for custody principle, even though the parents have not visited the boy for more than a year, and a custody trial was in the works for late winter. Should George's biological parents' rights be terminated, the Oberg's will adopt the child in the spring. However, Tony recently was ordered by the court to be placed with his biological father, a decision the couple finds unsettling in view of their hopes to adopt and raise each foster child they take into their family.

Amy and David Oberg have a cozy house in Barrington, where they live with their seven children: David, Jr. (7), Kitty (6), Joshua, Charlie, Sarah (4), Tony, and George. Amy Oberg's day is a busy one, of course. But she has a purpose beyond keeping occupied. Oberg says, "So many people say, 'I think I want to adopt someone who needs a home.' So many people say that but so few do it. The kids we have adopted could have had significant problems. A child still in the foster care system by the teen years is just a waste. We're doing it because the kids need love."

In an age of two-income families and the career woman, Amy Oberg has "adopted" a more traditional position. Occasionally she is confronted by the differences between her life choices and those of some of her peers. "Sometimes it's real frustrating to me. People do measure worth by your position." But, she says, "I'm happier in my job than most people I see. I feel that I'm doing very worthwhile work."

In spite of some of the difficulties they have had to face, the Oberg's are overwhelmingly positive about their experience. "It's absolutely wonderful," Amy Oberg said. "These kids need a chance at life. . . . And they appreciate everything, whether it's a sweater when they're cold or oatmeal when they're hungry!"
and we know him; the library is still there, as are our dorms and frats-turned-dorms: and even some of our favorite and not-so-favorite professors are still there. a lot has changed. Take, for example, that beautiful and architecturally perfect Student Center of which we alums are very proud. That building has become a center of activity for the students. I was fortunate enough to be a part of that activity when, on Friday night, a major event seemed to be happening. Lipsynching was the focal point of the moment, and everyone seemed to enjoy the antics of the students performing. Sure, we had gone to smokes. But we did not all go. At this particular event (which, by the way, featured beverages of the alcoholic tap kind and of the nonalcoholic on request), it appeared that every student on campus must have been jammed into the building. The windows were open, and legs hung out, I had seen the Student Center with a reserved audience sitting quietly as President Cotter spoke, but I never had slipped on a beer-covered floor there before. For all the world, the place smelled and sounded like the parties we ’83ers can remember being held in what are now ’commons.’ When I asked the student who checked student IDs as the kids and a lunch rush and indeed related a party, I was chastised and immediately corrected. She was appalled. ’That is the f-word!’ she said. ’We do not have those anymore.’ What was odd was that those students, for all their own purposes, were living in those smelly, sticky, totally enthralling moments we lived—but in another era. I wasn’t going to argue with her; for fear she might have thrown out. Kelly Dodge and Liz Nadeau were there with me and we took it all in together. We left amazed, and we pondered the whole evening. The scene we had seen proved to us that five years and many structural and ideological changes had occurred. Think about it. Anyway, I want to report that our own Todd Coffin was the fastest miler in the first Forest Avenue Mile, edging U. Maine graduate Myron Whipple. West still love to be those guys! Congratulations are also in order for John Lemoine and his brother, David ’79, who were awarded degrees in May (from the United States Military Academy) and the University of Law in Portland. If you want or if you are unable to write, give me a call. Im at 207/244-3678; at work, 207/276-3322. Until next time, happy spring! 
  
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The response from the Class of 85 was overwhelming this fall. Thanks to all of you for being such wonderful correspondents. Andrew Malley and wife Margaret Davis ’85 have moved from New Hampshire to Connecticut. Where Andrew has joined his father and brother, William ’81, in the family business, Andrew also volunteers at the Long Wharf Theater in New Haven. Steve Brennan got engaged to Sylvia Kuzia and relocated to Virginia, where he is working in real estate. Ilona Nagy Burdette was married in June 1988. Karen Clark was maid of honor. Sheila Duffy Davis and Andrew Davis ’85 were married in September and are both working in New York City. Tom Oxholm was appointed director of alumni relations at Vermont Academy; his alma mater after working in the retail field for a while. Congratulations to Tom also on his recent engagement to Victoria Briggs ’87. An August 1989 wedding is planned. Eve Lynne Ermer and husband Scott Russell 83 became proud parents of a daughter, Andrea, born in August. Andrea joins brother Erik at home in Salisbury, Conn. Some of our classmates gave reports from school. Doug Scalice is in his final year at Boston University’s School of Theology, where he will be getting a master’s of divinity. Heidi Stonehill has decided to explore a more creative and visual path in science at the University of Pennsylvania, hoping to combine her interests in art and nature. Stephen Potts is at U Mass working on a master’s in geology. Arlene Kasarjian reporting for the first time since graduation, is studying at Boston College, preparing for a career in public service. She has been working for the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare and interning with the federal government in Washington. Cabot Philbrick is enrolled in the M.F.A. program at Syracuse after spending a year in a film production program at the Art Institute of Chicago. Bob Cobuzzi, a full-time grad student at Loyola University Medical Center, is working on his Ph.D. and really enjoys it. Cindy Ardis is in the doctoral program at the University of Hartford in the field of clinical psychology. Rick Frank is studying at Tufts Dental School and has visited with classmate Marc Doolittle at Brown University Medical School. Brent Jill (Stas) 85 and Bradley Harris have relocated to Washington, D.C. after. Brent received a master’s in medical biochemistry from Hahnemann University. He is now enrolled in Georgetown’s School of Medicine for their M.D./Ph.D. program. Jill serves as assistant to the executive director at the National Black Child Development Institute. Brad turned four last summer and is enjoying his new school. Molly Couch is teaching at the Gulf Stream School with an outdoor classroom across the street from the Atlantic Ocean! She continues a busy fitness program involving aerobics, tennis, swimming, and ice hockey in an all-boys no checking league. Joey Marriott is in his third year of teaching at Lawrence Junior High School in Fairfiled, Maine. Joey also has a busy coaching schedule. After spending two years teaching at Kent School, A. Scott Perry teaches at Portland in the
Waynflete School  • Spring 1988 brought Heath-er Freeman home to Vermont, where she is a publisher’s assistant and gets to do plenty of skiing  • Upon successful completion of a training program with Merrill Lynch, Evan Dangel is finally assisting his own clients with financial planning and personal investments  • Michael Dobbs was promoted to product manager for Colgate-Palmolive and has transferred to West Germany for about three years  • Geoffrey Alexander is a senior production planner at Bath Iron Works  • Suzanne Stahl is a video promotions coordinator at C Span, located in Washington, D.C.  • Grace Serizawa Brown is the owner of Etc. & Co., a design, computer-consulting, and print-production company. Grace had a wonderful seven-week visit to Japan last summer  • She was reunited with her mother after 17 years  • Another entrepreneur, Rachel Brandzel has a wholesale handmade greeting card company and a retail store in Seattle, where she and husband Kim Stuart Rogers live  • Hamilton Brower has traveled extensively for J. Walter Thompson. Some recent trips have included stops in London, Paris, Vienna, Mexico, and the Far East. He also made a more local stop to see classmate Helene Landers in Hollywood, Calif., where she is breaking into acting after being in a few commercials  • Finally, Lee Scammon is a headhunter in retail markets close to her new home in Waltham. She also reports on Rich Deering, who is working for John Martin’s Manor in Portland—and no doubt doing the mambo in the Playroom there!  • That’s all the room I have for now. More news in the next magazine. Best wishes to everyone.

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I'd like to congratulate all of the following on their recent marriages. Debra Dunn married Andrew Walker of Harwich, Conn., in June 1988. Debra is pursuing a doctorate in psychology at the University of Connecticut  • Jen Shackett married Thomas Berry, a 1986 Dartmouth grad, also during the month of June  • In July, Abby Lau­sier and Tim Murphy were married. Abby is working for the law firm of Arnold, Morgan & Lauzier in Lynn, Mass., and Tim is employed by the Bedford Administration Hospital  • Jim Canfield married Karen Bonander of Troy, Mich., last September. Jim is currently employed through the financial development department program at Digital Equipment in Maynard, Mass.  • In November John Bookis married Deborah Sefradias. John is working for Morgan Guaranty Trust in New York  • More news comes in about some of our classmates who are continuing their education and some who are continuing the education of others. Andrew Rudman is working on his master's degree in Latin American studies at Tulane. He had plans to return to Argentina last summer to research the demographic transition. Andy loves New Orleans and welcomes any classmate who passes by to stop for a visit  • Connie Gallagher left Portland, Maine, last summer, where she was teaching special children, to return to her home state of California. Connie has started working on her master's in education at Stanford  • she has one class with Eric Heiden!  • On the creative side, Gregg Bach and Janet Dean represent Colby in the Anthology of First Annual Hamilton College Interpretate Reading Series  • Last year E.J. Perry was a substitute teacher in the Lawrence school system in Massachusetts, where he was also coaching the Lawrence High track team  • Pam Blanchard joined the staff at Vermont Academy this past fall. She works as an assistant in the admissions office  • In the almost two years that we’ve been out, some of you may have switched jobs and my info may be old news, so drop me a line. Richard Cuttie is living in Beverly Hills, Calif., and is working as a marketing manager for Cecil Saya-dah Co., a major textiles firm in L.A.  • Peter McKinley worked in New Hampshire for the Conservation Commission as a summer intern in 1988. He was to produce a brochure of recreational trails in the Concord area  • Krisse Ralff lives in Boston and works for Sheraton International Corporation. She has been in their publicity department since spring 1988  • Kim Bywood lives in Palo Alto, Calif., Women’s Wear Daily and W. She’s meeting some really interesting people, and last year she had the opportunity to interview the Pet Shop Boys  • Elaine Mullen is still in New York but is now working for the Bank of Tokyo in the financial services department. She’s happy she’s getting to meet both East Asian and economics majors  • Another classmate who is putting her major to good use is Meredith Belden Merridith, who has settled into her own house in Freeport, Maine. He’s teaching biology at Gould Academy and is a supervisor in the dorm he lives in. Steve has also begun a student service organization that is assisting elderly people, and he still finds time to work with local grammar school children  • Also in Maine, John Moore has taken on an exciting challenge with his older sister. The two of them bought the State Theater in Farmington. This is the first time in over 30 years that the local movie house won’t be operated by a big corporation. Best of luck to you and your sister, John!  • Scott Bates has become another addition to Portland, Maine. He’s been living here for the past year and a half, working for the Sheridan Group in project management  • Also in the Portland area, Clifford Dow enjoys his work as a stockbroker  • As for the rest of you who haven’t seen your name in this column yet, let me know what you’re up to. I want to hear from the whole class at least once before our fifth- year reunion.

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The news I’ve gathered is mostly job-related, so forgive me if this column is not the most thrilling  • please drop a note to me or the Alumni Office. Even though many left Waterville last May worried about their joblessness, clearly such worrying was unnecessary. Allison Murray, who was sure she’d “never get a job,” is now living in Boston and working for Boston Financial Data Services as a correspondent. So far the best news for the two of us who chased from an 8:00 to a 10:30 starting time  • Also in Boston is Kristin Shea, who is involved in an executive training program with one of the area’s leading retail companies  • Rob Young is nearby, living in Newton, he’s a store manager at Herman’s Sports. Visit him and perhaps you can get a discount on that new pair of skis  • Those whose remain in Maine include Greg Cunningham, Tom Ferris. Tim Wissemann, Todd Blake, John Jester, and Nancy Paré. Tom Jester lives in Waterville and commutes to Augusta, where he works for the State Preservation Society. Also in Waterville, Todd is the assistant to Colby’s student activities director, John Parkas. The rest are in the Portland area. Tim is an agent for The Equitable Financial Services, and Nancy works at Portland’s district attorney’s office. I’m not exactly sure what Greg and Tom Ferris are doing, but by the sound of their active social lives, they are doing just fine  • But that’s all the room I have for now. More news in the next magazine. Best wishes to everyone.

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MILESTONES

MARRIAGES

Terence J. Reilly ’75 to Jane M. Irvine, April 2, 1988, West Palm Beach, Fla.


James Brophy ’80 to Lynne Rawlins ’85, May 14, 1988, Danvers, Mass.

Diane M. Farrell ’80 to Grey Parkin Guthmann, Reading, Mass.

Julanne M. Cully ’82 to William E. Wright, May 14, 1988, Danvers, Mass.

Denise H. Kay ’84 to Lawrence C. Parker, June 4, 1988, Durham, N.H.


Dawn Anne Gale ’85 to Charles Brent LaCasce, Fryeburg, Maine.

Katherine Elizabeth Kamm ’83 to Martin D. Davis, April 30, 1988, Sewanee, Tenn.


Howard Emmons ’82 to Sheila Flanagan, Swampscott, Mass.

Susan E. Wechsler ’82 to Stephen R. Atkins, May 29, 1988, Boston, Mass.

Denise H. Kay ’84 to Lawrence C. Parker, June 4, 1988, Durham, N.H.

Sandra Lee Thornton ’84 to John Henry McNary, Jr., May 7, 1988, Manchester, Conn.

Dawn Anne Gale ’85 to Charles Brent LaCasce, Fryeburg, Maine.

Katherine Elizabeth Kamm ’83 to Martin D. Davis, April 30, 1988, Sewanee, Tenn.

Charles Ross Devin ’86 to Jennifer Lynn Plaster, June 4, 1988, Trumbull, Conn.


Wendy Elisabeth Lapham ’86 to Jonathan R. Russ ’87, June 25, 1988, Skaneateles, N.Y.

Michael E. Marchetti ’86 to Suzanne Bourne Pearson ’86, June 18, 1988, Wapack, R.I.

Jean Elise Kroock ’87 to Timothy Robert Aiken, February 20, 1988, Reading, Mass.

Andrew Robert Spirito, Jr. ’87 to Judith L. Palumbo, June 11, 1988, Cranston, R.I.

Tasha M. Allyn ’88 to Mark G. Falcone, July 24, 1988, Skaneateles, N.Y.

James E. Donahue ’88 to Linda Lee ’88, Cranston, R.I.

BIRTHS

A son, David Fisher, to Stephen Fisher ’69.

Twin daughters, Hilary and Mercedes, to Susan M. Rennau ’73.


A daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Haines, to Jonathan L. ’79 and Joyce Glassock Haines ’79, April 9, 1988.

A son, Eric Timothy Eschner, to David and Nancy Kennedy Eschner ’80, September 1, 1988.


A daughter, Laura Lee Sturtevant, to Alan and Bette Smith Sturtevant ’81, August 20, 1988.

DEATHS

Bert Wise '16. September 19, 1988, in Liberty, Maine, at age 96. He was born in New Brunswick, Canada, and graduated from Houlton High School before coming to Colby, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He worked as a timekeeper and accountant for the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad from 1915 until his retirement in 1957. Holder of the Boston Post Cane as the oldest resident of Liberty at the time of his death, he leaves several nieces and nephews.

Violet Shaw Scott '18. September 29, 1988, in Caribou, Maine, at age 93. Born in Fort Fairfield, Maine, she attended Caribou High School and graduated from Boston University after attending Colby. At the college she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and later served as her class agent. An 80-year member of the Gray Memorial United Methodist Church of Caribou, she was a member of the United Methodist Women and was active in numerous community activities. She is survived by a son, Sheldon S. Scott, a sister, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Helen Baldwin Gates '19. August 15, 1988, at age 92. She was living in Orange City, Fla., at the time of her death. She was born in Verona, N.J., and attended Foxcroft Academy in Foxcroft, Maine. While at Colby she was a member of Chi Omega sorority and president of the YWCA. She received her master's degree in religious education from Boston University and worked for 25 years as a missionary in Burma. During this time she applied much of her efforts to teaching English and religious education at Judson College in Rangoon, Burma. She was also dean of women at Ewing Christian College in India for four years. Her husband, the late Gordon E. Gates '19, was professor of biology at Colby from 1948 to 1951. Survivors include her daughter, Evelyn Gates Moriarty '44, her son-in-law James W. Moriarty '43, her sister, Virginia Baldwin Kinney '26, and her brother-in-law, Paul Gates '24.

Reta Wheaton Belyea '23. June 13, 1988, in Caribou, Maine, at age 91. Born in Houlton, Maine, she attended high school there before coming to Colby, where she was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority. She taught algebra and geometry in the Caribou school system for over 25 years and was a member of the Maine Teachers Association. She was also a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Caribou. She is survived by her sons, Robert W. Belyea '51 and Frederick W. Belyea, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

James F. Berry '27. September 9, 1988, in Middlebury, Vt., at age 87. He was born in Jeffersonville, Vt. A history major and member of Alpha Tau Omega at Colby, he received his M.A. from the University of Vermont in 1931 after study at Trinity College in Ireland. He married Constance Canning Berry and was principal at Sherburne and Gorton high schools in Vermont. After nine years as principal at Vergennes High School, he resigned in 1952 to take a post with the education division of Field Enterprises, publishers of World Book Encyclopedia. Active in local politics, he was a candidate for mayor of Vergennes in 1965. He was past president of the Vergennes Rotary Club, St. Peter's Parish Council, and several statewide educational organizations. His late brothers, John L. Berry '24 and Mark J. Berry '35, both attended the College. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

Laurice Edes Merriman Chandler '28. August 26, 1988, in Greenwich, Conn., at age 83. Born in Sangerville, Maine, she lived in Bangor for most of her life. She worked as an assistant librarian at Husson College and was a tireless supporter of the state of Maine. In 1927 she married Earl L. Merriman '25. Following retirement she lived in Englewood, Fla. She is survived by her second husband, Roland, three sons, including Robert '50 and Richard '57, a daughter, Ruth Merriman Brown '52, a daughter-in-law, Nancy Weare Merriman '52, 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Donald H. Millett '28. September 17, 1988, in Bucksport, Maine, at age 82. Born in Hanover, Mass., he attended high school in Springfield, Vt. At the college he was a business administration major, a member of the debating society, and a charter member of the Colby chapter of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. He received his M.B.A. from Harvard University in 1931 and went on to become office manager of Maine Seaboard later St. Regis Paper Co. He was also treasurer of Eastern Corporation. He retired from Central Maine Power in 1971. He served in Bucksport as mayor and council chair for seven years and was chair of the executive board of the Bucksport Regional Health Center and of the Hancock County Planning Commission. His father was Robert N. Millett, Class of 1893, and his mother was Katherine Hobbs Millett, Class of 1894. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Jennie Dunn Millett '31, a brother, William '34, a sister, Ruth Millett Makel '36, a daughter, Patricia Millett Kent '62, three grandsons, and two great-grandchildren.

Joseph F. Theriault '28. August 11, 1988, in Methuen, Mass., at age 81. He was born and educated in Haverhill, Mass., and was a chemistry major and member of Delta Upsilon fraternity at Colby. He also attended Boston University and received his M.S. in biology at the University of New Hampshire in 1937. He taught biology and chemistry at Haverhill High School for 16 years until 1945, when he began work as a chemist for the Robert Gare Co. of Bradford, Mass. In 1969 he began a 10-year period of employment in the research department at Continental Can in New London, Conn. He was a member of numerous organizations, including the American Chemical Society. He is survived by his wife, Amelia, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

David Kronquist '29. August 19, 1988, in Fort Myers, Fla., at age 83. He was born in Runiford, R.I., and attended East Providence High School. At the college he was a member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. His work as a salesmen took him to Honduras with the United Fruit Company before he settled in Florida, where he lived for 40 years and was employed in retail sales, advertising, and life insurance. He was his classagent for the Alumni Fund from 1949 to 1954. He leaves his wife, Maria Louise, a daughter, two sons, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Corina Hatch MacRae '29. June 3, 1988. She lived in Walton, N.Y., with her daughter, Phoebe Adams, who survives her.

Pauline Bakeman '30. October 5, 1988, at age 81. Born in East Jaffrey, N.H., she attended Peabody High School in Peabody, Mass. A Phi Beta Kappa at Colby, she was an English and biology major who, once remarked, "was in practically everything permitted the female except beauty contests." She went on to receive an M.A. in social work from the University of Chicago and earned a certificate in applied psychiatry at William Alanson Institute of Psychiatry. She was a psychiatric social worker for various bureaus of social service in Illinois, on the East Coast, and in Germany. In retirement she lived in Alton, N.H., where she was actively involved in the New Hampshire Poetry Society, writing poetry of self-analysis and social insight. She also played the cello in several musical groups. Her father and mother, Robert A. '01 and Jennie June Dunn Bakeman '03, her grandfather, trustee Francis Wales Bakeman, Class of 1866, and many cousins attended Colby. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Jessie Bakeman.

Lucius H. Stebbins '30

Lucius H. Stebbins '30. July 18, 1988, in Damariscotta, Maine, at age 80. He was born in Colchester, Conn. After graduating from Colby, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, he was employed by Central Maine Power Co. for a short while. He then taught in a high school in Woodstock, Conn. In 1941 he moved to Fairfield, Conn., where he taught English at Roger Ludlowe High School. He received his master's degree in psychology from Fairfield University and was the school psychologist and guidance counselor at Andrew Ward High School until his retirement in 1969. He is survived by his wife, Thelma, a daughter, a son, a granddaughter, and a great-granddaughter.

John W. Locke II '33. August 3, 1988, at age 78. Born in Medford, Mass., he attended Worcester Academy. At Colby he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. In 1933 he was the leadoff runner on the Colby mile relay team that set a College record lasting 43 years. After Colby he
attended Harvard University and entered the U.S. Navy in 1942. Following a career with British Petroleum Co.
New York, he was an industrial engineer with the CETA Program in Hackensack, N.J. He retired in 1983, making his home in Glen Rock, N.J. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a son, three daughters, including Mary Jean Locke Ready '72, a son-in-law, Michael Ready '74, and seven grandchildren, including Sheryl Reynolds '87.

Harrison F. Williams '33, August 10, 1988, in Portland, Maine, at age 78. He was born in Marlborough, Mass., and attended Braintree High School. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and Kappa Phi Kappa at the College, he was an outstanding runner and held several track records, including the 1933 mile relay record. He was a sales representative in Maine for the institutional division of General Foods for 20 years. He was an active volunteer in the Boy Scouts of America for 60 years and on the National Ski Patrol for 30 years. He was also a Red Cross first aid instructor for 30 years and a Kiwanis Club member for 33 years. He is survived by his wife, Rena, three daughters, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Abner G. Bevin, Sr. '34, October 11, 1988, in Middletown, Conn., at age 77. He was born in East Hampton, Conn., and attended Wilbraham Academy. At Colby he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and was captain of the track team, running the second leg on the record-setting 1933 mile relay team. Following service during World War II as a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, he became president of the Cape Cod Line Co. and treasurer of the Bevin-Wilcox Line Co. He was active in church and community activities. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Chase Bevin '31, a son and a daughter, a brother, two sisters, and seven grandchildren.

John H. Sawyer '34, June 21, 1988, in Waterville, Maine, at age 80. He was born in Arlington, Mass. While at Colby he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He served in the Army during World War II. He is survived by a great-nephew, Geoffrey Sawyer, and a great-niece, Carolyn S. Vaughan.

Ray Gardner '35, June 1, 1986, at age 72. Born Ray Goldstein in Colchester, Conn., he attended White Plains High School in New York. After graduating from Colby he began a 26-year career in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, eventually rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He continued his education at Jones College in Florida, where he received a B.A. in accounting in 1973 and a B.A. in business administration in 1979. He was business manager at a medical complex in Orlando, Fla., for six years and managed Kissimmee Gas Co. in Kissimmee, Fla., for four years. Prior to his death he lived in an apartment in the Los Angeles, Calif., house of his son, Eric Rollins, who survives him.

Philip N. Simon '36, August 30, 1988, in Brandon, Conn., at age 74. He was born in Boston and attended Brookline High School. A member of Tau Delta Phi fraternity while at the College, he went on to earn his master's and doctorate degrees in food technology at the University of Massachusetts. He was an Army captain during World War II and a self-employed manufacturer of food products in Scarsdale, N.Y., until 1973. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and the Institute of Food Technology. He is survived by his wife, Nora, and a daughter.

Gerald M. Armstrong '39, September 16, 1988, in Kingsport, Tenn., at age 71. He was born in Waterville, Maine, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Colby. He went on to take his doctorate in physical chemistry from Brown University following war-time work on the Manhattan Project. He also did postdoctoral study at Brown and joined the research engineering department of Tennessee Eastman Co. in 1948. At the time of his retirement in 1982 he was a senior research chemist. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America and was a member of the Moose Lodge. He was predeceased by his sister, Ruth Armstrong Bickmore '33. He is survived by his wife, Alice, two sons, four grandchildren, a sister, Louise Armstrong Ray '30, and four brothers, including Donald '26.

Leon J. Braudy '39, August 19, 1988, in Pittsfield, Mass., at age 69. He was born and educated in New Bedford, Mass. After Colby, where he was a business administration major and president of Tau Delta Phi fraternity, he received his M.B.A. from Harvard School of Business Administration in 1941. During World War II he attained the rank of captain, serving as a finance officer in the Army Air Force. For 40 years he owned a certified public accounting office, operating the business from his home in Greenburgh, N.Y., where he lived since 1952. He also taught accounting at Mercy College in New Rochelle for five years before retiring in 1987. He was a founding member of the Westchester Reform Temple in Scarsdale. Predeceased by his brother, Selwyn '42, he is survived by his wife, Shirley, two sons, a daughter, a brother, Ralph '43, and a sister.

Norma Brosius YlCaren '42, February 16, 1988, in Laconia, N.H., at age 61. Born in Berlin, N.H., she attended Berlin High School. Upon graduation from Colby she studied laboratory technique at Mary Hitchcock Hospital where she worked as a medical technician. Survivors include two sons, Keir and Ian, a daughter, Leslie, a sister, a brother, and two grandchildren.

Gerard Begin '42, September 9, 1938, in Waterville, Maine, at age 71. Born in Augusta and a lifelong resident of Waterville, he was a Postal Service employee for 33 years. He was a veteran of World War II. A first charitarian minister at St. Francis de Sales Church, he was active in the church's charismatic renewal movement. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite, two sons, including James '67, two daughters, and several grandchildren.

Dominic "Mico" Puia '48, August 9, 1988, in Portland, Maine, at age 68. Born in Rumford, Maine, he attended Stephens High School, where he won all-state basketball honors. After two years at Colby he joined the United States Marine Corps in 1942, serving for four years in the Pacific in World War II and playing for service baseball teams with Ted Williams and other major leaguers. When he returned to Colby, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, he lettered in basketball and football and played on one of the strongest baseball teams in the College's history. He was an All-State center fielder in his junior and senior years and was selected in 1946 for the East squad at the East-West Collegiate All-Star Game in Fenway Park. He taught for one year at Lawrence High School in Fairfield, Maine, then accepted a teaching/coaching position at Livermore Falls. Later he taught U.S. history, coached football, track, and baseball for 24 years, and for 14 years was athletic director at Rumford High School. In 1980 he was elected to the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. He was a member of the American Legion, the VFW and the Knights of Columbus. He was predeceased by his wife, Lil'ace, in January 1988. Surviving are two daughters, Wendy Blanchard and Heidi Waken, a son, Dean, a stepdaughter, five brothers, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandson.
Richard E. Baggs, Jr. ’33. August 14, 1977, at age 47. Born in New York, N.Y., he attended Central High School in Philadelphia, Pa. Following graduation he served in the U.S. Army. At the time of his death he was a resident of Philadelphia. Survivors included his wife, Teresa, a brother, a sister, and a cousin, Robert E. Baggs, Jr. ’65.

Priscilla Shirley Castañeda ’53 April 4, 1986, at age 55. Born in Newton, Mass. She graduated from Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine. After Colby she attended the University of Geneva, Switzerland, and Florida Technological University and worked for a construction company in Winter Park, Fla. A victim of multiple sclerosis, she was involved in numerous Massachusetts church and community organizations in addition to her activism in support of the physically disabled. She served as a member of Colby’s Alumni Council in the late 1960s. Survivors included a brother, Robert Shirley, and two sisters, Susan Barrie and Elizabeth Day.

Barbara Guernsey Eddy ’54 August 22, 1988, in Salisbury, Conn., at age 55. She was born in Middletown, Ohio, and raised in Lexington, Mass. At Colby she was an English major and a member of both Delta Delta Delta sorority and the Cap and Gown honorary society. She married C. Arthur Eddy ’54 and in 1963 moved to Salisbury to raise a family. In 1970 she became a reporter for the Lakeville Journal weekly newspaper and later became its copy editor. She was her Colby class secretary from the late 1970s to the early 1980s. She was very active in her community during this time, serving on the board of education, the planning and zoning commission, and the school building committee. She is survived by her husband, their two sons and two daughters, and her mother.

Barry Levow ’54. August 5, 1988, in Weston, Mass., at age 57. He was born in New Bedford, Mass., and was educated at New Bedford High School and Hebron Academy in Maine. A business administration major at Colby, he was president of Tau Delta Phi fraternity and a pitcher on the baseball team. After attending Emerson College and Northeastern University, he became president of G.A. Levow Co., a family-owned business in Newton, Mass., which distributes microprocessing equipment. He received a master’s in social work from Boston University in 1978. He served as administrator of the Little People’s School at West Newton, a school for language- and hearing-impaired children, which he co-founded. He was president of the Metropolitan Center for Speech and Hearing Therapy. He was a member of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health task force that set guidelines for speech and hearing centers in the state. He was a past president of the Massachusetts Hearing Aid Society and a frequent lecturer for many educational institutions, government agencies, and health service providers. Upon his death the lymphoma scholarship fund was set up in his name as a memorial. Survivors include his wife, Judith Lee Holtz Levow ’55, two children, two grandchildren, a brother-in-law, Gerald L. Holtz ’52, and a sister-in-law, Gale Holt Golden ’61.

Walter Harry Smith ’60. December 20, 1984 in Glen Cove, N.Y., at age 46. A businesses administration major at the College, he began work in 1962 as an interviewer and counselor for the New York State Department of Labor Division of Employment, and became a supervising senior employment counselor. He was awarded an M.S. in guidance counseling from Long Island University in 1970. He held various lay positions in church affairs and was active in the Boy Scouts. Survivors included his mother, Mrs. Walter R. Smith.

Dawn E. Mitchelt’61. September 12, 1987 in Lewiston, Maine, at age 48. Born in Lewiston, she attended Auburn schools, graduating from Edward Little High School in 1957. A member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she graduated cum laude from Colby. She was a self-employed accountant in Lewiston for many years and was a member of the American Society of Women Accountants. Surviving is her brother, Radcliffe G. Mitchell, Jr.

Richard I. Spector ’70. 1984, at age 36. He was born in Patterson, N.J., where he attended East Side High School. He worked in New York City. Survivors included his father, Norman, and two brothers.

Richard T. Brindle ’71. October 1, 1987, in Denver, Colo., at age 38. He was born and educated in Haverhill, Mass. He received his master’s of divinity degree from Andover-Newton Theological Seminary in Newton, Mass., in 1974. He served as associate pastor of the First Congregational Church in New Milford, Conn., from 1974 to 1977. He became minister of the Wheat Ridge Congregation of United Church of Christ in Colorado in 1977 and served there until his death. He worked actively with the Denver United Fund, the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the Big Brother/Big Sister Program and was well known in the area for his dedication to youth and family concerns. Survivors include his parents, Arthur and Anne Brindle, and his sister.

Philip S. Singer ’71. October 2, 1987, in Boston, Mass., at age 38. An administration science major at Colby, he went on to work as a comptroller of The New York Times Company. He was a resident of New York City. He is survived by his parents, Joseph and Annette Singer.

Elisabeth Ross Blackwell ’78. August 13, 1988. She lived in Delavan, Wis. At Colby she was active in athletics, especially women’s ice hockey. Survivors include a brother, Clifford E. Blackwell III.

Charles Higginson, Jr. ’81. October 8, 1988, in Boston, Mass., at age 30. Born and raised in Hockessin, Mass., he was a graduate of the Potomac School in McLean, Va., and Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. After graduate work at the London School of Economics, he began work as a financial analyst at Kidder Peabody in New York. A member of the Hockessin Yacht Club, he was well-known in the area for his performance in the International 110 Class and was fleet champion for two years. At the time of his death he worked as an oil trader for Catamount Petroleum Corp. in Boston. He leaves his wife of four months, Susan his parents, and three brothers.

HONORARY

Louis Booker Wright, Litt.D. ’59. February 28, 1984, at age 84. A successful reporter, editor, professor, research scholar, and author, he was the director of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., for 20 years. After his retirement in 1968 he became a consultant for the National Geographic Society.

Jens Fredrick Larson, L.H.D. ’64. May 6, 1981, in Winston-Salem, N.C. Larson was well-known as one of a group of architects and college presidents working to improve the architectural character of liberal arts colleges when he was chosen by President Franklin Johnson and the Board of Trustees in 1931 to be the master planner and chief architect of Colby’s Mayflower Hill campus. Larson’s plan, a combination of Beaux-Arts principles and Neo-Georgian style, created “an ideal small college in the best New England traditions” and was followed faithfully for decades of building on Mayflower Hill.

Philip C. Jesup, L.L.D. ’73. January 31, 1986, in Newtown, Pa., at age 89. He was born in Manhattan, N.Y., and was educated at the Ridgfield School in Connecticut. He went on to Hamilton College, Yale University Law School, and Columbia University. A member of the bar in New York and in Washington, D.C., he joined the faculty of law at Columbia in 1925, became the Hamilton Fish Professor of International Law and Diplomacy in 1946, and continued teaching for 15 more years. During that period he also served as U.S. representative to the United Nations General Assembly for four years and was a member of the International Court of Justice in the Hague for nine years. Although he was attacked by Senator Joseph McCarthy for having “an unusual affinity for communist causes,” during his four years in the United Nations he won high praise from his colleagues, particularly for his role in ending the Berlin blockade. He wrote and edited several significant books in the field of international law. At Colby he delivered the Commencement address for the Class of 1973. He was survived by his wife, Lois, a son, a brother, three grandchildren, and four step-grandchildren.
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